

A.M. Sermon for Mar. 27, 1955- on Matt.

11:28-

30

Apprentice to Christ

(Scrip.-Matt. 11:1-6, 20-30)

(Text is, strictly, "Learn of Me.")

1) T. salv. wh. Christ brgs is a twofold salv. - it is instant. and it is continuing. T. apos. Paul refers to t. first salv. when he says "The gift of God is eternal life....."

Christ saves us at once and forever when we truly turn to Him in rep. and simple trust.

"I give unto them et. life" He says, "and they shall never perish, neither shl any man snatch them out of my hand."

We are saved - and our names written in the Lamb's Book of Life.... and neither death, not even death by atomic explos. or dust, nor life, nor thgs pres. nor thgs to come, shall be able to sep. us from t. love wh. is in CJ our Lord.

instant.

2) But in addit. to that wond/gift of et. life, Christ brgs to us a sayg exper. that continues - that goes on thru t. years, a grad. exper., of more & more.

As we re-commit ourselves daily unto Him, He saves our bodies, our minds, our lives, our infl. - in short, our all.

And this sec. and continual salv. is if anythg more wond. even than t. first, bec. in this the gift that He is giving us is t. gift of

Himself.

In t.vss.from wh.our text is taken Christ speaks of both o. these gifts of salvat., and spks of each in terms of rest, rest not in t.sense of inac.or mere bodily idleness, but rest for t soul and spirit -somethg wh.our age desp.needs.

He promises to all who will come to Him as Sav.t.gift of rest -"Come unto me, all ye that labor..... and I will give you rest."

But t.second gift of rest is mentd in ano.way -as requiring effort on our part -"Learn of me" He says, "and ye shall find rest unto...."

yet.

AND/THAT SEC.GIFT wh.comes from close contact with Him, and is alm.more wond.than t.first, is missed by mult-s who call slves His followers.

It is as tho you recvd a notice in your p.o.box ard.Christmas time that a package awaited you at the p.o.window; and you tk t.notice to the window and recvd t.package; and fd it a gift to deli.yr heart; but that then, when you found oth.notices say-g that oth.pack-s awaited you you did nothg abt them -and cheated yourself out of many deli.exper-s and surprises...

OH IF MANY A PROFS.FOL.OF CHRIS. WHOM CHRIST IS ANX.TO GIVE MANY BLESSGS YET UNBESTOWED, CD BUT HEAR FR.HEAVEN.T.WORDS WH.AN OT proph.once spoke to a king: "The Ld is able to give thee much more

It is this second, contin-
 gift - this gift of Himself
 - His spirit, His joy, His
 peace, wh. I wish esp. to speak
 about this morn'g....

And ~~it can be~~ it can be
 deser. in words wh. are ~~suggested~~
 suggested by the brief phrase wh.
 I ~~have~~ taken as our text - where
 J. says "Learn of me."

EVERY ONE WHO HAS COME TO JESUS AS
 SAV. IS THEN, JESUS SAYS, TO LEARN
 OF HIM * HE IS TO BE AN APPRENTICE
 TO CHRIST. Let us see what that
 means --

What is an apprentice? - many
 a y'g man or boy in days
 gone by ~~got~~ into that re-
 lat. - Benj. F. e.g. -

An apprentice was bound out to
 a man to wk for him a cert.
 no. of yrs, learn'g his trade/
 For that period he belonged
 to that man, and he was to
 learn his trade by imitat-g
 him; and he was to render
 obed. to Him.

AND THAT IS ALL PARALLELED IN
 THE RELAT. AND THE TASK OF A
 FOL. OF JESUS -

- 1) We ~~anent~~ belong to Him - cf.
 "...a cup of cold water bec...."
 "whose I am, and whom I serve."
- 2) We are to obey Him, serve Him
 "If we love me, keep...."
 "Ye call me Lord and Master..."
- 3) We are to learn - esp. by imit-g

"Be ye imit-s of God, as dear..

"I have gvn you an example....

