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FOREWORD

"Give Ye Them to Eat!" Thus did Christ command His disciples in regard to the hungry multitude after He had said, "They need not depart." Ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ, your congregations do not need to depart hungry, "Give ye them to eat." For this purpose this book of sermon outlines is being sent forth.

The Bible has been likened to a granary. Preaching a gospel sermon is more than a work of art. Christ said He was the bread of life and the water of life. Make your sermons bread and water to feed the immortal souls of men. The minister who is led by the Lord will sense or detect the line of truth, the text, and the outline which he should use. The text and outline of the Spirit's choosing will have a glow, an inspiration, and a joy which bring spiritual warmth to the minister's heart as he contemplates their employ.

The virtues of a good sermon outline are many. Advantages are gained by the properly arranged sermon. It aids the preacher in his thinking, memory, and logic. It makes the sermon effective, beautiful, clear and understandable. The congregation also will appreciate it more and remember it better.

Readers will soon observe that many outlines are along the line of Bible readings, and contain just main divisions with Bible references without any subdivisions, leading from one step to another on to a triumphant climax. This is calculated to make the sermon progressive and definite. This should lead to an expository and evangelistic ministry which is the need of this hour.

If these outlines are of any value to you in developing sermons, gratefully acknowledge the same to the Lord, and give thanks to Him Who is worthy of a thousand times more praise than He receives.

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[01] -- COMPONENT PARTS OF A SERMON

A sermon should be like the Bible -- inspired -- holy -- godlike -- illuminating -- pointing to Christ and have a glorious climax. If it has a divine genesis (beginning with God) there will come a glorious revelation of Jesus Christ. The rules of homiletics are intended not to bind, but guide the preacher of the gospel in the scientific construction and effective delivery of his sermon.

There are six essential elements to a powerful and effective sermon. These need to be given special attention by the minister of the gospel in the preparation of his sermons. Every successful sermon is orderly and logical.

Component Parts Of A Sermon

I. A Captivating Theme

II. A Choice Text

III. A Short Introduction

IV. A Comprehensive Outline

V. A Complete Body

VI. An Appealing Conclusion

A few general suggestions will be made on the subject. Nothing essential to a peerless sermon should be omitted, nor anything superfluous added.

I. A Captivating Theme

The wise choice and proper wording of the theme is a matter of no small import. One of the greatest factors in the sale of a book is the appeal made by the title. The theme of a sermon should be simple, comprehensive and captivating. Capture the interest of your congregation at the beginning of your sermon. When the minister attracts the attention of the people at the beginning of his sermon, he will succeed better in holding their interest throughout the message. The theme should contain the entire sermon in germ, so if it were magnified the sermon will be entirely viewed. Let the subject be definite if you expect to make an impression. Have a mark in view and aim to hit it. Let the theme be one the people can understand and be suitable to time, place and occasion.

II. A Choice Text

The wise choice of a text on which the sermon is based should not be underestimated. Such a text awakens the interest of the audience and gains its confidence. On the preacher's part, it will give him authority and boldness, and keep his mind from wandering. Then it will help him to be Biblical. The Word of God will furnish the preacher with an exhaustless supply of texts.

III. A Short Introduction

An important and delicate part of a sermon is the introduction. The skill of introducing a sermon is acquired through experience. Ordinarily five minutes is long enough to introduce the theme and sometimes the most decisive ones. The introduction awakens interest in the theme and it is well to capture the interest of an audience at the starting-point.

IV. A Comprehensive Outline

The outline of a sermon is like the skeleton of a body, or the frame for a building. Good preachers have differed among themselves as to the number of divisions or points to be considered in a sermon. Every preacher is a law to himself in this regard. Among the early theologians seven divisions were employed and sometimes three, because of their symbolical significance. The preacher must not be bound in this matter. When many subdivisions are employed there should be fewer main divisions so as not to make the sermon too complicated. A safe rule to follow is to consider the "What?" "Why?" "How?" and "What then?" in developing the framework of a sermon.

V. A Complete Body

This is the meat on the skeleton, or the walls, floor and roof of the building. This part of the sermon should not be lacking in plenty of good meat on the skeleton, for this is the part of the sermon that should employ approximately three-fourths of the time of delivery. This is completing the building, therefore, the sermon should hold before the audience a complete structure for a holy and useful life. A few illustrations in a sermon are like windows in a building. In His preaching and teaching, Christ employed many "likes," such as, "the kingdom of heaven is like."

VI. An Appealing Conclusion

All parts of a sermon are important, but the most important and telling part is the conclusion. The conclusion should never be neglected. In a meal, the best is served last. Three factors to be considered when preaching are to make the sermon appealing to the mind, the sensibilities and the will. The conclusion of a sermon should appeal to the will. Major on this point. The conclusion should not be too long. Never conclude in a jaded manner. Concluding the sermon is making the hurdle. Here is where many sermons fail.

Often a preacher's reputation has been based on the delivery of one or two sermons which were well prepared and successfully delivered under the anointing of the Spirit. Solomon wrote, "A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men" (Prov. 18:16). This proverb is as applicable to ministers of the gospel as any class of laborers. The apostle Paul admonished Timothy: "Neglect not the gift that is in thee" (I Tim. 4:14). Gifts may be increased. Ministers may become more skillful in their task by the proper use of their gifts.

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[02] -- ATONEMENT

001 -- CHRIST'S DELIGHT IN THE SONS OF MEN

"My delights were with the sons of men" -- (Prov. 8:31).

I. His Delights in Creation

1. Anticipation of creating man
2. Formation of man
3. Stamping His image on man
4. Pleasure in Adam, Eve, and Eden

II. His Delights in Redemption

1. Anticipation of incarnation
2. Deity united with humanity
3. Atonement
4. Resurrection
5. Ascension

III. His Delights in Salvation

1. Saving sinners
2. Sanctifying believers
3. Gathering His bride
4. Preparing an eternal abode for His own

IV. His Delights in Glory

1. Coming to gather His own to Himself
2. Resurrecting His own in His likeness
3. Dethroning Satan
4. Ruling universally, triumphantly, gloriously

V. His Delights in Eternity

1. Sin, death and rebellion abolished
2. Everlasting righteousness established
3. New creation consummated
4. Deity in supremacy through eternity

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002 -- PRECIOUSNESS OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, ... but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" -- (I Peter 1:18,19).

I. The Blood of Christ Redeems from Sin -- (Eph. 1:7)

1. Christ took our place of condemnation before God
2. The believer takes Christ's place of acceptance before God

II. The Blood of Christ Brings Us Nigh to God -- (Eph. 2:13)

1. Gentile believers are made fellow-citizens of the saints
2. Jewish believers are born into the same household

III. The Blood of Christ Justifies Us Freely -- (Rom. 5:9)

1. God declares us right in His sight
2. God makes us right in our hearts

IV. The Blood of Christ Brings Peace with God -- (Eph. 2:14-16; Col. 1:20)

1. The law separated Jews and Gentiles
2. Faith in Christ makes both one in Christ

V. The Blood of Christ Sanctifies Believers -- (Heb. 10:10; I John 1:7)

1. An instantaneous cleansing -- (experiential)
2. A continual cleansing -- (daily)

VI. The Blood of Christ Gives Boldness in Approaching God -- (Heb. 10:19, 20)

1. Prayer to God is a blood-bought privilege
2. Prayer is answered on condition of Christ's death

VII. The Blood of Christ Will Silence the Accuser of the Brethren -- (Rev. 12:10)

1. Testimonies to the death of Christ make Christians overcomers
2. The atonement of Christ defeats Satan in heaven and earth.

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003 -- THE REDEEMED

"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" -- (I Cor. 6:20).

I. Are Purchased by Christ

II. Do Not Belong to the Devil

III. Do Not Belong to the World

IV. Do Not Belong to Themselves

V. They Are God's Property

VI. God Will Take Care of His Own

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004 -- GREAT VIRTUES OF GRACE

I. Grace Renewed the Probation to Sinful Man

II. Grace Devised the Scheme of Redemption

III. Grace Provided the Ransom for Our Sins

IV. Grace Awakens the Sinner to His Need of Salvation

V. Grace Regenerates the Penitent Sinner

VI. Grace Keeps the Christian from Falling

VII. Grace Will Deliver the Saints into the Glory Land

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If the world were a hundred times as populous as it is, there would be enough value and virtue in the blood of Christ to redeem all these if they would believe in Christ.

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005 -- THE FATHER'S DELIGHT IN HIS BELOVED SON

"This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased" -- (Matt. 3: 17).

I. The Father Made Christ the Eternal Object of His Love

II. The Father was Eternally Pleased with His Son

III. The Father was Pleased to Send His Son into the World

IV. The Father was Pleased with the Incarnation of His Son

V. The Father was Pleased at the Baptism of His Son

VI. The Father was Pleased with the Ministry of His Son

VII. The Father was Pleased with the Sacrifice of His Son

VIII. The Father was Pleased with the Resurrection of His Son

IX. The Father was Pleased with the Ascension of His Son

X. The Father Will be Pleased to Send His Son as King Back into the World

XI. The Father will be Pleased with the Reigning of His Son

XII. The Father will be Pleased with His Son Through Eternity

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006 -- DIVINE ADEQUACIES

"For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things: Thou art God alone" -- (Ps. 86:10).

I. The Divine Plan for Redemption was Adequate

II. The Divine Provision for Redemption was Adequate

III. The Divine Atonement Provided was Adequate

IV. The Grace of God to Redeem Sinners is Adequate

V. The Gospel of Christ is Adequate for a Lost World

VI. The Holy Spirit is Adequate for His Calling

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007 -- VALUE OF CHRIST'S DEITY TO HIS HUMANITY

I. Deity of Christ

1. Without beginning or ending
2. Without increase or diminution
3. Unlimited, unbounded, unrestricted
4. Absolutely holy
5. Possessed every attribute of Deity

II. Humanity of Christ

1. Born by the Holy Spirit
2. Born of a virgin
3. Born without a sinful nature
4. Possessed every attribute of sinless humanity
5. Born to die a vicarious death

III. Deity and Humanity United

1. A theanthropic Being
2. An indissoluble union
3. The God-Hero
4. Qualified in His might and right to redeem
5. Conquered Satan and atoned for all sins

IV. Deity Not Altered by Humanity

1. Christ's humanity could not weaken His Deity
2. Deity is immutable
3. Christ on earth was perfect God
4. Redeemer must be God to mediate with God
5. Christ must be Man to mediate with man

V. Humanity Enriched by Indwelling of Deity

1. "The less is blessed of the better"
2. Deity infinitely enriched His humanity
3. Deity could not die
4. Humanity did not possess capacity to redeem
5. Incarnation solved mystery of redemption

VI. Every Attribute of Deity Enriched Every Act of Christ

1. Christ's life was infinite in value
2. His blood was infinite in value -- (Acts 20:28)
3. Christ's death was infinite in value
4. His works and words were infinite in value
5. Christ's intercession is infinite in value

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[03] -- BACKSLIDERS

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008 -- BACKSLIDING AND ITS RECOVERY

"O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and turn to the Lord: say unto Him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips" -- (Hosea 14: 1, 2).

I. Backsliding Revealed

1. It is turning from God -- (I Kings 11:9)
2. It is departing from the gospel -- (Gal. 3:1-3)
3. It is leaving the first love -- (Rev. 2:4)

II. Backsliding Not a Requisite

1. God can keep His own from falling -- (Jude 24, 25)
2. Grace is promised to help -- (II Cor. 12:9)
3. Humility is a guard against it -- (James 4:10)

III. Backsliding Displeases God

1. Brings its own punishment -- (Prov. 14:14; Jer. 2:19)
2. Invokes divine wrath -- (Ps. 78:57, 59)
3. Warning against it -- (Ps. 85:8)

IV. Backsliders May Be Restored

1. Confession to be made -- (Isa. 59:12-14)
2. Pardon is promised -- (Jer. 3:12)
3. Prayer to be offered -- (Ps. 80:3; Lam. 5:21)

V. Backsliders Who Were Recovered

1. Israel -- (Ex. 32:8, 14)
2. David Recovered from his fall -- (II Sam. 12:13)
3. Simon Peter -- (Mt. 26:70-74; Jno. 21:15-19)
4. The prodigal son -- (Lu. 15:11-32)

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009 -- DOWNWARD STEPS IN LOT'S LIFE

- I. Lot's Servants Given to Strife -- (Gen. 13:7)
- II. Lot Beheld the Plains of Jordan -- (Gen. 13:10)
- III. Lot Chose the Plain of Sodom -- (Gen. 13:11)
- IV. Lot Pitched His Tent Toward Sodom -- (Gen. 13:12)
- V. Lot Dwelt in Sodom -- (Gen. 14:12)
- VI. Lot Sat in the Gate of Sodom -- (Gen. 19:1)
- VII. Lot Lingered in Sodom -- (Gen. 19:18)

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010 -- DOWNWARD AND UPWARD STEPS IN MAN'S FALL AND RECOVERY

I. The Seven Steps in the Fall

1. Listening to the serpent
2. Reasoning with the serpent
3. Looking at the forbidden fruit
4. Desiring the forbidden fruit
5. Doubting God's wisdom and love
6. Partaking of the forbidden fruit
7. Giving Adam of the forbidden fruit

II. The Seven Steps Back to God

1. Listening to the gospel
2. Yielding self to God
3. Looking to Christ
4. Desiring to be saved
5. Believing in Christ
6. Partaking of Christ
7. Giving out to others that which we have received from Christ.

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It is a sin to backslide. There is no need for anyone to backslide. The Christian who will pray and read his Bible daily will not backslide.

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011 -- PEOPLE OUT OF THE CENTER OF GOD'S WILL

I. Lot in Sodom -- (Genesis 19)

1. The Lord did not lead him there
2. A spiritual mind did not send him there
3. Material gain superseded spiritual desires
4. The love of money dominated him
5. The Lord sent two angels to deliver him
6. He lost several children and his wife

II. David Walking On the Roof -- (II Samuel 11)

1. He tarried at Jerusalem when he should have been at the battle's front
2. He turned not his eyes away from evil
3. He did not control himself
4. He lost his virtue and favor with God
5. He became an adulterer and murderer
6. He reaped multiplied sorrow and remorse

III. A Young Prophet Eating Dinner with an Aged Prophet -- (I Kings 13)

1. He was divinely commissioned and instructed
2. He performed his duty before God and men
3. An old backslidden prophet deceived him
4. He disobeyed God's explicit command
5. A lion killed him along the way
6. He is an object lesson to all to take heed

IV. Jehoshaphat Forming Affinity with Ahab -- (II Chron. Chs. 18-20)

1. Jehoshaphat was a good king and Ahab a wicked king
2. He nearly lost his life in battle by joining Ahab
3. He lost his favor with God
4. A prophet of God rebuked him on his return
5. His son married Ahab's daughter
6. Marriage of Athaliah, Ahab's daughter, brought trouble to Judah

V. Uzziah Intruding into the Temple -- (II Chron. 26)

1. Uzziah had been a good king
2. His heart became lifted up because of his success
3. He usurped his office to burn incense
4. Eighty-one priests warned him
5. He burned incense against God's will
6. He was smitten and died a leper

VI. Josiah Meddling in Another's Affairs -- (II Chron. 35)

1. He was one of the best kings in Judah
2. He interfered with Pharaoh and his army without occasion
3. He was warned to return
4. He disobeyed the warning given to him
5. He was fatally wounded on the battle field
6. He died at the premature age of thirty-nine years

VII. Peter Warming Himself in the Midst of Christ's Enemies -- (Matt. 26)

1. He had boasted and claimed a superiority over the other disciples
2. He failed to watch and pray
3. He resorted to a carnal weapon
4. He lost his courage and followed afar off
5. He warmed himself by the enemies' fire
6. He denied the Lord
7. He denied the discipleship

Conclusion:

Many of these were recovered
 Anything out of its place will not operate well
 The best life is lived in the center of God's will
 Let every saint discover God's will
 Let every sinner seek salvation and God's will

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I. Seven Steps Downward

1. Simon failing to be humble before Christ -- (Matt. 26: 33-35)
2. Simon failing to watch with Christ -- (Matt. 26:40)
3. Simon failing to pray with Christ -- (Matt. 26:41-45)
4. Simon failing to submit to Christ -- (Matt. 26:51, 52)
5. Simon failing to follow closely to Christ -- (Matt. 26:58)
6. Simon failing to fellowship Christ -- (Matt. 26:69)
7. Simon failing to confess Christ -- (Matt. 26:70-75)

II. Seven Steps Upward

1. Christ interceded for Simon -- (Lu. 22:31, 32)
2. Christ looked upon Simon -- (Lu. 22:61)
3. Christ was declared to be alive unto Simon -- (Mark 16:7)
4. Christ interviewed Simon -- (Lu. 24:34)
5. Christ was openly confessed by Simon -- (Jno. 21:15-17)
6. Christ, to his former task restored Simon -- (Jno. 21:15-17)
7. Christ, to the starting point led Simon -- (Jno. 21:15-17)

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We need a set of good spiritual lungs with which to praise God. The consumptive needs not more air, but more lungs. Look at the last verse in the book of Psalms. That means you!

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013 -- A WARNING TO BACKSLIDERS

Text -- Exodus 20:7.

Intro. -- In conversion the believer becomes espoused to Christ. When he becomes unfaithful to Him, he desecrates His name as a wife desecrates the name of her husband when she is unfaithful to him.

I. The Backslider Takes God's Name in Vain

II. The Backslider Divorces Himself from the Lord

III. The Backslider Commits Spiritual Adultery

IV. The Backslider Commits Spiritual Suicide

V. The Backslider Crucifies the Son of God Afresh

VI. The Backslider Loses his Righteousness and Rewards

VII. The Backslider May be Restored

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014 -- BUSY HERE AND THERE

"As thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone" -- (I Kings 20:40).

Idleness and busy-ness are employed by Satan to divert us from doing what God calls us to do.

I. Time is Given to Glorify God

II. Children are Given to Rear for Heaven

III. Talents are Given to be Increased

IV. Commandments are Given to be Obeyed

V. Calls are Given to Evangelize

VI. Opportunities are Given to be Improved

VII. Souls' are Given to be Saved

Are we too busy working, visiting, pleasure-seeking, making money, looking after temporal affairs, taken up with politics or satisfying the flesh so that we will awaken some day and discover that our time is gone?

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[04] -- BIBLE

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015 -- SOMETHING GOOD

"Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee" -- (Ps. 119:11).

I. The Best Book in the World-The Bible

II. The Best Bookcase in the World-The Human Heart

III. The Best Reason for Placing the Best Book in the Best Bookcase -- That we might not sin against God

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016 -- GOOD THINGS TO REMEMBER

"Remember and forget not" -- (Deut. 9:7).

I. The Converted Should Remember the Day of Their Conversion--Ex. 13:3

II. All People Should Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep it Holy-Ex. 20:8

III. All Christians Should Remember Christ's Words -- Jno. 15:20

IV. The Tempted Should Remember Lot's Wife -- Lu. 17:32

V. The Backslider Should Remember from Whence He Fell -- Rev. 2:5

VI. The Sinner Should Remember He is Now Having His Good Time -- Lu. 16:25

VII. The Young Should Remember Their Creator in the Days of Their Youth -- Eccl. 12:1

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017 -- REASONS FOR STORING SCRIPTURES IN THE HEART

I. To keep Us from Sinning -- (Ps. 119:11)

II. To Keep Us from Accepting False Doctrines -- (II Tim. 3:13-15)

III. To Fill the Heart with Joy and Peace -- (Jer. 15:16)

IV. To Give Us Victory Over Satan -- (I Jno. 2:14)

V. To Give Us Power in Prayer -- (Jno. 15:7)

VI. To Make Us Wiser Than Our Enemies -- (Ps. 119:98)

VII. To Completely Furnish Us for Every Good Work -- (II Tim. 3:16,17)

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018 -- WHY CHRISTIANS SHOULD READ THE BIBLE

I. To Enlighten the Heart -- (Ps. 119:130)

II. To Feed the Soul -- (I Pet. 2:2)

III. To Become Better Acquainted with God -- (II Pet. 1:2)

IV. To Increase Our Faith -- (Rom. 10:17)

V. To Discover God's Will -- (Acts 17:11)

VI. To Learn About Heaven -- (Jno. 14; Rev. ch. 21, 22)

VII. To Guard Against Sin -- (Ps. 119:11)

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019 -- GOOD THINGS TO PRACTICE THROUGH THE YEAR -- (New Year's Sermon)

I. Read the Bible Through

II. Erect and Maintain a Family Altar

III. Pray Daily

IV. Attend Church Regularly

V. Work to Win a Soul

VI. Be More Kind and Courteous

VII. Be More Thankful

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By reading three chapters every week day and five every Sunday, a person will read the Bible through in one year, less three days.

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020 -- IMPORTANT NEGATIVES AND POSITIVES IN THE BIBLE

I. The Power of Deity

("Nothing is impossible with God")

"For with God nothing shall be impossible" -- (Luke 1:37)

II. The Perfection of God's Word

("Nothing" can be added to or subtracted from God's Word)

"I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before Him" -- (Eccl. 3:14)

"For I testify unto every man 'that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book" -- (Rev. 22:18, 19)

III. The Poverty of People Coming Into This World -- ("Nothing" is brought into the world at birth)

"For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" -- (I Tim. 6:7)

IV. The Powerlessness of a Backslider -- (A backslider is good for "nothing")

"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men" -- (Matt. 5:13).

V. The Powerlessness of An Idol -- (There is "nothing" to an idol)

"We know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one" -- (I Cor. 8:4)

VI. The Profit of Divine Love

(Talent and sacrifices amount to "nothing" without love)

"And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing" -- (I Cor. 13:3).

VII. The Provision Given for the Divine Commission -- ("Nothing" is lacking in the believer's equipment)

"And He said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing" -- (Luke 22:35. "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" -- (Matt. 28:18,19)

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Deity is without increase or diminution; without beginning or ending; immutable, incomprehensible, incomparable, unlimited, independent, infinitely perfect, self-existing; includes all attributes which are good and holy; excludes all dependency, composition, borrowed existence, mortality, imperfections, ignorance, weakness and contingency.

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021 -- WHAT THE WORD OF GOD IS To THE CHRISTIAN

I. A Hammer -- To Break the Sinner's Heart -- (Jer. 23:29)

II. Seed -- To Grow and Bring Forth Fruit -- (Lu. 8:11)

III. Bread -- To Feed the Christian -- (Deut. 8:3)

IV. A Lamp -- To Enlighten the Christian's Path -- (Ps. 119:105)

V. A Mirror -- To See Himself as God Sees Him -- (James 1:23-25)

VI. Gold -- To Enrich the Christian -- (Ps. 119:72)

VII. A Sword -- To Fight the Christian Warfare -- (Eph. 6:17)

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022 -- THE SEVEN RESTS IN THE BIBLE

I. Creation Rest

II. Sabbath Rest

III. Canaan Rest

IV. Redemption Rest

V. Soul Rest

VI. Second Rest

VII. Heavenly Eternal Rest

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023 -- ALL IN THE BIBLE

I. If You Want Faith -- Go to the Bible

II. If You Want to Hear from God -- Go to the Bible

III. If You Want Gospel Light -- Go to the Bible

IV. If You Want Soul Food -- Go to the Bible

V. If You Want Comfort -- Go to the Bible

VI. If You Want to Know the Truth -- Go to the Bible

VII. If You Want to Know More about Heaven -- Go to the Bible

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Faith has no friends. Its friends are its foes and its foes are its friends.

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024 -- THE GREAT RECIPE CHAPTER -- Proverbs Three

It teaches --

How to live long -- vv. 1, 2, 16

How to have favor with God and man -- vv. 2-4

How to have good success -- v. 4

How to know you are on the right road -- 6

How to enjoy good health -- 7, 8

How to have plenty -- 9, 10

How to know the Lord loves us -- 11, 12

How to be happy -- 13, 18

How to be satisfied -- 13-15

How to have the best thing in the world -- 13-15

How to become rich -- 14, 15

How to live long -- 16

How to obtain honor -- 16

How to enjoy peace -- 17

How to become handsome -- 21, 22

How to be safe -- 21-23

How to keep from falling -- 21-23

How to sleep well -- 24

How to have the secret of the Lord -- 32

How to be blessed -- 38

How to obtain grace -- 4

How to inherit glory -- 5

Adam Was --

The first man
The holiest man
The wisest man
The most healthy man
The most handsome man
The richest man
The strongest man
The greatest ruler
Yet he failed, was defeated, and died

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[05] -- CHILDREN AND PARENTS

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025 -- BEARING THE YOKE OF CHRIST IN YOUTH

"It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth" -- (Lam. 3:27).

I. The Yoke of Sin and Satan

1. Is galling
2. Is binding
3. Misfits
4. Leads into sin
5. Leads into evil habits
6. Leads to poverty
7. Leads to wicked works
8. Leads to the grave and hell

II. The Yoke of Christ

1. Is easy
2. Fits well
3. Leads to fellowship with Christ
4. Leads to holy service
5. Leads to a joyful life
6. Leads to heaven

III. What Children Can Do

1. Become converted early in life
2. Be obedient to parents and obey cheerfully

3. Go to church and Sunday School
4. Pray daily for self and others
5. Testify and tell others what Christ can do
6. Tithe their income
7. Let their light shine
8. Read the Bible daily

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026 -- GREAT VALUES OF LITTLE THINGS

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much" -- (Luke 16:10).

- I. A Little Drink -- A Great Husband Obtained -- (Gen. 24:17)
- II. A Little Coat -- A Great Prophet Dressed -- (I Sam. 2:19)
- III. A Little Meal -- A Great Many More Meals -- (I Kings 17:12)
- IV. A Little Cloud -- A Great Drenching Rain -- (I Kings 18:44)
- V. A Little Maid -- A Great Man Healed -- (II Kings 5:2)
- VI. A Little Town -- A Great Savior's Home -- (Micah 5:2)
- VII. A Little Lad -- A Great Multitude Fed -- (Jno. 6:9)

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027 -- THE BOY WHO BEHAVED HIMSELF

"And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the Lord was with him. Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him" -- (I Sam. 18:14,15).

