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Sermon Outlines - 1934

Jan. 7 '34

II Peter 3:F.C.18

M

But grow in grace, and the knowledge of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

I think there is no question about most of us, if not all of us, desiring to grow in grace, in favor with some one. But the question is are we anxious to grow in grace, in favor with the right person, with the person who can do us good, the most good.

Then we must be concerned about how we are trying to grow in grace: about what we are doing to grow in grace. Are we striving to know the person better in whose grace, favor we are trying to grow?

If we would know God's will, his plans, his program we must grow in grace, in favor with him.

God entrusts to us larger and greater work in his service when we grow in grace, in favor with him.

Those who grow in grace, in favor with God have influence with him in behalf of others.

We are in need of God's patience, longsufferance and forbearance, and we partake of these his graces by growing in grace, in favor with him.

When we grow in favor, in grace with God we become brave and courageous in his service. We do not fear difficulties and hardships.

May we be found always doing those things that will cause us to grow in grace, in favor with our God, so that we may be fit always to render him acceptable service.

.....Amen.....

Jan. 7 '34

Jere. 17:7

V

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.

As we read this scripture, very likely, many of us will conclude that there is something terribly wrong about our trusting in the Lord, and making him our hope. For the way that we and our fellowmen have been trained to count men blessed, we are not blessed.

If we would be reckoned among those whom our text calls blessed we must learn all over again what it means to be blessed.

We have been trained to believe that it is right and proper for men to have religion and to be members of the church. But we have also been trained to believe that in order for a man to be happy he must have material possessions in abundance, he must be mentally enlightened, he must occupy a conspicuous place in business, political, social life of the world.

Then we must learn anew who God is, what are his attributes, what is his program concerning us and the world?

We must learn God's viewpoint of the world, its need and how it is to be met.

May we realize that God is able to supply all our need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

.....Amen.....

### GAINING BY LOSING

The term, losing does not arouse in us the most pleasant emotions. Indeed it produces an unpleasant depressing feeling. So my subject, GAINING BY LOSING may not be very attractive for most of us. For we do not take time to see how closely these two terms are connected all through life.

We dont just warm up to the idea of losing. Our great ambition is to hold all that we have and to get as much more as possible. And this is especially so when it comes to our church life. We do not like the idea of pruning. indeed in many instances we pad our lists to make ourselves believe we are what know we are not.

Too often we lose sight almost entirely of the great fundamental organization, the KINGDOM of God in our ambition and desire to magnify and exalt the individual local church. And then in connection with the local church we are liable to attach undue importance to the personnel and individuality of our membership.

We may learn what is gained by losing in MATRIMONY, COLLEGE GAMES, BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE and HORTICULTURE.

Jan. 21 '34

Isa. 53:1

M

Who hath believed our report? and  
to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed.

In Faith, Credulity and Confidence  
there is power. God does not reveal his power  
to the faithless and unbelieving.

There is no place for the doubting  
and unbelieving in the service of the Lord.

God's messengers have his program  
and are expected to make it known to the peo-  
ple.

We should hear God's program so that  
we may know what is in it for us as individu-  
als.

If we would hear and believe God's  
report we must be in the place where the report  
is made, and at the time when it is made.

God is waiting to get a number of  
persons who will believe his report, so that  
he may go on with his program.

May each of us find something in  
God's report to inspire and encourage us.

.....Amen.....

Jan. 28/34

Jan. 4 '31

Eecl. 9:10

V

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.

The hand when used in the sense in which it is used here in our text represents the strength of the body, the power of the mind and the alertness of the spirit.

With this meaning I think it will not be difficult for any of us to see how important the exhortation is.

Most people, if we may judge from their statements and actions, have an inferior conception of church life and church work.

#### CONSECRATED HANDS FOR 1931

Let us observe:-

- 1-That consecrated hands represent those who are concerned about the world's need and who are seeking opportunities to be helpful.
- 2-That consecrated hands represent those who are wholehearted.
- 3-That the consecrated hands represent those who are constant in service.
- 4-That consecrated hands represent those who are not afraid of hard difficult tasks.

May each of us feel the need of the exhortation of our text. Let us under the guidance of the Holy Spirit seek that we may find something that our hands ought to do.

.....Amen.....

Jan. 28 '34    Jonah 1:L.C.5-Acts 27:25    M

But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.

Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

It is always interesting to see how differently two men, men of God act under similar circumstances. This fact helps us to form our attitudes towards the world, and the experiences that it brings to us.

Every man has his own natural personality. And when he becomes a christian he brings his personality along with him.

Man may be divided up into many classes.

Some men are outstandingly interested in their fellows, they are cosmopolitan, other men are selfcentered, they are individualistic.

In our text we get a comprehensive idea as to the makeup of two men, men of God. Jonah was selfcentered, and sought always his own comfort and ease. Paul the other man was interested in his fellowmen, and was willing to do anything that he thought would help them.

Let us ask ourselves the question, where shall I stand in relation to the world's activities and the world's need; are we to be at the front in the thickest of the fray; or are we off in some snug place away from the responsibilities and obligations of the world?

May we take time to commune with God and learn his will, and then find our chief delight in doing it.

.....Amen.....



Feb. 4 '34

Acts 20:F.C.24

M

But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy.

The time when life begins to manifest itself is a time of great joy and satisfaction. And we anxious to have everything with which it has to do to be conducive to its symmetrical growth and development.

From the time that life begins to manifest itself to the day of its end many agencies are working for and against it. Whether those agencies that are working for or those that are working against shall triumph depends upon the ability of the life to appropriate and utilize the forces that are working for good that have been placed at its disposal.

Blessed is that life that has the ability to appropriate and to utilize God the one great Force that overcomes every obstacle, for the joy of infancy will follow him through all his days, and be with him at the end of the journey.

The life that ends as it starts, in joy, is the life that uses the means placed at its disposal.

The life that ends as it starts, in joy, is the life that is interested in and works for the common good.

The life that ends as it starts, in joy, is the life that maintains an active faith in God.

May we feel the constant need of depending upon God; for in his presence is fullness of joy.

.....Amen.....

Feb. 4 '34

Heb. 12:L.C.1

V

Let us run with patience the race set before us.

The christian life is of necessity a strict life. There are certain rules that every one who comes into the christian life must observe, follow.

Most men think well of the christian life and would espouse it if they were permitted<sup>to</sup> follow it in their own way or in the way of men who think as they do.

But the christian life is over a specific course, that God has laid out for us.

There is no place in the race of christian life for nerveous persons or impulsive persons.

There is no place in the race of christian life for those who get tired and weary quickly.

The race in christian is one that requires faith, fortitude and patience.

.....Amen.....

Feb. 11 '34

Ps. 103:13

M

Like as a father pitieth his children,  
so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

Favor, indulgence, pity in the hands  
of the wrong person is a dangerous instrument.  
Nor is every one a fit subject for these consi-  
derations.

When we think of all the defects, im-  
perfections, and weaknesses that cling to us, we  
are made to wonder if, in a way that is at all  
satisfactory, we can serve God. So few are brave  
and courageous enough to enter, in a specific,  
outstanding way, the work of the Lord.

And if God were unmercifully exacting  
as he considers us not very many of us would have  
a place in his vineyard. But God is merciful and  
pities his children; only asking that we fear him.

The fact that God pities us gives us  
courage to start all over many, many times, even  
when we are keenly conscious of the fact that we  
have been miserable failures.

We cease to be intolerant towards our  
fellowman when we remember that God pities us and  
we find it easier get along with them; instead of  
censuring and condemning the weak we are inclined  
to be like our God and pity them.

The fact that God pities us makes us  
anxious to measure up and keep fit to serve him.

When we are conscious of the fact that  
God pities us we are not overconcerned about the  
pity of men.

The fact that God pities us gives us  
courage and strength to assume great and weighty  
responsibilities.

As we go forth to labor let us remember  
the fact that God is our Father, and that our suc-  
cess in his service is his chief concern.

Let us remember that when men adversely  
criticise us, and condemn us that God is merciful and  
pities us in our weakness and limitations.

.....Amen.....

B.A.M.C. Nov. 25-34

Feb. 15 '31

Gal. 6:10

Dv. B. Ch. V

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Everybody who is worthwhile likes to make good, to do well, to succeed. But not many people know how to make good.

It is a common thing for us to assign the cause for our failures to some external condition, to some unfavorable surroundings or to unsympathetic people with whom we have to deal, who, as we think, will not give us a chance.

Each of us has a program, and to us it is of great importance. And we are watching for a chance and an opportunity to carry it out. But we do not always know when the chance and opportunity have come.

We must have general knowledge and much of it if we would recognize opportunity when it comes. We must know the seasons when to sow and when to expect the harvest; we must know the tides, when to cast the net and when to pull it in. We must understand the winds and trim our sails accordingly.

Our great concern in life should be to know our duty and to do it. For opportunity always follows in the wake of duty performed.

Strict attention to the injunction found here in our text will always make opportunity for us.

Opportunity to do good to just a few select people is very meager. Opportunity to do good to many is always greater, and opportunity to do good to all is always greatest.

Those who depend upon race, social standing, financial strength, intellectual ability or denominational beliefs reduce their chances and opportunities for service, for doing good.

This is vividly illustrated in our Business life, in our Educational life, and in our church life. The man who keeps only kosher food in his restaurant will not get very many customers outside of the Jewish people.

Gal. 6:10

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The educational institution that caters alone to the Indians that may be in the community is not doing its best work. And so the church that will not serve but one of the many racial groups that are in the community misses most of its chance and opportunity to do good.

We observe from our text:-

- 1-That it is not enough for the church to live a negative good life, she must live a positive good life.
- 2-That the responsibility of the church, according to her opportunity, is to all men.
- 3-That we are under obligation to give more attention to our interchurch relations.

.....Amen.....

Feb. 18 '34

Ps. 23:1,2

M

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

God has been very kind and considerate in presenting himself to us. He knows our inability and our limitations, and how hard it is for us who are finite to comprehend and understand the<sup>in</sup>finite and eternal. So like a loving father he presents himself to us in pictures, and characters that we can understand.

In our study at this time he presents himself to us as the shepherd. And we are delighted to have him for our shepherd. But in accepting him as such in most cases our characters must be changed from whatever we may be to that of sheep. As sheeep we must SEE well, must HEAR well, must be humble, meek and obedient.

Let us observe:-

- 1-That the shepherd knows the NEEDS of his flock.
- 2-That the shepherd knows the SOURCE of SUPPLY for his flock.
- 3-That because of his superior knowledge, the shepherd makes his flock CONFIDENT, EXPECTANT, HOPEFUL.
- 4-That the shepherd SELECTS a PLEASANT PLACE for his flock where they may rest.
- 5-That the shepherd LEADS his flock, not expecting them, however great their knowledge, to find for themselves the best way over which to journey.

May we always keep ourselves in position where we may have the benefit of our great SHEPHERD.

.....Amen.....