WE ARE APPRENTICES TO CHRIST,

AND IF WE REBEL AT THIS, AND

DO NOT LEARN AT HIS SIDE, AND

BY IMIT. OF HIM, WE SHL NEVER

FIND REST *in all t. wond. mean

of those wds- unto our souls

famil. ---

The ~~mean~~ word disciple means learner, - and t. trag. is that

many a person who has just

ent. t. school of Christ acts

as tho he had grad. from t. top

grade - acts as tho he had

nothg to learn - and so -

~~mean~~ he flunks out in the Xn

life - he has no adeq. power

to meet life's crises, and

he is a sorry adv. for the

Xn relig.

But how glor. when one und-s that

he is a learner, esp. an appren.

who learns by staying close to

t. Master, and learns by imitat.

THEN HE GOES PLACES IN XN EXPER.

* AND CAN HELP OTHERS AND BEC*S

A POW. ARG. FOR T. TRUTH OF T. GOSP.

The choos-g of the 12 "that they

might be with Him" - and the

choosing of you and me, if we

have taken His name as Sav//...

-scholar in t. school of Christ

BUT IT IS NOT JUST TO LEARN /CATCH*

WDS ASSC. W. XTY * wds like

rep. and faith, love & forgiv.

so that as SS tchers we can spk

glibly - cf. men in rwy stat-s

callg out names of cities wh.

to know nothg. of, excep. hr names...
 - naming places they live nev. bn.
 JESUS CALLS TO EXPER. THESE THGS
 CALLED REP. AND FAITH & forgiv.
 & love - to exercise faith, &
 to love, to undergo rep. & manifest
 I a forgiv-g sp. and then to talk
 abt what we now know.

Have you ever tht abt t. fact that
 exper. is t. only road to know
 knowl. abt t. grtest and most imp.
 thgs in life?

a) What Pres. Coolidge said abt
 t. Presidency - that "t. glory
 of t. Presid. office was like
 t. glory of t. sunrise - simply
 indescrib. - He knew what it
 was like; for he had exper. it
 -but we cannot know

b) The life of perf. trust -who
 of us can say what it is like
 But Geo. Muller cd.... "we spk
 that we do know, and tes..."

c) Stephen and t. heavenly exper.
 that fol-s a forgiv sp. -He
 saw heaven opened, and rec.
 a vision of Jesus -

HE WAS SO LIKE JESUS IN THAT FOR*
 GIVING SP. THAT HE SAW JESUS *CAN
 WE EVER SEE HIM UNTIL WE HAVE
 ATTAINED TO HIS LIKENESS IN THAT
 REGARD?

The spec. ref. to in our vss. -
 a restful, peaceful sp. wh.
 comes w. lowliness of heart
 Cf. "Learn of me, for I am meek
 and ye shl find rest.... Souls."
 The WHY of much restl. - pride and
 unsatisf. self. ambit. - Haman - Ahab

But - when humble not full of
self., fev. ambit., and not eas.
offended....

Case of Moses (& Eldad and Medad)

8) The second-hand relig. wh. many
are satsfd with - nothg of
wh. they can say "One thg I
know...."

But somet. a. divine discontent -
and then go to wk in t. school
of Jesus - and later can say
"That wh. we have heard, and
seen, and our hds have....."

And it may begin w. ~~the~~ somethg very sli. - Hear the pop.
song - "When you can't sleep...
countryr many blessgs..." - and
do that - and find it wks...
Cf. pat. in hosp. "I can do all
thgs...." and later a testim.

T. wker in a Pittsburgh steel
plant - ~~stammg~~ stammg, timid,
but launched out in faith...
and thgs taking place, daily
pr-mtgs inaug., cord. relat-s
establ., and when asked by
mins. to speak find-g self
at ease... in testifying....

9) Well, it takes time - a life-
time to make any real progr.
- but shd not be dsic. -

IT TOOK TIME WITH T. FIRST
APPRENTICES - cf. exper. at
Samar. vil. - fire fr. heaven
"Ye know not what sp."
WHAT A CONTRAST BETW. THR
RESTL. and his rest. - "And I
tht. how God's compl."

