

A.M. Sermon for Jan. 16, 1955, on Psalm 42:1

The Higher Friendship
(Scripture - Psalm 42)

1)(KEY Maj. Hayden's exper. w. the lit.
I am boy whom he was carry-g in
running t. park: thkg to himself how
w. Maj. H. beaut. childhd was with its
- he with artl. love. he was sud. surp
a boy on when t. mster whisp. "Gimme
his shoul. a nickel."

~~WHEN~~ HOW GOD MUST FEEL ~~WHEN~~, AS
~~WHEN~~ HE CARRIES US THRU THIS W.
WHEN HE DISCOVERS T. ~~WHEN~~ GIMME
SP. IN US: WHEN HE FINDS
THAT ~~WHEN~~ IT IS NOT HIM-
SELF THAT WE LOVE, BUT WHAT
we CAN GET OUT OF HIM.

It was dif. with t. man who
wrote t. 42nd Psalm. It wasn't
not God's gifts, but GOD,

2-KEY On t. hip- that he desired - desired
po in the so intensely that he cd exp
zoo sits t. his feelgs only by compar-g
Psalmist them to t. deer in t. wds,
writ-g, w. of whom he spsk he...for
an intnese that hart panting af. t. water
far off broks was a lit. animal of t.
gaze in deer tribe; and t. Psalmist
his eyes, thks of t. hart, heated perh.
seeing in in t. chase, and almost dying
t. dist. a of thirst as he seeks f. water
hart wand-g -and that is how he feels
in t. wds. as he longs, not for the
thgs ~~we~~ God can give him, but
for God Himself. "As the hart
panteth after...so panteth....
"My soul is athirst"
he cries, "for God,
for t. living God."

CAN WE SAY THAT?

3- KEY Thk of t. exper. of Jesus.
Jesus in one day, when He fd in hum.
under t. nat. t. crass gimme spirit
tree spkg The peo. foll-g Him enthus
to a mult. -but why? "Ye seek me"
-His disc-s he says "...bec. ye did eat
hold-g 12 of t. loaves, and were fille
bask-s of IT WAS NOT THAT THEY DID EAT
fragm-s... AND WERE FILLED THAT JESUS
WAS SADDNED BY, BUT THAT
THEY DID NOT DESIRE T. BEST
THAT HE HAD TO GIVE.

"Labor not for t. food
wh. per.," He said to
them "but for t. food
wh. endur. unto et. life
wh. t. Son of man shall
give you."

HE WANTED TO GIVE THEM T.
BEST FOOD WH. WAS HIMSELF *
AS SAV.; BRO.; FRD. * "I am
t. bread of life" He said

"He that cometh to me....."

4- KEY T. ago in wh. we live mi.
At t. door be called by many names-
of S&W is one being the gadget gen.
a sign w. - all kds of household
the word. appliances are offered
"Gadgets" us - this mach. for this
and t. and that for that; just
place is plug this into yr elec.
filled w. system; just add this to
elec. etc. yr kitchen utensils and
appli-s it will wk wonders f. you.

And many people feel that
way tow. God - He can be
used to yr adv. in this
way and that -

ASK YOU THIS MORNING "IS GOD
SIMPLY T. GREAT GADGET IN YR
HTKG AND LIFE: AND IS CHRST
SIMPLY T. SUPREEM CONVEN.?"

5-KEY What we hear to-day - that
On t.hive relig.is gd for yr health
is a - so turn to relig.; that
radio thkg of God wl nrg you p.
brdcastg. of mind, so try God for a
appeals- while; that rdg t.Bible instd
to try of murder myst-s wl enable
God of you to sleep better; so use
-in the t.Bible in that - as well a
dist. a way for cross-wd puzzles - and
can be if you don't sleep better.
heard t. And sim.arg-s are used for
voices go going to ch.and str-g t.ch.-
of t.-thn tht t.church is good for a
saints commun.-real estate values
say-g are higher...and this as t.
"Thud browng arg- that t.church is
shalt t.grt-bulwark ag.Communist;
love..." so take yr stand w.the ch.
AND ALL T.WHILE T.SAME GREAT
MISTAKE, THE SAME FATAL ERRO
-of using God as a means to
an end when He is Himself t.
grt end; the same mistake in
saying that God is wond., not
inHimself but in t.thgs He
can help you to get - he's
like a rich relat., whom you
may not care anythg about
but whom you may use for some
selfish end.
AND ALL T.WHILE A THOUS.GRT
PASAAGES IN T.Bible, and
10,000 times 10,000 joyous
saints down thru t.ages
& in our own time are crying
out - QUIT USING
God is not a gadget nor Christ
a conven.-God is yr heav.Fa.
and Jesus Christ yr Sav.and
brother - and you are makg

a colossal blunder, and show
"an evil heart of unbelief". -
when you fail to follow the
first and grt. com., wh. says
~~can't help you~~ / Thou shalt
love t. Lord thy
God ~~with all thy heart~~ - not
to love just t. thgs you can
get out of God, but to love
t. Lord thy God with all thy
heart and..... And you are
fooling yrself when you thk
that you can use God f. your
own self. ends when you care
noth-g for Him, and noth-g
for Christ, His supreme gift
to you and t. world.

