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Ham Flays Worldliness In Christian Churches

Tells Folks Plainly They are Not Saved Unless God and His Kingdom Come First in Their Hearts and Their Lives

An audience decidedly larger than any which has attended the services this week heard Evangelist M. F. Ham Friday night at the tabernacle when he delivered the most terrific indictment against local conditions, especially the sins of compromising professing Christians probably ever heard here.

It is easily evident that the audience is still almost totally at a loss as to how to take this evangelist. They enter the tabernacle expecting to be told of their sins, but the indictments brought against them are so astounding in their bluntness and directness, the calm assurance with which the speaker makes astounding assertions which no man would dare to make unless he had absolute assurance of Divine protection and guidance is so pronounced, and yet the assertions are presented in such a quiet, inoffensive manner that it has all contributed to have the entire audience figuratively "in the wir."

At Friday night's service scarcely one stirred in his seat from the time the minister took the platform. Every eye was fixed immovably upon him and every ear was strained to catch each quietly uttered word which fell from his lips, as for over an hour, the evangelist, most of the time half reclining on his pulpit, with no gestures save for the occasional raising of a warning finger, quietly and deliberately analyzed certain sins much as a medical instructor would instruct a class on the nature and effect of a rank poison. The lesson finished, the facts having all been marshaled in faultless and convincing array, the speaker arose to the only impassioned flight of his discourse, when he called the audience to prayer and in a prayer of simple directness and with every evidence of supreme faith in an inevitable answer called upon God for definite, specific results in Elizabeth City.

The chorus rendered the most inspiring music of the campaign thus far and the attendance on the platform was noticeably increased, many new faces being seen in the chorus for the first time with but few absentees from among the ranks of those already positioned. In his preliminary remarks, Mr. Ramsay in his inimitable manner, paid high tribute to the cordiality of certain of the leading merchants and business men of the city and expressed appreciation of many courtesies which have been extended to the campaign and to the individual members of the party. He highly amused the audience by his portrayal of some, however, who either ignore him on the street or speak so coldly that their antagonism to the evangelistic effort is evident. The chorister delivered himself of a vigorous exhortation on the way to build a city, emphasizing the fact that the primary rule was to be courteous to all strangers whether you like them or not. His effort, emphasized by considerable physical activity and vocal exertion, kept the audience in a roar of laughter as well as impressing them with a good lesson. In addition the chorister paid his respects to those who are criticizing the cost of such a campaign and emphatically stated that the money of any such person was not wanted, but only that which was freely and sincerely given for the glory of God and the progress of His cause in this city. "If you don't give a cent this meeting will not go busted. I've got a wife that's worth two million dollars. What do I care whether you give anything or not."

Dr. Thayer, pastor of Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church and Rev. Mr. Hudson of the Shiloh church led in the opening prayers which preceded the sermon.

Services are announced for Saturday and Sunday, but no services will be held on Monday as the party observes this day as a day of rest. Saturday night Evangelist Ham is to speak on "Worldliness," another of the series of foundation messages he is delivering as a basis for the evangelistic effort which is to follow.

Friday night's sermon was in part as follows:

We have seen how the first Adam was victimized by Satan and we want now to study the conflict between Satan and the last Adam, Jesus Christ. The first Adam was tested by Satan and fell, bringing on himself the curse of God; the last Adam was likewise tested, but won a glorious victory over Satan, a victory to which we owe our hope for eternal life. In the fourth chapter of Matthew, we are told of this conflict. Jesus goes into the wilderness and fasts for 40 days until he is weakened by hunger, and then Satan in accordance with God's will and plan comes to test him. Now many can't understand why God lets the Devil live. For the same reason that he lets you and me live. The Devil is a creature just like we are except that he is more intelligent and powerful, but he is a fallen being just as we are. It is nothing remarkable for the Devil to tempt people. Wicked men today are daily tempting those with whom they come in contact just as Satan tempts his victims. But God lets these wicked men live and why should he destroy Satan?

