

Stewardship of the Grace of God

Script. 1 pet. 4

Morgantown
7-67

Introduction:

MT 74

I V. 7 The end of all things is at hand: be sober, and watch unto prayer.
a. Prayer is the life of the soul.
The Steward must talk with his master.

II V. 8, and above all things have fervent charity among yourselves
a. Love is the chief of the christian grace.
~~Love of mother for child~~
~~and keep him alone.~~ 16 in pipe. 68 ft to water.

III Hospitality
a The lord loveth a cheerful giver.
b The liberal soul shall be made fat.
c Give and it shall be given unto you.
d. Don't be stingy

E. W. without grudging.

IV V 10. The gift of Gods
Spirit and Gods Salvation
minister to others.

Stewards of the manifold
Grace of God.

A steward is one who is
responsible for what happens.

Conclusion -

Tryin' times may come to
us as stewards here.

V. 12-13, 14, 16

V 12 Fiery Trials

Illustr. Japanese girl.
of wealthy parents.
deceived. Lost all
of her fathers wealth
\$1,000,000. at 80 yrs
of age not say she
followed the Lord.

Thanksgiving

Luke 17: 11-19

Text. 1st. 5: 16, 17, 18.

Intro.

Pilgrims.

I It is God's will for
His people to be thankful.

1. Ten lepers.

Illust. boy and wolf, bread.

My fox. all belongs to Jesus.

Every moody complaint
adds to the burden we carry.
Every word of thanks lightens
our daily load.

Thankful people always
wear a shining face.

Illust. Women thank
for the sun shining thru
the cracks.

Chinese women thankful for
an old costoff sweater and
twenty cents.

Paul
Illust. Death in the Alps.

Conclusion.

Gods will for you, God
wot for you is worked and
planned by His almighty
all loving God.

take the thing He gives
and remember to be thankful
is Gods will concerning
you.

Missionary Message

The Great Commission
Math: 28: 19, 20.

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Text: Lam. 1: 17

Is it nothing to you, all
ye that pass by?

1. The work of the gospel
must be our greatest concern.

The sacrifice of men in
Viet nam

World need. P.C.

The Heather, having never
heard are not saved.

facts concerning our work.
Lam.

who was this old woman, long
buried

wrapped in gross cloth,
under the palm?

She was just my brown old mother
Bent 'neath the heavy loads of stuff of life
she carried,
Faggots and fish and bread.
Year after year she followed
Tangled and narrow and wet
Jungle paths of our people,
Leading to mart and field.

With short, clumsy mattock,
A*hacking
At stump and clod and weed,
For stuff of life she wrestled
As any woman would
Who felt the urge of hunger,
Goading and Bitter and keen,
Who knew the law of the jungle,
To wrestle - or to starve.

She was just my brown old mother,
Thinking again the thoughts
Of her own brown old nother,
Food-stuffs and fire and fear.
Fear of the mighty forest
Peopled with spirits of dread,
Pregnant with power of evil
Stalking by night and day.

She was just my brown old mother;
I wish she could have heard
you tell the story of Jesus
Who clothed in flesh the Word,
The Word that wakes the forest
(Shackled in fetters of fear)
To dream of love, and freedom.
I wish she could have heard.

THANKSGIVING

Morgantown
11-64

Luke k7: 11 - 19
Text. IThess. 5:16-18.

What is it that makes a person Thankful?

"I grumbled because I had no shoes, until I saw a man who had no feet."

In 1621 the Pilgrims had a day or rather three days of thanksgiving. They could have wished themselves back home in England; they could have lamented for the lost loved ones that had died that first terrible winter. They could have cursed that they had to face in the wilderness.

I It is God's will for His people to be thankful. The ten lepers begged for help from God, then when they were marvelously healed of that dread disease promptly forgot to give thanks. The nine unthankful received the disapproval of Jesus.

Every moody complaint adds to the burden we carry
Every word of thanks lightenes our daily load.

Thankful people always wear a shining face.

God's will for you, God's way for you is marked and planned by His almighty loving hand.

Take the thing He gives and remember to be thankful is God's will concerning you.

Illus.

