AND THERE WERE CERTAIN GREEKS AMONG THEM THAT CAME UP TO WORSHIP AT THE FEAST: THE SAME CAME THEREFORE TO PHILIP, WHICH WAS OF BETHSAIDA OF GALILEE, AND DESIRED HIM, SAYING, SIR, WE WOULD SEE JESUS.

Philip was one of the early Apostles who kept in touch with his brethren, and he kept in touch with his Lord also. So he knew the mind of the Lord. He knew the value of FRIENDSHIP in CONFERENCE, especially in connection with their EVANGELISTIC EFFORT.

It is always well for those who get in touch with JESUS for some DEFINITE purpose to know some one in whom they have confidence and enlist his aid.

Most every RELIGIOUS, SOCIAL or any other movement that we launch today we launch it with a BANQUET, DINNER or SUPPER when we feed the body, mind and spirit.

To do God's work we must have a stimulant that comes from above.

The great PROGRAM of REDEMPTION that JESUS launched in the upper room, the memory of which we celebrate every month with our COMMUNION SERVICE, we have not gotten the real value of our COMMUNION SERVICE until we have been aroused to go out and try to get some one prepared to partake of the Lord's Supper.

Most persons including ourselves are more in need of spiritual MEAT than we are in need of the things for which we work so hard to prepare for ourselves and our comrades. Remember the WORD tells to TASTE and see that the Lord is GOOD.

May the feasts of which we partake with our Lord be so attractive that many like the GREEKS about whom we study today may leave their homes and come and partake of this feast that always makes men strong and happy in the LORD.

_______AMEN_______
WHEN JESUS THEREFORE PERCEIVED THAT THEY WOULD COME AND TAKE HIM BY FORCE TO MAKE HIM A KING, HE DEPARTED AGAIN INTO A MOUNTAIN HIMSELF ALONE.

It was said of the Lord, never man spake like this man. It could have been said with equal truth, never man acted so unselfishly, so sacrificially with such faith and confidence in God as did the Lord Jesus.

We do not know what others might do if they were placed into the same position into which the Lord Jesus was, when the people whom he had served wished to take him and make him a King. One of the things that made Jesus so great was his ability to place the proper evaluation on things men and positions. He knew that the glory and honor that would come out of the kingship that men might confer upon him would not last long and would deprive him of the ability to carry out the plan, the program that God had made out for him. We can never make a mistake when we sacrifice everything else in order to execute God's plan, to carry out His program.

Don't lose sight of the fact that men honor you often not so much for your sake, but for what they hope and expect to get out of it for themselves. They had seen him feed more than 5000 hungry men, women and children and then take up 12 baskets of fragments.

As men and women we need to learn that we do not, cannot honor the Lord Jesus by giving him high lofty carnal positions. The greatest to honor the Lord Jesus is to let him come into your life and control it so that you shall help to execute his plans, carry out his program.

May we resolve to lose sight of the things that men call great and seek to give Jesus a chance to do for us that which will make us great as God wishes us to be.

............AMEN............
Apr. 5-53 Matt. 28:2
And, Behold, There Was A Great Earth Quake For The Angel Of The Lord Descended From Heaven, And Came And Rolled Back The Stone From The Door, And Sat Upon It.

Let Us Observe:

1- That In Order To Carry Out God’s Program We Are In Constant Need Of Aid From Heaven. The Angel Descended.

2- That In Transacting Business For God Often The Burdens Are Too Heavy For Us To Lift.

3- In Order To Carry Out God’s Program There Are Certain Things And Persons Too That We Must Keep In Their Place. He Sat Upon The Stone.

Let Us Do Everything In Our Power To Keep Jesus Free From The Sufferer. Amen.
Then came the officers to the Chief Priests and Pharisees, and they said unto them, Why have Ye not brought Him? The officers answered, Never man spake like this Man.

Men have to study Grammar, Rhetoric, Logic, Philosophy and many other things in order to know how to talk effectively. We can talk ourselves into bondage, or as Jesus did, we may talk ourselves into freedom. Our talk is always influenced by the character of those to whom we are talking.

Our talk is always influenced by that about which we are talking. It we would be effective in our talking we must know about what we are talking. We must talk about that which is profitable to those to whom we are talking.

We should keep prepared to talk intelligently upon the Subject that will win men, women and children to the way of life.

Amen
AND JESUS SAID UNTO THEM, I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE:

The real child of God knows that all he needs is contained in the personality of the Lord Jesus.

