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For the first Christians, for those who came out of Judaism, Romanism, Heathenism, and the old Jewish law, and the grace of God were two puzzling entities with which they had to reckon constantly in their religious life. If after they had come into the Christian faith, they felt they were not making use of the grace of God, and needed to have their attention called to the great privilege that was theirs, to share the grace of God.

If we would keep fit for the service of God we need constantly to be reminded of the grace of God, of what he has done and is still doing for us.

Our ability to outwit Satan, to overcome him depends not so much upon what we can do of ourselves, but rather upon what God has done by his grace.

Let us do this and we shall be more than conquerors.

Amen
THE DEACON ALLIANCE of BUFFALO, LACKAWANNA and VICINITY

AT THE MICHIGAN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Michigan Avenue. Buffalo, N. Y.

REV. J. E. NASH, PASTOR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1947 AT 3 P. M.

PROGRAM

15 Minutes Devotion. .................. Chaplain
Selection A & B ....................... Community Gospel Chorus
Greetings ................................ Ushers Union
Selection A & B ........................ Community Gospel Chorus
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Solo ................................... Sis. Anna Mitchel, Friendship
Installation of Officers .................. Rev. J. T. Sparks
Selection ................................ Community Gospel Chorus
Installation Sermon ...................... Rev. J. E. Nash
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Bro. Alvin Lewis, Master of Ceremonies, Trinity

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They shall fear no more

However we may view this statement, this prophecy, it is interesting, encouraging and inspiring. But when we learn that this statement, this prophecy was uttered concerning a people like ourselves, a chosen people by God himself the whole picture takes on a new aspect, and we get a new and a more inspiring view of it and it makes a different impression upon us.

There are always certain things that disqualify us for a successful victorious career. none is more universally in evidence than fear. But we are reminded that we can get rid of fear.

This Book tells us that perfect love casteth out fear. But we must know when, where and how to use love. This same Book tells us to love our enemies and those who spitefully use us. We must know that there is only one kind of love, perfect love. But there are so many other qualities that do almost the identical things that love does. So if we are not constantly on our guard we shall fool our fellowman and our fellowman will fool us.

 Ungodly carnally minded men try to get rid of fear by using hate and ill will. But hate and ill will always prompt us to secure and use carnal weapons to get rid of fear. But when we have secured the most deadly weapons, instead of getting rid of fear it is increased and intensified. For then we fear not only our enemies, but the deadly weapons that we have secured with which to destroy our enemies. So we shall continue to fear until we have love more abundant.

Our guid Book tells us to fear God and we shall have nothing else to fear.

We think that the causes for fear are without, but the fact is our greatest causes for fear are within. Our THOUGHTS, OUR ATTITUDES, and the TECHNIQUES that we entertain make us fearful. Get these right and fear can not disturb.
In order to give practical, helpful consideration to our text we must observe that two outstanding subjects demand our attention, they are OUR BROTHER AND HIS BURDENS; and OUR CHRIST AND HIS LAW.

To practice any law is sometimes easy and sometimes very difficult. Law is the MONITOR among any people who wish to live a helpful constructive life.

The value and importance of a law are determined by a) ITS AUTHOR b) WHERE and WHEN the law is made.

MOSES' law was important and of great value for the time and the people for which it was made. But for those who would follow the Lord Jesus Moses' law was simply their school master to bring them unto Christ.

There is no reason why men women and children who have become citizens in the Kingdom of God should refuse to bear one another's burden. The fact that they do not like to do so or do not think that it necessary to do so does not excuse them.

If we are citizens in the Kingdom of God we owe it to our fellow citizens and to ourselves to be intelligent concerning our fellow citizens, their needs and their surpluses.

Our greatest progress and development come not alone from what we do for ourselves, but from what we do for ourselves and others.

In the work of the Kingdom of God there are many places for which God has made experts-specialists. But most of us can do our best in the ranks.

All you have to do in some cases to bear your brother's burden is to show him how to take care of his own burdens.

We bear our brother's burdens when we refuse to put unnecessary burdens on him.

In order to bear one another's burdens we must have much of that we do not have now, Righteous MEDDLING. Let us get our supply and get busy in the Master's name.

................AMEN................
ONE THING HAVE I DESIRED OF THEE LORD, THAT WILL I SEEK AFTER;
THAT I MAY DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE,
TO BEHOLD THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD, AND TO INQUIRE IN HIS TEMPLE.

Just before my boy became 12 years old I thought it would be a good thing for me to give him a trip to Occoquan, my old home in Virginia; and to George Washington's home Mt. Vernon, Virginia, and to Washington D.C.

So he and his mother packed his suitcase. Among other things he took with him his bebe gun.

I was looking forward to spending just a little time in Virginia, at my old home and the home of George Washington, and to spending most of our time in Washington where there are so many things historical and educative to be seen and talked about. But we had not been in Washington very long when I observed that the boy's interest began to wane. I naturally asked him what was the matter. He answered, I like to see the Capitol, the House of Representatives, the Senate Chamber, the Supreme Court, The Congregational Library and all the wonderful things on Capitol Hill. He said I like to look at Washington's and Lincoln's monuments, I like to see the different public buildings, and the White House. But I would much rather be down in Virginia where I could shoot birds with my bebe gun.

I began immediately to see that I had started my visit at the wrong place. I should have started it so my boy could have gotten his bebe gun thrill last.

It is not likely that we will have much of the experience of the Psalmist as expressed in the scripture that we have selected for our morning meditation, when our hearts are still upon secular interests.

If our hearts and minds are occupied with bebe guns and other secondary things we will not have much time for the TEMPLE and the beauties that are found therein nor will we be sufficiently interested to inquire about the wonderful things of the TEMPLE.

Let us not forget that the TEMPLE is the abiding place of the Lord Jesus.

.....AMEN.........
February 9, 1947

Mark 1:17

And Jesus said unto them, Come after me, and I will make you to become Fishers of Men.

These men, just a few, had recently come out of Judaism and had espoused, taken up the cause of Christ. They had done this unpopular thing, leaving their friends and often their relatives.

The cause that they had espoused did not always just as they had expected and hoped that it would go. Their old friends and comrades did not come into the new cause as they had expected they would. Often they were lonely and discouraged. They thought of the great number of friends and comrades they had when they were in Judaism.

Fishing was their business, and many nights as they cast their nets and drew in the fish they would wonder what they could do to catch men and bring them into the cause of Christ.

These men knew what was involved in casting the net, setting the trap and baiting the hook to catch fish. But this fishing for men was a new idea. They had come from Judaism, a religion where men did not have to be caught. They were born in the net, trap they did not need to be hooked.

Likely these men reasoned thus, When we catch fish we have more money, we increase our bank account and we are able to buy more nets and more boats; but this catching men is a new business; what will we gain by catching men?