Laubach on the sci. "Disillus.
by all our ~~efforts~~ other ~~and~~
efforts, we now see that t.
only hope left for t. human
race is to bec. like Christ"
Yet how, with the slt. time and
tht wh. t. average person ~~even~~
the av. Xn gives - an hour or
two a week.... by part of t. pop.
~~Amhamanman~~ Cd. compet. teachers or
lawyers or drs. be turned out
by thr respec. schools if they
devoted only an hour or two
a week? Yet t. need is desp.
and t. ~~world~~ ~~seems~~
world seems doomed unl. we can
lead Xn people to take ser.
Jesus' wds "Learn of me."
HE ESTABLISHED A SCHOOL FOR THE
TWELVE SO THAT... BE W. HIM ~~MMMM~~
168 hrs a week - and we can be
with Hom if we will all our wakg
hours - praticsing the presence
of t. Saviour - that He may save
our lives and our world.
It is trem. worth ~~while~~ while.

The oratorio of the Messiah -
suppose people simply talked
abt it, said it was wond., and
that they were in favor of it
-ackn. that nothg finer had bn
composed.... what wd it accompl.
THE GRT ORATORIO HAD TO BE RENEDER
*PLAYED AND SUNG AGAIN * IF IT
IS TO BE OF ANY AVAIL.

And Jesus, who is Himself the Mes.,
must be rend., ~~reprod.~~ reprod.
in human lives if He is to accom.
His grt purpose...

4) "Eureka" I have found it -
exclaimed the anc. Greek of
a grt discov.

That is what Christ means His
ev. fol. to say - He promises

"Learn of me and ye shall find
rest unto your souls." - and He
wd have every one say that he
has found it, and is finding it
more and more - the best thg that
cd hap. for himself and for
those about him.

→ Many have said that - they have
not stopped with their first
initial salv. but have gone
on to let Christ save thr lives,
thr char-s, thr everythg - save
them by imparting His sp. day
after day as they learn of Him

"Let this mind be in you" writes
Paul, "which was also in C.J.

It is not the work of a day or a
yr but of a lifetime - but it
is the most imp. thg that can
take pl. in the lifetime of a
Xn, and it is worth all and infin.
more than it costs in time and
tht and sacrif....

LEARN OF ME Jesus is saying to-day
enrol as apprentices in my school
and beginning to-day and more
and more, ye shall find rest
unto your souls.

A.M.Sermon for April 3, 1955 - on Lam-
entation
Calvary - and Who Cares? 1:12

(Scrip.-Luke 23:32-49)

(brief)

~~intima~~. - "Is it nothg to you, all ye
that pass by? Behold and see if
there be any sorrow like unto my
sorrow, wh.id done unto me."

1) The bread and the cup of wh.we par-
take at t.Ld's Sup.^{are} ~~and~~ here bef.us.
They call to our rem.X's body
(I am and His bld.

runng The brd spks to us of His body
with a nailed to t.cross; the fruit
plate of t.vine spks of His blood
of brd. wh.flowed fr.t.cruel spikes
& a driven thru His hds and feet
tray and ~~pharisees~~ from the
of spear-thrust in His ~~siden~~
wounded side.

gr-juice)

They tell us of t.mt.called Calv.

& what tk pl.~~thema~~ en its brow

"There is a green hill far away

Witht a city wall.....all"(2 1

2) BUT IN SPKG TO US OF T. (lines
In t. CRUCIF.OF CHRIST THEY ALSO
zoo on CONFROU US W.A.~~QUEEN~~.SEARCHG
hippo QUES.,WH.IS THIS* - CALVARY &
there WHO CARES?
stds a
large
ques.
mark)

Let us not too readily and too
glibly ans."We care" - ~~for~~ we
might be mistaken.

THERE ARE MULT*S OF JESUS! PROFES
FOL-s WHOSE LIVES ARE GIVING AN
ANSWER THAT CONTR*S THR LIPS -
saying ~~M~~Saying, "Lord, do we
care? No, frkly, we don't - we
don't want in our lives anythg
that resembles Calvary - The.