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In his old age Moses uttered these words as a prophecy concerning ASHER the leader of one of the Tribes of Israel. And they are applicable to every christian, to every child of God.

No one lives a life of PEACE, JOY, HAPPINESS, SATISFACTION except he have something worthwhile for which to live.

Many persons who come to the conclusion that they have nothing for which to live that is worthwhile commit suicide.

No one who gets with God and stays with him ever comes to the conclusion to commit suicide. So the WISDOM and NECESSITY of getting right with God at the beginning of every new period. For with God you are connected with and engaged in the greatest endeavors in all the world.

To those who have accepted God's PROGRAM and wish to do the will of God, our text are inspiring words.

We come to new periods in life with FEAR, DOUBT, INDIFFERENCE if we come alone in our own strength. Or if we come with God we come with FAITH, CONFIDENCE, HOPE and DETERMINATION. In large measure it all depends upon the PROPHECY to which we have been listening.

If you do not wish to hear BAD DISCOURAGING prophecy keep out of the way of bad PROPHETS. Seek the prophets who when they speak can say THUS SAITH THE LORD.

We shall do well always to know what we must possess in order to be qualified to meet the demands of our day.

Let seek each day to qualify and be prepared to meet the demands of our day.

............AMEN............
Jan. 8 '50  II Tim. 2:15  M

STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD, A WORKMAN THAT NEEDETH NOT TO BE ASHAMED RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH.

All of us Christians—Children of God have GREAT tasks entrusted to us, tasks that are serious and of very great importance. And we are expected to give due consideration to these tasks. Of them all no one is greater nor of more importance than the task of STUDY.

AMERICA requires every child that is in her citizenship to study and master certain fundamental subjects. He is expected to know at least the three Rs. In his youth he is not expected to study everything. But he is expected to obtain practical knowledge of that for which the three Rs stand.

As we grow older and assume great responsibilities we have to know our fellows in a larger way. So we study philosophy, psychology and many other of the great sciences that we may know our fellow man and how to get along and work with him agreeably and helpfully.

Now we consent that we must do all this in order to know, get along and work constructively with our fellow man. Now what about God? Do we know him as we MAY, SHOULD and MUST if we are going to work and get along with him.

We can not work with God until we know him and we can not know him until we STUDY him and his PROGRAM. We MUST go everywhere to find God and his program just as we go everywhere to find man and his program.

The Word of God must be our chart our compass always as we search for him.

May we all accept our lessons each day as our great teacher the Holy Spirit presents them to us, study them MASTER them and become better able to render acceptable service in the vineyard of the Lord.

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


BUT JESUS ANSWERED, AND SAID, YE KNOW NOT WHAT YE ASK. ARE YE ABLE TO DRINK OF THE CUP THAT I SHALL DRINK OF, AND TO BE BAPTIZED WITH THE BAPTISM THAT I AM BAPTIZED WITH? THEY SAY UNTO HIM, WE ARE ABLE.

From the day of his advent, in human form, into the world until today people have misunderstood Jesus and his program. Not even those who were intimately associated with him as disciples seemed to understand him.

Poor Judas was not the only disciple who misunderstood Jesus and his program. James and John the sons of Zebedee gave evidence in the words of the fact that they did not understand Jesus. They labored under the wrong impression concerning Jesus and his program.

Jesus made it very clear and plain that his program did not furnish much joy and pleasure for the present, but for the joy that was set before we like our Lord must look to the future for our joy.

In the Word we are told very definitely that we shall have tribulations but in Christ Jesus peace and joy.

This Book tells us that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us.

For us who would be disciples of the Lord Jesus there is not much glory and honor in this world. Where here in this world Jesus did not seek HONOR and GLORY from any man, but from his Father.

The apostle Paul exhorts us to set our affection on things above not on things on the earth.

If we like James and John would be high officials in the Kingdom of God with the Lord Jesus we must be able to do more than just sit on his right hand and left hand. We are able and willing to suffer, bear the cross. We must learn how with Jesus to meet DISAPPOINTMENTS, DISCOURAGEMENT, HUMILIATION, and INSULT.

To be on the right hand and the left hand of Jesus does not always mean HONOR and GLORY. It means some times to share the indignities and insults that are heaped upon him.

Let Us Learn From Jesus How To Be Ambitious For Our Children. And As Teachers How To Be Ambitious For Our Pupils.
Let Us Remember The Man That Jesus Told To Go Home And Tell What Had Been Done For Him.
Let Us Remember "What Jesus Told Peter" About His Ambition To Follow Jesus.
Let Us Remember Always The Christian Road To GLORY and HONOR.
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..........AMEN............
But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that (this) bread, and drink of that (this) cup.

There are those who go to their meals just as they come from their work. They do not change their clothes. They do not wash their face and hands. They do not think once about bringing a topic of mutual interest that they might discuss helpfully together. They just come and eat and go as they came.

Of course preparation to eat the Lord’s supper is very different from that we make to take just an ordinary meal. But nevertheless if we hope to get full benefit from taking the supper we must prepare to take it.

It is natural for us who wish to partake of the Lord’s supper and believe that we should prepare to take it to ask what preparation should we make? Our text tells us in a very definite way. We are to do for ourselves what, I think most of us like to do for others. We are to examine ourselves and see where we are, according to the faith once delivered to the saints.

We are to examine ourselves and see if the blood of Jesus cleanses from all sin.