Feb. 25 '34

Heb. 4:9

M

Ps. 55:6

Matt. 11:23

Ps. 37 F.C. 7

There remaineth therefore a REST to the people of God. And I said Oh that I had wings like a dove: for then would I fly away and be at REST. Come unto me all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you REST. REST in the Lord.

Notwithstanding the ease with which things are done today, most everybody we meet complains of being tired, and having no chance to rest. They tell us, that day after day it is the same old grind.

God's people may get as much rest and even more out of the things of this world than other people. But this does not satisfy, for they know that a more perfect rest remains to them.

There come times in the life of all God's people when they long to enter the rest that remains to them. They wish to rapidly by the most rapid transit that they can find. Men do take wings and fly away seeking rest, but they find none.

In the journey of life God's people are always encouraged when they are tired and weary by the standing invitation that the Master extends to come unto him and rest.

Our rest is not to be found in intellectual acuteness, not in material possessions, not in social preeminence, nor not even in religious orthodoxy. Our rest is to be found in a person, a tried person, who makes it possible for us to do all things. In this Person we find strength for our weakness, we find wisdom, knowledge, and truth for our ignorance and limitation, we find purity and holiness for our sin and corruption.

Let us remember that the people of God may and should find their rest in all conditions. Let us not seek other rest, but OUR rest.

.....Amen.....

Feb. 18 '34

II Cor. 6:1 C. Pres. Ch.

We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

Of all the social and religious institutions, and agencies with which we have to do, and in which we work, the church is the most generous and cosmopolitan in her interests and considerations.

And yet the church might be far more diligent in surveying the community, that she might discover new relationships, and find new points of contact.

Our relationships and contacts are, in too large a way based upon superficial and artificial conditions. And even many of these conditions have their bounds and limitations.

The following are some of the conditions by which we make our contacts, and establish our relationships:

- 1-Fraternalism, here we use grips, signs and pass words, which do not necessarily give us any definite idea as to the honesty, uprightness, and truthfulness of the persons with whom we are making the contacts.
- 2-Trades, where we follow the same craft for our living.
- 3-Professionalism, here we are interested in the same sciences, and philosophies.
- 4-Business, where we are manufacturing and selling the same articles.
- 5-Politics, through which we express our interest in civic affairs.
- 6-Religion, and Denominationalism, through which we express our conception of God, our love, piety, and faith.



II Cor. 6:1

7-Social and Intellectual Standing, by which we determine our culture and esthetic tastes.

8-Language, by which we make our thoughts articulate.

9-Color-Nationality-Race , by which we determine the place of an individual in the human family.

Every one of these conditions that we have just mentioned may fail us at the very time when we need most to make vital contacts and to establish practical relationships. We need a medium, an agency to serve us that is independent of and ignores superficialities and artificialities in making contacts and establishing relationships. And we find such a medium in Jesus of whom Saint Paul says, That in him we are all one.

So when we as disciples of Jesus are seeking new contacts and new relationships let us remember that these have been made for us, that we are workers together with Him.

.....Amen.....

Mrch. 4 '34

Matt. 7 Part 4

M

Let me pull the mote out of thine eye.

In the church there is and always has been a great army of mote hunters. These mote hunters are usually like the ancient pharisees, haughty, proud, bosters, who carry about with them a superiority complex. They stand in the corners of the streets and pray long prayers, and wish to be called rabbi.

But there are some others who are mote hunters also, they do not necessarily feel themselves to be better or superior to others, but they are those who try to keep themselves fit and qualified to do the thing that they have been appointed to do or have pledged themselves to do. They think of the work in which they are engaged as team work; and they feel therefore the necessity of each one with whom they have to work being fit and qualified to do his part well.

Where we are working together nothing is more essential for each one than good eyesight. For we must not only work together, but we must see together, think together and plan together.

I suppose there is no cause where such fine distinctions have to be made as have to be made in christian work. So in the work of the Lord one must not be near sighted nor too farsighted. One must have his eye trouble remedied so that he shall see just right.

Colorblindness is another trouble that must be overcome if you are going to work in the service of the Lord. Nor is the owleyed man qualified to work in the service of the Lord.

Let those of us who are in the service of the Lord remember, that if our vision is not what it ought to be that we should resort to one who has no beam in his eye to remedy our trouble.

.....Amen.....

Mrch. 4 '34

Jno. 10:30,31

V

I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

Our character, life and general attitude towards God are settled in very large measure by our conception of God and our relationship with him.

If we are conscious of the fact, that our program is God's program, then with courage, boldness, ease and poise we go about to carry it out. Not only so, but we seek others to join in and help us to carry out our program.

We need more faith and a more lively hope to keep us firm and unmovable in the service of the Lord.

In the service of the Lord our power and authority depend upon our recognizing the relationship that exists between God and his people.

Loneliness ceases to be when we recognize the relationship between God and ourselves.

May we all sustain to God the intimate relationship that it is our privilege to sustain.

.....Amen.....

Nov. 25-'34

Mar. 8 '31

PS. 139:23, 24

M

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

To have the best in life: health, wealth, position, honor, and peace and pleasure is an universal, and legitimate ambition, desire. But only a few a very few ever realize their ambitions or have their desires fulfilled.

There are many reasons why so few people reach the heights or dwell in the fertile plains. But one of the most important reasons is found in the fact, that people do not know themselves, and seemingly do not know how to get really acquainted with themselves.

Most people go everywhere, and to every one, but to the right place and to the right one for examination, testing, to be searched and tried out. Hence they find themselves unprepared for the common experiences of life.

Those who wish to come into and to become citizens in America must be examined by an American who knows the demands of America. And so those who wish to come into the kingdom of God must submit to searching, to God's examination.

#### PREPARING FOR THE JOURNEY OF LIFE

- 1-We should know the character of the journey.
- 2-We should get acquainted with those who are making the journey and so far as possible journey with them.
- 3-We should know what we need for the journey.  
Love, Faith, Courage Perseverance.
- 4-We should obtain our supplies for the journey from the right source. The Bible, the Church.
- 5-We should renew our preparation often

Let us be sure that we are ready before we begin any part of the journey of life.

.....Amen.....

Mar. 18 '34

Acts 18:9,10

M

Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

Just when to speak, where to speak, to whom to speak, how to speak, what to speak, and how much to speak, are serious and difficult matters for poor frail limited humanity to settle. But for God it is no task; for all things are open and known to him.

Some times to follow our own counsel is dangerous, and to speak what we think is fatal. So in matters serious and important it will be wise for us always, by prayer and meditation to find out from God what course we should pursue.

Some times the settling of world issues depends just a few words spoken as they should be spoken.

What we all need before speaking is like Paul, to hear the Lord speaking to us.

One of the most shameful things of which we as the people of God are guilty is to be conscious of God's presence and to make no more use of him than we do.

Nothing should encourage us more as we strive against wrong and contend against wickedness than the fact that God has much people in reserve for his cause.

May we speak always so as to help to destroy wickedness, and to build up righteousness. Let us realize that the cause of God is waiting for the testimony of those who have had a vision, and to whom God has spoken.

.....Amen.....

Mar. 25 '34

Zech. 9:9

M

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee; he is just, and having salvation, lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

Starting out with Saul the son of Kish, for more than 600 years Israel had Kings, good and bad, most of them bad.

During this time they had had all kinds of reverses. And more than once they had been subjugated by other nations. For 70 years they had been in Babylonian captivity; many of them had lost courage.

But Zechariah had a conference with God, and just at the time when the people needed it most found out what was going to happen, that would relieve Israel and all the oppressed. And delivered the message found here in the words of our text.

Zechariah looked down through five centuries and saw a King coming upon the throne with justice and salvation for all peoples. Nothing could have been more comforting to Israel than to learn that one was going to be victorious over the enemies of righteousness and establish a Kingdom in which Israel and all the nations of the world would find redemption.

They were told that his kingdom would endure for ever; that it would be a kingdom of Love, Peace and Power, and Plenty; that it was to be a kingdom where the citizens would always be safe and secure.

The prophet's message comes to us today with the same comfort and encouragement that it brought to ancient Israel. For surely we can not expect much to comfort and encourage us from the present rulers of the world.

Let us rejoice greatly as we see this King coming into Buffalo.

.....Amen.....

Apr. 27-'30 Heb. 12: F.C. 2 μ

### Looking unto Jesus

As we go about our task - our duties we need inspiration and encouragement from the greatest and best source possible.

As much as we would like to have it otherwise, some things and some people too, hinder, and hinder us in all that we try to do. But there are others that have just the opposite effect.

Christ and his cause give us the greatest inspiration and encouragement to be found in the work of life, those who look to Jesus are:-

- 1- Calm
- 2- Studious
- 3- Courageous
- 4- Hopeful
- 5- Persevering
- 6- Gentle - Loving - Kind - Merciful
- 7- Patient

Let us remember that when we are looking to Jesus we are looking to one who has been tested and found true.

— Amen —

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Apr. 1 '34

Ps. 118:24

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Any day that is worth our special consideration is more than a simple period of 24 hours. To make a worthwhile day chasing away the darkness and bringing in the light are not enough.

A day becomes significant and great according to the significant and great things that have been accomplished in it. Again the significance and importance are increased or decreased according to the character of the person or persons associated with it.

Some men make their impress on many days. We can not think of these days without at the same time thinking of these great characters who have wrought in them.

Decoration Day is always associated with the men who made the supreme sacrifice upon the fields of battle. The same is true of the Fourth of July.

A worthwhile day is not made in a moment by just one great act. It takes a long time and many great acts to make a day like the one about which the Psalmist is talking. This day about which our text is talking started away back at the beginning of man's career.

Our God started this day in the Garden of Eden after the cursed fall, and worked on it 4000 years, and finished it on the first Easter morn when he broke the seal of Joseph's new tomb and let his Son come fourth triumphant over death and the grave.

Surely this is a day of VICTORY when God shows himself equal to every need.

This a day of FULFILLED PROMISES.

This is a day of HOPE.

.....Amen.....

Apr. 1 '34

Ps. 16:10

Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell:  
neither wilt thou suffer thy holy one to see  
corruption.

No servant of God can carry on success-  
fully the work that has been assigned him ex-  
cept he have an abundance of faith and confi-  
dence in God.

If in our spiritual life we would be hap-  
py, satisfied and contented, we must know and  
recognize the program that God has made out for  
us. For those who do this there are no dark  
gloomy days, no nights of doubts and fears and  
misgivings; discouragement and disappointments  
have no place in their program.

Sorrow, sadness and grief and even death  
itself may come; and joy and gladness will come  
as a part of God's program. But those who are  
truly God's servants recognize these as a part  
of the program that God has made out for us.

So Jesus knew from all eternity the pro-  
gram that God had made out for him. He knew  
that in this program there would be the bitter  
as well as the sweet. He knew also that God  
had made provision for his success, his victo-  
ry, his triumph. And with this knowledge he  
could sing with hope and confidence the song  
of our text.

Jesus does not philosophize, but sings  
with assurance about the resurrection of his  
body.

Always God's program must be carried out,  
and his program extends beyond the grave.

The resurrection of Jesus is of special  
interest to us because it fulfills prophecy.