When a real HOST invites you to come and break bread with him you are expecting not alone something for the body, but something for the mind and spirit also.

Most persons who are invited to come and break bread think little or nothing about the chemical composition of the bread. Nor have they learned the dietary effect of the bread they eat should have upon them. They find that even though they attend regularly these breaking of bread occasions they are unable overcome certain weaknesses.

We need more than just to know that Jesus is the Bread of Life. We need to know that when we go to these Breaking of Bread occasions that we have the real BREAD of Life. Our life and work must prove that we are partaking of the real BREAD of LIFE.

Let us learn over and over again that Jesus is the BREAD of Life.

AMEN
ADDRESS TO THE MARY B. TALBERT
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MEN OF FAITH

The way that any proposition that is to be considered or discussed is presented or announced has much to do with the interest that it will arouse.

Then when you are told about the persons who are going to be considered in the discussion you are awake, enthused and ready to go. Surely all of this is true concerning the topic that you have asked me briefly to discuss today.

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The author of this BOOK tells us the company of community builders, past and present encompasses a fellowship of men of great faith.
He tells us they are to be numbered among the world's great Saints of the countryside. Then he goes on to name a few of them, Richard Baxter, George Herbert, Charles Kingly, John Frederic Oberlin, Felix Neff, Harlon S. Mills, Kenyon Butterfield, Warren Wilson, Hank Dawbert, and thousands of others who have made community church work successful.

But out of the 9 he selects just 3 to give us a comprehensive idea of what can be done in the field of community church work.

Once I thought I would try to give you an idea of the life and work of all these nine saints of the countryside. But I concluded that it would be more profitable for us to use just the three whom the author has used in this chapter. The first of these three is Felix Neff, a Swiss Protestant Pastor; Born in Geneva Switzerland Oct. 3th 1798. He was in 26th year when ordained in England to minister to the neglected inhabitants of the lofty Alpine valley in East of the department of Hautes Alpes. His parish was a most difficult one to minister to owing to its mountainous nature and great in extent (80 miles long) and the uncivilized character of the people. But with unwearied devotion and simple piety, Neff labored amongst them like his chosen model to his death Apr. 12th 1829.

The second of these is John Frederic Oberlin an Alsatian clergyman; born in Strasburg Aug. 31 1740. He became pastor of Waldbach in the Steinfeld (Ban dela sistric of Alsace in 1767) and set about ameliorating the wretchedness of the district and the people. Despite opposition he gradually effected a wonderful improvement in the morals, industry, and thrift of the community. Beside agriculture Oberlin introduced straw Plaiting, spinning and weaving into the community so that the village of a few hundred became a town of 5,000 inhabitants and a model to great numbers of philanthropists. He died in Steinfeld Alsace June 1st 1826.
May 10 '53

Mark 3:35

FOR WHOSOEVER SHALL DO THE WILL OF GOD, THE SAME IS MY BROTHER, AND MY SISTER, AND MOTHER.

For God's people there are no relationships that can be created and maintained properly as they should be only according to the will of God.

Whether we like it or not, God made HUMANITY as he wishes it to be. And he has given man laws that tell him what to do in order to get his approval. And when man fails to do what God has told him to do he relinquishes his title to all that God has bestowed upon him and he reaches the place where like the prodigal son said I am no more worthy to be called a son.

Woman

And when disobeyed God in the Garden she relinquished the quality, according to God's standard a woman a MOTHER.

So it became necessary for God to do his work all over.

The Will of God must be done in:
The HOME, EDUCATIONAL LIFE, BUSINESS LIFE, POLITICAL LIFE, SOCIAL LIFE, CHURCH LIFE.

MOTHER MUST LEARN HER GREAT LESSONS IN EVERY PHASE OF LIFE FROM GOD.

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

Family Week
May 17 '53

Matt. 5:16

LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.

Whether speaking literally or figuratively, we all know the meaning and value of light. No term is used so frequently and by so many people. The word is as old as man himself.

In creating the world it was one of the first words that God used. In nothing can we make a mistake if we follow the example of our God. We can not afford to inorn his example.

We start too many good things with out having LIGHT so men can see them and properly evaluate them.

Light gives us ZEAL for you can see the great possibilities in what you are doing.

Light produces Enthusiasm and makes you eager to get busy. You are anxious to take advantage of opportunities while you have them.

Light destroys lethargy and creates new energy and creates new Life.

Light must have favorable conditions in order to shine. It must have those who wish to SEE and to EXAMINE things.

