

A.M.Sermon for Mar.13, 1955- on Mat.5:

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The Road to a Revival

(Scrip.-Matthew 5:1-20)

(Phillips str.)

When J.was ready to tell peo.
what k'd of a k'gdom He had come
to this earth to establ.-what

sort of peo.His disc-s must be

-why did He ~~take them into the wilderness~~

~~take them into the wilderness~~ go up to a pl

on a mtn? To serve

Was it simply for conven....?

Isn't it pos.that He wanted

to mtg rd Him in such a

place to thk abt Moses on t.

of b'ing g'vng 10 com-s, and to

thk of much else that t.mtns

brg to mind-

E.g."Thy ri.is like...."

"As the heav-s are higher...

DON'T YOU THK HE WANTED T.PEOP'L

TO REALIZE THAT IF THEY WERE

GOING TO FOL.HIM THEY WD HAVE

TO LIVE ON A FAR HIGHER PLANE

THAN THEY HAD EV.LIVED BEF.

"He went up into a mtn." we rea

"and...called His disc-s unto

Him,"and He is callg us to

that higher gr'd to-day

THE VERY HEART OF T.SERMON..IS

T.SEARCHG QUES.HE ASKS OF THOS

WHO PROFES.TO BE HIS FOL*S:-

"What do ye more....?" as if to

say-"Unl.you do more -unless (

you are dif.and far better you

will be o'ke salt wh.has lost.

and will be good for nothg

but to be cast out and trodden

...for saw.w.vive.T

up of dis' b'ing to qu

2)

An exper.in t.lab.- t.color-
less liquid in t.tube; ano.
liquid poured in -for a) whil-
nothg hap-s.... But if you
pour eno., then somethg remk-
able tks place... a. beaut. red!

SOMETHG THAT WILL REMIND PEO.OF
THE RED BLOOD OF X.SHED ON CA
FOR USZ.- somethg that will

recall Jesus to thr minds waits
in countlless inst-s on a grter
degree of consecrat.on our pt.

...Gf. people going on yr af.yr, havg
no effect so far as ldg oth-s t
Christ is conc.-and fin.wak-g
up to it, and feel-g as a yg
man did in London.. (not afrd to
die but ash.) - and them not
nec.say-g anythg abt it exc.to
God.- tho in some cases it i

helpful to say somethg to oth-s
-but quietly seetg about bec-g
effective....

Cf. "I kept sil., I sd nothg
but it was pain and grief to
me; and at last..." when will
that be - "at last" - when yo
have only t.ashes of a burnt
out life.to offer for God's
serv.-tho yrs ago you pro-

fest yr alleg.to C hrist and
enlisted for serv.un.His ban

3) The first steps - may be ..
very simple - sayng yr bill
(cf. "The grocer has to
go to the theatre every
now and then to see if..."

T.reviv.wh.was fol.by pay-g
up of drs' bills...

edit has "elaviver" p...
The lit.mat.of ch.att.-cf.the di
loyalty of mil-s to-day..."Like
a mi.army" and they are slack-s
The A in the alph.of a grt ch..
but they can't yet repeat it...
In a cert.com.two men were discus
sing a bus.deal on a Sat.-One
sud.said to t.other "Well,let's
meet to-mor.and talk it over
again." "No - I can't not on Su
day -I've got to go to ch."-
"Oh," said t.other one; I didn'
know you were a Cath."- Now, th
God, there are Bapt-s and Meth-
and peo.in every ch.-who are as
faithf.as that man -but how the
faithfulness of the Cath-s
shames those who are not faithf.
Some thk they are too busy to go
-or that tho they want thr ch.to
be open and hv serv-s on Sunday
ni.they must acc.no respons.-
THEY ARE ~~MMMM~~ PROB.NO BUSIER
* MOST OF THEM * THS MR.J.C.
PENNEY * WHO SAYS THIS "If a
man is too busy to worship God
twice on Sun.and attend pr.mtg
on Wed.night, he has more bus.
than God intended he shd have.
AND SOMET.GOD HAS A WAY OF CALLG
MEN DUF.TO ACCT.FOR THIS EXCES.
BUS.ABT ALL BUT THE KING'S BUS.
-like the rich ^{farmer} in X's par.
to whom God said "Thou fool,
this ni.shl thy sou. be"
"So" adds J."is every one that la
eth up treas....not rich tow.Go

And... AND IT WORKS * CH.ING ON...
...it was and not...

4) T. coming "revivals" and the need of our time - A xyt that is impressive - by its rev. of sinc. and earnest - and inspir-g by its ~~mission~~ illus. of the bty of hol. (when peo. hv learned t. fine art of makg gdness attrac.* and when it i convincg in reveal-g how they have in Crist and His way of mtg life's tests, somethg tha is adeq. for this world.

Cf. the hurt feels that often come w. thr need of forgiv.-wh. is t. one thg wh. Jesus refers to after givng the Ld's Pr. in the sermon - how to handle life's hurts - The salesman who fd him self with hurt feels when he failed to make a sale; but wr tk a construc. way of using these exper-s (cf. Jacob "I will not let thee go except tho bless me (cf. many now living on beds of sickness who wl say that)) /

How he md a prac. of going to each one and askg what he don that was wrong... and he bec. head of t. grt concern....