We are to examine ourselves and see if we do not partake of the Lord’s body and blood that we have no spiritual life in us.

We are to examine ourselves and see if we believe that the Lord Jesus is the only way back to God.

We must examine ourselves and see if we believe that a child of God must love God with all his heart, soul, and mind and his neighbor as himself.

We must examine ourselves and see that when he comes to make up his jewels if we will be one of them.

Let us examine ourselves frequently and see what progress we are making in our pilgrimage homeward.

Let us be concerned not alone about ourselves but about our comrades as well.

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

But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

A good vocabulary, properly used is a great blessing and will almost always help you into the best society. But a good vocabulary improperly used will exclude you from the best society.

Much that you could use to advantage when you were in the world carnally minded, you have to assign to the junk heap after you become a Christian, a citizen in the Kingdom of God and spiritually minded. No where is this more evident than in the manner and words you use you use in expressing yourself.

Our aim after we become Christians, in our arguments is not to exhibit our ability in things material, things secular but is or should be to show that we are no more carnal but spiritual. For Christians just one little word charged with spiritual power is worth more than volumes of material argument.

The arguments of Christians should never be for competitive purposes, but always for mutual helpfulness.

Let us remember that the hardest wounds to heal are those made by words improperly used.

Directed by God's spirit let us censure our words before using them.
Let us see to it that our words are never caustic, but always a balm.

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

Constantly over the radio you are told that you are what you eat. And there are many who believe that and they eat accordingly. This is important for us personally. And this is very important for us as members of an organization.

If we would be efficient members of an organization we must possess many qualities in body mind and spirit. In order to have a strong worthwhile organization every member must be strong and worthwhile. And you become so by eating the right kind of food. And our drink must be wholesome and life giving. We all need to eat not the same, but the same kind of food.

If you eat material food as you should you will eat and drink in consideration of the specific needs of your body.

If any part of your body is out of order and you wish to have it up to standard, you consult a dietician or a physician or both and they will tell you what you lack and how to obtain what you need.

If your bones are defective the physician will tell you to have more calcium in your food. Are you bothered with rheumatism or arthritis he will instruct you to eat less bread and potatoes. Have you put on too much flesh he will tell you to eat less grease starches and sugar.

Now what is true concerning the body is true concerning the mind and spirit. Do you need to increase your patience? consult a good praying mother who has to look after a husband and eight or ten children. Are you bothered with selfishness? Let a good godly father who has to provide for a good but exacting wife and eight or ten children. Do you lack the cooperative spirit? Let the chairman of some good church committee tell you how to increase it.

And so the Master, by way of implication, says if you would be a good efficient servant in his cause, so that you can work together in love and harmony all of you partake of my body and my blood, for in me you will find all the spiritual Vitamins that you need for your soul.

...............AMEN...............
Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Every one, not even all parents, is qualified to train children. So we must have some reliable source upon which to depend, to whom to look for a proper STANDARD for training. Who is qualified to decide upon the curriculum as we seek to train children? Who is to determine the way they should go?

Shall we in this modern advance day go to Tokyo and some of the other great oriental cities? Shall we go to Greece and Rome and search the archives of their libraries that we may find a standard by which to train our children? Or shall we go to Jerusalem and learn from the prophets of Israel and get our masters degree from the great TEACHER Christ Jesus our Lord.

We will let the great students and teachers of the world tell us what to do. In increasing numbers they tell us to let Jehovah of Israel and Christ Jesus of Palestine give us the STANDARD by which to train our children.

The Prophets, Poets and Historians have introduced us to God and given us types and shadows of his rules and laws concerning our entire life. And the Lord Jesus has amplified and made these plain so that we can readily understand and apply them to our daily life.

The Lord Jesus has so incorporated himself in the church so that he is declared to be his visible BODY. Now when we wish to know how to train our children He sends us to the church that she may tell us every thing we need to know about training our children.

The church tells us that in all our activities we shall train our children for:

1st DISCIPLESHIP. This means that you must study the Lord Jesus and become acquainted with him HISTORICALLY, THEOLOGICALLY, and PSYCHOLOGICALLY.

2nd CHURCH MEMBERSHIP. This means that you must know the HISTORY of the CHURCH, who brought the CHURCH into existence. The PURPOSE of the CHURCH.

3rd CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP. This means to PLAN together, WORK together, WORSHIP together, PAY together.

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

Ist concern for the women and the disciples the first day of the week early in the morning was Jesus.

When we go about to honor Jesus we will always find that others are concerned and are doing something to liberate him.

There are always those who can and will give us inspiring information about Jesus.

Very often we need to have those who remember the words of Jesus to jog our memory.

When we remember the words of Jesus we have something good and worth while to tell the people, the world.

**********AMEN**********
NOW WHEN THE EVEN WAS COME, HE SAT
down with the twelve, and as
they did eat, he said, verily i
say unto you, that one of you shall
betray me, and they were exceeding-
sorrowful, and began every one of
them to say unto him, Lord, is it
i?

This scripture brings to us the picture
of an unusual group of thirteen including Je-
sus. We feel safe in saying that the entire
group was thinking about one OUTSTAN-
DING THING, THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS. But we also have rea-
sions to believe that they were not all thinking
the same thing about the one who was to be cru-
cified. Some were thinking about what they would
do when Jesus was gone. Some were thinking that
the enemies would never be able to take Jesus.
Some were thinking about how they would make
themselves candidates for high positions in the
kingdom that Jesus would ultimately establish.
One was thinking about how they could get money
from their enemies to enrich their treasury.
Jesus was occupied entirely with the thought
that Judas would betray him.

