

promised Canaan-Land, so He led us, as a people, giving us 1040 acres of land that we bought and paid for later. And all this, as a means to an end, viz., that He may be glorified in the redemption of the benighted Zulus. These heathen are our inheritance. They are being "builted together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." (Eph. 2:22). Let us therefore have faith that God is building our African work, and therefore our "labour is not in vain in the Lord." Ps. 127:1 and 1 Cor. 15:58.

Yours in Jesus,

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THE KING ETERNAL

By Rev. G. A. Rogers over Station CJLS
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Good morning, radio friends. The text is found in Luke 11:31: "Behold a greater than Solomon is here." This speaks of Christ the King Eternal. Yesterday, May 12th, marked the Coronation of England's new king, His Majesty George VI., and his wife, Queen Elizabeth. The ceremony took place in the House of God, Westminster Abbey, where they consecrated themselves to God, their Supreme Ruler, for the purpose of receiving His blessing upon their reign. All British subjects turned their eyes, ears and thoughts toward London to their new ruler. Every true British subject pledged allegiance to his king and to the British Empire. They all wished him a long and happy reign. Before King George VI. received the symbols of sovereignty he was required to take a solemn oath. He also laid his crown aside while he partook of the emblem of Christ's blood. Our Christ, the King Eternal, before receiving the symbols of authority as Redeemer, laid aside His glory and stepped from Heaven to earth and bound Himself by an oath and sealed it with the blood of the everlasting covenant. King George VI. promised to do his duty to give his subjects a reign of peace. His reign may be a long one, and is in a great Empire that can boast of the fact that the sun never sets on its domain. Our Christ has an everlasting dominion made up of all people, nations and languages and is a kingdom that shall never end. (Dan. 7:14). The Gloryland needs not the light of the sun for the Lord God giveth them light. His subjects are those that have been redeemed by His blood. Sin made them aliens and strangers, but His redeeming blood makes them citizens and heirs. Christ will give His subjects a reign of righteousness in the Kingdom of Grace here because His kingdom is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost; and then He will allow them to reign with Him in the Kingdom of Glory forever. The Royal Sceptre bearing the cross showed equity and justice under Christian principles, and the other sceptre with the dove showed equity and mercy under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Christ shows mercy and justice under His rule. "His throne is forever and ever. His sceptre is a sceptre of righteousness. He loved righteousness and hated iniquity, and He was anointed with oil above His fellows' (men and angels). The Bible was presented during the Coronation and was called the most valuable thing in the world. Christ the Living Word taught us the real value of the Royal Law. It will show us the way to life and Heaven. The Union Jack, the flag of Britain, is floating o'er land and sea. Men have rallied around the standard and have given their lives to pre-

serve the nation. The bloodstained Flag of Calvary has floated over the world. Many have become martyrs for it. Christ gave His blood in order to save souls from sin here and to Heaven hereafter.

The different Gospel writers were supposed to portray a different aspect of the character of Christ. Matthew's Gospel is meant to be written primarily for the Jew and shows that Christ is the Messiah. The prophetic sketch of the prophets and the historic account of Matthew agree that He was the Messiah. In Matt. 21:5 we are invited to Behold the King. Pilate had written above the Cross of Christ the words, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Some think that Mark, the writer of the Gentiles, is pointing Christ out as the Servant. Isaiah, the prophet, said, "Behold my servant." He hath borne our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities, and with His stripes we are healed. Mark agrees with this thought of Christ as servant when he states, "For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:15). John said, "Behold the man." Some commentators believe that Luke wrote for the Greek readers. The Greek represented reason. Dr. Smith says that Luke's Gospel presented the character and career of Jesus as answering the conception of perfect and divine humanity. He states, "Reason, beauty, righteousness and truth are exhibited as they meet in their full splendor in Jesus." It was Luke who described Christ's visit to the temple at the age of twelve. He says, "They found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing and asking them questions. And all that heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers." Pilate said, "I find no fault in Him." Judas, the betrayer, said, "I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood." The officers of the chief priest answered, "Never man spake like this man." The writer of Hebrews shows His pure character in all points like as we are yet without sin." The prophet Isaiah invites us to "Behold our God," and when John the Baptist saw the Christ he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." He was the only One who could defeat the devil and put away sin. He is the only Saviour. The woman at the well said, "I know that when the Messiah cometh, which is called the Christ, He will tell us all things." Jesus replied, "I that speak unto thee am He." The Queen of Sheba came to Solomon with difficult questions. She said to King Solomon, "Behold, the one-half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me." Men ought to come to Jesus for a solution for their problems because He is far above Solomon. Preachers have tried to tell of His Majesty, but the half has never yet been told concerning the beauty and greatness of our Christ. God said, "This is my beloved Son, hear ye Him." John's Gospel was addressed primarily to Christians. It brings the Spiritual life of Christians close to their Divine Saviour. It was John who recorded the words of our Christ when He invited us to behold His nail-pierced hands and feet or to "Behold Him as Redeemer."