After considerable reasoning and discussion they decided that to catch men would increase their membership and make their cause more attractive. But then they did not know just what to do to obtain these results. The Master told them in the words of our text what to do in order to become Fishers of Men.

We need the same instruction that the Master gave these men if we would attract men into his cause. Let us seek it diligently.

............ AMEN ............
The officers answered never man spake like this man.

To say nothing of his diety, just from the viewpoint of his humanity, Jesus was a marvelous character. I think we do not overstate the facts when we say that he was at once philosopher, scholar, and Prophet. There was no branch of knowledge ancient nor current with which he was not familiar. And yet he edited no newspaper nor magazine, nor did he write any book. But his words were words of power and have been treasured in the writings of others.

Jesus never matriculated in any school of speech art, nor did he study elocution under any of the masters of his day.

Jesus spoke as never man spoke because he spoke with:–

1-Love and Sympathy.

2-Authority.

3-Definite Purpose.

4-Deliberation.

5-Positiveness.

Let us take advantage of the privilege that is ours to sit at Jesus' feet and learn of him, that we understand the art of speaking properly.

..............Amen..............
The world's greatest musician is not David, not Mozart, not Colridge Taylor, not any one of the world's renowned musicians is the world's greatest musician. The world's greatest musician is God. He makes the trees of the forest, the waves of the ocean, and the birds of the air keep time with his beats and sing. And he has given man organs that make him excel them all, and he commands him to come before his presence with singing.

So we do not have to wonder what God's attitude is towards singing and music in general. We know he loves music. He loves to have man come into his presence with singing.

There are many ways in which we may praise God and serve him. We may preach, we may pray and we may sing. But there are times when men are not moved by our preaching however theological, philosophical and scientific it may be. There are times when prayer however earnest and sincere it may be, does not awaken men from their slumber of sin and death. But there are times when singing will awaken them out of their slumber and melt their flinty hearts and move them to penitential tears.

Nothing destroys sadness and sorrow and brings in joy and gladness in a more effectual way than singing.

Most all occasions welcome singing. We celebrate our birth days with songs, at the marriage feast we sing, the helpful funeral service is not complete without singing.

Whether in the night or in the day, whether at work or at play, whether in the quiet of the home or amid the tumult of the battle field we sing.

Let us observe that this scripture does not exhort us to come before the presence of the Lord with preaching or praying, but with singing.

We often wonder why there is so much madness and so little gladness in this old world. Much of our work is mired and discounted because it is done when we are mad. Our great need is to sing more.

...............Amen.............
TRUST IN THE LORD, DO GOOD; SO SHALT THOU DWELL IN THE LAND, AND VERILY THOU SHALT BE FED.

Through the centuries man has been confronted with the HOUSING and FOOD problem. Volumes have been written telling us how to solve the problem. But up to date it has not been solved.

At best we are all very limited, we don't know very much; and if we are governed by our own inclinations and desires and the inclinations and desires of our fellow man, independent of God we are liable and apt to go astray.

Hence the exhortation of our text has come down to us through the centuries. Man has always been greatly concerned about food to eat and a house in which to live. In order to have these man has adventured, he has experimented and invented. But after all these efforts there are multitudes of men women and children who are not dwelling in the land nor are they being fed. The world was never in a more wretched condition than it is to day, not withstanding the fact of man's great knowledge. He has TELEPHONES, AIRPLANES, SUBMARINES and the atomic BOMB

This expression here in our text is an inclusive one. It speaks about land and food, but it includes everything that we need in our entire life: PHYSICAL, MENTAL, MORAL, SOCIAL and RELIGIOUS. This scripture tells us how to secure the supply for all these phases of life.

Man has attached too much importance to himself and his rules and schemes and too little importance to God and his LAW, he has trusted himself and his machinery.

We can be fed properly only as we have the right kind of food in every phase of life. We must not be satisfied to feed simply upon the things we like we must eat the things that build us up and keep us strong.

Let us discard all the old carnal methods and cling to the words of our text.

...............AMEN...............
AND HE RETURNED TO THE MAN OF GOD, HE AND ALL HIS COMPANY, AND CAME, AND STOOD BEFORE HIM; AND HE SAID, BEHOLD, NOW I KNOW THERE IS NO GOD IN ALL THE EARTH, BUT IN ISRAEL: NOW THEREFORE, I PRAY THEE, TAKE A BLESSING OF THY SERVANT, BUT HE SAID, AS THE LORD LIVETH, BEFORE WHOM I STAND, I WILL RECEIVE NONE, AND HE URGED HIM TO TAKE IT; BUT HE REFUSED.

When we consider this scripture we usually think about Naaman symbolizing a sinner needing to be cleansed. But there are several persons in this scripture who teach us wonderful lessons; and we should make more of them than we are accustomed to do. There is the captive JEWISH MAID, who knew God, and served in the home of Naaman, Naaman's SERVANTS, who persuaded Naaman to obey the Prophet and be healed; GEHAZI the Prophet's servant, who brought a great curse upon himself by interfering with the Prophet's business and ELSHA the Prophet. But we do not plan to bring them all out and exhibit them at this time, only incidentally as they help us to exhibit Elisha and obtain the lessons that he teaches.

ELISHA presents to us the character of the true PROPHET. For there were many false prophets in his day and there are many false prophets today.

ELISHA teaches us:

1st That a true prophet has an holy righteous DIGNITY and a sanctified RESERVEDNESS,

2nd That the true prophet spends much time that is sacred, WITH GOD.

3rd That the true prophet is not governed by CARNAL FORMALITIES.

4th That the true prophet makes much use of his COWORKERS.

5th That the true prophet knows the true value of MONEY. He knows HOW, WHERE and WHEN to use it.

Through all ages, the prophet who has observed these rules has many outstanding to his credit. He has called down fire and consumed sacrifices. He has to his credit the raising of the dead. He smote the waters of the river and let the people go over on dry land. He was able to stay in a den of hungry lions and come out unharmed.

By observing these rules he was able to ride a pillar of fire into heaven and then come back to earth and meet Jesus on the Mt. of transfiguration. Jesus is our Prophet Priest and King.

..........AMEN..........
UNTO HIM THAT LOVED US, AND WASHED US FROM OUR SINS IN HIS OWN BLOOD, AND HAS MADE US KINGS AND PRIESTS UNTO GOD,
I BESOEOH YOU THEREFORE, BRETHREN, BY THE MERCIES OF GOD, THAT YOU PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY, ACCEPTABLE UNTO GOD, WHICH IS YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE.

No two men have meant so much to the church and to the individual disciples of the Lord Jesus as these two men, PAUL and JOHN the revelator, the authors of our text. They were not novices, inexperienced the affairs of God and the church.

We know of no other two men that were so well prepared in biblical and church history as these two men to give us the information and the exhortation found here in the words of our text.