Let us learn that while in the flesh
that neither PLACE, PERSONAGE nor OCCASION se-
cure us against the entry of evil thoughts.

Even as disciples of the Lord Jesus,
let us be conscious always of the fact we do
not know when evil thoughts are going to seek
to break through the walls of our righteousness;
and humbly submit ourselves to the one who can
and will always keep us from falling.

.........AMEN........
May 14'50  

BEHOLD, EVERY ONE THAT USETH PROVERBS SHALL USE THIS PROVERB AGAINST THEE, SAYING, AS THE MOTHER, SO IS HER DAUGHTER.

Mothers, if you wish to see yourselves as you really are dont look in even the very best mirror, look into the face of your daughters; they will bring vividly to your memory what you were 15 or 20 years ago, in thought, word and deed.

When your daughters are in miniature form you may not think of them seriously. They are cute and funny. But as they grow older their acts that were once cute and funny become objectionable and repulsive; and you begin to detest and hate yourselves.

As you go into the future what kind of women do you wish to see in our HOMES, in INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS LIFE, in EDUCATIONAL LIFE, in POLITICAL LIFE, in SOCIAL LIFE, in RELIGIOUS LIFE. Remember, you will see in all these phases life just what you have put into them.

What kind of world do you wish for tomorrow, not alone for yourselves and your household, but for your neighbor and for people in general? In very large measure the mothers of today must determine this, for MOTHERS greatly influence their HUSBANDS and their SONS and their daughters influence their HUSBANDS and their CHILDREN. So if the HOME, the STATE, the WORLD is to be what we wish it to be in RIGHTEOUSNESS, HONESTY, TRUTH, the MOTHER of today must possess these qualities in a very large way.

........... AMEN ...........
In Organizations, Societies and Fraternities there are always those who study, work hard and are familiar with the secrets and inner workings of their Organization. They know the secrets, signs, symbols and passwords, which make it easy and pleasant to talk with them in terms fraternal about the working of your Organization.

But when you are talking about your organization to the uninitiated you have to use terms with which they are familiar.

We imagine that one of the greatest joys and delights that can come to the initiated is to be able to converse with those who know the mysteries of your Order.

With this analogy it will be easy for us to understand how the Master likes to have us familiar with the great inner things of his kingdom so that he may have sweet communion with us.

Our gathering at this hour in this place of worship says to all that we are anxious to know more about the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.

The methods that we use to make ourselves better acquainted with our fraternal organizations we must use in order to become acquainted with the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven.

We have already said that in order to become better acquainted with our Organizations we must study and work hard. We must spend much time with our great Teacher in private and in public.

We must read the literature that tells us about the Kingdom of heaven.

We must spend much time with those who have given evidence of the fact that they know the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven.

Membership in the church will do much to make you acquainted with the Kingdom of heaven. We need to be not alone members in the church but active in the work of the church.
Our possessions are increased and made useful when in the hands of the right person.

Most of us, even followers of the Lord Jesus, look upon the negative side when we should look upon the positive side of life.

Jesus does not eliminate us from his program because we do not immediately have faith and see things as he sees them. But he retains us and patiently uses us so our faith will increase and we have the joy of seeing things as he sees them. Working with Jesus always increases our faith in him and in ourselves.

God's provision is never scant, just for the few. His provision is always ample and abundant. Let God touch what you have and you will not have to go to the market for your material supply. Nor will you have to read so many books and listen to so many lectures on What God wishes you to do.

Bring out your seven loaves and use them according to God's command and see them increase and help to serve multitudes. See them feed 4000 and fill seven baskets with the broken meat that is left.

Don't be satisfied just supplying the needs for your own family when if you do your part God will make it possible for you to help supply the need of thousands at home and abroad.

Give Jesus your seven loaves of FAITH, your seven loaves of LOVE, your seven loaves of HOPE, your seven loaves of PATIENCE, your Seven loaves of KINDNESS and see him place these virtues where multitudes will profit by them.

Remember that the Lord Jesus is the BREAD of life. Don't feel that you have done your duty when you have just kept him in your spiritual larder for yourself when multitudes are hungrying for him.

Let no one come into your home spiritually hungry for the BREAD of life and leave disappointed unsupplied.

Let us remember that multitudes have followed us the visible body of Christ for more than three days, three weeks, three months, three years, but we have not satisfied their spiritual hunger. Let us get busy and cooperate with the Lord Jesus and give them the BREAD of life and the Water of life.

AMEN
These four chapters here in Genesis give us the history, the record of four distinguished persons, Isaac, Rebekah, Esau and Jacob. These four persons as individuals and as a group have many and important lessons to teach us.

In every period of history, YOUNG PEOPLE have in one way or another occupied a strategic position. Through the centuries they have been the making or breaking of families.

Psychologists, Philosophers and Theologians have tried to tell YOUNG PEOPLE what to do in order to make life worth while. You must judge as to how successful they have been. Whatever may be our conclusion I think we must understand that intelligent consideration can be given to this all important question only if Father, Mother, Father and Young People consider their problems together. They must study together every phase of life. Especially their SOCIAL, RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL and BUSINESS life must be considered together.

It is alright to have junior organizations providing that they work with senior organizations.

Above all Father and Mother should work together for the good of all their children.