- I. David's Behavior in His Hidden Life
- II. David's Behavior Under Pressure
- III. David's Behavior in Conflict
- IV. David's Behavior in Society
- V. David's Behavior in Courtship

VI. David's Behavior Under Condemnation

VII. David's Behavior Under Commendation

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God created Adam
Eve was formed
We are generated
Jesus Christ was begotten

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028 -- THE CHARACTER OF GOOD CHILDREN

"Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee" -- (Ex. 20:12).

I. Good Children Obey Their Parents Well -- (Eph. 6:1; Col. 3:20)

II. Good Children Show Their Love to Their Parents -- (Gen. 46:29)

III. Good Children Possess a Teachable Spirit -- (Mt. 18:3, 4)

IV. Good Children Yield Their Hearts to the Lord -- (Prov. 23:26)

V. Good Children Know the Scriptures -- (II Tim. 3:15)

VI. Good Children Honor the Aged -- (Lev. 19:32)

VII. Good Children Obey the Laws of God -- (Prov. 28:7)

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029 -- DUTIES OF PARENTS TO THEIR CHILDREN

I. To Love Their Children -- (Titus 2:4)

II. To Bring Them to Christ -- (Matt. 19:13,14)

III. To Train Them Up for the Lord -- (Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4)

IV. To Correct Them -- (Prov. 13:24; 19:18; 23:13; Heb. 12:7)

V. To Provide for Them -- (Job 42:15; II Cor. 12:14)

VI. To Bless Them -- (Gen. 48:15; Heb. 11:20)

VII. To Leave Them a Godly Legacy -- (Ps. 71:17,18)

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030 -- THE SEVEN B'S IN JOSEPH'S LIFE

I. The Birth of Joseph

II. The Beauty of Joseph

III. The Behavior of Joseph

IV. The Blessing of Joseph

V. The Body of Joseph

VI. The Bones of Joseph

VII. The Burial of Joseph

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031 -- MILESTONES ALONG THE JOURNEY OF LIFE

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" -- (Ps. 90:12).

I. The Journey of Life

1. Life is likened to a journey
2. Time is likened to a road
3. Time conveys us toward our destination

II. Milestones Along the Journey

1. Birthdays
2. Of the New Birth
3. Marriage or important events

III. A Traveling Companion

1. The Bible is our guide Book
2. Christ is our Leader
3. The Holy Spirit is our Comforter

IV. How to Face Life

1. Get converted in youth
2. Continue walking with God
3. Face old age joyfully and gracefully

V. The Destination of Life

1. Death terminates life on earth
2. Salvation's way -- It is better hereafter
3. Sinful way -- It is worse hereafter

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032 -- THE YOUNG MAN WITH THE PRESENCE AND BLESSING OF THE LORD

"And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man" -- (Gen. 39:2).

I. A Blessing in His Father's House

II. A Blessing in Potiphar's House

III. A Blessing in the King's Prison

IV. A Blessing on the King's Throne

V. A Blessing to the Country of Egypt

VI. A Blessing to His Own People

VII. A Blessing to Us Today

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033 -- COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE

I. Care Exercised in Choosing a Life Companion

1. Marriage is for life
2. Right choice and time are important
3. Marriage is divinely instituted and should be divinely approved

II. Conduct Observed in Days of Courtship

1. Proceed slowly and prayerfully to observe danger signals
2. Break relationship when red signal appears

3. Faithfulness before marriage will be compensated after marriage

III. Calling Considered for Life's Usefulness

1. Callings should be alike to increase each one's usefulness
2. Satan has hindered many through wrong marriages
3. Bible examples of ideal marriages
 - (a) Isaac and Rebekah -- (not Canaanite or sinner)
 - (b) A man of Levi took to wife a daughter of Levi -- (Ex. 2:1)
 - (c) Isaiah the prophet married a prophetess -- (Isa. 8:3)
 - (d) Zacharias and Elisabeth were both righteous -- (Lu. 1:5,6)

IV. Compatibility Essential to Congeniality

1. Marriage unites two to become one
2. Equally yoked together in belief, church relation, ideals, etc.
3. Much happiness and usefulness contingent on right companionship

V. Character and Background of Each

1. Never marry to reform a companion
2. A virtuous woman is of great price
3. A pure and loving husband also is of great price

VI. Consecration Should be Irrevocably Settled

1. Married life has its trials as well as joys
2. Unfaithfulness of one will hinder the other
3. Each should inspire the other to fidelity and usefulness

VII. Cheerfulness in Disposition

1. Kindness is a wife's most powerful weapon -- "In her tongue is the law of kindness" -- (Prov. 31:26)
2. Love must be supreme in the husband -- "Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church" -- (Eph. 5:25)
3. Love, cheerfulness, and sweetness lighten the burdens of life

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034 -- GIRLS IN THE BIBLE

I. The Girl Who Wanted a Fling -- (Dinah)

II. The Girl Who Fell in Love with a Young Man She Had Never Seen -- (Rebekah)

III. The Girl Who Watched Over Her Brother -- (Miriam)

IV. The Girl Who Made a Wise Choice -- (Ruth)

V. The Testimony and Its Influence of a Girl -- (Naaman's Maid)

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035 -- BOYS IN THE BIBLE

I. The Boy Who was Submissive to His Father and the Lord -- (Isaac)

II. The Boy with the Presence and Blessing of the Lord -- (Joseph)

III. The Boy Who Made a Wise Choice -- (Moses)

IV. The Boy Who Behaved Himself Wisely -- (David)

V. The Boy Who Excelled -- (Jabez)

VI. The Boy Who was Greatly Beloved by the Lord -- (Daniel)

VII. The Boy Who Gave His Lunch to Christ -- (An Unnamed Lad)

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036 -- GOOD FATHERS

Text -- "Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their father:" -- (Prov. 17:6).

I. The Father's Duty

1. He is the head of the family
2. His responsibility is the greatest in the home
3. His mental, physical and spiritual labors are the greatest
4. It is his duty to provide for the family
5. It is his duty to educate his children

II. The Father's Position in the Home

1. He is the head and king of the home
2. He is invested with divine authority
3. He needs to demand obedience

4. He is to lead all to the family altar, Sunday school, church, God and heaven
5. He should rule his family with love, grace, law, kindness and firmness

III. The Wrong Kind of a Father

1. Who is ungodly and irreligious
2. Who is profane
3. Who is addicted to evil habits
4. Who is lazy and do-less
5. Who sets wrong examples before his children

IV. The Type of Father Needed Today

1. Who is ready and willing to assume his responsibility
2. Who sets godly examples before his children
3. Who erects and maintains a family altar
4. Who takes an interest in his children
5. Who makes it easy for his children to honor him

V. Examples of Good Fathers

1. Abraham who commanded his children in the way of the Lord -- (See Gen. 18:19)
2. Jacob who blessed his sons -- (Gen. 49)
3. Joseph who brought up his descendants on his knees -- (Gen. 50:23)
4. Joshua who led his house to serve the Lord -- (Joshua 24:15)
5. Jonadab who instilled principles in his children -- (Jer. 35)

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037 -- WHOM GOD EMPLOYS

I. Infants

1. "A little child shall lead them"
2. Moses by his cry touched the heart of a princess
3. Obed filled the missing link in Messianic line
4. Baby Jesus blessed aged Simeon

II. Children

1. Samuel ministered before God and Eli
2. A child in midst of twelve disciples

III. Young People

1. Joseph became an inspired prophet at seven teen

2. David killed a lion, bear and giant in his boyhood
3. Naaman's maid testified of the God of Elisha
4. A lad gave his lunch to feed a multitude

IV. Women and Men

1. Deborah was a judge and prophetess
2. Samuel became a judge, prophet and revivalist
3. Women supported Christ and the disciples
4. Peter became an apostle, evangelist and author

V. Aged People

1. Moses began his life's work at eighty
2. Caleb was a soldier and saint in old age
3. Anna the prophetess prayed night and day

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038 -- YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HONORED THEIR PARENTS

"Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee" -- (Ex. 20:12).

"A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother" -- (Prov. 10:1).

I. Isaac -- (Gen. 22)

1. Submitted to his father
2. Willing to be offered
3. Became a beautiful type of Christ
4. His submission was recorded in the Bible

II. Joseph -- (Gen. chs. 37A7)

1. Lovely in his life at home
2. Inquired concerning his father
3. Sent wagons and provisions to him
4. Met his father when he came to Egypt
5. Introduced his father to Pharaoh
6. Closed his father's eyes in death
7. Was promoted and honored
8. A type of Christ in His suffering and glory

III. Jephthah's Daughter -- (Judges 11: 34A0)

1. Rejoiced in her father's victory
2. Delighted in his presence
3. Submitted to her father's wishes
4. Lived a virgin life
5. Was honored yearly
6. Was recognized in the Scriptures

IV. Samson -- (Judges 14:1-4)

1. Confided in his parents
2. Submitted to their wishes in becoming a Nazarite
3. Conferred with them in his love affairs
4. Became strong and mighty

V. Samuel -- (I Sam. chs. 1-12)

1. Obeyed his parents
2. Obeyed Eli
3. Obeyed the Lord
4. Lived at the tabernacle
5. Became a Judge and prophet
6. Was a great revivalist
7. Was honored and revered in old age

VI. Solomon -- (I Kings 8:15-20)

1. Succeeded his father
2. Built temple according to his father's plan
3. Honored his father in his prayer
4. Became a great king

VII. Rechabites -- (Jeremiah 35)

1. Obeyed Jonadab from generation to generation
2. Their obedience was perpetual
3. Did not digress under Jeremiah's pressure
4. Became an object lesson to Israel
5. Were honored by the Lord

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039 -- THE CHRISTIAN HOME

I. A Christian Husband

1. Loves the Lord
2. Loves his wife as Christ loved the church
3. Does not marry a wife for his god
4. Is true to the marriage vows
5. Will praise his wife

II. A Christian Wife

1. Loves the Lord and her husband
2. Is submissive to her husband
3. Is sweet and cheerful
4. Is neat and clean
5. Makes her home a haven for her husband from which both can go to heaven

III. A Christian Father

1. Maintains a family altar
2. Rules his house well
3. Sets right examples before his own
4. Trains his children in the way they should go
5. Takes his family regularly to church

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040 -- WHAT SOME MEN WERE NOTED FOR

"The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot" -- (Prov. 10:7).

I. Men of High Degree

1. Enoch -- Walking with God
2. Noah -- Fearing and obeying God
3. Abraham -- Believing God
4. Jacob -- His keen sense of values
5. Joseph -- His purity
6. Moses -- His great choice
7. David -- A man after God's heart -- (And many others)

II. Men of Low Estate

1. Cain -- His own way
2. Lot -- Low standards
3. Esau -- Momentary pleasures
4. Korah -- Rebellion
5. Achan -- Covetousness
6. Saul -- Disobedience

7. Jeroboam -- Who made Israel to sin -- (And many others)

What will you be noted for after your decease?

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041 -- SEVEN GREAT MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed" -- (Prov. 31:28).

I. The Mother of Isaac -- Sarah

II. The Mother of Joseph -- Rachel

III. The Mother of Moses -- Jochebed

IV. The Mother of Obed -- Ruth

V. The Mother of Samuel -- Hannah

VI. The Mother of Christ -- Mary

VII. The Mother of Timothy -- Eunice

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[06] -- CHRIST

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042 -- THE WONDERFUL CHRIST

"His name shall be called Wonderful" -- (Isa. 9:6).

I. Christ Was Wonderful in His Eternity

1. His attributes
2. His equality with the Father

II. Christ Was Wonderful in His Incarnation

1. Born of a virgin without a human father
2. Both perfect God and perfect Man

III. Christ was Wonderful in His Ministry

1. He spoke as never man spoke
2. He wrought as never man wrought

IV. Christ Was Wonderful in His Death

1. A vicarious, victorious death
2. He died with all sins of all men of all time on Him

V. Christ Was Wonderful in His Resurrection

1. He was the firstfruits of them which slept
2. His body was transformed and immortalized

VI. Christ was Wonderful in His Ascension

1. He ascended visibly, bodily and triumphantly
2. He has been exalted to sit at His Father's right hand

VII. Christ Will Be Wonderful in His Return

1. He will return visibly, bodily and victoriously
2. He will destroy Satan and rule universally

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043 -- THE SINLESS SAVIOR OF SINFUL MEN

"Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth" -- (I Peter 2:22).

I. Christ Had a Sinless Birth

II. Christ Possessed a Sinless Nature

III. Christ Lived a Sinless Life

IV. Christ Wrought a Sinless Ministry

V. Christ Mediated as a Sinless High Priest

VI. Christ Offered Himself as a Sinless Sacrifice to God With All Sin of All Men of All Time on Him

VII. Christ Gives a Sinless Religion

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044 -- THE COMPASSION OF CHRIST

- I. Christ Had Compassion on the Multitudes -- (Matt. 9:36)
- II. Christ Had Compassion on the Hungry Multitudes -- (Mark 8:2)
- III. Christ had Compassion on the Lepers -- (Mark 1:40, 41)
- IV. Christ Had Compassion on the Blind -- (Matt. 20:34)
- V. Christ Had Compassion on the Bereaved -- (Lu. 7:12,13)
- VI. Christ Had Compassion on the Afflicted -- (Mark 3:5)
- VII. Christ Had Compassion on the Sinful and the Lost -- (Luke 15:1, 2)

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045 -- CHRIST BETRAYED, DENIED AND CONDEMNED

- I. Betrayed By Judas -- (Matt. 26:47-49)
- II. Denied By Peter -- (Matt. 26:69-74)
- III. Deserted By Disciples -- (Matt. 26:56)
- IV. Condemned By the High Priest -- (Jno. 18:13-28)
- V. Delivered By Pilate -- (Lu. 23:24)
- VI. Hated, Despised and Forsaken By All Men -- (Lu. 23:1)
- VII. Beloved By the Father -- (Matt. 3:17)

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046 -- WHAT IS MAN?

"What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that Thou visitest him?" -- (Ps. 8:4).

I. Man As God Made Him

- 1. Created
- 2. Made
- 3. Formed

II. Man As Sin Made Him

1. Sinful
2. Carnal
3. Cursed

III. Man As Jesus Christ Can Make Him

1. Regenerated
2. Sanctified
3. Glorified

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047 -- THE CONSOLING CHRIST

- I. The Consoling Christ Comforted the Sinner woman
- II. The Consoling Christ Comforted the Palsied Man
- III. The Consoling Christ Comforted the Diseased Woman
- IV. The Consoling Christ Comforted the Bereaved Woman
- V. The Consoling Christ Comforted the Aged Simeon.
- VI. The Consoling Christ Comforted Mary and Martha
- VII. The Consoling Christ Comforted His Disciples

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048 -- FIVE "MUCH MORES" IN ROMANS FIVE

- I. The Much More of Justification -- v. 9
- II. The Much More of Reconciliation -- v. 10
- III. The Much More of Grace -- v. 15
- IV. The Much More of Reigning -- v. 17
- V. The Much More of Abounding Grace -- v. 20

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049 -- SEVEN GREAT BEHOLDS OF CHRIST

I. Behold His Birth

"Behold I bring you good tidings" -- (Lu. 2:10) -- (Uttered by angel to shepherds)

II. Behold His Ministry

"Behold the Lamb of God" -- (John 1:29) -- (Uttered by John Baptist to John and Andrew)

III. Behold His Death -- "Behold thy Son" -- (John 19:26) -- (Uttered by Jesus to His mother)

IV. Behold His Resurrection -- "Behold He goeth before" -- (Matt. 28:7) -- (Uttered by angel to women)

V. Behold His Exaltation -- "Behold, I see . . . the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God" -- (Acts 7:56) -- (Uttered by Stephen to his executioners)

VI. Behold His Coming -- "Behold, I come quickly" -- (Rev. 22:7) -- (Uttered by Jesus to John and all believers)

VII. Behold His Eternal Presence -- "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men" -- (Rev. 21:3). -- (Uttered by a voice from heaven)

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050 -- DOCTRINES OF CHRIST

I. The Deity of Christ

II. The Humanity of Christ

III. The Character of Christ

IV. The Ministry of Christ

V. The Death of Christ

VI. The Resurrection of Christ

VII. The Ascension of Christ

VIII. The Coming Again of Christ

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051 -- ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED

"He hath made us accepted in the Beloved" -- (Eph. 1:6).

I. The Sinner's State -- (A dark picture)

II. Christ's State -- (A bright picture)

III. Christ in the Sinner's State -- (A pathetic picture)

IV. The Sinner in Christ's State -- (A glorious picture)

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052 -- THE POWER OF EMPLOYING THE NAME OF THE LORD

I. David Conquered Goliath in the Name of the Lord -- I Sam. 17:45

II. The Lame Man at the Beautiful Gate Was Healed Through the Name of Christ -- Acts 3:6

III. Paul Cast a Demon Out of a Damsel Through the Name of Christ -- Acts 16:18

IV. Sinners are Saved by Calling on the Name of the Lord -- Rom. 10:13

V. God Answers Prayer Offered in the Name of Christ -- John 16:23

VI. The Lord Meets With Two or Three Who Gather in His Name -- Matt. 18:20

VII. Ten Thousand Per Cent Profit Derived From Laboring for the Sake of Christ -- Matt. 19:29

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053 -- ALL IN ROMANS EIGHT

God is for us -- v. 31

Christ is for us -- v. 34

The Holy Spirit is for us -- vv. 11, 16, 23, 26, 27

Who then can be against us? -- vv. 31, 33

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054 -- THE PRECIOUSNESS OF THE SAINTS TO CHRIST

"We have an inheritance in Him" -- (Eph. 1:11).

"He has an inheritance in the saints" -- (Eph. 1:18).

I. Their Conversion is Precious in His Sight

II. Their Lives are Precious in His Sight

III. Their Prayers are Precious in His Sight

IV. Their Labors are Precious in His Sight

V. Their Sacrifices are Precious in His Sight

VI. Their Tears are Precious in His Sight

VII. Their Death is Precious in His Sight

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055 -- CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep" -- -- (John 10:11).

-- (The most beautiful symbol of Christ and His care for His own is that of a shepherd for his flock).

I. He knows His Sheep by Name -- (John 10:14)

II. He Calls and Guides His Sheep -- (John 10:3; Ps. 23:3)

III. He Feeds His Sheep -- (Ps. 23:1; John 10:9)

IV. He Tenderly Cherishes His Sheep -- (Isa. 40:11)

V. He Protects and Preserves His Sheep -- (Jer. 31:10; John 10:28)

VI. He Laid Down His Life for His Sheep -- (John 10:11)

VII. He Gives Eternal Life to His Sheep -- (John 10:28)

Jonah learned more in three days in Fish University than many college professors learn in a life time, that is, "Salvation is of the Lord." When Jonah learned this, the fish could no longer hold him, but expelled him. If many professors in some Universities would learn that, they, too, would be expelled just as the fish expelled Jonah.

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056 -- THE DEATH OF CHRIST

"Christ died for us" -- (Rom. 5:8).

I. Christ

1. His Deity
2. His humanity

II. Died

1. Voluntarily
2. Vicariously

III. For

1. In our behalf
2. In our stead

IV. Us

1. Myself -- individual
2. All men -- universal

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057 -- THE WILL OF CHRIST

I. His Mother to John the Beloved -- (Jno. 19:26, 27)

II. His Clothes to the Soldiers -- (Jno. 19:23, 24)

III. His Body to Joseph of Arimathea -- (Jno. 19:38)

IV. His Spirit to His Father -- (Lu. 23:46)

V. His Peace to the World -- (Jno. 14:27)

VI. The Comforter to His Disciples -- (Jno. 14:16-18)

VII. His Glory and Heaven to His Own -- (Jno. 17:24)

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Christ marveled twice Once at unbelief -- (Mark 6:6) Once at faith -- (Lu. 7:9)

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The Lord is not hard to please if we want to please Him. Neither is He hard to get along with if we want to get along with Him.

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058 -- THE HOLDER OF THE KEYS

"I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death" -- (Rev. 1:18).

Christ Holds the Keys --

I. To Life

II. To Death

III. To Sorrow

IV. To Sickness

V. To the Grave

VI. To Hell

VII. To All Mysteries

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059 -- CHRIST REVEALED IN PSALM 24

I. Christ the Creator -- vv. 1, 2

II. Christ the Redeemer -- 3-6

III. Christ in Ascension -- 7, 8

IV. Christ in His Second Advent -- 9, 10

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060 -- CHRIST THE GREAT BUILDER

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it" -- (Ps. 127:1).

I. Except the Lord Build the House We Labor in Vain

II. Except the Lord Blesses Our Lives We Live in Vain

III. Except the Lord Blesses Our Preaching We Preach in Vain

IV. Except the Lord Blesses Our Giving We Give in Vain

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[07] -- THE CHURCH

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061 -- FIGURES OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

I. A Sea Voyage -- I Tim. 1:19

II. A Warfare -- Eph. 6:10-18

III. A Foot Race -- I Cor. 9:24-27

IV. A Pilgrimage -- I Peter 2:11,12

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062 -- THE CHURCH

Scripture Lesson, Matt. 16:13-18

I. Her Calling

II. Her Origin

III. Her Relation

IV. Her Foundation

V. Her Ministry

VI. Her Warfare

VII. Her Qualifications

VIII. Her Destiny

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063 -- CHRIST AND THE CHURCH IN EPHESIANS

I. The Church is a Building and Christ is the Foundation

II. The Church is the Body and Christ is the Head

III. The Church in Bivouac and Christ is the General

IV. The Church is the Bride and Christ is the Bridegroom

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064 -- BUILDING UP THE CHURCH

I. The Pastor as a Saint

1. Is right
2. Seems right
3. Is prayerful
4. Is spiritual
5. Is humble
6. Is sociable
7. Is exemplary

II. The Pastor as a Student

1. Studies his Bible
2. Studies himself
3. Studies his failures
4. Studies his successes
5. Studies his services
6. Studies his members
7. Studies the leaks in the church

III. The Pastor as a Sermonizer

1. Is homiletical
2. Is orthodox
3. Is anointed
4. Is animated
5. Knows how to commence, continue and conclude
6. Knows when to conclude
7. Preaches a constructive ministry

IV. The Pastor as a Shepherd

1. Given to visitation
2. Gives special attention to young people
3. Gives special attention to young people
4. Gives attention to the needs of people
5. Takes people into his confidence
6. Encourages people
7. Warns against all evils

V. The Pastor as a Superintendent

1. Is courageous in spirit
2. Undertakes something
3. Is an organizer
4. Wisely plans the services
5. Creates a sacred atmosphere
6. Plans his work wisely to accomplish the most
7. Conserves the fruits of his labors

VI. The Pastor as a Sage

1. Teaches church how to cooperate
2. Teaches church how to be friendly
3. Teaches church a course in personal work
4. Teaches all S. S. officers -- Prescribes a short course
5. Teaches people how to become established
6. Teaches people how to work for the Lord and the church
7. Helps people to find their calling

VII. The Pastor as a Soul Winner

1. Bears souls on his soul
2. Is on constant lookout for souls
3. Desires, prays and weeps over souls
4. Wins souls through sermons
5. Wins souls through personal evangelism
6. Wins souls through visitation work
7. Secures evangelists who can win souls

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The elder brother of the prodigal son could have had a fattened calf any time he wanted one, just for the asking. He did not realize his privileges. Say, when have you last had a fattened calf in your Christian experience?

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The secret of the Lord is with them who are much in secret with the Lord.

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[08] -- FAITH AND UNBELIEF

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065 -- FAITH IN GOD

"Have faith in God" -- (Mark 11:22).

I. Have

1. Own
2. Possess

II. Faith

1. Intellectual faith
2. Evangelical faith
3. Gift of faith
4. Doctrinal faith

III. In

1. In a person
2. In the Bible

IV. God

1. The Father
2. Christ

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066 -- EVANGELICAL FAITH DEFINED

I. It is a Faith that Calls Upon the Lord -- (Rom. 10:13)

II. It is Believing From the Heart -- (Rom. 10:9)

III. It is a Faith that Believes that Christ Died and Arose from the Dead -- (Rom. 10:9)

IV. It is a Faith that Believes Christ Can, Will, Does, and Has Forgiven Our Sins -- (Luke 7:48,50)

V. It is a Faith that Receives Jesus Christ -- (John 1:12)

VI. It is a Faith that Commits Self to Christ -- (II Tim. 1:12)

VII. It is a Faith that Confesses Christ as Savior -- (Rom. 10:8-10)

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067 -- GOD'S RESPONSE TO OUR FAITH

I. Faith Pleases God -- (I Cor. 1:21; Heb. 11:6)

II. Faith Honors God -- (John 14:12)

III. Faith Touches God -- (Luke 8:46)

IV. Faith is Located by the Holy Spirit -- (Nahum 1:7; Acts 19:2; I Cor. 12:7-9)

V. Faith Moves God -- (Matt. 17:19, 20)

VI. Faith is Heaven's Currency -- (Matt. 8:13; 9:29)

VII. Faith Will Be Honored by God -- (I Sam. 2:30; Heb. 11:16)

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068 -- FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses" -- (I Tim. 6:12).

Scripture Lesson -- Eph. 6:10-18.

