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## THE GREAT SAM JONES

Progress of the Meetings in  
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LAST NIGHT'S SERMON A PRACTI-  
CAL ONE.

Special Services This Afternoon to the  
Colored People—The Whites People  
Turned Out to Make Room—The Two  
Parties and Whiskey.

Any person desirous of getting an  
idea of the colored population of  
Charlotte and Mecklenburg county,  
should have had a glance over the  
town at three o'clock this afternoon.  
That was the hour set for the special  
services for the colored people at the  
tabernacle. They commenced com-  
ing in early in the morning and be-  
fore noon, they crowded the streets  
and their turnouts filled the back  
lots. There was no flaming paper on  
the bill boards, but they were here  
all the same. They had heard of  
Sam Jones, and they wanted to hear  
him. The scene at the tabernacle  
was a wonderful one. The darkies  
completely filled the building and  
there was a full colored  
choir. The roof, however, is of inch  
plank, put down with ten-penny  
nails, and it remained intact.

The sermon to the colored people  
cannot be reported in this evening's  
News, simply because it occurs al-  
most simultaneously with our press  
hour.

It had not been supposed that the col-  
ored people would fill the tabernacle  
and a number of whites went in and got seats,  
but they were all driven out before ser-  
vices began to make room for the negroes.  
The building was filled to the very roof,  
fully six thousand negroes being there.  
The colored choir was led by Prof. Excell,  
and the singing was really of a wonder-  
fully attractive character.

The services at the tabernacle last  
night were attended by as many peo-  
ple as could be packed into the build-  
ing. Before the services, requests  
for prayer were read for a clerk in a  
shoe store, and 19 requests for hus-  
bands, wives, sons and daughters.  
Seventeen for friends and neighbors.  
A letter of thanks from a convert  
was also read. Beginning his ser-  
mon, Mr. Jones said:

I invite your attention for a short  
while tonight, and I want the atten-  
tion, if you please, of every thought-  
ful man and woman while I discuss  
this, one of the most important texts  
to be found in the word of God.

It is time now for action to begin.  
Man desires to be good; but  
it is action that the devil is try-  
ing to prevent, and if it is the action  
which the devil does prevent on your  
part, he has you securely in his  
grasp.

In the 17th chapter of the Gospel  
of St. John we have the words of  
Jesus: "If any man will do his  
will he shall know of the doctrine."

At the time Jesus uttered these  
words he was surrounded by the  
sharp cunning Pharisees, and the  
shrewd calculating Sadducees, and  
the learned doctors, of the law, were  
probing and discussing and weigh-  
ing every utterance of his lips. He  
threw the gauntlet down at their  
feet and said: "If any man will do  
the will of God he shall know of the  
doctrine."

Now, it is perfectly natural for man  
to doubt. Men have been doubting  
ever since men have been sinning;  
and really doubt is the legitimate  
child of sin. You never had a doubt  
in your life but what if you would  
take hold of it and pull it up by the  
roots there is a seed at the bottom of  
the tap root, and the name of that  
seed is "sin"; and as long as men sin  
they will doubt. The quickest, clear-  
est conversion that Christ ever had  
under his ministry was the case of  
Nathaniel when he approached  
Christ. Christ said: "Behold an  
Israelite, indeed, in whom there is  
no guile," and the door of Nathaniel's  
heart flew right open. My Lord! my  
God! with a heart and soul emptied  
of sin. And the Scriptures teach us  
that without faith it is impossible to  
please God, and it is by faith we are  
saved.

Now men have doubted in all ages  
of the world, and never since Adam  
disobeyed God down to this moment  
have men ceased to doubt. Man is a  
very incredulous thing, and it takes  
a great deal of point blank proof to  
make a man believe anything, and  
some men have doubted until they  
began to believe that they doubt  
whether they doubt or not.

