

God Demands Your Heart; Acceptable Service to God

What God Wants of Men and How to Render Acceptable Service to God Were Themes Upon Which Dr. Nisbet of Kansas City Preached Two Powerful Sermons Here Sunday.

As stated in Monday's Robesonian, Dr. Charles R. Nisbet, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church of Kansas City, preached powerful and eloquent sermons at the Presbyterian church here last Sunday morning and evening. Dr. Nisbet was on the program this summer at Montreat, where he was heard by Mrs. H. M. McAllister, who was most favorably impressed with him, and he came here from Wrightsville Beach, where he is spending his vacation, at the invitation of Mr. H. M. McAllister, ruling elder of the church here, the pastor, Dr. G. E. Moorehouse, being absent on his vacation.

"What are you offering in response to God's demand that you give Him your heart?" Dr. Nisbet asked in his sermon Sunday morning.

His text was: "My son, give me thine heart"—Proverbs 23:26. He named intellect, money and organizations as the most common things men give God in response to the command to give Him their hearts.

God wants the hearts of men, and only such obedience as is the hearts desire. Dr. Nisbet declared that he believed that the ten commandments were as binding today as ever. God wants obedience that is a spontaneous expression of the heart's desire. We should show that we love God by what we do and not by what we say.

God comes to each individual and says, "Give me thine heart." This is a supreme demand for your affection. God has a right to make this demand as creator. God made man and has a right to demand your love and service. "God has a right to demand my love because he is my Father," the preacher continued. "I am duty-bound to love my parents. If I didn't it would be an outrage to my family and State. Then, too, God has the right to demand your heart on the basis of being a good Father."

God gives His children strength, comfort and assurance to meet all difficulties and to face the darkness of life. Can you feel the grip of the Father's hand when tribulations come? If not, you have not known the great joy that comes from knowing God as a Father. God makes infinite provision for every need.

The substituting of intellect for the heart in response to God's demand is one of the great dangers of the church today. Men substitute their minds for affection; put up their minds against their hearts. Men bring money as substitutes for their hearts. It is easier to raise money than to get men to give their hearts to God. Here lies the danger of riches.

While stating that he believed in organization, Dr. Nisbet declared that one cannot answer God's demand with that alone. God wants your heart. "I fear there is more churchness than Christianity." Men think more of organization than they think of the head of the church—God. It is not necessary to be a fool in order to be a Christian. Christianity is not a question of "giving up," but a question of "taking on."

God calls men to make money for the church, just as he calls men to preach; yet one must bring himself with his money and intellect. Have you given God your heart? If God has your heart you will give money, if able, with pleasure.

Acceptable Service. Dr. Nisbet's text Sunday evening was: "She hath done what she could"—Mark 14:18. He painted a beautiful picture of how one may render service to God that will be just as acceptable as that of Mary. This act of Mary was described by the preacher as one of profound love for Jesus; a natural and spontaneous expression of the heart's feelings.

"Love brings what it has and gives all," declared Dr. Nisbet. The act of Mary was an inspiration to the world and will live forever. The influence of kind acts never die. When you put your shoulder under the burden of a discouraged soul it starts an influence that will live forever.

God accepts whatever service we are able to render. Little things in the way of service count for much. God does not expect you to do what you cannot do, but He expects you to do what you can.

In closing Dr. Nisbet asked the question, "Are you doing what you can?"

SINGLETARY'S CROSS ROADS
Lumberton, R. 5, Aug. 4.—Farmers in this section are about through curing tobacco and are beginning to pull fodder.

"Children's day" at Singletary's was fine, every one seemed to know his part. There were about 400 people there.

Mrs. Nora Barnes and Miss Edna were visitors at Mr. McKay Rrard's Sunday p. m. It seems like the people have got bad eyes around here, they are wearing real large glasses.

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Placed one colored child in foster home, not by juvenile court. Investigated fourteen homes. Nursing visits, twenty-eight. Inspected 127 business establishments and three cotton mills, and found 23 violations, 12 children illegally employed, and eleven seat and toilet laws not in force.