I. We Fight to Exercise Evangelical Faith Which Saves Us

II. We Fight to Keep Evangelical Faith Which Keeps Us Saved

III. We Fight to Keep the Doctrinal Faith

IV. We Fight for Our Christian Liberty

V. We Fight for Our Joy

VI. We Fight for Our Success

VII. We Fight for Our Spiritual Progress

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069 -- MANIFESTATIONS OF FAITH

I. Eyes of Faith -- (Heb. 11:5, 10)

II. Ears of Faith -- (Rom. 10:17; Gal. 3:5)

III. Tongues of Faith -- (Mark 11:22, 23)

IV. Hearts of Faith -- (Rom. 10:10)

V. Hands of Faith -- (Heb. 11:13)

VI. Knees of Faith -- (Gen. 50:23)

VII. Feet of Faith -- (Gen. 5:24)

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070 -- FAITH OVERCOMES DIFFICULTIES

I. Handicaps Become Opportunities Through Faith -- (Gen. 50:20)

II. Hindrances Become Stepping Stones Through Faith -- (Phil. 1:12)

III. Losses Lead to Richer Gifts Through Faith -- (Job 1:21; 42:10)

IV. Poverty Leads to a Richer Life Through Faith -- (James 2:5)

V. Thorns in the Flesh Become Means of Grace Through Faith -- (II Cor. 12:7-9)

VI. Trials Will Turn into Triumphs Through Faith -- (Rom. 8:37; II Cor. 2:14)

VII. Weaknesses Become Sources of Strength Through Faith -- (II Cor. 12:9, 10)

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071 -- FAITH THAT APPEARED RECKLESS

I. When a Cripple Conquered Four Hundred and One Armed Men -- (Gen. 32:6; 33:4)

II. When a Farmer's Wife Killed a Commander-in-Chief -- (Judges 4:21)

- III. When a Lover Killed a Lion on a Courtship Journey -- (Judges 14:5, 6)
- IV. When a Lad Boldly Met and Killed a Giant -- (I Sam. 17:45)
- V. When a Hero Attacked a Lion in a Pit in Time of Snow -- (II Sam. 23:20)
- VI. When One Soldier Fought Eight Hundred Men Single-handed -- (II Sam. 23:8)
- VII. When Three Boys Walked into a Burning Furnace -- (Dan. 3:17, 18)

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072 -- MEANING OF FAITH

- I. Faith is the Substance of Things Hoped For -- (Heb. 11:1)
- II. Faith is Counting Him Faithful Who Hath Promised -- (Heb. 11:11)
- III. Faith is Accounting God as Being Able -- (Heb. 11:19)
- IV. Faith is Firm Expectation Free From all Doubts -- (James 1:6, 7)
- V. Faith is the Reckoning of Things as Ours Already -- (Mark 11:24; I John 5:14,15)
- VI. Faith is, the Unhesitating Assurance of the Fulfillment of God's Promises -- (Rom. 4:19-21)
- VII. Faith is Taking God at His Word -- (Titus 1:2)

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073 -- OBJECTS OF OUR FAITH

- I. Faith in God -- (Mark 11:22)
- II. Faith in Christ -- (John 6:29; 14:1)
- III. Faith in the Scriptures -- (Acts 24:14)
- IV. Faith in the Promises of God -- (Rom. 4:21)
- V. Faith in the Gospel of Christ -- (Mark 1:15)
- VI. Faith in Each Other -- (John 21:15,16,17; Acts 9:27)
- VII. Faith in Oneself -- (Phil. 4:13)

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074 -- HOW FAITH MAY BE INCREASED

I. By Fixing Our Eyes Upon the Promises of God -- (Rom. 4:20 R. V.)

II. By Praying for More Faith -- (Mark 9:24)

III. By Exercising the Faith We Already Possess -- (Luke 8:18)

IV. By Looking Unto Jesus -- (Heb. 12:1, 2)

V. By Trusting the Lord -- (Nahum 1:7)

VI. By Reading the Word of God -- (Rom. 10:17)

VII. By Exercising the Will to Believe -- (I Cor. 16:13)

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075 -- CHRIST COMPLIMENTING FAITH

I. The Faith of the Centurion -- (Matt. 8:10)

II. The Faith of the Four Friends of the Palsied Man -- (Matt. 9:2, 6)

III. The Faith of the Woman with the Issue of Blood -- (Matt. 9:22)

IV. The Faith of the Canaanitish Woman -- (Matt. 15:28)

V. The Faith of the Blind Man -- (Mark 10:52)

VI. The Faith of the Sinner Woman -- (Luke 7:50)

VII. The Faith of the Samaritan Leper -- (Luke 17:19)

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076 -- CLASSIFICATION OF FAITH

I. Intuitional Faith -- (Matt. 18:2, 3)

II. Historical Faith -- (Mark 10:20)

III. Evangelical Faith -- (Rom. 10:9)

IV. Doctrinal Faith -- (I 'rim. 4:1)

V. Gift of Faith -- (I Cor. 12:7-9)

VI. Active Faith -- (Heb. 11:33, 34)

VII. Passive Faith -- (Heb. 11:35-38; I Peter 1:6, 7)

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077 -- WHAT BECOMES OF UNBELIEVERS

I. They Harden Their Own Necks -- (II Kings 17:14)

II. They are Now Under Condemnation -- (John 3:18)

III. They Now Have the Wrath of God Abiding on Them -- (John 3:36)

IV. They Shall Die in Their Sins -- (John 8:24)

V. They Shall Not Enter into Rest -- (Heb. 3:19; 4:11)

VI. They Shall be Destroyed -- (Jude 5)

VII. They Shall be Cast into the Lake of Fire -- (Rev. 21:8)

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078 -- THE CONSEQUENCES OF UNBELIEF

I. Unbelief Grieves God -- (Heb. 11:6)

II. Unbelief is Blinding -- (Mark 5: 39A1)

III. Unbelief Arouses the Question "Why" -- (Ps. 78:19; Matt. 17:19, 20)

IV. Unbelief Makes People Nearsighted -- (II Pet. 1:9)

V. Unbelief Makes People Selfish -- (Nun. 13:31-33)

VI. Unbelief Troubles the Heart -- (John 14:1)

VII. Unbelief Hinders God -- (Ps. 78:41; Matt. 13:58)

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079 -- HOW UNBELIEF MANIFESTS ITSELF

- I. It Hardens the Heart -- (Heb. 3:8)
- II. It Rejects Christ -- (John 16:9)
- III. It Rejects the Scriptures -- (Ps. 106:24)
- IV. It Rejects the Gospel -- (Isa. 53:1)
- V. It Rejects the Evidence of Miracles -- (John 12:37)
- VI. It Questions the Power of God -- (II Kings 7:2; Ps. 78:19-21)
- VII. It Departs from God -- (Heb. 3:12)

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080 -- WHERE INFIDELITY EXISTS

"For ever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven" -- (Ps. 119:89).

- I. There is Infidelity Among Unbelievers
- II. There is Infidelity Among Modernists
- III. There is No Infidelity Among the Angels
- IV. There is No Infidelity in Heaven
- V. There is No Infidelity Among Christians
- VI. There is No Infidelity Among the Demons
- VII. There is No Infidelity in Hell

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081 -- A GREAT MIRACLE OF HEALING

Scripture Lesson -- Mark 2:1-12

- I. Sin Is a Great Evil
 - 1. It defeats man

2. It grieves God'
3. It sends to hell

II. Sickness Is a Great Hindrance

1. It incapacitates
2. It demands care
3. It creates suffering

III. Faith Is a Great Blessing

1. It moves God
2. It pleases God
3. It is instantly located by the Holy Spirit

IV. Christ Is a Great Savior

1. Is the Son of God -- Deity
2. Is the Son of Man -- Humanity
3. Is the God -- Hero

V. Salvation Is a Great Comfort

1. It saves from sin
2. It saves' from condemnation
3. It saves from going to hell to go to heaven

VI. Healing Is a Great Relief

1. It relieves from suffering
2. It gives a new lease on life
3. It restores to health

VII. Assistance Is a Great Help

1. Sinners are helpless
2. Saved people must bring sinners to Christ
3. We are saved because some one prayed for us

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082 -- FAITH COMETH BY HEARING

Text -- "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" -- (Rom. 10:17).

I. Preaching Leads to Hearing

II. Hearing Leads to Conviction

III. Conviction Leads to Repentance

IV. Repentance Leads to Confession

V. Confession Leads to Faith

VI. Faith Leads to Salvation

VII. Salvation Leads to Peace with God

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083 -- HINDRANCES TO FAITH

I. Disobedience Hinders Faith -- (I Sam. 13:9-13) -- (Obedience precedes faith)

II. Impatience Hinders Faith -- (I Sam. 13:9-13) -- (God works in the fullness of time)

III. Anxiety Hinders Faith -- (Phil. 4:6, R.V.) -- (Anxiety is not compatible with faith)

IV. Unthankfulness Hinders Faith -- (Rom. 1:21) -- (Unthankfulness atrophies the soul)

V. Doubt Hinders Faith -- (James 1:6, 7) -- (Doubt leads to unbelief and darkness)

VI. Lack of Prayer Hinders Faith -- (Matt. 17:21) -- (Prayer is an act of faith and develops it)

VII. Lack of Bible Reading Hinders Faith -- (Rom. 10:17) -- (The Bible is the storehouse of faith for men)

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[09] -- HEART

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084 -- THE FIXED HEART

"My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise" -- (Ps. 57:7).

I. The Heart

1. Has a tremendous capacity
2. Made by God, for God, and must have God

II. The Maker

1. God the Creator
2. God the Sustainer

III. The Breaker

1. Satan is a murderer, liar and thief
2. Hurling temptation at the human race

IV. The Broken Heart

1. The image and likeness of God was shattered
2. Man became a dying creature

V. The Fixer

1. The Creator God became the Redeemer Man
2. The Savior and Substitute of all men

VI. The Broken Heart of Christ

1. The vicarious death of Christ
2. The victorious resurrection of Christ

VII. The Fixed Heart

1. Born again
2. Filled with the Spirit

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085 -- IN TUNE WITH GOD

"My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise" -- (Ps. 57:7).

I. Sings Sweetly

II. Praises God

III. Runs Smoothly

IV. Lives Righteously

V. Labors Joyfully

VI. Submits Cheerfully

VII. Waits Patiently

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086 -- THREE DEGREES OF GRATITUDE

I. Thanking God

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever." -- (Ps. 106:1)

1. Expression of gratitude
2. Appreciation made known

II. Praising God

"Praise the Lord; for the Lord is good: sing praises unto His name; for it is pleasant." -- (Ps. 135:3)

1. Praise includes thanksgiving, but goes higher
2. It includes honor, applause and eulogy

III. Blessing God

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name." -- (Ps. 103:1)

1. Bless includes thanksgiving and praise, but goes higher
2. It includes worship
3. Blessing God is thanking Him, praising Him, and worshipping Him
4. Blessed means "happy, very happy"
5. God seeks worship
6. Blessing God rejoices His loving heart and makes Him happy

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[10] -- HEAVEN

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087 -- SEVENFOLD VIEW OF ETERNAL LIFE

I. Eternal Life Viewed as a Person -- (I Jno. 5:20)

II. Eternal Life Viewed as a Knowledge -- (Jno. 17:3)

III. Eternal Life Viewed as a Relationship -- (I Jno. 1:1-3; Jno. 17:2, 21)

IV. Eternal Life Viewed as a Quality -- (Jno. 5:24; 6:47)

V. Eternal Life Viewed as a Quantity -- (Ps. 133:3)

VI. Eternal Life Viewed as a Place -- (Matt. 25:46)

VII. Eternal Life Viewed as a Gift -- (Rom. 6:23)

How to Get It

Ask -- (Ps. 21:4)

Drink -- (Jno. 4:14)

Eat -- (Jno. 6:51)

Believe -- (Jno. 20:31)

Receive -- (Jno. 1:12)

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088 -- HEAVEN

I. A rest -- (Heb. 4:9)

II. A House of Many Mansions -- (Jno. 14:2, 3)

III. A Secure Abode -- (Matt. 6:19-21)

IV. A Better Country -- (Heb. 11:13,14)

V. A Heavenly City -- (Heb. 11:10)

VI. An Inheritance -- (I Pet. 1:4)

VII. An Eternal Weight of Glory -- (II Cor. 4:17, 18)

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089 -- DIFFERENT WAYS

I. The Broad Way -- Matt. 7:13 -- (Road of sinners)

II. The Narrow Way -- Matt. 7:14 -- (Road for saints)

III. The Way of all the Earth -- Joshua 23:14 -- (Death)

IV. Our Own Way -- Isa. 53:6 (Reason why all go astray)

V. A Way Which Seemeth Right -- Prov. 16:25 -- (Blind and deceived travel this way)

VI. The Way of Peace -- Rom. 3:17 -- (Salvation's way)

VII. The More Excellent Way -- 1 Cor. 13 -- (The way of divine love)

VIII. The Way, Truth and Life -- Jno. 14:6 -- (Jesus Christ our Savior)

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090 -- THE CHRISTIAN'S HEAVENLY CALLING

"Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus" -- (Heb. 3:1).

I. His Lord is There

II. His True Life is There

III. His True Substance is There

IV. His Heart is There

V. His Hope is There

VI. His Name is Written There

VII. His Eternal Home is There

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091 -- THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM

Read Revelation 21 and 22

I. Names of This City

New Jerusalem -- Holy City -- City of God -- City of Great King -- City of Habitation --
City of Peace -- Lamb's Wife

II. The Builder of the City

God and Christ are the Architect and Builder -- They will incorporate every convenience possible for comfort

III. The Foundation of the City

Twelve foundations with the name of an apostle on each -- Stuccoed with all manner of precious stones

IV. The Wall of the City

Wall around City will be for beauty -- Wall surrounds City and is 216 feet thick

V. The Beauty of the City

As a bride adorned for her husband -- The center of beauty and attraction -- Every joy to make all saints eternally happy

VI. The Gates of the City

Three on each side, twelve in all -- Are of pearls and will never be shut

VII. The Material of the City

All manner of precious stones -- Streets are of pure transparent gold

VIII. The Light System of the City

No need for sun -- The holiness and glory of God and the Lamb are the light -- No night there

IX. The Water System of the City

A river of life of clear sparkling water flowing in every direction

X. The Tree of Life in the City

For beauty -- Fruit -- Twelve manner of fruit -- Fruit ripens every month

XI. The Size of the City

A cube fifteen hundred miles with a base of 2,250,000 square miles

XII. The Vast Interior of the City

Will contain 3,375,000,000 cubic miles -- "In My Father's house are many mansions -- Spacious with varieties

XIII. God's Sky-scraper

Woolworth building is 792 feet tall, but the New
Jerusalem will be 7,920,000 feet, or 10,000 times taller.
State Empire is 1248 feet tall but the New
Jerusalem will be 6343 times taller

XIV. The Citizens of the City

This will be the home and headquarters of all God's redeemed children of all ages.

XV. The City of Life

The Prince of Life -- People of life- Streets of life -- A river of life -- Water of life --
Trees of life -- Fruit of life -- Life! Life!! Life!!! -- Life without death -- Joys without sorrow --
Life for ever more

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[11] -- HOLY SPIRIT

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092 -- THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A DIVINE GIFT

I. He is Given as the Gift of the Father -- (Lu. 11:13)

II. He is Given as the Gift of the Son -- (Jno. 16:7)

III. He is Given Through the Intercession of Christ -- (John 14:16)

IV. He is Given Through the Exaltation of Christ -- (John 7:39)

V. He is Given to Those Who Ask -- (Lu. 11:13)

VI. He is Given to Those who Obey -- (Acts 5:32)

VII. He is Given to Those Who Believe -- (Acts 11:16, 17)

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093 -- THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN BELIEVERS

I. The Holy Spirit Leads into a Holy Life -- (Rom. 8:14)

II. The Holy Spirit Produces Fruit in Believers -- (Gal. 5:22, 23)

III. The Holy Spirit Strengthens the Inner Man -- (Eph. 3:16)

IV. The Holy Spirit Brings the Word of God to Our Remembrance -- (Jno. 14:26)

V. The Holy Spirit Reveals to Us the Deep Things of God -- (I Cor 2:9, 10)

VI. The Holy Spirit Imparts Ability to Appreciate More what He Does for Us -- (I Cor. 2:12-14)

VII. The Holy Spirit Imparts to Believers a Concern for the Spreading of the Gospel and the Salvation of Souls -- (Acts 1:8)

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094 -- THE TEMPLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" -- (I Cor. 6:19, 20).

I. The Temple Designed

II. The Temple Defined

III. The Temple Confined

IV. The Temple Consigned

V. The Temple Refined

VI. The Temple Enshrined

VII. The Temple EnsIGNED

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095 -- THE IMPORTANCE OF AN OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams" -- (Acts 2:17).

I. It Is Essential to Cleansing

II. It Is Essential to Power

III. It Is Essential to Obtain Holy Visions

IV. It Is Essential to Prophecy

V. It Is Essential to a Life of Self-denial

VI. It Is Essential to Live a Martyr's Life

VII. It Is Essential to Prepare Us for the Coming of the Lord

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The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of conviction, the Spirit of grace, the Spirit of holiness, and the Spirit of glory. He imparts conviction to the sinner, grace to the confessor, holiness to the regenerated, and in due time will impart glory to the sanctified.

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096 -- THE PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

I. Personal Pronouns Ascribed to the Holy Spirit -- (Jno. 16:13,14)

II. Personal Characteristics Ascribed to the Holy Spirit

1. Knowledge is ascribed unto the Holy Spirit -- (I Cor. 2:10, 11)
2. Will is ascribed to the Holy Spirit -- (I Cor. 12:11)
3. Mind is ascribed to the Holy Spirit -- (Rom. 8:27)
4. Love is ascribed to the Holy Spirit -- (Rom. 15:30)
5. Intelligence and greatness are ascribed to the Holy Spirit -- (Neh. 9:20; Isa. 11:2)
6. Grief is ascribed to the Holy Spirit -- (Eph. 4:30)

III. Personal Acts Ascribed to the Holy Spirit

1. He searcheth the deep things of God -- (I Cor. 2:10)
2. The Holy Spirit speaks -- (Rev. 2:7)
3. The Holy Spirit cried out -- (Gal. 4:6)
4. The Spirit maketh intercession -- (Rom. 8:26)
5. The Holy Spirit teaches all the truth -- (Jno. 14:26)
6. The Spirit leads and directs men what to do -- (Rom. 8:14)
7. The Spirit commands men -- (Acts 16:6, 7)

IV. Personal Offices Held by the Holy Spirit

1. He holds the office of "another Comforter" -- (Jno. 14:16)
2. He takes the place of the absent Savior -- (Jno. -- (16:7)

3. The Holy Spirit may also be considered as the Holy Policeman of the skies who apprehends and convicts the sinner with a view of leading him to repentance -- (Jno. 16:8)

4. The Holy Spirit is the Friend of the heavenly Bridegroom Who is in the world to gather out a bride for Christ

V. Personal Treatments Predicated of the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit is rebelled against and grieved -- (Isa. 63:10)
2. The Holy Spirit is done despite to -- (Heb. 10:29)
3. The Holy Spirit is lied to -- (Acts 5:3)
4. The Holy Spirit is blasphemed against -- (Matt. 12:31, 32)
5. Communion may be held with the Holy Spirit -- (II Cor. 13:14)

VI. Personal Recognition to be Given to the Holy Spirit

VII. Personal Benefits Derived from the Doctrines and Practice of the Personality of the Holy Spirit

1. It leads to self-emptying
2. It leads to self-humiliation
3. It leads to self-renunciation

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097 -- THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR PRAYER LIFE

I. The Holy Spirit Impels Believers to Pray -- (Rom. 8:27)

II. The Holy Spirit Instructs Believers in Prayer -- (Rom. 8:26)

III. The Holy Spirit Infuses Holy Desires in Believers -- (Rom. 8:26)

IV. The Holy Spirit Increases Faith in God -- (I Cor. 12:7-11)

V. The Holy Spirit Imparts Power to Believers in Prayer -- (Eph. 6:18)

VI. The Holy Spirit Inspires Praise as an Aid to Prayer -- (Eph. 5:18-20)

VII. The Holy Spirit Induces Worship in Believers -- (John 4:24; Phil. 3:3)

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098 -- THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

(The ministry of the Holy Spirit in relation to the revelation of His names)

The Holy Spirit as a Person possesses numerous names and attributes, and His operations are diversified. His sphere of operation is in and through believers.

I. The Spirit of Christ -- (Rom. 8:9; Gal. 4:6)

1. The relation of the Holy Spirit to Christ as God
2. The relation of the Holy Spirit to Christ as Man
3. The operations of the Holy Spirit in Christ's incarnation
4. In Christ's birth, anointing, ministry, death, resurrection, ascension and glorification
5. The Spirit applies and imparts the benefits of Christ's accomplishments to believers

II. The Spirit of Promise

1. He is the promise of O T. prophecies -- (Isa. 44:3; Joel 2:28)
2. He is the promise of the Father -- (Lu. 24:49)
3. He is the promise of the Son of God -- (John 14:16; 16:7)
4. The Spirit could not be given till Christ was glorified -- (John 7:39; 16:7; Acts 2:33)
5. After His coming as the Promise, He becomes the promise or earnest of a greater inheritance -- (Eph. 1:13)

III. The Spirit of Conviction -- (Isa. 4:4; John 16:8-11)

1. He convicts sinners
2. He convicts sinners through Christians
3. He convicts through the preaching of the gospel

IV. The Spirit of Grace -- (Heb. 10:29)

1. He is gracious
2. He is given graciously
3. He deals graciously in all His operations
4. He administers grace in regeneration
5. He supplies grace during every trial

V. The Spirit of Holiness -- (Rom. 1:4; II Thes. 2:13)

1. He is holy
2. He approves holiness
3. He approved the holiness of Christ by raising Him from the dead
4. He imparts holiness to believers

VI. The Spirit of Power -- (Acts 1:8)

1. He is omnipotent
2. He imparts His power
3. He has power to quicken

- (a) The spiritually dead with spiritual life
- (b) The physically dead saints with immortal life

VII. The Spirit of Glory -- (I Peter 4:14)

- 1. He is glorious and full of glory
- 2. He leads gloriously and triumphantly
- 3. He will impart or administer glory
- 4. Three stages of exaltation in Christ: Resurrection, ascension, glorification
- 5. Three stages of exaltation in saints: Resurrection, rapture and glorification

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099 -- WHEN HE IS COME

When He -- (Holy Spirit) Is Come":--

- I. He Will Be Our Comforter -- (John 14:16-18)
- II. He Will Help Our Infirmities -- (Rom. 8:26)
- III. He Will Show Us Things to Come -- (John 16:13)
- IV. He Will Reveal Christ to Us -- (John 16:13, 14)
- V. He Will Capacitate the Believer -- (John 16:12, 13)
- VI. He Will Abide For Ever -- (John 14:16)
- VII. How to "Treat Him "When He Is Come" -- (Rev. 2:7)

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100 -- BY GOD'S SPIRIT

Text -- "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" -- (Zech. 4:6).

The Holy Spirit has anointed, blessed, employed and empowered many. Several Bible characters are selected to illustrate the divine adequacy there is in the Holy Spirit.

I. The Holy Spirit Blessed Elisabeth, John and Zachariah

- 1. The Spirit possesses power to bless mothers, fathers' and children
- 2. This couple was righteous and walking in all the commandments, being blameless before

God

3. The parents blessed God and John, and John blessed God, his parents and the multitudes
4. These parents contributed much by giving a son to God

II. The Holy Spirit Favored the Virgin Mary

1. The Holy Spirit can and does favor some people
2. Mary the mother of Christ was the only woman thus favored
3. Without the favor of the Holy Spirit she would have been only like millions of mothers
4. Mothers may be filled with the Holy Spirit and thereby bless their children

III. The Holy Spirit Enriched Aged Simeon

1. The Holy Spirit rested upon aged Simeon
2. He was just, devout and waiting for the coming of Christ
3. The Holy Spirit revealed coming glories to Simeon
4. The Holy Spirit preserved his life till he saw Christ
5. Without the Spirit Simeon would have been just like thousands of other men
6. If not for the Holy Spirit Simeon would not have had any recognition in the Bible
7. The Spirit's blessings, gifts, callings and virtues enrich the recipient

IV. The Holy Spirit Qualified Christ as a Man

1. The Spirit qualified Him for His ministry
2. He led Christ in every phase of His life
3. The Holy Spirit and the Scriptures were Christ's weapons
4. Christ was born by, anointed with, led by and empowered by the Holy Spirit
5. The Holy Spirit raised Christ from the dead and carried Him up in the ascension

V. The Holy Spirit Endued the One Hundred Twenty on Pentecost

1. They were endued -- (clothed) with purity
2. They were endued with power
3. They were endued with joy
4. They were endued with liberty
5. They were endued with wisdom

VI. The Holy Spirit Enlightened Philip

1. The Holy Spirit told him when to act
2. The Spirit enabled him to say the right words
3. The Spirit honored the Scriptures he employed
4. He enabled him to lead the eunuch to Christ
5. The Holy Spirit raptured him

VII. The Holy Spirit Mightily Employed Paul

1. Paul was filled with the Spirit
2. He empowered and emboldened this apostle
3. Paul was led, constrained and restrained by the Spirit

Conclusion: What would these men and women have been without the Holy Spirit in them? what will your life and labors be without His indwelling?

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101 -- THE SEVEN C'S OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- I. The Holy Spirit Convicts the Sinner
- II. The Holy Spirit Converts the Confessor
- III. The Holy Spirit Cleanses the Believer
- IV. The Holy Spirit Comforts the Christian
- V. The Holy Spirit Calls the Worker
- VI. The Holy Spirit Commentates to Pupils
- VII. The Holy Spirit Catches up the Bride

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102 -- FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit" -- (Eph. 5:18).

- I. Christ Needs Vessels for His Household
- II. We Are the Vessels He Desires
- III. The Vessels Unto Honor
- IV. The Emptying of Ourselves
- V. The Cleansing Process
- VI. The Filling With the Spirit
- VII. The Overflowing and Outflowing

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It is of experiential and doctrinal value that we know the Holy Spirit as a Person. Any Christian who does not know the Holy Spirit as a Person has not attained to a complete and well-rounded experience. In order to attain a fuller conception of God, it is essential not only to know the Father, and the Son of God, but also to know the Holy Spirit as God and as a Divine Person.

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103 -- HOW THE HOLY GHOST IS GIVEN -- (Viewed from the Divine side)

I. He is Given as the Gift of the Father -- Lu. 11:13

1. He is designated as "the Spirit of Promise" -- (Eph. 1:13)
2. He is promised in the N. T. -- (Lu. 24:49)
3. The Giver of the Son is the Giver of the Holy Spirit -- (Acts 1:4)

II. He is Given as the Gift of the Son -- John 16:7

1. The Son gave Himself for the church
2. The Son gives virtues and qualities
3. The Son sent the Spirit in His name

III. He is Given Through the Intercession of Christ -- John 14:16

1. This prayer is recorded in John seventeen
2. This prayer was answered on Pentecost
3. He is obtained by believers through faith

IV. He is Given Through the Exaltation of Christ -- John 7:39

1. His coming was conditioned on Christ's going
2. The gift of the Spirit for believers was purchased by the blood of Christ
3. The Holy Spirit could not be released by Christ till He was glorified

V. He is the Spirit of Promise -- Eph. 1:13

1. He was promised in the Old Testament -- (Isa. 43:19; 44:3; Joel 2:28, 29)
2. He was promised by the Father -- (Lu. 24:49)
3. He was promised by Christ -- (John 14:16)

VI. His Coming Assures the Possessor of Inheriting More Promises -- Eph. 1:14

1. He is the "earnest" of many more blessings
2. His coming prepares us for more to follow

3. His coming grants Him right to do more for us

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104 -- THE ANOINTING OF THE LORD

People were anointed for separation, consecration, divine recognition, special service, initiation into special offices and special honors.