The resurrection of Jesus is of special  
interest to us because it foretells the resur-  
rection of our loved ones and our own resur-  
rection. ....Amen.....

Apr. 8 '34

Matt. 28:18

M

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Everybody who is interested in an individual is anxious to know and see what will be his character, and how he will act after he has passed through some great ordeal. And this was true in a very outstanding way in the case of Jesus. The world in general, and his disciples in particular were anxious to know just what kind of person he would be after his resurrection.

During his earthly career his disciples had thought of him as being omnipotent. They thought he should, and would use his power to do the things that they wanted done. But when he failed to do that, and finally became the victim of his enemies and died on the cross they lost faith and decided to go back to their old life.

Jesus had been such a great disappointment to his disciples, in that he had not done what they wanted him to do in the way of establishing an earthly kingdom, they began to wonder if he did possess the power that they had given him credit for.

And just at the time when their faith was weak and their hope almost gone, Jesus appears after his resurrection, to his eleven disciples and announces to them the fact in the words of our text, that the ordeal through which he had just passed had not exhausted his power, but that through it his power had been increased to perfection.

This statement of Jesus is calculated to increase our FAITH in him, our LOVE for him, and our INTEREST in his cause.

Let us go forth in the consciousness of our power through him.

.....Amen.....

Apr. 15 '34

Luke 19:20

M

And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin.

There are certain possessions that come to us, which can be kept best and secure by using them. And not to use them is to lose them. The grace of God, our religion is such a possession; it increases with the using. And having learned this we are anxious to know how we may most profitably use our possessions. So we study our immediate and distant surroundings, and find out what the great needs are. Then we secure the very best rules possible that tell us how to invest, how to use our possessions.

Some of our possessions have come to us with the understanding, that we invest or use them in keeping with the wishes of our donor or giver. In such cases the donor tells us UPON WHAT to invest, WHEN to invest and WHERE to invest. He also tells us HOW MUCH to invest, and HOW LONG to invest our possessions.

Our religion is not a possession to be carefully wrapped up and tucked snugly away.

The Master describes those who possess the religion that bears his name as the light of the world and the salt of the earth. If our religion is not concerned in every phase of our life, and is not helping to cleanse and purify the world, it is empty and useless.

The value and genuineness of our religion are determined by what it is doing to extend and build up the kingdom of God, and to make men more and more like our Lord.

The Apostle Paul tells us what our religion should do when he says, Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

Let us seek that end.

.....Amen.....

Apr. 15 '34

Nehe. 2:L.C.17

V

Come, let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.  
WHO HELP TO BUILD UP OUR CHURCH?

- 1-Those who learn by prayer and study what God expects of the church.
- 2-Those who discover what is worthwhile in the church and make it known.
- 3-Those who magnify the virtues of the church, and try to remedy her faults.
- 4-Those who seek the salvation of their fellow-men.
- 5-Those who invite men to become fellow-members with them.
- 6-Those who seek to make a large place in the church for children.
- 7-Those who try to establish, and increase the influence of the church.
- 8-Those who try to conduct the business of the church justly, honestly.
- 9-Those who wish every one to be at least as comfortable as they are.
- 10-Those who seek to make the community a better place in which to live.

Apr. 22 '34

Zech. 2:5

V

For I, saith the Lord, will be unto her as a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

No picture can be too vivid to give us an intelligent idea as to what God is to us.

Often we must be satisfied with statements that are for God or about God as to what he can and will do for us. But here is a firsthand statement direct from God himself.

God always fits himself to our needs and becomes to us that which is necessary to make us safe and secure, happy and contented.

For God to be <sup>to</sup> us a wall of fire assures us that we shall always have power to do the work that may be assigned us.

Fire always has the ability to purify. So we know that we are prepared to keep ourselves clean and purified.

.....Amen.....

Apr. 22 '34

Zech. 4:L.C.6

M

Not by might, nor by power, but  
by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

Zerubbab, who had just returned from  
babylonian captivity was very eager to do a  
great thing for God and his people. He had hard-  
ly started the work when he was confronted by  
enemies. The country from which he had just come  
had enemies too. And he had seen them put to  
flight by great babylonian armies.

So the most natural thing for Zerub-  
bel to have done when he found himself confront-  
ed by enemies was to think about a great army  
with which to deal with them.

But God sent him a message through  
the prophet Zechariah, which is found in the  
words of our text.

of the world

The methods are and always must be  
foreign to the methods of the Kingdom of God.  
The world depends upon carnal weapons and ma-  
terial things for success. The weapons of the  
Kingdom of God are spiritual.

God's spirit makes his people brave  
and courageous, but under God's spirit we are  
and must be always calm and deliberate; for  
hope never leaves those who are under his spirit.

God's Spirit makes us wise and under-  
standing. Problems that would otherwise be hard  
and difficult become easy for those who are un-  
der the power of the spirit of God.

The spirit of God makes us naturally  
interested in the things of God: in his Word,  
in his Work and in his People.

May we always remember that our strength  
and power are to be found in the Spirit of God.

.....Amen.....

May 6 '34

John 5:11

V

He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me , Take up thy bed, and walk.

It is worthwhile, always to know and be able in an intelligent way to tell what Jesus has done for us .

Men do not have to know and tell all the details and particulars about Jesus in order to tell what he has done for them.

Those who have been blessed by Jesus receive certain definite instructions, as to what they are to do, from him.

Those whom Jesus has really blessed are always anxious to, and will carry out the rules that he gives them, whether they please or do not please men.

The christian life like its giver must be an active, useful life.

The christian makes burdens that would otherwise be heavy and hard to bear light and easy to bear.

May each of us be conscious of what Jesus has done for us, and be ready always to give an answer every one who may ask us a reason for the hope that we have in us.

Let us prove to the world that our christian life has given us new strength, and that we are able to bear the burdens that come upon us.

.....Amen.....



May 6 '34

Ps. 73:2,3

M

But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps were well nigh slipped. For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

If you are God's child dont be surprised if you are not attracted by everything that glows and glitters, and charms. As a child of God you do not have capacity for everything.

As a child of God you must be careful as to what lights you follow; for not every light leads to the SOURCE of supplies, to success and prosperity.

If you are a child of God your feet are not shod to walk in all paths, to travel over all roads.

As a child of God you must be careful about the source from which you receive your inspiration. For not only God, but the Devil too inspires.

You will always obey, and work for the one from whom you receive your inspiration.

Let us remember that our race has been set before us, and that we are to run it with it with patience, looking not unto men but unto him who is the author and finisher of our faith.

When we look at men they are liable to make us afraid and timid. When we look at men we are liable to minimize our strength and to magnify our weaknesses and limitations.

And let us remember that when we look at him who is our strength and our salvation we become strong and equal to our task whatever it may be.

.....Amen.....

May 15 '34

Jno. 19:26,27

M

When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

There is no end to the great variety of ways in which Jesus serves to bring to us joy, happiness, and contentment. When allowed, Jesus deals with us in a way to make us intelligent concerning all matters with which we are concerned.

Our relationships become regular and happy when Jesus is allowed to have a part in forming them.

Today, especially, we are thinking about MOTHER and her relation to life, particularly domestic life. We are thinking about MOTHER and her relation to children.

Not all mothers know how, always, to look at their children, how properly to value them. There are those who are experts in the matter of family relations. They may help you some as you endeavor to put the proper value upon your children. But if you would have perfect knowledge look at your children with Jesus, let him value them for you, and they will mean more to you than they have ever meant before.

Children too, with all their boasted knowledge, are in need of the aid of Jesus if they would put the true value on MOTHER. They must let Jesus show them MOTHER in her true light, let him discover for you her virtues, her real beauty. Let him tell you when to go and see her, when to write her, when to send her a gift, when to have her come and make her home with you. Let him tell you what room to give her in your home.

.....Amen.....

May 15-'34 Jno. 19:25

V

Now there stood by the Cross  
of Jesus, his Mother.

The real Mother not only  
stands by the Cross, but always, when  
given an opportunity to do so, helps  
to bear the Cross. Others may be  
satisfied to hear about children, but  
Mother wishes to be present, that  
she may see with her own  
eyes, and handle with her own  
hands.

In every home there is  
a cross for every member  
of the family. No one can with  
help so much to bear the cross  
as our mothers.

All that we are able to do to  
keep mothers fit to render this  
great service we should do  
and do always.

Let <sup>us</sup> remember our mothers,  
remember their great sacrifices  
that they have made to make  
our careers possible.

Let us take our cross  
courageously and bear it for  
the sake of Jesus and our mo-  
thers. Amen

May 20 '34

Jno. 3:7

M

Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

In the natural world, we hear a great deal now days about birth control. I suppose there was never a time when so much was being said and written about child bearing, and what should be done to facilitate child bearing. There are institutions that are open all the year round that are devoted exclusive to this matter.

Whether in reference to the natural or the spiritual birth, we are not interested in what most people have to say about it; for they have never given evidence that they have any practical knowledge concerning the subject. But we will go long distances and pay a large amount to hear an expert.

In the natural world, we know that birth is essential to the continuity of the race and the perpetuity of our government, and its institutions

Not withstanding the fact that we bost of some marvelous definite experience, that might be likened unto birth that we had a long time ago, we are constantly showing that we are still in need of being born again. Just as the birth that brought us into the natural world will not do to bring us into the spiritual world, the birth that brings us into one experience will not do to bring us into many other experiences that we may be called upon to enter.

If our hearts and minds be not impregnated with the spirit and purpose of a cause, however good it may be, like Nicodemus we can not see it, to say nothing about entering it.

All about us we have multitudes of people, who show beyond a doubt that they have been born into a great variety of experiences, but who <sup>know</sup> nothing about the experience that enables them to see and enter the Kingdom of God.

May each of us witness the new birth every day that brings us into fellowship with God and his people Amen

May 27 '34

Luke 14:L.C.1

M

They watched him.

To be vigilant, watchful is very worthwhile for any one, but especially for those who are in dangerous positions, and are dealing with delicate and important matters.

In the world's activities the watchman is a very significant and important individual. Often the destiny of an entire nation depends upon the kind of service he renders.

But the whole character of one's watching is governed by the motive that prompts him and the objective that gives him the incentive to watch.

There are those whom we watch that we may escape the pernicious results of their satanic schemes.

Often we are watched because men are suspicious and affraid of us.

Men watch us ofttimes that they may discover our weaknesses and use them to our detriment, our undoing.

There are many other reasons why men watch us, and why we watch men. But the greatest outstanding reason that prompts men to watch us and prompts us to watch men is that we <sup>learn</sup> wholesome lessons from them. It is for this reason that we watch Jesus. From him we learn lessons in GENUINENESS, LOVE, MERCY, KINDNESS, GENTLENESS, ENDURENCE, PERSEVERENCE.

Let us remember, that if we have been with Jesus and have learned his way we are persons to be watched that men may see our steadfastness, and earnestness, and be persuaded to emulate us.

.....Amen.....

