

Whole Treasure of Heaven

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“What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?” Romans 8:31-32.

Paul is one of the greatest reasoners of the scriptures. Reason, when it is inspired by the Spirit of God, is a wonderful thing. Paul uses mighty arguments. Here he is using one of the greatest arguments of eternity. He says, in effect, Look here. If God is really for us, who is there, and what is there that can be against us. And then, he says, If God loved us so much that He gave us His own Son, “how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”

Now I would like to put with Paul’s wonderful statement here from the Scriptures some encouraging things from *Our High Calling*.

“Had God given us less we could not have been saved. But He gave to our world so abundantly that it could not be said that He could love us more” *Our High Calling*, page 12.

In other words, it is impossible for Him to give any more than He gave.

“God has exhausted His benevolence . . . in pouring out all heaven to man in one great gift” *Ibid*.

You know, it is something to exhaust infinity, my friends. But that simple means that God gave so much that there was nothing more to give. That is the point. He withheld nothing. He reserved nothing.

Now there is a second thought on this that the servant of the Lord brings out on this page. I don’t know that I have ever thought of it before in this connection. She says that is why it is impossible that there could be any second probation given to man. There is nothing more to offer. It was all poured out this time. God couldn’t do anymore. If this doesn’t reach a man, there is nothing more to reach him with. That is something to think about.

But now back to this fundamental thought.

“It could not be said that He could love us more. ... God has exhausted His benevolence . . . in pouring out all heaven to man in one great gift. ... O the breadth and height and depth of the love of God! He has poured out the whole treasure of heaven by giving us His all at once, reserving nothing greater that heaven can do” *Ibid*.

He didn't just dribble it out, or give it to us on the installment plan, when He gave us Jesus, He poured out all heaven in one gift, all at once, reserving nothing. All in Jesus. Remember, friends, that wasn't a loan. That was a gift.

Is Jesus still ours? Yes. Is He still the Son of man? The Son of God, of course, but He is the Son of man. Is He still working for us full time? Yes. Remember, the only reason He is in heaven instead of down here on earth is because He can do more for us in heaven than He could if He were on earth. Is that what He said? That is right.

He came here to earth for a time because at that particular time there were certain things that needed to be done for us that He could do here on earth. But when He had those done, He went back to the sanctuary to accomplish there for us what only He could do and what must be done. But oh, when He did, He at once, the first thing up there, sought and received from His Father that boundless gift of the Spirit and poured it out upon His waiting church. Is the Spirit still with the church? Oh yes. If any of us haven't received of the measure that we would like, let's remember, it is available, friends. It is available.

“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?”
Romans 8:32.

I think that is wonderful. Don't you?

Now the next page of *Our High Calling*.

“The Lord God of heaven collected all the riches of the universe, and laid them down in order to purchase the pearl of lost humanity” *Our High Calling*, page 13.

You remember the parable in Matthew thirteen? The merchant man seeking goodly pearls. We often use it to represent the sacrifice that we must make to accept Christ. That is true. It is one great purpose Jesus had in presenting the parable, to teach that we need to give up everything in order to find Christ.

But, ah friends, it also represents, according to this, the fact that God collected everything in the universe and laid it down in order to get you and me. You and I the pearl? We, a pearl? Why would God value us so in comparison with the universe. Well, that is the mystery of love. When you carry that still further down the scale and remember that God would have done it all for just one of us, that makes you and me pretty valuable, doesn't it? We are very important in the eyes of heaven. We are told that He desires us to value ourselves according to the price He has paid for us.

You know, if we have this concept, we will be good medical missionaries as we think of the bodies and souls of our fellowmen. Won't we? As we deal with each suffering one, some dear old man, some suffering woman, some little child, we think, "My, here is something so valuable to heaven that God would have poured out all the universe in one gift if this one had been the only one."

"The Lord God of heaven collected all the riches of the universe, and laid them down in order to purchase the pearl of lost humanity. The Father gave all His divine resources into the hands of Christ in order that the richest blessings of heaven might be poured out upon a fallen race. God could not express greater love than He has expressed in giving the Son of His bosom to this world. This gift was given to man to convince him that God had left nothing undone that He could do, that there is nothing held in reserve, but that all heaven has been poured out in one vast gift. ... Never can His gift be surpassed, never can He display a richer depth of love. Calvary represents His crowning work" *Ibid*.

What do you say, friends? Amen. I think that is the thing to say. Now over on page 28.

"He made a gift of such magnitude that it can never be said that God could have made His gift, His donation to the human family, greater" *Ibid*, page 28.

All through eternity, friends, we will never come across any item and say, "There, Lord, there is something You overlooked. You could have given that." No. Everything we ever find anywhere will be something that was harnessed to the task of saving you and me. The whole universe has been focused on this one endeavor of saving men.