"Who is my Neighbor"

(Missionary)

Scripture Reading Luke 10:25-37

Text v.29 "Who is my neighbor"

A. Intro: The Scripture lesson from which the title of this message is taken presents the subject of Holiness and Missions.

1. The saints of God are interested in the spread of the Gospel throughout the world.

Sometimes people quote the unscriptural proverb, "Charity begins at home," but true Christians delight to sing:

"Oh that the world might taste and see

The riches of His grace;

The arms of love that compass me

Would all mankind embrace."

2. The man of God is a true all around man, and it is joy and delight to carry out the command of Jesus

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations."

B. Jesus settled the question of the relationship of holiness and missions in this scripture lesson.

1. The lawyer's query was, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered by a question, "Ho readest thou?" Then the lawyer gave God's definition of holiness: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself." From this we may learn that:

(a) Holiness is perfect love to God.

(b) Love to God means love to our fellow man.

"If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us."

2. Then we note the lawyer's quibbling. "Who is my neighbour?" How lawyer-like. perhaps he thought here was a chance for argument. Perhaps he wanted to justify himself without being what God wanted him to be, wanted to throw the thing back on God and make the law appear impossible. There are those who take a similar position about missions both at home and abroad.

3. Christ's answer to this question "Who is my neighbour?" came in the form of the Parable of the Good Samaritan. This parable, among other things, teaches us that our neighbor is the one who needs us, not simply those who are closest by ties of blood or nationality.

4. By the same logic Jesus used, then our nearest neighbor is the one who needs us most.

C. This lesson brings to our attention the needs of our neighbor who is to be found in all the neglected churchless and christless regions of the world.

1. We would make a brief survey of the great mission fields of earth. We think of those, particularly, where the missionaries of the Pilgrim Holiness church are laboring.

- a. In Mexico- among the Mexican people themselves and the Indians.
- b. In South America- in Peru, in Brazil, in British Guiana, in Surinam.
- c. In the West Indies- the islands with their thousands of people who are yet unsaved.
- d. Africa- where we may visit the missions on the frontier and Rhodesia or go south into Swaziland in Natal, and in Cape Colony.
- e. The Philippine Islands- on Mindanao and Luzon- to visit the workers there who have come face to face with utter spiritual darkness.

D. Conclusion.

Are not these who are without the gospel in a very true sense our neighbors? and does not their need press itself upon our hearts and minds? one of our missionaries tells of an old priest who had spent his life in the Hindu temples of Trinidad. When asked by the missionary what they did in the temple most of the day, he said, "The priests pray. They pray in the early morning, they pray in the evening, and at noon, they pray at night." And the missionary asked if any of them ever had an answer to prayer. The heart-breaking answer was, "No, not I know of, has any priest had an answer to prayer." "Then," asked the missionary, "Why do you pray?" "Because," the old man answered, "we always hope that someone of us sometime will get an answer."

to our prayer." Thank God, we know of one who can and
will answer prayer!

"On the darkest side of the road,
Where the sick and wounded lie,
They're calling for help and mercy,
O! how can you pass them by?

"The saviour asks your love
In the service of want and pain;
And anything more that thou spendest,
He'll pay when He comes again."

Byron - Jones
Dorcas - Jones

Psalms 136

Bro Hill 1949

Intro. We should be thankful
for the blessing of living in
America.

1. Thankful for home.
2. Loved ones.
3. Thankful for friends.
4. " " " The Church.
5. Health strength
to material goods.

We are more interested in things
than in practice.

We should be the real
rather than just adore the
role.

The secret of thanksgiving found
in Jesus.

1. Mark 11, 12.
2. Jesus thankful under
adverse conditions.
3. This secret was independent
of external conditions.

2 We should not look
at external conditions
but on our relationship
with God.

3. Jesus when speaking
to the first thousand
gave thanks before the food
was served.

A. We should give thanks
even though we cannot
see how God will help
us.

4. Jesus gives thanks before
bringing Lazarus to life.

Room 8, 28.

5. With thanksgiving let
your requests be made
known unto God.

The Eternal God is thy
refuge.

6. Life is more than food
it is by divine providence

6. Launch out into the
abundance of God.

4 We need times of waiting
before God.

Let us be thankful throughout
the whole year.