May 27 '34

Prov. 18 L. C. 24

V P & C

There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

History, both sacred and profane is filled with the record of the noble acts of men. But nowhere in history do we find <sup>the record</sup> of an act more noble than that of Pythias, who put his life up for Damon, a Greek philosopher, his friend.

For no evil nor ignoble act, but for expressing his philosophic or religious belief, which was contrary to the opinion of King Dionysius, was Damon sentenced by the King to be executed. But this noble act of Pythias was more than rewarded, Damon after going home and settling up his affairs returned to the King and offered himself for execution. The King was so impressed with the honesty and courage of Damon that he cancelled the sentence and sought the privilege of entering into the friendly union that existed between Damon and Pythias. But the privilege was denied him.

If this incident had a place in Hebrew history it would have been seized upon by Hebrew and Christian prophets and made in a most striking way to typify Jesus and his great work of redemption. But as I endeavor to present truth at this time concerning these two Greek men, I hope you may think of them in the very fine way in which they do typify the life and work of Jesus, and lost men doomed to eternal death.

May we not learn from these two men:-

That the traits of LOVE and FRIENDSHIP in men can be most effectually reached by those who have these same qualities.

That men become brave and courageous most readily when they have those in whom they believe to help them bear their burdens.

That real men are not only concerned about what

is going to happen to them hereafter, but also about what is going to happen to their loved ones here.

That there is great value in the saving virtue of punctuality that effects favorably the hardest hearted.

That when men are TRUE, BRAVE, and COURAGEOUS they do not go very far in the luxuries and joys of life without sharing them with their sisters. So together they suffer and together they rejoice.

May we realize that there is great need for the same kind of love and friendship in all the affairs of men that are exemplified in the two branches of the noble order represented here tonight.

.....Amen.....

June 10 '34

Jere. 1:6,7,8,9,10

P.M. Tres.

Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the Lord said unto me, Say not I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words into thy mouth. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

The real, true prophet always has certain unmistakable marks by which you can tell him. And for these you have a right to look before giving serious attention to his message. These marks are not received from men. God places them upon his prophets.

In the light of the greatness of the work to be done by him, ~~always feels his~~ ~~inefficiency~~ the true prophet always feels his inefficiency.

The true prophet is never influenced by the bustle and tumult of men to turn a deaf <sup>ear</sup> to the voice of God. He always hears what God has to say concerning every thing that he has to do.

The true prophet is always conscious of the presence of God to chase away his fears, and he is not disturbed by the presence of men, whoever they may be.

The true prophet does not attach undue importance to what he may know if he does not hear God's voice, he knows he can not speak his message.

The true prophet knows he must ~~he~~ ~~must~~ do much hard work preparing for and laying a good foundation before he begins to build. And he must thoroughly prepare the soil before he begins to plant.

.....Amen.....



June 17 '34

Mark 9:1

M

And he said unto them, Verily, I say unto you, that there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

It is reasonable to suppose, that every one of us who is alive, has some things in our minds that we would like to see come to pass.

Some times the things that we have in mind and would like to see come to pass are small and insignificant. Then there are those who have some really great things that they would like to realize before their death. And some times, because this is impossible, they make provision to have their desires carried out after they are dead and through with their funds.

But oh the joy that comes to those who see their dreams come true while they are still living.

There are many great accomplishments that we would never witness if we had to depend upon our own strength, our own wisdom and knowledge.

Things that would be otherwise impossible are easily and readily possible when God says so.

It is not enough for the real citizen in the kingdom of God to know that his kingdom has come, he wishes to see it come with power, influence, prestige. He is anxious to see his kingdom attractive so that new citizens will be brought into it, he wishes to see his kingdom maintain a large strong army, and building helpful, constructive institutions.

The real citizen in the kingdom of God wishes to see her affairs conducted in such a way as to preclude panics, or periods of depression.

Every citizen in the kingdom of God should flourish like a green bay tree. Whatsoever he doeth should prosper. But, mark you, he will not do nor will he desire to do evrything. His program is made out for him, and he is under the constant guidance and leadership of the Holy Spirit.

.....Amen.....

June 24 '34

I Cor. 9:F.C.27

M

I am made all things things to all men that I might by all means save some.

We see constantly people, who for one reason or another, are spending much time, thought, energy, and money trying to make themselves over.

For many persons their great need physically, mentally, and religiously is to be made over.

We are under eternal obligation and debt to those who have gone on before us and provided the means and opportunities, which when properly employed, will make us over. To this end the musical conservatory, the grammar school, high school and college, and university; the sanitarium, hospital, and the diet kitchen serve.

But all these agencies that I have mentioned have to do with the physical and mental man. But with these phases we are not primarily concerned just now. We are concerned with that other and most neglected part, the religious part of man.

We all are anxious to know, if we need to be, how we may be made over in our religious life. The scriptures tell that if we are in Christ Jesus we are new creatures.

It is one thing to try to make ourselves over. but it is another, and an entirely different thing to submit to the Holy Spirit and be made over. The former process often makes us good for nothing. But the latter always makes us good for something.

It is practically impossible for us, in our natural state to be instruments in saving men. If we would be instrumental in saving men spiritually we ourselves must be spiritually minded.

There is no greater service in all the world than that we are called to render to lost men.

Let us measure our life and work by the proper standard, and I am certain we shall find that we have not and we are not doing anything like what we should be doing in helping to save men.

May we submit willingly to the operation of the Holy Spirit and allow him to fit us for the work for which we have been saved.

.....Amen.....

June 24 '34

Matt. 3:17

V

And lo a voice from heaven, saying, this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

The entire earthly career of Jesus was marked great deeds of love, kindness, and mercy. But this particular act of obedience attracted the attention heaven, the Father, and the Holy Spirit in a sepcial way; for heaven was opened, the Spirit descended upon him, and the voice of God spoke to him.

In your life and mine there are certain important initial acts that inaugurate a new period in our career as citizens in the kingdom of God. And God shows his interest in us by giving special attention to these acts. And we should judge the significance and importance of these acts by the attention that God gives to them.

There are certain occasions in your life and mine when God seems to take peculiar delight in recognizing our relation to himself. Jesus was always his Son, but it seems that not every occasion gave him the same opportunity to announce the fact.

Let us remember, that we can establish the relationship of sons of God by obeying, by doing his will, and in no other way.

.....Amen.....

July 1 '34

Matt. 8:24 L.C.

V

And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.

Just now I think we all realize, that the ship of state and the ship of Zion are sailing upon waters that are rough and tempestous. But this is not the first time that the old ships have been driven and tossed.

Most of us ought to be good old salts brave courageous mariners by this time. We should learn from Jesus how to act in times like these.

We should be careful, watchful and prayerful and take our rest so that we may have strength, and courage and power to quell the storm and bring about the calm that we all desire.

The peace, the ease and contentment of Jesus did not depend upon external material conditions, but upon a state of mind and upon unwavering faith and confidence in God and in himself.

We learn helpful lessons from those of whom we have record who slept on special occasions; Sisera; Jonah; The Jailor; The Disciples of Jesus, and Jesus himself.

May we learn from Jesus how to be calm and at ease in the time of a storm.

.....Amen.....

July 1 '34

I Cor. 9:9,10,13,14

M

For it is written in the law of Moses, thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, it is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? And they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar. Even so hath God ordained that they that preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

#### THE MUZZLED MINISTER

In considering this very important subject, our first concern is to know something about the ORIGIN, NATURE and HISTORY of the Minister.

The Minister originated in the individual family, and was intrusted to the father, the head of the family. This was the original set up. But as the family extended into clans and tribes, and nations it became necessary in matters religious as in other matters, to have principles and teaching that would be more uniform. So several families got together and selected one firm among them, whom they required to qualify ~~himself~~ by prayer, study, and meditation, to be their teacher, preacher, minister.

Of course like all other institutions, the ministry has undergone many changes, and operated under many forms and in various ways. Some times as PRIEST offering sacrifices; some times as PROPHET making known to the people their destiny, and some times as PASTORS preaching, informing and edifying the people.

The Minister as we think of and understand him today is of comparatively recent origin.

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He has gradually developed from a very simple personage to a very significant, important individual. But we should remember, that whatever the Minister has become it has been according to the wishes and demands of the church.

The church requires certain qualifications for those whom they select to be their leaders, their preachers. The church also makes certain rules and laws by which the leaders, the Ministers are to be governed in their activities.

The church enters into an agreement, a contract to do certain things:-

- 1-To maintain a place where he may conduct services, which have already been agreed upon by the church.
- 2-To furnish certain assistants, as Deacons, Trustees, Sunday School Faculty, and whatever other assistants may be necessary for the proper and smooth working of the church.
- 3-The church promises to place at the Minister's disposal, as a freewill offering or as a salary sufficient money to enable him to live as well as others in the community occupying similar positions, as teachers, lawyers, doctors, and executive secretaries.
- 4-The church promises to attend and to invite others to attend all the services of the church regularly.
- 5-The church promises to be a part of and to attend and support our denominational gatherings, local and national.

May we all together, Minister and people remember our agreement, our contract and ask God to give us the mind and will to do our whole duty.

.....Amen.....

July 22-34

Nov. 22 '31

Acts 27:29

V

Then fearing lest we should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day.

For most of us the sea of life is rough and tempestuous. Most of our voyage is made in the darkness of the night.

Everybody is wishing that the night would pass away and that we might witness a calm.

When we wish a thing the logical consistent step to take is to work for it. There are many things that we may do to change night into day and storm and tempest into a calm.

The Universal Wish to day is that times may get better very soon.

We wish for the day something:-

- 1-We may see the course over which we are sailing more clearly.
- 2-We may make more rapid progress. That we may not spend so much time at anchor.
- 3-We may avoid dangerous contacts, fatal collisions.

May each of us hear the announcement and command to arise shine for your light is come.

Let us not be satisfied to remain at anchor when we should be sailing on under the captancy of our great Pilot Jesus Christ our Lord.

.....Amen.....

Aug. 5-'34  
Nov. 15 '31

Matt. 6:6

14  
V

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which seeth in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

The foundation work for all the world's great transactions is wrought by the few behind closed doors.

From whatever viewpoint we consider it the privacy of life is of primary importance and determines in large measure all our public life.

#### OUR PRIVATE RELIGION

- 1-Is preparatory to our public religion.
- 2-It consists in sacrifice and selfdenial.
- 3-It is for meditation, prayer, and planning.

Let us not be overanxious about our public religion, and forget our private religion.

Let us spend much time behind closed doors with our Lord.

.....Amen.....



Aug. 12 '34 Acts 8:31. Jno. 16:13

M

How can I except some man should guide me?  
When the spirit of truth is come, he will guide  
you into all truth.

It is always interesting to know just what  
impressions are <sup>made</sup> by the same person or object on  
different persons. No two persons are impressed  
in just exactly the same way by a play, an opera,  
a concert or a religious service.

