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Sermon Outlines, ~~1910-1914~~  
1913

May 18-73

Oct. 22-1911 Lev. 19: 33, 34 V

Our thought is to be continued from this morning. And now we should give attention to some of the life-life things that we should do in this City and Church for the stranger or in our midst:

1<sup>st</sup> They should be made acquainted with the City

2<sup>nd</sup> They should be assisted in securing good homes not simply to rent them but to buy them.

3<sup>rd</sup> They should be made acquainted so far as possible with those who will be helpful to them.

4<sup>th</sup> They should be if possible induced not only to attend but to join our helpful institutions especially the Church.

Amen

Lev. 19: 33, 34 2

subt the majority of the people.  
Let us think over the question:-  
What is My Duty as a Chris-  
tian To The Stranger in My  
City in My Home in My  
Church? We observe:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> That we should <sup>be</sup> interested in the stranger and let him know that we are interested in him
- 2<sup>nd</sup> That we should be honest in our dealings with him.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> That we should have confidence in the stranger and do all in our power to gain his confidence.
- 4<sup>th</sup> That we should be a protection to the stranger
- 5<sup>th</sup> That we should be the comfort-er of the stranger.

While we are busying ourselves to make the stranger comfortable and safe in our midst from a temporal view point we should also be interested in his spiritual security. May we see to this.  
Amen

May 18-'13

Oct. 22-1911 Lev. 19:33,34 μ

Each of us no doubt has given much attention as to how to act on special occasions - as to what kind of dress will be suitable, what language and what conversation will be proper. And all of this is well and is worthy of commendation. But the Christian man or woman is under a greater obligation than this. He must observe the injunction of the Master. Watch and pray lest you enter into temptations. There are many books on social etiquette and we have studied some of them. But for the Child of God there is only one Book that has enough in it. That is the book from which we take our text. I must not go to a lawyer to find out how I shall treat a stranger. I must not even con-

Nov. 23-13 Psalm 55:22 V

Man has given Consideration to and has tried to make provision for every Condition Common to the race. And this very often he has tried to do independent of God. Hence we have organizations, institutions and systems that promise to care for man in all of his various needs, they promise to remedy all of man's ills. But we do not live very long before we learn to our great pain and sorrow that they do not do, can not do what they are suppose to. You may go to your lawyer and tell him your legal troubles to the physician and tell him of your physical ills to your religious teacher and confess to him your sins. But after all of this has been done the disorders remain just the same. To such as have tried all these remedies the words of our text come.

He cast our burdens on the Lord by telling Him all about them <sup>now</sup> just <sup>how</sup> they oppress us, how we desire to get rid of them, <sup>what</sup> we are willing to do in order to get rid of them.

Nov. 9-1913 Rom. 5: 8, 9, 10 † †

Love is the strongest force in the world or in heaven. It is like the greatest possession of man and God. When all else fails it conquers and triumphs. Man has many ways in which to express his love. God has one supreme way in which to manifest His love. The prophets could not serve in this capacity; the angels would not answer. Jesus alone His Son could properly manifest God's love. He observe:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> The Condition in <sup>which</sup> men are when God manifests His supreme love.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> The way in which God manifested His love. By the suffering of Jesus.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> What God accomplished by thus manifesting His love.

We need to pray earnestly that God may not commend His love to us in vain. If the love of any one is worthy of our consideration, acceptance and return surely, if God's love may so recognize it.

Amen

Nov. 9-1913 II Kings 5:13,14 μ

Engaging in elaborate ceremonies and rites in order to obtain divine blessings is man's idea not God's. The world has used this method so long until she has grown to believe that it is the right and only method. And a large part of the Church has adopted the same method and has thereby deprived herself of many blessings that God is willing and waiting to bestow. The reformed City and the transformed man are the results not of elaborate forms, rites and ceremonies but of obedience to God. God's is a method of simplicity. He must learn His Method if we would succeed in divine service. The child-like spirit must possess us. He must not only learn God's Method in divine service. But WE



II. Kings 5: 13, 14 2

must have faith and Confidence in  
God's Method. We wish to discuss  
at this time: - The Obligation of the  
Church To Governmental Officials  
Let us observe: -

1<sup>st</sup> That the Church is to maintain  
" prophets who have power with  
God.

2<sup>nd</sup> That the Church is to maintain  
prophets who understand the  
needs of governmental of-  
ficials.

3<sup>rd</sup> That the Church is to maintain  
prophets who have a message  
for the governmental officials  
and for the world at large.

May we seek to know our obliga-  
tion to the world and especially  
our obligation to governmental  
officials. Then, may endeavor  
to maintain those who shall be  
able to give God's message to them  
Amen

Nov. 2 - 1913 Isa. 52:1 μ

Great Cities states and Nations like individuals may act in such a way or get in such a position as to lose their strength. For those who are not true and obedient to God worldly gain temporal prosperity are liable to intoxicate and put to sleep. At one time Israel was a great people and the Capital of their Nation was a great City. But when Israel departed from God and righteousness then she became as a dead City, and she needed the voice of the Prophet to awaken her.

The Awakening of a Great City

Observe:-

1<sup>st</sup> What puts a City to sleep. I Evil institutions  
II Bad laws. III Poorly regulated homes  
IV An inconsistent Church.

2<sup>nd</sup> Why the City needs to awake and put on strength. A) She is the City <sup>Center</sup> of activity.  
B) She has special facilities for service  
C) She receives 80% of the emigrant population.

3<sup>rd</sup> How a City may be awaked from sleep. I By public schools II By pure politics. III By a consistent Church.

Amen

Ch. 26-73 John 3:12 μ

When at great cost we have sought and obtained important information upon some subject it pains us to have people receive that information with suspicion and unbelief. If this is true with us who know we are imperfect, what must have been the heart ache and pain of the Lord Jesus when the people failed to believe the things that He told them. The Crucifixion nails and spear did not pierce Him more than the unbelief of those to whom in person He brought the message of love and redemption. The Master knew that so long as the people failed

John 3:12

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to believe Him that the gate way  
to the field of service was closed  
against Him. History tells us  
that time and time again God  
has been prohibited from man-  
ifesting His power in behalf of  
men because of their unbelief.  
And we know that God has not been  
allowed to do the mighty <sup>work</sup> in our  
hearts that He has desired to do  
because of our unbelief.

Let us observe The Destructive  
Influence of Unbelief in Religious Life

- 1<sup>st</sup> It keeps God from giving us information  
concerning Himself and the Kingdom.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> It keeps God from manifesting His power  
in our behalf.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> It keeps us from cooperating  
with our brethren.
- 4<sup>th</sup> It makes us weak and de-  
structive in our activities.
- 5<sup>th</sup> It may be overcome by prayer  
study and consecrated labor.

May each of us keep close to God  
so that the Holy Spirit may create belief  
and faith in us men

Oct. 26-'13 Mark 9:27 ✓

Most of us have been accustomed to make a great deal out of our own Conversion and the Conversion of others. And we are too apt to get an idea that the hardest part of our religious life is over. But the fact is that at time of our transformation we may be weakest of all and may be in the greatest need of assistance. Let us learn from our text:

- 1<sup>st</sup> That the process through which Satan puts men leaves them very weak and almost helpless.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> That man is in constant need of divine service and aid

- 3<sup>rd</sup> That the divine process in lifting men is a never failing process.

May we realize the nearness of the Lord Jesus to help us in times of need.

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Dec. 28-'13 Matt. 27: Part 22 V

Usually the disposition that we make of a person who claims our attention is governed controlled and determined by the character of the person and the importance of the matter he represents. And according to this rule each of us is to ask himself the question that shall I do with Jesus? If we could consider and dispose of Jesus as we consider and dispose of men we should hardly need to ask the question, for it would be a comparatively easy matter. For most men are satisfied to be considered and disposed of according to our estimation of their ruling quality. Hence the Musician, the lawyer, machinist and so on are willing to be considered and disposed of from the viewpoint of their professions. But Jesus appeals to us to consider and dispose

of Him not as the simple exponent  
- of a profession but as the embodi-  
- ment of every virtue as the repos-  
- itory of all wisdom, knowledge  
and truth as the expression of  
godness, holiness and righteous-  
ness. He demands the place of  
authority in all matters that  
are worth while. Hence the  
question what shall I do with  
Him. Let us observe that we shall  
do with Jesus: -

1<sup>st</sup> In our domestic life?

2<sup>nd</sup> In our <sup>intellectual and</sup> social life?

3<sup>rd</sup> In our Civic life?

4<sup>th</sup> In our business life?

5<sup>th</sup> In our Religious life?

May we always remember that  
the Holy Spirit has been given  
that He may help us to make  
the proper disposition of Jesus.

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Amen

Dec. 28-'13 John 1:16 μ

When a gift comes into our possession it is an occasion for rejoicing. But when we receive knowledge of the nature and value of the gift it is an occasion for even greater rejoicing. But the reception and perfect knowledge of the nature and value of a gift do not give us its greatest blessing and benefit. And so John tells us that receiving Jesus simply gave men power to become the sons of God.