Sin must be Dealt With
Text Luke 23: 34. ^{Canterbury}
1954
Intro. The Dying words of
Jesus. Beautiful Important.
His chief concern was not
for himself but for the forgiveness
for his murderers.

Sin must be Dealt with

I It is so real

1. You cannot bury it.
Be sure your sin will
find you out.
a. under fine clothes.
b. a good reputation,
c. good works.
2. You cannot excuse it.
God has provided a way
of escape.
3. You cannot Deny it.
God has the record.

4. you cannot forget it.
"My sin is ever before
me"

II Sin is Strong.

Who can withstand the
power of sin.

Stronger than: Good resolution
Good intentions, a good
education or a good bank
account.

Sin has filled the Lunatic
asylums, broken homes, put
hell into man's soul and
put his soul into hell.
Without God we are lost.

III Sin is Tenacious like a bull dog.

Change of attire, name place will
not do it.

IV God Has only Two ways
of dealing with it.

I It must be punished.

"The wages of sin is Death."
Rom. 6: 23. Conscience says
so. Experience proves it.

2. It must be forgiven

God alone can forgive sin.

"father forgive them"

"If we confess, He will
forgive!"

What are you doing, are
you crucifying Him afresh
and putting Him to an open
shame.

Come unto me all ye!

Text: Isaiah 64:6 "We all
do fade as a leaf." 11-3-48
M-T. 73

Intro. God takes all the
truths of his Bible, and
draws them out in diagram
on the natural world.
There is in the text a vein
of sadness and a vein of joy.

1. Like the leaf we fade gradually
some sooner than others.

we are forty years decaying
oak, maple, Hickory.

2. We fade to make room for
others. Elijah made room for
Elisha.

However prominent the
place we fill, our death
will not jar the world

3. as with the leaves we fade
and fall amid many others.
The living are few compared
to the cities of the dead.

4. as the leaves fade and fall
only to rise so do we.
The thief had the assurance:

Today shalt thou be with
me in Pordage.

When the soldier had his
hand taken off. said
"Goodby dear old hand."

Jesus said we shall
die but we shall rise
again this mortal shall
put on immortality

Introduction: Rev. 4:1 "And behold, a door was opened in heaven."

John had been the pastor of a church in Ephesus. He had been driven from his position in that city by an indignant populace.

Compare John and Napoleon

What a dull spot upon which to stand and have such a glorious vision.

From the barren, surfbeaten rock of Patmos, John looked up and saw that a door was opened in heaven.

1. The announcement of such an opened entrance suggests the truth that God is looking down upon the earth and notices all that is going on. although God is standing far up in the very tower of heaven, nothing by reason of its smallness escapes His vision

Not one tear of sorrow falls in hospital or work shop or dungeon but he sees it and in high heaven makes record of its fall.

2. Because this door is open, there is a way of entrance for our prayers and of egress for divine blessings. It does not seem that our weak voice has strength enough to climb up to God's ear.

3. Again the door of heaven is opened to allow us the opportunity of looking.

Christ when he came from heaven to Bethlehem, left it open, and no one since has dared to shut it.

Mathew threw it still wider open when he came to write, and Paul pushed the door further back when he spoke of the glory to be revealed, and John in Revelation actually points us to the harps and the waters, and the crowns, and the thrones.

It is wide open enough to see Christ. The chief among ten-thousands

4. Again: The door of heaven stands open for the Christians final entrance. Death to the righteous is not climbing high walls or fording deep rivers, but it is entering an open door.

If you ever visit the old homestead where you were born.

If redeemed by grace, we shall all enter in.

For all repenting and believing souls the door of heaven is now wide open, the door of mercy,

Greenboro South Carolina 8-21-88 Cloverport 8-14-88
God's Creatures Follow His Call Calvary Wesleyan
the other given me 11-24-91 9-2-84

Last night I walked out after dark and after getting away from the house I heard a great chorus. Do you know what it was? It was the crickets, the Katydids and the insects, and perhaps some tree frogs. In the Spring I walked out about daylight and heard another great chorus, The Mocking birds, the Robins, the Meadow larks. Many other birds and the frogs. I walked out one Sunday morning before daylight and all was still and quiet, Why? Well the frogs had gone to the bottom of the pond, the Crickets and the Katydids knew what to do, where to go, Winter is coming. The birds song was stilled because they had flown south. ~~the frogs had gone to the bottom of the pond~~ *than just cold*

der 8:20
The animals knew the signs and the seasons. The harvest is past and the Summer is ended, as we read in Jeremiah 8:7 "The Stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times/ and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming."

