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## HOW SHALL WE THINK OF GOD?

By Rev. Thos. F. Higgins, pastor of Forest Hill Methodist Church

Text: Matthew 6:9, "Our Father." It is an attractive theory that the spiritual dominates the physical, and the soul in the long run selects its own body. It is an evident fact that life is created by thought, and every action is derived out of our way of thinking. The first equipment for living is a creed. A thinking person cannot be so simple that he does not hold some article firmly. It may be attachment to the tribe, but no one can be so liberal that he has cleansed his house of every article. History proves the necessity of a creed; experience proves its effect. As the light of the sun colors the tiniest blade of grass, so the idea in the background of the mind tinges every detail of life. Belief gives trend to politics, constitutes the rule of business, composes the atmosphere of the home, and creates the horizon of the soul. It becomes the sovereign judge of our destinies for character and personality are produced out of what we actually believe.

Therefore, the first and fundamental thing in the creed for the Christian religion is a belief in God. This belief then must be a consistent and a workable belief, the character and personality which we are in the process of building may be dwarfed or seriously stunted. Here we are face to face with the question: Where are we to get the truest idea of God?

Shall we go to any of the books of the Old Testament and get our idea of God? There is danger here for it is like the creed that we derive from the Old Testament may not be a workable creed or the right sort of an idea to have of God. The writers of these great books were feeling for God and their idea of God is far below what has been revealed of God since their day. Do we want a God that is revengeful? If so our lives will be as we think of God. Do we want a God who overcomes some hates others? Do we want a God who took a delight in seeing sinners killed? Do we want a God who can step in and take a man and make of that man any thing that he may choose against this man's will? If this is our idea of God then there is no character or personality to be attained by human beings.

We become what we become because we think that we think, and then this thinking brings us into God's abundant help and supply. Shall we take Paul's idea and say this is all that I want, or shall we take Peter's idea and say this is my creed? Shall we take the ruling of any council and say that their decision has become my idea and therefore my creed? To be frank and clear with you there is something in all these presentations of the idea of God that we would all like to add or subtract from, so as to make it more moral or more workable. These human terms are too small for us to express our ideas of the Infinite Being. Our minds are not built on a scale to surround and define God. But where are we going to get a workable and moral idea of God so that we may use it in the building of our lives? Let us think of the one who said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father, for the Father and I are one."

We can take the teachings of Jesus and at the same time the life that He lived, after the fashion of man, and derive a creed that will bring our ways of thinking into closer relations with God and then we will be in a better position to develop character like His. In the teachings of Jesus we see brushed away the idea that "matter and force" are adequate to account for all that we find in the orderly universe.

When we come to the place where we take Jesus seriously and study His teachings for the truth and not to defend some doctrine, we shall be able to picture to ourselves the Being whom we call God, and standing in something of the same relation to the universe that we sustain to our physical bodies. "God is a Spirit." In the last analysis we also are spirits, made in His likeness and image. I suffer if one of my limbs is diseased or goes wrong on me. Is it not reasonable that the moral God of this orderly universe suffers when one of His children goes wrong? "If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more does your Father know and care."

Central Methodist. (R. M. Courtney, Pastor) Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Mr. J. E. Davis superintendent, Mr. H. W. Blanks, assistant. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. At the 11 o'clock service the subject will be "Better Christians." Evening subject: "God Searching a Man's Heart." Epworth League devotional service at 6:30 p. m. We welcome visitors to all these services.

Kerr Street Baptist. (A. T. Cain, Pastor) Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject: "Crossing the River With a Rope." Evening subject: "Coming at Night." B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m. Prayer service Wednesday night 7:30. You are welcome to all services.

First Baptist. (Cor. Grove and Spring Streets) (C. Herman Truitt, Pastor) Regular Bible School 9:45 a. m. H. B. Bollinger superintendent. An up-to-date school with grades for all ages. Divine worship 11 a. m. and

7:30 p. m. Preaching by the pastor at both services. Junior, intermediate and Senior B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 6:30 p. m. A hearty welcome is extended to all.

Second Presbyterian. (Corner Franklin Avenue and Kerr St. (M. E. Hansel, Minister) Public worship at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath School at 9:45 a. m. Christian Endeavor Society at 6:15 p. m. At the evening service the Epworth Methodist congregation will worship with us in a union meeting. Rev. J. M. Varner will preach and we are looking forward to a pleasant and helpful hour of fellowship and worship. The public is cordially invited. Please note the hour—7:30 p. m.