Issued 50 employment certificates. Attended State institute for superintendents public welfare, at Chapel Hill, three days.

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Public welfare duties concern the cause of illiteracy and near-illiteracy, commercial amusements and wholesome community recreation, preventable disease and postnatal death, feeble-mindedness and its causes, insanity, poverty and its manifold relationships, orphan children in poor homes whose fathers are dead and orphan children in unsafe homes, whose fathers and mothers are alive, the placing-out of children and their guardianship, wayward children, children maimed and lame in body and brain, the families of convicts in prison, returned convicts, prisoners on parole, men wanting jobs and jobs wanting men; it concerns jail and chain-gang conditions, poor house and pauper conditions, juvenile courts and the over-sight of juvenile probationers, fallen men and fallen women alike and the whole subject of social hygiene; it concerns conditions, causes, consequences, and care of social ills of every sort; it sweeps the whole immense field of social science, theoretic and applied.

To build a meaning of this adequate and needful sort in the public mind, to stir the consciences and wills of men and women into activity, to erect suitable institutions in North Carolina, county by county, is an exceedingly difficult but an exceedingly necessary task—enforcement child labor, seat and toilet laws. This is being undertaken by the State Welfare Commission.

COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COUNTIES
Constructive Views of the Late A. J. McKinnon.
The attention of the News and Observer has been called to an address delivered by the late A. J. McKinnon, of Maxton, at Lumberton several years ago advocating the commission form of government for the counties. Maj. McKinnon was not only a good farmer but he was also an exceptionally good business man. His judgment as to what would be the best and most efficient plan of running a county has great weight with North Carolina folks.

The commission form of government as applied to cities is in very general use. Maj. McKinnon believed it could be used in county government equally as well. In his Lumberton speech he said:
The county legislative body would consist of five commissioners elected so that each would as nearly represent one-fifth of the county population as possible, subject to recall at all times.
This commission would select a county manager who would be competent, trained and capable, and selected solely on account of his fitness and ability to manage the affairs of the county. He would be subject to recall by the commission or by the people of the county.
The commission would have authority to see that all officers and employees were appointed on the basis of merit and fitness alone. This would leave politics entirely out of it.
The administration of affairs would be subdivided into departments, all under the jurisdiction of the county manager.

First, the department of law, putting all the legal matters under one head.
Second, the department of public safety. This department, I would think, should have charge of all property, highways, bridges, buildings and tools of our county.
Third, the department of public welfare, in charge of health, schools and everything pertaining to the welfare of the citizens of the county.
Fourth, the department of public safety, this department to do all police duty, serving all legal processes and making all collections.
Fifth, the department of records and finance, this department to have charge of all records, all court proceedings, receive and disburse all money belonging to the county under proper voucher from each department.

There is a difference of opinion as to whether the commission form in the cities has been a success. Some think it affords no improvement over the old aldermanic system. There is a feeling that it lodges too great power in a few men. Democracy is the accepted form of government and the people had rather make their own mistakes than have some one else make them for them. In North Carolina at present the idea of "back to the people" is rather pronounced. Progress is not as rapid this way. In fact, a well ordered autocracy is the best instrument of progress, but also it is the best instrument of tyranny. There are greater things than progress. One is contentment and the people are best satisfied when they have reserved to themselves the largest practicable measure of power.

But there is dissatisfaction with county government as it is and the time seems ripe for some changes.

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CAROLINA COLLEGE DAY

Big Barbecue and Rally Will be Held at Maxton August 25. Maxton, Aug. 8.—August 23rd is to be Carolina college day at Maxton. At a meeting of a number of the citizens of the town it was decided that the people of the town and vicinity would, on that day, give to the college, its trustees, former students and its friends and those attending the demonstration school at that college which will begin session at that time a big barbecue on the college ground

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and that a general rally in the interest of the college would be held. The enthusiasm which those present at the meeting showed at the idea evidenced the interest which the people of this community have in the institution. A speaker of importance is to be secured and talks showing the opportunities and necessity for the college will be made and the day will be a big one for Maxton and

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