Young People should be made to understand that it is their duty to be honest and work for the good of one another.

Let us remember that we should not be satisfied to live just for ourselves in our day. But that we should look forward to the future.

Let us give serious consideration to every phase of life.

.................AMEN.................
YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.
LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE
MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD
WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER
WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.

It is very likely, that the Master star-
tled his disciples when after he had gotten them
away from the multitude, and announced to them
the curriculum that they had to master. And then
before they had had time to get thoroughly acquain-
ted with the curriculum, to say nothing of master-
ing it, he confers upon them the greatest degree
ever conferred upon man.

He did not confer upon them any of the
degrees that men covet and for which they do their
hardest studying. He conferred upon them the a-
bility to do what none of the ancient prophets
and sages had been able to do. He made them the
light of the world and told them how to use the
light.

Let us observe some of the ways that
Jesus did not tell them to use the light:

I—They were not to use the light so as to make
themselves conspicuous. They were not to use it
as a means for securing titles as Rabbi, for
themselves. The Master warned against being
called Rabbi.

II—They were not to use the light so as to ex-
alt or defame their fellowman.

III—They were to use the light so as to make
men see their good works and to glorify
our Father who is in heaven.

We may never get the titles that men con-
fer upon their fellows. But let us rejoice
in the fact that we all may become reflect-
ors of the Lord Jesus who is the bright and
morning star and the LIGHT of the world.

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

JESUS SAID UNTO HIM, IF THOU CANST BELIEVE, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM THAT BELIEVEST.

Many persons have harbored in their bosoms the serpent of UNBELIEF, INCREDULITY until all of their life of FAITH, HOPE and CONFIDENCE has been sapped out.

There are some things about which it does not make much difference what you believe. But it is a dangerous thing to harbor unbelief concerning GOD, his PROMISES, PRONOUNCEMENTS and PLANS.

The assurance that all things are possible to him that believeth is not for every body that believes. It is only for those who are prompted by the HOLY SPIRIT as to what to believe. This is like that other scripture which says, All things work together to those who LOVE GOD and keep his commandments. Only those who love GOD and obey his LAW can qualify to be among those to whom all things are possible.

There are many things that all who qualify must believe. But these three things in particular they must believe:

1st They must believe that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, three in one is the GOD that he is represented to be.

2nd That he is a REWARDER of all who in FAITH seek him.

3rd That he is able to do for us far above all that we are able to ask or think.

Let us observe that we have much at our command, if we use it as we should, will help us to believe the great things of God. Make proper use of all the sciences, but particularly BIOGRAPHY and HISTORY. They will help us to know man, his TRAITS and HABITS. They will help us to know through the centuries man has reacted to certain PRESSURES. We study the character of the man who launces great MOVEMENTS. Is he HONEST, TRUTHFUL, CONSTANT and RESOURCEFUL?

Let us observe some of the things that we accomplish when we BELIEVE:

We make FRIENDS—We enlist COWORKERS—We increase our RESOURCES—We ADVANCE, make PROGRESS—We HELP OTHERS BELIEVE.

AMEN
WHEN JESUS HEARD THAT, HE SAID, THIS SICKNESS IS NOT UNTO DEATH, BUT FOR THE GLORY OF GOD, THAT THE SON OF GOD MIGHT BE GLORIFIED THEREBY.

GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE SICK

The character of any news depends very largely upon through whom it comes, for not every one can bring good news. The one who brings good news must possess facts making him intelligent as to what he is saying. Surely Jesus was such a reporter. Many eminent experts have made the same pronouncement as this that Jesus makes here in the words of our text, but they proved untrue. What we are reading here is good news because it is announced by our Lord and Master who is the WAY the TRUTH and LIFE.

There is no subject so universally considered and that is so closely related to our religious life as Sickness and Health. It is a matter that greatly concerns the human race from BIRTH to DEATH. It is a question that through the centuries has not only concerned PHYSICIANS, NURSES and DIETICIANS. It is a subject to which MUSICIANS, PROPHETS, PRIESTS and KINGS have given attention. The GARDNER and FARMER have to consider it. The CLOTHIER and SHOE MAKER have to give it attention.

This is a subject that concerns all classes of people, INFANTS, CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, and MATURE PEOPLE.

All first class Hospitals have departments devoted entirely to the care of CHILDREN. And there are Hospitals that are devoted exclusively to the care of children.

As we read the record of the Master while here in the flesh it is especially interesting to see the amount of time he gave to the sick, especially to sick children.

With Jesus sickness was never just an end in itself. It was a part of God's purpose in carrying out his PROGRAM. On the occasion that gives us our text sickness was to glorify God and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. To honor and glorify one is to put him in position where he will be recognized by a greater number as a benefactor, as a redeemer a liberator.

Let us realize that we should do all in our power to make the Lord Jesus attractive to a greater number of people.

............ AMEN, ............
THEN ALL THE DISCIPLES FLED.

Not very many leaders however well qualified have the undivided loyalty and support of their followers, even though he has chosen them as his followers. Many followers are loyal and true to their leader just so long as they see the possibility of their getting the glory, honor and the victory they covet through his leadership.

No one can be really and truly loyal to his leader until he knows well his leader, and his objective and line of procedure. Often followers wish to retreat when the leader's plan is to go forward. Too often followers wish to take a short cut and gain a small victory when the leader has planned the long and hard way and a great victory.