By the way, friends, if heaven thinks soul-winning is that important, how do you think you and I should regard it? Should it be just a hobby that we do once in a while when we have a little spare time? Or should soul-winning be the absorbing passion of our souls? I am sure that it is growing in the hearts of many, thank the Lord, and we recognize that every hour we are awake we can be exerting an influence in that

direction. The reason that God may have us in the kitchen, or in the treatment room, or on the farm isn't to keep us out of soul-winning, friends. It is because if we will keep our eyes half-way open, there will be an opportunity right where we are to do that soul-winning work. Is that true?

Why did God, who poured out this wonderful gift in Jesus, why did He keep Him in a carpenter shop for most of the time He was down here? To keep Him out of soul-winning? Ah friend, there were some things that went on in that carpenter shop at Nazareth that I want to study the record of when we get to the record books. Don't you? But I think if we will meditate on these things in prayer we will learn to make our carpenter shop, and paint shop, and print shop, and kitchen, and treatment room, and homes the same kind of successful soul-winning endeavor that Jesus made the home and shop at Nazareth. What do you say, friends?

Now it is a wonderful thing to be out in the homes of the community, we want to be, and if we have that Spirit in our hearts we will. Did Jesus devote some of His time to going out in community work? Oh yes. But He didn't close up shop and devote all His time to that. He was carrying out His Father's plan every minute He was in that carpenter shop.

Brethren and Sisters, I pray that God may give every one of us a great joy in being right where we are every minute of the day. It is just a pitiful thing to be in such a state of mind that when we are in the shop we are thinking we ought to be out in the mission field, then when we get out there, we think of all the things to be done at home. Do you know what I mean? God help us to be where we belong and then rejoice in it because heaven is working with us to win souls if we are where we belong.

"That He might save the souls of perishing human beings, He made a gift of such magnitude that it can never be said that God could have made His gift, His donation to the human family, greater. His gift defies computation. ...Thus He would assure sinners that sins of the greatest magnitude can be forgiven ... In behalf of man God has poured out the whole treasury of heaven, and in return He expects and claims our entire affections" *Ibid*.

So I am supposed to give Him everything just like He gave me everything. Is that right? He gives me an ocean and I am supposed to give Him about a teaspoonful. That is about all I have, isn't it, friends? What a shame it is when He has given us an ocean, and somebody begins to bargain and say, "Lord, couldn't I keep about a quarter of that teaspoonful?" Isn't it too bad to hold back anything from God, friends, when He has given everything to us? That is what makes people unhappy, holding back.

"Jesus wants you to be happy, but you cannot be happy in

having your own way and following the impulses of your own heart" *Ibid*, page 29.

You can't be happy in having your own way. Oh I wish everybody would quit trying. Would it save Jesus some trouble? Yes.

Now over on page 51. Here is something rich for people who are trying to do right, and are discouraged because they are getting such poor results.

“Many feel that their faults of character make it impossible for them to meet the standard that Christ has erected; but all that such ones have to do is to humble themselves at every step under the mighty hand of God; Christ does not estimate the man by the amount of work he does, but by the spirit in which the work is performed. When He sees men lifting the burdens, trying to carry them in lowliness of mind, with distrust of self and with reliance upon Him, He adds to their work His perfection and sufficiency, and it is accepted of the Father” *Ibid*, page 51.

Isn't that nice, friends? You think there is anybody like that here tonight? Well I believe there are scores of them trying to do the Lord's will, and yet they see that it is so weak and inefficient. Take courage, Brother Pilgrim, the message from heaven is that all that marvelous merit of Jesus is added to your poor efforts and the Father accepts you and counts your work perfect. Isn't that nice?

“We are accepted in the beloved. The sinner's defects are covered by the perfection and fullness of the Lord our righteousness. Those who with sincere will, with contrite heart, are putting forth humble efforts to live up to the requirements of God, are looked upon by the Father with pitying, tender love; He regards such as obedient children, and the righteousness of Christ is imputed unto them” *Ibid*.

Why, dear ones, isn't that so with parents who love their children? If you know your children are trying to please you, don't they please you? Suppose they drop a dish and break it. What do you do? If they had throw the dish and were trying to break it, that might call for chastisement. But if you know they were trying to please you, do you love them anyway? Why sure, friends. Yes.

God is a merciful Father. Oh, how good He is.

“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?”
Romans 8:32.

It is all for us, friends.

Now on page 64. Here is something rich for somebody that is lonely.

“Your only safety and happiness are in making Christ your constant counselor. You can be happy in Him if you had not another friend in the wide world. Your feelings of unrest and homesickness or loneliness may be for your good. Your

heavenly Father means to teach you to find in Him the friendship and love and consolation that will satisfy your most earnest hopes and desires" *Ibid*, page 64.