Both of these men knew that they had been made KINGS and PRIESTS and were serving in both capacities when they wrote these words. Paul had been oppressed and persecuted by the Gentiles and his own people. Read his second epistle to the Corinthians 11:23-27 and get a definite idea as to sufferings through which Paul passed and endured.

Then read about John in the book of Rev., how that ultimately he was cast an exile on the isle of Patmos. Read what he says to the early churches of Asia Minor, and you will see how thoroughly qualified these men were to give us what we find in our text.

One of the great weaknesses of many disciples is that they do not know just who they really are nor what they are expected to do. They must learn that they are to REIGN and offer SACRIFICES.

In old Testament history kings were coronated and priests were ordained consecrated to rule and consecrate others. But here we have a new idea; in the kingdom of God every citizen is to be concerned not so much about ruling others, but about ruling himself. As a priest he is to be concerned not about offering lambs and other animals as sacrifices to God, but he is to be concerned about offering himself a living sacrifice to God.

To offer material objects as sacrifices is comparatively easy. We must accompany our sacrifices if we would have them acceptable to God and do good.

In old Testament history the sacrifice was always dead when it was offered, and could be used just once. We are to be used perpetually here and hereafter.

AMEN.
AND HE THAT SAT UPON THE THRONE
Said, Behold I make all things
now, therefore if any man be in
Christ he is a new creature: old
things are passed away; behold
all things are become new

The THRONE is a high lofty place; it is a
place of power and authority. And even in this world
the man that is upon it is a key person.

In this world the THRONE makes man. In the
Kingdom God makes the THRONE. Wherever he abides is a
THRONES. He does not get his power by getting on the
THRONES. He takes his power and authority with him.

In this world when we get a man on the THRONE
we expect him to do things, to give us a new deal, to
close banks, to launch great building projects that
will give multitudes of men work, to establish sewing
projects and give a host of idle women work, to give
members of every race good lofty positions. ill.
DOUGLAS, RIVERS, DIGGS. We expect him to increase the
SALARY of school teachers.

John had seen Caesars and Herods upon the
THRONES. But things had gone from bad to worse, and
personally under their reign things had been very bad
for him. Finally under their reign he had been banished
as an exile to the lonely isle of Patmos. And while
there on that island he saw a new Kingdom and a new
King who was going to make a change, he was going to
make all things new, that is under his reign people
would get new conceptions, a new view of things. Even
the old earth where thorns and thistles grew, where
men hated, robbed, and killed one another; and the old
heaven that men sought as a refuge from hell would
pass away, and a new earth and a new heaven in which
would dwell peace, happiness and righteousness would
take their place.

Men can never have a new view of things as
long as evil is upon the THRONE. When you take on the
beauty of Christ and become a new creature you will
see the beauty that is in every body and every thing.

People used to tell us that when they were
converted they loved every body, and felt like embrac-
ing the entire world.

Let Christ come into your life and you will
find that from every viewpoint you have been keeping
a junk shop. But he will make all things new for you.

...............AMEN................

1. Jericho was a great city. One passing through it might find much that would be interesting and inspiring. But Jesus was not seeking nor bent seeking contact with Big folks, the leaders of the City.

2. Jesus was on fire for the home of Zacchaeus, a man who wished to see him.

3. A crowd, however great, is no insurmountable barrier to one who really wishes to see Jesus.

4. There many grand stands, divinely provided for those who wish to see Jesus.

5. The gate brings the chance of vantage for those who wish to see Jesus, and also for Jesus.

6. A joyous reception is always the result when the desire to meet is mutual.

7. There are always those who find fault with the unusual, the untraditional.

8. Contact with Jesus always makes the guilty honest.

9. Jesus never failed to make known the result of true repentance—salvation.
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It is well for us to trace the way over
which RULERS have come to the THRONE; to ac-
quaint ourselves with the experiences they have
had; with the battles they have fought and the
victories they have won. This John the author
of our text did in connection with the KING he
brings before us this morning. He had seen him
in the manger at Bethlehem. He had seen him with
Mary and Joseph fleeing into Egypt escaping the
miserable hand of Herod. He had seen him return
and take up his residence in Nazareth. He had
seen him at the carpenter's bench. He had seen
him when twelve years with his mother and father
on his way to Jerusalem, not alone to celebrate
the Passover, but to meet the Lawyers and Doc-
tors. He had seen him in their Temple asking and
answering questions. He had followed him every
step of the way through his public ministry. He
had seen him attacked by his enemies. He had
seen him in Pilate's Judgement Hall. He had fol-
lowed him to Calvary. He had seen him on the
cross, and heard him cry out of the agony of his
soul, My God why hast thou forsaken me? and It
is finished. He saw those who loved him take his
lifeless body down from the cross and place it
in Joseph's new tomb. He had seen on the third
day arise from the tomb and remain upon earth
for a few days giving last words of instruction
to his disciples and then ascend to his THRONE
where we find him this morning.

The THRONE is a high lofty place; it is a
place of power and authority. The one who is
upon it is a key person.

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The island was a place of vantage for John,
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er seen in the busy city of Jerusalem. He saw
the KING about whom we are talking this morning.
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In this old world we are on our island of Patmos still. But mentally and spiritually we can be away from the tumult, see the new KING and hear his matchless words of inspiration and encouragement. Listen, hear him saying, I am he that was dead, but I am alive for ever more, and because I live ye shall live also.

..............AMEN..............
ONE THING HAVE I DESIRED OF THE LORD, THAT WILL I SEEK AFTER; THAT I MAY DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, TO BEHOLD THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD, AND TO INQUIRE IN HIS TEMPLE. I WAS GLAD WHEN THEY SAID UNTO ME, LET US GO INTO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

There is no organization in all the world where intelligent action is so needed as in the church. Definite knowledge of our needs always precedes intelligent action. Intelligent action is preceded by an intense desire to have our needs supplied. Contact with those who have desires, aspirations, and determinations that we have is always pleasing and helpful.

The House of the Lord has a most wonderfully helpful effect upon those who love it. It: Calms—quiets.
Comfots.
Inspires.
Sustains.

Every part that goes into the church building is mingled with sacred devotion and spiritual fervor. What cements its material walls and connects its every joint is the same spirit that holds its members together and keeps them united in christian service.

May all of us find ourselves ever in possession of this SPIRIT.

May we always find unique beauty in the HOUSE of the LORD. And may we find inspiring and comforting things about which to inquire and talk when we come into the holy place.

.............AMEN.............
Dear Father, as we come into thy present, we pray that thou wouldst make thyself so real to us that we may speak of thee with such a connection which the Holy Spirit can use to carry connection to the hearts of men. And, O blessed Spirit, while talking with Thee, we ask that thou wouldst kindle in our hearts such a love for thy Son that it will be our delight to share with our children and our neighbors our knowledge of Thee; and, Father, may we remember all ways our high calling and with thy grace keep ourselves forever pure so as to be fit subjects to help tore away the sins of the world, for we ask it in the name of Jesus thy Son.