I. Anointed Hearts

1. Love God out of pure hearts
2. Love with undivided attention
3. Set the affection on things above
4. Sweetly submit to God's entire will

II. Anointed Minds

1. Meditate on God's Word night and day
2. Are pure in their thoughts
3. Are set on heavenly things
4. Cherish God's thoughts

III. Anointed Ears

1. Are in tune with heaven
2. Hear the sweet voice of the Lord
3. Hear God's calls to service
4. Are closed to strange voices

IV. Anointed Tongues

1. Preach the gospel in power
2. Speak forth the truth with soberness
3. Sing God's praises
4. Speak words of encouragement

V. Anointed Eyes

1. See the glance of Christ's look
2. See the whitened harvest fields
3. Behold the spiritual, heavenly and eternal realities
4. Behold the beauty of the great King

VI. Anointed Hands

1. Engage in holy labors
2. Lift the fallen
3. Help others with their burdens
4. Perform acceptable service for the Lord

VII. Anointed Feet

1. Walk on God's highway
2. Walk in harmony with God
3. Refrain from going in forbidden paths or astray
4. Arrive at their heavenly destination

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105 -- CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Three simple and reasonable conditions.

The human side which must be met by a regenerated person.

I. Asking -- (Luke 11:13)

1. New birth precedes this baptism
2. God must be our Father
3. Heart-felt desire prompting the asking
4. Asking must be specific

II. Obeying -- (Acts 5:32)

1. An unconditional surrender
2. An eternal "yes"
3. A complete consecration
4. A will to do God's will

III. Believing -- (Acts 15:8, 9)

1. Obedience inspires faith
2. Faith is an all-time condition
3. The Holy Spirit inspires faith
4. God fulfills His promises when men meet the condition

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106 -- THE SEALING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Text -- Ephesians 1:13, 14.

Introduction -- The Bible speaks of signets and sealings. A signet was employed for sealing. Sealing dates back to ancient times. It was practiced by the Egyptians, Hebrews, Babylonians, Persians and Romans. To seal, wax, mortar or clay were employed on which a signet was pressed to give an imprint which hardened. Examples were Joseph's hand ring with Pharaoh's signet and signature; Darius and the den of lions; prodigal son and the tomb of Christ. Tombs, prisons, doors, wells, documents, books and treasures were sealed. Sealing was for the purpose of preservation, to prevent molestation and other purposes. The hearts of men are the wax or clay and the Holy Spirit is the signet who seals men.

I. For Sanctification

1. Makes holy
2. Empowers for service
3. Separates from all evil
4. Sets apart for holy purposes

II. For Preservation

1. Prevents contamination
2. Prevents molestation
3. Only authenticated persons could open seals
4. Preserves unto Christ's coming

III. For Authentication

1. It gives divine recognition
2. It gives human recognition
3. It gives satanic recognition -- (Acts 19:13-16)
4. It gives self comfort and courage

IV. For Identification

1. Ownership -- (God knows all His children)
2. Possession
3. Controls our goings
4. Employs for Christ's service

V. For Destination

1. Labeled for heaven
2. The goal of the race
3. The gaining of the mark for the prize
4. Assures safe arrival in heaven

VI. For Presentation

1. The Holy Spirit will present saints only in holiness to Christ
2. The Holy Spirit will present the church to Christ in the air
3. Christ will present His own to Himself
4. Christ will present His own to the Father

VII. For Glorification

1. The culmination of our salvation
2. Body changed to be like the glorified body of Christ
3. Glory will emanate from the body to shine like the sun
4. Exaltation, promotion and crowning await the saints

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107 -- WHOLE-HEARTED HOLY LIVING

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might" -- (Deut. 6:5).

I. Breaking With Sin Whole-heartedly

II. Embracing Salvation whole-heartedly

III. Living for the Lord Whole-heartedly

IV. Serving the Lord Whole-heartedly

V. Giving to the Lord Whole-heartedly

VI. Praying to the Lord Whole-heartedly

VII. Walking With God Whole-heartedly

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108 -- THE LIFE-GIVING MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Text -- "It is the Spirit that quickeneth" -- (John 6:63).

I. The Holy Spirit Gave Birth to the Bible

1. He chose holy men to write the Scriptures
2. He inspired holy men to write the Scriptures
3. He employed their hearts, minds, hands and pens
4. He gave them the thoughts and words to write

5. He witnesses to and quickens the Scriptures to men

II. The Holy Spirit Made Possible the Birth of Christ

1. Christ as Man was the Seed of the woman
2. The Holy Spirit brought Christ -- (as a Spirit) into the womb of Mary
3. The Holy Spirit fructified the womb of Mary
4. The virtuous virgin birth of Christ is as virtuous as is the new birth
5. Christ in generation was born by the Spirit

III. The Holy Spirit Gave Birth to the Church

1. Pentecost was the day of His descension
2. He became incorporated in the church
3. He abides in Christians as He abode in Christ
4. He gathers out the church
5. He will catch up the church

IV. The Holy Spirit Gave Birth to this Dispensation

1. His coming ushered in the dispensation of the church
2. This age is designated as His age
3. His presence determines the length of this age
4. His departure with the church terminates His age
5. He will accomplish the object of His coming

V. The Holy Spirit Gives Birth to the Sons of God

1. He convicts the sinner
2. He produces the new birth in repentant sinners
3. He sustains the new born soul
4. He leads Christians into the experience of entire sanctification
5. He prepares Christians for Christ's coming

VI. The Holy Spirit Will Give Birth to the New Age

1. In the gospel era, Christ and the Holy Spirit operated and cooperated
2. In the church era, Christians and the Holy Spirit operate and cooperate
3. In the Millennium Christ, the church and the Holy Spirit will be present and cooperate
4. The Spirit's great outpouring precedes and makes possible the ushering in of the new age
-- (See Joel 2:27-32)
5. He then will be poured out on all flesh -- (on human, animal and vegetable kingdom)

VII. The Holy Spirit Will Give Birth to the New Creation

1. The Holy Spirit is present in every operation of God See Gen. 1:2; Job 33:4; 26:13;
Compare John 5:21a; 5:21b; Rom. 8:11; also Gen. 1:1; John 1:3; Job 33:4

2. He is symbolized by wind and the breath of God

3. It is He Who quickens, gives and sustains spiritual life

4. He for ever cooperates with Christ and God the Father

5. The Trinity always has and for ever will work in harmony and unity

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[12] -- JOY AND PRAISE

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109 -- WHY CHRISTIANS SHOULD REJOICE WHEN TRIED

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings, that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy" -- (I Peter 4:12, 13).

I. Because the Lord Commands Us to Rejoice

II. Because it Makes Us Partakers of Christ's Suffering

III. Because it will Make Us Eligible to Partake of His Glory

IV. Because it Will Help Us to Overcome

V. Because it Will Help to Defeat Satan

VI. Because it Will Glorify God

VII. Because When Christ Comes We Shall be Exceeding Glad

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110 -- BEAUTY OF GOD'S WORKS

"He hath made every thing beautiful in his time" -- (Eccl. 3:11).

I. The Beauty of Paradise

II. The Beauty of Christian Experience

III. The Beauty of Holiness

IV. The Beauty of the Christian Graces

V. The Beauty of God

VI. The Beauty of Heaven

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111 -- JOY

"The joy of the Lord is your strength" -- (Neh. 8:10). -- (Joy is a divine emotion, a fruit of the Spirit, a possibility, a necessity, and a natural outcome of fellowship with God)

I. The Joy of God

1. Holiness is the true source of happiness
2. In being supreme
3. In expressions of His love
4. In perfections of His works

II. The Joy of Christ

1. In pleasing His Father
2. In triumphing over Satan
3. In enduring suffering unto death
4. In saving sinners
5. In fulfilling the Scriptures

III. The Joy of a Christian

1. Knowledge of name written in heaven
2. In prayer
3. In Bible reading
4. In doing God's will

IV. The Joy of a Soul Winner

1. In helping sinners to Christ
2. In pleasing the Lord
3. In bringing forth after his kind
4. In gaining rewards

V. The Joy of Going to Heaven

1. In seeing God face to face
2. In hearing words of approval

3. In sharing God's glory
4. In being safe for ever
5. In wearing a crown of glory

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112 -- LAUGHTER IN THE BIBLE

- I. The Laughter of Faith -- (Abraham, Gen. 17:17)
- II. The Laughter of Unbelief -- (Sarah, Gen. 18:12)
- III. The Laughter of Spiritual Exultation -- (David, Ps. 126:2)
- VI. The Laughter of Sinful Merriment -- (The Fool, Eccl. 7:6)
- V. The Laughter of Infinite Wrath -- (God, Prov. 1:26)
- VI. The Laughter of Eternal Triumph -- (The Overcomers Lu. 6:21)

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113 -- HEZEKIAH'S UNGRATEFULNESS

"But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit done unto him; for his heart was lifted up; therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem" -- (II Chron. 32:25).

- I. The Lord Forgave His Sins
- II. The Lord Healed Him When He Was Sick Unto Death
- III. The Lord Added Fifteen Years to His Life
- IV. The Lord Gave Him a Successor
- V. The Lord Turned Back the Shadow Ten Degrees
- VI. The Lord Answered His Prayer
- VII. The Lord Destroyed Sennacherib's Army

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114 -- COMMANDS TO REJOICE IN GOD

"Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice" -- (Phil. 4:4).

I. To Rejoice in God

II. To Rejoice in Christ

III. To Rejoice in His Word

IV. To Rejoice in Our Experience

V. To Rejoice in Our Calling

VI. To Rejoice in Each Other

VII. To Rejoice in the Hope of Heaven

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115 -- CHEER FOR CHRIST'S CHILDREN

I. The Joy of Christ's Pardon -- "Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee" -- (Matt. 9:2)

II. The Joy of Christ's Peace -- "Daughter, be of good comfort -- (cheer); thy faith hath made thee whole" -- (Matt. 9:22)

III. The Joy of Christ's Presence -- "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid" -- (Matt. 14:27)

IV. The Joy of Christ's Patronage -- "Be of good comfort -- (cheer), rise; He calleth thee" Mark 10:49

V. The Joy of Christ's Power -- "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" -- (John 16:33)

VI. The Joy of Christ's Protection -- "Be of good cheer, Paul; for as thou hast testified of Me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome" -- (Acts 23:11)

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116 -- THE JOY OF BEING LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

I. He leads in the Way of Holiness

II. He Leads in the Way of Truth

III. He Leads in the Way of Peace

IV. He Leads in the Way of Life

V. He Leads in the Way of Victory

VI. He Leads into Heaven

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117 -- CHRIST AND CHRISTIANS SUPPING TOGETHER

"I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me" -- (Rev. 3:20).

I. What We May Set Before Him

1. Adoration for Christ
2. Praise for salvation
3. Thanksgiving for temporal blessings
4. Longing to know Him better
5. Desire to please Him
6. Worship for His love

II. What He Has to Set Before Us

1. A spiritual feast in the fulfillment of His promises
2. The fruit of the Spirit
3. His graces and virtues
4. His approval and favors
5. His joys and merits
6. His holiness, glory and heaven

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"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" -- (II Cor. 4:17).

-- for a moment our light affliction
-- our light affliction
-- light affliction
-- affliction
WORKETH
-- glory
-- weight of glory
-- eternal weight of glory
-- exceeding eternal weight of glory
-- more exceeding eternal weight of glory
-- far more exceeding eternal weight of glory

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[13] -- LOVE

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118 -- SEVEN GREAT OBJECTIVES OF LOVE

I. Love For God -- (I Jno. 4:7, 8)

II. Love For Christ -- (I Pet. 1:8)

III. Love For God's Commandments -- (I Jno. 5:3)

IV. Love For the Truth -- (II Thes. 2:10)

V. Love For the Brethren -- (I Jno. 3:14, 23; 4:11)

VI. Love For Souls -- (I Pet. 4:8)

VII. Love For Christ's Appearing -- (II Tim. 4:8)

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119 -- THE CONSTRAINING LOVE OF CHRIST

"For the love of Christ constraineth us" -- (II Cor. 5:14).

I. It Constrains Us to Forsake Sin

II. It Constrains Us to Accept Christ

III. It Constrains Us to go on to Perfection

IV. It Constrains Us to Give Liberally

V. It Constrains Us to Suffer Patiently

VI. It Constrains Us to Obey Cheerfully

VII. It Constrains Us to Pray Daily

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-- Matthew Wrote His Gospel to Convert the Jews

-- Mark Wrote His Gospel to Convert the Romans

-- Luke Wrote His Gospel to Convert the Greeks

-- John Wrote His Gospel to get them all Sanctified

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120 -- CHARITY NEVER FAILETH

"Charity never faileth" -- (I Cor. 13:8).

I. Charity

1. Modern meaning
2. Biblical meaning

II. Never

1. Past 2. Present 3. Future

III. Faileth

1. Is Godlike -- eternal
2. Is Christlike -- unchanging

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121 -- I CORINTHIANS THIRTEEN

-- (First Corinthians thirteen is so important that any pastor might occasionally use this entire chapter for his text)

I. The Superiority of Love vv. 1-3

II. The Characteristics of Love vv. 4-7

III. The Permanency of Love vv. 8-13

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122 -- GOD IS LOVE

I. God

1. A Person
2. A Father
3. A Provider

II. Is

1. Is the same yesterday
2. Is the same today
3. Will be the same forever

III. Love

1. Loved the world
2. Gave His Son
3. Freely gives all things

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[14] -- MAN

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123 -- THE GOD-MADE MAN

"It was the Lord that advanced -- (mg. made) Moses" -- (I Sam. 12:6).

I. God Made Him Safe

1. Period of childhood
2. First forty years spent in Egypt
3. His mother exercised faith for him
4. He acquired his academic training
5. He was learning to be somebody
6. Terminated in fleeing from Egypt

II. God Made Him Humble

1. Period of manhood
2. Second forty years spent in wilderness
3. He exercised faith for himself
4. He acquired his spiritual training
5. He was learning to be nobody
6. Terminated in answering the call of God

III. God Made Him Obedient

1. Period of old age
2. Third forty years spent in marching
3. He exercised faith for others
4. He spent in religious work
5. He was learning to help everybody

6. Terminated in going to Paradise

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124 -- WHAT IS MAN?

"What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that Thou visitest him?" -- (Ps. 8:4).

I. Original Man -- (A beautiful picture)

1. Created in the image and likeness of God
2. Formed of the dust
3. Quickened by the divine inbreathing

II. Fallen Man -- (A sad picture)

1. The tempter and the temptation
2. The steps in the fall
3. The consequence of sin

III. Redeemed Man -- (A glorious picture)

1. The forgiveness of sins
2. The baptism by the Holy Spirit
3. The glorification of the body

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125 -- MAN

"What is man, that Thou shouldest magnify him? and that Thou shouldest set thine heart upon him?" -- (Job 7:17).

I. The Creation of Man -- (Gen. 1:26, 27)

II. The Dignity of Man -- (Gen. 1:28-30)

III. The Fall of Man -- (Gen. 3:9-12)

IV. The Depravity of Man -- (Gen. 6:5; Ps. 14:1-3; Mark 7:20-23)

V. The Suffering of Man -- (Job 14:1, 2; Rom. 8:22, 23)

VI. The Redemption of Man -- (Rom. 5:8-19)

VII. The Glorification of Man -- (Phil. 3:20, 21; I Jno. 3:2)

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126 -- GOD IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS

"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him" -- (Acts 10:34, 35).

I. God is No Respector of Persons in Regeneration -- (Examples)

1. Samaritan woman
2. Ethiopian eunuch
3. Philippian jailer
4. Gypsy Smith
5. You
6. Anybody

II. God is No Respector of Persons in Sanctification -- (Examples)

1. One hundred twenty on Pentecost
2. Cornelius and his household
3. Paul in house of Judas
4. Twelve disciples at Ephesus
5. Sammy Morris
6. You

III. God is No Respector of Persons in Qualification -- (Examples)

1. Twelve disciples
2. Philip
3. Paul
4. Timothy
5. Church fathers
6. Church leaders
7. You

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-- God was Moses' Undertaker
-- God was Elijah's Uppertaker
-- God is Our Caretaker

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127 -- DIVINE CAUSES

"Is there not a cause?" -- (I Sam. 17:29).

- I. The Cause for Blessings -- Obedience -- (Gen. 22:18)
- II. The Cause for Demotion -- Disobedience -- (I Sam. ch. 28)
- III. The Cause for Promotion -- Wholly Following the Lord -- (Deut. 1:36)
- IV. The Cause for Unanswered Prayer -- Not Asking -- (James 4:2)
- V. The Cause for Answered Prayers -- Keeping His Commandments -- (I Jno. 3:22)
- VI. The Cause for Advancement -- An Excellent Spirit -- (Dan. 6:3)
- VII. The Cause for Defeat -- Doubt -- (Lu. 1:20)
- VIII. The Cause for Victory -- Faith -- (I Jno. 5:4, 5)

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128 -- GREAT MEN OF THE BIBLE

Abraham, F.G. -- (Friend of God)

Moses, T.M.O.G., S.O.T.L. -- (The man of God) and Servant of the Lord)

David, M.G.H. -- (Man after God's Heart) Daniel, G.B. -- (Greatly beloved)

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Shem lived seventy-five years after Abraham left the Ur of the Chaldees. He lived ten years after Eliezer came to Mesopotamia for a bride for Isaac. He died ten years before Jacob was born.

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129 -- THREE GREAT LOSSES

Text -- Heb. 12:16; II Sam. 1:21; Matt. 27:5

I. Three Eternal Losses

- 1. The lost opportunity
- 2. The lost anointing

3. The lost soul

II. Three Characters Involved

1. Esau the son of Isaac
2. Saul the first king of Israel
3. Judas a disciple of Christ

III. Three Privileges Proffered

1. The birthright and Abrahamic covenant
2. The kingship and kingdom
3. The apostleship and heaven

IV. Three Willful Transgressions

1. Esau sold his birthright
2. Saul disobeyed and rebelled
3. Judas sold Christ

V. Three Potentialities Undeveloped

1. Esau might have been in Messianic line
2. Saul might have died in peace
3. Judas might have become a great apostle

VI. Three Fates Encountered

1. Esau wept and found no repentance
2. Saul's sun set behind storm clouds
3. Judas died a suicidal death

Conclusion: Your opportunity in life is great. Your choice determines your destiny. What you are and what you may become are two different matters. All may become living examples what the grace of God can do for a person.

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[15] -- MINISTERS

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130 -- THE CALL OF MATTHEW -- LEVI

Scripture Reading Luke 5:27-29 A short but interesting record of his conversion and call.

There are seven interesting verbs which relate to his conversion and call, namely: sat, saw, heard, left, arose, followed, and made.

I. Levi Sat at the Receipt of Custom

II. Levi Saw Christ Pass By

III. Levi Heard Christ Calling Him

IV. Levi Left All

V. Levi Rose Up

VI. Levi Followed Christ

VII. Levi Made a Great Feast for Christ

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131 -- THE HIGH COST OF CONSECRATION

I. It Cost Joseph Sorrow, Suffering and Separation

II. It Cost Elijah Privations

III. It Cost John the Baptist Poverty and Persecutions

IV. It Cost Stephen His Life

V. It Cost Christ the Cross

VI. It Cost Paul and Silas Pain and Persecutions

VII. It Cost John the Beloved Banishment Did it Pay? Call each one on the Witness Stand.

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132 -- MAGNIFYING OUR OFFICE

"For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office" -- (Rom. 11:13).

I. The Offices Paul Held

1. An apostle -- (missionary)
2. An evangelist

3. A Bible teacher
4. A writer of Epistles

II. How Paul Magnified His Office

1. By recognizing it
2. By obeying the call
3. By thanking God for it
4. By faithfully pursuing it
5. By finishing his course

III. The Offices Given to Men

1. God calls missionaries
2. God calls evangelists
3. God calls pastors
4. God calls teachers
5. God calls church workers
6. God calls men to support gospel workers

IV. How to Magnify Our Office

1. Recognize it
2. Appreciate it
3. Prepare for it
4. Thank God for it
5. Pursue it
6. Improve it

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Noah lived six hundred years before the flood, and three hundred and fifty years after the flood. He died just two years before Abraham was born.

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133 -- THINGS CONNECTED WITH THE MINISTRY

"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" -- (II Tim. 2:3).

I. A Great Task

II. Hardships

III. Privations

IV. Persecutions

V. Misunderstandings

VI. Joy and Sorrow

VII. Small Remuneration

VIII. Great Rewards

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134 -- THE APOSTLE PAUL'S SEVENFOLD ART

I. The Art of Prayer -- (Acts 9:11)

II. The Art of Preaching -- (Acts 9:20)

III. The Art of Praise -- (Acts 16:25)

IV. The Art of Rejoicing -- (Phil. 1:18)

V. The Art of Appreciation -- (Phil. 1:3)

VI. The Art of Missing People -- (II Cor. 2:13)

VII. The Art of Contentment -- (Phil. 4:11)

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135 -- SEVEN STAGES OF SEED

Scripture Lesson Mark 4: 26-29

I. Cast Into the Ground

II. Germinates and Takes Root Downward

III. Grows Upward

IV. Blade or Stalk Appears

V. Ear in Bloom

VI. Full Development of Ear

VII. The Harvest

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136 -- WHAT TRUE KNOWLEDGE LEADS TO

"Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" -- (I Tim. 2:4).

I. To Christ

II. Away from Sin

III. To Humility

IV. To Spirituality

V. To Recognize Little Men

VI. To a Useful Life

VII. Into Heaven

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137 -- SEVEN POWERFUL THINGS

I. The Power of God

II. The Power of the Holy Spirit

III. The Power of the Word of God

IV. The Power of the Blood of Christ

V. The Power of Silence

VI. The Power of Holiness

VII. The Power of Prayer

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138 -- SEVENFOLD ART IN WHICH ALL SHOULD MAJOR

I. The Art of Understanding People

II. The Art of Cheerfulness

III. The Art of Appreciation

IV. The Art of Gratitude

V. The Art of Thankfulness

VI. The Art of Missing People

VII. The Art of Courtesy

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"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee" -- (I Tim. 4:16).

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139 -- PURPOSE OF PASTORAL PREACHING

I. To Strengthen the Faith of People -- (Lu. 22:32)

II. To Comfort the Tested and Tried -- (II Cor. 1:4, 5)

III. To Confirm the Saved -- (Acts 14:22)

IV. To Encourage the Believers -- (Acts 14:21, 22)

V. To Feed Christ's Lambs and Sheep -- (Jno. 21:15, 16; I Pet. 5:2)

VI. To Lead the Flock of God -- (Jno. 21:17)

VII. To Build Up the Church -- (Eph. 4:12)

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140 -- PREACHING THE WORD OF FAITH

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" -- (Rom. 10:17).

I. How Faith is Acquired

II. The Lord's Part

III. The Minister's Part

IV. The Sermon's Part

V. The Church's Part

VI. The Sinner's Part

VII. The Believer's Confession

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141 -- WHAT A CHURCH OWES ITS PASTOR

I. To Pray for Him -- (Rom. 15: 30; Eph. 6: 18, 19)

II. To Obey Him -- (Heb. 13:17)

III. To Hold Him in Reputation -- (I Thes. 5:12,13)

IV. To Follow His Godly Example -- (I Cor. 11:1)

V. To Help Him -- (Rom. 16:9; Phil. 4:3)

VI. To Support Him -- (Gal. 6:6)

VII. To Give Him Joy -- (I Cor. 1:4; 2:3)

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142 -- NEGATIVES IN A MINISTER'S LIFE

I. Not Lords Over God's Heritage -- (I Pet. 5:3)

II. Not Greedy of Filthy Lucre -- (I Pet. 5:2)

III. Not Pleasers of Men -- (I Thes. 2:4)

IV. Not Given to Wine -- (Lev. 10:9; Titus 1:7)

V. Not Easily Discouraged -- (II Cor. 4:8, 9)

VI. Not Entangled by Cares of Life -- (II Tim. 2:4)

VII. Not Setting Forth Themselves -- (II Cor. 4:5)

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143 -- RELATION OF PASTOR TO HIS FLOCK

I. Exemplary before His Flock -- (I Tim. 4:12)

II. Affectionate to His People -- (I Thes. 2:8, 11)

III. Hospitable to All -- (Titus 1:8)

IV. Apt to Teach -- (II Tim. 2:24)

V. Prayerful for His People -- (Joel 2:17; Col. 1:9)

VI. Watchful for Souls -- (Heb. 13:17)

VII. Rejoicing in Spiritual Prosperity of His Flock -- (I Thes. 3:9)

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144 -- A PASTOR IN RELATION TO HIMSELF

I. Prayerful -- (Eph. 3:14; Phil. 1:4)

II. Watchful -- (II Tim. 4:5)

III. Studious -- (I Tim. 4:13,15)

IV. Sober -- (Titus 1:8)

V. Self-denying -- (I Cor. 9:27)

VI. Strong in Grace -- (II Tim. 2:1)

VII. Hopeful -- (Rom. 12:12)

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"I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, Who hath enabled me, for that He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry" -- (I Tim. 1:12).

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145 -- GOD MADE ABRAHAM GREAT

"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing" -- (Gen. 12:2).