If followers would be loyal and true to their leader they must realize that one of the main objectives in his work is to train his followers for leadership. They must feel that it is their duty and privilege to be ready to take up when their leader for one cause or another has to relinquish his position. Followers who fail to do this do more harm than all the known enemies that may come against you.

Usually there is some one who directs these who in the time of crisis forsake their leader. He has an argument always to back up his counsel.

Let us be consoled in the thought that history tells us that no one who has had training from the Lord Jesus can forsake him for very long. But like Peter he will return and do a great and telling work.

..............AMEN..............
Aug. 13 '50
Ps. 137:1,2

BY THE RIVERS OF BABYLON THERE WE SAT DOWN, YEA WE WEPT, WHEN WE REMEMBERED ZION, WE HANGED OUR HARPS UPON THE WILLOWS IN THE MIDST THEREOF.

The Jews at one time were the most outstanding, the most prosperous people in the world: they were God's chosen people. But at the time our text was written they had lost their superior place in the world and become the vassals of the Babylonians.

It is likely that day after day they sought some quiet place, where in song and meditation they could sit down and commune with their God. But wherever they went they were annoyed by their captors. Their captors wished them to amuse them with their harps and songs.

They finally found a quiet place by the rivers of Babylon. But there they could not sing nor make music. So they hung their harps upon the willows and sat down and wept when they remembered ZION and the good old times they used to have in Jerusalem.

There come times when all of us like ancient Israel we find it difficult to get our harps down and to sing the songs of Zion.

BONDAGE is a terrible handicap. And there are so many kinds of bondage. There are phases of bondage that hoodwink us if we are not on our guard and make us believe that these phases of bondage will bring to us the kind of liberty that will make us modern and up to date. Satan first started to practice this process in the GARDEN with Eve. And Satan's emissaries, which are legion, have continued to this day to do the same thing.

It was BONDAGE that put Israel that is described here in our text in the sad condition in which they were.

While we are not in just the same kind of bondage in which Israel was, nevertheless we are far from being absolutely free as God's people ought to be. For we find ourselves in bondage to CUSTOMS, POLITICAL SYSTEMS, BUSINESS RULES and LAWS, RACE LIMITATIONS and RELIGIOUS RITUALS and MAN made DOCTRINES.

Let us give MORE attention to the words of the old BOOK which tell us to stand fast in the Liberty wherewith Christ hath made us FREE.

..................AMEN..................
II Peter 1:5, 6, 7, 8

The Minister's calling is the highest the most lofty calling that man can have. No office that he may be called to fill in Church or State can add to his GLORY, HONOR and DIGNITY. But to the contrary the Minister brings glory, honor and dignity to any office that he fills.

But any office that the Minister may fill gives him another chance, opportunity to become a GOOD Minister of Jesus Christ.

When the Minister occupies an office other than PASTOR, EVANGELIST or TEACHER he does not add to his virtues but simply finds new channels through which to express those that he already has.

Now with this view and meaning and significance of the office that you are to occupy for the next 12 mos. we feel that we have the right and we have the faith to look to you to give us a fine exhibition of the virtues found here in this Scripture.
Sept. 3 '50

Not very many leaders, however well qualified, have the undivided loyalty and support of their followers; even though the leaders themselves have chosen their followers.

Many followers are loyal and true to their leader just so long as they see the possibility of their getting the glory, honor and victory they COVET through his leadership.

No one can be really and truly loyal to his leader until he knows well his leader and his objective and line of procedure. For often followers wish to retreat when the leader's plan is to go forward. Too often followers wish to take a short cut and gain a small victory when the leader has planned the long and hard way and to gain a GREAT victory.

If followers would be loyal and true to their leader they must realize that one of the main objectives in his work is to train his followers for leadership. They must feel that it is their duty and privilege to be ready to take up when their leader for one cause or another has to relinquish his position. Followers who fail to do this do more harm than all the known enemies that may come against you.

Usually there is some one like Judas directs these who in the time of a crisis forsake their leader. He has an argument always to back up his counsel.

But let us be consoled in the fact that history tells us that no one who has had training from the Lord Jesus can forsake him for very long, but like Peter he will return with renewed fervor and do a great and telling work.

...........AMEN...........
Jno. 14:26

BUT THE COMFORTER, WHICH IS THE HOLY GHOST, WHOM THE FATHER WILL SEND IN MY NAME, HE SHALL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS, AND BRING ALL THINGS TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE WHATSOEVER I HAVE SAID UNTO YOU.

This scripture brings a message to us in which all classes are interested. For every one we meet has some kind of discomfort and has gone everywhere, and has done all kinds of things trying to find COMFORT. But he has not succeeded. His trouble has not been that he has failed to seek. But he has sought in the wrong places and in the wrong way.

Man has insisted on seeking comfort as do the inferior animals. He seemingly has forgotten that he is made supremely SPIRITUAL and that there is one who can give him real solid comfort and he is the Holy Spirit.

Let us observe:

1-That our COMFORT is sent from God our Father who made us and understands just what we need.
2-That we must have the CAPACITY to be comforted.
3-That we can not have COMFORT without knowledge.
4-That we must have the right kind of knowledge in order to have COMFORT.
5-That the Lord Jesus has told us about the things we must know in order to have COMFORT.
6-That the Holy Spirit the great teacher comes to refresh our memory upon the great things that Jesus has told us that will give us COMFORT.

May each of us make full use of the great even the Holy Spirit who makes it possible for every one of us to have COMFORT.

