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Discourse Reveals Man's Duty To Creator and the Obligation To Use Worldly Goods For the Extension of His Kingdom.

At the request of interested hearers and of Dr. Wilcox particularly, and for its bearing upon the Methodist Centenary Drive, May 18-25th, we are publishing the following excellent sermon of Dr. J. T. Gibbs, pastor of Warrenton Circuit-Editor.

ings."-Malachai 3:8.

It is said in the first book of the that all human beings derive their ex-

then season the wood and fashion it into the desired shape with his own hands, there will be none to dispute people knew nothing of such owner- he must appear with a plea of guilty? The land, among them, belongfully enjoy the fruit of his labor.

animals and implements to work the vice.

is God's iron and God gave heat to less or more?

We are God's. Our property is his aid. The Almighty's claim is But has not God given us freely of make us happy? Why should we life to come, but of a heartless grabbing for advantages in the goods of this world. Shall we tell them by our acts that we mean to keep for ourselves the salvation freely offered by our blessed Master to all who will drink of the water of life?

Nor is our task at home a light one. (Continued In Column 5, This Page)

WHEN

WHAT'S WHAT AND

Canvass of Warrenton township for Victory loan by appointed committee, Mosley, Rodwell, Polk, Palmer, Boyd, Jones, Peck, Rooker.

Today

Sunday

Speeches on Loan at Norlina by McCoin and Polk at three o'clock school building.

First Monday

Meeting Boards Education and Commissioners. Meeting new County Road Commission.

Meeting Cotton Association at 2 o'clock, new program and settlements.

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and oger-we robbed thee? Can we not all remember with what pride we did the first little tasks Bive that God made the heavens and the earth. We are told there, also, that God made Adam and Eve, and the conceive a higher honor than to be permitted to give as well as take in partnership with Gods?

istence from this first pair. We, then, are the works of God's hands. But this is not all. The same mighty Bethis is not all. ing who made us made also all that of angels do His bidding. By a word,

tures should render service to their Maker.

One method of rendering God His his title. The implement is undoubt- own is tithing. The prophet, speaking edly his property. A man may own a forest or a mine or a field. But this kind of ownership means no more than that society—the organized body of all the body bad must be that heart which will not a question of giving but of paying. the people-find it convenient to give which will rob the One Eternal wieldthe exclusive use and possession of er of all power in Heaven and earth? certain parts of the earth to individ-uals. The Indians and other savage the judge before whom he knows that

The tithe is now considered by ed to the tribe—that is to all the peo- many a strictly Jewish institution. ple who made it their home—and one According to them when the veil of was as fair as another to make such the temple was rent and every man se of it as circumstance permitted. permitted to approach God's mercy Among our own forefathers, there was seat, it became unnecessary to pay a a fresh division of land every spring, tenth of the income to support the for a farmer must hold the fields that priesthood. And it is certainly true grows his crops. As orchards came that the form of worship changed. We to be planted and other improvements have no Levites set apart from birth made, the land became property, for to the priesthood. The ceremonial of in no other way could the husbandman tabernacle and temple has passed away, and men devise their own order There is among us at this day the of worshiping God. God's grace is not custom of renting the land. A farm- withdrawn from the world. He still er having larger fields than he can permits His people to serve Him, and plow goes into a kind of partnership houses are still dedicated to worship. with another who has no land of his It is till found best for certain men to own. He furnishes his tenants land withdraw themselves from ordinary which has been made fit for cultiva- business affairs and devote themselves tion. Generally he furnishes also entirely to leadership in religious ser-

land and artificial fertilizers to in- The great commission of our God crease the yield. When the crop is has enlarged the activities of the harvested he gets a part from his church. The chosen people were a race apart. Their incense and burnt Now God not only owns us and all offerings ascended in atonement for that we have because He made us and their own sins and in acknowledgeours, but He is also our landlord. It ment of their peculiar blessings. But is His land we farm. He furnishes, in we are responsible for the salvation of addition to the land, the means of using it. We may sow the seed and run preach the gospel to every creature. the plow, but God alone can give the And we are told to-day that the very increase. It is His power that bursts continuance of the civilization of the the seed and sends the green shoot world is dependent upon our doing pward to the light and the white root this. We may well believe that the that fashions the tender blade, the was Heaven's rebuke of the selfishness stalk and the full corn in the ear. He of the church on earth. It is our duty gives the sunshine and the rain. Our and blessed privilege to cross seas and deserts, and to pierce the wilderness with the glad tiding of salvation. The does God do to help the Merchant's Jews gave a tenth of their income to business? The Almighty furnishes support the priestly order and mainthe goods in which he deals. God had tain the temple worship in expecta-God helped the farmer produce the seen. Above and beyond this they raw material of which those goods brought their thank offerings and were made. If he deals in hardware, their free-will offerings. Shall we do

