

ATTENDANCE IS NOT AFFECTED BY COLD WAVE

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As a matter of fact the more we have of it the worse off we are, for strength uncontrolled is the cause of our worst defeats. Steam is one of the greatest blessings of mankind, but steam uncontrolled is dangerous. Electricity has changed the night into day, but electricity uncontrolled is a certain death. So temper if it is without control causes many a humiliating defeat when placed in His hands it becomes the secret of our many victories and enters into character in such a way that we become in all our conflicts more than conquerors.

He was a great judge. "Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaoi in the burying place of Banoah, his father. And he judged Israel 20 years." For 20 years he judged Israel. We usually see at one time in a man when we are judging him, and seeing the one thing is a man that which has really been his strength. We say Moses was a man of meekness, but he was a leader of men, too. Jeremiah was a man of tears, but he was a great advocate as well. Samson was a man of strength, but he was a great judge at the same time, and we somehow have a way of remembering people's failings and forgetting their virtues. We rarely think of Samson that he did not think of him tying the foxes' tails together and starting them going with burning brands through the enemies' corn fields, but we should remember the good things that Samson did.

I remember one day holding up before an audience a great piece of white paper and in the center of it was a black spot. I said to my hearers, "What do you see?" And instantly many answered, "A black spot." And I said to them, "Why do you not speak of the white which is here as well." And then I told them that it was because men were looking always for spots, and because they were blinded to the fact that there was so much of good in men as well as evil.

Outward Strength Falls
It would do us good to see the story of Samson in the sixteenth chapter of Judges, especially noting verses eight, seven, thirteen and seventeen. It was the time when Delilah was seeking to find the secret of his power because she wanted to bind him and

deliver him to his enemies, and he told her to bind him with green with. This she did, and when the enemy came Samson snapped his bond as if they had been thread. Then he told her to bind him with a new cord and to weave his hair with the cord, and this she did, but when his enemies came to take him he broke the cords and was free.

Then he told her to fasten him to a beam and she would surely have him, and when the enemy came he arose with beam and pin and walked away. All the time I can see him laughing to himself. At last he told her of his Nazirite vow which he had taken, and of the fact that his hair should be cut off, and that if his hair should be cut off his strength would go with it. And this she did when he fell asleep and when they came to take him he was powerless.

"And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before and shake myself. And he wist not that the Lord was departed from him. But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house."

So many people in these days seem to think that they do not need Christ and they put off accepting Him. They think they can fight their battles alone and win their victories without His help, but some day they will fall. When the crisis comes, temptation is strong and the night is dark, and your friends have forsaken you, and your brother is dead and your family circle is broken, you will find that you stand alone, like Samson of old—the Lord has departed from you.

The Text
After his locks were shorn the text became true of Samson. He was like a walking skeleton. His eyes were there, but he could not see as he once did. His mouth too, but he could not speak as of old; his ears, but he could not hear the voice of God. He was like some Christian people whom I know, Sunday school teachers going through the form of teaching without power. Christian workers shorn of power, which into her days made them effective. Pastors using the same methods, and the same sermons, but while in other days they were wonderful in their effectiveness, now they are powerless. These are all like Samson. See him stand there with the same muscles and bones, the same beating heart, but something gone. This is like many a Christian of today; because of sins committed in another city; because of secret sins which are encouraged, or greater sins which they have sought to cover.

A brakeman on a railroad in Sedalia, Mo., was bitten on one finger by

a tarantula. The one finger was taken off, but the poison of the bite spread, and there were 29 operations before he was safe.

It was but a small sin in your life. That small sin has grown until at last you are as Samson was, the Lord has departed from you.

Secret of His Failure

1. He trifled with his adversity. Animal trainers say that if you desire to train a wild animal you must keep your eye upon him constantly. If you trifled in the slightest degree with Satan there is danger.

2. He ignored the strength of his adversity. A young girl in an eastern city passing along the streets, carelessly touched a wire hanging from a pole. It was a live wire. She could not release her grasp on it. She shrieked for help. Her mother came to rescue her, and was thrown down by the force of the electricity. Finally, the electricians came and cut the wire, and she was saved, nearer dead than alive. Thus we trifle with sin and, because we do we are overthrown sometimes before we realize it.

3. The temptation came to Samson gradually. The binding with the green with was the first step towards bondage. The cutting away of his hair, the sign of his Nazirite vow was the last, but the tempter wore him out, and at last he was weak as a child. "And he wist not that the Lord was departed from him."