..............AMEN..............
Oct. 1 '50

I Jno. 1:6,7

THAT IF WE SAY WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM, AND WALK IN DARKNESS, WE LIE, AND DO NOT THE TRUTH; BUT IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT, AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT, WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP ONE WITH ANOTHER, AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST HIS SON CLEANEITH US FROM ALL SIN.

The leaders of our Protestant churches have been working hard for months to get the entire church, all over the world, to take Communion today. When we take into consideration the condition in which the world is today, we do not have to guess what their aim is, what they hope will be accomplished by this united Communion service.

Every word of this scripture our text is significant and important. But these four words have a special significance, SIN—DARKNESS—LIGHT and FELLOWSHIP. We have long since learned what SIN does for the MATERIAL world. We have also learned what SIN does in the RELIGIOUS world. For let us remember that the RELIGIOUS world is not wall ed in.

The next word in this list to which we must give special attention is DARKNESS which is SIN's most active and most productive agency. None of the spiritual virtues can grow in moral darkness.

The two agencies that we have just spoken about are destructive. They hinder fellowship with God and with one another.

And now with unspeakable joy let us consider the two words that represent peace and power and all the spiritual attributes: LIGHT and FELLOWSHIP.

The last part of our text tells us that the BLOOD of JESUS CHRIST GOD's son cleanseth us from all sin. Much of the sin that we commit is not wilful, but is caused by a lack of spiritual illumination and fellowship. It can not be otherwise as long as we are in the DARKNESS of the flesh.

Let us follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit, get in the LIGHT, have fellowship with one another and let the BLOOD of Jesus cleanse us from all SIN.

............ AMEN ............
Jno. 8:31, 32

Oct. 22 '50

THEN SAID JESUS TO THOSE JEWS WHICH BELIEVED ON HIM, IF YE CONTINUE IN MY WORD, THEN ARE YE MY DISCIPLES INDEED; AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.

Jesus can not hold conversation with everybody. But he delights to hold conversation with those who believe on him, for they have something in common with him. His aspirations are their aspirations; his hopes are their hopes. He much inspiring and encouraging to tell them. He will tell them how to overcome their difficulties, how to solve their problems and how to make their enemies their friends. There is no end to the good things he will tell them who believe on him. He will tell how to get out of bondage into freedom.

So many people who think they are free give evidence of the fact that they are in bondage. Nothing is more torturous and handicaps us more than to be in bondage to our selves. So often we are slaves to our likes and our dislikes.

Never were there so many problems that demand the attention of those who are free as there are to day, and never were there more books claiming to have the solution for all these problems than there are to day. And many of us read these books, but we do not find the solution to the problems that are perplexing and worrying us.

When we fail to find the solution to the problems we try to console ourselves with this argument: It may be that we have not read the right book, it may be that we have not read carefully or it may be that we have not been considering the right problem.

However unconcerned and indifferent we may about most subjects, we are all anxious to know the truth about LIFE and DEATH about TIME and ETERNITY. But we can never know the truth about these important subjects by reading the ISSUES, DOCTRINES and THEORIES of men. The Master does not tell us directly not to read every book for the TRUTH on these subjects and many others that pertain to our spiritual life. But he does say if ye continue in MY WORD then are ye my disciples indeed: and ye shall know the TRUTH and the truth shall make you FREE.

FREEDOM is one of the richest if not the richest blessing that man can possess. Men are willing to pay much even life itself for freedom. But not every one knows the value of freedom and what use to make of it. Indeed for some people freedom is a dangerous weapon.

We must not be extreme, but we feel justified in making this statement, that no one is qualified properly to use FREEDOM until he heed this injunction. Stand fast in the liberty wherewith
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......AMEN.......
THE TWENTY FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF REV.
JOHN H. MCDAVIS' PASTORATE OF THE
PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
BUFFALO NEW YORK
MON. OCT. 20 1950
JON. 1:31
AND JOHN BARE RECORD, SAYING I SAW
THE SPIRIT DESCENDING FROM HEAVEN
LIKE A DOVE, AND IT ABODE UPON HIM.

JOHN THE AUTHOR OF THE FOURTH GOSPEL WAS
A SEER.

A SEER IS AN IMPORTANT CHARACTER AMONG ANY
PEOPLE, BUT HIS REAL VALUE AND SIGNIFICANCE
DEPEND UPON WHEN AND WHAT HE SEES; WHAT LAND,
WHAT PEOPLE, WHAT RULER, WHAT OPPORTUNITIES,
AND POSSIBILITIES HE SEES.

THEN THE SEER IS WORTHWHILE WHEN HE MAKES
OTHERS SEE AND FEEL WHAT HE SEES AND FEELS,

HE MUST SEE DESERT PLACES MADE FERTILE AND
PRODUCTIVE,

HE MUST SEE ORDINARY BOYS AND GIRLS GROWING
INTO EFFICIENT PRODUCTIVE MANHOOD AND WOMAN-
HOOD.

HE MUST SEE WILLING MEN AND WOMEN PREPARED
AND QUALIFIED AND RENDERING CONSTRUCTIVE
SERVICE IN THE STATE AND IN THE CHURCH.

HE MUST SEE THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD BE-
COMING THE KINGDOM OF OUR LORD AND HIS CHRIST.

MAY THE DAYS THAT ARE BEFORE OUR SEER BE DAYS
OF GREAT HOPES REALIZED AND PLANS EXECUTED.