I. Abraham was Great in His Obedience to God

1. He obeyed the call of God
2. He left his country
3. He entered the country God showed him
4. He obeyed God's commandments

II. Abraham was Great in His Surrender to God

1. In giving up his country and people
2. In giving up Lot
3. In giving up the riches of king of Sodom
4. In giving up his son Isaac

III. Abraham was Great in His Faith in God

1. He believed God's promises
2. He believed in hope against hope
3. Isaac was born through faith
4. He believed in the coming of Christ

IV. Abraham was Great in His Prayer Life

1. That Ishmael might share God's Blessing
2. For victory in battle against the kings
3. In interceding for Sodom

V. Abraham was Great in His Influence

1. Designated "The Friend of God" three times
2. God visited him several times
3. The Lord with two angels dined at his home
4. Experienced a beautiful sunset at end of life

VI. Abraham was Great in His Name

1. The father of several nations
2. The father of Israelitish nation
3. The ancestor of Jesus Christ
4. Name honored in the Bible

VII. Abraham Became Great in Numbers

1. "Sand seed" without number -- (earthly people)
2. "Star seed" without number -- (heavenly people)
3. The promised SEED -- (Christ)

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146 -- POSITIVES IN A MINISTER'S LIFE

- I. Holy in His Nature -- (Titus 1:7, 8)
- II. Pure in His Desires -- (Isa. 52:11)
- III. Humble in His Character -- (Acts 20:18, 19)
- IV. Patient in His Labors -- (II Cor. 6:4)
- V. Gentle in His Disposition -- (I Thes. 2:7; II Tim. 2:24)
- VI. Impartial in His Decisions -- (I Tim. 5:21)
- VII. Blameless in His Conduct -- (Luke 1:6)

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147 -- FAITHFULNESS UNTO DEATH

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life ... He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death" -- (Rev. 2:10, 11).

- I. Be Faithful to the Lord
- II. Be Faithful to the Scriptures
- III. Be Faithful to the Lord's Day
- IV. Be Faithful to Your Calling
- V. Be Faithful in Your Prayer Life
- VI. Be Faithful to Your Church
- VII. Be Faithful to Your Companions
- VIII. Be Faithful to Your Parents
- IX. Be Faithful to Your Children

X. Be Faithful Unto Death

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[16] -- MONEY

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148 -- MEN RUINED BY MONEY

"For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" -- (I Tim. 6:10).

I. Lot Lost His Children, Wife, and Stock

II. Achan Lost His Money, Life and Family

III. Gehazi Lost His Health, Position and Promotion

IV. Rich Young Ruler Lost the Apostleship, Soul, Money, and Eternal Rewards

V. Judas Lost the Apostleship, Money, Life and Soul

VI. Ananias and Sapphira Lost Their Lives and Souls

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149 -- LENDING TO CHRIST

I. Inn-keeper Lent a Manger to Christ

II. Peter Lent His Boat to Christ

III. A Lad Lent His Lunch to Christ

IV. A Friend Lent His Donkey and Colt to Christ

V. A Good Man Lent the Upper Room to Christ

VI. Simon the Cyrenian Lent His Shoulders to Christ

VII. Joseph of Arimathea Lent His Tomb to Christ

VIII. What Have You Lent to Christ?

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150 -- THINGS OF WHICH GOD IS INDEPENDENT

I. Of Numbers

1. "Nations are as a drop of a bucket"
2. One with God is majority
3. Millions without God are ciphers

II. Of Money or Wealth

1. Men put money first, but God puts men first
2. Faith, not money, moves God

III. Of Time

1. He fills all time and space
2. Time purely is relative to God

IV. Of Man's Wisdom

1. God is omniscient
2. He knows end from beginning
3. Wisdom of men is foolishness to God

V. Of Human Power

1. God is omnipotent
2. He is unlimited

VI. Of Natural Laws

1. Turned water into wine
2. Multiplied loaves and fishes

VII. Of All Ordinary Means

1. He makes ways where there are no ways
2. He possesses creative power

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The greatest gift ever given to the Lord was offered by King David. He gave toward the building of the temple three thousand talents of gold -- (\$87,255,000) and seven thousand talents of

silver \$13,580,000), or a total of \$100,835,000. This no doubt is the greatest single gift that has ever been presented to the Lord by a single man.

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151 -- GIVING THAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO GOD

Text -- "And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God" -- (II Cor. 8:5).

I. Reception of God's Gifts

1. Christ is God's unspeakable gift to sinners
2. Christ died to give eternal life to all men
3. God gives eternal life freely to all on condition of faith
4. Acceptance of God's Gift leads to His acceptance of our gifts
5. Rejection of God's Gift leads to His rejection of our gifts

II. Giving of Self to God

1. Giving self to God is the first essential to right giving.
2. The person is of more value to God than his gifts
3. True peace comes by giving self to God
4. Surrender of self to God involves surrender of the purse
5. When self is not given, giving becomes invalid

III. Consider God First In Giving

1. God's ancient law was His claims came first
2. The firstborn was claimed by the Lord
3. The firstfruits of grain and fruits were the Lord's
4. The first of the income belonged to God
5. The New Testament teaches God and His kingdom come first

IV. Giving Should Be Intelligent

1. Give God the best, not the scraps
2. Give where needed the most
3. Give where it will do the most good
4. Give where your responsibility lies
5. Give as God leads

V. Giving Should Be Systematic

1. Money represents life, time and energy
2. Give regularly

3. Give as God has prospered
4. Give on the first day of the week -- (I Cor. 16:1, 2)
5. Give God His portion first

VI. Giving Should be Proportionate

1. The tithe -- (one-tenth) belongs to God
2. Real giving must come out of our nine-tenths
3. Everybody should give
4. Non-paying members soon become non-attending members
5. Gifts are not measured by their amounts but by the surplus kept on hand

VII. Giving Should Be Joyous

1. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver
2. The liberal soul shall be made fat
3. The ability to get wealth comes from God
4. Giving blesses the recipient and donor
5. Give treasures to get the heart into God's cause

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152 -- WHAT EVERY PERSON MUST GIVE

- I. Every One Shall Bear His Own Burden -- (Gal. 6:5)
- II. Every Knee Must Bow at the Name of Jesus -- (Phil. 2:10)
- III. Every Tongue Must Confess Jesus Christ to God -- (Phil. 2:11)
- IV. Every Idle Word Must Be Given Account of to God -- (Matt. 12:36)
- V. Every One Must Do With God -- (Heb. 4:13)
- VI. Every One Must Give Account of Himself to God -- (Rom. 14:11, 12)

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153 -- THE MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP

Text -- "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" -- (I Cor. 4:2).

I. Different Types of Ministries

1. Ministry of preaching
2. Ministry of teaching

3. Ministry of evangelizing
4. Ministry of praying
5. Ministry of giving

II. Giving Lifted Into Realm of Worship

1. Giving is a part of Christianity
2. Giving is just as religious as praying
3. Money may be devoted to God's service
4. Proper use of riches will promote salvation of others
5. Esteem it a privilege to be allowed to give

III. Giving Placed on Basis of Stewardship

1. God is the sole Owner of all things
2. We are entrusted as stewards
3. A steward is entrusted with goods of another
4. The minimum -- (tithe) and maximum -- (all) of giving
5. Men must give account for all their wealth

IV. Christianity is a Giving Religion

1. Giving is Godlike
2. God desires to see His image reflected in us
3. We can not be Godlike till we give like God
4. God's love for man measured His giving
5. Our love for God measures our giving

V. The Ultimate Basis of Christian Giving

1. God is a beneficent Being
2. The essence of His nature is love
3. Love must give expression to itself
4. God is the great Exemplar of giving
5. God will be glorified and others benefited

VI. Giving Is Godlike

1. God gave His Son
2. Christ gave Himself, His all
3. The Father and the Son gave the Holy Spirit
4. The Holy Spirit gives Himself, His power, gifts and graces
5. Christ gives grace, eternal life and blessings

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154 -- THE HEIRSHIP OF THE SAINTS

Intro. -- The heirship of the saints does not come through works or personal righteousness, but through the beneficence and will of God, and the new birth of the believer. The instant a sinner experiences the new birth, that instant he becomes a son of God and is an heir of God.

I. Heirs of God -- Gal. 4:7

II. Joint-heirs With Christ -- Rom. 8:17

III. Heirs of Salvation -- Heb. 1:14

IV. Heirs of the Promise -- Heb. 6:17

V. Heirs of Righteousness -- Heb. 11:7

VI. Heirs of the Grace of Life -- I Peter 3:7

VII. Heirs of the Kingdom -- James 2:5

Conclusion -- The inheritance of the overcomer is reserved in heaven. It is undefiled, and will never fade away. This inheritance is eternal. A portion of the inheritance is enjoyed now, and more will follow hereafter.

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"He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" -- (II Cor. 9:6).

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155 -- SPIRITUAL ADMONITION TO RICH CHRISTIANS

"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, Who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate" -- (I Tim. 6:17, 18).

I. The Rich Are Not to be Highminded

II. The Rich Are Not to Trust in Uncertain Riches

III. The Rich Are to Trust in the Living God

IV. The Rich Are To Do Good

V. The Rich Are to be Rich in Good Works

VI. The Rich Are to be Ready to Distribute

VII. The Rich Are to Lay up Treasures in Heaven -- (Enjoyment consists not in keeping, but in giving)

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156 -- GOD'S KEEPING POWER

I. God's Keeping Power in Prosperity -- (Job was blessed by God in his prosperity)

II. God's Keeping Power in Poverty -- (Isaac was sustained in days of famine)

III. God's Keeping Power in Pain -- (Job also was preserved in his affliction)

IV. God's Keeping Power Under Provocation -- (David kept sweet when his promised bride was given to Adriel)

V. God's Keeping Power in Perplexity -- (Three Hebrew boys were not forsaken in the furnace)

VI. God's Keeping Power in Persecution -- (Paul persevered in every test)

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[17] -- OBEDIENCE

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157 -- EXAMPLES OF OBEDIENCE IN THE BIBLE

I. Noah in Building the Ark -- Result: Saving of self and his household

II. Abraham Going Out of His Country -- Result: God gave him another country

III. Isaac Remaining in Canaan During Famine -- Result: Reaped one hundred fold

IV. Moses in Delivering Israel -- Result: Led a nation out of bondage

V. Matthew in Following Christ -- Result: Became a disciple, apostle, evangelist and author

VI. Philip in Going to the Road to Gaza -- Result: Led Ethiopian eunuch to Christ

VII. Christ Was Obedient to Death -- Result: He died to potentially save all men and effectively all who believe

VIII. Your Obedience to God -- Result: Only eternity will reveal

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158 -- WHAT WE ARE AND WHAT WE MIGHT BE

I. What Adam Was

II. What Adam Might Have Been

III. What Adam Became

IV. What We Are

V. What We Ought to Be

VI. What Jesus Christ Can Make Us

VII. What Will We Be?

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[18] -- PERSONAL WORK

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159 -- HOW TO WORK FOR THE LORD

I. Pray as Though Everything Depended on Your Prayers

II. Believe as Though Everything Depended on Your Faith

III. Prepare as Though Your Success Depended on Your Preparations

IV. Work as Though Everything Depended on Your Labors

V. Live as Though Everything Depended on Your Living

VI. Preach as Though Everything Depended on Your Preaching

VII. Depend on the Lord as Though Everything Depended on His Undertaking

VIII. Give God all the Glory and Honor for Any Success

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160 -- THE MINISTRY OF ASSISTING OTHERS

- I. Aaron and Hur Held Up the Hands of Moses
- II. An Armor Bearer Assisted Jonathan
- III. The Good Samaritan Helped the Wounded Man
- IV. Certain Women Ministered to Christ and the Twelve
- V. Barnabas Helped Paul to Find His Place in Life
- VI. A Wife May Assist Her Husband
- VII. A Church May Assist Its Pastor

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161 -- LIVING IN THE PATHWAY OF BLESSING

- I. Simeon Went to the Temple When Christ Was Offered to God and Was Blessed -- (Lu. 2:27, 28)
- II. The Samaritan Woman Met Christ at Jacob's Well and Was Saved -- (Jno. 4:7)
- III. The Man With a Withered Hand at the Synagogue Was Made Whole -- (Mark 3:1)
- IV. The Woman Bound Eighteen Years by Satan Was Present When Christ Was There and Was Healed -- (Lu. 13:10, 11)
- V. The Man Born Blind Being in the Pathway of Christ Received His Sight -- (Jno. 9:1)
- VI. Zacchaeus Up in a Sycamore Tree Met Christ and Was Converted Who Then Went Home with Him -- (Lu. 19:4)
- VII. The Lame Man at the Beautiful Gate Was Healed -- (Acts 3:2, 3) -- Are You Living in the Pathway of Blessing?

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162 -- THE PROPHET JONAH

- I. The Run-away Prophet -- Chapter one
- II. The Repenting Prophet -- Chapter two
- III. The Revivalistic Prophet -- Chapter three

IV. The Resenting Prophet -- Chapter four

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I. The Presuming Prophet -- Chapter one

II. The Praying Prophet -- Chapter two

III. The Preaching Prophet -- Chapter three

IV. The Pouting Prophet -- Chapter four

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It is remarkable that Shem lived seventy-five years longer than Terah, his great, great, great, great, great, great grandson.

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163 -- SHARING SOUL WINNING WORK

I. Andrew Brought Simon to Christ -- (Jno. 1:40, 41)

II. Certain Women Ministered to Christ -- (Lu. 8:2, 3)

III. The Seventy Went Forth Preaching -- (Lu. 10.1)

IV. The Samaritan Woman Brought Her Town's People to Christ Through Her Testimony -- (Jno. 4:39)

V. Zacharias and Elisabeth Gave a Son to the Lord -- (Lu. 1:5, 57430)

VI. Simon Peter Preached to the Masses -- (Acts 2:14-41)

VII. The Church at Antioch Sent Forth Missionaries -- (Acts 13:3)

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164 -- THE KIND OF MEN GOD CALLS

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men" -- (Prov. 22:29).

I. God Called Moses While He was Feeding Sheep -- (Ex. 3:14)

II. God Called Gideon While He was Threshing Wheat -- (Judges 6:11, 12)

III. God Called Saul While He was Seeking Lost Donkeys -- (I Sam. 9:15-20)

IV. God Called David While He was Herding Sheep -- (I Sam. 16:11)

V. God Called Elisha while He was Plowing in the Field -- (I Kings 19:19-21)

VI. Christ Called Four Men While They Were Fishing -- (Matt. 4:18-22)

VII. Christ Called Matthew Levi While He was Sitting at the Receipt of Custom -- (Lu. 5:27)

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Jesus never declined an invitation He went home with friends and foes. Christ invited Himself to go home with Zacchaeus. Christ will go home with you if you will invite Him.

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165 -- COOPERATION

"For we are laborers together with God" -- (I Cor. 3:9).

"We then, as workers together with Him" -- (II Cor. 6:1).

I. Cooperation With God in the Salvation of Our Own Soul

1. Listening to gospel messages
2. Yielding to conviction
3. Accepting Christ
4. Walking with God

II. Cooperation With God in the Salvation of Other Souls

1. Prayer
2. Interest
3. Personal contacts
4. Bringing them to Christ

III. Cooperation With Each Other in the Salvation of Lost Souls

1. Unity
2. Coordination
3. Fellowship
4. Encouragement

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166 -- LAUNCHING OUT OF A CHRISTIAN

Scripture Lesson -- Luke 5:4-7

I. Launching Away from Worldliness

II. Launching Out into Spirituality

III. Launching Out in Our Prayer Life

IV. Launching Out in Our Testimonies

V. Launching Out in Our Spiritual Freedom

VI. Launching Out in Giving

VII. Launching Out into Personal Evangelism

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167 -- GOING INTO THE HIGHWAYS

Scripture Lesson -- Matt. 22:1-10

I. The Marriage Planned

II. The Preparation Completed

III. The Guests Invited

IV. The Call Rejected

V. The King Angered

VI. The Highway Call

VII. The Guests Provided

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168 -- THE PASSION THAT WINS SOULS

"Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work" -- (John 4:34).

- I. A Passion That is Stronger Than the Desire for Knowledge
- II. A Passion That is Stronger Than the Desire for Riches
- III. A Passion That is Stronger Than the Desire for Beauty
- IV. A Passion That is Stronger Than the Desire for Fame
- V. A Passion That is Stronger Than the Desire for Ease
- VI. A Passion That is Stronger Than the Desire for Food
- VII. A Passion That is Stronger Than the Desire for Enjoyment

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The word "come" occurs almost 1950 times in the Bible. The last come is, "Even so, Come, Lord Jesus."

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169 -- CHRIST'S LOVE FOR SOULS

- I. Christ Came to Seek and Save the Lost -- (Lu. 19:10)
- II. Christ Was Always on the Watch for Opportunities to Save Perishing Souls -- (Jno. ch. 4)
- III. Christ Went After Souls -- (Lu. 15:4)
- IV. Christ Found Joy and Satisfaction in Saving Lost Souls -- (Jno. 4:32-34)
- V. Christ Rejoiced with Great Joy Over Lost Souls Found -- (Lu. 15:5-7)
- VI. Christ Grieved Over Lost Souls that Refused to be Saved -- (Matt. 23:37)
- VII. Christ Gladly Laid Down His Life to Save Lost Souls -- (Matt. 20:28)

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170 -- WHAT DOES GOD BID THEE?

"Preach the preaching that I bid thee" -- (Jonah 3:2).

- I. Preach the Sermon that I Bid Thee

II. Give the Offering that I Bid Thee

III. Pray the Prayer that I Bid Thee

IV. Sing the Song that I Bid Thee

V. Offer the Testimony that I Bid Thee

VI. Speak to the Soul that I Bid Thee

VII. Visit the Person that I Bid Thee

VIII. Have You Obeyed?

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-- Adam and Methuselah lived contemporary 243 years

-- Methuselah and Shem lived contemporary 98 years

-- Shem and Isaac lived contemporary 50 years

-- Isaac and Joseph lived contemporary 29 years

All the years of these five men are: Adam 930; Methuselah 969; Shem 600; Isaac 180; Joseph 110; Total = 2789. Their lives overlapped 420 years.

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171 -- DIVINE "MUSTS" IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST

I. The Must of His Father's Business -- (Lu. 2:49)

II. The Must of Preaching the Kingdom of God -- (Lu. 4:43)

III. The Must of Going Through Samaria -- (Jno. 4:4)

IV. The Must of Bringing Other Sheep into One Fold -- (Jno. 10:16)

V. The Must of Abiding With Zacchaeus -- (Lu. 19:5)

VI. The Must of Finishing His Work -- (Jno. 9:4)

VII. The Must of His Death, Resurrection and Ascension -- (Lu. 24:44)

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172 -- THE SHORTNESS OF TIME

"The time is short" -- (I Cor. 7:29).

Time is short --

1. In which to get converted and established
2. In which to live for the Lord
3. In which to live on earth
4. In which to preach the gospel
5. In which to sacrifice for the Lord
6. In which to pray for others
7. In which to win souls
8. In which to lay up treasures in heaven
9. Time is short before the Lord will come

Concentrate on a life of devotion for the Lord. Eternity will be endless.

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Peter had a harder time getting into the house where a prayer meeting was held than he had in getting out of prison. An angel opened the prison doors, but human hands had to open the locked doors.

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173 -- A DIVINE CRESCENDO

Crescendo is a musical term. It means to gradually increase in force and fullness of tone. The Lord is without increase or diminution. However, in the revelation of God to men, there is an increase. A beautiful illustration of this truth is revealed in the fourth chapter of John. There are seven steps or degrees in which the Unchanging One was revealed to the Samaritan woman.

I. Christ -- A Despised Jew

II. Christ -- A Great Teacher

III. Christ -- One Superior to Others

IV. Christ -- A Prophet

V. Christ -- The Messiah

VI. Christ -- The Savior

VII. Christ -- The Lord

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174 -- FROM SIN TO SALVATION

Scripture Lesson -- John 4

- I. A Vile Woman Living in Open Sin
- II. An Isolated Woman who Shunned People
- III. A Prejudiced Woman Caring Nothing for Jews
- IV. A Seeking Woman Inquiring About Salvation
- V. A Thirsting Woman Desiring the Water of Life
- VI. A Believing Woman Accepting Christ as Savior
- VII. A Soul-winning Woman Leading Others to Christ

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175 -- WHEN WE OVERFLOW

- Self will be hidden
- The hidden life will be revealed
- Others will be refreshed
- Christ will be exalted

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[19] -- PRAYER

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176 -- ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS IN EFFECTIVE PRAYING

- I. Obedience to God's Commandments -- (I Jno. 3:22)
- II. Submission to God's Will -- (Lu. 22:41, 42; I Jno. 5:14)
- III. Humility of Character -- (II Chron. 7:14)
- IV. Holiness of Heart and Life -- (I Tim. 2:8)
- V. Fervency of Spirit -- (James 5:16)

VI. Regularity in Prayer -- (Ps. 55:17; Dan. 6:10)

VII. Faith in God and His Promises -- (Matt. 21:22)

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177 -- THE KNEEOLOGY OF JOSEPH

"And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation: the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees" -- (Gen. 50:23).

I. Joseph on His Knees -- for Himself

II. Joseph on His Knees -- for Others

III. Joseph on His Knees -- for His People

IV. Joseph on His Knees -- for His Own Children

V. Joseph's Knees -- were a Place for Instruction

VI. Joseph's Knees -- a Place for Correction

VII. Joseph's Knees -- a Place for His Children to Kneel

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178 -- WHAT TO DO WHEN PRAYERS ARE NOT ANSWERED

I. Search Your Own Heart

II. Ask the Holy Spirit to Search Your Heart

III. See if Christ's Words are Abiding in You

IV. Delight Yourself in the Lord

V. Analyze Your Motives

VI. Confess Your Faults

VII. Pray Again

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179 -- PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

I. Job's Three Friends Were Converted and He Was Healed -- (Job 42:10)

II. The Death Sentence for Hezekiah Was Changed -- (II Kings 20:2-5)

III. The Fish Ejected Jonah on Dry Land -- (Jonah 2:1, 10)

IV. The Angel Gabriel Brought the Answer to Daniel -- (Dan. 9:21, 22)

V. The Fashion of Christ's Countenance Was Altered -- (Lu. 9:29)

IV. A Passport to Paradise Was Granted to a Thief -- (Lu. 23:42, 43)

VII. The Place of Assemblage Was Shaken -- (Acts 4:31)

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180 -- INTERCESSORY PRAYER

I. For All Men -- (I Tim. 2:1)

II. For Those Who Are in Authority -- (I Tim. 2:2)

III. For Our Enemies -- (Matt. 5:44)

IV. For the Sick -- (James 5:14-16)

V. For Israel -- (I Sam. 12:23; Rom. 10:1; Rom. 1:16)

VI. For All Saints -- (Eph. 6:18)

VII. For Ministers -- (II Cor. 1:11; Eph. 6:18)

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181 -- NEGATIVE CAUSES FOR UNANSWERED PRAYER

I. Because We Do Not Have Any Prayers to be Answered -- (James 4:2)

II. Because Our Prayers Are Not Properly Addressed -- (Lu. 11:2)

III. Because the Cry of the Poor Is Not Heeded -- (Prov. 21:13)

IV. Because We Do Not Possess a Forgiving Spirit -- (Mark 11:25, 26)

V. Because We Do Not Harken to God's Voice -- (Zech. 7:13)

VI. Because Prayers Are Not Offered with a True Motive -- (Matt. 6:5)

VII. Because Husbands and Wives Do Not Render Due Regard to Each Other -- (I Pet. 3:1-7)

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182 -- LOSSES CAUSED FROM A LACK OF PRAYER

I. The Loss of Spiritual Power

II. The Loss of Victory

III. The Loss of Holy Desires

IV. The Loss of Success

V. The Loss of Holy Joy

VI. The Loss of Open Doors

VII. The Loss of a Compassionate Spirit

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183 -- POSITIVE REASONS FOR UNANSWERED PRAYER

I. Priding Self in Personal Righteousness -- (Job 35:12,13; Luke 18:11-14)

II. Disobeying God's Laws -- (Prov. 28:9)

III. Regarding Iniquity in the Heart -- (Ps. 66:18)

IV. Offering Unworthy Service to God -- (Mal. 1:7-9)

V. Asking Amiss -- (James 4:3)

VI. Praying With a Selfish Motive -- (James 4:3)

VII. Wavering at God's Promises -- (James 1:6, 7)

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184 -- TWO POTENT PRAYER FACTORS

"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in 'Tis sight" -- (I Jno. 3:22).

I. Keeping God's Commandments

1. Studying His Word to know His commandments
2. Heeding His commandments
3. Courting His commandments
4. Obeying His commandments

II. Doing Things Pleasing in His Sight

1. Delighting in His commandments
2. Jealously guarding His commandments
3. Going the second mile
4. Practicing self-denial

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185 -- THE GREAT EXEMPLAR OF PRAYER

I. Christ Prayed Before Entering into the Ministry -- (Lu. 3:21, 22)

II. Christ Arose Early in the Morning to Pray -- (Mark 1:35)

III. Christ Continued All Night in Prayer to God -- (Lu. 6:12)

IV. Christ Prayed and Blessed the Food Before Meals -- (Matt. 14:19)

V. Christ Prayed Before and After Great Achievements in His Ministry -- (Jno. 6:15)

VI. Christ Prayed Much When He was Unusually Busy -- (Lu. 5:15,16)

VII. Christ Prayed for Others -- (Lu. 23:34)

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When God has a big contract on hand, faith lands the job.

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186 -- WORSHIP

"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him" -- (Jno. 4:23).

I. What Worship is Not

1. It is not Bible reading
2. It is not meditation
3. It is not listening to a sermon
4. It is not singing
5. It is not praying

II. What Worship Is

1. It is bowing the soul before God
2. It is an adoring contemplation of God
3. It is objective
4. It is being taken up with God and not our needs

III. Whom to Worship

1. Not men, angels, money or things
2. The Father
3. Jesus Christ

IV. Our Duty to Worship God

1. It is a command
2. The Father seeks it
3. More pleasing to God than anything else

V. How to Worship God

1. In the Spirit
2. In truth
3. On the ground of the shed blood of Christ

VI. Results of True Worship

1. It is a joy to God
2. It satisfies God the Father
3. The worshiper is satisfied
4. It empties us of self
5. It makes more room for God

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I. God Prevailing With Man

1. God prevailed over Jacob
2. A God-conquered man is a conquering man
3. The man God cannot conquer is a defeated man
4. Anything will conquer the man whom God cannot conquer
5. The man with whom God prevails becomes a prince

II. Man Prevailing With God

1. Jacob prevailed with God
2. God must prevail with man before man can prevail with God
3. when God has prevailed with man that man may prevail with God
4. God allows Himself to be prevailed over by the man over whom He has prevailed
5. A prince of God has power with God

III. Man Prevailing With Men

1. Jacob prevailed with men
2. Man must prevail with God before he can prevail with men
3. The man who can not prevail with God cannot prevail with men
4. The conquered conquering man can conquer other men
5. A prince of God has power with God and men

There is no use of man speaking of prevailing with men until he first has prevailed with God. Man absolutely can not prevail with God until he first allows God to prevail with him. This divine order can not be reversed.