Now whatever has been a declara-  
tion, an affirmative declaration, that  
is what the Gospel is. It is an affir-  
mative and impartial end of circum-  
stances which is in the affirmative.  
I am sorry for a preacher who is so  
lost to his calling as to go around  
defending Christianity, trying to  
prove Christianity. Never did it in  
my life—always begin with that  
God is God, heaven is heaven, hell is  
hell.

A preacher went home with a good  
old woman and found all about on  
the margin of the Bible her letters

"T. P." Sister, what do these letters  
mean? Where did you see them? I  
saw them right here. "They bread  
shall be given me and water is sure."  
"Wherever you see T. P. in my Bible  
it stands for "Tried and Proven."  
The main thing to do is to put it to  
the test. I don't blame you for  
doubting, but I blame you for sin-  
ning.

Men have been skeptical in all  
ages. In ancient days etymology  
meant "An earnest inquirer for  
truth." But in these days it means a  
fool talking.

Men doubted Galileo when he dis-  
covered that the world rotated in its  
axis. He was arraigned and con-  
victed. And Harvey discovered that  
the blood circulated from the heart  
back again. Well the earth does ro-  
tate, but here is a man says that the  
blood wouldn't circulate. Watts  
discovered that steam had a power  
almost omnipotent. They arraigned  
him and tried him, and said the  
world does rotate, and the blood cir-  
culate. But here is a man declares  
that steam is to drive wheels. When  
Morse discovered with electricity  
that one could talk to another 500  
miles away, they said the earth ro-  
tates, the blood circulates, but here  
is the greatest fool the world ever  
saw.

The greatest discovery came to  
your house with the greatest blessing  
they ever received, and yet today  
they doubt, and fight and work  
against earth's greatest deliverer and  
greatest discoverer. I said to you a  
man can believe that there is a power.  
A man can believe that the blood  
circulates, and he can be as licentious  
as sin would have him. He can be-  
lieve that the blood circulates, and  
he can be just as mean as he wants  
to be; but as soon as he believes that  
Jesus Christ can save sinners, a man  
has to call. That's all.

I tell you I go out sometimes in the  
school of philosophy and science.  
What little fellows they are. Man, if  
you just come over into Christianity  
and let me show you a Christian, you  
will never call that a man any more.  
You would get some other name for  
it.

It is worth preaching to the end of  
the world to meet and shake hands  
with a grand man. I met one such  
one day, sat down and talked with  
him. He stirred every ambition of  
my soul. I sat and looked and won-  
dered. I began to pray: Oh! God  
make me a man, and I have been  
praying it ever since. There is noth-  
ing grander than good women and  
men. The other day I met the grand-  
est woman. Thank God my mother  
is a woman, and I felt good for  
days and weeks.

Another day I met a little fellow.  
That's a man. Well! What is that if  
that's a man? I don't want to be a  
man. I'd rather be a dog. He was  
not all there; part of him was miss-  
ing. Let me tell you, I see just hun-  
dreds of those little fellows every  
day. They ain't all there—part of  
them is gone. Another day I met one  
of those giggling, dancing, novel  
reading girls, and I sat down by her  
and got up. Absolutely she never  
could get there, she will evaporate  
the way. Why, if I had half a dozen  
like her to make one woman out of  
I would be mighty careful with the  
dirt until I got my woman done. I  
would.

I adore Christianity because it has  
introduced me to the grandest per-  
sons this world ever had.  
Christianity in every sense of man-  
hood and womanhood is the highest,  
is the grandest plane that mortal  
man ever walked. That's a fact.

