

A FLINT LIKE FACE. Isa. 1:7

There is no flint in the heart of Jesus, but there is much in His face. He was resolve as He was submissive. I hid not my face from shame and spitting" Gentleness and resolve are married.

Luke 9:51 He steadfastly set His face to go to Jersu. There is no turning aside, none to help all apparent hindered, never confounded by thoughts within his own soul, nor rendered ashamed by the scorn of others.

Lets consider our Lord's stern resolution-

1. HIS STEADFAST RESOLVE TESTED.

A. As suggest in text-

1. His determination was manifested.  
He was being severely tested:
2. By the offer of the world-Make Him KING.  
Entry in Jersu. prove he would popular.
3. He did not compromised- won enthusiastic following- became a great religious leader.
4. By persuasions of friends- ILL Peter rebuked Him- Diciples marveled at His determination.
5. Doubtless relatives sought diff. career for Him- Far to many of us yield to well-meaning friend
6. See the unworthiness of His friends, clients-
  1. Those that ate with Him would betray- Many would forsake and flee- Whole human family would conspire to put Him to death.

- B. By bitterness which He tasted at His entrance upon His word as a substitutionary sacrifice.
1. Gethsemany, betrayal, false accusation, mockery.
  2. These were just beginings-  
How many of us would quit when fire hot. But Jesus stood firm.

- C. With ease He could have relinquished His suff.
1. Pilate sought His release-He could have spoken up- Legion of angel could rescue-He could have come down from cross.

- C. Taunts of those that scoffed- If thou be King, etc  
Theif- If thou be Christ, save thyself, and us.
1. Strong men sometimes overcome by such ridicule

- D. By the full stress of the death-agony
1. The pain, fainting, desertion, etc. but not moved from His invincible resolve.

11. HIS UNWAVERING RESOLVE WAS SUSTAINED.

- A. This depended upon His earlier resolve, training.
1. His divine schooling- Learned He obedience
  2. His conscious innocence-"I know that I shall not be ashamed"
  3. The joy that was set before Him.
  4. His unshakable confidence in His Father's help- Even to the finish-"He cried, it is finished. He never flinched.

111. HIS UNBEATABLE DETERMINATION MUST BE IMITATED.

- A. Our resolves, purposes must be to God's glory
- B. Our education must be God's teaching-
- C. Our life must be combine with an active as well as passive obedience.
- D. Our strength must lie in God.
- E. Our resolve must be carefully made, and steadily carried out till we can say" it is finished".

I have set the Lord always before me, because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.  
Psa. 16:8

VOICE FROM HEAVEN. REV. 14:13.

When we are shocked behind words, our loves  
ones have taken their departure..nothing can  
assure us and console us as (divine voice. O  
How much light dwells in familiar sentence.  
It brings comfort to those who can know..

I. THERE IS DIVINE CARE FOR THE BEREAVED.

- a. When going through the most trying times..
- b. While just thinking on the worst side of  
death..
- c. Revelation from heaven. Voice from heaven.  
Yea, saith the spirit, they... Rest.
- d. Revealing the state of the holy dead..  
ILL. Mary cried.. Lord, Tell me where ye have  
laid him... "Where are our dead.

"Not left to speculation...

II. There is sacred relationship of the dead..

- a. "They Die" in the Lord..  
Not merely believe His teachings.. enjoying  
His Grace. . breathings His spirit.  
Die sustained by His grace.

III. HEAVENLY BLESSEDNESS OF THE HOLY DEAD.

- A. Because they die in the Lord.. Blessed.
  1. Not trampled down by some risible foe
  2. Overborned by some great adversary..
  3. Rest. What it means: going out of exist-  
ence.. annihilated.. end of spirit-life..  
Indicated the fulness of life.. rest in C.
3. Happy memories of holy dead..
  - a. Influence..

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GOD'S FISHERMEN. Luke 5:4;11

There is a great need for christian laborers in the vast sea of sin to catch men.

- I. **THEY HAD MISERLY FAILED.** "We have toiled all night  
A. They had depended upon their own skill.  
B. They had presumed that their program suffices.

- II. **THEY HAD TO MUSTER FAITH.** "Nevertheless at thy W.  
A. The weather could fail them.  
B. The boat could have leaked.  
C. Faith in Christ in dire need gets results.

- III. **THEY HAD RECOGNIZED THE FULLNESS.** "A great multitude  
A. Man never lacks when following Christ.

- IV. **THEY HAD WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP.** "Called partners.  
A. They must now share their blessings.  
B. They must unselfishly render this service.

- V. **THEY HAD TO BE WILLING TO FOLLOW.** "Forsook all."  
A. God will make up the difference.  
B. No sacrifice is too great when the demands are inspired by God.

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RIVERS IN THE DESERT.

A man shall be.. As rivers of water in a dry place

Our Lord is nearest and dearest to us as man.  
And our Lord's manhood reminds us of:  
His incarnation: He assumes our nature.  
His life on earth: Honors our nature.  
His death: By which He redeemed our nature.  
His resurrection: He upraised our nature...

Word made flesh: "Rivers of water" in Him dwells fullness of godhead bodily..

Man hood seems to be a dry place, barren land  
this man yield rivers of waters, numbles of streams,  
abounding with refreshment.

I. NATURE'S DROUGHT DOES NOT HINDER CHRIST'S COMING TO MAN.

A. Came to fallen, ruined, rebellious man..  
He came to man personally, one who was without strength, or righteous,  
Though old nature seems dried up. He flows us with rivers of Grace. (in abounds, grace much)

II. NATURE DROUGHT ENHANCES THE PRECIOUSNESS OF CHRIST

A. More quickly revealed as rivers to be noticeable in desert.  
B. More valued as waters in a hot climate.  
1. As gift to thirsty soul, burning wilderness.  
2. Those devoid of God's merits, grace, love, etc

CHRIST

III. NATURE'S DROUGHT IS MOST EFFECTUALLY REMOVED BY CHRIST

A. Rivers changes the appearance and character of dry places.  
B. So when Lord's grace is near: nature changes:  
1. Despair is cheer away.. sin purged, trifles overcome, barrenness removed, nature change from glory to glory..

IV. OUR SENSE OF DROUGHT SHOULD MAKE US CONCERN OF OUR NEED OF CHRIST.

A. He is rivers of water in dry place: Implies  
1. Our Lord's office.. Saviour of sinners.  
Priest with compassion.  
B. Christ's ableness - place is dry - mighty to save  
C. " is never empty - river of grace

Christ's ableness.. place is dry.. mighty to save.  
Christ is never empty... rivers of grace..  
He is mindful of your need.

Sifting by Satan... Many have experience like Peter or Job. These were placed on exhibition for the world to see.

We are subject to attacks of Satan..none can prevent them - they are necessary for the perfecting of the Saints.

Professors are left alone... Remember- Peter and Job stood for something, they were all out for righteousness..After sifting process became great.

Peter was in midst of Pentecost -preached and saw marvelous results- He was an outstanding leader around whom the early events of Acts together wrote ~~two~~ Epistles- Gave information for Marks gospel.

#### 1. SIFTING OF SAINTS WATCHED BY GOD.

A. Divine presence of God is near when tried.

1. Tempted two on Emaus road- Divine presence
  2. During Peter's denial- Got look from divinity
- it was then that Peter wept- "Jesus said; I have prayed for thee that thy faith faileth not.

Christ presence limits Satan..Christ recognizes that this is good for our testing and loyalty.

#### 11. SIFTING WAS OF DIVINE ORIGIN.

A. After Crucifixion - Peter tempted to leave and spend in time in fishing

"Divinity speaks, "Lord thou me, more than these net, boats,

1. Wasn't easy for him to surrender all of this

B. What is the difference between divine love and human love. ?

1. One word for love in English-but two in Greek  
Peter said, thou knoweth that I love thee"

a. A love can only function when it is reciprocated

Three times he said, "Thou knoweth" at last..thou knoweth that I love thee more than all of these-Christ knew all about him.

C. Some of the sifting process is both Divine and Satanic..Satan sought to have Peter-

Christ that He might keep him- its the only way to sainthood.

1. We need a strong determination in these last days to stand for Christ.

## THE GREAT DILEMMA

MARK 16:3 WHO SHALL ROLL US AWAY THIS STONE FROM S.

*stones*  
TIMES WHEN IMAGINARY STONES LOOM UP BEFORE US AND MANY TIMES THERE ARE REAL STONES, AND IT TAKES MORE THAN MAN'S WISDOM OR PHYSICAL STRENGTH TO ROLL THEM AWAY.

IN SCRIPTURES IT PICTURE A REAL STONE, AND VERY GREAT.

DON'T TRY AND TAKE THESE STONES ALONG- LET THE RISEN SAVIOUR ASSIST YOU IN ROLLING THEM AWAY. LETS NOTICE A FEW OF THESE STONES.

### I. THE STONE OF DISCOURAGEMENT.

A. HOW MANY TIMES YOU ARE CONFRONTED WITH THEM.

A. TENDENCY TO GIVE UP, AND NOT TRY.

DUET 1:21 FEAR THOU NOT, NEITHER BE THOU DISMAYED.

B. YOU'LL FAIL IN YOUR OWN STRENGTH.

PS. 31 HE SHALL BRING FORTH THY RIGHTEOUSNESS AS THE LIGHT, AND THY JUDGEMENT AS THE NOONDAY.

GOD IS YOUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH."

### II. THE STONE OF PRAYERLESSNESS.

LK. 18:1 MEN OUGHT TO PRAY AND NOT FAINT.

A. IT STANDS OUT BIG AND TALL, ITS DIFFICULT TO EXERT THIS LITTLE EFFORT, TOO BUSY

B. IT CLOSES THE CHANNEL BETWEEN GOD AND MAN

C. YOU CAN'T GO OVER, UNDER, OR AROUND THIS STONE

D. ITS ONLY A STONE WITHIN ITSELF BUT WHEN ROLLED AWAY, OPENS THE WAY FOR PRAYER TO MOVE OTHER STONES.

### IV. THE STONE OF FAITHLESSNESS.

A. MK. 11:22 JESUS ANSWERS. "HAVE FAITH IN GOD"

B. THIS STONE BLINDS OUR VISION- KEEPS US FROM TRUSTING IN GOD.

A. TO LOOK TO TEMPORAL THINGS,

B. LOSS OF VICTORY, POWER, AND GLORY.

C. LET THE RISEN SAVIOUR ROLL THIS STONE AWAY

### IV. THE STONE OF SELFISHNESS.

A. A MIGHTY BIG ONE IS THIS.

AS FIERCE AND BOLD AS GOLIATH.

B. IT MAKES YOU DESIRE THE BEST OF EVERYTHING

B. KEEP BACK GOD'S TITHE, AND DO WHAT YOU WANT FOR PLEASURES.

C. NO CONCERN FOR OTHERS, EVEN THOUGH YOUR FAMILY IS SAVED.

### V. STONE ROLLED AWAY REVEALS A RISEN SAVIOUR AND AN EMPTY TOMB.

A. WHEN THAT WHICH OBSCURES YOU FROM SEEING JESUS, IS ROLLED AWAY, YOU HAVE A NEW VISION ABOUT LIFE, OTHERS.

B. YOU CAN FULLY SEE AND KNOW HIS SAVING CLEANSING AND KEEPING POWER.

JH. 13:4

A TOWEL

He riseth from supper, laid aside his garment and took a TOWEL and girded himself."

This is rather a familiar picture- details are known to us..But many of the points of picture are unnoticed. Christ & Disciples in upper room celebrating the PASSOVER..(Jesus taking towel) The were surprise and astonished.

We should be concern about the menial task that we may be called on to do- and not to be highminded Lets observe this account and profit by it.

1. HERE IS A PICTURE OF TRUE HUMILITY. "took towel"

A. Could have taken a sword, or a scepter and have become a sovereign..

1. Took place of servant-  
Girdle is symbol of service.

B. Disciples just debating who was the greatest.

1. Many seek recognition, applauds-  
Want to be look up too- or be the big cheese.

C. Who would think of washing another feet, not even the Master- their master

1. While they were seeking glory, throne,  
(He took a towel)

This we see a self-seeking disciple and a stooping Saviour.

2. He became Captian of our salvation, but not with a sword, but with a towel.

3. Not time you seek appraise, take note of your Master- Remember- "He came not to be ministered too, but to minister."

i. Only strong can stoop  
It take character to assume other responsibilities.

Bible says: Be clothe with humility-render as service.