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188 -- PRAYER DEFINED

I. Prayer is Bowing the Soul and Knees Before God -- (Eph. 3:14)

II. Prayer is Pouring Out the Heart to God -- (I Sam. 1:15; Ps. 62:8)

III. Prayer is Lifting Up the Soul Unto God -- (Ps. 25:1; Lam. 3:41)

IV. Prayer is Looking Up to God in Expectancy -- (Ps. 5:3)

V. Prayer is Seeking the Face and Favor of God -- (Ps. 27:8)

VI. Prayer Is Calling Upon the Name of the Lord -- (Gen. 12:8; Ps. 116:4)

VII. Prayer is Making Supplication to God -- (Job 8:5; Dan. 9:3, 4)

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189 -- FRUITS OF A PRAYERFUL LIFE

I. Prayer Spells Spiritual Power

II. Prayer Leads to Success

III. Prayer Brings Victory

IV. Prayer Begets Holy Desires

V. Prayer Opens Closed Doors

VI. Prayer Digs a Well of Joy

VII. Prayer Tenderizes the Human Spirit

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190 -- PRAYERS OF GREAT MEN

Peter -- "Save Me" -- Matt. 14:30

David -- "Search Me" -- Ps. 139:23

Moses -- "Show Me" -- Ex. 33:13

Isaiah -- "Send Me" -- Isa. 6:8

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[20] -- REGENERATION

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191 -- THE NEW BIRTH

I. What The New Birth Is Not

1. It is not reformation
2. It is not water baptism
3. It is not church joining
4. It is not signing a card
5. It is not turning over to a new leaf

II. what The New Birth Is

1. It is a transformation
2. It is a translation
3. It is a rebirth
4. It is the receiving of a new heart and life
5. It is the forgiveness of sins

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192 -- THE NEW BIRTH DEFINED

- I. A New Creation -- (II Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15; Eph. 2:10)
- II. An Impartation of Divine Life -- (Rom. 6:4)
- III. A Spiritual Resurrection -- (Eph. 2:15; Col. 2:12; 3:1)
- IV. The Receiving of a New Heart -- (Ezek. 36:26)
- V. A Partaking of the Divine Nature -- (II Pet. 1:4)
- VI. A Spiritual Birth -- (John 3:3)
- VII. The Washing of Regeneration -- (Titus 3:5)

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193 -- GREATNESS OF THE NEW BIRTH

- I. It Is a Regeneration -- (Titus 3:5)
- II. It Is a New Creation -- (II Cor. 5:17)
- III. It Is a Spiritual Resurrection -- (Jno. 5:25)
- IV. It Is a Conversion -- (Acts 3:19)
- V. It Is a Change in Relationship -- (Eph. 1:5)
- VI. It Is a Translation -- (Col. 1: 13)
- VII. It Is an Impartation of Divine Life -- (II Pet. 1:4)

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194 -- HOW A SINNER IS BORN AGAIN

I. Born from Above -- (Jno. 3:3)

II. Born of God -- (Jno. 1:13)

III. Born of the Spirit -- (Jno. 3:5)

IV. Born of Christ -- (I Jno. 2:29)

V. Born of the Word of God -- (James 1:18)

VI. Born of the Incorruptible Seed of God -- (I Pet. 1:23)

VII. Born of Faith -- (I Jno. 5:1)

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195 -- WHY WE HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN

Scripture Lesson -- Rev. 1:4-6

I. To Become Sons of God

II. To Obtain Grace and Peace from the Triune God

III. To Bear the Image and Likeness of God

IV. To Live Eternally

V. To Live Holy and Pure Lives

VI. To Go on to 'Perfection

VII. To Reign as Kings and Priests

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196 -- THE SIGNS OF CONVERSION

I. The Removal of the Burden of Sin -- (Ps. 32:1)

II. A Delight in Doing God's Will -- (Ps. 40:8)

III. A Love for Christ -- (II Cor. 5:14)

IV. A Delight in God's Word -- (Ps. 1:2)

V. A Delight in Prayer -- (Acts 16:13)

VI. A Delight in God's People -- (Phil. 2:29)

VII. A Delight in God's House -- (Ps. 122:1)

VIII. A Delight in Testimony -- (Ps. 119:24)

IX. A Delight in the Success of Others -- (Jno. 3:29, 30)

X. A Pain in Evil Thoughts -- (I Sam. 24:10)

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197 -- THE NECESSITY OF THE NEW BIRTH

I. Because of the Fall of Man

II. Because of What Man Is

III. Because of What God Is

IV. Because of What Heaven Is

V. Because of the Corruption of Human Nature -- (Jno. 3:6; Rom. 8:7, 8)

VI. Because Flesh and Blood Cannot Inherit the Kingdom of God -- (I Cor. 15:50)

VII. Because of the New Creation

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198 -- BENEFITS OF THE NEW BIRTH

I. It Gives Us a New Life

II. It Gives Us a New Nature

III. It Gives Us a New Name

IV. It Gives Us a New Inheritance

V. It Gives Us a New Aim

VI. It Gives Us a New Hope

VII. It Gives Us a New Home

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199 -- PROCESS OF THE NEW BIRTH

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water -- (Word) and of the Spirit -- (wind), he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" -- (Jno. 3:5).

I. The Seed -- The Word of God -- (Lu. 8:11)

II. The Soil -- The Human Heart -- (Mark 4:15-20)

III. The Sower -- The Minister -- (Mark 4:14)

IV. The Savior -- He Opens the Human Heart -- (Acts 16:14)

V. The Sinner -- He Hears, Receives and Believes -- (Mark 4:20)

VI. The Spirit -- He Quickens the Seed into Life -- (Jno. 6:63)

VII. The Saved -- Begotten Again of the Word and the Spirit -- (Jno. 3:5; I Pet. 1:23)

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200 -- IMPORTANCE OF REPENTANCE

I. It Was the Keynote of the Preaching of the Old Testament Prophets -- (Ezek. 18:30; Joel 2:13; Zech. 1:4)

II. It Was the Keynote of the Preaching of John the Baptist, Jesus, the Disciples, Peter, and Paul -- (Matt. 3:2; 4:17; Mark 6:12; Acts 2:38; 26:20)

III. It is God's Command to All Men Everywhere -- (Acts 17:30)

IV. It is Christ's Supreme Desire Concerning All Men -- (II Pet. 3:9)

V. It is the Only Door of Escape from Perdition -- (Lu. 13:3, 5)

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True repentance includes a heart broken for sin, and from sin. It is a turning to God and a turning away from sin.

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[21] -- REVIVAL

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201 -- FAMILY REVIVALS

I. Jacob's Family Revival at Shechem

II. Job's Yearly Family Revival

III. Joshua's Perpetual Family Revival

IV. David's House Blessed with a Family Revival

V. Zacchaeus' Family Experienced a Revival

VI. Lydia's Household was Converted

VII. Philippian Jailer's House Converted

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202 -- THE RESULTS OF TRUE REPENTANCE

"And they went out, and preached that men should repent" -- (Mark 6:12).

I. Conviction of the Spirit

II. Contrition for Sins

III. Confession of Sins

IV. Conversion from Sins

V. Confession of Savior and Salvation

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203 -- THE FOURFOLD DANGER

I. The Danger of Being Unprepared when Christ Returns -- (Matt. 24:36-42)

II. The Danger of Being Unprepared When Death Comes -- (I Sam. 20:3)

III. The Danger of Grieving the Holy Spirit -- (Gen. 6:3)

IV. The Danger of Hardening the Heart -- (Heb. 4:7)

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204 -- LOST OR SAVED

I. Two Classes

1. Sinners
2. Saints

II. Two Great Masters

1. Satan
2. Christ

III. Two Ways

1. Broad Way
2. Narrow Way

IV. Two Deaths

1. Of sinners -- no pleasure to God
2. Of saints -- precious in His sight

V. Two Resurrections

1. Second Resurrection of unjust -- to shame
2. First Resurrection of just -- to life

VI. Two Destinies

1. Hell -- for the lost
2. Heaven -- for the saved

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205 -- MEN WHO MISSED GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Note -- Who they were what they were what they might have been what became of them

I. Willful Cain

II. Pleasure Loving Esau

III. Unstable Reuben

IV. Trifling Samson

V. Disobedient, Impatient and Rebellious Saul

VI. Over-indulging Solomon

VII. Money-loving Rich Young Ruler

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206 -- NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE REASONS WHY WE SHOULD BECOME A CHRISTIAN

I. Seven Negative Reasons

1. Not to have an easier time
2. Not to merely feel better
3. Not to become soft
4. Not to become sensitive
5. Not to escape trials
6. Not to make more money
7. Not to backslide

II. Seven Positive Reasons

1. To be saved from sin and hell
2. To obtain eternal life
3. To do right
4. To fight the good fight of faith and to endure hardness for Christ's sake
5. To exemplify the qualities of Christ
6. To make more Christians
7. To glorify God

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207 -- LOST THINGS

I. The Lost Holiness -- Satan

II. The Lost Paradise -- Adam

III. The Lost Inheritance -- Esau

IV. The Lost Anointing -- Saul

V. The Lost Discipleship -- Young Ruler

VI. The Lost Opportunity -- Felix

VII. The Lost Souls -- Judas

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208 -- PROPER EVALUATIONS

I. The Value of Salvation with its Experiences

II. The Value of Prayer with its Accomplishments

III. The Value of Time with its Opportunities

IV. The Value of Faith with its Possibilities

V. The Value of the Bible with its Promises

VI. The Value of Souls with their Capabilities

VII. The Value of Heaven with its Glories and Privileges

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209 -- WISE MEN

"Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" -- (Matt. 2:2).

I. Wise Men Seek Christ

II. Wise Men Go a Long Way to Find Christ

III. Wise Men Walk in the Light

IV. Wise Men Worship Christ

V. Wise Men Do Not Worship Mary

VI. Wise Men Present Gifts to Christ

VII. Are You Wise?

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210 -- HEAVENLY TREASURES IN EARTHEN VESSELS

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us" -- (II Cor. 4:7).

I. The Earthen Vessel

II. The Heavenly Treasure

III. The Weakness of the Vessel

IV. The Value of the Treasure

V. The Earthen Vessel Cleansed and Filled with the Heavenly Treasure

VI. The Possibilities of the Heavenly Treasure in the Cleansed and Filled Earthen Vessel

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211 -- HIGH COSTS AND THEIR REWARDS

I. The High Cost of Living and its Reward

II. The High Cost of Being a Christian and its Reward

III. The High Cost of Consecration and its Reward

IV. The High Cost of Prayer and its Reward

V. The High Cost of Revivals and Their Rewards

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212 -- THE BREVITY OF LIFE

"The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness" -- (Prov. 16:31).

I. Life is Likened to a Pilgrimage -- (I Pet. 2:11)

II. As a Tale that is Told -- (Ps. 90:9)

III. As a Swift Post -- (Job 9:25)

IV. As a Handbreadth -- (Ps. 39:5)

V. As a Dream when One Awakens -- (Ps. 73:20)

VI. As a Sleep -- (Ps. 90:5)

VII. As a Vapor -- (James 4:14)

VIII. As a Shadow -- (Eccl. 6:12)

IX. As a Flower -- (Job 14:1, 2)

X. As Grass -- (I Pet. 1:24)

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213 -- PORTION OF SINNERS AND OF SAINTS

"Then answered Peter and said unto Him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed Thee; what shall we have therefore?" -- (Matt. 19:27).

I. The Portion of Sinners

1. Sorrow
2. Disappointment
3. Shame
4. Remorse
5. Death
6. Hell
7. Eternal Damnation

II. The Portion of Saints

1. Eternal life
2. Inheritance in Christ
3. Ten thousand per cent profit in this life
4. A part in God's great plan
5. Eternal life in the world to come
6. A crown of glory
7. A home eternal in heaven

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214 -- THE THREE TENSES OF LIFE

I. Of a Sinner

1. The Past

- (a) Looks dark
- (b) Sinful
- (c) Is wasted

2. The Present

- (a) Looks darker
- (b) Is vain and empty
- (c) Without God and hope

3. The Future

- (a) Looks the darkest
- (b) Eternal separation
- (c) Eternal punishment

II. Of a Saint

1. The Past

- (a) Looks bright
- (b) Sins have been blotted out
- (c) New life has been imparted

2. The Present

- (a) Looks brighter
- (b) Is peaceful
- (c) Is hopeful

3. The Future

- (a) Looks the brightest
- (b) A coronation
- (c) A blessed eternity

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215 -- A FATHER, SON AND GRANDSON

- Jared, the father of Enoch, lived 962 years.
- Methuselah, the son of Enoch, lived 969 years.
- Together these two men lived 1931 years.
- Enoch, the son of Jared and father of Methuselah, did not die at all.

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216 -- THE SAVIOR OF SINNERS

"This Man receiveth sinners" -- (Luke 15:2).

I. Christ Received and Saved the Blind

1. Man born blind
2. Bartimaeus

II. Christ Received and Saved the Demon Possessed

1. Mary Magdalene
2. The Gadarene

III. Christ Received and Saved the Sick

1. Palsied man
2. Nobleman and his son

IV. Christ Received and Saved the Moral Class

1. Nicodemus
2. Simon

V. Christ Received and Saved the Immoral

1. Woman at the well
2. Woman taken in adultery

VI. Christ Received and Saved the Rich

1. Matthew
2. Zacchaeus

VII. Christ Received and Saved His Enemies

1. Thief on the cross
2. Prayed for His enemies

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217 -- THE TWO WAYS

Scripture Lesson -- Psalm 1

I. The Blessed Man -- vs. 1-3

II. The Ungodly Man -- 4, 5

III. The Destination of the Blessed Man -- 6a

IV. The Destination of the Ungodly Man -- 6b

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218 -- A DEAD MAN SPEAKING

"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh" -- (Heb. 11:4).

I. Abel's Faith Speaks -- "Without faith it is impossible to please Him"

II. Abel's Offering Speaks -- "Without shedding of blood is no remission"

III. Abel's Acceptance Speaks -- "To him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness"

IV. Abel's Death Speaks -- "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution"

V. Abel's Grave Speaks -- "The Lord shall avenge the blood of His servants"

VI. Abel's Influence Speaks -- "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance"

VII. Abel's Hope Speaks -- "God according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"

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219 -- A CHRISTLESS HEART

Leads to --

- A Christless Life
- A Christless Death
- A Christless Grave
- A Christless Resurrection
- A Christless Eternity.

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220 -- CHRISTIAN PREPAREDNESS

- I. Sinners Must Prepare to Meet God -- (Amos 4:12)
- II. God Has Prepared Good Things For Us -- (I Cor. 2:9)
- III. The Father is Preparing a Kingdom For His Children -- (Matt. 25:34)
- IV. Christians Need to Prepare For Their Master's Use -- (II Tim. 2:21)
- V. Christ is Preparing Many Mansions For His Followers -- (Jno. 14:2)
- VI. The Church Must Prepare to Meet Her Heavenly Bridegroom -- (Rev. 19:7)
- VII. The New Jerusalem is Being Prepared as a Bride Adorned For Her Husband For the Overcomers -- (Rev. 21:2)

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221 -- THE IMPORTANCE OF A LOOK

"Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else" -- (Isa. 45:22).

"Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith" -- (Heb. 12:2).

- I. Eve's Look Resulted in the Fall
- II. Lot's Look Resulted in Backsliding
- III. Lot's Wife's Look Resulted in Death
- IV. Abraham's Look Resulted in Blessings
- V. Achan's Look Resulted in Cursings
- VI. Serpent Bitten Israel's Look Resulted in Healing
- VII. Christ's Look on Peter Resulted in Conviction
- VIII. Sinner's Look to Calvary Results in Salvation
- IX. Christian Worker's Look on Harvest Fields Results in Service
- X. Believer's Look for Christ's Return Results in Glory and Rewards

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222 -- SERVING SATAN OR GOD

"And afterward Moses and Aaron went in' and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Let My people go, that they may hold a feast unto Me in the wilderness" -- (Ex. 5:1).

I. Pharaoh's Subtle Objections

1. "Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land" -- (Ex. 8:25) -- (Satan's object is to keep people in sin)

2. "Go ... only ye shall not go very far away" -- (Ex. 8:28) -- (If we become a Christian, Satan would have us live near sin and the world)

3. Only men without women and children go -- (Ex. 10:8-11) -- (Be divided and only a part of the family become Christians)

4. "Go ... let your flocks and your herds be stayed" -- (Ex. 10:24) -- (Live for the Lord only in spirit and on Sunday. Serve the world with your body and means through the week)

II. Moses' Wise Answers

1. "It is not meet so to do" -- (Ex. 8:26) -- (A person can not live in the world, in sin and for Satan and be a Christian. He must radically break with Satan)

2. "We will go three days' journey" -- (Ex. 8:27) -- (Three days' journey typifies a death, resurrection, and getting clear out of sin to forever cease serving sin and Satan)

3. All men with the women and children must go -- (Ex. 10:9) -- (God has made provision to save the entire family, therefore, all should become Christians)

4. "Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind" -- (Ex. 10:26) -- (The Lord is to be served by the entire family seven days a week, or full time, with body and soul, time, and with all our possessions)

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223 -- ABEL SPEAKING

"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh" -- (Heb. 11:4).

I. Beware What You Believe

II. Beware That You Do Not Reject Christ

III. Beware How You Worship God

IV. Beware That You Do Not Envy

V. Beware How You Live

VI. Beware How You Die

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224 -- WHEN A SINNER REPENTS

I. There is Joy in Heaven

1. God the Father rejoices
2. Christ the Savior rejoices
3. The holy angels rejoice

II. There is Joy on Earth

1. The Holy Spirit rejoices
2. The saints rejoice
3. The Christian rejoices Satan, demons and sinners are stirred.

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225 -- SHOULD A GOD OF LOVE HAVE A HELL IN HIS UNIVERSE

"God is love" -- (I Jno. 4:8,16).

I. Creation Was an Expression of God's Love

1. Creation of universe
2. Creation of the earth
3. Creation of man

II. Redemption Is an Expression of God's Love

1. Renewal of probation
2. Incarnation of Christ
3. Calvary and death of Christ

III. Salvation Is an Expression of God's Love

1. Forgiveness of sins
2. Brought into relation with God
3. Glorification of the human body

IV. Hell Is an Expression of God's Love

1. Hell originally was prepared for the devil
2. Heaven is not the place for rebellious sinners
3. Sinners are traitors to Christ

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226 -- SEVEN NEW THINGS

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" -- (II Cor. 5:17).

I. A New Heart -- Leads to

II. A New Fellowship --

III. A New Desire --

IV. A New Hope --

V. A New Practice --

VI. A New Body --

VII. A New Home

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227 -- GOD'S OPERATIONS IN WOOLING SINNERS

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" -- (II Peter 3:9).

I. God the Father's Love and Will to Save Sinners

1. Is not willing that any should perish
2. He wills that all come to repentance

II. Christ's Compassion and Love to Save the Lost

1. He came to seek and save the lost
2. Died to redeem them

III. The Holy Spirit's Wooing Power in Saving the Lost

1. Convicts through the preaching of gospel
2. Convicts through holy lives of Christians

IV. The Christian People's Love and Concern for Sinners

1. Their prayers and tears
2. Their interest and invitations

V. The Sinner's Longings for Salvation

1. The heart longing for peace
2. The desire for eternal life

VI. The Devil's Seducing Power to Damn Sinners

1. His power to blind sinners
2. He puts sinners to sleep spiritually

VII. The Sinner's Action in Coming to Christ

1. He must decide
2. The time to decide is now

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All the blood of all the lambs of all time does not have enough value and virtue to wash away one sin. The blood of Christ, God's Lamb, has enough value and virtue to wash away all sins of all men of all time if they would only believe it.

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228 -- TYPES OF CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples -- (types): and they are written for our admonition" -- (I Cor. 10:11).

- Egypt -- World or sinful life
- Bondage -- Sinner's bondage to Satan
- Pharaoh -- Satan who enslaves people
- Servitude -- Sinners living in sin for Satan

- Rigor -- Bitterness that comes from sinning
- Moses -- God's leaders, or evangelists
- Pharaoh's Obstinacy -- Satan's determination to keep people in, sin
- Institution of Passover -- Redemption's plan
- Spotless Lamb -- Christ the Lamb of God
- Killing of Lamb -- The death of Christ
- Blood Applied -- Atonement appropriated and applied
- Blood Sheltered -- Christ's blood applied redeems
- Roasted Lamb Eaten -- After redemption we feed on Christ
- Shoes on, Loins Girded with Staff in Hand -- Walk of a Christian
- Coming Out of Egypt -- Leaving Satan and sinful life
- Crossing Red Sea -- Conversion
- Wilderness Journey -- The regenerated life
- Wilderness Wandering -- Living below privileges in Christian experience
- Crossing Jordan -- Dying out to carnal self
- Canaan Land -- The sanctified life
- Conflicts Conquering Canaan -- Conflict of sanctified life

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The rich young ruler sought salvation by works. That buttoned up his pocket book -- (Lu. 18:22, 23). Salvation by grace came to Zacchaeus. That unbuttoned his pocket book -- (Lu. 19:8)

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229 -- GREAT AFTERWARDS

The "afterward" of great crises never leave us the same. The weal or woe of the crisis depends on the choice which is made.

I. The "Afterward" of Delay -- Banishment -- "Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily, I say unto you, I know you not" -- (Matt. 25:11, 12).

II. The "Afterward" of Destruction -- Torment -- "I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not" -- (Jude 5).

III. The "Afterward" of Dissipation -- Disappointment -- "For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears" -- (Heb. 12:17).

IV. The "Afterward" of Chastisement -- Peace -- "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous, nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby" -- (Heb. 12:11).

V. The "Afterward" of Guidance -- Glory -- "Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory" -- (Ps. 73:24).

VI. The "Afterward" of a Holy Life -- Gathered into Paradise -- "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Avenge the children of Israel of the Midianites: afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people" -- (Num. 31:1, 2).

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230 -- GREAT "IFS" IN THE BIBLE

"If" is a great little word in the Bible and in Christian experience. Not every "if" is to be condemned or discarded. The Devil has his "ifs" of doubt, but God has some great "ifs" of condition, that is, God will do as He has promised when we do as He has commanded. The Devil's "ifs" are to be rejected and God's "ifs" accepted.

I. The Condition for Spiritual Freedom

"If" the Son... make you free -- (John 8:36)
The sinner is bound
The Christian is free
Christ can set sinners free

II. The Condition for Discipleship

"If" any man will come after Me -- (Matt. 16:24)
A denial of self
The bearing of our cross
Following Christ daily

III. The Condition for Active Faith

"If" ye have faith -- (Matt. 17:20)
Unbelief hinders prayer
"Mustard seed" faith is a living, growing faith
Obeying Christ's commands increases our faith

IV. The Condition for Knowing God's Will

"If" any man will do His will -- (John 7:17)
Doing God's will leads to knowing God's will
God approves His own Word
By obedience we get to know by experience

V. The Condition for Answered Prayer

"If" two agree on earth -- (Matt. 18: 19)
Power of unity in prayer
Two agreeing on earth
God in heaven will agree to answer

VI. The Condition for Everlasting Life

"If" any man eat of this bread -- (John 6:51)
Christ is the living bread
He gave His life for the world
We partake of that which He gave

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231 -- REDEEMING THE TIME

"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" -- (Eph. 5:16).

I. What Time Is

1. It is God-given
2. It is measured
3. It is precious
4. It is short
5. It is uncertain
6. It must be accounted for

II. How to Redeem Time

1. By becoming redeemed
2. By properly proportioning it
3. By prayer
4. By Bible reading
5. By meditation
6. By working for the Lord

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232 -- MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

I. The Most Important Person -- Christ

II. The Most Important Name -- Lord Jesus Christ

III. The Most Important Book -- The Bible

IV. The Most Important Events -- Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

V. The Most Important Experience -- Regeneration

VI. The Most Important Qualification -- The Baptism with the Holy Spirit

VII. The Most Important Interest -- The Kingdom of God

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[22] -- SANCTIFICATION

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233 -- CHRISTIAN PERFECTION

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" -- (Matt. 5:48).

I. What Christian Perfection Is Not

1. It is not absolute perfection
2. It is not infinite perfection
3. It is not angelic perfection
4. It is not Adamic perfection
5. It is not intellectual perfection
6. It is not perfection of judgment
7. It is not the perfect performance of duties

II. What Christian Perfection Is

1. It is heart perfection
2. It is a heart that has been washed -- (regenerated) and cleansed -- (sanctified) by the Lord
3. It is pure desires created by the Lord
4. It is holy motives activated by the Spirit
5. It is an eternally surrendered will to God
6. It is full abandonment to God
7. It is God's love perfected in the heart

III. Examples of Perfect Characters

1. Enoch was perfect in his walk with God
2. Noah was perfect in his generation
3. Job was perfect and upright in heart
4. Daniel was perfect in his heart life
5. Zacharias and Elisabeth were righteous before God

6. Christ as a Man was absolutely holy and perfect
7. Christ will present all saints faultless before His presence in glory

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234 -- INSUFFICIENCIES AND SUFFICIENCIES IN SALVATION

I. Insufficiencies

1. Prosperity
2. Good works
3. Philosophy
4. Pleasure
5. Fame

The heart is too large for the portion

II. Sufficiencies

1. Christ
2. Grace
3. The gospel
4. The blood of Christ
5. The promises of God

The portion is greater than the heart

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235 -- THE BLESSEDNESS OF THE PURE IN HEART

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" -- (Matt. 5:8).

