

The Lord's Supper

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Taking up again the thought that under the New Covenant we have better privileges, the Hebrew epistle suggests that we have a better Salvation. It is not easy to ascertain the spiritual experiences of men under the Old Covenant. Some of their testimonies sound quite modern. This we know, that from Adam to John the Baptist, man's relationship to God rested on the one perfect Sacrifice. We must accept the fact that from the Fall to the present moment every mercy of God, whether conditional or unconditional, has come to us through the pure grace of God, arising out of the Atonement of Christ. But for the sacrifice of Christ, God by the force of man's sin, would have been shut up to one course in His further dealings with man—Judgment.

In developing our theme we had better let God's word speak for us. That Word seems to declare that the elaborate rituals of the Tabernacle fell far short of reaching the heart-sins of the worshippers. "Which was a figure for the time then present, in which was offered both gifts and sacrifices that could not make him that did the service perfect as pertaining to the conscience; which stood only in meats and drinks and divers washings, and carnal ordinances imposed on them until the time of reformation." Again: "And every high priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices which can never take away sins."

"A spiritually minded Jew must have said, Restored to the tabernacle service, I am not restored to God; looked upon as clean by the priests, I am not looked upon as clean before God. No blood of beasts can touch moral pollution, no death of bulls or of goats can carry away moral penalty." Quoted from The Preacher's Homiletic Commentary.

Now, the character of our salvation through Christ: "But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building, neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us, for if the Blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" "Above when He said, Sacrifice and burnt offerings and offering for sin Thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein, which are offered by the law; then said He, Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God. He taketh away the first that He may establish the second, by the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all, for by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified."

Now, when we come to the Lord's Table may we think of the advantages that are ours on the basis of The New Covenant: A better Priest; a better Pardon; better Privileges—in Prayer, in Purity; a better Prospect, set forth in the words: "And unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup ye do show the Lord's death 'til He come."

The King's Highway

TIME IS RUNNING OUT

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Church's witness to the world will end and Christ will return? No one! But there are millions of believers who feel the end is not far away.

Besides, whether the age of the Church's responsibility is about to end or not, it is clear that some of the largest fields of missionary endeavor are now standing open to the Christian Gospel with but little assurance that they will remain open much longer. In China we had our great opportunity at the end of World War. II. But our government elected to back We stern Europe against the rising Communist tide and to write China off as a loss of not too great importance. Now, with Communism in the saddle in China, the door for freedom for the missionary is closing. The time was short, and we let it slip from us.

At the moment Japan is the wide open door in the Far East.

The opportunity for missions is almost unprecedented! And yet, world conditions being what they are, it must be added: "The time is short." What we do, we must do now!

I cannot conclude without narrowing the application of this text to our personal lives. Some of us have unfinished business with Jesus Christ, and we are much too careless about it. Some of us have an exterior coating of Christianity, but Christ has never been allowed to storm with His love the inner citadel of our hearts and capture us at the center for Himself. Some of us have made promises to ourselves or to Him that at early date we would make our decision and cast our lot with Him, but we go on day after day with those promises unkept.

Today there is a voice calling to us: "The time is short! The time is short!"

—Robert Murray McCheyne

Recreation to a minister must be as whetting is with the mower—that is, to be used only so far as is necessary for his work. May a physician in plague-time take away more relaxation or recreation than is necessary for his life, when so many are expecting his help in a case of life and death? Will you stand by and see sinners gasping under the pangs of death, and say: "God doth not require me to make myself a drudge to save them?" Is this the voice of ministerial or Christian compassion or rather of sensual laziness and diabolical cruelty?

—Richard Baxter

FROM PAUL AND MARY SANDERS

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forward to pray and give their lives to the Lord Jesus!

Ngomezulu's house near which we held this meeting, couldn't begin to hold so many (even if he took the partition out making it one room, which he has offered to do). DO WE NEED A CHURCH BUILDING?

Yours for the salvation of souls,

H. Paul Sanders

Dear Friends:

Just a few words from me. Even though I haven't been keeping up my correspondence since I became Mrs. Sanders, you are none the less in my thoughts and prayers.

As I reread this letter, I can say "Amen" to every bit of it. I wonder how it will affect each one of you. If only you could come with us on Sundays! The challenge of the situation would surely grip you. Which one of our R. B. churches would like the privilege of building at least one church in this very needy location?

This being a new work, there are and will be many problems and many expenses. How we do praise God, though, that we have a crowd of people so completely consecrated that they delight to rise to any challenge placed before them!

Let me take this opportunity to thank all and sundry who have been sending me cards and S. S. material, yes, and some second hand clothing. Everything has been appreciated very much. The cards go out by hundreds every Sunday, which means, of course, that we have no trouble dispensing with any number. These natives, having to dress like town natives, often have better clothes than we white people. "Old clothes," unless they are in very good condition are not appreciated by them; and, in any case, all of them come in useful for making up Christmas parcels for our natives away off on the veldt.

May God richly bless you one and all and use you in some way to help us to reach the hundreds and hundreds of needy souls on the REEF.

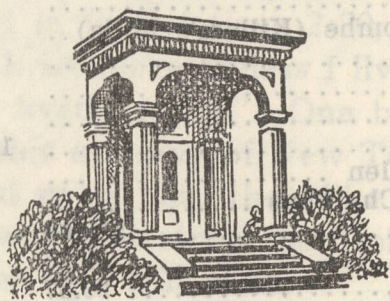
Yours for souls,

Mary Sanders

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