Christianity is as susceptible of  
demonstration as anything else. If  
Christianity is not as substantial as  
mathematics you may have my part  
of it. If you cannot demonstrate it  
as easy you can mathematics you  
may have my interest in it. Here:  
if a gentleman was to sit down by  
me and say Brother Jones do you be-  
lieve in mathematics? Yes sir. De-  
monstrate it. Twice 2 are 4; 6 times  
6 are 36. Oh, that's silly. What kind  
of a demonstration do you want?  
France and Switzerland a tunnel to  
begin on the opposite sides of the  
mountain and come together right  
in the middle. Science and mathem-  
atics stop up and says: I will  
guide you through the mountain and  
bring you together. But you might  
make a mistake. Mathematics says  
I don't make mistakes. Thus the  
two governments say if you make a  
mistake we have lost thousands of  
dollars. And the engineers brought  
their instruments and told the work-  
men to go to work right here, and  
they worked days, weeks, and  
months. The people thought they  
had missed each other, but mathe-  
matics said, be patient, I make no  
mistakes. One day the France side  
was sitting eating their dinner and  
the Switzerland side rose from their  
meal and commenced work first.  
The French workmen jumped up  
and gathered their picks and shovels  
when they suddenly heard the  
rumbly of picks and shovels on the  
other side and the middle wall of  
the partition fell out and they struck  
each other to an inch. Now if you  
cannot test Christianity like that  
you may have my interest. I mean  
what I say, and you can submit it to  
a severe test and demonstrate it.  
Well, religion makes me happy.  
That's silly. Well what do you want.  
Well, a God that can do any great  
wonderful thing, with nature for in-  
stance. What do you want done.  
Well, suppose on that great lake of  
Geneveret a ship was just rolling  
and pitching under the waves, I  
would like to see that hushed in a  
minute. We started there, I am not  
on that lake and Jesus was asleep,  
and when the ship was rolling the  
frightened disciples waked him up  
and asked what they could do. He  
just looked at the wind and waves,  
and look up one little wave. What  
a calm! Did the world ever witness  
more than that.

Let us try him on this case; where  
a man was born stone blind. What  
can you do to him? My Saviour can  
give him his sight. They stood him  
on the roadside, and cried: Oh!  
Lord, thou Son of David, have mercy  
upon me, and Jesus and Jesus passed  
the multitude and stooped down and  
mixes clay with his spittle and rubs  
it on the blind man's eyes  
and said; go wash in yonder pool.  
The blind man, if he had been a  
scientist, would have known that the

curative power was destroyed by  
wetting the earth, and he had bathed  
many a time before in that pool; but  
he just groped his way in darkness  
to the pool and stooping down he  
washed the clay from his eyes and  
looked up and saw rocks and rivers  
and mountains that his eyes never  
looked at before, and his eyes dan-  
cing in his head, the people said let's  
give God the glory, but as for this  
fellow he has the devil in him. The  
fellow said: "I don't know whether  
He has a devil or not; but this I do  
know that whereas I was blind, I  
now see."

There is another case the world has  
failed on utterly. Do you know that  
the leper has balked the science of  
America for a thousand years. Well,  
give me a leper. They brought ten  
lepers to Christ, and they say: "Mas-  
ter, show us how to be made whole."  
Jesus said: "Go show yourselves to  
the priest; the priest will not let us go  
about him. We have to hold up our  
hands to keep the people off before  
anybody touches them. They started  
to go to the priest, and before they got  
many yards the scales dropped from  
their bodies and one ran back and  
praised the Lord for the healing of the  
10 lepers.