Jesus coming into the world gives every man access to His fullness. Indeed we may say that it puts His fullness at the disposal of every man. He hardly need to ask of what the fullness of Christ consists. All that God is He is. He only need to become acquainted with God and His attributes in order to



Know the John 1:16 2  
of Christ. Let us observe:-

1<sup>st</sup> " That in the fall of Adam  
man lost every thing

2<sup>nd</sup> " That in the exaltation  
of Christ man regained  
all that he lost through  
the fall of Adam.

3<sup>rd</sup> " That if we need God at  
all we need all of  
Him.

4<sup>th</sup> " That Jesus established  
the Church as a dispen-  
sing agency of His full-  
ness.

May all of us enjoy the fullness  
of Christ. Amen

Dec. 21-13 P.S. 84: 4  $\mu$

From the time that Abel erected his altar to the present time men have been erecting altars where they might go and worship God. These altars have varied according to the Country and age in which they have been erected. Where Civilization has been in its infancy the altar and the service of the altar have been crude and unpretentious. But where Civilization has been advanced the altar and altar service have been more elaborate and formal. Let us consider at this time:-  
Church Service, Its Nature and Purpose.

- 1<sup>st</sup> It is human and divine.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> It is Co-operative.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> It is inspirational.
- 4<sup>th</sup> The rules for it are to be found in the word of God.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Its impulse must come from the Holy Spirit.
- 6<sup>th</sup> What the special need of Non-ritualistic Churches is.

Amen

Nov. 30-73 Heb. 6:18, 19,

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The vacillating unstable uncertain  
Condition of (almost) everything  
with which we as mortals have  
to do puts us in need of a strong  
incentive to service and sacrifice.  
Hope is such an incentive.  
Hope is strong firm intensive  
or weak and vacillating according  
to its association. If hope is  
associated with a great strong  
Character it will be strong. It  
is this kind of hope about which  
we speak at this time. It is a hope  
which is associated with the Lord Jesus.  
Let us observe:—

1<sup>st</sup> That our hope is a reasonable hope

2<sup>nd</sup> That our hope is a constant hope  
It is for every age.

3<sup>rd</sup> That our hope is a universal hope.  
It is for all peoples.

May this hope spur us on to greater service.  
And if need be may we be willing to make  
sacrifices for the cause we represent.  
Amén

Nov. 30-73    Acts 16:5    μ

The members of any organization if they are intelligent wish to know just as much as possible about that organization. So with members of the Church, they desire or should desire to know the aim and purpose of the Church. So this is our inquiry "What is the Business - the Aim and Purpose - of the Christian Church?" We observe:—

1<sup>st</sup> To be prepared for efficient service.

2<sup>nd</sup> To look after God's interest on earth.

3<sup>rd</sup> To look after man's interest on earth and in heaven.

May the Holy Spirit teach each of us just what the business of the Church is  
— Amen —

Dec. 7-13

Sept. 24-71 Matt. 13: 24-30  $\mu$

With the many opportunities that come to us for doing good; with all the safeguards that God has placed about us and with the guide whom he has given to lead us we are made often to wonder why it is that we make such slow progress and that there is so much of the bad and worthless in us. Why are the tares so prominent, why do they grow so rapidly? Are questions that concern every child of God. These things must continue to puzzle and mystify us until we understand the nature of the Kingdom of God. God's method is one of mercy, gentleness, patience, long suffering and forbearance. Let us learn from this parable;

Matt. 13:24-30 2

1<sup>st</sup> That God's work is always good and perfect.

2<sup>nd</sup> That God's work is Exposed to the influence of the Evil One.

3<sup>rd</sup> That good and evil grow at the same time and in the same soil.

4<sup>th</sup> That divine wisdom must always accompany the zeal and anxiety of God's people if they are to be profitable.

5<sup>th</sup> That God always manifests His wisdom in the progress of His Kingdom.

Let us rejoice always to know that God has graciously chosen us to be wheat in His garner.

— Amice —

Dec. 14-1913 Ps. 40: 1

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There are times when we are expected to and must take the initiative when we are expected to be aggressive to take the lead. And there are times when we are expected to wait until the Command is given; wait and receive orders. There just man and man are concerned it is not always easy to decide who should take the lead, who should wait and receive orders. But in matters when God and man are concerned there can never be a question as to who should take the initiative and who should wait and receive orders. The first Chapter and the very first verse and line of Genesis tells us what the order is; In the beginning was God and continuing in the Chapter we read God said and it was done.

Ps. 40:1

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But there is no state of mind that requires so much faith as the state of waiting. Let us Consider at this time Waiting For The Lord and Its Reward: Hebrews:-

1<sup>st</sup> That it is the crying mourning sorrowing state of mind that waits for the Lord.

2<sup>nd</sup> That those who wait for the Lord have faith in Him.

3<sup>rd</sup> That those who wait for the Lord ~~have~~ are interested in those things in which the Lord is interested.

4<sup>th</sup> That those who wait for the Lord wait prayerfully and patiently.

5<sup>th</sup> That those who wait for the Lord are always amply rewarded.

May the Holy Spirit make each of us to know for whom we are waiting when we are waiting for the Lord. Amen



Dec. 14-13 I John 1: L.C. 7 + V

There have been some remedies for the ills of life that worked well once. But we have long since outgrown and discarded them because we have something better. But <sup>there</sup> is no improvement to be made upon the remedy that God has given for sin. This remedy like the remedy for many physical maladies is given under different names. It is called power, strength, truth, and love. But in our text this remedy is called blood which means life. So we might read our text thus: The life of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth from all sin. For when the life of God is there can be no sin. Every man who gives any consideration to the words of our text wants to know how the blood of Jesus cleanseth from all sin. This great remedy that cometh down through the centuries

Sept. 3-71 Ps. 26:1,2 μ

Judgements, examinations and testings must determine the real value of our endeavors, our toils and our labors. Under this rule many a piece of painting, sculpturing and carving has <sup>been</sup> assigned to the refuse pile. Many a written article has been thrown into the waste basket and needle work of apparent merit has <sup>been</sup> assigned to the rag bag. So many a man that would be a general, lawyer, mechanic, doctor etc. has under this rule of judging, testing and examining been made to take his place among the insignificant and unworthy. There are many however who are true to the light they have, who take

PS. 26: 1, 2

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Advantage of the opportunities that come to them; they work faithfully and hard. These obey laws and apply given rules and are willing therefore and even desirous to be judged, examined, tested. Let us observe:-

1<sup>st</sup> The Nature of God's judgement  
a) It is universal - it is for all men every where. b) It is immutable - never changes - death is always the price of sin. c) It is a wise judgement - God makes no mistakes - He can't afford to appeal from His decision.

2<sup>nd</sup> The Aim of God's judgement. a) To establish faith and confidence in ourselves and others - Take away fear. b) To determine our place here and hereafter - that we may be of greatest service and most happy.

3<sup>rd</sup> The Method of God's judgement.  
a) According to His law - none other counted  
b) According to the evidence of His Son and the Holy Spirit - These are true witnesses.  
Let us count it a privilege to have such a judge. Amen

Nov. 23-'13  
Oct. 2nd '04

Ps. 55:22

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If the burdens of life, <sup>were only</sup> material burdens no one would hesitate, when fatigued and tired to relieve himself. But just how to cast the sorrows and griefs of life upon the Lord is not understood without some difficulty. The man who would cast his burdens upon the Lord need not try to separate his burdens from himself. For that he can not do. The Lord would accept us just as we are and when he has us in his possession he can and will relieve us of our burdens.

We observe:—

- 1<sup>st</sup> That in order to cast our burdens upon the Lord we must know him and live in communion with him.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> We must not consult self but simply obey the command. Do not mistake Satan for the Lord. Ill the lawyer and the Lord. The doctor and the Lord.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> When we are relieved of our burdens we will be left and sustained.

May each one of us receive the invitation with joy. And use it at all times.

Amen

Nov. 23- '13    I Peter 1:5    μ

One of the most comforting and encouraging thoughts that we entertain is this: that great and wonderful as God is He places Himself at our disposal: that we may receive our every need from Him.

Let us observe:—

- 1<sup>st</sup> That our strength and usefulness depend upon the source and nature of our power
- 2<sup>nd</sup> That we receive power according to our capacity for and ability to use it. Power is valuable and is not given to be wasted.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> That power is given to be used in every phase of life and under all circumstances. It is not to be resisted or restricted.

May God grant His power unto each of us according to our many needs

— Amen —

Nov. 16 - '73 ✓  
April 23-1911 II Kings 6: 16, 17 ✓

The scene described in our text is in Dothan a little town over in Palestine near the Mediterranean sea. Israel and Syria are the two Kingdoms and Jehoram and Benhadad are the two Kings concerned. But the central figure in this is not a King nor a great Army-officer. He is simply a prophet who knows and believes and obeys God. It is Elisha. When he dared to warn Jehoram King of Israel against the intrigues of Benhadad King of Syria he exposed himself to the wrath of this King who sent an army to Dothan to take him prisoner. Gehazi swore one morning to find the little town of Dothan in which he and his Master Elisha

II Kings 6: 16, 17 2

were making their home besieged by a Syrian Army. Through the intercession of the prophet the young man's fears were dispelled by a vision of the heavenly host which God had sent to protect his servant Elisha. Hence the words of our text. Let us consider:-

### God's Reserve Our Strength

1<sup>st</sup> His Reserve in Nature our physical strength.