Let us remember that men are not going to glorify if those of us who claim that we possess him. do not let our light shine

Let us not be so anxious about letting our LIGHT shine so men may see our GOOD works and glorify US instead of GOD.

............AMEN........
IT WAS MEEK THAT WE SHOULD MAKE MERRY, AND BE GLAD, FOR THIS THY BROTHER WAS DEAD, AND IS ALIVE AGAIN; AND WAS LOST, AND IS FOUND.

Things secular, material seem to have in the mind of so many church people a larger place than things spiritual.

Raising money with which to purchase a new place of worship, a new Organ or other parts of Equipment.

Much Time, Money and Energy are used in making preparation for a Trip to a Convention. None of these things that we have mention are bad within themselves. But are they the things to which the Master has called our attention and emphasized?

The Master has told us to be in cooperation with Heaven and rejoice and have a more merry time over one Sinner that repenteth than ninety nine just persons that need no repentance.

to make Every reasonable means possible should be used the coming into fellowship with the Lord Jesus the greatest occasion in one's Life; especially in the life of young people.

Let us keep ever in mind that this is in a peculiar sense an occasion of MERRIMENT, and GLADNESS.

......AMEN,......
Prov. 10:1

A WISE SON MAKETH A GLAD FATHER:
BUT A FOOLISH SON IS THE HEAVINESS OF HIS MOTHER.

The State, Home and Church seem to recognize the significance and the importance of these words and in a number of ways have endeavored to make young men and young women take advantage of the facilities that they have made for them.

There has never been a time when more THOUGHT, TIME and MONEY have been invested to make young men and young women WISE than are being invested to day. Fathers are making it possible for their children to attend our best Conservatories and to make the best use of the best observatories.

Fathers to day are seeing to it that their girls are trained in culinary art so that their husbands have in their lunch something that will make them eat even though they are not hungry.

The up to date father to day is seeking to get his boys and girls BUSINESS minded. They are getting them positions behind the counters and book keeping departments of some of our stores and Banks.

The father is under obligation to see to it that his children at least two books in their library, a Bank Book and a Bible. And it will be unusually helpful for them to have a Dictionary.

The thoughts that I have asked you to consider with me at this time have to do with Boys, and Girls, Young Men and young Women and Fathers, STATE, CHURCH and HOME. (specifically) I have not said very much about any one of these only by implication. I think however we have said enough to enable us to get a workable idea of our subject, if we have a SUBJECT.

I think, as a whole Fathers, generally speaking have done a fairly good job. But I think there is much they can do with the aid of the MOTHER and the CHURCH and of these two agencies there needs to be more thinking, planning and working together if we are to produce more WISE young men and young women that will have WISDOM to make Fathers GLAD and to lift BURDENS from MOTHERS.

LET US ALL RESOLVE TO and ENDEAVOR TO DO THIS.

........AMEN........
IF YE LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.

God's Family is composed of men, women and children, who have many hard difficult things to do, that can not be done only by those who have been TRAINED and know the preparation they must have to qualify for a permanent place in God's family.

This matter is sacred and so important that it was given to the Lord Jesus the second person in the Godhead to make known in the words of our text, to the world.

Keeping God's commandments is not a matter that can be attended to properly without much PRAYER and spiritually indited THINKING.

In order to carry out the instruction that the Lord Jesus has given we must as individuals search the scriptures and find out what commandments that are not in the Ten Commandments the Lord wishes us to keep. These commandments are not written on Parchment nor tables of stone, but on the tablets of your memory and only God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit know about them and you God's children know about them.

In the fifth chapter of Matt, in which you will find The Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes you will find a number of Commandments that the Lord Jesus commands to keep.

.................AMEN.................
July 12, ’53

Phil. 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

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The Great Need of the Church to Day

To every one who has been redeemed and become a member of the Church has been given scales by which he may know whether she is or is not where he ought to be spiritually.

Ill. Scales by which I weigh every morning. Where are you in your disposition? Are you more humble than you used to be? Are you more kinder than you used to be? Are you more prayerful than you used to be? Do you wish more than you used to be in the company of God’s people? Are you more concerned about the work of the Church at home and abroad? Do you get more joy out of reading God’s Word and communing with him in prayer and meditation?

Are you stronger intellectually than you used to be? Do you read more good literature? Do you attend good lectures when it is possible for you to do so? Do you endeavor to have good lecturers in your church as often as possible? Do you do all you can to have good spiritual musical recitals in your church frequently?

Is your Church arranged so as to care for all the work that a church should do? Are you doing all you can to have workers in your church besides the minister?

Amen