

# The Pulpit

A SERMON BY THE REV. IRA W. HENDERSON

Subject: The Religious Life.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Preaching at the Irving Square Presbyterian Church on the theme "The Religious Life," the pastor, the Rev. Ira W. Henderson, took as his text Deut. 8:3, "Man doth not live by bread only, but by everything that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live."

The one thing most necessary in the life of the individual and of society is religion. A man may exist in the possession of all the tempo- and material aids to comfort and to the satisfaction of the natural man, but he never begins really to live until he is conscious of the divine personality and recognizes the validity of the divine control. A man may exist without a thoroughgoing sense of the reality and the control of "the Divinity that shapes our ends," but he only is alive when he gains a consciousness of God and of his accountability and infinite indebtedness to Him.

In our day too many men are drifting from the religious life, too many are endeavoring to live without a controlling sense of the reality of God, too many are endeavoring to live as though God were non-existent and as though He were entitled to no authority over their lives. Many good men, confusing ecclesiasticism with religion, and uncomprehending of the vast difference that there often is, though to be sure there should not be, between church membership and the Christian life, have turned and are turning, altogether too commonly, from the peace of the grooves of the living God, away from organized religious systems primarily and from any sort of religious observance at all. Gazing upon the hopeless insincerity of many Christians and the stupid indifference of many churches to the needs of society and the demands of the times, as contrasted with the beauty and the universal interest of the God-man and His Gospel, upon whose character and truth the Church is founded, men have misjudged Christianity by its misrepresenting fruitage, and, in numbers that annoy us, have turned from religion entirely. Contemplating the sins of individuals in the church, they have permitted their eyes to be withheld from the discernment of the truth that the personality and the pronouncements of Jesus Christ as the oracle of God are the leaven that most surely could transform their own lives and effect a transformation in the social order of which they are a part. Many bad men, with the determination not to know or to serve God under any conditions, utterly are neglectful of the claims of the religious life upon their higher natures. They turn from religion because they are willfully desirous to be the followers of the devil rather than the servants of God.

Many men have turned from organized religion because of intellectual difficulties. Some of these have gone out of the church to follow the bent of their peculiar and personal religious conceptions and convictions; some have turned to philosophy and have deified man as sufficient unto himself; still others have to their entire satisfaction eliminated God from the scheme of things.

In spite of the attitude of a host of men, however, a true religious life is as necessary to the welfare of humanity as are fresh air and pure food and the creature comforts that we desire, need and strive so persistently to secure. No man is well rounded, no man has realized the possibilities of manhood; no man is really alive until he is alive unto God. And no man has sounded the limits of the capacities of his own being until he has revealed a knowledge of the highest revelation of the character of God that is in the world to-day.

A true religious life ought to appeal to every man first, because it is reasonable; secondly, because it is spiritually real; thirdly, because it is ethically influential.

The true religious life is reasonable. It does no damage to our good sense, and it commends itself to our judgment. It does not shock our ideas of the fitness of things. It satisfies our intellects. Man, in the wisdom of God, is an intelligent being; he possesses mental qualities that are fundamental in his make-up. Men must be convinced of the reasonableness of things before they can have any lasting hold upon them. That which is intellectually unsatisfying that will not stand the tests applied by the minds of men, they reject. Man does not demand that he shall be able to exhaust every subject which comes under the province of his intellect, but he does demand that, whether or no he is able to explain all the things in which, as a rational being, he holds an interest, he shall at least be able to discern in them the evidences of reasonableness. Religion appeals to the mind of man. Not because he is able to sound all the depths of religious philosophy or of religious truth or to explain all the manifold wonders of religious experience, but because there is in religion that which is intellectually reasonable and satisfying. No religious system that is worthy of attention holds the respect of humanity for long unless it be first of all of no damage to our sense of the fitness of things. The true religious life commends itself to our best judgment and in the recognition of its imperatives we find rest and joy.