His Recovery
He had a recovery, but he had the marks of sin upon him as well. He was blind and was in charge of a little boy who led him forth as if to make his humiliation the more complete. What a pathetic picture it is. The lords of the Philistines are present on a great occasion when Samson is called out to make sport for them. All eyes are turned upon him, and all the multitude gazes upon him in his humiliation. When Samson said to the lad, "Let me feel the pillars on which the house is standing, and then he prayed to God, asking Him just once to let him have the old power back again, and suddenly it came. Pillars were drawn together; the house came crashing down, and Samson died with them, and the slain in his death were more than the slain in his life.

You may regain your old power if you wish. God in His mercy will forgive your wanderings and heal your backslidings, but the sad part of it all is this, that you will not be able yourself to forget the pain and anguish of the years when you walked out of fellowship with Him. But I call you today to return and He will have mercy; to confess your sins and He will forgive; to seek, and He will pardon. It is a sad thing to be shorn of power with so many temptations on the other side of us, and sadder still not to realize it until we face the crisis of life.

Last Night
On the subject "Regeneration," Dr. Chapman spoke, in part, last night as follows:
Text: "Ye must be born again."—John 3:7.
I think there is no chapter in all the Bible with which we feel we are more familiar than the third chapter of St. John. It may be because we find in it the marvelous expression of God's love in the sixteenth verse. Luther once said it was the Gospel in a nutshell. Another distinguished preacher has declared that if you should take away from him all of the Old Testament and all of the New Testament and leave him only this text, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life," he would know enough of the heart of God, and he would know enough of the plan of salvation, to be saved.

Yet, to my mind, there is no chapter in all the Bible so difficult of explanation. It is in this chapter that we have the thought of regeneration represented, and if I should say to you, "Give me a definition of regeneration," I question if many of my hearers could give a definition that would be satisfactory or plain to the man or woman who is seeking Jesus Christ. On the other hand, if you should say, "Give me an illustration of regeneration," I could do it easily. I could tell you the story of the man who came into one of our services bound with sin and who, for months, has been free. This is the result of regeneration. I could tell you the story of the woman who, at the beginning of one of our missions, was hopeless and helpless, and who now is giving her testimony to the marvelous saving and keeping power of Jesus Christ. I would ask you to listen to her friends, who say that she is a changed woman, changed in her expression, in her manner of speech, and changed that she has become a new creature. That is regeneration. You will notice that this text has a marginal reading, which says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you except a man be born from above." So when you say you have resolved to give up sin, that is not enough.

When you tell me that you have resolved never again to go in the way of iniquity, that is not enough, even if you could keep the resolution. If one is to become a new creature, and overcome the power of the old sin, and new temptation, he must be born from above, and that means to have implanted in his nature a new force from above. It is to have within himself a new life which is the life of God. It is to have a Saviour offered to and accepted by him. That is regeneration.

Major Whittle once said in my church in Philadelphia, that when Jesus was here He filed a bill of exceptions. One count of that bill you find in Matthew 18:—"Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." There are those who say there is a distinction to be made between conversion and regeneration; the say that conversion is your part of the work, and regeneration is God's part. Conversation is putting yourself in the way. Regeneration is God's doing the work in you. Conversation is not "I will." Regeneration is God's breathing into you the breath of His own life.

The second count in the bill is recorded in Matthew 5:20—"Except your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." So there is