West Concord Baptist. (W. O. Rivenbark, Pastor) Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. W. Stegall, superintendent. We will celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of this church at the 11 a. m. service. F. Stegall will speak on the organization of the church. M. L. Ross will speak on the progress of the church. The pastor's subject: "The Church." Worship at 7 p. m. Subject: "Standing for God." B. Y. P. U. Junior and senior, at 6 p. m. A warm welcome awaits you to worship with us at all times.

Trinity Reformed. (W. C. Lyerly, Pastor) Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. Dr. Lewis, president of Scotia Seminary, will preach at 11 a. m. and Rev. Chas. Warlick at 7:30 p. m. The Sunday School at 10 a. m. directed by Superintendent J. H. A. Holshouser. This congregation welcomes you to all services.

Kerr Street Methodist Episcopal. (G. L. Wilkinson, Pastor) Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. R. A. Hullebrand, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "Christian." League at 6:15 p. m. Prayer service Wednesday at 7:15. Sunday School at Center at 10 a. m. M. L. Barnhardt, superintendent. You are always welcome.

Epworth Methodist. (J. M. Varner, Pastor) Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Worship and sermon by the pastor at 11 a. m. At 7:30 p. m. our congregation will worship with the congregation at the Second Presbyterian Church. Epworth League devotions at 6:30 p. m. Prayer service Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Bayless Memorial Presbyterian. (Waldo Robertson, Minister) Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. M. C. Dayvaut, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. directed by Rev. J. M. Clark. Tomorrow the series of evangelistic services will close with tomorrow night's service. Every one most cordially invited to attend these three concluding services.

First Presbyterian Church. (Jesse C. Rowan, Pastor) Public worship and sermon at 11 a. m. and 5 p. m. The pastor will preach at each service. Mid-week service Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Sunday School 9:45. C. F. Ritchie superintendent. To all services the public is most cordially invited.

Forest Hill Methodist. (Thos. F. Higgins, Pastor) Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. S. J. Sherrill superintendent. Morning worship and sermon at 11 o'clock. Evening worship and sermon at 7:30. Epworth League at 6:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to worship with us in all our services.

The Foursquare Gospel Mission. 328 North Church Street Prayer meetings every Tuesday and Saturday at 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 3 p. m. Every one welcome to all services. MRS. C. D. WATKINS, Chm.

Calvary Lutheran. (M. L. Kester, Pastor) Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Chief Brigade at 11 a. m. Light Brigade at 3 p. m. Catechetical class at 3:30 p. m. Luther League at 6 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

St. Andrews Lutheran. (M. L. Kester, Pastor) Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Light Brigade at 10:45 a. m. Catechetical class at 2 p. m. Luther League at 6 p. m. Vespers at 7 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Associate Reformed Church. (M. R. Gibson, Pastor) Sabbath School at 10 a. m. J. E. McClintock, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Y. P. C. U. at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

McGill Street Baptist. (T. W. Foglieman, Pastor) Bible School at 9:45 a. m. L. E. Folk, superintendent. The Sunday School last Sunday had three hundred and ten in attendance. It is growing steadily. Our aim is nothing less than three hundred and fifteen this Sunday. Come and make one of this number. We must reach it. Worship at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject: "The Power of the Cross." Evening subject: "The Two Extremities of Life." B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m. There will be a meeting of all the unions called at this time to consider some important matters pertaining to the unions. Wednesday evening worship and song practice at 7:30. Come, we want you and welcome you.

## News of Colored People

Dr. J. H. E. Nelson, Reporter

Grace Lutheran Church (East Corbin Street) Third Sunday in Lent. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Sermon: "The Master Denied by His Disciple." Evening service 7:30. Sermon: "An Earnest Plea to Flee From Death."

M. J. HOLSTEN.

Price Memorial Notes. The joint meeting of the board of the church held at the home of Mrs. McIntyre Friday, was a splendid success. Rev. and Mrs. Newby, Rev. and Mrs. Pennington, Mrs. Eva Brown and Rev. Kiser were visitors. The talks of these friends were indeed helpful. A three course dinner was served.

The quarter conference Friday night was well attended, and the reports showed a wonderful advance over the last quarter's work. Thanks to all the officers for their fine showing. Special mention is made of Mrs. Anna McMoore and her workers, for the pulpit chairs which they have installed, and the ushers' chairs given by Board No. 1.