The man who spoke the first part of our  
text was just returning from Jerusalem where with  
others he had been to worship. He evidently had  
gotten a serious impression from what he saw and  
heard while attending services in the Temple at  
Jerusalem. So impressed was he that on his way  
back home he read from the book or roll that was  
used in the worship in the Temple at Jerusalem.  
He read but he did not, he could not understand  
what he read. Just while he was in the act of  
reading the Bible the Spirit directed Philip, one  
of the Deacons of the church, to go near and join  
himself to this man who was an eunuch in the em-  
ploy of Candace, an Ethiopian Queen as the keeper  
of all her treasures. He quickly made known to  
Philip the fact that he could not master what he  
was reading except some man should guide him. And  
immediately ordinary Deacon Philip became Prof.  
of Biblical Theology. His first pupil was convert-  
ed and Prof. Philip baptized him, and went, ac-  
cording to the directions of the Holy Spirit to  
his next class.

Those who go up to their Jerusalem to wor-  
ship now may enjoy the fulfilment of the last  
part of our text. For the Spirit of truth has  
come and places himself at the disposal of all  
who desire him to interpret to them the will of  
God.

There is always something in every temple  
service for each individual who goes up to worship  
and demands his serious thought and consideration.  
And God will always send some one who will enable

Acts 8:31. Jno. 16:13

us to make a practical personal application of what we have received in the temple worship.

It is well and proper for us to commend those who have and conduct the temple service in such a ways as to attract and hold those who come to worship until they have gotten something that they can take back to their homes with them.

There is a route over the journey of life that will bring you in touch with those who can help you to understand the mysteries of life and will make you see and how to apply the knowledge that you receive to your own life so as to get the greatest profit out of it.

We should not wait until we have everything in the material world that we would like to have before beginning to do our christian duty. Right where we are, with just what we have we may in a very satisfactory way do the will of God.

Let us never be outdone by difficulties that we shall surely meet as we journey through life. But let us remember that all around us there are those who are able to guide us out of our difficulties whatever they may be if we humble and honest enough to acknowledge our weaknesses and our limitations.

May we be ready to receive aid and instruction even though it may come from strangers.

.....Amen.....

Aug. 19-'34

Oct. 26 '30 Jas. 4:13,14. Heb. 8:5

V

M

For what is your life? See that you make all things according to the pattern shewed thee in the mount.

#### MAKING A LIFE

We are exhorted in the word of God to work out our salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who worketh in us both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

The familiar, saying, Life is what you make it, is accepted by all of us.

The first thing that any intelligent person does in connection with building any kind of structure is to select:-

- 1-A sight, the place where we are going to build the structure, in the Church or in the World.
- 2-The kind of structure we are going to build. Whether it is going to comply with well established rules or just be according to our taste.
- 3-The material that shall enter into this structure. Whether the real substantial or the insignificant things.
- 4-Those who are to work on the building. The Father Son and Holy Ghost and the Church.
- 5-The purpose to which the structure will be devoted.

Let us remember that this structure is to be built according to the architect's plans, and the plans are in accord with the sight.

.....Amen.....

Aug. 22 '34

Rom. 12:21

V

We must know how  
evil acts.

BE NOT OVERCOME WITH EVIL,  
BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD.  
WE must know The Source of Goodness.  
WE must know The Source of Evil.

The great problem with most people is not that they do not have possessions. But the problem is what to do with our possessions so as to get the greatest value out of them.

We all must be conscious of the fact that all of our possessions have a variety of values. The value of our possessions depends very largely upon the way we use them.

We have often heard the expression, and possibly have used it ourselves, that so and so or this or that is good, but good for nothing.

As all our rich possessions, GOODNESS comes from God. And it is given to us for one definite purpose. It is the weapon with which to overcome EVIL. And it is the only weapon with which we can really overcome evil.

But not even goodness will overcome evil only in so far as we know how to use it.

In his exhortation, the apostle Paul implies that we may use our goodness in such a way as to have it evil spoken of.

Our goodness must never be used as an ornament with which to decorate ourselves.

Our goodness must never be used to give us a smug complacency.

Goodness to be of any profit must always be placed over against evil.

May we always use goodness according to God's directions. ...AMEN...

Sept. 23 '34

Isa. 35:3

M

STRENGTHEN YE THE WEAK HANDS  
AND CONFIRM THE FEEBLE KNEES.

None of us who are really interested in the church are satisfied with her progress or achievements. We know the church is and always has been active. But her accomplishments are not, nor have they been since the first century commensurate with her activities.

In every period of her history the church has produced some saints; she has had some wonderful achievements to her credit. But in every period of her history she has also had many time servers, traitors, and hypocrites in her ranks; and has had many failures and defeats for which to account.

The church has never been able to count the rank and file of her members as real strong courageous saints of the Lord. And this accounts for her failures and defeats. She fails not because there are so few real genuine saints in her membership, but because she carries on her roll so many weak handed and feeble kneed saints, who do not have strength enough to bear their share of the burden.

The church has to spend entirely too much time with members whose hands are weak and whose knees are feeble. There are too many who can not do with their might what their hands find to do.

The task of the manority group in the church is very delicate and difficult. They must carry on the general work of the church, and at the same time must use a great variety of means and methods to strengthen those who are weak and feeble.

It will be profitable for us to consider some of the traits and qualities by which we may judge and our fellowmembers as to whether we and they are weak or strong, feeble or firm.

For the saints of the Lord there is no strength where there is no FAITH; faith in ourselves, faith

Isa. 35:3

faith in our coworkers, and above all faith in our God. CONFIDENCE too in ourselves in our coworkers and in our God helps to kee us strong and firm.

Faith makes us see and believe in existing ability, and confidence makes us see and believe in the readiness and willingness to do that for which there is ability.

HUMILITY and MEEKNESS are not qualities that belong to the weak and infirm. SELFISHNESS will not cling to the strong, firm saint of the Lord.

JEALOUSY, ENVY, DECEIT, PREJUDICE and SUSPICION have no place among the strong firm saints of the Lord.

LOVE, HOPE PATIENCE, LONGSUFFERANCE and FORBEARANCE are the qualities that keep the saint of the Lord strong and firm.

Let us all remember, that if we would be a part of the church whom God can honor we must be ever ready to do our part in strenghtening the weak hands and confirming the feeble knees.

May we study under the Holy Spirit the various conditions under which the members of the church grow weak and feeble.

Let us band ourselves together and become a strong working force in this chuurch to put over God's program. We have done many good things, but there is much more to do than we have done.

.....Amen.....

Oct. 7 '34

Ps. 127:L.C.2

M

FOR SO HE GIVETH HIS BELOVED SLEEP

There is no experience more universal than that of being tired.

We are all in need of rest. But rest is not easily obtained.

Our work tires us; things we see tire us; sounds we hear tire us; even many people whom we contact tire us.

We try in many ways to obtain rest, but nothing is a more sure means to rest than sleep, healthy sleep. But sleep does not come by magic. Sleep, real helpful sleep is the gift of God.

Too much sleep is a sign of indolence or poor health. But when we do not have sleep enough our activities, too often are empty and useless.

We do many things to produce sleep. We sit up late, we get up **early**; we think seriously. Then we take certain remedies to make us sleep.

Most of us are too fussy and spasmodic; what we do is too largely the result of emotion and impulsiveness rather than the result of prayerful thought and meditation.

We are much in need of sleep, sleep that God gives out of which come helpful dreams and comprehensive visions.

We are constantly receiving from God many gifts, sleep is among them, but God's gifts are never an end in themselves. All of God's gifts are a means to a definite end. And so sleep. God gives us sleep not that we might indulge and pamper, and make our flesh weak and flabby. But rather that we might receive rest and refreshing therefrom and be the better qualified to carry on in his kingdom.

.....Amen.....

Oct. 14-'34 Ps. 17:15 μ

As for me, I shall behold <sup>thy</sup> face in  
Righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when  
I awake with thy likeness.

Most of us are greatly concerned  
about ~~great~~ occasions with which  
we are connected, we are anxious  
to occupy our rightful place, to do  
our part to make the occasion what  
it should be. Hence we spend much  
time, means, and energy in prepar-  
ing for the occasion; then we engage  
others to aid us in preparing. We have  
our Tailor, Beauty Culturist, our in-  
tellectual and Music teachers. All  
this is good and as it should be. But  
it all has to do with the material side  
of life, that we may meet the world's  
great ones in the best way possible.

We need to be more concerned  
about meeting God in Work and Worship.  
We need to do our best, then get all the  
help that we can possibly secure that  
we may be prepared to present ourselves  
in the best way possible and to take our  
rightful place in the Service of the Lord.

We should test ourselves often and  
see if we can pass the Examination  
according to God's established Standard

We should be more concerned about  
how we are growing, whether more and  
more like our Lord or less <sup>and less</sup> like him

Let us use every means possible  
that will help us more rapidly to re-  
gain the likeness of our Lord, that we  
may be satisfied. Amen



May 20-34 V

Oct. 18 '31

Matt. 9:24

M

He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn.

Most of us are very limited in our ability to comprehend, and understand life, the various ways in which it expresses itself. We are accustomed to see life express itself, manifest itself in certain ways and in no other. And when we can no longer see these expressions, so far as we are concerned the person is dead.

But science and history teach us that there are varieties of life beyond ordinary ability to comprehend.

Let us observe, that whether we are dead or not depends upon:-

- 1-Location, Environment.
- 2-The company in which one is.
- 3-The issues at stake.

May we ever realize, that if we are in the place that God has prepared for us we will be alive. And every thing, that we touch will be vitalized.

Let us always give attention to our environment, that we may receive the help to life that God has intended for us.

The issues at stake will always help us to manifest our life. So let us give attention to the great issues.

.....Amen.....

Oct. 21 '34    Acts 2:L.C.37

W

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

Of all the creatures that God has made man is the most intelligent, and the only one made in his image. Nevertheless no creature gets into so much trouble, and finds it so hard to get out as man.

Other animals have natural weapons of defense, as claws and teeth. Man has a fist with which to defend himself, and he has multiplied it a thousand times with sword, spear, rifle and cannon. And still he gets into more fights, and gets killed more frequently and in more ways than the dog.

The fact that man was made in the image of God gives him the feeling of a certain independence, which when used improperly involves him into all kinds of difficulties. For often he tries to solve problems that only God can solve.

When God's laws and rules are ignored or treated slightly trouble, disaster and ruin are the inevitable results. And when man has thus acted and he comes to himself and realizes his dependence he seeks outside help, and wise he seeks divine help.

So the question of our text is an age long one, and deals with every phase of life. What shall we do in our RACIAL life; in our POLITICAL life; in our SOCIAL life; in our INTELLECTUAL life; in our MORAL life; in our RELIGIOUS-SPIRITUAL life?

We find ourselves in new situations, and confronted with new problems every day. We are being constantly asked to recognize new ways and methods for doing everything. And our religious life does not escape. Each age demands of you to express your religion so it may be understood and approved, by those who really desire to serve God.

.....Amen.....

Sept. 23 '34

Oct. 25 '31

Ezek. 1:L.C.9

V

They turned not when they went,  
they went evry one straight forward.

In these days of rapid transit we find in every large city main thorough-fares, on these thorough-fares no left turns are allowed. On many of these thorough-fares you are required to speed up to a certain number of miles per hour or get off the thorough-fare.