2<sup>nd</sup> His Reserve in Society our moral strength.

3<sup>rd</sup> His Reserve in Politics our Civic strength.

4<sup>th</sup> His Reserve in Spirit our Religious strength.

May our eyes be opened and we have a vision of the mighty forces that God has in reserve for us.

Amen

Aug. 31-13 Matt. 6: L.C. 8 p

When the governor or ruler is ignorant of our real condition it is doubly hard to get him favorably to consider our petition. But when the ruler is familiar with our condition it is a comparatively easy matter to <sup>get</sup> our petitions favorably considered and granted. God is such a ruler. He knows all about us. He knows our real needs and has accordingly made ample provision for them. Let us observe: —

1<sup>st</sup> That our approach to God is made easy.  
" Because He is our Father  
a) He understands Him b) We believe in Him  
c) We love Him d) We serve Him.

2<sup>nd</sup> " Because He knows the things as well as the spirit we need.  
a) He knows when we need new friends b) He knows when we need new employment. c) He knows when we need rest and recreation.

3<sup>rd</sup> " Because He has provided the things that each one of us needs.  
a) Material things b) Mental powers c) Spiritual gifts.

May we always rejoice in our God-father who has made ample provision for all our needs.  
Amen



July 6-'13 Ps. 2:1  $\mu$

The most important matter with which we have to do is our religious-spiritual life. In it we may and should employ the faculties that God has given to us in building up and strengthening it. We very early learn the use and value of faith hope and love. But there are other powers-faculties-virtues of which we have made too little use in our religious life. The imagination is such a power. So we shall give our attention at this time to the study of The Proper and Improper Use of The Imagination In Our Religious Life We observe:—

1<sup>st</sup> How to prepare for proper imagination! a) select the proper subject upon which to think b) Entertain reasonable thoughts about the subject. c) Keeping the body and Mind in a healthy condition.

2<sup>nd</sup> How the imagination helps us in our Religious life! a) It lifts above our present condition b) It sets us in touch with ridler possessions. c) Through it we triumph when we should otherwise suffer defeat.

3<sup>rd</sup> When we need to use our imagination a) When knowledge is limited. b) In adversity. c) At the beginning of a great undertaking.

4<sup>th</sup> About what and whom we need to use our imagination a) About God and His provision for us. b) The place of our eternal abode.

— Amen —

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Mark 1: 19, 20

on this occasion to be His  
disciples were fishermen  
and were mending their nets.  
Let us learn from our text:—

1<sup>st</sup> That preparation for Christian  
service is a very important  
duty and should be recognized  
by every man.

2<sup>nd</sup> That men are prepared for  
the service of the Lord in  
various ways and places.

3<sup>rd</sup> That when men are faith-  
ful in preparation God  
calls them into prac-  
tical service.

May He means that God has  
put into our hands with  
which to serve Him be kept  
in a good working condition.

Amen

Mark. 2-13 Mark. 3:17 V.

The work in which God's people are is real and hard and we are in constant need of strength and encouragement. But in the face of the failures and defeats of our fellow-men we grow suspicious of their ability to give us real strength or very much encouragement. So for real strength and encouragement we must look to God. As He speaks to us in words like these found here in our text. The firmness and positiveness to God always present when speaking inspire us and make us feel that our labor is not all in vain!

Gal. 3:17

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We shall consider God's  
Special Possession  
Let us observe:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> That God's special possession is very valuable.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> That God's special possession is a permanent possession.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> How God's special possession is obtained
- 4<sup>th</sup> How God's special possession is prepared for use.

Let us who have been re-  
deemed never undervalue  
ourselves. And let us seek  
by every means possible  
to get our fellow-men put  
the proper estimate upon  
themselves. Amen

Near. 2-13 Mal. 3:16 μ

After God's chosen people had spent more than a half century in Babylonian Captivity it seems that they had enough of the world and its bitter fruits, while then to make <sup>them</sup> spiritual-ally minded. But just to the contrary the majority of the people departed from the teaching of the prophets and robbed God of what was due Him. The prophets had only a very few who thought that it was necessary to obey and serve God. Of these our text gives us a concise but encouraging account. If we observe we shall find

Mal. 3:16

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that we are living in a  
age marked by conditions  
Very much <sup>like</sup> those Con-  
ditions described by  
the prophet Malachi.

Let us observe:-

1<sup>st</sup> The influence that different  
ages and conditions have on  
God's Chosen people.

2<sup>nd</sup> Conditions that require the  
special consideration and  
discussion of God's Chosen  
people.

3<sup>rd</sup> That the Considerations and  
discussions of God's Chosen  
people are not without His  
attention.

May each of us who feel  
that he belongs to God fear  
Him and think upon His  
name. And may we speak often  
one to another about the Good-  
ness and love of God.

Amen

Feb. 23-73 Rom. 10: 13-15 ✓

In a country like ours, where in a strict sense of the word there is no aristocracy and where social distinctions are so slight there is a feeling of equality among the people which has a certain pernicious effect upon their religious life. And this effect is greater among those who follow the evangelical forms of Protestantism than among those who follow the ritualistic branch of the Christian Church. Hence there are many who make no use of the means which God has appointed for their salvation and yet boast of being as good as anybody else and speak confidently of being saved here and hereafter.



Rom. 10:13-15 2

We are not apt to be concerned about being lost until we know we are lost. And we can never know that we in our sinful state are lost until we know what God's plan and purpose are concerning us. Then we need to know what God's plan of salvation is and adjust ourselves to it. We observe:-

1<sup>st</sup> "That messengers are necessary to our salvation.

2<sup>nd</sup> That our salvation depends upon God sending the messengers to us.

3<sup>rd</sup> "That our salvation depends upon the messengers delivering the message that they have received from God.

4<sup>th</sup> "That our salvation depends upon our believing and obeying the message that has been sent to us.

Let those of us who have heard the message of salvation obey it and tell it to others.

Amen

Feb. 23-13 Deut. 31: L.C. 2 μ

The river Jordan is often used to symbolize the dividing line between life and death, the pleasant and the unpleasant. But I think we may use it with equal propriety to symbolize the dividing <sup>line</sup> between our hopes, our aspirations and their realization. Let us not believe as many do that God prohibited Moses from entering the land of Canaan as a means of punishing him alone. But that God desired to save him from the many unpleasant things that he would have experienced had he gone with the people into the land of Canaan. The Jordans that come oftentimes into your life and come not necessarily because we are above all other bad and sinful people.

Deut. 31: L.C. 2

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But they come for our good.  
God's Goodness and Mercy Manifested  
In Our Frustrated Plans.

Let us learn:—

1<sup>st</sup> That our plans are often frustrated  
because we are not ready and prepared to  
carry them out.

2<sup>nd</sup> That our plans are often frustrated,  
that others may not be injured.

3<sup>rd</sup> That our plans are often frustrated  
so as to make us humble  
and meek.

4<sup>th</sup> That we always expect our  
plans to be frustrated if  
they are not made in the  
fear of God.

May we always seek to know  
God's will before we attempt  
any plans.

— Amen —

Mark. 23-13 Math. 27:64  
28:2,3,4 μ

The path that the Lord Jesus pursued to the place of fame and eminence, triumph and victory and glory was no royal path. But it was by the way of opposition, trial and difficulty. Like the members of His army HE had to fight in order to win. His Crown was reached by the way of the cross and suffering. He was constantly called upon to prove His right to the position that HE demanded among men and in the world. Not even His most intimate followers and disciples were satisfied with His quiet unpretentious demeanor. They desired Him to prove His Messiahship by wonders and Miracles and Signs. The place

27:64  
Matt 28:2,3,4

that the world has accorded to Jesus  
has always been small, mean  
and narrow. A thousand times  
since the Lord Jesus was bur-  
ied in Joseph's new tomb He  
has been entombed in the  
dark flinty sepulchers of pre-  
judice, doubt, unbelief, bigotry  
and selfishness. And it has al-  
ways been by His divinity and  
algebraic aid that He has burst  
the bands asunder and come  
forth victorious. So we sing  
to-day His glory and honor  
not alone because He came  
victorious out of Joseph's tomb.  
But we sing and praise Him  
because His march through  
the centuries has been one  
steady march of triumph.

Matt. 27: 64  
Matt. 28: 2, 3, 4

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over sin and ignorance and  
superstition. Let us learn from  
our text:—

1<sup>st</sup> y.  
" That the life and Cause of God  
are independent of and su-  
perior to men.

2<sup>nd</sup> y.  
" That the life and power of God are  
not dependent upon any one  
condition or circumstance for  
expression. We often look in the  
wrong direction for life and power.  
They are not on earth but in  
heaven.

3<sup>rd</sup> y.  
" That the world is apt to over-  
estimate man's power and abil-  
ity to destroy the Cause of God  
and righteousness.

4<sup>th</sup> y.  
" The folly and untrustworthiness  
of human security.