11. SHOWS THE NECESSITY OF CLEANSING.  
Passover is symbol of Calvary.

A. It is type of shedding of blood for redemption of the race. " Christ is our passover is sacrifice for us."

1. Jesus said: you need to be clean

- a. He knew what persecution they will go through and endure.
- b. He knew what loneliness endure
- c. Needed to be fortified.

2. Don't permit the particles of sin to soil "Be" clean.

3. Christ can be exalted more though clean disciples.

More faith in my Saviour, more sense of His care.

More purity give me, more strength to overcome  
More freedom from earth-stain, more longing for home.

More fit for the kingdom, more used would I be.  
More blessed and holy, more Saviour, like thee.

Matt 18:19 **FERVENT PRAYER OF GOD'S TWO OR THREES.**

The world has yet to what God can do through a life that that is wholly surrendered to him..God is a special way recognizes, and honors, and puts special power upon two or threes who have **covenanted** together in prayer

Let us observe two simple, sublime things taught in these verses..

I. **THE KIND OF PRAYER WARRIOURS.** two or three.

A. A burden kind.

Not testimonial burden, that superficial.

Not a public confession of burden, appear pious.

But a covenant of two or three, never stop until desire result accomplish.

B. A dedicated kind. regardless who does or not.

1. Solomely vow to do this very thing.

C. A separated kind. take time which others regards as needed, or choice, use for profits, pleasures, etc.

D. A consecrated kind. time and eternity. ease, rocking chair, comforts, enjoyment, all on altar, when realize that souls hang in balance.

E. A believing group.. praying without faith catastrophe..

II. **THE KIND OF PROMISE GOD MADE TO PRAYING WARROURS.**

A. He would meet them in assembly..

He proposes to answer their prayer..

No acceptions or failures. his word unalterable.

III. **LET US REVIEW GOD PRAYER WARRIOURS.**

A. They have resolve to mind God.

1. Many lost who have entered these doors..

2. Many will leave community and go to Christless grave.

3. Let us intensify our efforts, and continue our engagement in prayer on Fridays, etc. and we will see the desire of our hearts, burden of our souls, and concern of our lives.

*That this is to expect we have to know that you will be heard if we know that He heard us whatever we ask we know that we have petition.*

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**MAL. 3:7-12**      OPENING THE WINDOW OF HEAVEN.

THE N.T. RELATES DISTINCT INSTANCES WHERE GOD OPEN THE DOORS OF HEAVEN AND CAME DOWN WITH GREAT AND IMMEDIATE AND DIRECT BLESSING UPON THE PEOPLE.

THREE TIMES WINDOW WERE OPEN TO THE LORD.-

1. AT HIS BAPTISM LK. 3:21 "THE HEAVEN OPEN" THIS IS MY

2. TRANSFIGURATION: LUKE 9:28 MOSES, ELIJAH "VOICE

3. DEDICATION TO HIS DEATH ON CROSS - JH 12:27

A. AT JERSU HE FORTOOL HIS DEATH, SUFFERINGS-

THEN AGAIN THIS WAS EXPERIENCE BY HIS FOLLOWERS-

1. PENTECOST "SOUND FROM HEAVEN" ACT 2:4

2. STEPHEN BEING STONED ACTS 7:56 " I SEE THE HEAVEN

3. PETER ON HOUSTOP ACTS 10:9-16

A. THREE TIMES BY APOSTLE PAUL:

1. AT CONVERSION ACTS 9:

2. AT JERSULAEM ACTS 22:17 PRAYING IN A TRANCE SAW

3. PAUL CAUGHT UP THRID HEAVE- 2 COR. 12:14

4. HEAVN OPEN TO JOHN ON PATMOS. TO HIS SEVR JOHN.

THESE WERE ALL BOTH LITERAL AND SPIRITUAL EXPEREINC AND FULL OF INSTRUCTION FOR US.

THE N.T. INDICATES THAT GOD HAS PLANNED AND PURPOSE TO BE WITH HIS PEOPLE ALSO TO OPEN THE HEAVENS TO EVERY NEED AND TO EVERY CALL THAY MAY MAKE TO GOD

JH. 14-12114 "HE THAT BEL. ON ME THE WORKS THAT I DO"

THE PRACTICAL QUESTION WITH US IS, THERE, HOW MAY WE HAVE THE WINDOW OF HEAVEN OPEN TO US: HERES A FEW

A. OUR HEART & CHURCH LIFE OPNE TO CHRIST.

1. LET NOTHING KEEP HIM OUT REV. 3:20 BEHOLD, I

2. CAST OUT ALL IDOBS MATT 3:1\*10 "FBUIT MEET FOR

3. MAKE CLEAN SWEEP OF ALL UNCLEANSNESS- PURGE FLO

4. LEAVE NOTHING THAT WILL TAKE GOD'S PLACE

4. INSENSE LOVE FOR GOD AND HIS LAWS: JH. 14:21  
HE THAT HATH MY COMM. AND KEEP THEM, HE IS IT THAT LOVETH ME.

A. GOD'S MESSAGE IS VERY SIMPLE AND PLAIN

B. GOD PROMISE WILL NEVER BE BROKEN.

III. WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE COME TOGETHER IN AN OLD TIME  
CONFESSION MEETINGS.

A. MY PEOPLE CONFESS 2 CHOR 7:14

B. FOLLOW BIBLE ROUTE JAMES CONFESS YOUR FAULTS"

C. MAKING THINGS RIGHT WITH FELLOWMAN  
CHRIST ORDERS THIS MATTER

1. GOD PROMISE IS SURE | JH 2:9-12

D. QUARE YOUR FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS WITH GOD

E. OBEYING GOD'S SPECIAL CALL AND WORK HE HAS FOR YOU.

JH. 12:26-32

IF ANY MAN WILL SERVE LET HIM FOLLOW ME, AND WHERE I AM, THERE WILL BE SERVANT BE-

MATT 25:1

THE CASE OF THE TEN VIRGINS.

SLAM-THE DOOR SHUT..LOVELY LADIES SHUT OUT..HEAR HEAR THEM - LORD, LORD, OPEN TO US, HAND BRUISED, BLEDDING, CRIES BECOME FAINT AS DOOM SETTLE UPON THEM IN POST-~~XXXXXXXX~~ MIDNIGHT DARKNESS. WHY WERE THEY SHUT OUT..LIKE MILLIONS TODAY..THOUGHT THEY WERE RIGHT- TWO CLASSES..SAINT AND SINNER, DOST AND SAVED WHICH ARE YOU ! MAKE SURE "THE HOUR COMETH WHEN JESUS

I. THE SIMILARITY OF THE TEN. ALL VIRGINS, BRIDSAMIN

A. ALL REPRESENTING PROFESSING CHRISTIANS.WAY SEEMS RIGHT... ALL HAD LAMPS, WENT FORTH- ALL LIGHTS

1. THE BIBLE IS TRUE LIGHT, LIGHTEN OUR PATHWAY.

"LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE.

2. WENT TO MEET THE BRIDGROOM- ALL THOUGHT THEY WERE ON THE WAY TO HEAVEN(MAN LOOKETH ON OUTWARD APPEARANCE)"NOT ALL THOSE THAT SAY, LORD, LORD.

"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN ILL. NICDOMEUS

3. THERE ARE THE DO AND DONE RELIGION-

1. WHAT MAN CAN DO TO SAVE HIMSELF.

2. WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE TO SAVE HIM(FINISH WK.

II. THE SEPARATION.

A. SIMILAR IN MANY RESPECT..VAST DIFFERENCE.WISE AND FOOLISH.

1. FOOLISH DEPENDS ON GOOD WORKS, BAPT,ORDIANC BELIEVE HE IS RIGHT WHEN HE IS WRONG.

ILL. COLLEGE PROFF-DRIVING THINKING, BUT ATLAS WHEN HE CAME TO HIMSELF HE WAS 150 MI OFF COURSE.

ILL. AIR-FORCE OFF. HAD BAD COLD, HARDLY BREATH, DIDN'T WANT TO DISTURBE OTHER FELLOW SO HE REACHES IN MEDICINE CABINATE TO GET VICKS, HE GOT INK BOTTLE AND IT GOT ALL OVER HIM.

B. NO OIL- TYPE OF HOLY SPIRIT"IF ANY MAN HAS NO

C. MANY DRY WICKS OF HEAD BELIEF,NO HEART CHANGE NO OIL IN LAMPS, ARE SENSUAL, NOT HAVING SPIRIT.

ILL. TEACHING HEARING SERMON ON NEW BIRTH- I DONT HAVE EXPERIENCE, TAUGHT CLASS,MADE PROFF,NO POSS.

III. THE SLUMBERING OF THE TEN. ALL SLUMBERED AND S

A. IF WISE THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN WATCHING MUST HAVE LAMPS TRIM AND BURNING.

1. SAINTS ASLEEP BECAUSE PULPIT ASLEEP

2. ARE WE RESPONSIBLE FOR GENERATION OF SINNERS, OR THE COLD INSIPID, ANEMIC, PINK-TEA, LAVENDE AND ROSE-WATER PREACHING HAS PRODUCE A GENERAT OF SLUMBERING PROFFESSORS ON THE BRINK OF WOE.

3. MANY MAKE LOTS OF ADD OVER NON-ESSENTIALS WHEN WORLD ON ROAD TO HELL.

B. HELD IN GRIP OF THE TYRANNY OF THINGS

WE ARE A SLAVE TO TRINKETS AND TRAVEL,T.V.

WE ARE ENTHRALLED WITH FASHIONS,FADES, FUN, LETTING WORLD GO TO HELL. HERE GOD'S THUNDER

"AWAKE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS AND SIN NOT, FOR SOME HAVE NOT THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.

IV. SHOUTING TOOK PLACE. MIDNIGHT, CRY MADE.

A. MANY ALERTED, THEN OFF TO SLEEP.

ILL. TEXAS IN REVIVAL- OIL FIELD, NOICE KEPT ME WAKE AND THEN I GOT USE TO IT, IT STOP AND AWAKEN I

1. GOSPEL HAMMER BEATS AWAY, MEMBER, SMUG, COMPLAI SATISFIED- LIKE CHURCH STEPLES, BUT DON'T BORHTER. RADIO, T.V. ARE TRYING TO MAKE INROADS, BUT FAIL.

V. THE SCRAMBLING. BECAME FRANTIC, PANIC

A. CRUCIAL HOUR, BUT NO OIL- RAN TO OTHERS BUT THYE HAD NO EXTRA GRACE TO GIVE, ETC. TIME WILL COME WHEN CHRISTIAN WILL STAND HELPLESS-

ILL. SKY DIVER, SAW SON ON FIRST JUMP PLAUNGE TO EARTH, WAS HELPLESS

ILL. CAR STALLED ON TRACK, COLD, FREEZING,MAN HAD WINDOWS UP, COULD HEAR TRAIN, MANY SCREAMED BUT TOO LATE.

VI. THE SUMMONS. "WHILE THE BRIDGROOM" CAME

A. A LITTLE WHILE AND HE THAT WILL COME, WILL COME

ILL. MR EISENHOW MAKING HOUSE TO HOUSE CALLS IN CAMPAIGN-OH MR. PRESIDENT HAD I KNOWN YOU WOULD COME I WOULD BE READY, AND CLEAN UP.

VII. THE SCREAMING. SCREMAED- OPEN, OPEN

A. NO OIL- NO WHITE GARMENTS-STRIVE TO ENTER

B. PROFFIONAL MAN'S WIFE, LOST MIND, SCREAMED TERRIB NEIGHBOUR AFRAID.

I Tim 1:16

**PAUL'S CONVERSION A PATTERN.**

The statement in general reveals Paul's conversion as uncommon, not to at all to be expected in the usual order of things.

However; this is a wrong notion, for his conversion was that he might be a type of other conversions.

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**I. WITH HIS CONVERSION LORD HAD EYE TO OTHERS.**

- A. fact and mode of it: Pharsees, Jews would be convince.
- B. His preaching be instrumental in conver. of others
  - a. There is hope for others, even after his death
- C. Each of us saved with eye to save others.
  - a. Or we making the fullest use of your conversion

**II. THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE PAUL SPEAKS TO OTHERS.**

- A. He was foremost in sin, now forwards in grace.
 

**This faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation**  
**In sin.** Conv. reveals Jesus receives great sinners

  - a. Blashphemer, persecutor, injurious, hater of Christ.. Grace change him, forgave him..

