

SERMONS BY McLENDON.

Evangelist is Preaching Strong Sermons at Banner Warehouse.

Groundhog Church Members.

"Backsliding" was the subject of Evangelist McLendon's message Saturday evening. His Scripture lesson was from the second chapter of Jeremiah.

The preacher compared many church members to groundhogs. When the revival is on and everything is bright and shining they come out for Christ and as soon as the revival closes they go back into their holes—back into the ways of the world.

Men regard backsliding as a light offense, but it is a serious offense in the sight of God. It is a sad thing for those who see their relatives leave shore sailing under a bright sky and then to hear that a storm has overtaken the ship and destroyed it. It is a much sadder thing for men to go out from this meeting and miss the voyage to heaven.

An Age of Unfinished Things.

This is an age of unfinished things. Men start on the royal race to heaven and compromise on something else. Too many men have their price and will sell out to the devil. Many are true to their homes, their friends, their lodges and everything except Jesus Christ.

No Double Standard.

A man has no more right to sin than his mother, his sister or his wife. His wife has as much right to drink mean liquor, smoke cigarettes, curse, lie, steal or commit other sins as he has.

The girls are too careless as to whom they associate with. They are so much afraid that they will miss getting married that they say anybody that wears pants and cuts whiskers.

In closing his sermon the preacher declared that men can backslide and come back, and appealed to his audience to return to God.

Twentieth Century Christianity.

"Twentieth Century Christianity." It was from this subject that Evangelist McLendon preached Sunday morning. His text was, "Study to

show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth"—Second Timothy, 2:15.

"We are facing the powers of hell as never before in the history of the world," declared the preacher in beginning his sermon. "People have reached the stage where they think they can do as they please, attend church, contribute to missions and go to heaven; live right on Sunday and sin during the week. All your good thoughts, good deeds and traits will not get you to heaven. The only way to keep out of hell is through the spilled blood of Jesus Christ."

The preacher condemned many of the new religions of today and quoted Scripture which condemns the doctrines of the Christian scientists. He declared that many of the new doctrines are leading men away from the Kingdom rather than to Christ.

A Strenuous Age.

He declared that immigration is one of the greatest curses to America. This country has been the dumping ground for Europe. This has helped to turn the Sabbath into a continental Sunday.

This is a strenuous age. The family altar is a thing of the past. People are rushed with business. For 60 years America has had a negative preaching. The world is crying for Jesus Christ. Some may preach the gospel better than I am preaching it, but no man can preach a better gospel than I am preaching. We should preach repentance and the new birth. Men must be regenerated and born again. The devil-fighting gospel has been done away with. It is a big mistake to temporize with the devil. A pure gospel is needed.

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Three Kinds of Preachers.

Speaking of preachers, the evangelist declared there are three kinds. One are fool nuts who try to preach

to satisfy the people. Another class stands for the church acting for spirituality. The other class preaches the doctrines of Jesus Christ and don't make any apologies for it. If the churches were what they should be they would take the place of lodges. We need more discipline in the churches—more warm-heartedness. If the spirit of militarism could be instilled into the churches we could whip the devil before he could cock his first gun.

On The Ten Commandments.

In spite of the downpour of rain, a large crowd heard Evangelist McLendon preach on the Ten Commandments Sunday evening.

A Man's God the Thing He Loves Most

"If you are not keeping the commandments you should be in the penitentiary," the preacher said. God says you shall have no other God before me. Man's God is the thing he loves most. If a man worships money, then money is his God. The world is commercially mad. Men are lovers of money and they are going to hell in car lots. They will do anything and go to hell for money.

Commenting on the way ladies dress, the preacher declared that if he were some women and had to wear breeches he would get some with two legs. Folks do what society says. They worship the God of society.

There are people living in Lumberton who when they are dead will not need any funeral or flowers. Some only need to have a bottle of white lightning placed on their casket, others will only need a batch of stocks and bonds and others a pack of cards. These would tell the story.

Taking God's Name in Vain.

Taking up the commandment "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain," the evangelist asked, "How much do you weigh in that balance? People take cursing as a light matter. God does not. Reverence for God is the only foundation for character. God says more about profaning his name than he does about stealing. The man who curses is lower down than a thief, he is below the level of the heathen. Why do you curse?" the preacher asked. The man who does it is a fool. Men will ask God to damn a soul. They say they get mad and just can't help it. However, they are careful about whom they curse. The man who will curse will steal if there was no danger in it.