Now Jesus must be tested. All God's people are tested. Job was tested just as were all others of God's ancient heroes. Satan one day slandered Job by telling God that Job was only serving Him because of blessings he received. Just like some of you modern devils say a preacher is preaching for money. Why don't you get something new and quit retailing that old lie of the Devil's that is as old as the time of Job. But the Lord knew Satan was slandering Job and he allowed Satan to test him and sure enough Job stood true. Then one day Satan presented himself before God and God said:

"Where have you been, Satan?"

"Down in the earth going to and fro."

"Well, have you considered my servant Job that he is a righteous man and there is none like him on the earth?"

Think of the satisfaction it must have given God to be able to ask this question of Satan and prove him the liar that he was.

"Yes," said Satan, "but skin for skin, a man will give all he has for his hide. You let me at him and I'll show you he will renounce you."

"Allright," God said, "you may afflict him, but you must spare his life." Think of it. God deliberately let Satan bring physical affliction on one of His faithful in order that He might test him and provet him as by fire. So Satan afflicted Job with boils and all manner of suffering. And while Job was most miserable Satan brings up three men who pose as friends and try to comfort Job. One argues from the viewpoint of the worlds' philosophy, another from the viewpoint of the world's religion and another from the point of view of the world's science and all try to prove to Job that he is a wretched sinner and his affliction is caused by his sin and they end by trying to get him to curse God and die.

How true was Job's reply: "Miserable comforters you are," said he. And how miserable is the comfort which the world's religion, and philosophy and science today brings to the suffering soul. But Job got to defending himself and in his reckless defense he got to glaming God and God challenged him:

"Job, would you condemn me that you might be justified?" Then he turned to Job's friends and told them to shut up, that they were all wrong, just as he will say to the philosophy and religion and science of today when He finally speaks. Job was tested and finally fell by blaming God, but he repented and took his stand in grace and here we have a picture of the human family and in this little incident in the life of Job, the spiritually minded man sees the whole plan of salvation and from it he gets comfort and help.

Yes, God lets all of us be subjected to tests. "Behold, Satan has asked to have you that he might sift you as wheat," said Jesus. God tests us to prove us and see that which is genuine in our faith and to prove to those of us who are not genuine that He is just when He condemns us.

But let us note the lessons a comparison of the tests of the first and last Adam have for us. The first Adam was placed in a garden of plenty and wanted for nothing when he was tested. Christ was placed in a wilderness and was hungry when He was tested. And Satan tried to get each to eat. The first Adam was not hungry, but fell. The last Adam was hungry, but resisted temptation because "It is written that man shall not live by bread alone." There is only one way to save this life and that is to lose it. Is that not a paradox? Yet there is the great kernel of truth on which every Christian life is founded. There is only one way to invest your life and that is in Christ. Many are investing theirs in business, but where is their life when they die. Their business is gone. Many today can't see the difference between Christ and a good thing. You fathers and mothers here who this week have turned aside for anything, whether good or bad, whether a booth at the fair, a business engagement, a social engagement, a parent-teachers' banquet or what not are going to find yourselves in an awfully embarrassing predicament before this meeting goes very far. When you try to get your children to put God first they are going to laugh at you. They know you have not been sincere. You have been putting God last for anything and everything both good and bad. Brother, nothing, not even eating and things which to the worldly man seem necessary, can be put before God if you expect to have power with God and man.

Now note that Satan approached Jesus just as he did Eve, with a question: "If you are the Son of God," said he (raising the question as to whether or not Christ was the Son of God) "If you are the Son of God, then turn these stones into bread and feed yourself." Satan has invariably tried to get man to put his own appetites, and desires above those of God. Eve set God aside in order to satisfy her desire for the fruit of knowledge. Christ hungered rather than to go contrary to God's word. Note His reply "It is written." Some of you are putting your own desires above any plan that God may have for you. Some of you have even gone so far as to bind yourself in an agreement that you will not close your place. God or no God, I'll not close. Satan is always trying to get you to put some legitimate thing before God. It was no sin to eat, but under these circumstances it would have been sin for it was God's will that Christ teach the great lesson that man has so sorely needed to learn that "man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Note too that Jesus replied to Satan saying "Man," in other words "Satan, I am not meeting you as God, but as man, in my own inherent goodness as a man I will meet you and defeat you." God has often taught us this same lesson. He led the children of Israel out of Egypt by a dangerous circuitous route for this purpose. He could have led them into Canaan by a direct route, but instead He led them by a circuitous route until He brought them into a little pocket, surrounded on every side until there was no hope for their escape except a miraculous interference from God. Then after delivering them from this position, he led them into the wilderness deliberately that they might hunger. Think of that. God deliberately leading them into the wilderness to hunger when He could have done otherwise without causing suffering. Why did He do that? He tells us in Deut. 8:3 "And He humbled thee and suffered thee to hunger and fed thee with manna which thou knewest not, neither did the fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by everything that proceedeth out of the mouth of Jehovah doth man live." He was even then teaching man this great lesson.