Amen

(A short p. 130 words) by Mrs. Shant
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The Christian Religion is our most valuable possession. It costs much to obtain it, and it costs much to keep it.

The real value of this possession to us as individuals or as an organization depends upon the use we make of it—in what and where we invest it.

The Christian life that does not cost very much to live does not mean very much.

If our Christian living does not tower above every other phase of life we greatly discount its value.

The old rule of profit and loss holds good in Christian living. We get out of our Christian living just what we put into it, but nothing more.

There are many markets where we can and should make good with our religion.

Missionary Fields, Religious Centers, Schools, Homes for the homeless, Hospitals, and above all in our Homes, and in our Chs.

Let us remember, that there are many pearls of great price that we should purchase.

.............. AMEN ............
FOR GOD IS NOT UNRIGHTHEOU5 TO FORGET YOUR WORK AND LABOR OF LOVE, WHICH YE HAVE SHEWED TOWARD HIS NAME.

The common place ability to REMEMBER and FORGET is not regarded as seriously as it should be.

Much of our life, for good or bad depends upon the consideration we give to and the use we make of the ability to REMEMBER and FORGET.

Often we have been unjust and unkind because we have failed to REMEMBER or FORGET.

Our text implies that only the righteous are qualified to REMEMBER and FORGET properly.

There are certain things we should REMEMBER and certain things we should FORGET if we would make others and ourselves happy.

There are certain things that every one of us has done that we wish to forget as soon as possible because we have found out from our own estimation and evaluation and the estimation and evaluation of others that what we have done is faulty and destructive rather than constructive.

Many things to the unrighteous eye and mind are all right, but to the righteous are all wrong.

We always associate the terms LABOR and REWARD. The righteous is always ready and prepared to pay for work that is done. But like our Lord we must insist upon the work being done towards the name of the Lord, and that it be a work of LOVE.

The little work that we are trying to do in the service of the Lord may be in the estimation of men and in our own estimation insignificant and of small importance. But the fact that it attracts God's attention gives it a new significance and makes it worthwhile.

The fact that the work of love in which we are engaged is a partnership work, we work not alone with our fellow laborers, but also with God himself, gives it an added significance. And when God REMEMBERS it he remembers his own work.

Let us remember, that whatever else happens if God REMEMBERS our labor of love we will surely receive our reward.

..........AMEN.........
FOR YE ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST.

In this world we find ourselves separated in so many ways, that it is not easy for us to recognize and enjoy the things in which we are united.

In this world we have many battles to fight and many problems with which we have to grapple and try to solve. And we can have the strength, influence, and prestige that we should have only as we engage in our battles and tackle our problems with a solid CHRISTIAN front.

In things secular we seem to find it comparatively easy to unite and work together. But our accomplishments are poor, faulty and ephemeral. We have Mass meetings, Conferences and Conventions; we legislate, make laws, pass resolutions and solve problems. But our laws very soon become antiquated and our problems do not stay solved.

It is far more important for us as Ministers to be ONE in Christ Jesus than to be one in race concern, industrial concern and political issues.

When we recognize our oneness in Christ Jesus we will be like our Lord meek and humble. Selfishness will find no place in our lives.

When we recognize our oneness in Christ we will be interested in and anxious for our brethren's welfare everywhere.
In this world we find ourselves separated and divided in so many ways, that it is not easy for us to recognize and enjoy the things in which we are united.

We are divided in our FAMILY life, we do not all have the same views of SOCIAL life. Our POLITICAL views differ. To day we have more than one MORAL standard that we have to consider. And there is no end to RELIGIONS that demand our attention. Not all in our own DENOMINATION think alike. And even in our own individual CHURCHES there are divisions that mar our usefulness.

No one has ever been really satisfied with this condition. So different remedies have been suggested and tried. In the HOME we have just one diet. We all follow Lin dar's rules for eating. We take Yale University's six feet book case for the library in the Home still there are divisions in the HOME that are hard to handle. And we find that what is true in our HOMES and FAMILY life is true in every other phase of life that we have mentioned.

It is a very serious matter. Is there no way to remedy these conditions that separate and divide us. I think the great Jewish scholar and philosopher St. Paul who became the apostle to the Gentiles has discovered the remedy and tells us about it in the words of our text, Christless remedies do not destroy breaches but ultimately make them larger and wider.

In this world we have many battles to fight and many problems with which to grapple and try to solve. And we can have the strength, prestige and influence only as we engage in our battles and tackle our problems with a solid christian front.

In things secular we seem to find it comparatively easy to unite and work together. But our accomplishments are poor faulty and ephemeral. We have conventions, mass meetings, we pass resolutions, we make laws and solve problems. But our laws soon become antiquated, and our problems do not stay solved.

It is far more important for us as christians to be one in Christ Jesus than to one in Race concern, Industrial activities and Political issues. For ye are one in Christ Jesus.

.........AMEN.........
BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART: FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD. CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD; AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME, KEEP THY HEART WITH ALL DILIGENCE; FOR OUT OF IT ARE THE ISSUES OF LIFE.

It is a wonderful and thrilling experience to see any great person: an INVENTOR, an ARTIST, an ADVENTURER, an EXPLORER, a PHILANTHROPIST.

Think of how fortunate we are; for when we see God we see all these and a great deal more.

If we have allowed him to operate upon our eyes we can see God in everything. But he does not reveal himself in everything in such a way as to appeal to all of us alike.

To one the great OCEAN appeals, to another the MOUNTAINS, to another the SKY, especially at night, to another the vegetable KINGDOM, to another the animal KINGDOM, especially MAN.

Well this is enough to make any person who is alive anxious to see God.

But there are many other reasons why we are anxious to see God. He made us in his own image. He so loved us that he gave his only begetten SON that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

There may be many things that we must do in order to see God. But this BOOK names just one. And whatever else you may have, if you do not have a pure heart you can not see God.

Now we wish a pure heart. But how are we to get it? Shall we go to some sacred place with others who have ambitions like our own and there like the ancients offer sacrifices, meditate and pray. I would say yes, do all this. But this does not give you a pure heart, it just puts us in position to get a pure heart.

Our next scripture tells us that God must create a clean pure heart within us.

And now we have a pure heart. And our next scripture tells us that WE must keep it pure. And we are anxious to know what shall we do in order to keep our heart pure. The simple answer is, follow the instruction of this Book. Take Proper nourishment for BODY, MIND and SOUL.

.............AMEN............
BUT YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER, AFTER THE HOLY GHOST IS COME UPON YOU.