**In grace.** Prove power of God, to save and sanct.

  - a. Faithful in ministry, clear in knowledge, fervent in spirit, patient in suffering; diligent in service..

**That I might know Him and the power of his resurrection**  
**According to my earnest expectation and hope.**  
**That ye might be blameless and harmless to the world**
- B. Those foremost in sin may be saved..
  - a. In grace outstanding.

**III. HIS CASE PRESENTS A CARTOON OF OTHERS.**

- A. As to God's longsuffering..
  - a. All seemed to be concentrated in his case.
- B. Longsuffering displaying itself in many ways.
  - a. Let him live when persecution saints..
  - b. Call him by His grace, give fullness of blessing
  - c. Lead and support him unto the end..
- B. As to mode: saved remarkably. other saved in like-manner.. Saved without previous preparation.
- C. Out of darkness, by divine power alone..
- D. Similar parallel with Paul, etc. same degree

Rev

Ex.20:12 Eph.6:1 HONOR THEY PARENTS. Col.3:30 Ex 21:

This is so important that it has been inserted throughout the Bible- Many treat this lightly, but show me a boy or girl who has greatly succeeded in this life I will show you one who has greatly respected his parents- Let prove this by scriptures.

#### 1. GOD'S STRESS ON HONORING PARENTS.

A. Proper attitude of child vastly important.

a. How striking this is to be found in 10 Command

b. Four comm. to do with ones duty to God.

c. Six to mankind... One of six to parents.

"Honor thy F. & M. along with basic command against adultery."

B. First six of the comm. duty towards mankind.

1. First with promise of blessing- Command about bowing down to some idols, there is a warning.

C. Holy Spirit calls attention to this: Eph 6:1

a. If one follow this strictly, others be observ

b. One of the comm. regarding Sabbath not repeat in N.T.

Col. 2:14-17 list Sabbath with other ceremonial laws, nail to cross.. Not so with the FIFTH "HONOR"

Matt. 15:3-9 Jesus preached brief sermon on text- Mark tells story in detail.

#### 11. GOD COMM. THE DEATH PENALTY FOR INCRR. DISOB TO COMM

A. Deut 21:18-21 Man had stubborn son, not obey voice of parents when chastised, bring to elders of City, stone him.

Shocking isn't it...??? Be stung wide awake with teaching.

B. Youth ought to be alarm how God hates this sin.

Ex.21 rules given to organized society to follow... under Moses law, certain sin punished. To strike mother or father - death... If child honor parents, it would please God.

C. Long days promised- N.T. mentions this- Obedience brings this on. self-control means good health.

1. Days long on earth.. Obey law, order if succeed.

#### 11. HOW TO HONOR MOTHER AND FATHER SCRIPTUALLY.

A. Bible most practical book- not left to guess what God means. To smite or curse involve punishment.

B. Modern fashion of encouraging children calling parent by first name.... wicked and irreverent.

#### 111. HONORING PARENTS INVOLVES STRICT OBEDIENCE.

A. Eph.6:1. "For this is right" means to obey them,

1. Some quote "Obey parents in the Lord, thus excusing them not to obey. It is true they can be wrong- (in all things )

B. Some say (citizens) certain laws, not all.

A. Many Christians are better than some policemen or magistrates- yet gives no room to disobey

C. Children ought to look after parents in old age.

A. We have a debt we can never pay.

Should look after their interest.

Parents would not dictate your life when married and grown... Mark 7:6-13

Jesus rebukes Pharisees : Reject comm. of God to hold to own tradition.. Ye suffer him no more to do ought for his F. & M... Maketh the word of God of none effect by your tradition. (Jewish leaders held Corban. "man dedicate all he had for as gift to parents or church, not obligated to do any more in way of financial support.

Here religious duty made substitute for carrying out the full force of God commands. "honor thy paren

#### IV. A PROPER HONORING OF PARENTS IS THE FOUNDATION OF ALL SUCCESSFUL HUMAN SOCIETY.

A. Naturally results in honoring parents, reverence God

1. Promotes right attitude toward law and government

2. Necessarily involves the right attitude of reverence towards sex and marriage.

ILL. Joe clean boy great athlete, won, let go have some fun- red-light dist. You a sissy.

Joe knew mother praying certain time- heard clock strike-

WHERE IS THE GOD OF ELIJAH ?

TEXT: 2 Kings 2:1-14

INTROD:

Until now Elisha has been more or less dependent upon Elijah. Now he is on his own. Time we grow up spiritually...need not lean on others laways.

I. WHAT KIND OF GOD DID ELIJAH SERVE.?

A. One concern about His own.

ILL. Feeding prophet by ravens. 2 Kings 17:1:1

B. Miracle working God. ILL. Multiplied widow's food. Dead raised.

C. Prayer answering God. Send revival..

ILL. Mt. Carmel. 1 King 18:1:39

D. Inspire youth to follow Him, by prophets influence. Elisha called to preach.

II. ELISHA'S PURPOSE TO HAVE SUCH A GOD.

A. His last walk with <sup>u</sup>lijah..

i. Determined to stay with him. to last...

ILL. Ruth clinging to Namoni.

B. Seened in his last request. Let double portio  
of thy spirit.

C. Revelaed in his acceptance of Elijah's mantle

1. Takes Elijah's habit of devotion..  
labors, sincerity.

III. WE TOO MUST EXPERIENCE ELIJAH'S GOD.

A. We observe the experience of others, what they have done, etc.

1. To have him, all doubts must vanish, unbelif dispelled.. Persue the true God.

B. Elisha smote Jordan with Elijah's mantle, got same ansiwer.. Miraclesin same manner..

Spring of water healed.. 2 Kings 2:19;22

1. Multiplied wodow oil..

Oh, let the God of our founding fathers captivate our spirits, and so live with these men, so as to inbibe of thair spirit.

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OUR TASK IS IMPORTANT.

PSA. 126:6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him..

INTROD:

No greater work there is for one to be engaged in, may appear insignificant, but its vital etc.

I. A LIFE FILLED WITH ACTIVITIES.

A. NO PLACE FOR DRONES IN KINGDOM. work for all.

*1 IDELER - OR NOW-WORKING BEE*

B. Inactivity produces weaklings..(Be strong in L)

II. A LIFE THAT BEARS RESPONSIBILITIES ALL YEAR.

A. His feelings must be wrought upon..

i. Must be burdened..."Weepeth"

2. Not for gain...mere profession..Ill Jesus we

III. A LIFE THAT INCLUDE GOD'S WORK. beareth seed."

A. Seed sower feeds the world..

B. Other activities depend on the farmer..

i. Seed word of God..People of kingdom..

IV. A LIFE THAT IS FACE WITH DISCOURAGEMENTS.

A. A want of skill..recognizes limitations.

b. Remarks from a lazy member.

c. Hardness of soil..men's heart..I'm praying for you.  
i. God word like a hammer..

d. Obstructions..Too many counterfeit rel..

No enough fervency..Too little faith.

Lack of cooperation..Too little burden..

V. A LIFE REWARDED BY GOD PROMISES. "DOUBTLESS"

A. Seed is living things..produce results

B. God uses men to win men..human instrumentality

VI. A LIFE OF ABUNDANT FRUITFULNESS. "Come again re

A. Honest toil bring results..

B.

ROM. 4:20

HE STAGGERED NOT.

TINY

P.M. 7-70

The world today is in an awful mess. Moral, social, and spiritual instability is very evident. The very foundation of these societies seem to rock and reel with with no fixed purpose or destination in mind.

There were a time in our National history when she knew in whom to believe and trust, and with ~~an~~ undeniable, unwavering faith she built a strong empire. Now that she feels self-sufficient, and powerful, her attitude towards God, righteousness, have changed considerably. In stead of retaining her integrity, and holiness, she seems to sway and stagger in unbelief, and sceptism. May this text give us an insight that will enable us to profit by it.

I. ABRAHAM'S FAITH WAS WELL-FOUNDED.

A. From the begining he believe God would direct.  
Heb. 11:8

1. He was called to leave land of kindred.

B. He staggered not at the divine command.

II. ABRAHAM'S FAITH WAS WELL-BALANCED.

A. He did not go off on a deep-end.

1. His was a venture of faith.

2. He did respect the opinion of others.

B. He was personally tested to weigh his attitudes

A. That God had a plan for his life.

B. That the star of his consecration would always shine.

III. ABRAHAM'S FAITH WAS WELL-GROUNDED. (FIXED)

A. Even though unbelief was prevlant in his day.

B. His unfailing and unstaggering loyalty in God's word.

C. His unquestioning obedience in God's promise did not waver.

1. In the sacrifice of his only son. Heb. 11:17

2. In regards to Sarah's age. God would provide

a. His inheriatance, seed as stars of H.

God is looking for men to put their faith to a

REV. 1:7 *Two* THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND.

JH. GOT GLIMPS OF THE MAJESTIC ONE. SO STARTLED AND FEARFUL, FELL AT HIS FEET AS DEAD MAN, SUDDENLY HE TOUCHED ME, AND SAID, "FEAR NOT, I'M FIRST AND LAST.

ILL. WHEN A BOY WITH FEVER, MOTHER CAME TO RUB, TOOOHH.

CONSERV BY MASTER VIOLINIST, PLAYED ON 5000 INSTRUMENT ACCOMPANIED BY PIPE ORGAN-PUT VIOLIN TO SHOULDERS, SWEET, PURE MUSIC FLOATED OUT-MAGNIFICENT PERFORMANCE-TOOK VIOLIN SMACKED IT, TOOK ANOTHER AND PLAYED, THE FIRST WAS \$2.50, NOT VIOLIN, BUT MASTER.

EVEN THOUGH TOUCH OF MASTER'S HAND UPON FALLEN; DEPRAVED BRING UNEXPECTED AND MARVELOUS RESULTS.

I. THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER CAN TRANSFORM CHARACTER.

A. VILE MADE OVER- JERRY MCAULEY, POOR DRUNK, MADE INTO A MISSION WORKER IN N.Y. ILL MAN OWN BAR.

1. MEL. TROTTER. BEASTLY DRUNK, SUPT OF PACIFIC GARDEN MISSION.
2. MAGALINE- POSSESSED WITH SEVEN DEVIL. GADARENE- SUBJECT OF DEVIL, WITHOUT CLOTHES ZACCHEAUS: CHEATED, STOLE, LIED, ETC. TOUCH OF M.

3. DR. WEIGLE: WRITER OF 1000 GOSPEL SONGS, HOLDING REVIVAL IN ONE INSTITUTIONS-A MAN SAID, HE HAD NO SOUL, HARD, CALOUS CRIMINAL- JESUS LOVE YOU HE SAID, I DON'T BELIEVE IT-NO ONE CARE OR LOVE ME-THIS INSPIRED HIM TO WRITE: "I WOULD LOVE TO TELL YOU WHAT I THINK OF J., SINCE I FOUND IN HIM A FRIEND SO STRONG AND TRUE; I WOULD TELL YOU HOW HE CHANGE MY LIFE COMPLETELY, HE DID SOMETHING THAT NO OTHER COULD DO-ALL MY LIFE WAS FULL OF SIN WHEN JES. FOUND ME-ALL MY HEART WAS FULL OF MISERY, WOE. JES. PLACE HIS STRONG AND LOVING ARMS ABOUT ME, AND HE LED ME IN THE WAY, I OUGHT TO GO. NO ONE EVER CARE FOR ME LIKE JESUS-THERE'N SO OTHER FRIEND SO KIND AS HE; NO ONE ELSE COULD TAKE THE SIN AND DARKENSS FROM, O HOW MUCH HE CARE FOR ME.

III. THE MASTER'S TOUCH WILL PRODUCE SURPRISING RESULT

A. FEEL OUR LITTLENESS, UNWORTHINESS TO SUCH AN

EXTENT THAT WE BURY OUR TALENTS AND DO NOTHING.

B. GREAT THINGS CAN HAPPEN, IF WE ALLOW HIM TO TOUCH:

ILL. WM. CAREY: POOR, INSIGNIFICANT FAMILY, NO TALENTS

14 LEFT HOME TO MAKE SHOES, LITTLE SCHOOLING, CONVERTED AT 18-NEW PURPOSE, WITH MAP AND GLOBE AS HIS HEART BURNED AND GLOWED, FIRST MISS. TO INDIA.