Let us rejoice in the fact that  
Christ has risen from the dead  
and become the first fruits of  
them that sleep  
in men.

May 11-13 Matt. 20:23 + V

Few men realize what it means to make an Expedition <sup>into</sup> the suffering and sorrow and grief of our Lord.

When espousing his cause most of us think the advantage and the personal gain that may be in it for <sup>us</sup> them. How necessary it is for us to know the meaning of the Cup of the Lord and his baptism before we can understand what it means for us to share these experiences.

Let us learn:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> That the Cup of the Lord means Pain suffering sorrow and Grief.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> That the Cup of the Lord means ingratitude unthankfulness.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> That the Cup of the Lord means scorn, disgrace and shame.
- 4<sup>th</sup> That after the Cup come Hope, Confidence, Knowledge, understanding Joy, Victory, Glory and Life eternal.

May we count it a privilege to take the Cup of the Lord.

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Amen

May 11-23 I Peter 2:13-17 μ

I think most of <sup>us</sup> in the common walks  
of life are constantly annoyed  
and chafed by some unjust  
unrighteous ~~and~~ legislation. local  
state or national. And this we  
may expect so long as men's  
minds are carnal, so long  
as they remain ignorant of God's  
program for the world.

We observe:—

- 1<sup>st</sup> That all law and legislation are to be viewed and  
considered in the light of their effect upon  
the Kingdom of God.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> That the acts of Kings and Governors can  
mean only praise for those who do well but  
punishment for evil doers.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> That the superior wisdom of God's people  
puts them under obligation to be mild  
and patient in dealing with the acts  
of the world many of which must be regarded  
as ignorant and foolish.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> That our freedom-liberty puts us under  
obligation to be the servants of God not  
of ourselves nor of other men.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> That God has given His grace to us that we  
may be respectful and courteous in our  
attitude towards all men; that we may  
be fraternal in dealing with our fellow-  
men; that we may fear God and honor the  
King.
- May God help us always to know and do our duty  
Amen



May 4 - '13 Luke 2:49 pc

A business a real business even of men is not easily understood and mastered. Children need years of training before they are able to grasp the business of their fathers. It is not to be wondered at then that Joseph and Mary did not understand God's Business as it appeared and appealed to the Lord Jesus. The Father's Business shall be our thought at this hour. to observe:

1<sup>st</sup> The nature and purpose of God's business:  
It is a) Evangelical b) Social c) Spiritual.  
d) Cooperative.

2<sup>nd</sup> That God's business is important and necessary.  
1 - Only by it are men saved. 2 - Only by it will peace be established in the world.

3<sup>rd</sup> That the headquarters of God's business is not to be found in some particular branch of the Church nor in some great Convention, Conference or Synod. But in Heaven.

4<sup>th</sup> That God's Business is promoted by Consecrated men and women through a) Sacrifice b) Prayer c) Love d) Harmony and Union.

May each of us be so trained by the Holy Spirit that we shall realize just how important God's business is. And that like the Lord Jesus may be about our Father's business.

Amen

April 27-13 Acts 4: 13 v

The simple study of some great men will say any man <sup>will</sup> <sup>be</sup> <sup>able</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>come</sup> <sup>into</sup> <sup>contact</sup> <sup>with</sup> <sup>them</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>liberal</sup> <sup>education</sup>. So these men had been with Jesus and therefore become bold and wise.

The Study of Jesus. observe:

1<sup>st</sup> That it is a life subject.

2<sup>nd</sup> That it is a large subject.

3<sup>rd</sup> That it has a good effect upon men. a) It makes men see themselves as they really are. b) It gives them an eager desire to become like Jesus.

4<sup>th</sup> That it makes men love Jesus.

5<sup>th</sup> That it makes men wise and bold. Gentle, and meek.

May each of us take advantage of the opportunity to study Jesus.  
Amen

April 27 '13 Acts 4:17 pc

The gospel message had not proceeded very far before it met severe opposition from the very people who you would expect to defend it. Thus it has often been the very people who ought to be interested in and support a good join in with every and oppose it.

The Value and Importance of Free Speech in Religious Life. We observe:

- 1<sup>st</sup> That the Character of the Cause of Christ demands free speech.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> That the growth and progress of those who espouse the Cause of Christ demands free speech.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> That the extension of the Kingdom requires untrammelled free speech.

Let us remember that Christ's freedom makes us free indeed and therefore we have freedom of speech.

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April 13-13 I Cor. 2:1,2 + V

As most men look back upon the beginning of their careers they do so with shame and regret. For they realize that they were doing <sup>the</sup> work of a novice and therefore made many blunders and mistakes. But not so with the Apostle Paul and his preaching. For under the guidance of the Holy Spirit he started right and in a way that he could keep up through out his apostolic career. Let us learn:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> "That a Christian life in order to be successful and helpful must be simple and unpretentious in its beginning.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> "That a successful Christian life must start with a strong definite, positive determination not to know too many things.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> "That a successful Christian life must see in the Crucified Christ all that is worth knowing.

May each of us learn from our text the secret of a Christian life that is a success. Amen

Apr. 20-'13 Acts 17:28 V

I suppose there is no subject that has caused men so much serious thought and anxiety as the subject of life. From time immemorial men have speculated about its origin its nature and its purpose and the conclusions they have <sup>come to</sup> have always determined their deportment, their actions and their manner of living. When they have concluded that life has its origin in the material they have been materialistic, carnal in their thinking and acting. But when they have concluded that life originates with God they have been spiritual in their thinking and acting. So we see how very important it is for us to

Acts 17:28

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get the right idea of life. There  
are some facts that we are not com-  
pelled to know in order to live  
and have real joy and pleasure.  
But these things we must know.  
Let us learn:—

1<sup>st</sup> That man does not get the  
right conception of himself  
until he get God's Conception.

2<sup>nd</sup> That man can get real  
joy and comfort out of his  
only as he recognizes its  
divine source.

3<sup>rd</sup> That we can be certain  
of success in life  
only as God prompts  
and directs our actions.

May the Holy Spirit teach us  
the real value of our  
life because it comes  
from God; Amen.

Apr. 20- '13 Matt. 9: 17 μ

In our natural state we may have some virtues and many noble traits. But they are not religion. Religion is a new possession with a richer meaning with greater power. It is folly for one to expect to control his religious life in the same way in which he controls his secular life. Religion gives a new meaning to every virtue and noble quality that the natural man possesses. Love becomes real, sacrifice unselfish, forbearance becomes a pleasure, honesty, justice and truth become a necessity. Under the influence of religion, righteousness ceases to be legalism and becomes a principle in the soul. The natural man gain his

victories through carnal might  
and power the religious man  
achieves success <sup>through</sup> meekness,  
patience and prayer. Let us  
observe:—

1<sup>st</sup> That the man who receives  
the doctrines of Christ be-  
comes a new Creature. Old  
things pass away, all things  
become new.

2<sup>nd</sup> That only the new spiritual mind  
renewed by the Holy Spirit can  
retain the doctrines of Christ.

3<sup>rd</sup> That the new spiritual mind  
retains the truths of Christ's  
doctrines and makes use  
of them in times of emergency.

May each of us allow the  
Holy Spirit to renew our  
minds constantly so that  
we may be prepared to receive  
the great things that God is  
willing and waiting to give to  
every one who delights in Him  
Amen



April 13-'13 Jer. 31:31-34 pc

God has always been very patient and merciful in dealing with men. He has used every means possible to enable them to understand Him. And to obey Him in all their lives. Let us learn:

- 1<sup>st</sup> That God gives us promises according to our needs.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> That God honors men by entering ~~into~~ into covenants or agreements with them.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> That God has great confidence in the individual or people who will enter into a covenant with Him.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> That <sup>God</sup> always gives us His truth according to our preparation for it.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> That God makes it possible in His new Covenant for all classes of men to know Him and to be pardoned of their sins.
- May always try to keep our Covenant with God
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- Amen

Apr. 6-'13 Math. 9:1,2 V

The Lord Jesus was exemplary in all His <sup>life</sup> But some of His examples may appeal to us more than others. His example of obedience and studiousness during His childhood; His interest in Civic righteousness, in justice and honesty; His love for His home City and His people all appeal to us in a special way. Let us observe:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> The use Jesus makes of material things.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Jesus' interest in His own City
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Conditions in Jesus' City
  - 4<sup>th</sup> The attitude of the people toward Jesus in His own City
  - 5<sup>th</sup> How Jesus showed His interest in His own City.
- May God help us to be interested in our City and Home. Amen.

April 6-13 Dan. 6:24 μ

Carnal ambition has always clamored for the conspicuous place among men, for the esteem and popularity of the world. Men have never been wanting who strive to excel in that which pleases and gets the favor of men. But the man who is striving to excel in loyalty to God, in faithfulness in spiritual service; the man who is willing to be falsely accused, to be tried and condemned for the right does not have many competitors. Daniel was such a man. And we can not be too familiar with his history. Over and over again we

Dan. 6: 24

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have seen how empty and un-  
trustworthy the praise and esteem  
that men give to us are. So  
we do well to sit at the feet  
of the servants of God who have  
been faithful through all  
the ages and learn the sec-  
ret and meaning of true es-  
teem and praise. For they  
come from Him who one  
day shall say to all the faithful  
Come ye blessed of my Father inherit  
the Kingdom prepared for you from  
before the foundation of the world.  
Let us learn:—

1<sup>st</sup> That God's people should always be ex-  
amples and instructors in suffering and  
endure bearing.

