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# Notes: Lenten Address: Holy Week: Friday: Brought Back to God (Revelations 5:9), 1941

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Rev. 5<sup>th</sup> A.

Many people bewildered + appalled by the many denominations within visible Christendom - but when all is said and done - there are only two kinds of religion in the world. 1. One kind says that you gain salvation + heaven by doing something. 2. The other - that every thing has been done for you - surprising how many people prefer the first kind - due to pride - Lucifer - and yet - when your last journey ends before the throne of God - knowing all your weakness + failures - would you rather plead your love for Him or His love for you - your life or His life - your work or His work - His garments - His love - His righteousness - that's safe!

2. And that is the heart of the great drama of the world's redemption - the magnificent story of men + women - not who stayed with God - but who came home

The history of the world is the echo of God calling men home -

It began in the silent vistas of eternity - councils of Holy Trinity - God in a garden - voices of prophets - the silent holy night. God stepped under a starbed cover - rose steadily higher in Him who entered into the loneliness - to bring us back to God - to start all over again - to give us the power to become stronger than sin - stronger than life - stronger than death.

3. Now we shall never understand that - men never have - go off the deep end + believe it - to see with the eye of faith how the relentless, pitying hand of God turned every decision of man to the purpose of His love pouring itself down + away - Example:

"His blood be upon us" - terrible words - + yet - our hard closed His eyes - saw in the dim, shadowy part - Moses Elijah, David - saw in the church of Christendom men + women waiting - "This is the blood of the N.T. - Saw the endless procession of those who would storm the gates of heaven with His blood on their hearts - clothed in robes made white + shining.

heard the deep diapason of every heart the melody of hate

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