Whatever the attractions, and however great they may be you can not reach them from the main thorough-fare by turning to the left. You must first leave the main thorough-fare by turning to the right, and then cross over to left.

In the kingdom of God those who are on the King's highway journeying to the eternal city are not allowed to turn either to the left or to the right, they are required to go straight forward.

No Left Nor Right Turn. Let us learn-

- 1-That the King's thorough-fare leads direct to a definite destination. And therefore we have no need to turn.
- 2-Those who make turns show that they are getting entirely off the highway or they are turning back.
- 3-That turns involve us in dangers to ourselves and dangers to others.

Let us remember that our command is to go straight forward.

.....Amen.....

Oct. 28 '34

Luke 6:F.C.44

V

FOR EVERY TREE IS KNOWN BY HIS FRUIT

Not many persons are well enough acquainted with the science of trees to know what kind any particular one is but by its fruit.

A tree has many characteristics: it has foliage, flowers, and bark or skin. In an electric storm a tree goes through many thrilling exciting antics. But by none of these is the tree known, but by its fruit.

And so with man. Not many men, however psychologically expert they may be, can know the real character of man only by the fruit he bears, by the words and acts of his life. So the great concern, especially in christian life, of every man should be to exhibit in worthy words and acts the life that he professes.

No man should feel satisfied and justified in living a life that can not be understood by his reasonable fellowmen.

God depends upon man to advertise him and his cause. Nothing is more reprehensible and deserving greater condemnation than the man who professes to be a citizen of the kingdom of God and acts as though he were a stranger and foreigner.

the tree

Let us remember, that <sup>the</sup> is pernnial, and must possess all the year round the quality that makes it possible to bear fruit.

Let us remember that the tree is to bear the same kind of fruit all the time everywhere.

.....Amen.....

Nov. 4 '34

Matt. 10:L.C.31

V

YE ARE OF MORE VALUE THAN MANY SPARROWS

Not many men know the real value of their fellowman. We are accustomed to judge our fellowman by faulty standards. We can not depend upon them; for they constantly discount us. And if we are not on our guard we will find ourselves finally discounting ourselves.

What we all need to do is to find out from some one who really knows our real value what we are worth, and what we are capable of doing. In some phases of life we may find some men who can do this for us. But in spiritual life it is risky for us to depend upon the opinion of men concerning our capabilities. If we wish to know the truth, the truth that will stimulate and encourage us we shall do well to find out what God thinks about us.

One of the very best ways to find out what God thinks about us, the value he places upon us is to observe what he has done and is doing for us. Observe the provision that he has made for us.

Our value to God is shown always in a very clear way in the obligations he places upon us.

God has arranged a long period of service for us. Not many creatures live as long as we do.

Whether men value us or not, let us be encouraged by the value that God places upon us.

Let us never be satisfied until we regained in the full the image of God, so that our real value may appear to all.

.....Amen.....

Nov. 4 '34

July 26 '31

Luke 23:5

M

And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place.

Most people like to follow beaten paths, to stick to old customs. And you can commit no greater crime than to wrench them out of their old settings.

The makers and promoter of ancient systems, as a rule, do not look favorably upon new ideas. To such promoters those who advance new ideas are heretics, enemies to the right and deserve to be silenced, and if need be put to death.

History is filled with the names of those of ~~those~~ who have arisen as reformers. But here we have the record of one who was and is more than a reformer. He is a transformer, a creator, one who makes all things new.

Let us observe that it is the business of the church to stir up the people when:-

- 1-They become selfcentered.
- 2-They value law more than life.
- 3-They try to build a constructive organization out of unprepared destructive individuals.

Let us remember that we never make a mistake when we change our ways and make them conform to God's way.

May we never become dissatisfied when the Lord Jesus begins to stir up the people.

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112 Sel. 176-177

79 Phil. 2 Ch.  
34

85 Pg. 15

62

81

104 Sel. 398

95 Eph. 2 Ch.  
15

Oct. 21-'34

Jesus' Crime

He stirred up the people.

He stirred up the people in a large territory.

He stirred up the people by teaching

the truth and thereby enflamed and lifted atop them.

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11.49  
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Nov. 25-'34

V

May 24 '31

PS. 91:16

M

With long life will I satisfy him,  
and shew him my salvation.

For many the shortest days are too long. But for most of us, the children of God, the longest days are too short. We start at our task early in the morning, and often the early hours of the next morning find us still at it. And we sing:

"Somewhere the day is longer  
Somewhere the task is done"

Let us observe:-

- 1-That the child of God can live long and be satisfied.
- 2-That the child of God can live long and be servicable.
- 3-That the long life of the child of God is filled with opportunities and privileges.
- 4-That the child of God can live long and be lovable.
- 5-That the child of God can live long and still be youthful.

May we make much of God's promise  
to satisfy us with long life.

.....Amen.....

Dec. 30-'34

Nov. 29 '31

Matt. 14:L.C.16

M

Jesus said, Give ye them to eat.

Missionary effort, whether home or foreign has always been a program of feeding. And the ability to carry out this program has always depended constant<sup>upon</sup> intimate association with Jesus.

This constant association with Jesus makes all grace abound, and we become rich in all blessings, Material, Mental, and Spiritual. Thus we are put under constant obligation to our fellow-men.

We are living in a country, that from every viewpoint, is the richest and the most prosperous in all the world. We are, therefore under obligation to give to the world all that is implied in material food, mental food and spiritual food.

Let us observe some of the ways in which we may help to give the world:-

- 1-Material Food. By being a) Industrious. b) Economical. c) Careful
  
- 2-Mental Food. By being a) Sociable. b) Studious. c) versatile.
  
- 3-Spiritual Food. By being a) A church attendant. b) A church worker. c) A church supporter.

May we keep in mind always the obligation that is upon, if we have been saved, to give to the hungry food and to the thirsty the water of life.

.....Amen.....

Jesus engages to serve the race in every major capacity. Hence he presents himself in a great variety of characters. He is the WAY, the TRUTH, the LIFE, the LIGHT OF THE WORLD, the GOOD SHEPHERD, LILY OF THE VALLEY, the ROSE OF SHARON, the BREAD OF LIFE, and the WATER OF LIFE.

He is the WAY, the pioneer in every legitimate walk of life. He is our pattern in all life's activities. He sets the standard for BUSINESS life. He gives the rules for social intercourse. He is the expert in government, civil and religious. He is the author of the GOLDEN Rule.

For those who become citizens in the kingdom of God there is no appeal from the decision of the Master. He is the TRUTH. To have him is to make sure of having all the truth that we need for this life and the life beyond.

In order to enjoy the Way that he is and the Truth that he gives we must have the LIFE that he is. For his life does not depend upon external conditions, but upon our relation to him. It is a life that never wanes.

Those who walk with him never walk in darkness; for he is the LIGHT of the world. No other light illumens sufficiently to make it safe for us to go through this old world.

If we follow him he changes our nature so that we become as sheep and he becomes our great SHEPHERD. And all the relation that existed between the ancient shepherd and his sheep exists between us and our Lord and Master.

When men have the Lord Jesus he becomes their meat and their drink; for he is the BREAD of life and the WATER of life. They find no reason for searching for any other source for their supply.

Our love of the beautiful is satisfied in him; for he is the ROSE of Sharon and the LILY of the VALLEY.

.....Amen.....

John. 6: 35<sup>(4)</sup> Bread  
John. 10: 11 Shepherd<sup>(3)</sup>  
Can. 2: 1 Rose + Lily<sup>(5)</sup>  
John. 14: 6<sup>(1)</sup> Way + Tr. + Life  
" 8: 12<sup>(2)</sup> Light

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(1) John. 14: 6 = Way - Truth - Life  
(2) " 8: 12 = Light  
(3) " 10: 11 = Shepherd  
(4) " 6: 35 = Bread  
(5) Can. 2: 1 = Rose + Lily

Dec. 2-34.  
Mar. 29-31 Ecl. 9:10 ✓

Whatever thy hand  
findeth to do, do it with  
thy might.

Some hands are always  
idle, because their owner  
does not search and find  
something for them to do.

Some hands never get  
much to do, because their  
owner never shows any  
enthusiasm.

Let's learn:-

-That the kind of hands we  
need are:-

1- Seeking Hands.

Hands  
2- That do whatever needs  
to be done willingly.

3- Hands that do with  
earnestness whatsoever  
they find to do.

May we realize that our  
task is a worthy one  
and demands the best  
in us

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GREEN PASTURES

- 1-Does G. P. help along interracial understanding?
- 2-Does G. P. help the Negro to a better understanding of his own religious life?
- 3-Is the conception of the Negro's religious life gained from this play by our white friends helpful?
- 4-What idea is given when Noah in the play asks de Lawd to allow him to take two kegs of beer into the ark?
- 5-Wherein does a real modern cabaret scene help us to get an intelligent conception of a Godless Babylonian feast?
- 6-How do barbacues and fish fries that are held on the outside of so many of our churches correspond with the fish fry scene in G. P.?

Dec. 9 '34

Gen. 37F.C.24

M

AND THEY TOOK HIM AND CAST HIM  
INTO A PIT

Carnal ambitions and unholy aspirations cause us to ignore the tender relationships that exist between us as comrades and relatives.

Selfishness will stoop to anything to carry out its purpose.

Our great and supreme duty is to keep ever in mind the relationship that God our Father has established between us. And to remember, that there can be no real success and permanent prosperity when this is ignored.

The growth and success of a cause that God has launched does not depend upon men, but upon a constant recognition of his principle, that never varies or ever fails.

The continuity and permanency of a family, especially of the divine family are of great importance. No one can afford to trifle with or to treat lightly or carelessly the children of God without putting himself under condemnation to have a milstone about his neck and to be cast into the depth of the sea.

PUTTING OUR COMRADES INTO PITS  
Let us observe:-

- 1-That our success and prosperity do not depend<sup>UPON</sup> the reverses nor the adversity of our brethren or our fellowman.
- 2-That for every plan and purpose of God that are thrown into the pit there must be a resurrection day.
- 3-That for the child of God the pit is the place where God's plans and purposes ripen fast and mature.

Let us ever recognize the importance and sacredness of the relationship existing between us as the children of God; and never say nor do any thing that you think will lessen the popularity or destroy their prosperity. For those who enter upon such a procedure with hilarity and laughter usually end in weeping and mourning.

.....Amen.....

Dec. 16 '34

Rom. 12:1,2

M

I BESEECH YOU THEREFORE, BRETHREN BY THE MERCIES OF GOD THAT YE PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY, ACCEPTABLE UNTO GOD, WHICH IS YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE. AND BE NOT CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD; BUT BE YE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, THAT YE MAY PROVE WHAT IS THAT GOOD, AND ACCEPTABLE, AND PERFECT WILL OF GOD.

One of the great concerns of the real servant of God is to see and know that his brethren are loyal, true and devoted to their Lord, and his cause.

And to bring this about he prays, entreats, pleades and beseeches. He keeps ever before his brethren the MERCIES of God.