I can with my spiritual eye behold the King Eternal who "when He had purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high." I can well afford to have Him enthroned in my heart without a rival. He dwells in my heart today. I could behold Him as Servant and feel that even at my best my

service is so small. I could behold the Man of Galilee and always seek His counsel and seek to be more and more like Him. I could behold my Christ, my Redeemer, and worship Him forever. The greatest moment of the Coronation was when the Archbishops put the Crown upon the head of George VI. The words went up, "God Save the King." The greatest moment for the Christian will be when he sees the King of Kings in His beauty at the Great Coronation in Heaven. I think the Courts of Heaven will resound with a great chorus, "Bring forth the Royal Diadem and Crown Him Lord of all."

The next important figure in the Coronation was Her Majesty Elizabeth, who was crowned queen. Her royal husband by virtue of his person, position and power gave her that honor. Christ, who is the Son of God and Saviour of men, through His precious blood has purchased a bride, the Church, and has given this bride the right of enjoying the blessing and honor in His kingdom of Grace here, and if she is true and faithful to the end, the Righteous Judge shall place the Crown of Righteousness upon her head. He shall also give the Crown of Life and the Crown of Glory. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me on my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father on His Throne."

"Were the whole realm of nature mine, it were a present far too small.

Love so amazing, so Divine, demands my life, my joy, my all."

BOY HOLDS UP A TRAIN

Dr. W. E. Biederwolf said at one of his meetings: "It seems as if some men are determined that they will not be saved. A little three-year-old lad held up a train on the Erie Railroad, over in New Jersey, the other day. He had wandered away from his home, and was walking along the tracks dragging a tin horse. The train approached him from the opposite direction. The engineer blew his whistle, but the child kept right on. The engineer whistled and whistled, and at last the train was brought to a standstill. The trainmen got down, but the child was rebellious, and tried to whip the engineer. And that's the way with you. Against every purpose and plan of God to save you, you make a stand and fight."—Wesleyan Methodist.

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Beware of the grocer, or the clothier, or the druggist, or any other man who is offering substitutes for articles you know to be "true and tried." The First Brethren Church refuses to offer substitutes to those desiring spiritual values that have stood the severest tests for ages past. But, if you prefer a church that offers you Science for Scripture; or Reason for Revelation; or, Theories for Truth; or Intellectualism for Inspiration; or, Culture for Conversion; or, Pardon for Propitiation; or, Benevolence for Blood; or, At-one-ment for Atonement; or, Goodness for Grace; or, Sociability for Spirituality; or, Play for Praise; or, "Pep" for Prayer; or, Profession for Possession; or, Programs for Power; or, Reformation for Regeneration; or, Good for God; or, Speculation for Salvation; or, Jubilation for Justification; or, Feeling for Faith; or, Paralysis for Peace; then, my friend, you have entered the wrong pew! If you desire them, there are plenty of substitutes to be had elsewhere in this city!—Calendar, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, California.