2<sup>nd</sup> That the testimony we prepare for our bre-  
thren we should be prepared to stand  
ourselves.

3<sup>rd</sup> That men in all their acts and  
dealing with their fellow men should  
always remember their obligation to  
the members of their families.

Let us not forget that we too are in  
the hands of the King and that he will  
reward us according to our deeds.

Amen

June 29-'13 Gal. 2:20 μ

Our passing through great and trying ordeals does not determine what the effect will be upon us. The way in which we pass through the ordeal must determine the effect. A man passing through the jungles of Africa unarm'd would become the prey of the first wild beast that he might meet. A man in the Polar regions unprotected would soon perish from exposure. The diver working on the bottom of the sea is safe because he is encased in a diver's suit and receives plenty of fresh air from above. And so the Apostle Paul tells us that he passed through an ordeal that ordinarily means death. But that he passed through it in such a way as to be much alive when he was through. And this truth he has written for our good and encouragement. For we too must pass through

Gal. 2:20

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quar and trying ordeals. What is  
the secret of passing through that  
which ordinarily brings sick-  
ness, sorrow and death  
and coming out in good  
health full of joy and life?

It is being properly related  
to Him who is Master of  
all Natural as of Spiritual Con-  
ditions.

Success in Spiritual Services  
Depends upon:-

1<sup>st</sup> Our recognizing the life that sur-  
vives.

2<sup>nd</sup> Our knowing the source of the  
life that survives.

3<sup>rd</sup> Our knowing the nature of the  
life that survives.

May we count it a privilege to  
be Crucified with our Lord  
that we may inherit all  
the life that is His  
Amen

July 27 '73 Luke 8:10 A.F.A.M.

Religion and fraternalism are so closely related and are so similar in many particulars that <sup>at</sup> times one has been taken for the other. In divine operations one recognizes and emphasizes the trinity of God the other recognizes and emphasizes the unity of God. One thinks of God as the Creator Preserver and Redeemer of the world, the other thinks of Him as the great Architect of the universe. Both religion and fraternalism draw men away from the emptiness and mockery of the world. Both entreat their members to love and seek wisdom, knowledge and truth. The <sup>mastery of</sup> signs, symbols and mysteries of fraternalism ~~is~~ calculated to lead men to inquire into

Luke 8:10 ~~AFAM~~ 2

the deeper mysteries of the Kingdom of God. men with consecrated hearts who master material subjects are better qualified to grapple with and master spiritual subjects. And so as a representative of religion pure and simple I address you as representatives of both religion and fraternalism and remind you of the fact that to you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God. Let us observe:—

- 1<sup>st</sup> The class of men addressed—the initiated.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> By whom addressed—one who has authority—the Master.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> That to these men the gift of knowledge is presented.

- 4<sup>th</sup> That this knowledge is presented to enable men to master a specific thing—mystery of the Kingdom.

- 5<sup>th</sup> That the Kingdom of God includes every subject that man needs to consider.

May our ability to solve the mystery of the Kingdom manifest more diligent in service.

— Amen —



Oct. 19- '13 Mark 16:16 B V

So long as the race of man continues to be human just so long shall we need help and encouragement in learning <sup>doing</sup> the right. In our religious life the Ceremonies and rites become our greatest aids. They tell us <sup>of</sup> something real toward which we are tending. Baptism has in it volumes of history and information.

The outline:-

1<sup>st</sup> The purpose of Baptism

2<sup>nd</sup> The mode of Baptism

3<sup>rd</sup> The Candidate for Baptism.

4<sup>th</sup> What Comes after Baptism.

May the Holy Spirit make known to each of us the full meaning of the Rite of Baptism.  
— Amen —

Feb. 9-13 John 12:37 + V

For the people to have had Jesus,  
so honest, so true and sincere  
among them, doing all the mighty  
things that He did do ought  
to have been enough to make  
them believe on Him. But they  
were so given over to their  
sin that they would not al-  
low themselves to be influenced  
by Him. Let us learn!

**THE WORK OF JESUS, HOW IT  
SHOULD EFFECT US**

1st "It was a great work

2nd "It was a thorough work.

3rd "It was a work of love."

4th "It was a universal work"

By God's grace let us make a  
better record than they who were  
gathered about Him here upon earth

Amen

Jan. 5- '13 I Cor. 7: 22 pe

Slaves can never be officials in a government. They may be menials doing the drudgery. But in the Kingdom of God there are no menials nor drudgery. Every one must occupy an official position. As the Apostle puts it, We are Kings and Priests unto our God. One of the very first things the divine plan of salvation does for those who wish to become citizens in the Kingdom of God is to secure their freedom.

No man who is in mental or spiritual bondage can serve God acceptably. The Holy Spirit whom God has given to be the teacher and guide of men can not work successfully with the man who chooses to remain in bondage. We enjoy no freedom to day that has not been purchased at great price. Let us

I Cor. 7:22

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learn:-

1<sup>st</sup> What freedom costs.

a) Old acquaintances and those whom we have held as friends. b) Old Customs and ideas. c) Old occupation location

2<sup>nd</sup> Who they are that secure freedom for us. a) Unselfish men b) Brave Courageous men. c) Wise intelligent men. men of understanding. d) Industrious men.

3<sup>rd</sup> The aim and purpose of freedom. a) To give men a better chance. b) To make men more interested. c) To make men more useful.

4<sup>th</sup> The free man's influence and power. I He is able to help others into freedom. II He can speak with authority with which the slave can never speak.

Let us rejoice in the fact that we have been liberated from the bondage of sin through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

June 22-'13 Mark 9:8 V

A great leader becomes the center of attraction in two ways, one is by conquering all others the other way is by towering so high above all others that he alone is seen. This is true with Jesus, he towers so high above all others that to the enraptured disciples he is the center of attraction. This mountain scene was prophetic of the power and influence that Jesus has exerted and is to exert in this old world. He observed:-

1<sup>st</sup> That men need to get alone with Jesus independent of all the doctrines about Him.

2<sup>nd</sup> That Jesus will fill the life of those who get alone with Him.

3<sup>rd</sup> That to remedy the ills of this world is the work of Christianity. If alone can do it. May we see so much in Jesus that we shall not bother about anything else.

Amos

June 22-'13 Phil. 4:13 μ

The man who makes great assertions concerning any thing or person is required by the thinking world to give his authority. The man who claims that he is able to launch a great industrial or commercial movement is required by business men to tell by what financial institution or by wealthy individual he is backed in the movement. Thoughtful people are no longer carried away with the statements and assertions of men.

Let us learn from our text:—

- 1<sup>st</sup> The spirit of a man under divine command. Full of faith and positive.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> That the man of God has large enterprises they have to do with his God and his neighbor.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> That the man of God has the very best backing in all his undertakings.

May each of give full value to the strength that God has engaged to give us through His Son our Savior.

Amen

June 15-'13 I Cor. 4: 20 pc

Every Kingdom - every nation has some great outstanding quality for which it is noted and which makes it great. So the Kingdom of God stands for Power which manifests itself in various ways transforming men and nations.

At our time the power of the Kingdom may appear as holiness another time as wisdom and so on. Let us learn:

- 1<sup>st</sup> That the power of the Kingdom consists  
" in goodness justice love and truth.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> That this power is for every one  
not for a chosen few.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> That we may obtain this power  
by seeking the Kingdom.
- 4<sup>th</sup> That this power is extended  
into all the world and  
into every legitimate phase  
of life by those who have be-  
come real citizens in the Kingdom.

— Amen —

June 15-'13 Josh. 8: F.C. 1 V

Ability to encourage our fellow men who are engaged in the battles of life is to be coveted by every one of us. When the battle for each individual is so hard and each one is trying to excel it is a great accomplishment to have the ability to encourage. In order to encourage then:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> He must be intelligent concerning the battle that is being fought.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> He must be unprejudiced and unselfish.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> He must be honest and truthful - mean what we say and do.
- 4<sup>th</sup> In order to obtain encouragement we must look to the right source.

May every one of us look to God for encouragement in the battles of life  
Amen



June 8-1913 Acts 2:42 + V

While doctrine and Ceremonies do not constitute the life of the Church yet the life of the Church depends upon their observance. The Church or individual that fails to obey the doctrine and to take part in the Ceremonies that are prescribed in God's word can not very long maintain the life and spirit of Christ. Our text tell us what the custom of the disciples in the early Church was. Let us learn it

- 1<sup>st</sup> The meaning and value of apostolic succession.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> The need of fellowship in the church.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> The place and value of prayer in Church life.