Illust: Swallows at San Juan Capistrano mission in Calif. Come March 19 and October 23 leave. *Storks* *7*
Come in Europe.

Jeremiah wrote. "But my people know not the judgement of the Lord, The harvest is past the Summer is ended, and we are not saved." Also in Ch 8 Verse 22 "Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered. What is he saying? He is saying even the animals know God's will and do it always, but people often do not."

Soloman wrote in the book of Proverbs 6:6-11 "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, and a little folding of the hands to sleep; So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man." Illust. the fable the Ant and the Grasshopper.

Wm Snyder S. S. Superintendent

Now is the time for you and me to prepare for eternity. Jesus said, "Now is the accepted time, today is the day of salvation." Jeremiah felt the importance of this when he wrote in ch. 9:1 "O that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people." He is called the weeping prophet. We need more weeping prophets today. We that are Christians need to weep and pray over the sins of our loved ones and friends. We need to cry over the sins of our nation. We need to weep over the erring one, lift up the fallen, and tell them of Jesus the mighty to save.

The animals know where to find safety but we as God's creation seem to ignore the seasons of the soul. If the frog ignored the season of winter and kept swimming in the pond he would freeze to death. The frog hears the call and obeys, but my people hear and ignore the call to repentance and that it is time to seek the Lord. "Behold now is the accepted time, today is the day of salvation." Just as the animals face death if they do not obey the call of nature. People who reject God's call will perish. Jeremiah realized this when he wrote, "Turn ye, turn ye, for why will ye die, oh house of Israel."

It is such a foolish thing for us to think we can defy the laws of God. Illus. Law of Gravity. I cannot see gravity, I cannot hear gravity, I cannot take hold of gravity.

A person can say this sin business is just a lot of imagination. I don't believe it will hurt me. But if you ignore it and go ahead and sin you will find out the law of God is true that says, the soul that sinneth it must die, and the law of God that says, Be sure your sins will find you out.

Man has learned many of the laws God has in nature and carefully follows them.

Illus. The law of sowing and reaping.

God's laws concerning the souls of people are just as sure as the laws of the field. Psalms 126:5-6. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." We must not be careless about the most important harvest of all. Jesus said. "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest."

He also said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day, the night cometh when no man

Two important needs come to my mind today. Number one, the need for Christians to weep and pray over the lost and Number two, the need for sinners to heed the call of God to follow Him and be saved.

The great wise king Solomon, wrote so many years ago so many important words of advise. He said we can learn from the little ant, consider her ways and be wise.

The ants work together
they help each other, they protect each other,
They share what they have with each other,
They plan for the future,
They make the necessary preparation for the long winter,
They are hard workers, they don't waste time.
Solomon says we should learn from them and make preparation for the future.

Noah was a man that listened to God, 120 years he worked building the ark.

I pray that we might all see the need to prepare for the coming judgement of all this earth. Gods laws are sure and we can depend on every word He says. If we turn to Him with all our hearts we will be saved but if we are careless about His word we will be forever lost.

CARELESS SOUL, WHAT THEN?

After the pleasures of life are o'er,
And you shall stand, face to the shore
Of the dim land of the evermore,
Careless soul, what then?

After the pulses shall cease to beat,
When at the throne of the Lord you meet,
Waiting your doom at the judgement seat,
Careless soul, what then?

After your heart is hushed and still,
After the death-dews, damp and chill,
Over your frame of mortality thrill,
Careless soul, what then?
After your heart is hushed and still,
Careless soul, what then?

The Spiritual Conflict. 80

M.T. 69

Song 380 71

Text I Cor 16: 13.

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Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

Spiritual weapons.

2 Cor. 10: 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.

Invincible foes

Ep. 6: 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Young Soldiers Enlisted

1 Tim 1: 18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare.

1 Tim 6: 12 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 Watch ye.

1. Illust. Military life.

General orders.