............AMEN............
IF YE SHALL ASK ANY THING IN MY NAME, I WILL DO IT.

A bank is a wealthy rich institution. But a bank has a very little of the practical needs of life. Billions do not warm you when you are freezing, billions do not feed you when you are starving. The billions in the bank per se can only supply you with money and negotiable paper. So when you go to the bank the richest institution in the world to have your needs supplied you must know what the bank carries or you are destined to be sadly disappointed.

The son of the bank President says to those who have become affiliated with him in the work that the President has assigned him, if ye ask ANY THING of the bank in my name I will see that it is done. And the son says to those whom he is sending to the bank, remember that the bank has only money and negotiable notes to give you.

We have used at length BANK, the BANK PRESIDENT, his SON and his SON's affidavit FRIENDS to illustrate the true meaning of our text.

If we would be inspired, encouraged and profited by the words of our text we must prayerfully dwell upon the words ANY THING.

Remember Jesus was and is the master of every branch of knowledge. But he did not come into the world to teach us every thing. He came to teach people that about which they knew so little. He came to teach people about Life abundant, Life Eternal.

Any effectual asking must be at the right TIME. It must be actuated by the proper motive. It must be in FAITH.

We should always learn from the ONE who knows what we need before we ask.

We should know what is obtainable before we ask.

We should learn from ONE who knows what we shall do with that for which we are asking.

Let us remember that we have been invited to ask for what we need by one who is able to supply our need.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ask and ye shall receive.

... Amen...
JESUS SAITH UNTO THEM, FILL THE WATER POTS WITH WATER, AND THEY FILLED THEM UP TO THE BRIM, AND HE SAITH UNTO THEM, DRAW OUT NOW, AND BEAR UNTO THE GOVERNOR OF THE FEAST, AND THEY BEAR IT.

THERE IS A LAD HERE WHICH HATH FIVE BARLEY LOAVES AND TWO SMALL FISHES: AND JESUS SAID MAKE THE MEN SIT DOWN.

Both of these scriptures are records of incidences when Jesus is getting ready to perform two miracles. In the first one he uses men to help him, in the second he uses a boy and his disciples to help him. In one he is providing for a jolly bunch at a wedding feast in Cana of Galilee.

About the first miracle Jesus' mother had had an interview with him. He did not, seemingly, pay much attention to what she said. But she had been with him from his infancy, and she knew him and had faith to believe he would take care of the situation. Therefore she did not try to show him how urgent the matter was. She felt she had done all that was necessary. So, I imagine, with a smile of confidence mother Mary left her son Jesus and went back to the party and told them to make ready and to do whatever Jesus might tell them. They did and got 162 gallons of the best wine they had ever drunk. The Governor of the feast said so.

Children, it does not make any difference as to how old you may be nor how much you may know, if you have a mother in your midst who has had an interview with Jesus you will do well to heed what she tells you.

This miracle has to do with a marriage which most always if not always is a joyful occasion. The bride and groom at a marriage are always the center of attraction. But on this occasion it was different, for they had invited an outstanding guest and his mother, Jesus of Nazareth.

Where ever Jesus goes he carries his program with him, and if not interfered with by his enemies, becomes the center of attraction.

Well, whoever this Bride and Groom were even though their names are not mentioned they had the most outstanding wedding that was ever held in Cana of Galilee. It is likely they had a very fine feast. But that which Jesus supplied was pronounced the best of all.

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1-That if Jesus is in your midst and you are in need he is only waiting for some one who has courage and faith to interceed and he will supply all your need.
2-That Jesus always supplies the best.
3-That Jesus always gives us a chance to help supply our need.

From the viewpoint of men, when 5000 need to be fed a lad with five barley loves and two fishes is worth consider at all. But Jesus see this lad great possibles for he knows he can get the lad to link up with him and he can get the men out of the way he and the lad can feed the 5000.

So Jesus, as he always does used his unlimited wisdom and had his disciples accept the easy job and have the men sit down. They found it was not hard to get a hungry crowd of men sit down.

The lad had good news to tell his family and his friends what a wonderful experience he had seen Jesus feed 5000 with his five barley loves and two small fishes.

From this miracle let us learn:

1-That the lad followed the prompting of the Spirit, left his home and comrades and got in touch with Jesus.
2-That this lad was interested in what he knew Jesus wished.
3-That the lad had faith in Jesus.
4-That the lad was anxious to help Jesus feed the multitude.
5-That the lad had the joy of seeing the multitude fed and fragments taken up.

..............AMEN.............
For, "if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."

To know the significance and value of this great life that we possess we must know something about how and by whom it has come to us.

Our text tells us that we were enemies to God. And God is the source and giver of all life. So the only way to obtain the life that God has to give is to cease being his enemies and become his friends. But man did not know how to do this. Therefore even though he tried over and over again he did not succeed. For as the hymn goes, not all the blood of beasts on Jewish altars slain could give the guilty conscience peace nor wash away the stain.

Jesus came and showed man how to become reconciled to God. And through the centuries millions have learned the lesson and have become true friends of God and have, like their Lord given their lives for him.

Friendship with God does not come by some magical movements however spiritual they may supposed to be. Friendship with God comes through service and sacrifice. Ill. Polycarp.

Many disciples of the Lord Jesus have done in death what they had tried over and over again to do in life. Many a child at mother's death bed has begun a reform that has lasted them through life.