The true religious life is transcendent and delightfully real. It is not susceptible, perhaps, to arithmetical or geometrical demonstration. We are not able to trace it in its speculative and abstract phases by the terminology or the experiences of the senses altogether, but it is none the less real. Laying hold as it does upon the divine, it is simply inexplicable in all its outreachings through the medium of finite speech. As true it is that tongue cannot tell of the

glorious realities of the spiritual life as it is that the tongue has not yet told the fullness of the glories of that richer life that is yet to be. But though the tongue may be unable to explain it all or to reveal in finite language the infinite experiences of the spiritual life it is none the less real. The spiritual religious life is the result of experience. It is experience. It is just as exact and scientific in its way and just as experimental, mystical and abstract though it be, as any other scientific discipline. It cannot, of course, be demonstrated by the experiences of the physicist alone, or by the terminology of the geologist alone, or by the rules of the algebraic formulae. But it has its own laws. Its own characteristics may be scientifically tabulated. Its experiences may be classified. Its reality may be investigated and proven by any open-minded, open-hearted man who will place himself within the realm of its manifestations and permit himself to be moved upon by its influences. It is spiritually real.

Then, too, the true religious life such as has been revealed unto us in Jesus Christ is ethically influential. It takes hold of the conduct of the man, and whereas he was before satisfied with lax and easy regulations for the ordering of his personal and social life, it leads him past all that is superficial and insufficient and less than wholly righteous, step by step into such a recognition of the claims of God and of his humanity upon his life that he is soon satisfied with nothing but the best in manners and morals, and is continually testing himself by an increasing measure to find whether or no he is worthy of the approval of Almighty God, his King. The real religious life that was practiced by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is a life that is militant in the life of the man seven days a week. It is no week-end religion. It is a force from the first stroke of the midnight chime on Saturday night to the precise moment when another week having gone rings down the grooves of the past the bells shall boom again another midnight note. It declares to men the reality of the divine authority and the insistency of human accountability to Him. It leads the soul into a larger recognition of the claims of personality and inspires humanity to square itself with the claims of society upon the individual life.

The true religious life in Jesus is as vital in national affairs as it is in individual life. We do not need in our times more churches or a larger organization. What we need most is that the present organization and the present churches shall make the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ to be felt and realized as a vital force in all departments of our national life.

The true religious life is the medium whereby comfort, joy, hope and courage are mediated in divine fashion to the human soul. In no other life is comfort so satisfyingly given. In no other life is the joy that is manly so largely needed so truly ministered. Here is our highest hope. Here we drink deep of courage and are most endeavored for conflict against principalities and powers and panned effectually for the conquering of sin.

The greatest mistake in the world is for a man to reject the privileges, the prerogatives, the appeals of the religious life. For the soul without God is not alive. Only in the consciousness of His reality and in willing subjection of self to Him do we live. The live man is the one who lives within God through the grace and love revealed and mediated in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Every Road Leads to Jesus. A young man just starting upon his work in the ministry was one day talking to an aged minister in London, who had spent a lifetime in the service of God. The young man said, "You know a great deal of experience; you know many things that I ought to learn. Can't you give me advice to carry with me in my new duties?" "Yes, I can," was the response. "I will give you a piece of advice. You know that in every town in England, no matter how small, in every hamlet, though it be hidden in the folds of the mountains or wrapped round by the far-off sea, in every clump of farmhouses, you can find a road which, if you will follow it, will take you to London. Just so every text you shall choose to preach from the Bible will have a road that leads to Jesus. Be sure you find that road and follow it; be careful not to miss it once. This is my advice to you."

The Soul Winner's Equipment. Be filled with the Spirit. (Eph. 5: 15.) This is the call to every Christian to be filled with the Spirit. That is what is needed to-day. Only those who are filled with the Spirit can be soul winners. To be filled is the privilege of all. Christians are known by their fruits. "Without Me ye can do nothing" (John 15: 5). It is as impossible to live the Christian life without the Holy Spirit as it is to live natural life without air. There must be an emptying of all else before there can be a real filling. Holiness must prevail. The little sins if tolerated will hinder the Spirit from having full sway. This is not only a privilege for every Christian, but a duty; for it is a command: "Be filled with the Spirit." —C. B. Styers.

Drawing Men. The holiness of Christ did not awe men away from Him, nor repel them. It inspired them with hope. It was not that vulgar, unapproachable sanctity which makes men awkward in its presence, and stands aloof. Its peculiar characteristic was that it made men enamored of goodness. It drew all men unto Him. "This is the difference between greatness that is first rate and greatness which is second rate between heavenly and earthly goodness. The second rate and earthly kind draws admiration on itself. You say, 'How great an act—how good a man!' The first rate and the heavenly imparts itself —inspires a spirit.

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