God often deliberately puts us where we have to choose. He often puts meetings in times of numerous counter-attractions, fairs, carnivals, social amusements, civic banquets and what not just to test us as to whether or not we have learned that "man does not live by bread alone"; he deliberately makes them conflict with business just to see if you will put business before Him. Listen, brother, you who put your business, your pleasure, your socila duties and pleasures ahead of God—You are not Christians, you are not saved, you are not even akin to Christians. The Christian puts God before father, mother, brother, sister, homes, wife, lands, business, everything. Nothing can keep him from the performance of his duty toward God. And yet, a lot of you professing Christian will let a little booth at a fair come before God, a business before God, a little dance or a little banquet before God. Now don't blame me. I am just giving you the picture this town sees of you tonight, the picture your children see, the picture heaven sees tonight. Oh, the tragedy of it. Our little measly, contemptible conception of the great God whom we pretend to serve. Some of you fathers are going to be down on your knees with your son before this meeting is over, but he will remind you that "No, father, you needn't talk to me about God first. You even signed an agreement that you wouldn't close your store for God. Some of your leading men have said" To hell with that meeting, what in Hell have we got to do with the Ham-Ramsey meeting." Listen, this isn't Ham and Ramsay's meeting. We are not interlopers here. We are here as messengers of the Great Omnipotent God who created you, we are here at the invitation of all your churches and pastors as their guests to deliver God's message to you. And yet you say "What in Hell have we to do with that meeting?" Now isn't that a fine remark for an intelligent, leading citizen to make? Aren't you ashamed of yourself? Oh, there is many a man here in this town who is going to be ashamed of some of his foolish, silly, empty remarks when God gets hold of him. Now, I am not angry. You haven't hurt me. I don't even know you and you don't know me. There wasn't anything person laid your remark. If I was here to boost some of your civic enterprises you would probably be my most loyal supporter, but I am here representing Christ—He is the one for whom you have

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NEVER KNOW WHEN YOUR HOME'S SAFE!

Burglars and fires are not all the householder has to worry about these days. He has to begin his guard against unexpected visits from strange airplanes, too. Just look at Ralph Swickart's home in Dayton, Ohio, after one had "dropped in" unannounced. His house is just three squares from McCook Field, and the plane was on its way back there when the accident occurred. Lieutenant H. A. Johnson, pilot, and his passenger, W. F. Gearhardt, were seriously injured.

"Baby" Plane Race Entry

A baby airplane, which weighs but 225 pounds, has been entered in the race for light planes to be held during the International Air Races at Dayton, O. It has a wing spread of 12 feet and is propelled by a 61 cubic inch displacement motorcycle engine. Bert Mix, an airplane mechanic of Dayton, built the machine, which can make about 75 miles an hour.

Sunday's Religious Program

9:30 a. m.—Sunday schools in the various churches as usual.

11:00 a. m.—Preaching by the pastors in the various churches as usual.

3:00 p. m.—Great mass meeting at the tabernacle for everybody. Evangelist Ham will deliver his sermon-lecture, "The Signs of the Times." Mr. Ham is considered by many who have heard him as one of the foremost exponents of Bible prophecy and students of world condition on the American evangelistic platform. Those who miss this message will do themselves a decided injustice.

7:30 p. m.—Service at the tabernacle with all churches co-operating. Sermon subject: Why I Believe There Is a God; Why I Believe the Bible Is His Book; Why I Believe Jesus Christ Is His Son.

Probably this is Mr. Ham's greatest sermon and certainly a defense of the authenticity and inspiration of the Holy Scripture which has attracted the commendation of the press and pulpit of the South as has no other similar message. Mr. Ham's extensive travels through the Land of the Bible, his wide grasp of world history and his deep and reverent study of the Word itself render him peculiarly fitted to discuss this subject.