the fire that smeltered it, and directed But we are a practical people. We the whole process of manufacture. know that God is entitled to our ser-How could the foundryman have made vice, but must calculate the cost of casting if the iron had remained that service. We want to know if the solid when he prepared it for the tenth is still needed? Let us look at moulds? How could the knife have our preachers making the best brick been tempered had the metal refused they can without straw. Let us look harden? It is God's power—not at the slums of our cities and at the an's—that carries on the processes great stretches of country without churches. Can we say that we have the sand mechanic thanks pays the churches. Can we say that we have miner and mechanic through the usual met the needs at home? Let us conchannels of trade. Does he think that sider the millions in foreign lands to God has no claim.

But what of the doctor and lawyer?
They make nothing to sell only the knowledge and skill acquired by their own labors.

Here are the millions in loreigh lands whom the gospel has not been preached. For two thousand years we have failed to accomplish the mission given us. Can we say that our efforts have

own labors. Has God put anything been too great?

The fields are now white for the lawyer's typewriter does nothing but points his thoughts on paper. Yet he buys the machine. The doctor's automobile only takes him to his remotest corners of the earth. The automobile only takes him to his patients, yet he does not expect the service free. The mind that directs the body in the path of health or steers the business around the pitfalls of the law is a far more valuable machine than either typewriter or automobile. God not only made it, but maintains it. A moment's withdraw-like end of fees—medical or legal.

We are God's. Our property is vanced peoples carry their trade to the vanced peoples carry



ing who made us made also all that we have. The cattle upon a thousand the made the earth, sun, moon and stars. How can we know that our offerings are not impertinent? Simply by His own word. Our Heavenry Lie kandiwork.

Aren't his two legs and those of thousands like him as It is said that the highest title to dren to offer Him their best. It is His property is that of him who made it.

Father has always directed His chilwell as the sacrifice of 65,000 lives, worth a \$165,000 to our services and to see much of our national life uninfluenced by the teach-If a man in need of an axe helve go lawfully into the woods and cut a tree, lawfully into the woods are a lawfully into the woods and cut a tree, lawfully into the woods are a lawfully into the woods and cut a tree, lawfully into the woods are a lawfully into the woods are a

STATEMENT

MR. AMERICAN CITIZEN

TO UNCLE SAM, DR.

To service connected with winning your war:

2,053,347 soldiers to be returned from France at \$200 each\$ 410,669.400 Maintaining our army in Europe from November 11

until embarkation for home (average cost of 1,655,000 soldiers in training camps in America to be 20,273,750

returned home at \$12.25 each..... Maintaining from Nov. 11 to demobilization 1,655,000 soldiers in American training camps (average cost of \$317.50 a man).....

525,462,500 93,000 wounded now receiving hospital treatment (av-67,425,000 erage cost of \$725 a man)..... Loans to our Allies to enable them to help us finish

To help feed Europe till the next harvest...... 100,000,000 Completion of shipping program..... Extra pay for army and navy at \$60 a man...... 228,065,200

This statement does not include the following items: cost of maintaining navy from November 11 until demobilized to peace basis; cost of war material in final course of preparation November 11; cost of finding jobs for 2,000,000 soldiers through U. S. Employment Bureau; cost of industrial education of tens of thousands of disabled soldiers. These items will total some billions of dollars in addition to the above.

We pay interest on all money advanced by you as a loan toward payment on this account. Remarks:

PLEASE REMIT-WE ARE GOING OUT OF THE WAR BUSINESS AND WANT TO SETTLE UP.

UNCLE SAM.

What Shall The Answer Be?

(Manufacturers Record, Baltimore)

The world is divided into two classes: the burden bearers and the

burden shirkers.

To which class do you belong? The nation asks you to range yourself on one side or the other and to stand with the burden bearers or the burden shirkers, and yet it does not ask you to assume any burden in doing this. On the contrary, it offers you the most gilt-edged security in the world for every dollar it asks you to invest in Victory Bonds. It gives you the opportunity of becoming a bond holder in the mightiest nation of earth, and in doing so to have the satisfaction of knowing that you have done your duty to your country.