Not many of us readily reach the place where we think of the great entities of life as being real and practical. So often we think of truth as myth and of myth as truth.

And even when we think of the great entities of life as being real and practical often it is difficult for us to believe that they are for us.

The disciples to whom the Master spoke the words of our text had been intimately associated with Jesus for more than two years. Many many times they had seen manifestations of his great power. They had heard him speak and the dead come to life. As he spoke they had seen the storm become calm. At his voice they had seen devils leave their habitation in human hearts and find their dwelling in swine. They had seen him give sight to the blind, and make the lame walk.

But even though they had been in most intimate association with Jesus and had seen these wonderful manifestations of his great power they had not received this power for themselves. They seemed never to have thought of this great power of Jesus being for them. They did not know how, or what they must do in order to get it.

If they had ever known about what happened to Jesus after he was baptized, that the Holy Ghost in the form of a dove came down upon him, they had forgotten it.

They desired the power that Jesus had manifested. So he told them to go to Jerusalem, not to attend the feast of the Passover as they had often done. But they were to go to Jerusalem to wait, pray and rebuild themselves, so that they might be fit, ready and prepared to receive the Holy Spirit and the power that he would bring.

The disciples did what Jesus had told them to do and they received the Holy Ghost and power. Then they were all able to do the things that Jesus had done and to live the life that he had lived and to die the death that he had died. They were to go to Jerusalem because it was a place of opportunity. The people were going to gather in great numbers, and they were to be ready to witness an unusual demonstration of the Holy Spirit, and that representatives from all the places where Jesus told them that they must go and be witnesses unto him were there and they did not have to go outside of Jerusalem in order to carry the Master's command.

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a) with God, b) with one another, c) with the people.

God gave the results.

..............AMEN...........
NOW THERE STOOD BY THE CROSS OF JESUS HIS MOTHER, AND HIS MOTHER'S SISTER, MARY THE WIFE OF CLEOPHAS, AND MARY MAGDALENE, WHEN JESUS THEREFORE SAW HIS MOTHER, AND THE DISCIPLE STANDING BY, WHOM HE LOVED, HE SAITH UNTO HIS MOTHER, WOMAN, BEHOLD THY SON, THEN SAITH HE TO THE DISCIPLE, BEHOLD THY MOTHER; AND FROM THAT HOUR THAT DISCIPLE TOOK HER UNTO HIS OWN HOME.

Mother in her relation to her child is a great and interesting subject. But Mother in her relation to her son Jesus Christ our Lord is the greatest of all maternal subjects.

No one has so large a capacity for Love, Joy and Affection as woman. But the spring of her love and affection has a perfect flow when she becomes a mother. Mother also has great capacity for suffering, for pain and sorrow. Mother kisses into her child fortitude, courage and determination.

From a human viewpoint no one helped Jesus so much in the hour of his supreme trial and suffering as did Mary his Mother. But at best she could not do much for him; nevertheless he never had reason to feel that his mother had forsaken him.

Jesus knew his mother's heart was full and breaking with grief and sorrow. And he spoke to her these comforting words. Then he turns to John his beloved disciple and assures him, that even though he was dying that he has unaltering confidence in him and that he wishes him to be all that he had been to him, and more to his mother.

Every woman who wishes to be a true mother must have something of the experience of Mary. She must give birth to Jesus. She must follow him in his every activity. She must be with him as he grows in stature, in wisdom and in favor with God and man. Then she must follow him when he disposed and rejected of men. She must follow him to Gethsemane, to Calvary. She must see him on the cross and hear him speak the words of our text. Then she prepared and ready to be a true mother.

On Calvary Jesus makes provision to calm the aching heart of every sorrowing mother. The home of every disciple should be an asylum for every brokenhearted mother.
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JESUS SAITH UNTO THEM, MY MEAT IS TO DO THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME, AND TO FINISH HIS WORK.

Often we have to take a tonic that makes the gastric juices active and gives us an intense desire for food.

The digestive organs profit by periods of fasting. The gastric juices flow more freely and make the digestive organs more active.

There are foods that are of special value for which often we have little or no desire. In such a state we are not really sick, but we are far from being normal and at our best. Different methods and different remedies are used to get us back to normality, to a condition where our appetite is active and sharp.

Then we enjoy the things that give us new vigor and new strength. Then we are active and enjoy exercises, strenuous exercises. Sometimes we like to work late and early. Sometimes we feel like horse back riding, walking, running, swimming, working in a garden. Then some times we find great pleasure and profit in playing croquet, foot ball, basket ball, base ball, boat rowing.

Our argument so far has to do with our physical life. But what is true with our physical life is true with our spiritual life. In this old world, so different from what God made it, there are so many agencies working to lessen our spiritual fervor, indeed to destroy our spiritual life, we need constantly to be doing something to combat the influences of these evil forces, to get us back to normal spiritual life.

As in our physical life we are often instructed by our physical director to take hard strenuous exercises, to do things that we do not really like to do in order to regain and retain our strength, so we are kept strong and vigorous in spiritual life by doing the things that are not easy to do.

We do not, we can not get the greatest good out of a program out of which God has been left or given a very small insignificant place. Any program in which God can not have the first place is not fit for his children. The desires of the flesh will not cost so much when we do the will of God.

..........AMEN..........
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There Cometh A Woman of Samaria To Draw Water:
Jesus Saith Unto Her, Give Me To Drink.

This scripture presents to us a wonderful scene. Supposing we take a little time and look at it. To see Jacob's historic Well. We might spend all our time just looking at the Well, and refresh our mind on its history. But a woman of Samaria is here whom she brings many interesting things to our minds. But we must not spend too much time just with this woman alone. We must study her in her relation to Jesus the inspiring feature of this section. Let us observe:
1. The Well
   a) A historic fact
   b) A symbol
2. The Woman
   a) She was thirsty
   b) She was made to realize that she had a thirst for the water from Jacob's Well
   c) Could not quench it.
3. Jesus who uses the Well, the Water and the Woman as material for a sermon,
   Let us plan to meet this same Jesus here at our weekly meeting, and give us freely the Water of Life.
HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER: THAT THY DAYS MAY BE LONG UPON THE LAND WHICH THE LORD THY GOD GIVETH THEE.

There is not a more noble service nor one that is more becoming a christian than that which we render when we honor our MOTHER and FATHER.

The family is a great school and the FATHER is the head master, the principle teacher. There are certain things we must learn in this school under the tutorage of a loving FATHER or be weak and handicapped all through life. For they can be learned no where else.

The Word of God makes it obligatory upon the FATHER whom the child is commanded to honor to be worthy of the honor that the child is to give.

Not every one who begets children is worthy of the honor that the child is commanded to give. Only the man who makes God his exemplar and endeavors to emulate him is qualified to receive honor from the child whom commands to honor his FATHER and MOTHER.