No acceptable service can be rendered in God's work except we are using the means that he has placed at our disposal, and by their use are alive and clean.

We can not know and do the will of God except we are giving constant attention to renewing and cleansing the mind.

May each of us be so anxious to do the will of God that we shall not need very much entreaty and beseeching from our brethren. Let us respond constantly to the teaching of the Holy Spirit.

.....Amen.....



Dec. 23 '34

Luke 2:L.C.14

M

ON EARTH PEACE, GOODWILL TOWARD  
MEN

As strange as it may seem, the angel who announced the advent of Jesus said little or nothing about how his coming to earth would effect heaven. But he said much about how his coming would effect the earth.

The world had in turmoilsince the cursed fall in the garden. Troubles of every character had worried the race continually. Where christ is not born, whether in an individual or in a nation there can be no peace.

There are many things that Jesus might have engaged to give to the world. He might have engaged to give to the world Power, Wealth, Knowledge, Prestige and Influence; for these are the things that the world wished then and wishes now.

surely ther was never a time when it seemed that everything was so conducive to peace as they are today. But material facilities do not make for peace. So what we really need is a more simple life with an abundance of faith.

There are certain universal achievements that the world can never have until she enjoys the peace about which the angel sang on those Judean plains that first Christmas morning 1934 years ago.

Let us see to it that we have an abundance of that peace that the world can not give, but that Jesus gives.

may we seek peace and pursue it; for it may always be found by all who diligently seek it.

Let us remember that the world's greatest progress depends upon a greater number of people in the world having a peaceful mind and therefore a program of peace.

.....Amen.....

Dec. 30 '34    INITIATION    MASONS    V

In any field of endeavor the uninitiated is to a disadvantage. For to him the ordinary task becomes a problem.

Initiation means INTEREST, CONCERN, STUDY, WISE SANE APPLICATION.

INITIATION opens the gate to new opportunities for service.

INITIATION is the torch that lights the way into new unexplored regions.

Society demands INITIATION, and is constantly making preparation for it.

But the real value of initiation depends upon the order into which, and by whom one is initiated.

The ancient and modern activities of the order that honors us with their presence tonight leaves no doubt as to whether these men have or have not been initiated into the right order and by the right parties.

It is a common thing for men to intertain and express of those by whom they have been initiated. And he is expected to endorse and foster of the organization or institution into which he has been initiated.

It is my purpose to speak to you at this time from Prov. 18:L.C. 24 and Jno. 15:14

THE GREAT FRIENDSHIP

Dec. 30 '34

Prov. 18:L.C.24

Apr. 22 '31

Jno. 15:14

Revl. M. V

There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Friendship is the most enduring and helpful relationship that can exist between man and man or between man and God.

We are always in need of friendship. But friends like almost every other human or material institution may be clasified. Hence we speak of true friendship, real friendship, stable and tried friendship.

From the human viewpoint friendship is based upon Financial Strength, Social Prestige, Intellectual Ability or Political Power.

From God's viewpoint friendship is based upon Need and Ability to supply the need.

The only way to gain God's friendship is to obey. With God a friend is one who not only is, but one who does.

We seek the friendship of Jesus:-

- 1-Because he has influence with the Father, and that we may receive help from him.
- 2-Because he is the only way to the Father.
- 3-Because he has made arrangements for his friends to be where he is.
- 4-Because the friendship of Jesus is superior and more enduring than that of a brother.
- 5-Because we wish to be in a position to help Jesus, and our fellowmen.

If we are the friends of Jesus, let us seek to make that friendship stronger and more perfect. And may any and all who have not the Lord Jesus at the head of their list of friends realize that they are in a dangerous position. And may they use every means possible to obtain this friendship.

Amen

1934  
Sermon Outlines

## The Church and Her Outreach

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petition Or Cooper-  
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Feb. 18-'34 II Cor. 6: 1 C.P.Ch.

We then, as workers together with him beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

Of all the social and religious institutions and agencies with which we have to do, and in which we work, the Church is the most generous and cosmopolitan in her interests and considerations.

And yet the Church might be far more diligent in her regard for the Community that she might discover new relationships, and ~~find~~ find new points of contact.

Jan. 4 '34 Acts 8:5-8 G.W.I.

Not very many People, if any, have any more Joy than they wish.

There are many kinds of Joy, Joy that appeals to the flesh, Joy that appeals to the Mind, and Joy that appeals to the Spirit.

Most People Value Very highly the Joy that they wish, and are willing to pay a big Price for it.

I have reasons to believe that not all Preaching brings Joy to the people. To discuss. Some great persons may interest and satisfy, but it does not bring Joy.

There is one subject, if Properly presented never fails to bring Joy, that is, Christ Jesus our Lord. Let us talk about him and bring Joy to the people. Amen —

Mar. 18 '34 LK. 5:26 V

and they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day.

For most of us life is hum drum and monotonous.

We long for the impetus and thrill that come with the new, the strange, the unusual. We like to see new acts and new actors.

Only the resourceful, the well supplied can satisfy our longings.

Those who follow Jesus never find life monotonous. Something new and strange is happening every day.

If you would the joy and thrill out of life, be interested in others. Help them to get benefits from the Lord.  
— Amen —



Matt. 7:20

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them

In every age, in every community, the prophet, the preacher, has always been the one to whom the people have looked for divine instruction. He has always been the one to whom potentates, kings and priests have looked for information concerning the will of God.

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II Cor. 8:7

All the virtues that we  
have read <sup>about</sup> here in our  
text imply Liberality.  
And they are not complete  
without it.

Liberality was prac-  
ticed by the Lord Jesus  
all through his earthly  
career.

Liberality must be ex-  
pressed not alone in  
our material substance  
but in our time and  
talents as well.

Liberality must be ex-  
pressed not only as in-  
dividuals, but as a part  
of the organization  
with which we are  
identified. F

For the saint Liberality  
is increased by  
Affliction and Poverty.

Let us remember al-  
ways that nothing do  
we possess, but what  
we have received.

— Amen —

Matt. 20:6,7

There are many governments in the world. And there are many kingdoms in the world. But we do not have the time nor the inclination to give serious consideration to all of them. We are naturally interested in that government in that kingdom that gives us the greatest opportunity, the greatest chance to make a living and get on in the world. We do not have the time, the brief moments that we are together to give serious consideration to but one kingdom, which we think is the best of all. It is the Kingdom of God.

Mar. 3-33 Jno. 12:1-9 N.H.CH.

Here we have a family united to serve and do honor to the Lord Jesus, their benefactor.

We observe:-

1-They made him a supper.

2-They invited in a number of persons to see Jesus and Lazarus

3-Marthas served.

4-Mary provided luxuries for Jesus

5-All who were present were benefited by the elaborate way in which Jesus was entertained.

Let us remember we can all unite in making Jesus and his people comfortable.

— Amen —

Ps. 43:3

(3)

It is of no profit to us  
to join with the psalmist  
and plead with God to  
send out his light and  
his truth if we do not  
under the prompting and  
guidance of the Holy Spirit  
make preparation to use  
the light. You must first  
in the wiring, and  
the fixtures if we would  
make use of the light  
that God has sent out.

The Master tells us  
that men love darkness  
rather than light because  
their deeds are evil.  
And let us remember,  
that his pronouncement  
is final and absolute.  
He knows what he is  
talking about, when he  
says your deeds are  
evil if you do not love  
Him. The Right of the world.

— Amen —

Sept. 3 '33 Ps. 43:3 U

O send out thy  
light and thy truth; let  
them lead me; let  
them bring me unto thy  
holy hill, and to thy taber-  
nacles.

I think every one  
of us might make, and  
humbly make this  
entreaty, this pleading  
of the Psalmist, our  
entreaty, our pleading.  
For notwithstanding  
the wonderful, magni-  
ficus illumination we  
find ourselves in the  
same flight as that of  
which the Psalmist  
complains. The world  
is not lighting up the  
road that leads to the  
holy hill and to the  
tabernacle. Indeed  
the lights of the world have  
a tendency to cast a  
shadow upon the road  
that leads to the holy hill

Ps. 43: 2

(2)

to the tabernacle.

In this world go in any direction that you will, and to whomever you may, you do not find the light that leads to God. God must send out from himself the light that leads back to him. And this he has done; for he has sent his dear son Jesus Christ our Lord, who announces himself the light of the world, and the light of men, and declares that no man can come unto the father but by him.

For God's people, it is far better to dwell in gross material darkness than to be drawn away from God by the dazzling lights of the world.

Mar. 18 '34 Acts 18:9,10 PL

Then spake the Lord to Paul  
in the night by a vision, Be not  
afraid, but speak, and hold not  
thy peace: for I am with thee,  
and no man shall set on thee  
to hurt thee: for I have much  
people in this city.

Just when to speak,  
where to speak, to whom  
to speak, how to speak,  
how much to speak, and  
what to speak are seri-  
ous and difficult matters  
for poor frail limited hu-  
manity to settle. But  
for God it is no task; for  
all things are open and  
known to him.

Some times to follow  
our own counsel is  
dangerous and to speak  
is fatal. So in matters  
serious and important,  
it will be wise always  
for us, by prayer and  
meditation, to find out  
from God what course  
to pursue.

Some times the settling  
of world issues depend  
upon just a few words  
spoken as they should  
be spoken. That we  
need before speaking is to  
hear the Lord speaking to us.



Sept. 17-33 Jno: 3: 17 μ

For God sent not his Son into the world to Condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

For most of us, if not for all of us this is a pretty late date to be asking the questions: What is the Church; What is the purpose, the business of the Church? Is it the business of the Church to form a select organization, a select group to be separated from and to condemn the world.

Or is the Church, as was the Lord, sent into the world to save the world? This is a very important question, and our answer to it must determine the qualification, and preparation for membership in the Church.

In dealing with a sinful world man uses three processes, Condemns, wrecks, salvages.

In dealing with a sinful world God uses just one process, and that is to inject himself into it and thereby save it.

Let us see with God the world and our duty and obligation to it.

— Amen —

Feb. 12-38 Jno. 18:6 u

Not every one who seeks Jesus, knows his character, his value, his real worth, and when they see him they are disappointed, and awe-stricken. And this is true whether appears in person or in the person of his disciples. Let us consider:—

1-The Courage of Jesus.  
Seen in a) Humility.  
b) Obedience. c) Leadership. d) Testimony

2-The Power of Jesus.  
To a) Speak. b) Be silent. c) Heal the sick, and raise the dead. d) Forgive Sin.

3-The Love of Jesus.  
For a) God. b) Man  
c) His Disciple.

Let us remember, that all that Jesus is in Courage, power and Love, we may be.  
— Amen —

LK. 23:34 G.F.

Sometimes men commit crimes so heinous that no one is willing to plead for them. No lawyer is willing to take their case. And if some one is persuaded to take he seems not to be earnest, and sincerely anxious to have his client acquitted.

But Jesus came all the way from heaven and took the case of poor bruised, broken, fallen humanity.

