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EDITORIAL

Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. John 12:24. Salvation to a world of sinners lost must come through the death of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary, through the shedding of blood must come remission of sins. Salvation embraces more than remission, there must be imparted a new lift in order to conform to the requirements of God that we may dwell with Him. "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God, by the death of His Son, much more being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life." Rom:5-10. A dead Christ would be ineffectual against the power that brought death in this world, there must of necessity be a power that could bring life out of death. Paul rightly exclaims: "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins." 1 Cor. 15:17. It takes life to produce life.

The test to the divinity of Jesus was not in his death alone, but in the fact that He raised Himself from the dead. He said the sign you shall have that I am the Son of God is to destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up again. And as Jonah was three days and nights in the whale's belly, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. How was it to be known that Jonah was that time in that condition, because he came forth from that tomb. The divinity of Jesus Christ was at stake and it all rested on His coming out of the tomb alive on the third morning. A big stone, a sealed tomb, a Roman guard, yea hell itself could not hold Him. He burst through them all, scattered the hosts of darkness and brought immortality to light.

We are too slow to believe; That life which was manifest in Jesus, is still the same vital power in the world today. Folk may not accept it in the fullness of its meaning but it is the same potent power today, to create anew, to eliminate sin, destroy its power, and give power over all the power of the enemy. Praise God.

Those who are pleased with the pleasures of the world, care not for the unchangeable peace of God.

A seared conscience will do sinful service for Satan.—*Good Tidings.*

"MEAT IN DUE SEASON"

The above words are found in Matt. 24:45 and were spoken by our Lord in His discourse to the disciples on Mount Olives. The contents of this and the following chapters forming one continuous message, is often spoken of as Christ's second Sermon on the Mount. This wonderful prophetic utterance was given by Jesus just two days before the betrayal and crucifixion. Already the shadows of the cross were falling upon Him. The fact that He was fully conscious of these events before they were experienced, makes the contents of these chapters all the more precious to our hearts. His concern is not for Himself but for His servants. It was His interest in them that prompted Him to ask "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household; to give them meat in due season?" This verse is rich with wholesome and timely instruction for every minister today. In it is described

- I. The character of the minister.
- II. The office of the minister, and
- III. The work of the minister.

I. As to character, the minister is to have the quality of *faithfulness*. Every preacher is expected to be a steward of the grace of God. "It is required in stewards" says Paul, "that a man be found faithful" (1 Cor. 4:2). He must be faithful to God. He must be faithful to his message. He must be faithful to the people. He must be faithful in prayer and faithful in the study of the Scriptures. God does not require that all of His people be equally talented, but He does require that every servant be found faithful. When the Master returns He will call to Him every one of His servants and ask them to give an account of their stewardship. He will judge them not in respect to their talents, but in regard to their faithfulness. The faithful minister will be classified with "faithful Abraham" and a host of others who have won the same honor amidst the sufferings and trials peculiar to the work of the ministry.

Along with faithful is that other characteristic, wisdom. This is a coveted gift, and while some may have more than others yet God has encouraged the soul who is conscious of his need of more wisdom, by the nondiscriminating and unqualified promise, "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." God is the author of wisdom as well as of faith. The minister being God's representative should as far as possible manifest the faith of God and the wisdom of God.

II. As to the office, the minister of the Gospel is Divinely appointed as a ruler over God's household. The office is not inherited, though that was the order for the Levitical Priesthood. "And no man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron." The ministry is not an occupation, it is a vocation. The minister who has not been and is not conscious of a "call" must necessarily be in doubt as to his work, or his services are motivated by a desire for mercenary remuneration or the praise of man. The minister who has the consciousness of being "sent from God" is the minister who brings people to God. He who has a call from God will experience the approval of God if he is faithful in discharging his duty. The office of the ministry is one of appointment from God and not of choice by man. Paul testified, "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry" (1 Tim. 1:12).

III. The work of the minister is outlined by the Lord who makes the appointment—"to

give them" (the household of faith) "meat in due season." The minister is not only expected to give meat, but the proper kind of meat at the proper time. There are a variety of ways of serving food. Our natural appetites get tired of food that is always served in the same way. This is equally true of our spiritual appetites. Occasionally people like hash, but not frequently. The ministers would do well to proportion their sermons as God has the messages of the Word. Emphasize repentance, faith, sin, salvation, love, righteousness, holiness, heaven, hell, etc., in your messages to the extent that God has stressed them in the Scriptures. The fitness of time is as essential as the fitness of the food. As Christ was nearing the close of His ministry He emphasized the truth of His return, the certainty of it and the manner of it and finally gave to the disciples the signs by which they could discern the approximate time of His return. At the present time no minister need question the seasonableness of time for presenting the message of the near return of the Lord. "Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing."—*Roy P. Adams, in Good Tidings.*

FOR SMOKING WOMEN.

A young woman passenger on a Los Angeles street car sat down next to a plasterer and at a cigarette. The laborer, after taking one look at her arose and walked into another section of the car, where he stood in the aisle, rather than to have any one to misjudge him because he sat next to a smoking woman.

Many women do not seem to realize that the habit places them among a certain class of women who are not held in the highest esteem by self-respecting men. No self-respecting woman can afford to forget this important viewpoint of a vast army of a clean-cut, clean-living men.

Women should not only protect themselves but the race from the stain of tobacco upon their names or their persons. Parents in every state in the Union are calling out for help to protect their boys and girls from the tobacco propaganda that is flooding the land, for the purpose of inducing the youth of America to take up cigarette smoking. Every woman should protest against this onslaught, in every legal way possible. Officers everywhere should be called on to enforce the law against selling tobacco to minors.

Tobacco men do not hesitate to call for government aid in their behalf. When the black-root rot struck the tobacco fields of Kentucky and Virginia, the wail for help from the tobacco raisers brought government agricultural experts to the scene in a hurry.

The loss of the entire tobacco crop in the United States would be small compared to the loss the nation is suffering in the enslaving of boys and girls to the tobacco habit, to the profit of greedy men in raising the weed and in manufacturing it into smoke-products.—*Will H. Brown.*

There are over 1,000,000,000 heathen in the world, forty million of whom die every year, or approximately at the rate of one hundred thousand each day. In order to make these figures easier to comprehend let me put them in smaller numbers. Every time you draw your breath four benighted souls slip into eternity. One for whom Christ died passes out into darkness every time the clock ticks! Three out of every four people in the world have not yet heard that God loves them. Think of this! Then ask yourself what you have done to give them the gospel.—*Missionary Ambassador.*