God has a long comprehensive program for his people; and he wishes them to live long and execute his plans. According to God's plan children must take time to grow up and become mature in body mind and spirit. This is what they did in the beginning of man's career. He kept close to God knew his program, and remembered his plans. Then he lived a great number of years and tilled the soil and cultivated his vineyards.

Man's program has become so varied and complexed he needs to be reminded of his duty to his fellow man, and to the members of his own family; to FATHER and MOTHER and the other members of the family, hence the words of our text.

There are many ways in which children may honor their MOTHER and FATHER, but we need to call attention to some of them from time. There can be no real honor to MOTHER and FATHER without LOVE for them. We honor them by TRUSTING them, and OBEYING them. We may honor them by taking places of responsibility in the world and doing our duty.

The world depends upon three agencies to make it what it should be, the HOME, SCHOOL and CHURCH. The home is basic and FATHER should have first consideration.

May God teach us how to honor MOTHER and FATHER.

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July 13 '47

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BUT IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT, AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT, WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP ONE WITH ANOTHER.

THE MEANING OF THE CHURCH

The church means:
1st DISCIPLESHIP, 2nd FELLOWSHIP, 3rd WORSHIP.

These three ships should be loaded and go out from the church every day.

These three ships should be loaded with: LOVE, FAITH, HOPE, PERSEVERANCE, PATIENCE, SYMPATHY, GENEROSITY.

These ships should have just one PILOT, even the HOLY SPIRIT.

These ships should sail upon the sea of PEACE and SERVICE.

These ships must not stay tied up to the dock, the church when they are loaded.

These ships must not fear storm and tempest

...............AMEN............
I AM CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST; NEVERTHELESS I LIVE; YET NOT I, BUT CHRIST LIVETH IN ME.

The effect of the battles of life through which we pass depends upon with whom we are associated and under whose leadership we are. In Christian life, experiences that would be hard and difficult for us become easy when we are associated with and under the leadership of Jesus. With the apostle Paul, we glory in tribulations when we are associated with Jesus.

There are certain great outstanding facts in Christian life that we can not understand and get their full benefit until we know the elements that have gone into them to make them possible.

So it is not enough for us to recognize and consider the fact that we are alive. But we must know why we are alive. We must know what means have been used to make us alive: what food have we eaten, what thoughts have we entertained, what exercises have we taken?

The apostle Paul makes the assertion that constitutes our text. And he does not keep us guessing as to how he lives and what the source of his life is. But he tells us in a way that precludes our making a mistake as to how he lives.

This life about which our text is telling makes us independent of so many things upon which those who are not crucified with Christ depend for their strength and influence.

This life about which our text is telling us makes us independent of the praise and honor that men give.

This life about which our text is telling us is a lasting steady enduring life. It makes you like a tree planted by the rivers of water.

Let us like our Lord be crucified so that we may have this everlasting life.

............ AMEN ............
FEAR NOT, LITTLE FLOCK; FOR IT IS YOUR FATHER’S GOOD PLEASURE TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM.

Through the centuries, have clamored for a regal form of government. They wished a king.

When Jesus came into the world and introduced himself in metaphor as the Redeemer, the Savior of the people they were not interested. So it is recorded, He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

From a natural viewpoint Jesus was a Jew. And his people were handicapped; they were in bondage and darkness. Jesus told his people that they must know the TRUTH and the TRUTH would make them free. And he said unto them, I am the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE. He said unto them, I am the BREAD of LIFE, I am the LIGHT of the world. But his announcement fell upon dead ears. They were not interested. They were igotistic and conceited, like men today they loved their own way which leads to death. They felt there was no truth outside of their ritualistic Judaism. And they were willing to stay in bondage rather than to accept any other TRUTH. Their deeds were evil and they loved darkness rather than LIFE. Like men today they did not wish his kind of LIFE. So they would not come unto him that they might have an abundant life.

For a long long time the people had been wishing for the very things that Jesus came to bring to them, but they did not wish to receive it in the way that presented it. They wished the things that Jesus came to give. But Jesus was too generous. They wished the good things just for themselves. But Jesus brought them for every one who would receive them.

The people wished some one to come, a KING, who would destroy their enemies, and give the right away. Of the masses it is written, He came unto his own and his own received him not. But a few of the meek and humble did receive him. And of them it is written that he gave them power to become the sons of God. And Jesus spoke to them in the words of our text.

God is the KING of kings and his people are princes and princesses, they are joint heirs with Christ to the throne. Those who are heirs to earthly thrones may be deprived of them in many ways. But those who are heirs to the Kingdom of God have nothing to fear. The Lord Jesus is on the throne at the right hand of the Father guarding our rights. With such provision it might seem that we have nothing to fear. But we have many things to fear that may make us forfeit what God wishes to give us. Let us follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit and occupy our place on the throne with the Father and the Son.

............. AMEN ............
AND HE TOOK THE CUP, AND GAVE THANKS, AND GAVE IT UNTO THEM, SAYING, DRINK YE ALL OF IT.

There was never a time when so much time and attention were given to the study of VITAMINS for the body as to day. And there was never a time when there was greater need for the study of VITAMINS for the soul than to day. For we have so many FAITHS, ISMS and CULTS that are demanding our attention.

Every serious person to day is asking what shall I do in order to have SPIRITUAL life and growth.

There are certain great substantial things that all of us need and must have if we would live grow and develop according to God's PLAN. Some times we call these MEANS of GRACE and some times we call them SACRAMENTS. The MASTER named both but stressed particularly COMMUNION, saying, EXCEPT YE EAT MY BODY AND DRINK MY BLOOD YE HAVE NO LIFE IN YOU.

Whatever other life you may have, except you share his life you can not be his disciple. In our text Jesus speaks to his disciples as a part of a great ORGANIZATION, the CHURCH, and impresses upon them the necessity of each member of the organization partaking of him if he would have the organization be what God wishes it to be and what it should be.

We should not allow every one to tell us what we need just because he thinks he knows. But read this BOOK and let the great Teacher tell you just what you need. Let us not be like the rich young ruler, who likely had been told by many that he was alright and then come before the great Teacher and have him tell you that you are all wrong.

Let us learn some things about what we receive. The GIVER determines its VALUE and what is to be done with it.

Let us how Jesus could always GIVE THANKS. Let us remember that the BITTER CUP prepares us for the CUP of JOY.

Let us remember, that like the Lord Jesus to know God's PROGRAM and be ready always to take our place and DO OUR PART.

...........AMEN...........
JESUS SAITH UNTO HIM, I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE; NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME.

The consciousness of the fact that you are separated from God makes you miserable. For to be separated from God means DARKNESS, DESTRUCTION, TO BE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE and DISSATISFACTION.