Jesus shows us why to forgive - bec. God has forgiv. us - and how to forgive - wh. is to meet barbs w. armed goodness (what was said of some one - that you cd alm. know when he had been mistr. bec. he wd soon thereaf do somethg esp. th5f. and kind to t. one who had done him an i ~~injury~~

AND IT WORKS * CF. LINC. ON ~~MY~~ HIS ENEMIES. It wks and nothg else

5) But - abandon needed -
 no tepid thg will ever
 get far...the world is
 like t. Lord abt that -
 "Bec. neither hot nor
 cold...spew three..."
 "I send you my rev. love"
 wrote a yg Chinese com.
 to a Xn frd, expl-g why
 he had gone heart & soul
 into Com.
 WE HAVE BUS. REVIVALS, AND ALL
 SORTS OF TOEHR REVIVALS: BUT
 WHAT WE NEED MOST OF ALL IS
 A RELIG. REVIVAL AND NOTH
 BUT Xns who are ferv. in
 spirit will brg it.

6) Well, how get that spirit?
 By lkg at Jesus there on t.
 mt, and list-g -
 And by seeing Him on ano. mt -
 "...transfig. - with Moses and Eli
 jah -white---purity and auth.
 "This is my beloved son in
 whom....Hear ye him."
 And by seeing Him on t. mt. call
 Calvary -there outside Jerus.
 dyng that you might live -
 "He hath gvn me life by His
 death and peace...."
 SEEING HIM THERE AND CATCHG HIS
 SP. so that we will go up
 that mtn after Him, whereve
 He leads going, trustg Him
 to str. us for any test.
 - THE CONV. JEW (SAY MAN OF ANO.
 RELIG.) WHO WAS TOLD BY HIS
 WIFE THAT SHE DIDN'T MIND IF
 HE BELVD BUT (shd said) do no
 be bap. -for if you are bap.

I will cease to be yr wife
and yr own chil. will disown
you, and this home will cease
to be yrs....

WHAT TO DO? Did he thk of t. wds
of Jesus "I am not come to send
peace but a sword; for I am come
to....."

and a man's foes shl be they...
Well, he ~~made a decision~~ decided to
go all the way with Jesus.-

PERHAPS HE REALIZED THEN THAT THAT
WAS T. ROAD TO REALITY * A ROAD
WH. MANY NEVER ENTER - T. sequel

"My dear Miriam, tell Mummy
that I am comign with Jesus, for
& have nowhere to go witht J."

We will, hope that his pr-s wl yet
be anw.-and that some day he
will ~~know~~ know t. exper.
of t. jailer - "Bel. an t. Ld JC and
thou shalt be saved, and..."

6) Unless there is somethg of t.
reality that was in that man's
soul, we may as well quit....
we'll never win any one to J.

But suppose in consod-g quittg
we recall t. words of Paul
"QUIT YOU LIKE MEN: BE
STRONG" and ~~quit~~ acquit our-s
accordingly.

Lkg unto J. is our only hope

"I have nowhere to go witht J.
-that is to an effec. Xn -
for that is to give J. the chanc
to wk, to draw men unto Himself
as He said he wd do. He will be
us-g you, and thru you wl be glo

rified on the earth.

Invocat.,. Prayers, etc.for AM Mar.13, '55

Invocat.- Give us, O Lord, dur-g this
serv.the sp.that says "I will hear
what God t.Ld wl say unto ~~His~~
me, for the Ld wl spk peace unto His
people, ~~and may t.~~ and may t.
deepest desire of our hearts fr.this
day be this, to be truly Thine; and
may we have many a bles.foretaste of
what it is and shl be to be numb.w.
Thy saints in glory ev-g. We ask it...

Story- "Good Time Charlie" (Begin -you
boys and girls too wh are play-g base-
ball these fine spring days wd have
gotten quite a thrill if you had re-
cvd a mes.that came to a small bush-
league player some yrs ago. Then tell
of the need in t.Chicago team for a
top-notch short-stop...t.search, t.
discov.of a yg man named Charley
Hollocher out on t.Pacific Coast...
His signing up - and grt suc.-fame,
money, honors.- Team won Natl League
pennant...
Named "Good Time" Charlie - prob.bec.
he seemed to be enjoy-g life....And
then..strange and needless worry abt
his health. Drs. exam.-perf.- But "I
can't go on play-g. My health means
more to me than anythg else. I don t
want to die bef.my time." -Disap.*mos.
later fd on a Mo.farm.Refused to return
...Twenty yrs later mys.shot....
Sad - he needed trust in God....

But - on the highways -"Good Time" Ch-s
who disreg.t.rules -I see them in t.
hospitals; thk they live a charmed life
..Bet.inst'd of being a Good Time Ch.
on the h

Main Prayer (include qual-s for memb
in His kgdom as gvn in His inaug. ad-
dress, and tests to see whether in
it... How He gvs us bread for dail
use, not cake to partake of only
occas.- Pr. for t. sick; may they know
that ~~in~~ these times of inactiv. are
not to be times of idleness, bec.
Thou art blg them up, both in body
and soul, and enablg them to ~~man~~
behold wond. thgs out of Thy law..
Thanks for ret. of our min. of music
-continue to bless her and mk her a
blessg -, Sustain our neighb-
in Grace Ch. whose pastor is soon to
leave them; bless him and them, and
make both thkf. for this per. that
they hv bn tog. with the op. to str.
each other faith, and to share thr
com. joy in the Lord...)

Off-g sentences - "Honor the Lord with
thy subst., and w. the frst fr-s
of all thine increase.... Trust in
t. Lord ~~with thine heart~~ and do gd;
so shalt thou dwell in t. land, &
verily thou shalt be fed....

Prayer at Off-g - May we bel. Jesus!
wds of bles. assur. and have each a
story of thr fulfimt. where He says
"Seek ye first t. kgd. of God...
and all these thgs...."

Benediction - The grace of ~~our~~ our Ld
JC be with us all evermore. Amen