This is your nation and your Government. Its honor is your honor; its debts are your debts, and its achievements are your achievements, to the extent that you do your part.

This nation is made up of one hundred million individuals. It has no power except as each individual does his part. Every man who fails to do his part is a burden shirker, and is making someone else carry his burden.

The call for subscriptions to Victory Bonds has gone forth throughout the land. The glamor and tragedy of a mighty war, which stirred the nation's patriotism to its utmost depths, are to some extent lacking, because the actual fighting has apparently ceased. But the army is still in the field; the great fighting machine cannot be abandoned; its expenses to some extent must still go on. Because the glamor has for the moment passes, there is all the more reason why every patriot should work with redoubled energy to make the Victory Loan a greater success than were any of the Liberty loans.

This is the nation's call to the manhood and womanhood of the

country. What shall the answer be?

Hon. R. S. McCoin, of Henderson. and Hon. Tasker Polk, chairman of the Liberty Loan for Warren, will speak Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in the school auditorium in Norlina upon the Victory loan.

The people of the entire county arc invited and a large crowd is expected to greet the speakers and gain inspiration to carry on and over the patriotic appeal which now engages public attention.

Speeches of strength and eloquence are to be expected, and a huge gathering is predicted for this patriotic meeting.

TITHING-(Continued From Col. 2.) The results of the great war have not taken final shape. There may yet be hard fighting before Europe returns to devolves upon the men of Warren the paths of peace. The peoples of county, entrusted with raising the loan Christendom are still quarreling and haggling. They have not set their house in order. Shall we work out the commit our ways in larger measure sible the committee selected; to carry to the Lord in the stadfast faith that He will direct our paths. In our own marching hosts, we have lived too tar ever the standing therein that the path from God. We have depended too of duty must be trod to an oversubings of the Master?

The great war has set men everywhere to thinking. Mankinds had advanced in the arts and sciences and accumulated wealth beyond the dreams of our fathers. The former wars of our day had been comparatively small fly at each others throats. Then came the great catastrophe like lighting from a clear sky. New implements of nuity and effectiveness were used in J. Ed. Rooker, Milton McGuire. the most brutal and lawless fashion. Every resource of science and indus try was called upon to add to the horrors of war. Money was lavished W. S. Terrell. upon the conflict in amounts never before thought possible to raise, and men gave their lives by the million, cities were utterly destroyed and wide territories brought to desolation. It was only natural that millions should ask how the God of Love could permit such untold suffering and such colossal crime. I have already intimated the answer: God was rebuking the unfaithfulness of His people.

In war-torn Europe, the multitudes flocked to the churches, seeking consolation for bereavement and ruin, and strength to endure what was yet to come. The armies advanced and retreated destroying as they went, and calling always for fresh levies of men to die in the roar of the guns. Earth had no care or solace for the thorne. terrors that gripped the soul. We of America escaped much of the horror of war, but true, too, prayers were offered for the success of our cause. and the safe return of our loved ones in khaki. The four years so recently passed was a time of agonizing prayer. It was a time too of sacrifice—a time when women as well as men faced death for the good they might do. It was a time when fabulous sums were given such benevolences as the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. It was a time when men borrowed money to invest in government bonds at a lower interest rate than they were making in their business. It was a time when personal service was offered and glady rendered without charge or hope of

Now we owe God a higher loyalty than is due the nation. He made us and sustains us hour by hour. The property we handle is His, and no business or profession could be carried on without His aid. Will the people that rendered billions to the Ceasar of Nationality refuse Millions to God? Nor is either ownership or partnership God's highest claim to our reources. He gave us His best without stint or limit. When we trod the hopeless road of sin to certain and eternal doom, there was no angel in Heaven good enough to undertake our rescue. The depth of our dispair was answerer by the height of Heaven's power, our blindness by supreme wisdom, and our indifference by love without measure. While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. The Son of the Fishing Creek Township-Quota \$8000 Most High God deliberately stepped from the glories of His Heavenly Throne to the rough manger of Bethlehem's stable, and trod without murmur or complaint the stony road to Gethsemaine and Golgotha. That is God's highest claim on us.

