

P.M.Sermon for April 3, 1955 - on Luke 2:40-52

A Boy in the Right Place 49
(Scrip.-Luke 2:40-52) (Weym.

1) Wyatt dog story - (Thus: One day a few yrs ago, abt the time some of these Cub Sc-s were born, I went out on t. front porch over here at t. pars., and what do you suppose I saw there? A big shaggy dog ly-g on t.end of t.porch, w. some muddy tracks wh.he had w.his feet. I explnd to him that we didn't like t.porch to be tracked up...But soon aft.I saw him there again - I wond.whose dog.he was and why he ~~was~~ kept com-g to this part of town - what purp.he had in being at the house next door to the ch.

Then one Sunday I fd out. For on Sun.morning about 5 to 11 I saw him at t.front of the ch.lkd at t.people who were going on abd barking vig.-barkg at those who wre going in and barkg at those who weren't - who were going home af. SS - who I tht des.to be barked at - and maybe he wd hv even bitten them but maybe somethg told him that they wd turn over a new leaf....

T.explanat.- he was lkg for his master, who alw.wne to ch.-AM and PM and Wed....

((NOTE: Boil this down, -a sent.or. two abt t.porch - puzzled - then abt Sunday a.m.))

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Now suppose some one who knew that man and how he loved t.ch. -and loved to go to ch.-suppose a frd of his had come to mor one Sunday lkg for him -and had gone everywhere exc.the ch.- gone to t.post of., to t.Rway station, to the hotels, to t. jail lkg for him - and then had come at last to t.ch...saying ~~what a~~ what a ar time he had had finding him - wdn't Mr.W. have said "Why you ought not to hv had any trouble find-g me; you wd know that on Sunday I wd be in my heav.Fa's house."

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2)

So with Jesus, when his par-s were lkg for him as a boy of twelve....

A hike to the grt city of Jerus. -wond.- relig.and patr.both had there their center.... and when they started home and fd that Jesus was not in t.co.and ret'd to lk for Him they fd Him just where they mi.have known Jesus wd be - in t.grt church, called ~~temple~~ t.temple - and He said "Why is it that you have been seachng for me; didn't you know that must be in my Fa's hou

3)

A Boy in the Right Place - in his Fa's house, t.church How many boys since have gone to ch.and had wond.thts.whi? there, wond.dreams - not that they went to sleep -tho it is bet.to be in ch.asleep on Sun. mornng than to be away fr.ch. awake.....

And that reminds me of a boy who heard peo. compalaing abt a man who was seen one day sleeping in ch.-and this boy began defend-g him. (Who Judge Hasty was - too fat to run in a hasty way -but very big hearted -took whole school to circus -wd give people pres-s, send to college) -what t.boy said abt a grt pillar in the ch.-"Amrrh"
"I thk any man who has done as much for our ch.as Judge H.has has a ri.to sleep in ch." (Box of candy fol.)

But boys dream dreams and see visions.- Cf. little boy of six who is now a grown man and a much beloved person, suc. and happy - and what he told me (West on t.singer, org., and pi)
"I'm going to be just like that....and he grew up to be)

Some boys are so silly they thk that it's smart not to go to ch. and SS -some say they thk it's sissy - well Roy Rogers doesn't thk it's sissy - he's gone to SS and he's taken Trigger -and he has told mil-s of boys and girls who listen to him over radi and TV to go...

Jesus is at church now - you can't see Him but He's there. Cf. elec. -you can't see it, but it's ard you with power - you can't see waves coming thru the air for yr radio or TV but they're there
So J. is there, and when you go to

God's house you can talk with Him, and thk abt Him -thank Him for what He's doing for you -and ask Him abt things that you want -to help you get them, if it is His will -if they wd be gd for you, and if you cd use them in t. right way.

Cf. man who to, d me his grdson wanted a phone in his bedroom -wanted him to talk to par-s.. Now if you want anythg like that it's all roght to tell J. -and ask Him to help you get it if He thks it wd be wise fo you to have it. (T.ri. reason f. going)

Cultivating a love for God's house.

But somet, boys don't like to go to God's house at first -all right, there are lots of thgs you don't like at first -take a bath for inst. -and washg behind yr ears... (cf. Papa - abt soap. etc.) But you get to likg them if you keep on.

And so with t. ch. God's house Cf. "How lovely are Thy dwellings..." (Ps 84)

The RA's ush-g last Thursday nigh -and how future deacons there - & fut. ushers.... & fut. lovers of God's house and kgdom..

Dd you know that a grt Pres. of the US once said that a man nev, amted to anythg until he fell in love; and he went on to say that a man cd fall in love not only with some beaut. girl or wem but with an institu. -like a scho or a church or w. some grt cause like God's kgdom....

And that is what I want you boys to do. One reason is this, that then when you get old and have to quit reg. work you will have t.ch. and its wond. work to keep in touch with, and that wl add int. to yr lives... You can lk at the gd thgs going on in yr ch. & thk how you helped brg them abt in the days past, and so you can enjoy them even when you are too old to do much exc. lk on....

But t. grtest reason for going to ch. is that you are apt to find Jesus there as yr Sav....

PEOPLE WHO GO REG. TO CH. ARE FIFTY TIMES AS LIKELY TO BEC. XNS AS THOSE WHO DON'T GO. You have almost no chance to beland be saved if you don't go to church.

And then you can brg others to Christ and He will save them too

So, I hope you boys and everynody here, will be in your Pa's house when you ought to be, and can say what Jesus said if anybody ever lks for you somewh. else when he ought to now that this is t. place to lk for you - "Why did you have tr. finding me; didn't you know I had to be my F's hous

And then you may come to love God and Jesus and the ch. and the grt kingdom cause so much that you wl be thkg about it all t. time, and get a wond. insp. out of

it -and some day you will be rde
the 27th Psalm and you will make
a wond. discov. -You will be rde
abt how David, a busy king and
a valiant soldier said he wanted
to dwell in t. thouse of the all t.
days of his life, and you will
say. "How cd a busy man do that"
and then you will realize th
wherever he was, he felt God's
pres. just as if he were in ch.
-and that you can do that too -
and then after this life is
over -after gdness and mercy
have followed you all t.
days -you can go up yonder
-to heaven and well in t. heav.
house of the Ld forevr.