I. TRANSLATED FIRST INDIAN BIBLE., CHRISTIAN SCHOOL COLLEGE, MEDICAL MISSION, CHURCH, AND CONVERT.

B. SAUL OF TARSUS: HIS LIFE COUNTED BEHIND HIS FONDEST DREAM. HIS MESSAGE SPREAD IN ALL ASIA, ROME.

'T WAS BATTERED, SCARRED, AND THE AUCTIONEER, THOUGHT IT SCARCELY WORTH HIS WHILE- TO WASTE MUCH TIME ON THE OLD VIOLIN, BUT HELD IT UP WITH A SMILE: WHAT AM I BIDDEN? GOOD FOLK HE CRIED, "WHO WILL START BIDDING FOR ME? A DOLLAR, THEN TWO, AND WHO MAKE IT THREE- TWO DOLLARS, AND WHO 'LL MAKE IT THREE, GONE FOR THREE, FROM THE ROOM FAR BACK, A GREY HAIRED MAN CAN FORWAYRD AND PICKED UP THE BOW, THEN WIPING THE DUST FROM THE OLD VIOLIN, AND THITHE UP ALL THE STRINGS, HE PLAYED A MELODY PUR AND SWEET AS A CAROLING ANGEL SINGS- THE MUSIC CEASED, AND THITHE AUT. WITH A VOICE THAT WAS QUITE AND LOW, SAID, NOW WHAT AM I BIDDEN FOR IT AS HE HELD IT UP WITH A BOW A THOUSAND.

AND MANY A MAN WITH LIFE OUT OF TUNE, AN BATTERED AND SCARRED WITH SIN, IS AUCTIONEED CHEAP TO A THOUGHTFUL CROWD, MUCH LIKE THE OLD VIOLIN- A MESS OF POTTAGE, A GLASS OF WINE, AND GAME AND HE TRAVELS ON- HE GONE ONCE, HE GONE TWICE, HE GONE AND ALSO GONE, BUT THE MASTER COME AND THE FOOLISH CROWD, NVER CAN QUITE UNDERSTAND. THE WORTH OF A SOUL AND THE CHAGE THAT WAS BROUGHT, BUT THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND.

CON:

YOU FIND YOUR LIFE SO UNWORTHWHILE, AND YOU FELL AS IF YOU ARE GONE SO FAR, WHY NOT TRY TODAY, HE HAS HELPED OTHER WHY CANNOT HE HELP YOU.

III. HOW CAN WE BE REASONABLY ASSURED THAT THIS EXISTS BY OBSERVING:

- A. Men are offended... By what God ordains.
- B. Men have rejected that which must win the day.
  - a. The only means whereby God can save them..
  - b. The only wisdom and beauty that can adorn their sinful natures with robes of purity.
- C. For we too have witnessed the grace of God that have changed our conception of the cross..
  - a. We were once offended..
  - b. Now it is the only hope for our souls, hearts
  - c. The assurance of life beyond...
  - d. The joyous boast of our lips...
- D. Now for a close searching in order to know when and where we stand..
  - a. Are you offended by the truth of the cross.
  - b. We never like to cause offence to godless.
  - c. For some bear no testimony to the truth..
  - d. There is no real trust in the cross or the true gospel of Christ...

Let us avoid all those that are not friends of the cross.. Have no fellowship with them that they may be ashamed...

THE OFFENSE OF THE CROSS.

TEXT: Gal. 5:2.

The offense of the cross has never ceased, and for any to suppose this is sheer folly. True the religion of Jesus is peaceful, mild, benevolent.. Yet across the centuries of history it is a proven fact that christianity has been attacked and assailed by opponents, and unregenerate. We can not say that this is more accepted by the masses or world than it used to be..

The world and the gospel is still unchanged

*Self-Sustain Respectability*

- I. WHERE DOES THE OFFENSE OF THE CROSS COME FROM?
  - A. Man's pride: doctrine of atonement crosses grain
  - B. Man's wisdom.. Its simplicity not palatable to man's artificial taste..
  - C. Man's fancied power.. Supposing he could save himself.. ..
  - D. Man's dignity: when gospel claim all are sinners, and hell deserving..
  - E. Man's love for sin: Holiness crosses his contrainess.. An experience that would solve this..
- II. WHEN AND WHERE DOES THIS OFFENSE SHOWN..?
  - A. When believers are slandered and persecuted.
  - B. Considering believers to be old-fashioned, weak-minded, morose, self-conceited, etc.
  - C. By failing to preach the cross. A bloodless and christless gospel..
  - D. By substituting others meanings into orthodox terms.. Mixing the bad with the good..
  - E. Publicly denying the Deity of Christ, Virgin Substitutionary death..

2 Kings 7:3-10 WILL DIE AND YET UNMOVED.

Here is a remarkable and dramatic story of daring and doing of faith and action, such are seldom found

This is not typical of man who puts off and put off, or wait until antoerh time.. Briefly consider:

I. IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A PROPER DECISION AND ACT IMMEDIATELY.

A. You can sit and die.. idleness casteth into deep sleep.

1. No sense in being contrary..life at stake.. others involved..

2. Can arise and go over to the opposing army find life, salvation- WHATS THERE DECISION.

II. IT IS UTTER FOOLISHNESS TO HESITATE WHEN MUCH IS INVOLVED.

A. It means death..no possible escape from it.

B. Leaves all without excuse..

Fact: One does not feel like moving is sheer idiocy.

God~~d~~ as some of church members.

Don't see any use..I am too far gone.

I put off too long..don't want to be dissappointed.

No room for futher delay.

RIGHT

III. ALL IS IN MAN'S FAVOR BY DARING TO DO WHAT IS

A. Cannot lose by leaving old life, friends, come to God- God will supplant newness, freshness. etc

1. Means life and blessings to you and others by your influence.

IV. GOD HAS PROVIDED FOR YOUR REDEMPTION..WHAT WILL YOU DO ?

A. Showm you every possible escape.

B. Given you power to rise and make venture.

C. Given you plenty of time..to rise and live.

1 Sam 78 73 THE DEAD LINE.

God is departed from me." 1 Sam.

How sad it is for one to grieve the Holy Ghost until one is pass redemption. As we continue this solemn subject, and delve into the deep regions of scriptural truths, and thus substantiate this solemn truth. Let us tread holy ground as we try and direct your attention to the words of Jesus.

I. JESUS INFERS THAT THERE IS AN UNPARDONABLE SIN.

A. Several implications of fact, and danger of sinning until behind hope. Consider Line 13:7;9  
Three yrs seeking fruit.. Cut it down.

B. Infers reaching certain point without divine response is in grave danger. Cutting down refers to hopeless condition of soul that reaches this stage of life.

John 15:2: Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away and cast out and burned.

Branch not brought to accomplish divine purpose With all divine favors of God, tender care, love His action and choices led him to this wither hopeless cond.

C. PHARISEES. "Let them alone: Blind leaders of B. both fall into ditch: of total ruin, behind H. Jesus would have said, if they had chance of recovery. Quilty of crossing dead line.

D. JEWS: Jh 8:21. They shall seek but not find Him they shall die in their sins..

1. Their destiny seen and foretold by Christ.

2. Doom sealed by attitude and acts toward Him,

Jesus: If you believe not that I am He, Die in sin.

3. Certainly without hope, equivalent of U. Sin.

E. JERUSALEM: Jesus weeping.. Expressing His desire to comfort and save them, "Ye would not" Pronouncement to doom: YOUR HOUSE LEFT DESOLATE. JUDAS. was quilty: as he was about to commit

so deadly that it would fix his destiny forever. He was single out and personal warned.. One of you shall betray me: all said: Lord who is it.

Jh 6:7. Chosen twelve one a devil: not always.

Devil put into heart of Judas.

ILL Mary anointing Jesus: act as if sympathy with went out and negotiated with priest to betray.

III. CHRIST POSITIVE STATEMENT. Not only warned:

A. Declares its existence. what it was and its penalty. Blasphemy.. no forgiveness..

B. Jews familiar with this in courts, trials.

Lev. 24:10:16. Son fought with Israelite. father was Egyptian: not know: put in prison until Moses gave divine instruction: Stoned to death..

\*\* After this: Blasphemy was most hated sin..

A- Enemy charge innocent with this to speed execution  
ILL. Ahab charge Naboth with this:

First Blasphemy: cursing, abusing, defaming God's name, later any offense covered the Temple, law sacred things, became broad that anything was designated as Blasphemy..

Ez 20:27: Fathers blas. me, committed trespasses against me. Infers: Sabbath breaking, whoredom, idol worship, burning children unto idols..

Acts 5: Stephen charge with it.. Blas, against Moses, destroy this place, interpreted as Blas. was a Capital offense, they killed Stephen.

When they attributed the power exercised by Christ to Satan this fatal offense was committed  
\* Later Jesus said: Ye shall die in your sin..

They charge Christ with this: He is son of God. He is able to forgive sins..

**A PLEAD FOR MERCY.**

Scripture reading: Matt 9:18;19... 23-26

**INTRODUCTION:**

Jesus is always on hand to assist a distraughted soul, or cries of fainthearted..He does care and understand..Consider the sincere faith and plead of this ruler and the marvelous outcome.

**I. A DETERMINED FATHER. " My daughter"**

- A. All of life revolved around this precious jewel.
  - a. Friends or foe could not hinder him.
  - b. Fame or folly could not be his drawback.
- B. All of living would seem useless.
  - a. Draw a spiritual application, a man without a Saviour. etc.

**II. A DIGNITARY'S FAITH. A Ruler, and worshipped God.**

- A. A man's position has nothing to do with his faith.. or his station in life.
- B. A faith that would not be denied.
  - a. This sought offaith was the key that unlocked the mystery of death..
- C. The touch of Jesus was sought.."lay thy hands "
- C. The tenderness of Jesus was graciously seened.

**III. A DELIVERANCE FURNISHED. "He took her by hands, maid arose."**

- A. Christ assured him his faith and prayer was not in vain or went unnoticed.
  - a. Christ has conquered death and the grave.
- B. Christ is the answer to our needs.
  - a. He rewards the diligently seeker.
  - b. He hears the faintest cries..
- C. He can restore your lost ones who are dead in sin..

Con: Christ is the master of any situation, be it sickness or, death, or financaill reverses, etc  
A plead for mercy will assure ultimate victory.

*The servant; Master  
The Soldier's pattern.  
The Saviour's response*

*S. A. Newport, Maine Aug 5-1962  
B. R. L. Aug 12 2-Samls.  
Sept from Church 105 55  
Presented by B. R. L. God SA.  
Chamber*

*Sulphur, LA June 16-17- 74*

**GOD'S DYNAMITE.** Romas 1:16

Rome was entrenched with deep and wide-spread corrup  
Rejected here as in other places. With some as in  
other places it was "unto salvation..to believers.

As God called preachers we have a responsibly  
to preach the whole gospel, like many leave much of  
the word untouched.. 2 Tim 4:2 P. the word, be instant.

*SUPERFICIAL SOUND*

- I. **THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD.** Saviour of the gospel.
- A. Touching of theory by on theolgy.  
Not on demoniation but demonstartions.
- B. What them is implied by the gospel of Christ.
1. Includes: gald news. ,new birth, death, reuerr.
  2. Contains the power of God.  
Great and tremendous need for power. ians  
So much laek in churches today..powerless Christ
- C. It contains the provisions for mankind.
1. Godpel of salvation..freedom from sin.
  2. Able to ensure safty in Christ.

II. **THE GOSPEL'S APPEAL..**

- A. Not to Jews only. greeks, Barbarians..
1. Universal in scope. everone that believeth.
  2. Regardless of station, standing in social world
  3. Rejecting the ungodly..excepting penitent.

III. **THE GOSPEL EFFECTIVNESS.**

- A. Make the minister unashame.. 2 Tim 1:8. Be not ahsr  
of the affliction of the gospel.
- B. Enable the sinner to step our courageously.
- C. Inspires the messenger to continue the good  
fight of faith..

Con:

Men are unaccustomed to hear the unvarnished, un-  
tarnished inspired truths of God. Lets encourage  
the brethern to persist in their faithfulness in  
heralding the good news universally.

*HE THAT BEL. ON THE S. 7 H. HAS THE WIT. IN HIMSELF*

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Stephen Lee Feb 10 - 1963

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Matt 27:22

THE IMPORTANT QUESTION.?

We are confronted with many questions today, What about this cold war? The outcome of Cuba? What about communism. etc? Most vital: What to do w Jesus Uttered by Pilate who were in dilemma. Were made to ~~do with~~ with crowd opposed Jesus.. Hated Him etc.

