

Invocat., etc. for Jan. 23, 1955 -A.M.

Invocat.- "My soul, wait thou still upon God; for my expectat. is from Him." May each of us durg this serv., our heav. Fa., be say-g that to our-s, ~~and may knowin~~ ~~that what have our condition~~ ~~not in despair~~ and may our faith be str., our hope renewed, and our love rekindled during this hour. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen

Story-(from "Tell Me Ano. Story" -p.173)
-story entitled "The Fire That Wd Not Burn" - Begin: "It was winter-time, and it was cold, and snow cov. t. fields and t. forests, and t. kg's palace, up yonder on the hill. And of all times in t. year for t. great fire in t. palace to have gone out, this was t. worst... -then tell of t. big kitchen fire-place, where the lit. prince wd sit and watch t. leapg flames, and t. kettle wd sing. The cold stones and how some said it was fr. cold hearts that t. fire had gone out - it just cdn't burn w. peo. like that ard.... Ebd: They decided that love had come fr. t. cottage with t. live coals, and had kindled love not only in t. fireplace but intt. hearts of all within t. castle of t. king.)

Prayer- The many ~~whom~~ whose spir temp. is low this mornng; like the atmosph. outside; some on beds of pain, some under clouds of bereavement, some in t. exile of lonelines -some burd. w. problems -"T. heart

A.M. Sermon for Jan. 23, 1955 - on Mat.

9:22

Christ, the Encourager

(Scrip.-Mat. 9:1-8, 20-22)

(See compl. vers. - tho consid. dif)

1-KEY

Only once, ^{but} in the NT do we find any one say-g "Be of g. cheer." But He says it again and again. - And it means a grt deal more than our frds us. mean when they say "Cheer up" or "Cheerio" or "Buck up old man pack up yr tr-s and smile." For ~~whom Jesus~~ with cheer Jesus brgs gd tidings - when He tells us to have hope and cour. He tells us why; He gives us a basis, shows us grd, for takg cour.

How many at this season need t. help of ~~Jesus~~ Christ t. Enc.-

2-KEY

T. winter season remds some ~~out~~ by contrast of happier seasons - of t. spring-time of life, or of its golden summer; the bitter chill of ch'llg exper-s that have come; the mo. of Jan. of t. approachg mo. of March when income tax time wl come, and they will hv spec. diffic-s; if you say to them cheerf. "Lk at t. snow" - they will tell you they know all abt it - they ar snowed under. It ~~from~~ is for many the winter of thr discontent, or worse...

But no sit. is hopeless - not even t. sit. in wh. you find yourself right now. "Life is full of surprises for those who hope" if their hope is in God.

Let us note some of the occasions on which our Saviour bade men "Be of cheer," and see if circumstances today are more serious than these.

3-KEY

The situation that brought forth the word of our text - "Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven.."

T. situation - crowd - man brought paralysis - ~~Man~~ T. Good Physician is the Master Diagnostician - sees sin as the cause - not of all sickness but of much wrong attitudes - envy, pride, hate, covetousness which is idolatry.. Sees also repentance - and then instructs in forgiveness. - No word of reproach... And then take up thy....

What does that mean to us?

Why this -

JESUS IS SAYING TO US, ABOUT MANY CASES OF SICKNESS, AND OF OTHER TROUBLE *

"CHANGE YOUR MIND *REPENT** AND YOU WILL CHANGE YOUR CONDITION.

Rise up thru repentance into a new self and a new day.

4-1-2-3-4 "Daughter, be of good cheer: thy faith hath made...."

T. crowded on the street; woman long burden with an ailment - idea that comes to her... she carries it out - detected Trembling confesses the imposition But hear His words "Daughter.... go in peace and be whole of thy plague...."

And what does that mean for us
 THAT WE SHD REACH OUT TOWARD
 JESUS IN ALL OUR NEEDS, KNOW-
 ING THAT HE WILL UNGRUD.HELP
 "We are saved by hope" -if we
 put t.hope into effect....

How it was not t.touching of
 His garm.that brt t.cure but
 her faith as Jesus said...
 Cf.how some have strange and
 ...cur.ideas, supersit.not-s
 -and yet there is a core of
 strong faith in Jesus....
 wond.thgs take place
 And some w.correct views get
 nowhere...Thr cindit.is like
 that of t.anx.Isr-s...t.prchg
 of the Word of God was of none
 effect "not being mixed..w.faitl
 Wds to Thomas to us - "Bles are
 they that have not seen, yet..

"Be of good cheer; it is I....
 Storm on sea of Gal., frail
 bark tossed in t.waves, for
 t.winds....Jesus comes just
 then- "Just when I need..."

Afraid - cf.some who in t.midst
 of life's tem--s say "Cd re-
 lig.pos.help us"-hold back
 Well, relig.may not help you
 but Jesus will....

Welcome Him on board....

"Peace..be still; calm...
 and quickly to t.desired
 haven....

How it may mean puttg His wds
 into effect - cf.house
 built on rock.."Whoso ev.
 heareth these sa.ings...."

So put those teachings
as to - need to forgive? - cf.
Ld's Prayer - need to
provide thgs honest -
man to quit robbg God or
man - need of love as yr
.... guiding princ. ///

("Be of gd cheer; I have overc-
NW WHY DOES HE ~~NAMMMMM~~ STD.
... READY TO ENC US - SO?
Cf." that we may conf. oth-s
w. the conf. wherewith...

He wants us to catch His sp;
no gdthg gvn us to keep
only for ours-s - and to
kpr it to lose it.

A grt American - on a ter.
battlefield many yrs ago
- an emey soldier - young
man with leaf from Bible
(Lincoln) "We will do somethg

a better...

Conclusion - Paul in prison - you in
whatever circumst-s you may be
amidst--- Be of gd cheer..."The Ld
std by me...and he shall pres.
me from ev. evil work and preserve
me unto His ev-s kingdom....

My soul, why art thou cast down
- as if to say there is no need -
Hope thou in God...Have you the
right - you may cf Christ who is
our hope shall appear" *he has
appeared bef. you to-day, has he not
- accept Him, and hv henceforth a grt

anchor for your soul.