The Pure in Heart See God:

I. In their Salvation

II. In the Bible

III. In Nature

IV. In Providences

V. In Sorrows, Trials, and Circumstances

VI. In Other Christians

VII. In Heaven Face to Face

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236 -- THE FOUR C'S OF CARNALITY

I. The Cause of Carnality

II. The Curse of Carnality

III. The Conduct of Carnality

IV. The Cure for Carnality

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237 -- THE VIRTUES OF HOLINESS

Text -- "Follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no man shall see the Lord" -- (R.V. Hebrews 12:14).

Holiness is to be pursued as a belief, as a necessity, as an experience, as a practice, as an attraction and as a motive.

I. Holiness in Relation to God

1. God is absolutely holy
2. Holiness is purity, free from sin and defilement
3. God created man in His image
4. Without holiness men are unlike God

II. Holiness in Relation to Christ

1. Christ is the Holy One of God
2. Christ had a holy birth and lived a holy life
3. Christ was recognized by God, angels, demons, and men as being holy
4. Without holiness men are unlike Christ

III. Holiness in Relation to the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit is designated as being holy
2. He is equal to the Father and the Son in holiness
3. He makes holy all whom He indwells
4. Without holiness men are unlike the Holy Spirit

IV. Holiness in Relation to the Bible

1. The Bible is designated as the Holy Scriptures
2. The Bible teaches the holiness of God, of Christ and of the Spirit
3. The Bible demands men to be holy
4. Without holiness men are unlike the Bible

V. Holiness in Relation to Heaven

1. Heaven is a high and holy place
2. Heaven is the dwelling place of a holy God
3. Sin and uncleanness can never enter there
4. Without holiness men cannot go to heaven

VI. Holiness in Relation to Christian Experience

1. Holiness is essential to purity and power
2. It is the will of God even our sanctification
3. God has called us unto holiness
4. Without holiness men are lacking in their experience

VII. Holiness in Relation to Those Around Us

1. Holiness in Christians has a purifying effect on sinners
2. The Holy Spirit witnesses to sinners through holy Christians
3. Holy Christians are God's medium of contact with sinners
4. Without holiness men cannot properly influence sinners

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238 -- ENTIRE CONSECRATION

"I beseech you therefore, brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" -- (Rom. 12:1).

I. Perfect Consecration of Ourselves to the Lord

II. Perfect Consecration of Our Time to the Lord

III. Perfect Consecration of Our Money to the Lord

IV. Perfect Consecration of Our Talents to the Lord

V. Perfect Consecration of Our Wills and Sensibilities to the Lord

VI. Perfect Consecration Leads to Perfect Peace and Victory

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239 -- SCRIPTURAL REASONS FOR BELIEVING IN SANCTIFICATION (In relation to God)

I. God is Holy, Therefore, He Calls Us to Be Holy -- (I Peter 1:16)

1. Man created in image and likeness of God
2. Man lost the image of God in the fall
3. God desires and demands men to be like Himself
4. God calls men unto holiness
5. Holiness is God-likeness

II. God Chose Holiness for Us From the Beginning -- (II Thes. 2:13)

1. Holiness was His purpose for original man
2. Holiness is His purpose for redeemed men
3. God knows what is best for us

III. God Wills Holiness for the Saints -- (I Thes. 4:3)

1. Christ died to bequeath the Holy Spirit to us
2. Christ shed or released the Holy Spirit so He could dwell in Christians
3. Holiness is not optional, but essential

IV. God Commands Holiness for His Children -- (I Pet. 1:15)

1. God's commands are holy
2. God's commands are just
3. God's commands are reasonable
4. God seeks our highest eternal good

V. God the Father Is Interested in Our Sanctification -- (Jude 1)

1. He planned holiness
2. He provides holiness
3. He imparts holiness
4. He stipulated holiness -- (sanctification) as a stage in our salvation

VI. God Is Not Ashamed of the Sanctified -- (Heb. 2:11)

1. God's approval vs. the world's approval
2. No occasion to be ashamed when sanctified
3. God is ashamed of the unholy
4. The unholy are ungodlike

5. The unholy should be ashamed of themselves

VII. God's Method to Preserve Is to Sanctify -- (I Thes. 5:23)

1. The sin principle corrupts
2. The sin principle defeats
3. Carnality is a positive curse
4. Holiness -- (heart purity) is a positive blessing
5. Holiness is a purifying and preserving element

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240 -- INBRED SIN AND ITS REMEDY

I. Inheritance of Inbred Sin -- (Gen. 5:3; Ps. 51:5; 58:3)

II. Remains of Inbred Sin in the Regenerated -- (Rom. 7:14-24; I Cor. 3:1-3; Gal. 5:17)

III. Conviction for Cleansing of Inbred Sin -- (Ps. 51:110; Isa. 6:5; Rom. 7:24)

IV. Justified Believers are Candidates for Sanctification -- (Deut. 6:23; John 14:15-17; I Thes. 4:4,7; Acts 8:15-17)

V. Identity of Sanctification, Cleansing and Baptism with Holy Spirit -- (Lu. 24:49; Acts 2:14; 15:8, 9; II Thes. 2:13)

VI. When Believers are Sanctified

1. In this present life -- (Lu. 1:75; I Thes. 5:23; I John 4:17)
2. Instantaneously -- (Matt. 3:11; Acts 2:2-4; 10:44, 47)

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241 -- SCRIPTURAL REASONS FOR BELIEVING IN SANCTIFICATION

(In relation to Christ)

Christ is the Head and Christians are His body. We are to be like Him. Wherein we are not like Him, Christ and the Holy Ghost can make us like Him. This requires some stages and processes or experiences. The body is to be like the Head. The body is a part of Christ and needful for Him, even as Eve was a part of Adam and needful for him.

I. Christ is Holy -- (Acts 3:14)

1. He is absolutely holy
2. He is infinitely holy
3. He is eternally holy

4. His people are to become holy to be like Him

II. Christ Sanctified Himself that He Might Sanctify Us -- (John 17:19)

1. What Christ became was for our experiential good
2. What Christ did was for our experiential good
3. He desires that Christians shall be like Him

III. Christ Prayed that We Might be Sanctified -- (John 17:15-18)

1. This prayer was for His own
2. This prayer included every individual believer
3. This prayer fulfilled John 14:16

IV. Christ Suffered and Died that He might Sanctify the Believers -- (Eph. 5:25, 26; Heb. 13:12, 13)

1. We are saved through the sacrifice of Christ
2. We are sanctified through the sacrifice of Christ
3. Christ's shed blood is the efficacious cause

V. Christ Shed the Holy Spirit that He might Indwell Believers on Earth -- (Acts 2:33)

1. The Holy Spirit wrought the incarnation of Christ
2. Christ subordinated Himself to the Holy Spirit from the incarnation to His glorification
3. The Spirit could not be released till Christ was glorified

VI. Christ was Made Unto Us Sanctification -- (I Cor. 1:30)

1. Wisdom may refer to conviction
2. Righteousness may refer to regeneration
3. Sanctification refers to the baptism with the Holy Spirit
4. Redemption will be glorification of the body even salvation consummated

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242 -- HOW TO FOLLOW HOLINESS

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" -- (Heb. 12:14).

I. Follow Holiness as a Virtue

II. Follow Holiness as an Experience

III. Follow Holiness as an Attainment

IV. Follow Holiness as an Attraction

V. Follow Holiness as a Practice

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There are two types of fruit every Christian should bear: namely, the fruit of being, and the fruit of doing. The first is the fruit of the Spirit. This is His fruit. Self can not produce it. It is the fruit which the Spirit produces through the Christian. The fruit of doing, is bearing after our kind. Every Christian should reproduce himself. He has not done his full duty before God and men until he bears fruit after his kind. The fruit of a Christian is another Christian.

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243 -- SCRIPTURAL REASONS FOR BELIEVING IN SANCTIFICATION (In relation to the Holy Spirit)

I. The Holy Spirit Makes Holy Whom He Indwells -- (I Cor. 3:16, 17)

1. He does not compromise His holiness
2. He does not condescend from His level
3. He lifts up, edifies, blesses, inspires, etc.
4. The lesser is blessed by the greater

II. The Holy Spirit Must Have Clean Vessels -- (Isa. 52:11)

1. His holiness is purity, free from sin
2. His presence induces purity
3. In purity there also is power
4. He cleanses before He fills

III. The Holy Spirit Cleanses from Sin -- (Acts 1:5; 15:8,9)

1. He is the Executive of the Godhead on earth
2. His ministry is on earth in relation to securing the church
3. He convicts, converts and cleanses
4. He prepares the church, Christ's body, for Christ's return

IV. The Holy Spirit Endues With Power -- (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8)

1. He is God and possesses Deity
2. He is omnipotent
3. His power becomes our power

V. The Holy Spirit Capacitates the Christian For Service -- (John 16:12-14; Acts 1:8)

1. The Holy Spirit works through Christians
2. Christians without the Holy Spirit are powerless
3. The Holy Spirit rarely operates independently of Christians
4. Christians can not accomplish God's Work independently of the Holy Spirit

VI. The Holy Spirit Prepares Us for the Rapture or Resurrection -- (Rom. 8:11; Eph. 5:27)

1. He raised Christ from the dead
2. He will raise the dead in Christ incorruptible
3. He will change the living in Christ immortal
4. He will catch up the body of Christ
5. He will present the church to Christ in holiness and glory

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244 -- CLEANSING AND COMMISSION OF A PROPHET

I. Conviction for Inbred Sin -- "Woe is me: for I am undone" -- (Isa. 6:5)

II. Confession of Inbred Sin -- "I am a man of unclean lips" -- (Isa. 6:5) -- (Not a confession of a man living in open or actual sin, but of the hidden, subtle nature)

III. Cleansing from Inbred Sin -- "Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged" -- (Isa. 6:6, 7)

IV. Calling for Service -- "Who will go for us?" -- (Isa. 6:8)

V. Committing Self to the Lord -- "Here am I, send me" -- (Isa. 6:8)

VI. Commissioned to the Ministry -- "Go, and tell this people" -- (Isa. 6:9)

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245 -- SCRIPTURAL REASONS FOR BELIEVING IN SANCTIFICATION

(In relation to the saints)

I. Saints Are Elected and Called Unto Holiness

"He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love" -- (Eph. 1:4).

"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ" -- (I Peter 1:2).

II. Saints Are Commanded to Follow After Holiness

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" -- (Heb. 12:14).

"For God hath not called us unto uncleanness but unto holiness" -- (I Thes. 4:7).

1. Holiness is begun in regeneration
2. Is continued in sanctification
3. Will be consummated in glorification

III. Saints Should Serve God in Holiness After They Are Sanctified Experientially

"That He would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our life" -- (Luke 1:74, 75).

1. A holy service
2. A holy nature and life laboring in a holy state
3. A labor for the sake of holiness

IV. Saints Should Present Their Bodies in Holiness to God

"For as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness" -- (Rom. 6:19).

"Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" -- (Rom. 12:1).

1. Present -- (place at His hand) for His use
2. Present as a present to the Lord
3. Serve God in our spirits -- inward life
4. Serve God in our bodies -- outward life

V. Saints Should Have Their Conversation in Holiness

"But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation" -- (I Pet. 1:15).

"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness" -- (II Pet. 3:11).

1. Conversation means behavior
2. Includes words, conduct, motives, or tenor of entire outward life

VI. Saints Will Be Presented to Christ in Holiness "In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouable in His sight" -- (Col. 1:22).

"To the end He may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints" -- (I Thes. 3:13).

1. The Holy Spirit imparts and develops holiness in believers
2. Christ must have a church without spot or wrinkle
3. The Holy Spirit will present the saints in their bodies and spirits to Christ in holiness
4. This is the only way the Holy Spirit will present us to Christ

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246 -- SCRIPTURAL REASONS FOR BELIEVING ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION (In Relation to Christian Experience)

The experience of the baptism with the Holy Spirit and entire sanctification are synonymous. This will be seen by properly grouping Scriptures together such as Acts 1:8; 2:4, 16-18; 10:44, 47; 11:15-17; 15:8, 9; 19:2-6; 26:18 and Rom. 15:16.

I. Entire Sanctification is Essential to Heart Purity -- (Acts 1:5; 15:8, 9)

1. There is power in purity
2. God requires clean vessels for His service
3. This is a negative and a positive blessing
4. Power without holiness is dangerous

II. Entire Sanctification is Essential to Enduement -- (Acts 1:8)

1. The Spirit's indwelling empowers the believer
2. This enduement is essential for every phase in the Christian ministry
3. The Spirit will clothe the believer with His power
4. The Spirit will clothe Himself with the Believer's body

III. Entire Sanctification is Essential to Prophesying -- (Acts 1:8; 2:17,18)

1. Prophesying in the New Testament is mainly forth-telling rather than foretelling
2. It embraces preaching, testifying, exhorting, singing, witnessing and teaching
3. Christ's command was to tarry before going forth -- (Lu. 24:49)
4. The Spirit's enduement cleanses fear which hinders effective preaching

IV. Entire Sanctification is Essential to Live a Life of Self-denial -- (Matt. 4:1; Heb. 9:14)

1. Without the Spirit people are self-centered
2. The Spirit enables believers to gladly give up things for Christ's sake
3. The Spirit richly compensates for every sacrifice made

4. The greatest joy comes from full surrender to the Spirit

V. Entire Sanctification is Essential to Obtain Holy Visions -- (Acts 2:17)

1. A vision makes unseen things real
2. Without a vision people are near-sighted
3. A vision presupposes a commission
4. Without a vision people perish

VI. Entire Sanctification is Essential to Be Clothed with Wisdom -- (Prov. 11:30; Isa. 61:1-3; James 1:5)

1. The Holy Spirit is designated as "the Spirit of Wisdom" -- (Isa. 11:2)
2. It requires wisdom to win souls
3. The Holy Spirit supplies the wisdom
4. The wisdom of the Holy Spirit will discipline the heart and life

VII. Entire Sanctification is Essential to Prepare Us for Christ's Coming -- (I Thes. 5:23)

1. It comforts the saints in Christ's absence -- (John 14:26; 15:26)
2. Entire sanctification and the doctrine of Christ's second coming are compatible
3. It prepares for the rapture
4. It prepares for the resurrection -- (Rom. 8:11)
5. It removes many question marks

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"Serve God with a perfect heart and with a willing mind" -- (I Chron. 28:9).

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" -- (Matt. 5:48).

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247 -- DIFFERENT AGENCIES IN OUR SANCTIFICATION

I. We Are Sanctified By God the Father -- (I Thes. 5:23; Jude 1)

1. God the Father is the originating Agent of our sanctification
2. It is God Who planned our sanctification

II. We Are Sanctified By Christ the Son of God -- (Heb. 2:11; 13:12)

1. Christ is the procuring Agent of our sanctification
2. Christ developed our sanctification

III. We Are Sanctified By the Holy Spirit -- (Rom. 15:16; II Thes. 2:13)

1. The Holy Spirit is the operative or efficient Agent of our sanctification
2. The Holy Spirit executes the experience

IV. We Are Sanctified By the Blood of Christ -- (Heb. 13:12)

1. The shed blood of Christ is the ground for our sanctification
2. The blood purchased it and is the procuring cause

V. We Are Sanctified Through the Truth -- (John 17:17)

1. The truth is the medium for our sanctification
2. The truth revealed it and is the declarative cause

VI. We Are Sanctified By the Word of God -- (John 15:3; Eph. 5:26)

1. God's Word is the instrumental cause for our sanctification
2. The Scriptures confirm our sanctification

VII. We Are Sanctified By Faith -- (Acts 15:9; 19:2; 26:18)

1. Faith is the condition for our sanctification
2. This is the means on our part

These seven facts and thirteen Scripture references are not contradictory or self-destructive. All agencies work in unity and harmony in man's sanctification. No person can say we are sanctified by only one agency and Scripture, and that the others are contradictory. Each supplements all the other Scriptures. Every one is consistent with all the other Scriptures. Each Scripture is a part of the grand whole. Every fact is one aspect of this great experience.

The seeker of the experience of sanctification does not need to know all these phases to obtain the experience. However, the candidate for the experience can obtain it by believing any single Scripture or by passing through the main door, for each Scripture points to the door of entrance. By believing any one promise pertaining to this experience the seeker may be sanctified. The Holy Spirit knows how and when to produce this experience in the seeker.

The seeker may be sanctified by seeing that it is God's will; or, by being enlightened that Christ died for his sanctification; or, by seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit; or, by trusting the shed blood of Christ; or, by hearing the truth declared by the preacher; or, by reading and believing the Word of God; or, by following holiness as a command, attraction, heart-hunger and obtainment. Any single Scripture may inspire the seeker to believe, then he will obtain the experience.

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Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians -- "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" -- (I Thes. 5:23).

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248 -- MANIFESTATION OF HOLINESS

"But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation" -- (I Peter 1:15).

I. How Holiness in God is Manifested

1. In His character -- (Ps. 22:3; Jno. 17:11)
2. In His name -- (Isa. 57:15; Lu. 1:49)
3. In His words -- (Ps. 60:6)
4. In His works -- (Ps. 145:17)
5. In His kingdom -- (Ps. 47:8; Rev. 21:27)

II. How Holiness in Christians Should Manifest Itself

1. Should follow after it -- (Heb. 12:14)
2. Should yield their members as instruments of holiness -- (Rom. 6:13, 19)
3. Should present their bodies to God in holiness -- (Rom. 12:1)
4. Should have their conversation in holiness -- (I Pet. 1:15; II Pet. 3:11)
5. Should continue in holiness -- (Lu. 1:75)

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249 -- GOD'S WILL FOR HIS PEOPLE

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification" -- (I Thes. 4:3).

I. God Commands Holiness in His People -- (Lev. 11:45; 20:7)

II. Christ Desires Holiness for His People -- (Jno. 17:17)

III. The Holy Spirit Imparts Holiness to His People -- (Rom. 15:16)

IV. The Scriptures Reveal the Way of Holiness to His People -- (II Tim. 3:15)

V. The Gospel is the Way of Holiness -- (Isa. 35:8)

VI. None Shall See God Without Holiness -- (Heb. 12:14)

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[23] -- SATAN

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250 -- THE NATURE OF SATAN

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" -- (I Peter 5:8).

I. That Old Serpent

1. Seduces
2. Deceives
3. Blinds the minds of men

II. A Roaring Lion

1. Frightens
2. Lays snares for men
3. Accuses the brethren

III. A Devouring Wolf

1. Destroys
2. Kills
3. Murders

IV. An Angel of Light

1. Pushes overboard
2. Leads into fanaticism
3. Instills pride

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251 -- THE PERSONALITY OF SATAN

I. Personal Names of Satan

1. Satan -- (accuser)
2. That Old Serpent -- (deceiver)
3. Devil -- (liar)
4. Apollyon -- (destroyer)

II. Power of Satan

1. Has greater power than men
2. Is mighty, but not almighty
3. All men are in his grip
4. Is the author of sin and sickness
5. Takes away good seed and sows tares

III. Position of Satan

1. The prince of the power of the air
2. The prince of this world
3. The god of this age
4. Has access to the heavenlies
5. Walks up and down in the earth

IV. Purpose of Satan

1. Defeat God's purposes
2. Deceive God's elect
3. Hinder the saints
4. Blind hearts against the gospel
5. Accuse the brethren

V. Doom of Satan

1. Under an especial eternal curse
2. Eternal fire is prepared for him
3. Is an eternally defeated foe
4. God of peace will bruise him under our feet
5. At Christ's coming will be cast into bottomless pit
6. Final doom will be the lake of fire

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252 -- WHAT SATAN IS COMPARED TO IN THE BIBLE

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices" -- (II Cor. 2:11).

I. A Fowler -- (Ps. 91:3)

II. Fowls -- (Matt. 13:4, 19)

III. A Serpent -- (Rev. 12:9)

IV. A Sower of Tares -- (Matt. 13:25)

V. A Wolf -- (Jno. 10:12)

VI. A Roaring Lion -- (I Pet. 5:8)

VII. An Angel of Light -- (II Cor. 11:14)

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253 -- SINFUL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SATAN

"Neither give place to the Devil" -- (Eph. 4:27).

I. He Accomplished the Fall of Man

II. He Injected Sin into the Nature of Man

III. He Possesses the Power of Death

IV. He Can Deceive Entire Nations

V. He Lulls the Whole World to Sleep Like a Babe in its Mother's Bosom

VI. He Steals the Good Seed -- (Gospel) Out of Men's Hearts

VII. He Sows Tares -- (Evil Doctrines) Among the Wheat

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254 -- LIMITATIONS OF SATAN

I. Satan Can Exercise Power Only by Permission from God

II. Satan Can Tempt Only by Permission from God -- (Matt. 4:1)

III. Satan Can Touch Us Only by Permission from God -- (Job 1:10-12)

IV. Satan Can Inflict Sickness Only by Permission from God -- (Job 2:6)

V. Satan Can Inflict Death Only by Permission from God -- (Heb. 2:14)

VI. Satan Flees When Resisted -- (James 4:7)

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255 -- LUCIFER BEFORE AND AFTER HIS FALL

(Read Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:11-19; I Tim 3:6)

I. Lucifer, Son of Morning

1. The greatest created being
2. The holiest created being
3. The most powerful created being
4. The most beautiful created being
5. The most intelligent created being

II. The Fall of Lucifer

1. Sinned automatically, spontaneously
2. Heart was uplifted because of pride
3. Became independent
4. Became arch enemy of God and men
5. Became rebellious

III. What He Lost in His Fall

1. He lost his holiness
2. He lost his love
3. He lost his truth
4. He lost his first estate
5. He lost his standing with God

IV. What Satan Retained in the Fall

1. He retained his power
2. He retained his beauty
3. He retained his intelligence
4. He has access into heaven

V. Why Satan is Dangerous

1. He is a murderer, thief, liar and serpent
2. Power without holiness, love and truth is dangerous
3. Beauty without holiness, love and truth is dangerous
4. Intelligence without holiness, love and truth is dangerous

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256 -- CHRISTIAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD SATAN

I. Never Give any Place to the Devil -- (Eph. 4:27)

II. Be Sober and Watchful so He Will Gain No Entrance -- (I Pet. 5:8)

III. Bring No Railing Accusation Against Him -- (Zech. 3:1,2; Jude 8,9)

IV. Not to be Ignorant of His Devices -- (II Cor. 2:11)

V. Never Reason with, but Ignore Him -- (Job 1:21; 2:10)

VI. Be Clad with the Whole Armor of God -- (Eph. 6:11-18)

VII. Employ the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God -- (Eph. 6:17)

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257 -- HORSESHOE DOES NOT FRIGHTEN SATAN

In the Middle Ages a foolish tradition started in England while farmers were harvesting their grain. A stranger appeared and asked for a job. When asked who he was, replied, "Satan." The farmers took after him with pitchforks and clubs. In fleeing, Satan wore his hoofs short, so stepped into a blacksmith shop and asked for shoes. The blacksmith said he had only horseshoes. Satan replied those would do. The smith fitted him and nailed a shoe to his hoof, then told him to set his foot down. He nailed him to the floor. Calling for help to kill Satan, he became frightened and struggling to free himself, fled, leaving the shoe nailed to the floor. The theory is that since then when Satan sees a horseshoe it frightens him and he flees.

It takes more than a horseshoe to frighten Satan, keep evil away, and bring blessings. Is it not strange that many people place more faith in a horseshoe or a rabbit foot than they do in prayer, God, or the Bible? Resist Satan, read, believe and obey the Bible, and pray in the name of Christ, then Satan will flee.

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[24] -- SECOND COMING

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258 -- INCENTIVES OF CHRIST'S COMING

I. An Incentive to Salvation -- (Acts 3:19)

II. An Incentive to Preparedness -- (Matt. 24:44)

III. An Incentive to a Separation from the World -- (Lu. 21:34-36)

IV. An Incentive to Gospel Service -- (I Cor. 15:58)

V. An Incentive to a Closer Walk with God -- (Jude 14)

VI. An Incentive to Holiness of Heart -- (I Thes. 5:23)

VII. An Incentive to Prayerful Watching -- (Lu. 21:36)

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259 -- WHY CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN

I. To Receive His Own to Himself -- (Jno. 17:24)

II. To Fashion Anew Our Bodies of Humiliation to be Conformed to His Glorious Body -- (Phil. 3:20, 21)

III. To be United in Marriage with His Bride and to Celebrate the Great Supper -- (Rev. 19:7-9)

IV. To be Glorified and Admired by All Who Believe -- (I Thes. 1:10)

V. To Reward His Servants -- (Matt. 16:27; 25:19)

VI. To Defeat, Dethrone and Destroy Satan -- (Rev. 20)

VII. To Redeem, Regather and Restore Israel -- (Zech. 8:3, 7, 8; Rom. 11:26)

VIII. To Remove the Curse -- (Isa. 11:9; 25:7; Rom. 8:19-21)

IX. To Reign as King -- (Zech. 14:9; Rev. 19:15, 16)

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260 -- SEVEN GREAT COMINGS

I. The First Coming Of Christ

1. As a Babe in a manger
2. To suffer and die for sinners

II. The First Coming of the Holy Spirit

1. On Christ at His baptism
2. To qualify Christ as Man for His ministry

III. The Second Coming of the Holy Spirit

1. On Pentecost to indwell the body of Christ
2. To qualify Christians and gather out the church

IV. The Second Coming of Christ

1. To gather the bride to Himself
2. To crown and reward the overcomers

V. The Coming of the Millennium

1. To set up the Messianic kingdom
2. To usher in universal righteousness and peace

VI. The Coming of the New Jerusalem

1. The home and headquarters of the bride
2. Gloriously arrayed as a bride adorned for her husband

VII. The Coming of the New Heaven and New Earth

1. To consummate the new creation
2. Eternal righteousness established with no sin ever to break out

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It is said that the second coming of Christ is mentioned three hundred eighteen times in the New Testament.

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261 -- A PARABLE OF GOSPEL TRUTHS

The parable of the Good Samaritan is rich in its teaching points. In a nutshell it gives the trend of the human race from the beginning to the end. Many great doctrines and truths are beautifully illustrated or implied. Read Luke 10:30-37.