When an individual or a people has become conscious of the miserable wretched plight in which they have been when separated from God they have begun immediately to search for him. When they have done this unguided havey have made blunders and mistakes that have led them farther away from God.

When Jesus came into the world he found the human race like sheep had gone astray. They had tried many ways and methods, but they had not gotten back to God and the state in which Adam, before the FALL found himself, in the garden of Eden where he had sweet communion with God.

It is easy to get away from God. Just one little act of disobedience separates us from God. But let God be praised, that just one little act of obedience brings back into union and fellowship with God.

In order to reach any desired destination we must know the WAY. It is not enough to know a way and be moving speedily on a way. But we know the WAY and follow it according to the TRUTH that has been given us. The TRUTH becomes our guid. And we make no progress towards the Fa- ther only as we follow the WAY according to the TRUTH that has been given us.

Then even though we know the Way and have the Truth that tells us all about it and how to travel the WAY, but have no life we can make no progress. We can never reach the Father by good intentions.

Jesus has come that men might have life ab- bundant. So we eat his flesh and drink his blood; that we may have the abundant life, and continue on our Way back to God.

Let us not waste time, but be up and on our way each day back to Father.

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JESUS SAITH UNTO HIM, I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE: NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME.

Most of the world’s great characters who would serve us today are experts specialists. They will take care of one of our particular difficulties troubles. For our other troubles we must appeal to other specialists. The day when one man took care of all our troubles has gone.

But not so with Jesus. When we commit ourselves to him he takes care of all our troubles. For he is the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE. In his personality he comprehends all WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE, and UNDERSTANDING. What is your problem? Is it PHYSICAL, MENTAL or SPIRITUAL? You may bring it to him. When you are heavy laden, tired, and weary listen to his invitation. For he says I am the way, the truth and the life, Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

The difficulties of the world are many and perplexing. And when we follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit we find that the difficulties and the difficulties of the world are due to separation from God. We have lost the WAY and have gone about to establish our own way.

People are not, can not be at ease, satisfied away from God. So man has multiplied ways to get back to God. And these ways are all crowded. Men do not like the Jesus WAY back to God. For it is the way of SUFFERING, SACRIFICE, SELF-DESTRUCTION, and HUMILITY. It leads to Pilate’s Judgement Hall, to GOLGATHA, Calvary. But the Jesus WAY leads to victory, and triumph over the world, the flesh and the devil.

This communion service that we have once a month is to say anew that we have chosen the Jesus WAY. We cannot travel this Jesus WAY while in spiritual bondage. So Jesus is the TRUTH and the truth makes us free. For Jesus says, Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.

But whether we know the TRUTH and Follow in the WAY or not depends on our having LIFE. And when we have Jesus we have Life. And we heed the exhortation of the apostle Paul, Let us lay aside every weight and sin that doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race set before us.

......AMEN......
Not many of us can treat the storms of life as did Jesus. They were a hammock, a swing, a cradle, in which he could lie down and sleep.

All of the Master's earthly career was marked by storm and tempest. Not many of those whom he met made it calm and pleasant for him. Not even in his own family did he find perfect accord and harmony. In the established place of worship not all saw as he saw and agreed with him. His disciples were not always in accord with him. But Jesus was never perturbed. He always found it possible to be calm and at ease.

We need to be so charged with his spirit that we shall properly represent him in the time of storm when the tempest is raging.

There are those who take some kind of pills before they retire to make them sleep. Jesus is better.

We should not wait until night when the storm is raging. Keep him on hand all the time, night and day, when it is stormy and when it is calm. And you will be at ease always.

...........Amen...........
WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE PASSED FROM
DEATH INTO LIFE, BECAUSE WE LOVE
THE BRETHREN. HE THAT LOVETH NOT
HIS BROTHER ABIDETH IN DEATH.

Christianity like its Founder has always been
required by the world to stand severe tests, to
pass a hard examination. She has had to do won-
ders, perform miracles, to show signs.

Some times the demands have been scientific,
some times philosophic, some times theolog-
ical and some times moral social. But she has nev-
er flunked. She has always passed 100%.

What has been true of Christianity as a reli-
gion as a philosophy has also been true with ev-
every one who has espoused her cause.

Some times she has been required to give
sight to the blind, speech to the dumb, the lame
to walk, she has raised to dead. She has loved
her enemies and her friends. But here she has
been called upon to do something different: she
is called upon to love the brethren that consti-
tute her fellowship.

In the material world it is customary to la-
bel things that dangerous. So we put in bottles
and packages containing poison cross bones and the
word poison. But we have reasons to believe that
there are in the world many unlabelled and unmark-
ed with cross bones that are poisonous and danger-
ous. For practical purposes let us enumerate a
few of these things: HATE, SECRET, Hypocrisy, ENVY,
JEALOUSY, SUSPICION, DULPLICITY etc.

This is an highly scientific age in which we
live. And there are those who manipulate things
so as to make you believe they are alive when
they are dead. The great expert in doing this is
by reputation known to all of us. When he is per-
mitted to administer his narcotics he can make a
man believe that he is able to turn over mountains
when he is not able to lift 50 pounds. He can
make a man think he is a millionair when he is
peniless.

The standard suggested here should be studi-
ed by every one of us. So that we may not let FAS-
INATION and CONGENIALITY deceive us and make us
think we are loving our brother when we are not.
Let us observe some of the most simple ways
possible in loving our BROTHER, in the HOME, CHURCH
and STATE.

.........AMEN...........
THAT I MAY KNOW HIM

The apostle Paul was an unusually great man. And we might be expecting him to be saying, I have mastered many great subjects, I have matriculated in the schools at Tarsus and Jerusalem, I am versed in all the laws and doctrines of my people. But I would like to know something more about this new teacher who has arisen in Israel and is winning many people to him and his way of life. But he does not speak thus. But he says, This one thing I do. THAT I MAY KNOW CHRIST.

To be acquainted with any great and good character is to be handicapped in understanding his law and his philosophy.

St. Paul, the author of our text, made all kinds of blunders and mistakes before he became acquainted with Jesus. But once acquainted with him he wished to know more about him. He was willing to give up every thing else that he might know him and his doctrine.

There is an art in becoming acquainted with the great characters of the world. We must know what means to use and how to use them. We must hear them talk, read their books, magazines and papers. We must attend their lectures. But better still, we must meet them face to face, commune and feast with them. Then we must have common experiences together, we must WORK, SUFFER, PRAY, SING and REJOICE together.

There are great and important reasons why we wish to get acquainted with the world's great characters. They teach us how to master great subjects and to solve difficult problems. They teach us how to be brave and courageous and how to fight the battles of life.

The world's great characters teach us how to be brave and courageous, but MEEK and HUMBLE.

Let us study and know Jesus that we may correct our blunders and mistakes and become partners with him.