May the Holy Spirit give everyone of us to know the meaning of the apostles doctrine. And may we endeavor to carry out its meaning our daily lives

— Amen —

June 8-13 I Cor. 15: 58  
I Cor 3 F.C. 9

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Upon first looking at the words of our text we may find it difficult to reconcile them with that great invitation of the Master: Come unto me all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. If we are not careful we will give the wrong meaning for rest. For we will get an idea that it means a secession from all labor and work. When it does not mean any such thing. It means we shall be free from worry and anxiety. Let us learn:—

1<sup>st</sup> That the work in the Kingdom of God requires skilled laborers. Those who have taken their course at the feet of Jesus under the teaching and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

2<sup>nd</sup> That the work in the Kingdom of God requires constant earnest labors.

3<sup>rd</sup> That labors in the Kingdom of God must be firm steady fast.

4<sup>th</sup> That the <sup>best</sup> incentives to labor in the Kingdom. It is the Lord's work. The Lord works with you.

May we be earnest laborers for the Master  
Amen

June 1-13 Matt. 13:16

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There are important positions which no man can fill until his ability to see and hear has been thoroughly tested. There is always great demand for the expert Oculist and Ear specialist. The value of good eyes and good ears can hardly be estimated. The achievements of the artist; the successful voyage of the Captain; the victory of the General all depend upon seeing and hearing correctly. But for God's People there's things greater by far than any of these to be seen and heard.

Correct Seeing and Hearing. The observance:

1<sup>st</sup> The advantages of seeing and hearing correctly. a) Superior Knowledge and Wisdom. b) Greater ease, Comfort and happiness.

2<sup>nd</sup> The essentials to seeing and hearing correctly. a) Eyes and ears have to be trained to see correctly. b) One must have God's vision of the world.

3<sup>rd</sup> What they see who see correctly. What they hear who hear correctly. a) They see God's Kingdom growing. They hear God's voice Commanding, Counseling and Comforting.

May the Holy Spirit be our teacher always so that we may see and hear correctly. Amen

Mar. 9-13 I Kings 6:7 F.A.M. V

Gentlemen of St. John's Lodge No. 16 of  
the Masonic Order I wish to  
speak to you this evening as  
representatives of one of the  
most responsible classes  
of men in our American  
Citizenship. For you touch  
every phase of our life whether  
social, commercial, political  
or religious. I say you  
represent one of the most  
responsible classes of  
men because you are  
fellows of that ancient  
Craft that has always stood  
for true nobility. You  
~~are~~ heirs to a rich treas-  
ure. From time immem-  
orial knowledge, wisdom  
sobriety truth, honesty and

I Kings 6:7

love have been the signs  
upon your banners. I  
address you as respon-  
sible men because  
you have opportunities  
and facilities not known  
among ordinary men  
qualifying and enabling  
you to render your age  
service that will be a  
credit and an honor to so-  
cietly. In your hands the  
trowel and compass, the  
square and plumb line  
are lifted out of their ordi-  
nary drudgery and are  
made to serve in build-  
ing character and true  
manhood. This service  
is finer by far than the  
ordinary service and infi-  
nitely more difficult. To

May 25-13 Matt. 6: 14, 15 pc

In the world Kings and rulers alone have the power to forgive and pardon Criminals and those who have trespassed upon the laws of the land. But in the Kingdom <sup>of God</sup>, every man holds the power of his own forgiveness. There are many conditions laid down upon which our salvation depends. But none are more important than the one that we find here in the words of text. God now requests us to do a thing if we are unable to do it. He has provided ample means for all that we have to do. God wishes us to be like Him in our benevolence and kindness and sympathy.

Forgiving Debts

Matt. 6: 14, 15 2

Let us learn from our  
text and subject:

1<sup>st</sup> That all men are debtors and Creditors

2<sup>nd</sup> Some things that make us debtors  
and Creditors, sympathy, Patience,  
love, honesty, honor, Counsel,  
and prayer.

3<sup>rd</sup> That we must exercise the power  
of forgiveness lest it be taken  
away from us.

4<sup>th</sup> That there are some debts  
that if they are ever to be discharg-  
ed must be pardoned.

5<sup>th</sup> That our forgiveness is in  
our own hands we place  
ourselves in a position to  
be forgiven or to be held as  
a criminal.

May we always have the spirit  
of forgiveness so that we  
may always be ready to be  
censured the blessing that God holds  
for those who love him.  
Amen

Dec. 7-1913 Matt. 5:16 ELKS  
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Officers and members of Elite Lodge  
no. 119 Improved Benevolent Protec-  
tive Order Elks of the World, there  
are some organizations whose  
greatness, glory, dignity and  
importance consist simply  
in their antiquity and mysti-  
cism. But your order depends  
neither upon mysticism nor  
antiquity for her greatness and  
glory. For the order from which  
you sprung came into  
existence just 45 years  
ago in our own state in  
the great City of New York.  
The greatness of your order  
consists in its aim and  
her glory is found in the  
service she renders to human-  
ity. The familiar animal by  
whose name you are dis-  
tinguished might well con-



ELKS 2

Matt. 5:16

stitute your sign and emblem.  
For he is always fleet of foot and  
on the alert. He aims not to do  
wrong. He always avoids com-  
bat only when he is com-  
pelled to fight for the protec-  
tion of his female and the  
defense of the young weak  
and helpless. If the members  
of this lodge follow these  
examples of the Elk you  
shall have lasting glory  
and greatness. Like all  
secret orders it is to be ex-  
pected that you will do many  
things simply for the com-  
mon enjoyment of your mem-  
bers which will not be  
known nor understood by  
those on the outside of  
your order. For instance no  
one but the initiated knows  
what takes place in your order  
at half past eleven o'clock.

Matt. 5:16

In the beginning the special aim and purpose of your order was the pleasure and enjoyment of her members. To your credit you have gone beyond that and aim to comfort the distressed and to aid the needy. You are to be commended for the interest you take in religion and spiritual matters. And it gives us unusual pleasure to welcome you here to night as our special auditors.

And we pray that your worshipping with us to night may be mutually profitable. Now I would have you consider with me the words of the Master: Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who art in heaven. The memory of men is forgotten more by what they do than

Matt. 5:16

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by what may be done for them  
after they are gone. Let us observe:

1<sup>st</sup> That God has given light to  
every man.

2<sup>nd</sup> That God expects each man  
to keep his light in a shin-  
ing condition.

3<sup>rd</sup> That God intends that we  
should keep our light shining  
where and in such a way  
that men may see the good  
work ~~we~~ we are doing.

4<sup>th</sup> That if you fail to exhibit  
the good work that you  
are doing you just to that  
extent cause men to with-  
hold from God the glory  
due Him.

May each of us recognize the  
light that God has given to each  
of us and may we use this light  
in the way that He has designated.  
Amen

July 13-1913 Rom. 8:35-39  $\mu$

So many things have been done in the name of love that have brought pain and misery. So many hearts have been broken and so many lives have been crushed out, until we have been forced to abandon man in our search for an exhibition of real love. God gives us the proper idea of love. Love as exhibited by God in the Lord Jesus becomes a great source of power for every believer. Love has many qualities, but there is none more important than that of constancy. It is this quality of God's love that has made it mean so much to us who are so unworthy. Love according to man's idea, allows him to do so many things that destroy peace and harmony. We have peace with God through Jesus who gives us a true exhibition of His love. Our safety and security as the children of God depends upon His love manifested in our behalf.

Rom. 8: 35-39

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It is well for us in this Changing world when we see the love of men almost daily turning <sup>times</sup> into indifference and sometimes hate to ask the Apostle's question Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Once having been redeemed is there any condition in which we can get where we shall cease to have the love of God? Let observe:—

1<sup>st</sup> " That God's love towards us is not effected by social conditions.

2<sup>nd</sup> " That God's love towards us is not effected by Physical conditions.

3<sup>rd</sup> " That God's love is not effected by Political conditions.

May we live and labor and fight in the strength of the thought that God is loving us!

Amen

ΠΟΛΥΕΡΟΤΕΡΟΝ

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Dec. 31-1913 Rev. 3:8

We often hear men designating first one word and then another as being the most important word in the English language. But there is no word that is more important than the word Work. It is used to indicate physical, mental and spiritual exercise and activity. And so a man or organization is known and distinguished by his or its work. Whatever success a man may have had in the secular world working single handed as an individual he must not expect to be successful by pursuing the same course when he becomes a worker in the Kingdom of God for here it is organization and cooperation from start to

Rev. 3:8

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finish Let us learn from  
our text:

1<sup>st</sup> That God gives to every man  
the privilege and opportunity to  
work in His Kingdom.

2<sup>nd</sup> That God permits every man  
to decide for himself if what  
he will work - whether for a  
living or for a life - a name  
among men or a name  
with God.

3<sup>rd</sup> That God Himself keeps a re-  
cord of each man's work.

4<sup>th</sup> That each one must determ-  
ine his progress and suc-  
cess not by his own. But by  
the records which God Him-  
self keeps.

5<sup>th</sup> That God makes it impossible  
for us to be deprived of our  
privilege and opportunity to work.

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Let us be inspired to greater work.  
For God knows all about us.