This is universal: all have to do with Him... To refuse Him is to turn Him down... Can't be natural.. Must give your decision.. Consider this truth

- I. **WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS.?** I stand at door. Lamb of God.
- A. His personality.. To adopt His, change whole life. ~~ideals~~, improve life in general..
  - B. His character.. Krucheche.. Cuba's dictator..
  - C. His word.. can't change it.. Follow me. Born again.
  - D. His sacrifice.. Going to calvary. On cross. suffering. Lord make me to understand it.. Lord make calvary r.
- II. **WHAT WOULD YOU DO ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ WITHOUT HIM..**
- A. When you need to appeal your case.
  - B. In hour of death.. sorrow....trouble....
  - C. At judgement... confess before your father.
- III. **WHAT WILL HE DO WITH ME. now.**
- A. He will hear prayer of sinner. Backslider.
  - B. Forgive your ~~tears~~ of repentance.
  - C. Gladen your heart.. Fill you.
- IV. **WHAT WILL HE DO WITH YOU THEN..**
- A. It depend on what you are doing now.
  - B. Come hear old old story.. This day in paradise.  
Is it stale, let it be fresh..  
Is it distant let it become present.

EPH 5:11.

**AN ADVISE TO THE GODLY.**

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather reprove them. 2

Given divine directions as to how we should love while on earth and what is needful..Daily we we contact ungodly men in our buisnes which we cannot avoid, in our occupation , in general with our dealing with the public. To avoid such communion that would cause us to become partakers in their deeds. Lets inquire mangly implications.:

**I. THE THINGS WHICH CHRISTIANS SHOULD AVOID.**

A. God forbids.: with ungodly.. fellowship may be produced in several ways:

- a. Committing sins personally.  
joining with others to bring it about.  
engaging in jokes that has two sides.(Inferen
- b. Conniving at sin: toleration, concealing or making light of it.
- c. Commending, countenancing, defending and excusing th wrong already done..

Persecuting those who would take a stand against these things who would denounce, and punish it.

**II. THE THINGS WHICH CHRISTIAN SHOULD DO. reprove them.**

- A. Reprove has a large meaning:
  - a. Rebuke..declare wrong of it, show harted for
  - b. Rebuke..anything contary to sound doctrine.
  - c. Rebuke..anything repulsive to better judgment
  - d. As the Spirit leads thee, as proving the world to be at odds with truth.
  - e. By your godly conversation, holy living, test.
    - i. Convert...Prime objection..  
Showing them straight and narrow way..  
The experience of the new birth.

**III. THE THINGS WHICH GOD'S COMMAND A CHRISTIAN TO DO.**

- A Stay clear of other men's sin.
- b. As represnetivies of kinggom(imitators of Christ).. "Be followers of God)
- C. We having an inheritance..affections link with the other world..
- D. Since being translated into k.of light, we sincerely walk in light.
- e. Not to join affinity with shameful, foolish.

**IV. THE THINGS WE WILL BENEFITED FROM OBEDIENCE TO COMMAND.**

- A. Even though no rewards our duty plain enough.
- B. Clear of complicity with deeds of darkness.  
Our hearts without condemnation.  
Our conscience are quiltless.
- C. In the day of visitation of the ungodly your consistent good works will be glorfied then.
- D. Our persistence in rightwousness will untimately lead many from error of ways..
- E. Our security is guarentee when we have finished our earthly plighrimage fithfully.

CONDEMNED FOR MISUSING SUPERIOR  
PRIVELEDGES.

The men of Ninevah shall rise up in the judgement with this generation and shall condemn it.

Scriptures recall a fact of man condemned, not for outrageous crimes, flagrant sins, rejecting superior gospel privileges.

Matt. 10:11 Go in city or town, if receive you not shake off dust- more tolerable for Sodom, Gomorrah.

Lk. 10:16 - Wo, Chorazin, Bethsaida, might works done in Tyre, Sidon.. would have repented in sackcloth  
God calls to mind several important truths I believe can be enlightening.

1. GOD'S JUSTICE WORKING IN OUR BEHALF TO LEAD TO  
GREATER LIGHT IF WE WOULD FOLLOW IT.

A. Jesus true light-

Judgement-that light is come into w. men love d.

B. Many heathens had light-

Because that which is made known of God in manifest unto them- For God manifested it unto them- for the indivisible things of Him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even His everlasting power and godhead-that they may be without excuse.  
LIVING DURING LAW.

As many as sinned without the law shall be judged by the law- as many as have sinned under the law, shall be judged by the law. Quote

2. DEGREES OF LIGHT VARIES. Some more than others-

A. S.&G. had not the privileges that cities of Gentiles had-or else they would have repented.

B. The privilege of some: ILL 70 returns-Quote

Blessed are the eyes which see the things that you see, many prophets, kings desired to see them, hear them, not seen or heard.

C. Same is true in our nation, city, church  
Compare our Bible with those of disciples.

Many undisciplined nature, untrained minds-  
unthought of fellowship, un nourished spirit, undesirable lives.

Early disciples could not grasp resurrection  
Before H.S. came-could not understand the true teaching of spiritual nature of kingdom.

C. We have the witness of centuries to help us.  
Church facilities, books unknown in apostolic age

IV. GREATER CONDEMNATION, JUDGEMENT UPON ALL WITH ASSETS.  
AND THEN REJECTED THEM.

A. Terrible judgments await them who reject  
Heb. 3:2 How shall we escape.

B. Sooner or later God will deal with every individual, nation, community.

Christ said on one occasion-God would miserably destroy them, and give kingdom to another Nation.

V. NO SECOND CHANCE.

A. Come screaming- Matt 25:11

B. Must strive- Luke 13:24

C. Must hear, as if they refuse Moses, they will not be persuaded later.

MATT. 10:32 GETTING INTO INNER CIRCLE WITH CHRIST.

Some of disciples able to get in inner circle..  
Some wanted God's best, other contented mediocre  
experience.. Many desire to do the less strenuous  
for fear must do it alone.. fail to realize what  
blessings comes to those that labor.. Why is it.?  
I wondered for years until only recently..

I. THEY LACK ASPIRATION.

A. No desire for best and wholesome things.

1. Many superficially express this desire.

2. Paul's whole soul went out for God's best.

Phil 3:7-14 *Count all things but loss  
I miss towards the mark for the high calling of God*

II. THEY LACK PERFECT CHARACTER.

A. A thing called character shut out..

B. Christ cannot trust us with such of God's  
best thing..

Jh. 2:23-25 *Jesus did not commit himself for he knew what  
was in man*

III. THEY LACK FIDELITY.. unfaithful in small things..

A. Cannot be trusted with greater responsibilities

1. Shirk church attendance, prayer. Bible.

2. Wonder why we cannot experience some big  
miraculous blessings.

IV. THEY LACK THE INITIATIVE TO POSITION, PLACE.

A. Christ has a special place and work for each

1. We do not receive what is best until we  
find our place and work.

V. THEY LACK THE DRIVE TO WORK..

A. This is the supreme test. not too many are  
willing to deny themselves of some pleasures.

1. Some men do the work of five men.  
ILL. Moody, Carey.. Spurgeon etc.

2. Too many do not know what it means to put  
in a full day.

VI. THEY LACK THE MORAL COURAGE. To suffer.

A. To stand by truth, come what may.

1. Way of roses, but thorns. ILL Pilate.

VII. THEY LACK FAITH. We ceased praying, living

B.R. Wed. Dec 4-57  
Great Crowd

Many things are revealed in this remarkable if we patiently study it in light of God's plan. What seems to be mysterious will be made plain.

### I. ANGELS REPRESENT CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST.

- A. Various scenes in this book are, to us, no so much pictures of events which, once occurring, exhaust the meaning of prophecy, but rather represents what is continuously going on and repeatedly renewing itself...of present reality.

### II. REVEALS CHURCH AT ITS SWIFTEST PACE.

- A. Bearing everlasting gospel.  
1. Means with a sense of earnestness, urgency. (an angel flying)
- B. Church aroused from apathy, no longer reclining in luxurious ease, not content to slowly plod with creaky -clog feet, but she flies.

### III. REVEALS CHURCH AT ITS LOFTIEST HEIGHT.

- A. Preaching gospel.  
B. Other task important, but secondary, world evangelism is paramount.
- C. Some suppose that church live on low level with the world..  
1. With high standards of righteousness, must get mighty grip upon the people of world.  
2. Must maintain high level of her God given task.

### IV. REVEALS CHURCH WITH ITS BROADEST REACH. contents of gospel.

- A. Has reference to breath of apprehension of the truth..  
1. Must preach judgement as well as mercy. **fear God, give glory, hour of judgement come**  
2. There is a witness in God's mercy.  
a. Go into all world..like wilderness of sin

### V. REVEALS CHURCH IN ITS MIGHTIEST SWEEP. power of God

- A. Means conquering might.

- B. All nations included: heirs of this privilege  
a. Must not fail to complete her mission.

- C. Must grip the consciences of men..must preach fullness.

Revelation of Jesus Christ proves that the church will survive..Christ cause will be victorious.. 2000 years passed. Still proclaiming, still crying..

- D. Watchman of the night, darkness cover the earth and gross darkness the people..What a supreme satisfaction..John opens window and let the stream of light in order to see glory of the morning..1

- a. Gratitude should be unbounded.  
1. For joy of proclaiming..etc.

**GOD'S TRUE LOVE.**

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Scripture: 1 Jh 4:18 " There is no fear in love, etc.

Introd:

Love is the strongest motive behind the act of man. He will kill and to be killed because of love.

Love that cause God to give His son. Jh 3:16.

Love that cause His Son to die for the world.

**I. PERFECT LOVE IMPLIES LOVE WHICH IS:**

A. Supreme: God cannot take place of subordinate.

B. Pure: Old man must be destroyed.

C. Constant: Consider Him that endured: Heb 12:3

D. Cause us to be on job when God needs us.

*Pray against the Lord; none of these things which you have spoken come upon me.*

**II. PERFECT LOVE IN OPERATI N CASETH OUT FEAR.**

A. Fear of the consequences of sin: Acts 8:24

None of these come upon us."

B. Fear to speak up for Christ. Acts 4:31

*Speak boldly about the word of God.*

C. Fear to trust in God 2 Tim 1:12

I am not ashamed of the gospel,"

**III. FEAR AND LOVE CANNOT CO-EXIST.**

A. Gen 3:10 I was afraid and went hid myself.

B. Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with Him and had departed from Saul.

C. I was afraid and wnt to hide it. Man with talen

**IV. LOVE AND NOT FEAR MUST BE THE PRINICIPAL OF LIFE.**

A. This love is not inherited: Rom 5:5. Love of God is shed abroad in our heart by Holy Ghost.

B. Simon lovest thou me, more than these: 3 times.

**V. SOME GREAT REWARDS FOR LOVING GOD.**

A. The glorious promises.. His ever presence.

B. The guiding hands. I will guide thee"

C. The grand hereafter. What "e has promise to them that love Him..

YINEL  
Matt. 11: JESUS OUR BURDEN BEARER

Jesus offers the yoke to make the burden lighter. The only place where we can learn of Jesus is to be united to Him by this yoke. Israel yoke of bondage) like sin.

Jesus said "My yoke may seem like adding affliction- Lets analyze the text:

1. DIVINE FELLOWSHIP (My yoke)

A. In sonship- Our fellowship with F. & His Son.  
Lev. 26-32 I will walk among you and will be your God

Chorus- (And He walks with me, etc)

B. In suffering- In the world ye shall have trib.  
That I may know the fellowship of s

C. In service.- Ye are laborers together

II. DIVINE INSTRUCTION. (Learn) Teach me How to love Thee

A. The comforter- teach you all things.

i. Many kings, scholars would like to know the things you know but are hidden to them.

B. Learn about-

1. His power, dominion, majesty
2. His purpose,
3. His plan-

Avail yourself to his instructions-

III. DIVINE CONDENSION (Meek and lowly)

A. Humble himself

1. Washed feet- took place of servant.
2. Open shame on ~~cross~~- obedient to death.

IV. DIVINE PROVISION. (Find rest)

A. Not from manual labor, but soul rest-

- i. To be in perfect harmony with will of God.

May the Lord clearly reveals the deep meaning of this text to your souls satisfaction.

Time

THE GLORY DEPARTED. 1 Sam. 4:22

And she said, The glory is departed from Israel for the Ark of God is taken.