At the time of mother's or father's death many a child has felt and so expressed him or herself that he has had much his parent's death because he failed to do for him or her what he might have done while he or she was living. So often parents have died for their children. They have died with a broken heart. The hymnologist tells us that Jesus died with a broken heart.

We do not know what it means to be an enemy until we have learned that we may be a negative or a positive enemy.

As we have witnessed and understood the life of Jesus and have resolved to adopt and make it our life it has become the means of our salvation. The Christ life is for time and eternity.

........... AMEN ............
THEN COMETH A WOMAN OF SAMARIA TO DRAW WATER: JESUS SAITH UNTO HER, GIVE ME TO DRINK, THEN SAITH THE WOMAN OF SAMARIA UNTO HIM, HOW IS IT THOU, BEING A JEW, ASKEST DRINK OF ME, WHICH AM A WOMAN OF SAMARIA? FOR THE JEWS HAVE NO DEALINGS WITH THE SAMARITANS. JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO HER, IF THOU KNEWEST THE GIFT OF GOD, AND WHO IT IS THAT SAITH TO THEE, GIVE ME TO DRINK; THOU WOULDEST HAVE ASKED OF HIM, AND HE WOULD HAVE GIVEN THEE LIVING WATER.

Most persons are fortunate if they have a chance once in a life time to do a great outstanding deed. The woman who washed Jesus' feet had such a chance and without any argument took advantage of it. Judas had such a chance and lost it.

Opportunity to become acquainted with the world's great characters comes to us over and over again but we are too busy with the ordinary things to take the time and pay the price to become acquainted with those who would exalt us to positions of prominence and power.

We are not hindered and impeded in our christian life and spiritual progress because of a lack of knowledge. But we do not have the right kind of knowledge the knowledge we need. We would not tell the world to spend less time in our scientific laboratories. But like Moses the world needs to spend more time in the mountain with God.

The world is spending much time and money keeping up national lines and racial distinctions. If we would do the will of God we need to give more attention to those who are hungering for the BREAD of life and thirsting for the water of life.

We must know God in order to know our fellow man. We must know God as the creator of all men and as the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

Let us remember that God can not open his wells of living water when we keep our little shallow wells closed up until some of OUR people come along.

..........AMEN........
July 9th 1815

As for me, I shall behold Thy face in righteousness: When I awake, I shall be satisfied, with Thy likeness.

This is a life of diversified activities for all of us with objectives, but goals people, in all their activities, should have one supreme objective, that is to get ready to meet God in righteousness.

We can not know how untill like Isa. 61:3, we rise above the things of this world and get a view of the persective, the King, the Lord of hosts. Then we are willing to take a spiritual anesthetic and let the Holy Ghost work upon so that when we awake we shall have regained what was lost in the garden.
June 6, 1945
Spruce Street Holiness Church
Luk. 9:23
And He said to them all, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

No one will be attracted to and espouse the cause of Christ so long as his carnality is alive and active.

No cause has so few inducements, so few attractions that appeal to the carnal man as the cause of Christ.

The promoters of any great and good cause usually advertise it in a glowing way. If they exhibit samples of that for which their cause stands, they make the sample as attractive as possible.

But the cause of Christ never has its charms on the surface, but at the beginning of its development, they are die posited in a new life and are seen in our growth and activity.

The charm and glory of the cause of Christ are exhibited in our suffering, self-denial and sacrifice.

May we be found always making our exhibition.

Amen.
Whatever constructive phase of life we are considering, our greatest concern is the question of GROWTH, PROGRESS, ADVANCEMENT. We wish to know whether we and our coworkers understand the great subject we have under consideration and have been working upon for the last twelve months than we did at the beginning of 1950. Do we understand a little better than we did last year the true meaning the real significance of our gorgeously decorated streets and stores and the great lights that illuminate our streets. What is it that causes people to meet in our churches and in our public buildings and present pageants and sing carols. Is all this because they know the Lord Jesus better now that they did a year ago, or is simply because it is popular to do so? The answer to this question to this must determine the significance and value of the service we render here today.

The great aim in celebrating the birth of the world's great characters is to quicken our memories upon the great things for which they lived wrought and died. It would be more than interesting to know just how many of us have these things in mind when we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour.

The great thought in our text for today is GROWTH. Normal growth depends upon many things—Food and Exercise are regarded the most essential. To be beneficial food has to be selected by those who know the value of the different foods and what the body needs.

There are several patterns for growth. And we must determine which pattern we wish to follow then use the means that are placed at our disposal.

We can not do better than to follow the pattern set us by the Lord Jesus. Not many things were said about the early life of Jesus, but those that were said were great. Jesus grew in BODY, MIND and SPIRIT. He grew in FAVOR with God and Man.

Let us watch ourselves and see if we are growing as Jesus grew.

..........AMEN..........
Dec. 31 '50  Jno. 1:1-4 New Year

Let us observe that we need a Christ Centered New Year. The right kind of New Year.

1- Must start with Christ.
2- Must get its life from Christ.
3- Must get its Wisdom, Knowledge from Christ.
Dec. 31-'50  Jan. 1:14  New Year

With most alive Progressive People 1951 Christmas has already begun. This is true especially true with businesses people. Most other people, including Church people get through with Christmas for at least 10 months at 12 O'clock tonight, and from then on the attention of most people is centered upon the New Year and the activities of the New Year. Streets, public buildings and homes will take down their decorations and lights Celebrating the Birth of Christ very soon. Many of them will be taken down this week.