— Amen —

Aug. 10-13 John 17: 15

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Some teachers spend a great deal of time and energy in training their pupils. But even when they are ready to go out and assume responsibilities for themselves the teachers have great anxiety for their success. They send them out with almost fear and trembling. The teachers know too well the difficulties and the hard problems that are awaiting them. And so the Master, even though the disciples had spent months in training for the work with Him, had a peculiar anxiety for His old students, His Disciples. But He is not willing that they should be saved from obligation and responsibility. He built no Zion City, His disciples were not to find safety and security in walled cities.



John 17:15

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or monasteries. Their Commission was to go into all the world as sheep among wolves and to preach the Gospel to every creature. They were to mingle with sinners and wicked men; to come in touch with the contaminating, and yet be uncontaminated.

God's Task In Keeping His People In The World, And From The Evil

Of The World. He observes:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> God's interest in the world.  
a) He laments its wicked, sinful condition and longs to have it reconciled to himself.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> God keeps His people in the world that they may be influential in bringing the world to himself.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> God keeps His people in the world and from the evil thereof by setting up great works before them and exhibiting to them the beauty of holiness and the glory that shall be revealed in us.
- 4<sup>th</sup> God keeps His people here where they may cooperate with Him to the best advantage.
- 5<sup>th</sup> God keeps His people here because He has faith in their desire and ability to do His will carry out His plan.

Amen

Mar. 16-13 I Peter 4:1, 2 + V

Lord Jesus might have come into the world a spirit and become our teacher by law and doctrine and precept. But He desired to show us by example that it is possible for men to sub. His precepts and doctrine and law into practical use. So He does not say do what I teach but rather do what I do. Jesus suffered as a man in the flesh that He might teach us how to work out our salvation. He observe: -

1<sup>st</sup> The things that caused Jesus to suffer.

a) Sin of the world b) His separation from God. c) The indifference of the people.

2<sup>nd</sup> How Jesus prepared for His suffering  
a) By sanctifying Himself b) By keeping His work ever before Him. c) By living in constant communion with God.

3<sup>rd</sup> Why we must suffer. We are to carry out His plan. Amen

The Redeemed of the Lord  
Shall return. Have  
life, and Courage and  
Ambition and lofty  
desire.

Shall have joy and  
shall express their  
joy in singing. Their  
~~joy shall beget joy~~ their

Shall find pleasure  
in the place of wor-  
ship.

Carnal sorrow and  
mourning can not  
withstand spiritual joy  
and gladness.

Mar. 16-13 Isa. 51:11 μ

When we learn that the Christian life makes men happy we are made to wonder some times how many men and women there are who really possess true Christian life. For most every one we meet seems to be weighed down with sorrow and mourning. But this prophecy of Isaiah tells the time <sup>when</sup> mourning and sorrow shall pass away. Let us observe:-

1. The particular people under discussion by the Prophet. Redeemed ones.
  2. The natural place for God's people is when they can worship and praise Him.
  3. There are joy and gladness always to be found in divine worship and Christian service.
- Amen

Mar. 9-13 Mark, 1:19, 20 μ

Industry and thrift even though they be material are always attractive to the Lord Jesus. While He is not partial in dealing with the children of men. Yet among all whom He called to be His first disciples and coworkers not one lazy loafer was found. Some He called were tax collectors, some were physicians and some were fishermen. They were all busy industrious men. And how necessary it is that men who become the followers of Jesus should realize the importance and greatness of the work to be done. How necessary it is at times to make preparation for the work to be done. The men whom Jesus called

Aug. 3-1913 Ps. 126: 3 μ

If we would make the most of our possessions; if we would put the proper value upon them we must not be satisfied with simply receiving them from our ancestors. But we must know some thing of what it has cost our ancestors to secure these possessions to us. Hence all through the course of history it has been the custom of peoples and nations to celebrate the achievements of their great men with appropriate festivities and ceremonies. It is not enough for us to know that Columbus discovered this country; that Washington freed this country and that Lincoln saved it. But if we would fully appreciate the value

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of our Country and her institutions we must know the struggles through which these men passed to their achievements. We have Columbus Day, Washington Day and Lincoln Day. The men and women among us who arrange and provide for these Celebrations are the benefactors of the race. No history could give us the inspiration and enthusiasm that we may obtain from an Emancipation Exhibition. And for the proper instruction of this generation in our great naval achievement on Lake Erie it is necessary for us to have a Perry Celebration. But these temporal achievements are only shadows of the great spiritual

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achievements that have marked  
our progress as a nation  
a race, a Church and as  
individuals. He is truly in-  
telligent and versed in history  
who as he looks back over  
the years can say with the  
psalmist, The Lord hath done  
great things for us whereof  
we are glad. Let us learn:  
1<sup>st</sup> That the time of temporal declen-  
sion has always been the time of spir-  
itual progress and advancement.

2<sup>nd</sup> That we should rejoice over our  
spiritual achievements.

3<sup>rd</sup> That we should recognize in  
a public way the great things  
(and He has done no small things)  
God has done for us.

When we are made to feel some-  
times, that our fellow men do great  
things only where they themselves are  
benefited, it is encouraging and refreshing  
to know that all of God's gifts are in our  
behalf. Amen



Oct. 12-1913 John 14: J.C. 27 + V

Through the kindness and love of God the Christian life is possessed with many enjoyments. none of which is more valuable or more costly than that of peace.

The warriors' explorations, discoveries and battles put Him in possession of many rich blessings. But from them all He selects peace as the greatest of them all and bestows it upon His disciples. Let us observe:—

- 1<sup>st</sup> That Peace Comes after fighting.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> That Peace Comes after arbitration
- 3<sup>rd</sup> That Peace Comes after indemnity has been paid.
- 4<sup>th</sup> That the peace God gives is lasting peace.

May each of us strive for this peace. And then use it to the glory of God Amen —

Oct. 5-'13 Ps. 119: 18 v

The eye like every other faculty of the body will not do very much that it is not trained to do. There is such a thing as having eyes and seeing not. We see those things that we have trained our eyes to see. The Chemist trains the eye to see the different elements that enter into a compound. The Botanist trains the eye to see the different parts of a flower. The Mathematician trains the eye to see numbers in their relation to one another. Let us observe:

1<sup>st</sup> That there are wondrous things in God's law.

2<sup>nd</sup> That the wondrous things in God's law can be seen only by those whose eyes God has opened.

3<sup>rd</sup> That in order to behold wondrous things out of God's law constantly by the spiritual eye must be cared for constantly.

Let us thank God for the vision He gives us of the wondrous things in His law. May constantly look to Him for sight.  
Amen

Oct. 5-73 PS. 119:18 V

Good eyes are a great blessing to any one especially to the one who had to make special use of his eyes. But good eyes are a gift from God for a specific purpose. So our spiritual eyes have been given to us that we may behold wonderful things out of God's law. Let us learn:-

1st That God alone can make our spiritual vision what it ought to be.

2nd That there are wondrous things to be seen in God's word.

3rd That we shall never be prepared for our best work until we see the great things that there are in God's word.

May each of us go to God that he may give ~~us~~ eyes to behold the wondrous things that are in God's law  
Amen

Oct. 5-13 Mark 12:LC.10 μ

Our religious system may be thought of as a great structure which has been in the process of construction for ages. Many builders have worked upon it. Many of these builders have oftentimes rejected what should have gone in and have put in that which should have been left out. One of the most important parts in a structure is the Corner stone. It must always be of superior material. God chose the Children of Israel as the first workers upon this structure. He gave to them Prophets, Priests and Kings to be their guides. And were instructed to build according to the pattern that had been

Feb. 9- '13 PS. 73:13 μ

I suppose all of us have had the feeling of the psalmist. That we have not received the profit from our honesty, justice and truthfulness that we had hoped to receive. We have been sus-  
picioned and misjudge and criticised as much now as we were before we tried to cleanse our hearts. Subj:

Christian Life, How To Enjoy It Most.  
We observe:—

- 1<sup>st</sup> That Christian life is a life of joy and happiness.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> That the Christian life must be a life of service and sacrifice.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> That the Christian life is an ever increasing life.

May we be faithful always to that which God has seen fit to entrust to us.

— Amen —

Jan. 26-'13 Jude 3                           

In most matters with which we have to do it is wise and good for us to have our own individual opinion. But when it comes to matters about which we know nothing only as it is revealed to us, we had better be certain that we have had a revelation before we begin to form an opinion or express our ideas. God has placed at our command all that we need to enable us to have the right opinion and express the right idea. Our theme is Contending

Saints For The Faith Once Delivered To The

1<sup>st</sup> He must know what true Christianity is

2<sup>nd</sup> He must know how it is to be propagated.

3<sup>rd</sup> He must know what the fruit of Christianity is.

4<sup>th</sup> He must know the aim and purpose of Christianity

5<sup>th</sup> He must contend By: - a) Our words of praise and assurance b) Our devotion to its truths. c) The use we make of our faith.

May we always contend for the faith  
Amen

Jan. 19-73 Ps. 132:4, 5 V

When we have the right spirit we are anxious to make a place in our home for those who have proved themselves worthy. It is not because we feel that they are in such great need of any thing that we can do. But we just wish to have a part in making a place for him.