The nursery will be in operation for these services where mothers may care for their children.

BANDITS KILL FOR PAYROLLS

Men Shot Mercilessly on Texas and Pennsylvania Towns by Daring Daylight Robbers.

El Paso, Oct. 11.—B. F. Parker of El Paso, auditor of the Eruption Mining Company, and eight other men were lined up and shot to death Thursday by bandits who wrecked a freight train and got a $1,000 payroll. A Mexican customs guard, the only man on the train who was armed, is missing, and it is believed that he also was slain.

Lebanburg, Pa., Oct. 11.—Five armed bandits slugged and killed James Gorman, American Railway Express messenger today, seriously wounded Joseph Davis, bank messenger, and escaped with a $40,000 payroll at a remote spot on The Cambria and Indiana Railway near here. The sheriff's posse was in pursuit.

WON IN CONTEST

In the guessing contest held at the booth of The Elizabeth City Buggy Company, six came nearest the number of beans in the jar. There were 1946 beans in the jar. Following came nearest the number: James Wilcox, city, 1912; D. A. Morgan, city, 1950; C. B. Cooper, city 1950; Mrs. C. B. Toxey, city, 1950; R. D. Raper, R. F. D. No. 1, 1950; C. R. Taylor, South Mills, 1950.

One name was drawn from the number, and the name drawn was that of James Wilcox. Mr. Wilcox gets the six gallons of paint donated by the Peasley-Gaubert Company through The Elizabeth City Buggy Company.

POSTPONED TRIP AT LAST MINUTE

Friedrichshafen, Oct. 11.—The flight of the zeppelin ZR-3 was postponed at the last minute today until six o'clock tomorrow morning.

It was apparent that the ZR-3 was loaded with more weight than it could carry comfortably.

OBSERVE NAVY DAY UPON OCTOBER 27

Washington, Oct. 11.—Plans for the observance of October 27 as Navy Day with a program of ceremonies in various cities, at tombs and monuments of the nation's naval heroes, with radio addresses and other features to emphasize the significance of the day were announced by the Navy League of the United States today.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Oct. 11.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels, Oct. 24.40, Dec. 23.55, Jan. 23.58, March 23.58, May 24.10.

New York, Oct. 11.—Spot cotton closed quiet, Middling 24.45, an advance of 35 points. Futures, closing bid, Oct. 24.20, Dec. 23.28, Jan. 23.35, March 23.68, May 23.90

Always Vote

Rain or shine, Mrs. W. B. Kavanaugh; 90, of Cincinnati, believed to be the oldest woman voter in Ohio, will be at the polls in November to cast her ballot for a president. Since given the right to vote Mrs. Kavanaugh has cast her ballot at every election. She was born in Trimble county, Ky., May 1, 1834.

SHENANDOAH WAITS DAY FOR REPAIRS

(By The Associated Press)

San Diego, Cal., Oct. 11.—Because the rear cabin was smashed while the Shenandoah was being moored last night after completing her trans-continental flight and some repairs to her motors were necessary, the big dirigible probably will stay at her mooring mast at North Island all day today, according to a telephone message from North Island Naval Flying Field.

Although the damage to her rear cabin was described as of minor nature, it, together with some work to be done on the motors was expected to keep her here today.

THIRTY FIVE HURT WHEN CARS CRASH

Youngstown, O., Oct. 11—Thirty-five persons were injured, 10 seriously, today when two Youngstown-Newcastle inter-urban cars crashed head on in a fog near Struthers.

The collission wrecked the front vestibules of both cars pinning the motormen against the frames of the cars.

Both motormen are said to be in a critical condition. Five passengers are said to be seriously injured.

PLANE PLUNGES BUT PILOT SAVED

Philadelphia, Oct. 11.—A naval high speed plane plunged to the bottom of the Deleware river while on a test flight today under the guidance of Lieut. Gorton.

The pilot escaped from the cockpit as the plane dived beneath the water and swam to a nearby tug boat. He was not injured.