Jesus Christ never failed to do any  
thing that a fellow wanted done. He  
is not only a Divine Saviour, but the  
best physician that ever wrought  
over a diseased soul. That's what I  
am talking about. And some of you  
little fellows imagine your case is  
peculiar. Bless your sweet little soul,  
He would straighten you out before  
you could say "Jack Robinson." He  
would want half a dozen of your sort  
to make one jaw. It is a mighty hard  
matter to pick up one little clover,  
seed out of a bushel, and little fel-  
lows like you ought to come in groups.  
Peculiar, sir! Absolutely there is  
nothing like you. Law! you would  
be surprised to know how many little  
fellows were down with the very  
same complaint you have got. Lis-  
ten! If any man will do what God  
says to do, then he will know what  
God wants him to do. What God  
says, is to do. That's the text. That's  
the reason why I am such a doing  
creature. We fellows around here  
believe. Believe! and these fellows  
believe until they won't do anything,  
but that fellow who believes in the  
Bible won't believe anything but  
what God says. I will tell you an-  
other thing. I don't care what a fel-  
low believes or what he does not  
believe, if I cannot get him to do  
what God tells him to do. Now a  
heathen these fellows get a little skep-  
tical and think there ain't any  
chance for you at all. Now listen:  
I don't care what a man believes,  
and I don't care what a man don't  
believe, if I can get him to do what  
God wants him to do. That's the  
reason why, brethren, I have a con-  
tempt for infidelity. It is because  
an infidel denies a proposition that  
they dare not sit down and work out.  
I was preaching in one of our South-  
ern towns and a man walked down  
street with me and said: "I am  
what you call an infidel. You have  
got something I haven't got. If you  
can do anything for me I will be  
much obliged." If you will take my  
medicine I'll warrant to get you  
straight in 48 hours. I'll do that.  
But I want to tell you I don't believe  
in the divinity of Christ. I don't  
care what you believe. Now tonight  
you kneel down and pray, "God be  
merciful to me a sinner." You shut  
your little mouth and don't open it  
for 48 hours. That night when I in-  
vited penitents to come forward he  
was one of them, and when I walked  
down to him that night he was  
kneeling down praying "God be mer-  
ciful to me a sinner." Now when I  
open the church, you come up and  
join the church, but "keep your  
mouth shut." You have nearly  
talked yourself to hell. But I said  
shut your mouth. He got out his  
bible and had family prayers. When  
he asked me if I believe in God, I said  
shut your mouth. Didn't I tell you  
not to talk to me. The thing I told  
that fellow came out all right and I  
believe kept up, too. If you give God  
your head he will pull the kinks out  
of your hair every morning. God  
don't care what a fellow believes or  
don't believe. God never said give  
me your head, hand or foot and the  
Lord knows the head has not been  
the start of your life. If you give  
God your heart he will straighten  
your head out, your little old fool.  
These Christians going around the  
country saying now, if you are skep-  
tical, there is no chance for you. I  
have got many an infidel. I have  
never known one to turn out to be  
much, but they are worth saving, be-  
cause they belong to Adam. They  
belong to the Adamic race.

A man don't do what he believes,  
but he believes what he does. If you  
show me your faith, I'll show you  
your works.  
Sam Jones, I am a little skeptical.  
Then the end of you; you will die  
with a cold in your head. You know  
doctors tell us if we take a hard cold  
it will always settle in the weakest  
part. That's the reason agnostics die  
early, because it is with a cold in  
their head. A cold in the head! And  
a preacher that will sit down and ar-  
gue with an infidel is a goose. Re-  
member, you cannot argue with an  
infidel. "What is an infidel?" "Just  
a great big mouth going around  
talking," and all you have got to do  
is to imagine his mouth, and that is  
all there is left.

If I was not a Christian, I would  
walk up to-night and say: "Here's  
my hand; I join the church. I would  
go home and erect a family altar and  
put myself in the hands of the  
preacher, and if a man will do that  
he will get to heaven just like a man  
going on the Richmond & Danville R.  
R. will go to Washington. I am not  
talking theology. I am talking  
Bible common sense. I am talking  
the text for one time, and I am afraid  
I am wandering off from my crowd  
a little bitly.

If my boy had good sense and  
religion, and you picked him up and  
sent him to a theological seminary, I  
would sue you for damages.  
I was preaching in Middle Georgia.  
We had five charges and a piece.  
I preached to that little piece. The  
first Sunday I went there I walked  
home with a brother and asked him  
how many members have you got to  
this church. Four. Who are they?  
Me, my sister, her little boy, and my  
little girl. Well, I said, "Shuck!" is  
that all you got. I asked who lived

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