Let us learn:—

1<sup>st</sup> That there are some things that destroy sleep.

2<sup>nd</sup> How we may help make a place for the Lord.

3<sup>rd</sup> Anxiety begets activity and activity begets success.

4<sup>th</sup> The habitation of the Lord is where we converse with him and his people.

May we always see a place for our Lord.

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Jun. 19- '13 II Peter 3:18 μ

The relation of our temporal life to our eternal life is such that the growth and advancement of one means the growth and advancement of the other. In one the possibilities for evil are great in the other the progress is all good and reaches towards perfection.

It becomes the business of every man who has been redeemed to be on the alert and to see to it that temporal progress never becomes superior to spiritual progress. Hence the exhortation of the Apostle in the words of our text.

That we carry out this injunction properly we must know just what



II Peter 3: 18

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is meant by Grow, Grace and Knowledge. The first word is so common that most every one understands its meaning. The second word has different shades of meaning but they are all so closely related that if we know one we know all. The third word is familiar to us all. So now let us see what the Holy Spirit through the apostle is exhorting us to do. He observe:—

1<sup>st</sup> That the relation existing between God and man and man's need necessitates Growth

2<sup>nd</sup> That man needs to grow in grace as a Christian virtue and as God's favor to fortify him against the evil that is in the world.

3<sup>rd</sup> That greater <sup>Knowledge</sup> of the Lord Jesus will make us better servants of God. May we according to our privilege make Christian growth and progress the rule of our lives. Amen

Jan. 12-73 Luke 13: 24 12

The Master seemingly anticipated all the erroneous ideas and opinions that might be held concerning himself and His work. And gives the rule to be used by all who would enjoy what has been done to secure salvation and eternal rest. Our text implies:—

1<sup>st</sup> That God's people have enemies to overcome.

2<sup>nd</sup> The necessity of wisdom and understanding to be used in the conflict.

3<sup>rd</sup> That in order to strive one must have strength.

4<sup>th</sup> That in order to strive one must have Patience.

5<sup>th</sup> That one must have confidence in himself <sup>and helping in that for which he is striving</sup> if he would strive in the great battles of Life.

May we always strive to enter in to the life and power of Master Jesus.

Mar. 30-'13 Luke 5:11 V

The active, shifty, industrious man is exposed to more dangers and temptations than the man who satisfies himself with just a simple living. There are so many deceitful winds that work upon his little bark that if he is not careful he will be driven away from the firm shore of religious life and power. He observe:—

1<sup>st</sup> That away from God and religious men seek comfort and satisfaction in their own way. But they seek in vain.

2<sup>nd</sup> That when men see Jesus they desire to get back to God.

3<sup>rd</sup> That the Church is the best meeting place for all who desire to come back to God. May each of us realize that he is upon the deep waters of sin and that we need to get back to God.

— Amen —

Mar. 30-'13 Rom. 6: 23 μ

In this world there are only two things about which men are really concerned, life and death, life and death here and life and death here after. That we may know how to avoid death and obtain life in this world we study science: the science agriculture, of mining, of commerce, Economics and industry. And that we may know how to avoid death and to obtain life here after we study theology, philosophy and spiritual laws. And these matters are of such great importance that we feel that so far as possible we must get our information from sources of authority. Those of us who

Rom. 6: 23 2

recognize the supremacy of God in all things are finally and immediately of a great advantage. For He not only teaches us about life hereafter but He teaches us about life and how to obtain life here. Let us learn:

1<sup>st</sup> That sin is in business and aims <sup>to succeed</sup> only upon business principles.

2<sup>nd</sup> That sin is constantly bidding for servants and offers them large inducements.

3<sup>rd</sup> How sin pays his servants in death. a) He kills holiness and truth, b) He kills kindness and affection, c) He kills sympathy and love.

4<sup>th</sup> That our greatest possessions come to us as charity - we can not obtain them in any other way.

5<sup>th</sup> That the fact that we have eternal life makes us interested in eternity and eternal things. May each of us have the gift of God here as we shall have it hereafter.

Amen

Mar. 23-'13 Luke 24:31 V

We are all familiar with the terrible ordeal through which Jesus had just passed. The garden, the Cross and the tomb had all come to Him in rapid succession. From all of which we might expect Him to come forth weak and fatigued and for a little while at least to withdraw to some quiet place and recuperate and become Himself again. But not so HE comes forth with all of His usual strength of body and mind and is interested in the same subjects in which He was interested before His crucifixion. Let us learn from our text:

- 1<sup>st</sup> That God's people need to be protected against the dangers of idle curiosity.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> That Jesus wished men to give attention to His principles and doctrines not simply to His person and externalities.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> That the great and good and helpful do not abide with us very long.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> That most men are poorly prepared to entertain the Lord Jesus very long at any one time.
- May each of us enjoy Him when He reveals Himself to us. Amen

Sept. 28-73 John 15<sup>th</sup> Ch.  $\mu + \nu$

I The Master was very anxious that His disciples should understand the nature of the relationship existing between Him and them. Hence these words. In their religious fervor and activity they must be careful to attach themselves to the real and proper source of life. The Master reminded the disciples of the fact that God had established this relationship and would see that it be properly maintained.

II The Master impressed upon the disciples that the law of production was to be the law of this new relationship.

III The Master teaches that the word of God not only feeds and sustains the soul but it cleanses and purifies the heart and mind.

IV The disciples were constantly to realize that their life and usefulness depended upon their abiding in the Master or His principles.

V There was to be not only fruit bearing but there was to be a bountiful fruit bearing.

VI A man left to himself is helpless and soon dies and is consumed by the consuming influences that surround him.

VII The relationship between Jesus and His makes them one in mind and will.

John 15<sup>th</sup> Ch.

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- VIII God's glory is dependent upon disciples producing much fruit.
- IX The Master's love to his disciples was to be measured by God's love for Him.
- X Obedience would determine whether the disciples would abide in Christ or not.
- XI Real full joy comes only to those who know God and His will.
- XII The great command of the Master is to love one another.
- XIII Our love towards our fellow-man is to be measured by Christ's love to us.
- XIV The Lord Jesus accepts us as His friends only upon the ground that we obey whatsoever He commands of us.

May these words have the effect upon us that the Master desired they should have upon His disciples to make their joy full. Amen



Sept. 21-73 John 14:9 μ

As physical life so in the spiritual.  
Some children ask for only half a  
Chance and they grow, become strong  
and robust. There are others who  
have every advantage and yet they  
are puny, delicate and undeveloped.  
The Master had been especially kind to  
Philip. He had associated, talked  
and prayed and planned with him.  
And yet Philip had not gotten really  
acquainted with Jesus. Let us observe:

1<sup>st</sup> The provision God has made for  
man's training and development.  
a) The divine law b) Divine example  
c) Divine service.

2<sup>nd</sup> What God expects of men.

1- To know Him 2- To use the medium of  
knowledge that He has appointed.

3- To make progress commensurate  
with the means that He has provided.

3<sup>rd</sup> Our obligation to God and the Church

a) To associate b) To affiliate c) To  
Cooperate.

May each of us make good  
use of the golden opportunity  
that God has given to us in  
which we may grow and be-  
come strong for His service.  
Amen

Sept. 14-'13 I Peter 2: 1-7 + V

Concerning belief there two positions equally dangerous that a man may take. He may be incredulous and believe nothing or he may be simple and believe everything. Our real value in the world depends upon what we believe. And the value and usefulness of others to us must all depend upon what we believe about them. Let us learn:-

1<sup>st</sup> That we are under obligation to believe God.

2<sup>nd</sup> That the essentials to belief are a) Knowledge & b) Interest in that which is to be believed or the one to be believed.

3<sup>rd</sup> That our belief decides injus-  
tice and His work must de-  
termine the estimate that  
the world will put upon  
the Christ and His work.

May our actions always prove  
our estimate of the Lord Jesus.

Sept. 14-'13 Jos. 1: 5  
Dea. 66: 13

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It was a very great undertaking for Joshua to take the place of Moses in the leadership of the Children of Israel. He therefore needed the words of encouragement and comfort that came to him directly from God. God makes great promises and keeps them with His people. Let us observe:—

1<sup>st</sup> That in dealing with us God has unlimited power and strength they can never fail.

2<sup>nd</sup> That God knew Joshua would not act in such a way as to cause Him to fail or forsake him.

3<sup>rd</sup> That God had planned to deal gently with the Children of Israel as a mother deals with her troubled children.

May we rejoice always in the fact that God will not fail us but will comfort us.

Amen

Dec 31-72 Ps. 139: L.C. 24 v.  
No. 14: 6

Many figures may be used  
to describe the New year. But  
none is more fitting than  
A Way a Road. a journey.

He will consider the new  
year then as a journey

1<sup>st</sup> He must have a chart  
of the way to be traveled.

2<sup>nd</sup> He must study our chart.

3<sup>rd</sup> He must have a guide  
and follow him.

4<sup>th</sup> Doubtless we will pass the  
following places in our  
journey during 1913

1) Lake Pleasant 2) The Sea of  
Tiber 3) The Mt. of Sorrow  
4) Doubtville 5) The Port of Faith