Isn't that nice, friends? So if you feel lonesome, why, let that take you to Jesus. Get down on your knees and say, "Lord, I am lonesome tonight. I need some special love from You." Stay there until you get it, friends. Take this verse we have read tonight:

"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Romans 8:32.

Claim that wonderful promise.

"Do not be overanxious about anything. Go quietly about your duty which the day brings you. Do the best you can; ask God to be your helper. . . . Feel every day, "I am doing my work for God. I am not living for myself, to glorify myself, but to glorify God." Oh, trust in Jesus and not in your own heart! ... Wrestle with your discouragements and doubts until you gain the victory over them in Jesus' name. ... the man who is restless, discontented, and seeking this and testing that, hoping to find happiness, is always complaining of disappointment. He is always in want, never satisfied, because he lives for himself alone" *Our High Calling*, page 64.

One of the saddest things in my life, friends, is watching people try this and sample that hoping to find something that will satisfy them. But it can never come. There is only one way, and that is to forget self and take Jesus and let Him do with you whatever He wants to. He has given you everything He has. He wants you to take that. Now He asks for everything you have so you will have room for what He is giving you. You must give up your way and trust your life to His hand.

"Find time to comfort some other heart, to bless with a kind, cheering word someone who is battling with temptation and maybe with affliction. In thus blessing another with cheering, hopeful words, pointing him to the Burden Bearer, you may unexpectedly find peace, happiness, and consolation yourself" *Ibid*.

How is the way to get happiness if you are unhappy, discontented, lonesome? How is it, friends? Why, go to Jesus and get help and then start right out and find somebody that is worse off than you are. I thank the Lord for these wonderful things.

Now on page 85. This is important. I have never seen it wording just like this. It is something, friends, I have known for a long time was so and I am so glad to find it worded just like this.

“Do not for a moment acknowledge Satan's temptations as being in harmony with your own mind. Turn from them as you would from the adversary himself. Satan's work is to discourage the soul. Christ's work is to inspire the heart with faith and hope” *Ibid*, page 85.

Do you remember that in Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* that as Christian went through the valley of the shadow of death it was so dark and he was so fearful and there was some little imps that got up on his shoulder and said all kinds of things in his ears against God. That distressed him to no end because he thought those thoughts were coming from where? From his own mind and heart. He just felt terrible that such things could happen because he wanted to love his Lord and here were all these thoughts. But who was it that was putting these thoughts in his head? Satan.

Now listen. This says:

"Do not for a moment acknowledge Satan's temptations as being in harmony with your own mind" *Ibid*.

Don't do it, friends! If the Devil comes around to you and says, "Now you are discouraged, aren't you?"

And you say, "Oh yes, I am. I am so discouraged."

What will the Devil do? Why, he will camp right there friends and pour it on. Won't he?

But you say, "The trouble is I am."

Listen, friends:

"Do not for a moment acknowledge Satan's temptations as being in harmony with your own mind.
Turn from them" *Ibid*.

I tell you, right here is where people gain the victory or lose it. Right here. Satan studies our bent of mind. If he finds our temptation is discouragement, that is what he works on. If it is on appetite, he works on that. If it is lust, he works on that. If it is foolishness, he works on that. If it is criticism, he works on that. And so on and on with a hundred temptations.

My point is, friends, never identify sin with your choice. I have tried to help people on this. I hear people say, "You know, I do certain things over and over again." I try to help them, No, don't say I do this over and over again, if you have got to say it, say, "I used to do it."

"Yes, but I still do it."

No. No. No. Never identify yourself with failure! Not once, friends! Only in the past. What would you think of a man that claimed to be a Christian who says, "You know, I just smoke cigarettes again and again."

“You do? And you are a Christian?”

“Well, I am trying to be.”

When will that man quit, friends? When he smokes his last one. That is right. That is when he will quit. That man ought to say, “Praise God, I have quit.” If somebody says to him, “How long ago did you quit?” If he has to say five minutes ago, so be it. But he has quit. All his cigarettes are in the past. Isn’t that right? Yes. That is the way to quit. Thank God, in an hour if somebody ask him how long ago it is that he quit, he can say an hour and five minutes. Tomorrow it will be a day.

Somewhere the soul must break from sin and cease to identify its choice with sin. And that is so on doubt and discouragement. Away with this idea that we have got to admit that we have certain trends that we are always yielding too. Let’s quit this idea that we have a tendency to discouragement, or a tendency to foolishness, or a tendency to criticism that other people have got to put up with, and that we have got to live with.

“But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” 1 Corinthians 15:57.

The victory first must be won in the mind. We must cease to identify the choice of our minds with sin, my friends. This comes from the contemplation and acceptance of this glorious gift:

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Romans 8:32.

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