Communion service beginning Sunday morning will continue throughout the day. The P. E. will preach at morning and night. Rev. Newby will preach in the afternoon, assisted by his choir. We are asking the presence of every member and friend at this service. Let us note, that Sunday is also dollar day.

We cordially invite the public to witness one of the best comedies of the school year given by the musical club of Livingstone College Monday night, March 21st at the High school at 7:30 p. m. Admission 15 and 25 cents. Come out and enjoy an evening of laughter. It will make the old young, and the young younger.

Mr. McIntyre, who was confined to his bed for a few days, is greatly improved, and we hope to see him out by Sunday.

The fourth Sunday is rally day. Members, what kind of day shall we make it? It will depend upon what you want it to be. A success, or a failure? We hope the former.

## MAY MAKE SHORT VISIT TO ASHEVILLE

President Tells Newspapermen He Would Like to Return There. Washington, D. C., March 18.—President and Mrs. Coolidge would like to go back to Asheville again, the President told Washington newspaper men today in announcing that he had received an invitation to establish the summer White House there.

President and Mrs. Coolidge spent some time in Asheville just prior to his inauguration as Vice-President. The President stated that Mrs. Coolidge has often expressed a desire to visit Asheville. Although it is definitely determined that the summer White House will be established in the West, it was thought here today that President and Mrs. Coolidge may possibly make a short visit to Asheville either before or after spending the summer at the summer White House.

To ensure settlement on inferior land, the New Zealand government has decided to give it away.

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## THIN, NERVOUS

Virginia Lady Tells of Taking Cardui and Says She Has Since Recovered Perfect Health.

Lynchburg, Va.—"I have taken Cardui several times for a run-down condition and have found it perfectly splendid," says Mrs. Leo T. Marsh, 45 First Street, this city.

"About ten years ago," she explains, "I became so weak I could not go about. I looked like a skeleton and . . . was dreadfully worried about myself. A friend suggested Cardui and I decided to try it. . . I kept up the medicine until I had taken six bottles. It regulated and built me up. I improved greatly. . . Last year we drove up here through the country from Florida. I was exposed to the weather and must have taken cold, for I became ill. . . I got run-down, lost flesh. . . could not sleep and had no appetite at all. I was so nervous that I did not know what to do. . . I thought of Cardui. I began to take it regularly and it was not long before I began to feel better. I took six bottles, one after another, and at the finish of the last one was perfectly well again. Since then I have continued gaining in weight and all winter have been in perfect health." Sold by all druggists. NC-172

## TODAY'S EVENTS

Saturday, March 19, 1927  
Centenary of the birth of General Johnson Kelly Duncan, a celebrated Confederate commander.

Centenary of the birth of General James L. Geddes, civil war soldier and for many years an official of Iowa State Agricultural College.

On this date 240 years ago occurred the murder of the explorer La Salle, who had a most important influence upon early America.

William J. Bryan, if he were with us today, would be the recipient of greetings on the occasion of his 67th birthday anniversary.

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The Rt. Rev. George A. Guertin today observes the 20th anniversary of his consecration as bishop of the R. C. diocese of Manchester, N. H. With representative exhibits from many states the Second Southern Exposition will be opened in Madison Square Garden today for an engagement of one week.

Munday, March 20th.  
Two hundredth anniversary of the death of Sir Isaac Newton, discoverer of the law of gravitation.  
Seventy-five years ago today "Uncle Tom's Cabin," by Harriet Beecher Stowe, made its first appearance in book form.

Centenary of the birth of General William Lewis Stoughton, a celebrated Michigan commander in the War Between the States.  
Today begins a worldwide observance of Beethoven Week, commemorating the centenary of the death of the great composer.

Homesick Cat Hoofs It. The Pathfinder.  
For a number of years the Rev. Francis J. Hale lived at Templeton, Mass., and the family cat, Billy, grew to like the place very much. About a year ago the Hale family moved to South Jefferson, Me., and took Billy with them. But Billy didn't like his new home town. He kept pining for his old buddies so much that he could not resist the temptation to return to Templeton. Then one day he disappeared. Some time later Hale's former neighbor at Templeton announced that the cat had walked into his yard. Thus, after traveling 220 miles Billy reached his old-time haunts. Billy was greeted by Sadie, Paul, Alice, Maria and Tom. A big reception was held in Mr. Somebody's back yard that good time was had by all.