From the suggestion of the words of this dying mother of Israel we wish to make a spiritual app-

I. CONSIDER THE MAN STEEPED IN SIN.

- A. Comes down to old age without Christ in soul.
  - i. Joy of youth and manhood is gone. He stands at the threshold of death..reflects over wasted life, lost opp. blasted hopes- with gastly look as he stands before Judgment bar."glory departed"

II. CONSIDER THE MAN WHO WENT BACK ON THE LORD.

- A. A backslider in hear...<sup>Note the marks.</sup>
  - 1. Prayer life ceased
  - 2. Protracted spiritual coldness, no concern
  - 3. Lost interest in church, in people.
  - 4. Symptom of a critical spirit, which burns through the souls like acid, this spibit is more ready to pick flaws and find falt than it is to speak of the vitures and g od traits of their fellowman.

Gossip at home have cause many to lost interest in your church, foolish talking before the young and babes in Christ. God help us to watch our tongue.

  - 5. Some backslider return to their old sins and habits.

Such miserable souls become the laughing-stock of the world- Write this in RED LETTER The glory of God has departed.

III. CONSIDER WHEN THE CHURCH HAS LOST ITS GLORY AND POWER.

- A. Many a church with its fine paws, its oriental and elaborate decorations and great costly organs are of no value when the glory of God in not present in His saving and sanctifying power.
  - i. Ordiance, brother-hood, sister-hood, get-together suppers, tea parties, cannot influence a soul to Christ.
  - 2. Church is powerless when Christ is gone.
  - 3. When church place saving of souls in terms

of dollars and cents, and descridit the value and the necessity of prayers, pleadings, and fasting.

IV. CONSIDER THIS AS SERIOUS AND TURN BACK TO THE OLD WAY.

- A. Confess that you have played the fool-
- B. look to Jesus for help, etc.

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Living or dead which? There is no middle state here. A man is either quickened or he is not.

A corpse shows no sign of life. We are either saved by His grace, or separated from His love. Let us reason upon these truths.

### I. THE HORRIBLE PAST. DEAD IN SIN.

- A. Only when acquitted with Christ can we realize that we were dead..
1. There were no sign of communion, love, worship..
- B. This death is a state of deparation.
1. This death separates a man from the breath and air do necessary for the living.
  2. Spiritual death means severance from the susatini g presence of God. No fitness....
- C. Death implies a state of insensibility. no feeli
1. There is no alarm about the consequences of sin...
  2. No tears, fears concerning future state.
  3. No responsiveness to law of God, none moves them in direction of truth.
    - a. Ignore presence, rejects teachings..
- D. This death is a state of helplessness.
1. Can expect nothing from the dead.
  2. They are in the way of others.
  3. Any program on Radio, T.V. could whet their appetite, no time for Church, Christ.
  4. No power to resist or say no to sin..
- E. This death leads to a state of absolute incapacity.
1. Same old routine each day.. no life, no future, no hope, no church, activity.
  2. Unable to walk unrightly, worthy.
  3. While in sin, out harmony with God.
  4. Sin always have a killing effect.
    - a. Disrupt family, disturb community.

Now that the picture has been change with some of you, us and many other around the world.

### II. WHAT IS OUR PRESENT ENJOYMENT. ye have he qui

- A. Life is the only remedy for death.
- B. God's method for saving from sin is Quickening
1. This implies:
    - a. Impartation.. By the direct energy of the spirit of God. Born from above, not works.
    - b. Separation. Lazarus got life and got out of the place of the dead..
    - c. Death separateds from God, family, life separates us from the things of death..
- C. Restoration.. Not only restored from old life to new life, but from habits that are sinful to fellowship with God.
- D. Conceration: "Alive unto God. risen with Christ"

### III. WHAT IS OUR FUTURE HOPE..

- A. Spirit of Him that raised up Christ from the dead, shall quicken our mortal flesh.
- B. A blessed tomorrow for those who are faithful  
Rev. 22:14.

Matt 3:3

HOW TO OBTAIN A REVIVAL. *TINCY*

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make His path straight"

Jesus not only came into the world, but He was willing to enter the hearts.. This coming is needed above all things.. Desirable for the church, community.. family.

When Christ comes the fact cannot be concealed. People would feel His presence a block away from church: Consider the great need-

I. CHRIST MUST BE INVITED.

A. Will not come unless asked-

i. We wait for invitation to go certain places

B. Kings, rulers wait for invitation to visit other countries.

II. CHRIST MUST BE DESIRED.

A. Find it difficult to go where you're not wanted

B. He is much freer in some churches, and some lives more than others.

i. He is powerless to manifest Himself in some places

III. PREPARE THE WAY.

A. When Presidents, Kings visit-Cities prepare-

i. Special highways constructed, thoroughfare cleared-

2. Unless prepared He will not come.

3. Can secure the best singers- eloquent speakers, fine musicians, flaming posters,

4. Many people after City-wide campaign are just as hungry when they are over.

5. "Every valley filled- Isa. 40:4 This is constructing the Kings highway.

6. Every Mt. brought low- Pride, unbelief are mountains to be lowered.

7. Crooked made straight"

Church must be straightened out, its people their conduct, and this involves:

Repentance.. Restitution.. Reconciliation

There are certain duties and obligations to God  
It is amazing how man keep their accounts straight with fellow-man

Many pay their bills, etc But oh, how careless with God's tithe, etc.

IV. HE MUST BE SOUGHT TO COME.

A. Syrophenician woman sought no request granted

III. Folk say, "Come see us sometimes- Goes unheeded

i. Suppose they say, we'll be looking for you and the children asked about you, etc.

2. We must seek His face above all.

OUR RICH HERITAGE *Finley*

1 Cor. 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I am also of Christ.

We have those patriarchs as examples "Whose faith follow.

Golden Anniversary of our church- Consider the greatness of our predecessors.

Love becom us on... Comp them as they did Christ

1. THEIR LIVES WERE ONE OF CONSECRATION.

A. God's commandments to Moses and Israel Ex.32:29

a. Harmon Schemlzenbach..Overwhelming burden entering W. Germany, Brazil..We need vision.

b. Multitude lost on foreign field-

c. We are surrounded by lukewarmness, modernism, rationalism.  
Our founders faced such situations.

i. In our home land..

d. We are to witness Acts. 1:8

i. We ought to set our goals high..  
Increase in S. S. etc.

B. We should copy lives of those who copied Christ

11. THE NEED IS NOT HUMAN POWER BUT GOD'S POWER.

A. Organization is not the answer- Education, talents will help but not the answer.

B. We can make our lives sublime as those who went before.

a. Leaving foot prints on sand of time.

b. Perhaps there we can help a forlorn and shipwrecked brother.

c. Many shall take heart again-

Lets accept the challenge.

Heb. 11:8;10 **WALKING IN STEPS OF ABRAHAM.**

Obedience will lead us in the path of rightousn  
To walk as those who follow Christ's example.  
I had r ther see a sermon then to hear one any

C. TINEY

1. **IT WAS A WALK OF SEAPRATION**

- A. Walk in steps of Abra. Psa 1..
  - i. No effort to walk in wrong places.
  - 2. Breaking away from old gang takes courage.

2. **HE MADE AN ALTAR..** Family.. Gen 12:7.

- A. He called on God.. Many fail here..
  - a. Too many broken down altars..

3. **HE AVOIDED STIRFE WITH HIS BRETHREN..** Gen 13:8.

- A. He was a peace-maker.. Blessed are the P~~a~~ace-m
  - a. No red-lip tongue gossopher..
  - b. Let there be no stirfe..

4. **HE SOUGHT HELP FROM GOD.** Saved at 75.

- A. Courage to forsake all and ~~every~~ body.
  - a. Satan told Abraham that he would starve..
  - b. God said: See those stars, innumber ral..
  - c. His seed after him blessed..

5. **HE HELPED A BROTHER THAT WAS FALLEN..** Gen 14:14

- A. Lot taken prisoner.. Abra. took army presued.
  - a. Don t rejoice at fall of brother..

6. **HE PAID HIS TITHE..** Gen 14:20

- A. Metpriest of God and gave him his tithe.
- B. Some claim in inspiration of Bible and never tithe to God..

7. **HE SAW THE NECESSITY OF GETTING SANCTIFIED..**

- A. Gen 17:1..99. Walk thou before me and be y~~e~~.
- B. Name changed.. Abram. to Abraham..
  - a. Wife later from Sarai to Sarah..
- C. Thre new name had an H. in which stands for holiness. The l was taken off and ofe thd end and the H. added on.

8. **HIS FAMILY CONCERN..** He entertain God.

- A. He became an intercessor.. He made it through

For I know him that he will comm. his children and his household after Him, and they shall keep ~~by~~ ways..

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GOD'S CALL TO MEN. Acts 13:1-12

Missionaries to China was showing the folly of their idols, preaching Jesus to them, "Said, Stop, tell us we can't find door. How sad multitudes are in darkness, seeking door of eternal life. How can they hear without preacher, must be sent by Holy Ghost, Must be thrust out in to vineyard.

Church at Antioch grew in numbers, power.. Many new converts fasted, prayed.. Holy Ghost prest home to their heart a real need. "Separate me Barnabas and Paul, Perhaps waiting for special guidance. For this was indeed a

- I. **A DIVINE CALL FROM GOD'S THRONE.** Holy Ghost saith"
  - A. Called as was Aaron.. Fitted for service.
  - B. Must break all earthly ties.
    - i. Must not be possess by spirit of world, as ambassadors of Christ.
- II. **A DIRECT CALL CENTERED ON INDIVIDUALS.** Barn. Paul.
  - A. Could not question or misunderstand, the Lord meant.
  - B. No room for jealousy.. (God divided to every man)
    1. Not those who say "Lord, Lord, fit for service  
No man taketh this honour unto Himself but  
He that is called by God. Heb. 5:4
- III. **A DISTINCT CALL TO SEPARATION.** "Separate me,"
  - A. Separated unto the Holy Ghost. **Breath on them**
    1. As He did to men of old.. Men used of God.
    2. As vessels fit and meet for Master's use.
- IV. **A SPECIFIC CALL TO WORK.** "Work whereunto I have called them."
  - A. New creatures in Christ, can preach "new creation"
    1. Workers together.. not idle in God's harvest..
    2. Must have to know how, direction..
- IV. **THE DEMANDS MADE BY THIS CALL.** "They sent them."
  - A. Brethren fasted, prayers.. they approved them..
  - B. Were solemn ordained. No hip, hip, hurrah.
    1. Modern ordination scandal to cause of Christ
- V. **A demonstration resulted from call.**
  - A. Signs, wonders. overcoming socerer, conversion

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THE TRADGY OF CHRISTIAN  
IDLENESS.

Matt. 20:6. " Why stand here all the day idle ?

Which ever way we view this scripture there is no reasonable excuse for idleness, there are jobs galore Avail ourselves of opp. without restraint, etc. View Master's teaching for spiritual benefit, so as not be a prey to devil's enchantment and be lured into idle slumber. Note suggestion made.

NOTICE HOW THIS EVIL THING IS REPROVED.

A. Spiritual idleness can consist in NEGLECT.

1. Life's mission... implication work to be done.
2. Seeking knowledge of God.
3. Blessings to be secure.
4. Duties to be discharged.

ILL. Message along these lines, lady told minister; I want a spade! if we can get one into hands of teachers, supt, etc.

a. So many idle christians. Few can be applauded for their diligence, fidelity.

5. Talents committed to our trust; requires occupation, will be accounted for.

a. Our services needed badly, time wasted..

B. Idleness is inexcusable: Why ?

1. Vineyard spacious, room for all, none excused
2. Idleness can become sin. Devil's workshop.

Remember a busy man is trouble by with one devil, idle one with thousands.

a. Don't be busy doing nothing. Idle standing. Watch for opp.

C. Idleness is injurious to ones self.

1. It deteriorated the moral nature.

ILL. Two ploughshares, made by blacksmith, one used other laid up, one shiny, other rusty, why ?

a. Sloth like rust consumes faster than labor wears.. Keep bright.

II. NOTICE THE LENGTH OF TIME AND INDIFFERENCE.

A. All day idle

1. Reproach increases with passing years.

B. Do all work for themselves, nothing for God

1. Offer your service, love & constrains you

B. The eleventh hour. Was sufficient time and opp.

1. Don't wait for invitation

Plead from minister.

D. Don't excuse yourself as not being qualified

1. Amount of money given will not excuse you  
a. Not accepted, can't work by proxy.

2. Why stand idle...

a. Active, rational, responsible creatures.