Pup Boards With Uncle Sam

"C. O. D." is the name of this Boston bull puppy, and "C. O. D." is being held at the Chicago post office because the man to whom it was mailed from Bellevue, Ia., refused to pay the $25 charges on it. The government must hold such packages for six months—but there is no law that provides funds for feeding uncollected mail. Miss Kathryn Sullivan of the Chicago post office made friends with "C. O. D." immediately.

LARGE CROWDS TO END OF FAIR

Saturday Negroes' Day Featured by Racing with Negro Jockeys — Fireworks Tonight as Usual.

A crowd estimated at nearly 1,000 was entertained on Saturday, Negroes' day, at the Albemarle District Fair.

Horse racing with negro jockeys was a feature of the program on this day.

The usual free act program was given during the races in the afternoon, and will be repeated Saturday night with fireworks in addition.

Exhibits are now being taken down and moved out and with the program tonight the 1924 Albemarle District Fair comes to its close.

Winners in the farm horse race Friday was Nancy, owned by Willie Williams of Woodville, with Montana, owned by Butler Williams of Woodville, second; Native Barron, owned by Jim Matthews, third; Lula M., owned by T. G. Forbes of Belvidere, fourth; Salem X., owned by Jim Simpson of Woodville, fifth; and Billy Dodge, owned by Willie Williams of Woodville, sixth.

In the free-for-all trot race Josie Harrell, owned by Frank Thomas of Washington, D. C., was first, with Corbin, owned by L. B. Armstrong, second; Billy Mack, owned by Henry Bartlett of Bartlett, Camden county, third; Petrol, owned by W. W. Walker, fourth; and Mabel G., owned by George right of Parkaville, fifth.

In the 2:18 trot John W. Kruger, owned by Hilliary Lambert of Norfolk, was first, with Lee W., owned by L. B. Armstrong, second; Milton Prince, owned by Frank Thomas of Washington, D. C., third; and Pearl Hodges, owned by W. E. Edwards of Norfolk, fourth.

SENTENCED TO PEN

Middleburgh, Pa., Oct. 11.—A maximum sentence of not less than ten nor more than 20 years in the penitentiary was today imposed on Ralph Shadel, aged 18, who was found guilty of second degree murder of Harvey Willow, his former employer.

Shadel confessed he shot Willow on a hunting trip last December after five months urging on the part of Annie Willow, aged 38, Willow's wife, who was in love with him. She will be tried as accessory.

ISSUES CALL TO BANKS

Washington, Oct. 11. — The comptroller of currency today issued a call for condition of all national banks at the close of business Friday, October 10.

NEGRO LODGE SCRAP GETS AIRED IN COURT

The troubles of Gideon Lodge, colored, were aired in police court Saturday morning as a result of an effort on the part of Annie E. Jones, for 24 years a teacher in the colored schools of the city, to put Henry Heckstall and his wife, under bond as a resut of threats which they had made against her. The court did not find the evidence of a nature to justify a peace bond but taxed Heckstall and his wife with costs on a new warrant charging assault.

The trouble came on through an application of Annie Jones for a sick benefit as a result of illness while she was taking a course at Columbia University last summer. The sick benefit committee deferred acton on the claim on the ground that the New York physician's certificate and the application for the benefit signed by Annie Jones appeared to be the same handwriting, but in the courtroom when the two writings were presented there was no one on the stand or elsewhere to say that such ground was justified. Before writing of her illness, the teacher had twice written her husband asking him to report it to Heckstall, who seemed to have shown one or both of the letters to Heckstall's wife. In arguing for her sick benefit claim in person Annie Jones referred to this matter and this brought on epithets and threats from Heckstall and his wife. Following the difficulty, and while Heckstall was saying he'd never have any more use for Annie Jones, a woman member of the lodge dropped dead.

The court urged the lodge to compose its differences and settle the matter.

Julian Newbern was fined $5 and costs for speeding.

Henry Hooker, for passing a pedestrian while riding a bike, was let off with costs. Frank White, colored, on the same charge likewise paid costs. Ralph Pipkin, for riding a bicycle at night without light, paid the costs.

Paul Willey for riding by Chief Gregory without dismounting was let off with a warning when he testified that he slid off the back seat and was straddle of the rear fender when his bicycle passed the policeman.