The automobile has caused man to forget the Sabbath. God is waving the red flag and urging people not to desecrate His holy day. Need Revival of Home Government. I have been low down, but if I had gotten so low as to call my mother the old woman and my father the old man I would jump into a slop barrel and commit suicide. Children are going to the devil for the lack of fathers and mothers. We need a revival of hamestrings, peachtree limbs, etc. Men are killing their wives by neglect, they are killing their mothers

by sin. "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Infanticide is one of the greatest curses of the age. God frowns upon it.

Thou Shalt Not Steal.

"Thou shalt not steal." Any man who sells a garment for all wool when it is only half wool is a thief. The man who buys merchandise and refuses to pay for it is a thief. A man who rents his farm for 5 bales of cotton when it is only worth 4 is a thief. The man who moves to keep from paying his rent is a thief. The man who fails to pay his labor a fair price is a thief. The laborer who fails to give honest labor is a thief.

"Thou shalt not bear false witness."

I knew a woman in a certain town who was called "town news." She knew it all and told it all. The women are not as bad as some "he" gossipers.

In discussing the commandment against murder, the preacher declared that America leads the world in murders.

The man who breaks God's commandments will be eternally damned.

"Sail On."

Evangelist McLendon preached a powerful sermon Sunday afternoon on the subject, "Sail On."

"There is such a thing as knowing you have religion," declared the evangelist. If a person is saved he knows it. To the Christian God gives a peace and understanding that flows like a river. There is no peace where there is no certainty. I don't want a religion and not know it. There would be danger of losing it and not missing it.

Three Kinds of Christianity.

After quoting the Scripture, "One thing thou lackest," the preacher said the man who is not a Christian lacks all—those who know nothing of the new birth lack all. The majority of church members have never been born again—have never been transferred and changed from nature to grace. There are three kinds of church members. One kind freeze up in the winter and dries up in the summer; one

kind are pitcher-pumps—they have no be primed and re-primed and pumped up in order to get any service from them; then there are the artesian-well kind. These never have to be primed. You can always count on these. There do not ask, "Must I Lord?", but "May I Lord?"

Religion makes you love everybody for whom Jesus Christ died. There is no stopping the Christian religion. If you love the world, the love of God is not in it.

Giving his personal experience, the preacher declared that he had neither let up nor let down in bragging on Jesus since he was converted 12 years ago. Some Christians have nipped all the grass in their pasture. These should move on into greater pastures.

In closing his discourse the evangelist made a most stirring appeal to men and women to get in the Christian race and "sail on, and on, and on."

One Great Need of the Church.

"One great need of the church today is that preachers get converted," declared Evangelist McLendon in his discourse Monday evening. His theme was "Ahaz and Hezekiah." He told of the wicked reign of Ahaz and how for 16 years the temples were closed and the people forgot God and worshipped idols. His son Hezekiah was a good man who had a good ma. When he ascended the throne, succeeding his wicked father, the first thing he did was to clean out and open the house of God. The preacher paid tribute to Woodrow Wilson and thanked God that this country has a God-loving ruler.

Curses Brought On By Sin.

The Bible teaches that whenever a nation forgets God that nation is cursed by God. Germany, France, Belgium and England had forgotten God and the sword is one of the things used by God to punish nations that forget him. The preacher declared that the epidemic of influenza that has spread over the world is another curse brought on by sin.

Religion of Service.

Don't get the idea that all idolatry belonged to the days of Ahaz. It is

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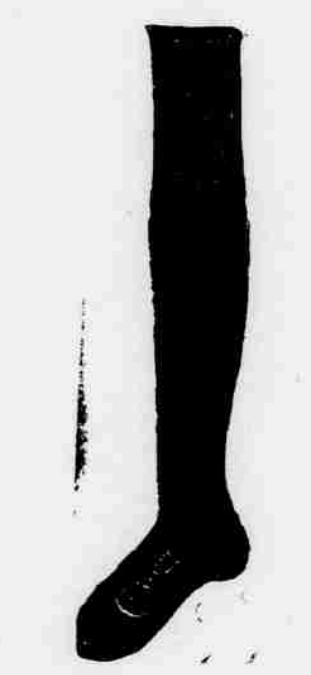
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