...................AMEN...................
Often we hear the expression, We choose our friends, our relatives are given to us. But even then we are not always perfectly satisfied.

The value and significance of blood relatives do not depend so much upon individuality, but upon whose blood has established or created the relationship that we value so much.

We often hear people speak with great praise and enthusiasm about their ancestors going as far back as the Pilgrim Fathers. And if you know the history of the Pilgrim Fathers, you know what that means.

We might speak of our African forefathers whose blood enriched the soil of this country as those from whom we black people of America descended. Their blood of faith, and hope and courage has established the relationship between us as a people.

Some white and some black people seem proud of the fact that they have Indian blood in their veins.

But we revel and rejoice in a relationship created not by the blood of the Pilgrim Fathers, nor our African ancestors nor of the American Indian nor of any other human being, but in Jesus Christ who loved us and gave himself for us.

Blood relatives have or should have many things in common that make it easy for them to work together.

Blood relatives should partake of the character and traits of their ancestors.

Blood relatives should be interested in one another and work for the good of one another.

Let us keep ever in mind what it cost Jesus to create this great concourse of Blood relatives, of which we are a part.

...MEN...
JUDGE NOT, THAT YE BE NOT JUDGED.

The man who sits on the bench as judge should be possessed with some knowledge than just ordinary men. Of course, he should know jurisprudence—Law. But if he is going to do his job well there are many other things he should know. He should know something about Theology, Anthropology, Psychology, Philosophy, Sociology, Psychiatry.

The man who is to sit on the bench as a Judge must have an unusual amount of good common sense. We have been considering the man or woman who sits on our city, county, state and national court benches. But our text is not talking about the men and women who sit on these benches. Our text is talking about the people who have not qualified themselves to sit in judgement upon any body.

What our Master is really saying is that we need to have more faith in our fellow man and to become better acquainted with him from a scientific viewpoint. And to live so that he shall have more faith in us. If we spend our time judging our fellow man and he spends his time judging us we shall not do very much constructive work that needs so much to be done in this old world.

What our Master wished to when here in the flesh he wishes to do today, to make men qualify, prepare for their work before sitting in judgement upon their fellow men.

If the decisions of these unqualified judges effected themselves only it would not be so bad. But so many persons who do not know any better are affected adversely by these unqualified judges, and often so much harm is done until it is impossible to make amends.

Under such circumstances many persons have become victims of capital punishment or imprisonment for life.

Nothing has done more to break up families than the decisions of these unqualified judges.

Business and industrial efforts have been destroyed by the decisions of these unqualified judges.

By these judges men are made to loose faith in one another, in themselves and ultimately in their God.

..................AMEN..................
Aug. 17 1777 Ps. 139 V.

God's Permanent Relationship With Us.

God's Perfect Knowledge Of Us.

They we wish God to Search Us.

He Knows Us.

He Loves Us.

He 'Wish to Know Ourselves, So He May Know Our Capacities.
Propagation—Perpetuation is the legitimate desire of all great characters. They are anxious to have their name perpetuated, not simply for the sake of the name, but that for which the name stands.

When we think of MOSES we think of Judaism and for what it has stood through the centuries. When we think of MOSES we think of Israel's bondage and liberation. We think of Israel's sojourn in the Wilderness. When we think of MOSES we think of Mt. NEBO.

We love to think of JOSHUA and of how he landed Israel safe into the land of Canaan.

The OLD TESTAMENT is full of the names of the men and women who have perpetuated their names by their wonderful acts of courage and valor.

When we come to the NEW TESTAMENT we shall not attempt to mention the names of all the men and women who wrought well and made history for the Kingdom of God. But we shall sum them all up in the one name that is above every name, who is the AUTHOR of our text, the Lord Jesus is and always has been anxious to perpetuate his name. Because through his name we are saved from our sins.

In this argument Jesus as the head of a great family gives the RULE by which each member of the family may increase his family and perpetuate his name, and it means GLORY and HONOR to increase your family and to perpetuate the family name.

This rule that Jesus gives for increasing the family and perpetuating the family name may not be liked by many, YOU MUST DIE. But it is a common thing to hear members of the royal family of the King, when it comes to observing this rule saying, I am not home sick.

Whether speaking literally or figuratively not many of us are ready and willing to to die in order to increase the FAMILY.
AND JESUS INCREASED IN WISDOM, STATURE, AND IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND MAN.

As a rule GROWTH is good and helpful. But not all growth is helpful.

We seek the aid of different specialists, those who know the MIND, SPIRIT and BODY.

We may grow in stature and in favor with man, but we do not we can not grow as we should until we grow in wisdom and in favor with God.

The most charming, the most fascinating, the most inspiring period in life is the GROWING period. It is also a most critical period.

The GROWING period is the period in which we choose our standards, our exemplars, our guides.

Most persons who fail in life fail at this point. They choose the wrong standards and wrong guides. They box themselves in with their own narrow, conceited ideas.

God and society have a large place for you in the world. But you can not fill it until you grow, grow PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY, SPIRITUALLY.

The most important thing you have to do in the world is to find the place God and society have for you.

Your preparation for the place that God and society have for you must not be one-sided, but it must be Symmetrical. You must be concerned about your fellow man in whatever sphere he may be found.

Let us make Christ Jesus our standard, our pattern and build accordingly.

...... AMEN......
Nov. 16:47 Isa. 55:1

Ho, Every One That Thirsteth, Come Ye To The Waters, And He That Hath No Money, Come Ye, Buy, And Eat; Yea, Come, Buy Wine And Milk Without Money And Without Rice.

A government that wishes to go off strong, healthy people, not only makes provision for, but in various ways calls motion to the provision that has been made, and invites them to partake of it. The government knows that it will be more than repaid by the good, strong, healthy citizens it will be produced by the provision it has made.

There is just one thing the government recommends to its citizens that it wishes them to hear and come.

God wishes good people, citizens in his Kingdom, to do other men good, so they can take the special provision he has made, which must be obtained by everybody. The rich and poor in the same way, without money and without price.

May we all partake and be strong and healthy.

Amen.
Dec. 31 '47

THOU CROWNEST THE YEAR WITH THY GOODNESS, AND THY PATHS DROP FATNESS.

We get full benefit from God's blessings only when we give them proper recognition and proper evaluation.

Then we need to recognize their great number and endless variety.

We need to recognize the many ways God's blessings serve us.

Think of the great number of material blessings with which God has crowned the year. SHELTER-FOOD-RAIMENT.

God has enhanced our material life by his many blessings.

The value of our INTELLECTUAL life has increased in a marvelous way because of God's blessings.

Our SPIRITUAL blessings have come from God during the past year to crown our life.

As we have walked in his paths during the past year we have been supplied with the rich things of our God.

Let us live so that during the coming year we shall have even greater blessings from God.

..........AMEN..........