E. This is the time of probation.

1. Living in a state of uncertainty.

F. Idleness chief sin of Sodom, forrunner of of temporal, spiritual ruin.

1. Idleness was David's downfall.

2. Inactivity became ruin of Demas.

III. HOURS OF WORKING IS RATHER SHORT.

A. Master observes this waste of time.

B. Don't spend time in idle gossip

C. Lets put some of this precious time to work for the kingdom's cause.

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Matt 7:12- PRAYER IS CHURCH'S GREATEST NEED.

There are basic laws of prayers set forth in the scriptures..Greatest blessing of life,temporal, spiritual,are the gracious gifts of God..not merited,earned,etc.

That God infinitely more than any earthly parent,is anxious and ready and able to bestow best blessings of heaven;but not until we feel conscious of our need and ask him as a child..

If you than being evil know how to give good gifts. Must ask according to his will,not fail us,fail to ask, not receive..This reveals supreme need of Prayer

- I. NEED DEEPER SPIRITUAL EXP.OF GRACE IN OUR HEARTS.
  - A. How much do we need..How deep along this line..
    - i. Never really met,apart from fervent prayer.  
The effectual fervent prayer of righteous. greater.
  2. Need greater faith,undertake great things,expect
    - A. This faith can be greatly developed, not by education,etc..  
ILL. Jesus presented this with hard case of healing Prayer and Fasting..
  3. Need more money for Kingdom's use,great givers..
    - A. Needs not met until we pray..believing prayer.  
ILL Muller,Spurgeon, H H.Taylor secure funds by consistent fervent prayers..
      1. Church need to reach out,establish new mission
  4. Need is great for Christians workers,laborers..
    - A. How can we secure them..Pray Lord of harvest..  
Mat 9:36.. for new laborers.
  5. Far greater concern for souls,How to obtain it.
    - A. Ask God for a burden soul..if not willing to go out of way to assist a soul..  
ILL Woman crossing field visit new neighbour, Children sick, got in and helped, got children to S.S. We need a full and uncompromising surrender to God's will, and forget self..

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Acts 9:36 **TRAITS OF A STERLING CHARACTER.**

Humanity is looking for somebody who would reveal in their lives what Christ taught.

**1. BE SOMETHING.**

- A. Dorcas nickname: means lovely thing."
- B. Given her in late life..after impressing neighbors
- C. Wonderful to have our names become a synonym for some outstanding deed, etc.

Rather than have it known by the opposite: **What does your name mean to your neighbours.**

**2. BELIEVE SOMETHINGS.**

- A. Believe in the Lord. Become His disciple  
Not too easy in these days:
  - 1. Too much sacrifice.. face danger of criticism.
- B. A **disciple** means a learner: too many close minds.
  - 1. She learned enough to stake all confidence in Him.
  - 2. She experience a definite conversion..
  - 3. She knew about his deity, death, resurr, salvat:

**3. SEE SOMETHING.**

- A. She saw opp. on own street, served them in name of Christ.
- B. Some believe ~~in~~ that greatness to be had in a distant land, away from church, in leadership.
  - 1. She taught us: pay price, have right to teach
    - a. Train your sight to see need of church and around town, world.

**4. DO SOMETHING.**

- A. What about her good work she performed.
  - 1. Good resolutions not enough, intention, impulses. MANLY ARE EVEN OF GOOD WORDS & NOT GOOD WORKS
  - 2. World waiting for men who will do something
    - a. Field is wide open..need not more income, education, etc. Change your possibilities into actualities.

**5. LEAVE SOMETHING.**

- A. Left things as reminder. more than clothe,
- B. Influence. impression..good name, heritage.  
*may we have more Dorcas*

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Ez. 39:24 GOD'S FACE HID

There could be nothing more alarming than to have God's displeasure towards you, and lose His favor, and the sight of His splendor.

We are so concern about the coming judgement that we fail to recognize that there is present retribution for evil. "God spared not the angels-Israel was chastise because of their uncleanness- they suffer for it.

Lets us consider the sad plight of those who have come under this sentence and recieve instruction:

1. THEY TURNED THEIR BACKS UPON KNOWLEDGE.

A. Men have been endoued with knowledge to discern between wrong and right.

1. Thou shalt not bow down to other gods.
2. They made void the commandments of God.
3. Today we are without excuse.- Many revelatic of the reality of God.

Nature... firmament declare handiwork  
Bible... Entrance of word give light.  
Church. Belcare whole consel of God.

4. But far too many are :  
Thoughtless of God's care and mercy.  
Heedless as to God's warning. Ill. Achan  
Careless as to how they live.  
Reason for som much clamities, unhappiness  
misery, woe, war, and want\* Hidden sin distroys

II. THEY TURN ASIDE FROM THE TRUE GOD.

A. Forsook the guide of youth.. forgot covenant.

B. Think about the Birth of our beloved Nation.

1. Its foundqtion...principals.
2. The modern evils:

Sunday Newspaper for the Bible.  
Woman looking like men and vise verse.  
Mini skirts, micro-  
Result God hide His face.

Prov. 3:19. The wicked or the ways of the wicked  
....they know not at what the stumble.

III. THEY ARE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN.

A. If they would turn- He would not hide His face anymore.

1. He would pour out Hisspirit.
2. Must meet conditions.

Conclusions:

May everyone here turn to God and confess your sins.

Timey

A Christian's love towards His maker.

The Love of Christ constraineth us.

Herein is love made perfect. 1 Jh. 4:17

Action speaks louder than word. There can be deception in word "Lord, Lord, etc. We must not only express our love but exemplify that love. By this all men would know your standing with God.

Our love to God is expressed in many ways.

1. IF WE REALLY LOVE GOD OUR THOUGHT WILL BE TOWARDS HIM

A. This is the secret of Christian's mediation

1. When love one is away we love to think about them, their absence brings many things to mind

a. There is that physical as well as natural attraction.

B. There are things that are seen in mind's eye when we think about Him. Heavenly, holy.

"Whatso every thing are lovely, etc think on them"

11. ENJOY READING ABOUT HIM. Daily Bible reading.

A. Greatest book and most neglected.

1. What a sad commentary on your christianity when you have to turn to index to find some book of the Bible. (show know some passages)

2. ILL. Moral boost when soldier get letter from home.

ILL. When I corresponded with Arm. read letter several times. Why?

Love to hear from those far away.

Psa. 119:92. Unless thy law had been my delight, I should then have perished in mine affliction.. I understand more than my teacher. Entrance of word

B. Happy to hear someone preach about Him.

i. Secret of church attendance.

2. Our absence are very noticable...trivial excuses- 1 Tim 4:16 "take heed to thyself" "Faith cometh by hearing" foolish of preaching

"Incline your ears unto my words"

3. By hearing many became avowed followers of L.

C. Would love to tell others about Him.

i. Secret of true evangelism.

2. Appreciate family, etc-brag about them.

i. babies

2. our minister, song leader, leaders, not ashamed-

3. Secret to Christian living and service.

Let him that is taught in the word communicate as we have therefore opportunity. let us do good

4. We please Him when we praise Him.

i. Not out of force but love.

I will praise Him with my whole heart."

2. Please Him with our gifts.

On first day of week."

Final

## BACKSLIDING IN CANAAN.

Deut 4:23 "Take heed unto yourselves lest you forget the covenant of the Lord your God.

With the promise of blessing comes the warning about backsliding. God cannot prosper most of us because we are prone to leave God out of our plans.

No eternal security in Canaan.

ess.

I. WHAT WAS THE WARNING GIVEN TO ISRAEL? (forgetfulness)

A. Backsliders usually "forget God's word" house of prayer..church.

II. WHAT WAS ISRAEL'S WARNING REGARDING BACKSLIDING.?

A. About becoming engrossed in their families-  
ILL. Too many like Mrs. Able..I can't come"

a. Other hinderances....as God to take them away

B. About "time making like the world" V- 25  
When ye shall have remained long in the land.

C. About "custom causing them to corrupt themselves"  
Its fashionable to do as others do around us.  
(Israel followed the social evils of their day.

a. Make other gods.. "Make you a graven image.

III. WHAT DID GOD SAY WOULD HAPPEN TO BACKSLIDERS.?

A. They would be "scattered abroad (loneliness)

B. They would be "Cut short of long life"

C. They would "be utterly destroyed..wages of sin

IV. IS THERE HOPE FOR THE BACKSLIDERS.?

A. Yes, the Lord Thy God is a merciful God V-31

B. If from thence thou shalt seek..thou shalt find.

He will not forsake thee..the seeker that it.

Ez. 1:10

**WHAT YOUR FACE REVEALS.**

They had the face of a man, the face of a lion,  
the face of an ox and the face of an eagle.

During the captivity of Babylon, prophet Ezekiel  
had a wonderful vision of four creatures, each with  
four faces.

I. **FACE OF A MAN.** C.F. Cross said: You don't have to  
tell how you live every day.. You need not reveal  
if you work or you play; A trusty barometer is al-  
ways in place: However you live, it will show in  
your face.

A. It depicts character.. Can see into soul.  
ILL. I had rather see a sermon, than to hear.

B. It conveys ~~courage~~ conscience.  
ILL. Face of Jesus... of Paul..

II. **FACE OF A LION.** A symbol of courage.

A. Not the absence of fear, but overcoming it.

a. Lion could not get to Daniel: backbone, grit

B. Lion is also cautious.

a. To accomplish anything one must dare, but  
not recklessly.. Must go about it with  
prudence..

b. Be strong in the Lord..

III. **FACE OF AN OX.** Symbolizes patient, plodding perse-  
verance...

A. There are times when various things come up that  
must be met with poelity of lion.. But more often  
won with method of ox. ILL. Beecher asked how  
long to make sermon.. (40yrs)

ILL. Morrison 17yrs first convert in China.

ILL. Judson 7yrs Burma first convert.

IV. **FACE OF AN EAGLE.** Emblem of keen vision, lofty fl

A. ~~Power~~ to rise above our limitations.

B. <sup>p</sup> Look behind the temporal, to eternal.

C. Rise above petty jealousy, etc.

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Questions asked by the Master reveals a sad outlook. We can see that disciples were very honest in their statements concerning faith.

Jesus knew better than they themselves. Peter was warned that his weakness would destroy him..

No thing more humiliating in gospel relating the three fold downfall. or denial of Peter..

Seem that the very definitness of the Master's statement would have shocked Peter.. This night before the cock crowed.. Peter was confident. Master wrong.

Nothing dies hard than self-conceit..

No one knows how far they could depart from truth, light and love.

One time Army was to storm a fortress, did not seek or probe to find the weakest point. They storm the strongest point, defender will have thought that the spot safe, and relax their vigilance..

Strongest swimmer sometimes drown.

Self-confidence bring destruction to many.

### I. SATAN ENEMY OF SOUL IS OUT TO GET ALL.

- A. Make me believe I am able to stand since I am an established christian.
- b. Many fail depending upon their own strength.
  1. Abraham walked by faith, time he lacked faith and told a lie concerning his wife.
  2. Moses meek man, forfeited place in Canaan for lack of compassion words.
  3. Solomon: wisest man, guilty of bowing to idols.
  4. Barnabas lovable, peacemaker. had quarrel with Paul..

Would one wonder.. Satan is powerful..

Pride goeth before destruction..

### II. TWO REASONS FOR THE FALL OF PETER.

- A. He was false to himself.

Tried to pass himself as one of the capturing band.. Ashamed with connection with Jesus.

ILL. 1 Psalm.

- C. He had not figured on meeting just the kind of temptation.. Thinking in terms of sword.

1. Kingdom with arms he was ready. In last epistle he wrote. **Be sober, be vigilant.**

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PRESENT TENSE SALVATION.

Revealing the end of our faith, even the sal. of y soul

Salvation is enjoyed here in this life with future benefits guaranteed. Large portions received now, but more to receive after.

I. BENEFITS OF SALVATION NOW. "Forgiveness of sin"

A. The joy of salvation.

B. The cleansing of the souls.

a. Completed deliverance from all sin now received

Free from slavish bondage- away from God

b. Now free from its dominion-

Having peace, contentment, fellowship-

c. Victory over all evil.

Tempt is conquerable. We do not have to bow to any sin or be subdued by temptation.

Can give us joy in midst of sorrow.

d. The present heritage of the saved is great beyond description.. All things are ours.

II. HOW ARE THIS SALVATION RECEIVED ?

A. From whom - Jesus only

B. How ? By faith, not feeling, sight, goodness merited

a. Our yieldedness to God.

Principal sin brings discord- a plea for purification.

b. His good pleasure.