Keeping always on the alert.
watchmen on ship.

I Pe. 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant
because your adversary the
devil, as a roaring lion,
walketh about, seeking whom
he may devour.

II Stand fast.

David said to Goliath

"In the name of the Lord.

"Wait on the Lord.

III Quit you like men. Be
strong.

Ep. 6:17. Take the helmet of
salvation, and the sword of
the spirit which is the word
of God.

God's word.

Heb. 4:12

For the word of God is
quick and powerful

and sharper than any two
edged sword, piercing even
to the dividing asunder of
the soul and spirit, and of
the joints and marrow, and
is a discerner of the thoughts
and intents of the heart.

I Th: 5: 8 But let us
who are of the day, be
sober, putting on the
breastplate of faith and
love; and for a helmet, the
hope of salvation.

Divine protection promised.

2 Chr. 16: 9 For the eyes
of the Lord run to and fro
throughout the whole earth,
to shew himself strong in
behalf of them whose heart
is perfect toward him.

Rom 6:22

"But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life!"

I The Now of Freedom

Illust. Freedom from sin
angel appeared to Joseph.

Illust. falsified man
Call this now Jesus

Freedom from habits etc.

Illust. Man at Pool of Bethesda
thirty eight years.

Sin na more.

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

"Whoever committeth sin is the servant of sin."

III The Now of fellowship.
(1 John 3:1-2) "Beloved now
are we the sons of God.
But after death. Now
"as many as received him,
to them gave the power to become
the sons of God.

IV Now of opportunity
a. Behold now is the accepted
^{time}
b. Today
Illust. Delos. Helix
before Paul.
Go this way. When I
have a convenient season
I will call for thee
a. Some think they will get
saved just before death.
Some expect a second chance
after death.

It is appointed
unto man once to die
but after this the Judge-
ment.

Now is the time to let God
sanctify you and take out
that old root of bitterness
Corrupt nature and sin.

Text: Mathew 12:31, 32. *March 3:28* *Princeton 8-67*
 Hebrews 12:17 "He found no place of repentance,
 though he sought it carefully with tears." *Jan 12:10 73*

13-17

Intro: As sometimes you gather the whole family around in the evening to hear some interesting book read, so now we gather a great Christian family group to study this text.

I. You see from the first passage that there is a sin against the Holy Ghost for which a man is never pardoned.

This sin during the time of the apostles was ascribing the words of God as that of the devil.

It is a terrible thing to ever say anything against the Holy Ghost.

Illust in Russia.

A. ~~The chances are small that anyone has committed that sin.~~

B. In the second text we want to show that there are some terrible mistakes which if a man makes he will never get over.

Illust. ~~Esau.~~ *sell birthright for a mess of pottage*

I. There is the folly of a misspent youth.

Illust. The case of Leslie

The minister

a glass of whiskey a bottle of wine

you may sell your inheritance cheaply.

2. Parental neglect

Illustrate Bro Whorly

Illust. the Swis mountains and the climbers.

We may come soon enough to save ourselves but the children are lost.

Often parents say I have been to strict or to lenient but too late they can never correct past mistakes. and eternity is decided for their children.

Have that family altar tonight or before you go to work in the morning.

3. Unkindness done to the departed.

As Mother used to say, You will remember that when I am gone".

Some day that Husband or that wife will be gone
 Some day you will see a slab of stone saying
 Our darling Boy.

You may bow down to that grave but that will never change it.

Lanna Turner can never change that fact that she love pleasure more than her child and the stain of blood will always haunt he soul. She sowed to the wind she is reaping the whirlwind.

3. Lost opportunities of usefulness.

Illust. the farmer that must sow his seed
Sowing time for seed - Youth for work of Christ

Do something for Christ today and every day.

4. Lost opportunities for seeking the Lord.

Some day there will be no place of repentance though you seek it carefully with tears.

The Harvest is past the summer is ended and we are not saved.

Importance of prayer

Luke 18:1-8. M.T. Nazarene

6-21-89

V. 1 "Men ought always to pray and not to faint."

Psalms 27:14 "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait I say on the Lord."

Moses - fell on his face before God.

Daniel

Faithful 3 times a day