I. The Blessed Original State of Man in Eden Before the Fall

II. The Disobedience and Fall of Man

III. The Sad and Helpless State of Fallen Man

IV. The Coming of Christ into the World to Die

V. The Call, Work and Destiny of the Church

VI. The Second Coming of Christ

VII. The Rewards of the Saints

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262 -- GREAT MEETINGS IN THE BIBLE

I. Abraham's Servant Meeting Rebekah -- (Gen. 24:15-60)

II. Rebekah Meeting Isaac -- (Gen. 24: 62-67)

III. Jacob Meeting His Beloved Son in Egypt -- (Gen. 46:28-30)

IV. Aged Simeon Meeting the Christ Child -- (Lu. 2:25-29)

V. John and Andrew Meeting the Lamb of God -- (Jno. 1:35-37)

VI. The Samaritan Woman Meeting the God of Jacob -- (Jno. 4:7-30)

VII. The Bride of Christ Meeting the Heavenly Bridegroom -- (I Thes. 4:16,17)

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263 -- THE COMING OF CHRIST

He is Coming -- Old Testament Prophets

He has Come -- John the Baptist

He Will Come Again -- Epistles and Revelation

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[25] -- SIN

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264 -- WHAT GOD DOES WITH THE SINS OF THOSE WHO ACCEPT CHRIST

I. He Forgives Them -- (Ps. 32:1)

II. He Covers Them -- (Ps. 32:1)

III. He Does Not Impute Them -- (Ps. 32:2)

IV. He Blots Them Out -- (Isa. 43:25)

V. He Forgets Them -- (Isa. 43:25)

VI. He Casts Them into the Depths of the Sea -- (Micah 7:19)

VII. He Pardons Them -- (Micah 7:18)

VIII. He Does Away With Them so that They Can Never Again Be Sought -- (Jer. 50:20)

IX. He Casts Them Behind His Back -- (Isa. 38:17)

X. He Removes Them as Far as the East Is From the West -- (Ps. 103:12)

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265 -- THE SIN OF PRAYERLESSNESS

I. It Invokes the Fury of God -- (Jer. 10:25)

II. It Is a Sin of Omission -- (James 4:17)

III. It Leads to Spiritual Impoverishment -- (James 4:2)

IV. It Allows Defeat to Come to Others -- (Ex. 17:11-13)

V. It Is a Sin of Neglect -- (I Sam. 12:23)

VI. It Is Disobedience to God's Commands -- (Lu. 18:1; I Tim. 2:8)

VII. It Leads to Damnation -- (Rom. 10:13)

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266 -- THE SIN OF JEROBOAM THE SON OF NEBAT

Read I Kings, chapter 12

I. He Said in His Own Heart -- v. 26

II. He Took Counsel from Wicked Men -- v. 28

III. He Made Two Calves of Gold -- v. 28

IV. He Made an House of High Place -- v. 31

V. He Ordained a Feast in the Eighth Month -- v. 32

VI. He Offered Sacrifices on His Altar -- v. 32

VII. He Ordained Priests of the High Places -- v. 32

Twenty-five times it is mentioned that Jeroboam the son of Nebat made Israel to sin.

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267 -- THE FRUITS OF SIN

The First Fruit of Sin is Pleasure
The Second Fruit of Sin is Sorrow
The Third Fruit of Sin is Shame
The Fourth Fruit of Sin is Degradation
The Fifth Fruit of Sin is Condemnation
The Sixth Fruit of Sin is Death and Separation
The Final Fruit of Sin is Hell and Eternal Damnation

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268 -- THE DANGERS OF SLEEP

Scripture Lesson -- I Thes. 5:1-8

I. Sisera Slept and Lost His Life

II. Samson Slept and Lost His Eyes

III. Saul Slept and Lost His Cruse and Spear

IV. Jonah Slept and Was Pursued by a Storm

V. Ten Virgins Slept and Five Ran Out of Oil

VI. Peter Slept Then Failed Christ and Himself

VII. Eutychus Slept and Was Taken up Dead

VIII. The Dangers of Spiritual Sleep

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269 -- THE CONFESSION OF SINS

I. God Requires Sins to be Confessed -- (Lev. 5:5; Hosea 5:15)

II. Confession Must be Accompanied by Godly Sorrow -- (Ps. 38:18; II Cor. 7:10)

III. Godly Sorrow Must be Accompanied by the Forsaking of Sins -- (Prov. 28:13)

IV. Forsaking Sins Must be Followed by Self-abasement -- (Isa. 64:6; Jer. 3:25)

V. Restitution if Necessary Must be Made -- (Num. 5:7)

VI. Prayer for Pardon Needs to be Made -- (Ps. 51:1; Lu. 18:13)

VII. Confession is Followed by the Forgiveness of Sins -- (I Jno. 1:9)

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270 -- MEN WHO DID WICKEDLY AND THEIR CHILDREN SUFFERED

"The Lord is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation" -- (Num. 14:18).

I. The Retrogression of Lot -- (The loss of most of his family in Sodom)

II. The Covetousness of Achan -- (The loss of his entire family)

III. The Rebellion of Saul -- (Brought defeat to Israel and death of three sons)

IV. The Lust of David -- (The death of four sons)

V. The Impenitence of Hiel -- (The death of all his sons)

VI. The Disobedience of Zedekiah -- (The death of his sons)

VII. The Enmity of Daniel's Enemies -- (They with their children were fed to the lions)

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271 -- WHAT A SINNER CANNOT AFFORD

I. To Remain in Sin

II. To Commit Sin

III. To Absent Self from a Revival

IV. To Fight Conviction

V. To Reject Christ

VI. To Say No to God

VII. To Go to Hell

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272 -- DECEITFULNESS OF SIN

I. Sin Leads Downward

II. Sin is Deceptive

III Sin is Retrogressive

IV. Sin is Retributive

V. Sin is a Repeater

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273 -- HELL

I. Is a Prison -- Matt. 5:25, 26

II. Blackness of Darkness -- Matt. 8:12; Jude 13

III. Everlasting Punishment -- Matt. 25:46; II Thes. 1:9

IV. A Lake of Fire -- Rev. 20:15

V. Where Soul and Body of Wicked will Suffer -- Matt. 10:28

VI. The Second Death -- Rev. 20:14

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There is nothing gained by sinning. The sinner is the loser every time. Sin sometime will bring more sorrow than it has brought pleasure.

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[26] -- TRAINING

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274 -- THE FIVE GREAT R'S

- I. The First Great R is Readin' -- (Reading)
- II. The Second Great R is Ritin' -- (Writing)
- III. The Third Great R is 'Rithmetic -- (Arithmetic)
- IV. The Fourth Great R is the Rod -- (Correction)
- V. The Fifth Great R is Religion -- (Salvation)

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275 -- TRAITS ESSENTIAL FOR GOOD MANNERS

- I. A Regenerated Experience
- II. Spirituality
- III. A Kind Heart
- IV. A Consideration for Others
- V. Living Objectively
- VI. Observing Good Qualities Instead of Faults
- VII. A Joyful Disposition

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276 -- TUTORS FOR OUR TRAINING

- I. The Association With Great Men
- II. The Holy Spirit
- III. The Bible
- IV. Self -- (Self Disciplining)
- V. Helps, Books, Dictionary
- VI. Keen Observation

VII. Human Instructors

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277 -- TRAINING OF GREAT LEADERS

- I. Joseph's Training for Promotion -- (Thirteen years training for eighty years usefulness)
- II. Moses' Training for Leadership -- (Eighty years training and forty years ministry)
- III. Joshua's Training for Successorship -- (Forty years training for forty years ministry)
- IV. David's Training for Kingship -- (Twelve years training for forty years of ruling)
- V. Elisha's Training for Prophetic Ministry -- (Ten years training for a long useful ministry)
- VI. Disciples Training for Apostleship -- (Three and one-half years of training for their gospel ministry)
- VII. Timothy's Training for Evangelism -- (Ten years -- (?) to become an evangelist)

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278 -- ELEMENTS OF A SUCCESSFUL LIFE

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men" -- (Prov. 22:29).

- I. A Converted Heart
- II. A Spirit-filled Life
- III. A Love for Righteousness
- IV. A Hatred of Wickedness
- V. A Courageous Spirit
- VI. A Courteous Attitude
- VII. A Kind Nature

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279 -- A GOOD CONSCIENCE

"And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men" -- (Acts 24:16).

I. Abraham's Conscience -- Would Not Allow Him to Stay in Ur

II. Isaac's Conscience -- Would Not Allow Him to go into Egypt

III. Jacob's Conscience -- Would Not Allow Him to Marry a Canaanite

IV. Joseph's Conscience -- Would Not Allow Him to Lose His Purity

V. Moses' Conscience -- Would Not Allow Him to Accept Egypt's Throne

VI. Samuel's Conscience -- Would Not Allow Him to Fail to Pray for Israel

VII. David's Conscience -- Would Not Allow Him to Kill Saul

VIII. Jeremiah's Conscience -- Would Not Allow Him to Give up Prophesying

IX. Daniel's Conscience -- Would Not Allow Him to Defile Himself with the Portion of the King's Meat

X. The Three Hebrew Children's Conscience -- Would Not Allow Them to Bow Down to the Golden Image

XI. Zacchaeus' Conscience -- Would Not Allow Him to Keep All His Money

XII. Peter's Conscience -- Would Not Allow Him to Remain a Fisherman

XIII. Paul's Conscience -- Would Not Allow Him to Disobey the Heavenly Vision

XIV. What About Your Conscience?

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The word "eternity" occurs only once In the Bible. It is found in Isaiah 57:15.

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280 -- A RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION

"Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil" -- (Eph. 4:26, 27).

I. What Righteous Indignation Is

1. It is a love for righteousness
2. It is a hatred of iniquity
3. It is objective in its purpose

II. What Righteous Indignation Is Not

1. It is not subjective
2. It is not carnal anger
3. It is not personal in purpose

III. What Righteous Indignation Does

1. It involves right principles
2. It excludes the personal element
3. It becomes angry at evil

IV. What Righteous Indignation Does Not

1. It does not court hatred
2. It does not allow the sun to go down on wrath
3. It does not give place to the devil

V. Examples of Righteous Indignation

1. Moses at the mount of God
2. David in meeting Goliath
3. Christ in the temple

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God employs two hydraulic methods in punishing people. One is in turning the water on as in the days of Noah. The other method is turning the water off as in the days of Elijah. In either method the people suffered.

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281 -- VIRTUES OF HUMILITY

"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up" -- (James 4:10).

I. Humility Brings Rest to the Soul -- (Matt. 11:29)

II. Humility Brings God Down to Man -- (Isa. 57:15)

III. Humility Postponed in Part Ahab's Punishment -- (I Kings 21:27-29)

IV. Humility Delayed Hezekiah's Punishment -- (II Chron. 32:26)

V. Humility Led to the Cleansing of Naaman -- (II Kings 5:10-14)

VI. Humility Brought the Answer to the Canaanitish Woman -- (Matt. 15:21-29)

VII. Humility Led to the Exaltation of Christ -- (Phil. 2:5-11)

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282 -- HOW TO DETERMINE GOD'S WILL

I. The Lord Guides Through a Surrendered Will

II. The Lord Guides Children Through Parents

III. The Lord Guides Christians Through Pastors

IV. The Lord Guides by the Bible

V. The Lord Guides with the Holy Spirit

VI. The Lord Guides Through the Spiritually Minded

VII. The Lord Guides by Imparting Holy Desires

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283 -- MARRIAGE

I. Instituted Divinely by God -- (Gen. 2:24)

II. Approved by Christ -- (Matt. 19:3-9)

III. Intended for the Happiness of Man -- (Gen. 2:18)

IV. Designed for Increasing the Species -- (Gen. 1:28)

V. Honorable in All -- (Heb. 13:4)

VI. Should be only in the Lord -- (I Cor. 7:39)

VII. Indissoluble During Joint Life of Both -- (Matt. 19:6)

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[27] -- TRIUMPH

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284 -- THE MAN WHO ENCOURAGED HIMSELF

"And David was greatly distressed ... but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God"
-- (I Sam. 30:6).

Scripture Lesson -- I Sam 30

I. The Dark Side in David's Life

1. He lost his home
2. He lost his wives
3. He lost his sons and daughters
4. He wept till he had no more power to weep
5. His own turned against him
6. His own talked of stoning him
7. He was greatly distressed

II. The Bright Side in David's Life

1. He called on God for wisdom
2. He was assured by God of success
3. He pursued his enemies
4. He befriended an enemy slave
5. He recovered all and much more
6. He shared with those who abode with the stuff
7. He divided the spoil with his friends

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Matthew was a Publican
Mark was a Soldier
Luke was a Physician
John was a Fisherman

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285 -- GOD PROMOTING DANIEL

"For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: He putteth down one, and setteth up another" -- (Psa. 75:6, 7).

"Now God had brought Daniel into favor and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs" --
(Dan. 1:9)

- I. God Gave Daniel Favor in the Sight of Melzar
- II. God Gave Daniel Health, Fatness and Beauty
- III. God Gave Daniel Knowledge, Skill and Wisdom
- IV. God Gave Daniel Understanding in Visions and Dreams
- V. God Gave Daniel Promotion in the Sight of Nebuchadnezzar
- VI. God Gave Daniel Revelations of the Future
- VII. God Gave Daniel a Long Prophetic Ministry

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286 -- THE MAN WITH THE FULLNESS

"And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people"
-- (Acts 6:8).

- I. He was Full of the Love of God
- II. He was Full of the Holy Ghost
- III. He was Full of Faith
- IV. He was Full of Power
- V. He was Full of Wisdom
- VI. He was Full of Honesty
- VII. He was Full of the Scriptures

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Moses and the Lord were very intimate. They conversed face to face. Twenty-six times the Lord called him, "My servant."

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287 -- A GOOD MAN -- (Barnabas)

"For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith" -- (Acts 11:24). -- (A man may be great, rich, handsome, healthy and famous, yet not be good)

- I. He was Full of the Holy Ghost
- II. He Joined the Apostles and Saints at Jerusalem
- III. He Fell in Line with God's People
- IV. He Sold His Property and Gave all to the Poor
- V. He Disengaged Himself to be Free to Preach
- VI. He was Called "Son of Consolation"
- VII. He Went Security for Paul
- VIII. He Was Sent to Antioch as a Church Inspector
- IX. He Did Not Put on the Spiritual Brakes, but Encouraged the People
- X. He Went after Paul and Brought Him to Antioch
- XI. He was Instrumental in Paul Finding His Great Place in the Ministry
- XII. He and Paul Were Called to be the First Missionaries
- XIII. He and Paul Agreed to Disagree
- XIV. He Did Not Fall Out or Become Bitter
- XV. He Helped John Mark to Succeed

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288 -- A VICTORIOUS EXIT

Scripture Lesson: Judges 16:22-31

- I. The Commencement of Life -- (A failure or a success)
- II. The Continuation of Life -- (A failure or a success)
- III. The Consummation of Life -- (A failure or a success)

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289 -- MOSES THE SERVANT OF THE LORD

I. The Birth of Moses

II. The Childhood of Moses

III. The Academic Training of Moses

IV. The Choice of Moses

V. The Spiritual Training of Moses

VI. The Call of Moses

VII. The Ministry of Moses

VIII. The Death of Moses

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290 -- OVERCOMING OPPOSING OBSTACLES

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" -- (Phil. 3:14).

I. The Wise Men Overcame Distance in Seeking Christ

II. Four Men Overcame Crowds in Bringing the Palsied Man to Christ

III. The Most Hopeless Case at the Pool Overcame His Inabilities by Looking to Christ

IV. The Diseased Woman Overcame Her Embarrassment by Touching the Hem of Christ's Garment

V. Zacchaeus Overcame His Littleness by Climbing Up into a Sycamore Tree

VI. Blind Bartimaeus Overcame the Discouragements of the People by Crying the Louder

VII. Fears, Timidity, Handicaps, Limitations and All Obstacles May be Overcome

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Adam did not have a father or mother

Eve did not have a mother

We all have had a father and mother
Jesus Christ did not have a human father

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291 -- HOW GOD PROMOTES MEN

"For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: He putteth down one, and setteth up another" -- (Psa. 75:6, 7).

I. Joseph was Promoted from the Prison to the Throne

II. Job was Promoted to Receive Again as Much

III. Moses was Promoted from Leading Sheep to Leading a Nation

IV. Saul was Promoted from a Donkey-driver to Become a King

V. Elisha was Promoted from a Farmer to a Prophet

VI. Peter was Promoted from a Fisherman to a Fisher of Men

VII. Matthew was Promoted from a Tax Collector to an Apostle

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292 -- UNKNOWN HEROES IN THE BIBLE

I. Assistants to Bezaleel and Aholiab in Building the Tabernacle -- (Ex. 31:6)

II. Good Rumor Bearer to Naomi in Moab -- (Ruth 1:6)

III. Unnamed Maid Who Testified to Naaman -- (II Kings 5:2, 3)

IV. The "Many Others" Who Ministered to Christ -- (Lu. 8:3)

V. An Unnamed Disciple Who said, "Lord teach us to pray" -- (Lu. 11:1)

VI. Paul's Friends Who Held the Rope and Basket for His Escape -- (II Cor. 11:32, 33)

VII. The "Many Others" Who Died as Martyrs -- (Heb. 11:35-38)

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293 -- THINGS A CHRISTIAN CANNOT AFFORD

- I. To Live Behind Light
- II. To Neglect Feeding His Soul
- III. To Go One Day Without Praying
- IV. To Set His Affection on Material Things
- V. To Fail to do His Best
- VI. To Fail to Let His Light Shine for Christ
- VII. To Live Below His Privileges in Christian Experience

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294 -- CALEB THE COURAGEOUS

Scripture Lesson: Joshua 14:6-15

- I. A Slave in Egypt
- II. A Servant in the Wilderness
- III. A Spy in Canaan
- IV. A Star in the Wanderings
- V. A Soldier in the Conquest
- VI. A Settler on Mt. Hebron
- VII. A Saint in Old Age

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295 -- HOW TO LIVE A VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIFE

- I. Get Soundly Converted -- (Jno. 1:12)
- II. Confess Christ Openly Before Men -- (Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:10)
- III. Pray Without Ceasing -- (I Thes. 5:17)
- IV. Read the Bible Daily -- (I Pet. 2:2)

V. Give Liberally to the Lord -- (Prov. 11:25; II Cor. 9:6-8)

VI. Work for Christ -- (Matt. 25:21)

VII. Press Toward the Mark for the Prize -- (Phil. 3:13, 14)

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296 -- EIGHT THINGS GRACE WILL DO

Scripture Lesson: Titus 2:11-15

I. Grace Appears to All Men

II. Grace Brings Salvation to All Men

III. Grace Will Teach Us to Deny Ungodliness

IV. Grace Will Teach Us to Deny Worldly Lusters

V. Grace Will Teach Us to Live Soberly

VI. Grace Will Teach Us to Live Righteously

VII. Grace Will Teach Us to Live Godly in this Present Age

VIII. Grace Will Teach Us to Look for the Blessed Hope and Glorious Appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ

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297 -- MEN CALLED "MY SERVANT" BY GOD

I. "Job My Servant" -- (Job 42:7)

Employed by God to defeat and silence the accuser of the brethren, and to glorify God

II. "Moses My Servant" -- (Num. 12:7)

Employed by God to lead Israel out of Egypt, and to build the tabernacle

III. "Joshua My Servant" -- (Josh. 24:29)

Employed by God to lead Israel into Canaan

IV. "David My Servant" -- (I Kings 11:36)

Employed by God to deliver Israel, and write Psalms

V. "Cyrus My Servant" -- (Isa. 44:28)

Employed by God to give the edict to release the Jews, and command to rebuild the temple

VI. "Paul My Servant" -- (Rom. 1:1)

Employed by God to become the first foreign missionary, and write fourteen Epistles

VII. "My Servant" Christ -- (Matt. 12:18)

Was the Savior of the world. Did the will of His Father perfectly

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298 -- DANIEL'S SEVENFOLD PURPOSE

"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself" -- (Dan. 1:8).

I. That He Would Not Defile Himself with the King's Meat

II. That He Would Not Violate His Conscience

III. That He Would Not be of Babylon Though in It

IV. That He Would Not Lose His Favor with God

V. That He Would Not Compromise

VI. That He Would Not be Under Babylon Spiritually Though He was politically

VII. That He Would Not Go Contrary to His Early Religious Training

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299 -- SECRET BATTLES PRECEDE OPEN VICTORIES

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" -- (Matt. 6:6). -- (The secret for open rewards is found in the secret closet)

I. Jacob's Vigilance Preceded His Open Victory

II. Joseph's Fortitude Preceded Bestowal of Favors

III. Moses' Endurance Preceded His Efficiency

IV. David's Decisions Preceded the Wearing of a Diadem

V. Elijah's Seclusion Preceded His Successes

VI. Daniel's Purposes Preceded His Promotions

VII. Christ's Sufferings Preceded His Glory

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300 -- THE CROSS AND THE CROWN

"If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him" -- (II Tim. 2:12).

I. Symbols of the Cross

1. Suffering, shame and reproach for Christ's sake
2. Bearing burdens
3. Going diagonally to the ways of the world
4. Preaching the doctrine of the atonement
5. Daily dying -- (separation) from sin and the world

II. Symbols of the Crown

1. Heavenly rewards
2. Spiritual Promotion
3. Exalted reigning
4. Eternal joys without sorrows
5. Divine approbations

III. Suffering Versus Reigning

1. Cross is for time -- Crown for eternity
2. Cross is for this life -- Crown for next life
3. Cross is to be endured -- Crown enjoyed
4. Cross is to be borne -- Crown to be worn
5. No cross -- No crown

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301 -- THINGS GOD CANNOT DO

I. God Cannot Contradict His Nature

II. God Cannot Lie

III. God Cannot Deny Himself

IV. God Cannot Die

V. God Cannot Change

VI. God Cannot Compromise His Holiness

VII. God Cannot See Sins Through the Blood of Jesus

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302 -- THE CHRISTIAN'S SURROUNDINGS

I. God is for Him

1. The everlasting arm is underneath
2. The mighty arm is over him
3. The Christian is in God's hand

II. Christ is His Foundation

1. Savior to save and keep
2. Shepherd to lead
3. Rock to support

III. The Holy Spirit is His Comforter

1. He leads into all truth
2. He empowers for strength
3. He employs for service

IV. The Bible is His Guide Book

1. Light to direct
2. Bread to sustain
3. Promises to cheer

V. Angels are His Companions

1. To minister to heirs of salvation

2. To guard in time of trouble
3. To assist at all times

VI. Holiness to Keep Him Clean

1. A love for righteousness
2. A hatred for iniquity
3. A desire for godliness

VII. Heaven to Inspire Him

1. An incentive to endure
2. To be faithful unto death
3. His eternal home

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303 -- LIVING UNDER THE WEIGHT OF THE CROSS

"And He bearing His cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha" -- (Jno. 19:17).

"Then said Jesus unto His disciples, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me" -- (Matt. 16:24).

I. We Live Best Under the Weight of the Cross

II. We Journey Best Under the Weight of the Cross

III. We Labor Best Under the Weight of the Cross

IV. We Pray Best Under the Weight of the Cross

V. We Preach Best Under the Weight of the Cross

VI. We Give Best Under the Weight of the Cross

VII. We Obtain the Greatest Reward from the Weight of the Cross

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304 -- THE SEVENFOLD WALK OF A CHRISTIAN

(This outline is developed from the word "walk" as found in the book of Ephesians)

I. The Walk of Obedience -- Eph. 2:1, 2

II. The Walk of Good Works -- Eph. 2:10

III. The Walk Worthy of Our Calling -- Eph. 4:1

IV. The Walk Which is Not of the World -- Eph. 4:17

V. The Walk in Love -- Eph. 5:2

VI. The Walk as Children of Light -- Eph. 5:8

VII. The Walk of Circumspection -- Eph. 5:15

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305 -- THE RESULT OF JOB'S TRIAL

I. In Relation to God

1. He triumphed
2. Was pleased with Job
3. Was glorified

II. In Relation to Satan

1. He was defeated
2. Was proven to be a liar
3. His murderous and malevolent character was revealed
4. He was silenced

III. In Relation to Job

1. He was vindicated
2. He was healed
3. He was promoted
4. He was blessed doubly

IV. In Relation to Three Friends

1. They were proven incapable comforters
2. They were convicted
3. They were converted

V. In Relation to all Men

1. He has been an example to all men

2. His history has been recorded to benefit all
3. His record became an integral part of the Bible

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306 -- GOD'S GREAT ABUNDANTS FOR MAN'S GREAT REQUIREMENT

- I. Abundant Mercy Proffered -- (I Peter 1:3)
- II. Abundant Grace Bestowed -- (II Cor. 4:15; I Tim. 1:14)
- III. Abundant Pardon Offered -- (Isa. 55:7)
- IV. Abundant Love Shed On Us -- (Titus 3:6)
- V. Abundant Life Given -- (John 10:10)
- VI. Abundant Entrance Into Heaven Granted -- (II Pet. 1:11)

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307 -- GOING A LITTLE FARTHER

Text -- "And He went a little farther" -- (Matt. 26:39)

I. The Journey Christ Made

From heaven to a manger -- wilderness -- Gethsemane -- Calvary -- the tomb -- Mt. Olivet -- to heaven

II. What Christ Gave Up for Our Sake

His Father -- heaven -- glory -- life -- His all

III. What Christ Assumed to Redeem Us

Sorrow -- shame -- reproach -- sins of all men wrath of justice -- death

IV. Benefits of Christ Going a Little Farther

It enabled Him to go all the way -- boldly face the mob -- offer Himself a captive -- calmly face the chief priests -- go like a lamb to the slaughter -- pray for His enemies -- bear sins of the whole world -- drink the bitter cup -- die

V. How Far Christ's Followers Went

Some were neutral -- some favorable -- many casual followers -- 500 were faithful followers -- 120 were loyal -- 12 were full time followers -- three were in the inner circle -- one next to Christ's heart

VI. Examples of Men Who Went a Little Farther

Abel -- Noah -- Abraham -- Joseph -- Moses David -- Daniel -- Three Hebrew Boys -- Paul

VII. Cost of Going a Little Farther

Sorrow suffering -- misunderstandings -- disappointments -- hardships -- privations -- loneliness a thorough consecration -- self-denial

VIII. Reward for Going a Little Farther

Favor of Christ Who went a little farther -- gain victory in secret to triumph in public -- success in service -- blessed to be made a blessing -- a crown of glory

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