Give joy unspeakable. too deep to fathom.  
can enjoy a foretaste of this blessing now.

III. HAVE YOU AVAILED YOURSELVES TO THIS SAL. NOW ?

A. You have known for sometimes- will you not hear how and receive.

a. Professing but not possessing.

b. Do you know that you have pardon, cleansing

Have you been holy ? answer before God.. If results satisfactorily then rest

Num. 32:23 SINS EXPOSED.

But if you will not do so, behold ye have sinned against the Lord, and be sure you sin will find you.

Israelites had triumphed over hazared wildernes and were about to cross Jordan into Promise Land , Hoever, the tribes of Rebut, Gad, desired their inheritance on the east side of the river, and promise to go over Jordan armed with the other tribes and fight until victory was won. Proposition accepted, declared to be fair if carried out. But any failure to do so, would be a grivous sin aganist God- Thus Moses told them what they could expect if they should sin- BE SURE YOUR SINS WILL FIND YOU OUT.

I. WE SEE THAT SIN IS OFFENSIVE, DESERVES PUNISHMENT.

A. Sin is deceiving- ILL Achan-tribe of Judah

a. Jos. 7:1 Soldiers forbidden to take accurse th Punihsmnt promised 6:8 Bring a curse on the camp. Achan was prove guilty.

b. No one saw him - you can't do wrong and get by with it.- even though you may conceal it.

c. Sin overtaken Achan- Conscience would not permit him to hide it any longer.

d. Can't bosom sin and be happy- Sin tells a man on insdie that he is wrong.

e. Like Achan many have to confess by force.

B. Sin will come to light.

ILL. Belchaccab- handwriting on wall.

ILL. Moses- Slew Egyptian look both way, though no one saw- thought sin hidden in sand

Moses was expose the second day.

He suffered for sin- He fled to Midian.

II. SIN ARE NOT TOO EASILY FORGOTTEN.

A. In due season it will come to the top.

1 Tim 5:24. Some man's sin are open befor hand

B. When confess and put under blood.

a. Herod- sin expose by John.. Later Angel slew him.

To support this face.. Good works are not too easily concealed, like many that will rise up and

called you blessed.

What if sin followed after you- Your children caught in snare.

A. What about your influence- how will it effect your family, friends, etc.

WORDS OF GRIEF FROM THE ALMIGHTY.

Isa. 1:3 My people doth not consider.

Our thought are earth centered, not God, eternity  
A very common sin today.. Superficial thinking  
leads to superficial living. ox knoweth his own  
the ass his master's crib, but humanity failed  
to recognize their owner,  
Being inconsiderate has hindered our growth for  
usefulness, fruitfulness.

Mere talk and mechanical action will never substitute for a solemn heart reflection.

If only we could consider, take time, meditate, and muse about God, eternity until the fire burns.

We will be the kind of person God wants us to be.

Let it not be said that God is grieved by our thoughtlessness.

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I. PIT FROM WHICH WE HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP, DIGGED.

- A. Make us more humble, be nothing without Christ
- B. Israel deliverance out of Egypt, forgot bondage
- C. Beholding sin-ridden lives. fail to remember.

II. FAIL TO CONSIDER TREMENDOUS COST OF OUR DELIVERANCE

- A. Not with silver and gold.. But sacrifice of His love, self..

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- B. Peace which I now enjoy, purchase by blood of

III. OUR RELATIONSHIP WOULD NOT BE MARRED, MORE RESTFUL

- A. We not our own.. bought with price..
  - 1. He care for us, provides for us..
  - 2. Must consider this more than our body..

IV. OUR PRIVILEGE AS SONS, OR WE WOULD BE MORE JOYFUL

- A. We are son, God sent Spirit of Son in hearts.

V. Be MORE RESPONSIBLE AS SERVANTS, BECOME MORE WATCHFUL...

- A. Diligent, real custodians..

VI. GIFT OF HOLY SPIRIT, TO BECOME MORE FRUITFUL.

- A. Need him as teacher and comforter..

VII. GLORY THAT IS COMING, WOULD BE MORE PRAISFUL.

SIN INHERENT. Rom 7:14

We know from the Bible truth all men are born with the germ of depravity in their hearts. When Adam fell it contaminated the whole human family and since men have struggled, until the dawn of Pentecost.

Examine this passage throughly concerning principal of sin.

I. MEN WERE CONCEIVED AND SHAPEN IN SIN. "As on man si

A. Fact substantiated in Bible.

Psa. 51:5 "Behold I was shapen in Ini, and in s.

Eph. 2:3 " Had our conv. in times past.. lust of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the f & mind

Man possess an inward bent to evil when born.

Psa. 58:3 "The wicked are estranged from the W, they go astray as soon as they be born.

His heart is evil from his youth.

Gen. 8:21 "For the imag. of man's hrt evil from

Since humanity is sinful by birth and even from conception, it follows conclusively that the element that germinates depravity lay in germ of human life thus being transmitted down through the entire human family; Therefore this degenerate nature must have started in him through the human family fell.

Rom. 5:12,19

Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the wo

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one, etc.

B. It is sin as an element of moral evil; and indwelling moving force.

Rom. 7:9-13,17

For I was alive without the law once, but when the commandments came, sin revived, and I died.

Was then that which is good made death unto me?

But sin that it might appear sin, working in me by that which is good, that sin by the comm. might become exceedingly sinful. Now that it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

a. It is located or diffused throughout the entire being of man.

2 Cor. 7:1.

Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness, etc

b. In the heart or soul.

Gen. 8:21 For every thought & imagination

of man heart is evil & and that continually.

Jer. 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked.

Matt 15:18

But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart, and they defile the man.

c. In the members: Rom 7:23 I see another law in me

II. IT IS THE SOURCE FROM WHICH ISSUES ALL ACTUAL SIN.

A. From the inside out- Mark 7:22 From within, out of the heart of man proceeded evil thoughts, adul, Luke 7:37. An evil man out of the evil treas. of H Prov. 4:23. Keep thine heart with all diligence.

III. JUSTIFIED MEN POSSESS THIS DEPRAVE NATURE.

A. FOLLOWERS BEFORE Pentecost.

a. Justified and forgiven- Sin many forgiven them Believed on Him. Jh 6:69 To whom shall we go ?

Not of this world. Jh. 17:6-They are not of the world even as we are not of this world.

B. Carnality was manifested in their lives.

a. By aspiring to be great- Mark 9:33 Took children in arm ( in a house in Capernaum.)

b. By their envy and anger- Matt 20:24 And when they heard it, they were moved with indignation agis bro.

c. By the seed of strife. Luke 22:24 And their werestife among them, as to who should be the greater

d. By the germ of resentment. Luke 9:51 When Jesus had and told his purpose- send fire upon head.

IV. SANCTIFICATION IS THE GRACE THAT REMOVES DEPRAVITY.

A. Sanctify means: to cleanse from corrup, to purify from sin- Is effected through agency of H.S. at which time heart is purified. Rom 15:6 Being sanctified by the H. G.

a. Sanct. is effected with the blood of C which purges or cleanse our heart from all sin.

Heb. 13:12 Wfore J. also that He might sanct. his people with His blood, suffered without gate.

Heb. 9:13. How much more shall blood of J. who

b. Sanct. is subsequence to regen. Jh. 15:2 Every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it might bring forth much fruit. 1 Thess 5:23. Very G. of pe

c. Del. from inher sin is obtainable in this life Rom. 6:22. Being made free from sin.

Acts.16:10 GREAT QUESTION OF BIBLE AND ONLY ANSWER.

Great question asked in Prison (comment on condition) Earthquake, Jailor on verge of killing self- Paul stopped him.. He realized these preachers had something he didn't have (Text) Lets us presue the line of inspiration suggested by this text.

1. THE REASON YOU NEED TO BE SAVED.

- A. You are a sinner
- B. Not good enough to enter heaven.
- C. Ask the average man or woman on street.  
What must you do to go to heaven-  
Be baptise- join church, speak in tongues, etc.

i. Text here is very simple- "Believe on the L."

Many stumble into hell because of its simplicity.

2. Many have head knowledge- quote scripture know that Christ died for world, etc- won't save-

ILL. Man stretched wire across one of the main streets between two buildings- Crowd watched him walk across with pole, then without help (cheer) Come back tomorrow, I will do all of this plus put man in wheelbarrow and walk across.

Friend in Hotel had'nt seen for years- I saw you do these stunts- Do you like them? Do you believe in what I had propose to do tomorrow? Sure! I want you to sit in the barrow - oh, no, get some one else- Same way with Christ- I believe all of that, but why not commit yourself to Him.

D. Because of your soul-

i. Soul lives forever- Millions yrs. regret.  
"What is your profit in end if gain, etc.

E. Because of Satan. H

i. Laugh up his sleeve if jailor killed himself  
Who ever invented the idea that the devil is no old rascal- I mention other night of his beauty and cunningness, etc.

11. THERE IS ONLY ONE RIGHT ANSWER TO BEING SAVED.

- A. J.C. No other- Not only simple- Its scriptual.
- B. Many say, lots of ways to get to heaven-  
diaagree with them

"Look unto me and be ye saved" As many as receive Him" But to him that worketh not, but believe on the "Him that justifieth the ungodly.

1. Its satisfied- Jailor rejoiced.

Song: If you want joy, real joy, wonderful joy, Let Jesus come into your hear.

2. None dissatisfied when accept Jesus-

Met many sorry christians- but none said there were sorry that they trusted Jesus.

ILL. Camp Mtg. Is any one sorry, disappointed in Christ- and really mean it I will tear up this Bible. What happend, he did not expect to throw away His bible

ILL. Many got save in revival- went home rejoiced told unsaved wife- she got saved.

111. THE RESULTS OF BEING SAVED.

A. All enslaved by Satan, gripped in sin's vice- and sapped of all joy- When saved all will know it

1. Sins will be washed away.

Cast into sea of His forgetfulness- isn't it wonderful- Isa. 1:18 Though your sin be as scarlet"

2. Your soul saved-

Christ does a good job- not half way.

ILL. Man testifying- Skeptic listened- Wake up mister- left after he had gone ten years- Sweet nine year old girl pulled on his coat- Please mister, If my daddy sleeping don't wake him- Before he was saved he drank, cussed; swear, beat mother- Now thats all over he come home a different man-

c. New man when saved- some may say wake up you dreaming- I don't want to be woke up.

3. Satan will be defeated- when saved

a. Take sides with Jesus- No middle ground, things hate you love, vice -versa

b. No compromise- religion at home, school, work  
Changed in conduct, appearance conversaton.

ILL. Boy saw group fall into river and his mother- ran to side of river told his mother to hold on death grip, she slipped down- At grae- I tried to save you you would not let me- One day Jesus point finger at you- You I tried to save you, etc.

"THE HEBREW CHILDREN WHO COULD NOT BE A "YES MAN". OR WOULD EASILY BEND."

Scripture: Dan 3:14-25

Text: But if not, be it known unto thee, O King, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up..

Introduction:

There are many hard experience we go through in life. But the hardest experience for any one is to decide a thing that will determine life or death.. The boys had to make that decision.

*WHAT MADE THEM RESIST? CAME TO CRISIS OF CHOICE*

I. THEY REFUSED, BECAUSE THEY SERVED THE TRUE GOD

- A. Their experience with him was most genuine
- B. They relied on the conv. of their parents.
  - a. Did not forget early training..
  - b. Influence of Daniel.. *JESUS - PAUL*
- C. They knew what it was to love God with heart.  
*I. LOVE GOD - HEART, SOUL & MIND.*

II. THEY REFUSED, BECAUSE THEY KNEW BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG. *"THOU SHALT NOT - NO OTHER GODS"*

- A. Decision like this settled early in life.
  - a. Could not cope with evil.
  - b. Could not accept idolatry.
  - c. Could not consider the cost. *"HE THAT FIND HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT"*

III. THEY REFUSED, BECAUSE DEATH HERE WOULD NOT HINDER THEIR LIFE HEREAFTER.

- A. They were informed about the doctrine of disobedience.. Ill. O.T. prophets. Saul, et al.  
*(A BLESSING IF THOU OBEYEST, ~~IT~~ = A CURSE IF THOU OBEYEST NOT)*
- B. They were aware that sin would stain their lives.
- C. They knew that their influence over others would be marred for time and eternity.
- D. They were confident that God would undertake.

Con: May we so love the Lord, that it would be a pleasure to die for Him, as well as to live for Him doing His will.

"These men who refused to be yes-men"

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