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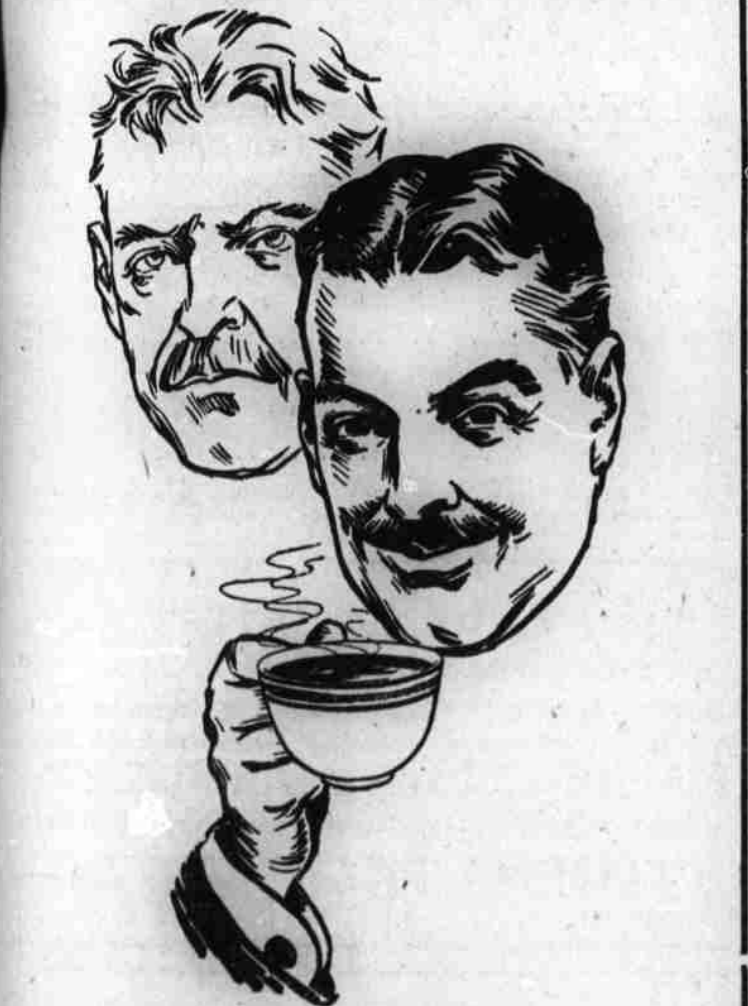
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Another count in the bill, the third, we find in the Gospel of St. Luke—13:3, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." What is repentance? There are people who say repentance is sorrow for sin. Then all men repent, for there is surely not a man bound with a passion, nor a woman held with a sin, who has not had sorrow for sin. They may have said with hearts almost breaking, "O, that I might be saved!" but you must remember that that is not repentance. There are those who say that remorse is repentance. Then all the sinful people of the city have repented, because day after day walking the streets, and night after night tossing restlessly upon their beds, they have said, "My God, my sin! my sin!" But that is not repentance. Repentance is, in a sense, sorrow for sin; it is the crushing effect of remorse on account of sin; but in addition to this it is saying, "With God's help, I will turn away from sin." It is turning right-about-face, and looking unto Him.

Then the other count in the bill is the text above quoted, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

I hear somebody say, "I cannot come to Jesus." Why? "Because I have no feeling." But you never will have until you come. And, another person says, "I cannot come to Jesus." Why? And he answers, among other reasons, "Because the doctrine of the atonement seems to be so impossible."

May I say in conclusion that we come into the kingdom of God with different experiences. Some men sob their way to Christ. Other men shout their way into the kingdom. Some men come with all the calmness that is a part of their nature. I like the story of the gentleman in Philadelphia, turned to the man near him, and said, "Sir, when will the officers of this church meet?" And the man said, "They will meet now, if you wish it." And the gentleman said, "Call them together." When the officers of the church came together, this gentleman, who was one of the greatest manufacturers in America, arose before them to say, "Gentlemen,

for a long time I have believed in Jesus Christ, but I have never acknowledged Him. Today when the minister was preaching I thought the time had come, and before you this morning I acknowledge Him as my Saviour." One of the officers moved that he be received into the church. Another seconded it. And that gentleman walked out of the room a Christian, and kept on walking with Christ to the day of his death, a model Christian.

You may come in from the east; you may approach from the north; but come. Waiting will not save you. Weeping will not save you. Working will not save you. Come. The danger is this: You are very near the kingdom—so very near. An uplifted hand, with the will to rise to your feet, and your resolution not to yield would go in a flash. I once said to an American preacher in Oregon, "How did you come to Christ?" and he said, "I was raised in a Christian home; my mother was a saint; my father a church officer. I was very near the kingdom, but I did not yield. One night I heard the minister use this illustration, and it won me. He said, 'A gentleman with consumption left home for the mountains, and, as is usual in our country with the people having this complaint who go to the mountains, his first days were days of real suffering. He became much discouraged, and said, "I shall die if I stay here," and started home. "He sent a telegram to his home in the country, saying that he would arrive by such a train. But a storm came on. The telegraph wires were down, and the train was delayed. His home was three miles from the country station. He reached the station at midnight. No one knew of his coming, as the telegram was never delivered. The station was closed, and the lights were out. His house was the nearest to the railroad. There was only one thing for him to do. He

must fight his way through the storm. Dying, through he was, he pushed his way through the ever increasing snow-drift until at last he saw a light in the window of his home. He passed through the gate and staggered up the walk. Just as he reached the step of the door, he fell upon his knees from faintness, and with his hand upon the step of the door, he died." My friend told me that the minister turned to his congregation and said, "There is some young man in this building with his hand upon the step of the door. Some day the door will shut." And my friend said, "I rose from my pew, and hurried home to my father, and dropping on my knees by his side, I said, 'I will yield, I will yield. I accept Christ now.' I urge you not to tarry and plead with you not to be too late."

"Almost is but to fail, Almost cannot avail, Sad, sad that bitter wall, Almost, but—lost!"

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