Jesus knew he had a hard case. But he also knew he had prestige and power with the Father. He also had faith in his Father. He had faith in his Father when he was popular and men were singing his praises and wished to make him King, and he had faith in his Father when he was despised and rejected and wished to crucify him.

To the last Jesus was anxious about carrying out the purpose for which he came into the world.

Dec. 10 '33 Acts 7:60. 8:8 μ

And he kneeled down, and  
cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay  
not this sin to their charge.  
And when he had said this  
he fell aslee,  
and there was great  
joy in that city.

These two deacons  
made a survey of the needs  
of the people.

These two deacons  
went about to supply the  
needs of the people

Both of these deacons  
were faithful in supplying  
the needs of the people,  
but they got different  
results.

May the lives of our  
deacons be as the lives  
of these two deacons  
of the early church, and  
may it be theirs to see  
much joy in every  
place where they may  
labor as a result of  
their labors.

— Amen —

Isa. 43: L.C. 19

I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Most of us like extraordinary things; we grow tired and weary of the old routine; for such ourselves are constantly changing. These are not the same bodies we had seven years ago. Our thoughts have changed, some for the better and some for the worse. Nevertheless we have had the change. All along the walk of life people are asking for a change for a struggle. But we must remember some things do not change, and it is to our advantage that they do not, we must adjust ourselves to the God New Changes. But more who follow in

Paul Gardner

Jesus Seeking To  
Save a Man

1- He passes up the  
glitter & charm  
of the City

2- A man seeking  
to see Jesus.  
He was a public  
official & rich.  
c) A sinner, d) little  
of stature.

3- He ran ahead  
of the crowd and  
found a place of  
sacrifice. Ch.

4- Jesus always  
finds the man  
he seeks especially

by when the man  
at the same time  
is sucking him

5- Jesus never waits  
for formalities to  
make contact  
with men who  
desire him.

6- The presence of  
Jesus reveals  
our faults and  
defects and  
makes us anxious  
to be rid  
of them.

7- Found and  
saved the man  
he sought.

Min. Messing  
Mr. Anderson

Feb. 26-33 Gal. 6:2

Bear ye one another's  
burdens, and so fulfill the  
law of Christ.

The great purpose of life,  
especially of Christians  
life, is to serve, and be  
helpful to one another.

Every one of us is  
the keeper of his brother.  
The secular world seems  
to recognize this fact,  
and organizes accord-  
ingly.

Our text really tells  
us to become interest-  
ed about our brother,  
to put ourselves in his  
place.

The Church should be,  
and is a kind of burden  
bearing exchange. Every  
time we attend Church  
services we should feel that  
we are in the midst of those  
who will share our burdens  
and whose burdens we must  
share.

Let us remember that our  
Elder Bro. will always help  
us in our burden bearing.



Jer. 8:20

The seasons of the year perfectly corresponds to the different periods in our life. But at this we shall briefly consider just one season which corresponds to just one period in life. Summer is the season of privilege opportunity when we are supposed to plant, cultivate and gather. We observe:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> What to plant
- 2<sup>nd</sup> How to cultivate
- 3<sup>rd</sup> When to gather.

May we all recognize the summer of life when it comes to us and make proper use of it.

— Amen —

Matt. 5:

What The Church  
Does For Us

What do ye m  
than others?

What We May  
Do For The Elder.

We Should Do

What Together We Can  
Do For The Home

Dear Junior

Our Juniors are  
strong, pres  
of their ab  
appreciate

But - d  
if you woul  
our Christm

We are  
November 14  
cream and c  
to be love  
you.

Isa. 53: 1

Who hath believed our report: and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

In faith, Credulity, Confidence there is power. God does not reveal his power to the faithless and unbelieving.

The work that God assigns to us can never be done by the weak, the doubting.

God's messengers have his program and make it known to the people. No one can be of any real value in God's service who does not receive his message.

Many persons, some

Isa 53:1

of them are in the Church, seem to think that they are so far in advance of their brethren, that they do not need God's message in order to be qualified to serve in his vineyard.

So we must hear and believe God's message in order:-

To know his Program

To know our obligations and duties.

To get the encouragement contained therein.

Mar. 14 '34 Ps. 97: F.C. 10C & M.

Ye that love the Lord,  
hate evil.

There is a possibility  
of our mistaking some  
other emotions, and  
sentimentalities for  
love, and even when it  
is applied to our fellow-  
men it is bad enough,  
but to apply them to God  
means spiritual dis-  
aster and death. We  
must have some sure  
way to test the emotions  
that we have in our  
attitude towards God  
and see if they constitute  
love or not.

They are always cer-  
tain positive things and  
certainly negative things that love  
real love must be do-  
ing always. Loving God  
and hating evil seem  
up the future life of  
God's people.

Amen

Feb. 11-'34 Ps. 103:13 μ

Like as a father pitieth  
his Children, so the Lord pitieth  
them that fear him.

When we think of all the  
defects, and the weakness  
that cling to us we are made  
to wonder if, in a way that  
is at all satisfactory, we  
can serve God. And many  
conscious of defects and  
weakness, are not brave  
and courageous enough to  
engage in the work of the Lord.

If God were unmercifully  
exacting as he considers  
us, not very many of us would  
have a place in His Kingdom.  
But God is Merciful and pities  
his Children. He requires us  
above everything else to fear  
him. Fear merits God's pity.

The fact that God pities us  
gives us courage to start  
all over, many, many times,  
even when we are conscious  
of the fact that we have been  
miserable failures.

The fact that God pities us  
makes it easier for us to pity  
our fellowmen, and to get along  
with them.

(2)  
The fact that the Lord pities us  
makes us anxious to meas-  
ure up, to be fit to serve  
him.

The fact that God pities us  
makes us, in large measure  
independent of the pity of man.

When we are conscious  
of the fact that God pities us  
it gives us courage and  
strength to assume great  
and weighty responsibilities.

As we go forth to labor,  
let us remember the fact  
that God is our father,  
and that our success in  
his service is his great  
concern.

Let us remember that  
when men adversely  
criticize and condemn  
us that God is Mer-  
ciful and pities us,  
in our weakness and  
limitations.

— Amen —

Jan. 10 '34 Jas. 4: F.C. 8 E.C. 5.

Draw nigh to God, and he  
will draw nigh to you.

There are certain states of  
mind, and certain attitudes  
that make it impossible for  
our fellow-men, and for God  
to do for us what they would like  
to do.

Not many persons, I think,  
delight in being away from  
God. As a rule, the drifting away  
is not designed, is not intent-  
tional, nor is it sudden.

Getting away from God comes  
as a result of our becoming  
self-centered; when we think of  
very little about our fellow-men  
and a very little about our God,  
only as we wish to use them,  
to get something out of them. So  
failing to think as we should  
gets us far away from God.

Then improper association,  
and activities get us far away  
from God.

Men remain away from  
God because they gradually  
grow to feel that they can get a-  
long without him, and there  
when they find out that they

Jas. 4: F.G. 8

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Can not they are ashamed to comply with the conditions upon which one may draw nigh to God. For there must be humility, meekness and repentance.

Men must remember that Jesus is constantly before the throne of God the Father pleading for us and that the Holy Spirit is constantly among us pleading with us to draw nigh to God.

Away from God men are in the dark, they are hungry, poor, helpless and blind.

In God's presence there is fulness of joy and pleasures for ever more.

— Amen —



Aug 6 '33 Jno. 12: L.C. 21 pl

Sir, we would see  
Jesus.

One might ask, Why  
did Greeks, representatives  
of the most civilized, the most  
cultured, the most refined  
nation in the world, wish  
to see Jesus, a rejected  
member of a despised  
and subjugated race?  
What in Education, Cul-  
ture and Refinement  
did he have that they  
did not possess.

He even had to  
borrow their language  
as a means by which  
to convey his message  
to the world.

Acts 7:60  
" 8:8

And he kneeled down and  
cried with a loud voice, Lord,  
lay not this sin to their charge.  
And when he had said this  
he fell asleep.

And there was great joy  
in that city.

**WHAT HAPPENED  
TO TWO DEACONS  
IN THE EARLY CHURCH**

**WHAT HAS A CHURCH  
A RIGHT TO EXPECT  
OF A DEACON?**

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RIGHT TO EXPECT OF A  
CHURCH?**

Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> II Cor. 8: 7 B.A.M.E.  
3 P.M.

Therefore, as ye abound  
in every thing, in faith, and  
utterance, and knowledge, and  
in all diligence, and in your love  
to us, see that ye abound in  
this grace also.

The church has a task,  
a very definite task. And for  
the convenience of the saints  
this task is greatly diversi-  
fied. But the primary aims  
and objectives are the same  
for all. One saint may major  
in Faith, another in Utterance,  
still another Knowledge, another  
in Diligence, and another in  
Love. All these activities are  
for the making and developing  
of disciples. Of the Lord Jesus.  
And there is another virtue  
to which our text calls at-  
tention that every saint  
must have if he would pass  
the final examination; that  
is the virtue of liberality. About  
which I want to speak briefly  
at this time.

Aug. 13 '33 Matt. 11:29 μ

Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

In this world the greatest burdens to be borne; the greatest tasks to be performed are not physical, not mental; they are spiritual.

The world furnishes all kinds of relief for burdened bodies, but God can furnish relief for the burdened soul, that needs rest.

We must keep in mind, that man was made in the image of God to be eternally spiritual. And our whole life depends upon the state of the soul.

There are many things that burden the soul, as False Pride, Deceit, Carnal Ambition, Selfishness, Creeds, Dogmas and Tradition.

Rest of soul depends upon our doing three things: 1-Coming 2-Yoking UP. 3-Learning

— Amen —

Matt. 20:6,7 (2)

Each one of us is asked to become a citizen in the Kingdom of God, with full assurance, that we shall have all the rights and privileges and opportunities that the Kingdom affords.

The Kingdom of God affords

Social opportunities

Industrial "

Educational "

Moral "

Spiritual "

Let us humble ourselves, and become citizens in the Kingdom of God.

— Amen —

July 2<sup>nd</sup> 33 Mark 6: 31 μ

These come times very often, especially in our great cities where we feel the need of getting away from the turmoil, bustle, confusion and the regular routine and go off some where and be absolutely alone away from everything and everybody. And we just wish some one would invite us to come and spend a while at the seashore, in the mts, or just on an ordinary farm. But however much we desire to go, we would appreciate an invitation from every one. He would like to feel that our work will be congenial and helpful.

Recreating With Jesus

- 1-Will go at the right time.
- 2-Will go to the right places.
- 3-Will engage in the right kind of activities.

May we, during these summer days leave everything and everybody for a while and go on a vacation with Jesus!

— Amen —

Nov. 8 '33 Acts 8:5-8 Co.J.

Most cities throughout the world today are longing for something of the experience that came to the city of Samaria nearly 2000 years ago as the result of the life, work and reaching of Philip, one of the deacons of the early church.

It is especially to see the kind of people to whom Philip reached.

The theme that Philip discussed was Christ, an all inclusive theme.

The preaching of Philip effected the entire man.