6-KEY How it was w. the author of our
By t. Psalm. He was prob. ~~in~~
sticks ~~in~~ on t. east of Jordan
there is in t. wild of Moab, gazing at
a pic., ~~of~~ land of his peol across t.
show-g. a Jordan, perh. at t. mtn top. of
man sttg n. Zion t. holy city, where t.
lkg over t. temple was, and long-g for
Jordan - all that had there its cen-
-in t. ~~temple~~ ter; perh. he thks of t. spar-
dist. stds rows wh. had built a nest
Jesus: ~~not~~ p. there (as author of 84th
say-g Ps.) - havg a priv. which
"Vles. are ~~to~~ was denied him. He is thk-
they that ~~of~~ ing. of God, and all that was
do hunger..." assoc. with Him, and wishg
that he might have it.
AND LET US NOTE HERE, T. THIRST
FOR GOD WAS A SIGN THAT HE
DID HAVE GOD, THO GOD HAD
FOR HIM, AND WD ALW. HAVE,
INFIN. MORE TO GIVE HIM...
"Bles are they wh. do hunger
and thirst...for they shall

The love and longing for God
will mean a love and longing
for all that pertains to God
- a love of His house, as
... in t. Ps., a love of His wor
- a love of His work, a love
for His people
THK OF T. WRITER OF THE
119th Ps., wh. is all an
exultat. over God(s wd
"Oh how I love thy law
- it is my med..."

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7- KEY Well, my frds, are we cs.
In t. sky of that love, that long-
- heaven - for God- a love wh. as I
is a big need hardly say brgs all
ques. mark God's gd thgs. fol-g in its
after t. TRAIN
wcd "LOVE" have to confess that they
do not.

then THEY ARE STILL USING GOD *
the figure) THAT IS, IN EMERGENCIES
3 * THEY KEEP GOD ON T. EMERG
SHELF, TO WH. THEY TURN WHE
NOTHG ELSE WILL HELP. He
is not One in whom they
love and move and have...
CAN ANYTHG BE DONE * YES,
... THERE IS HOPE.

Three thgs can be done:

a) T. devot. rdg of Hid wd
- it wl brg a feeling
of cleanness and refr.
and we shl find our-s
grad. loving t. Bible
and rising from a love
of God's Bk to a love o
God...

b) T. worship att. - t. thkf.
sp. - when we enter His

house. Well if t. inscrip. on
it. bronze tablet were taken
as a guide, when net-g His
house: "ENTER INTO HIS GATE
NOW WITH THANKSGIVING!!...

To come to God's house at
all every Sunday wrong for
this expr. purp.-to thank
Him for His mercies and His
manifold benefits- And as
you thk of these you will
...find yrself love-g t. Great
Giver.

c) To work at somethg as an a
act of obed.-In out study
course we fd this tht, tha
reason why Jesus had suc
grt joy in runng t. race th
was set bef. Him- with t.
corss at the end- was tha
He saw how He wd be perf.
oebying t. Father in mtg th
grt test.... And as you oev
and watch t. bles res-s you
wl find yrself lov-g Him
who gv you t. ~~uncompensated~~
opp. to serve in a way wh.
is twice blest, wh. bles.

COURSE him that gives and ...

BY THIS ~~AND THIS~~ YOU BE EXPER*G THE
JOY OF THE LORD, and then
t. joy with the Dord -and
will grad. realize that t.
grtest thgs God can gv you
are His joy, His peace, t.
smile of His approval,
t. csness of His pres. and
ev-g love.

ON THE GREAT DAY WH. DAWNS WHEN
A MAN CAN SAY TO GOD WDS
LIKE THOSE WH. PAUL WROTE TO
HIS FRDS * "I DESIRE NOT
YRS BUT YOU."

Yes, can echo those wds
of t. Psalmist "As the
hart panteth after...."

8-KEY -
a sign
on t. gate
"The Higher
Frdship"

The Higher Frdship - that
will then have been esta.
What is t. ri. relat. betw.
frd and frd? Can one nev.
ask a favor of his frd?
Cert. - A true frd wd be
hurt if you did not - and
Jesus says "Ask and it..."

But it is one thg for
these favirs to be just
incid.; and ano. for them
to be a main thg...

FRDS ARE TO BE ENJOYED
NOT EMPLOYED... The West.
cat ans-s the ques. abt
our duty to God, that
that dity is to glorify
Him and enjoy Him forev.

When frd walks with frd
they talk abt all sorts o
thgs; when lover walks w.
lover they talk abt many
thgs, but esp. each other
and t. love that binds them

AND GOD KNOWS WHAT WE NEED
AND HIS CHF DESIRE IS TO
FIND US READY TO TAKE THE
THGS WH. ARE HIS BEST
AN BEST FOR US.

9-KEY -

The incid/at Evanstonn -
"passing the peace" at
the Lord's Supper.serv.
(see "Signs of the Tir
-Dec.21,1954, p.3)

Under the
vine at
Molehill
stds on
w.Ld's
Supper
brd and wine

wh. is my refuge, even the Most High thy hab., there shall
no evil befall thee, neither shall any plauge...

For He shall give His ang-s
chg. over thee, to keep thee
in a A L L T H Y S
Danl. aim.

TEXT (in full)

A great aim for us all
our vs. sets bef. us, a
truth of wh. it reminds
us - that we shd desire
supremely - not God's
Gifts but God - and leave
to Him the giving of His
best.

Other expres-s of the same
desire
Ps. 73:25 "Whom have in heav.
but thee, and there is none
upon earth that I desire
beside thee..."

Ps. - The Lord is t. port. of
mine in het. and moy lot...
For us, since Jesus came, t.
supreme desire is for God in
Christ - cf. Paul "That I
may win Christ, and be
fd in Him"

The bles. thg is to make God our dwell
place. When we do that we hear a voic
of wond. neas. spkg to us down thru t.
cent-s "Bec. thou hast made t. ld.