Shall we, snatched as brands from the buring, be content that others perish? Have we truly seen that love which passeth understanding unless we have received some of that love into our own hearts? Our Father in Heaven and His Only Begotten Son have made the supreme sacrifice. And the Son is to-day pleading before the Brown. Great White Throne for every creature on this earth. Shall we be so unworthy of our race as to count too great the cost of telling men their opportunities? Shall we rend against the heart of our Saviour by refusing a few paltry dollars to carry on the work He began on Earth and now pursues in Heaven?

Liberty Loan Meeting Norlina Sunday TO CARRY ON

CENTRAL COMMITTEE URG-ED TO PROMPT ACTION

To Place Shoulders To Wheel For Oversubscriptions In Each Township By Wholesale Cooperation With Local Workers

With the apportionment made for each township, with neighbors already over-the-top, with the women's committee representatives out for Victory, with the Nation marching on to the triumph of an oversubscription, duty

Members of the central committee problems of reconstruction in the are expected to visit the townships aslight of experience alone, or shall we signed and aid in every manner posenthusiasm, pep and determination to America, untroubled by the tread of every township convincing that whatmuch on human wisdom. Our churches scription. Chairman Polk urges this many of our people have remained work be immediately launched and without the fold. Shall we continue that every committee representative to gather but a fraction of the people will forward the work with unabated

The following organization is in

Warrenton Township-Quota \$65,000 Central Committee-V. F. Ward, J. G. Ellis, B. B. Williams, W. G. Rogers, J. B. Palmer, T. D. Peck, M. P. Buraffairs. Many persons thought that well, J. M. Gardner, John Graham, C. the great nations would never again E. Jackson, H. A. Mosley, R. B. Boyd, E. Jackson, H. A. Mosley, R. B. Boyd, R. T. Watson, W. H. Burroughs, W. H. Dameron, W. H., Alston, H. L. destruction of the most amazing inge- Falkener, C. R. Rodwell, W. N. Boyd,

Woman's Representative—(town) Miss Sarah Macon, (township) Mrs.

Town of Norlina-Quota \$10,000 Town's Representatives-R. S. Reg-

ister, J. L. Overby, H. C. Fleming. Woman's Representative-Mrs. H.

C. Fleming. Smith Creek Township-Quota \$8,000 Township Committee-W. E. Mul-

chi, R. M. White, A. G. Hayes. Central Committee Representatives -B. B. Williams and J. G. Ellis.

Woman's Representative-Miss Rebecca Collins. Hawtree Township-Quota \$15,000

Township Committee—Coley Perkinson, M. H. Hayes, W. W. Caw-

Central Committee Representatives -W. G. Rogers and H. L. Falkener.

Woman's Representative - Mrs. Fleming Hilliard. Nutbush Township-Quota \$9,000

Township Committee-W. W. Kimall, J. C. Brauer, A. E. Paschall. Central Committee Representatives -W. H. Burroughs and V. F. Ward.

Woman's Representative-Mrs. C. H. Buchanan. Sandy Creek Township—Quota \$7,000 Township Committee--Robert Stewart, J. K. Pinnell and T. H. Aycock.

Central Committee Representatives -J. B. Palmer and T. D. Peck. Woman's Representative--Miss Eula

Shocco Township—Quota \$3,000 Township Committee-F. F. Limer, . W. Burroughs, James Montgomery. Central Committee Representatives

-C. R. Rodwell and V. F. Ward. Woman's Representative-Mrs. Hun-

ter Pinnell. Fork Township-Quota \$4,000 Township Committee-R. E. Williams, L. A. Fowler, Stanley Powell.

Central Committee Representatives -Howard Alston and W. H. Dameron. Woman's Representative-Miss Jennie Alston.

Township Committee-W. T. Davis, R. L. Capps, W. T. Hardy.

Central Committee Representatives -H. A. Mosley, J. M. Gardner.

Woman's Representative--Mrs. Beaufort Scull. Judkins Township-Quota \$8000

Township Committee-D. L. Ryder. W. H. Fishel, W. E.B. Harris. Central Committee Representatives Edmund White and M. C. McGuire. Woman's Repre'sentive--Mrs. Sharpe

River Township-Quota \$17,000 Township Committee J. P. Pippin.

R. D. Fleming, D. A. Fishel. Central Committee Representatives -R. B. Boyd and J. E. Rooker.

Woman's Represen'tive-Mrs. John (Continued On Fourth Page)