

A Hymn Is Born

BY CLINT BONNER

Christ Arose

A writer praises the works of others and denounces his own

"Happy is the man who can produce one song which the world will keep singing after its author shall have passed away," wrote the Rev. Dr. Robert Lowry to his friend, Sylvanus Dryden Phelps, author of the hymn, "Saviour, Thy Dying Love." But Lowry didn't mention, nor even suggest, that the music he had written for his 70-year-old friend's hymn was largely responsible for its popularity. Instead, he praised Phelps further with, "It's worth living 70 years even if nothing comes of it but one such hymn."

Those words from a Baptist preacher who himself wrote scores of the most popular hymns in the English language. And whose music has made immortal the hymns of many another, "You're Marching to Zion," "I Need Thee Every Hour," "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me," "To Lowry, those were great hymns—because somebody else wrote the words. But of his own "Shall We Gather At the River?" he said, "It is brass-band music. I do not think much of it."

Low in the grave he lay—
Jesus my Saviour!
Waiting the coming day—
Jesus my Lord!

Vainly they watch His bed—
Jesus my Saviour!
Vainly they seal the dead—
Jesus my Lord!



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The Christian Viewpoint

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The plus in Christian education may be taken as the theme of the Mid-Century Convocation held last week at Peace College, Raleigh. All education is concerned with helping young people understand this wonderful and beautiful world in which we live and over which man

should be arranged. The lady of the house is upset as she thought the interior decorator did his job well.

Christ is our interior decorator. But for some of us His price, and His plan does not please us. We are like the visitor who must have things arranged according to her desires. We fail to believe or want to find a better plan. Our plan is best.

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Baptist News

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New curtains have been made for the classrooms at the back of the Baptist church. Mrs. Kenneth Taylor, Mrs. Paul Bass, Mrs. Hubert Tucker, Mrs. M. T. Tucker, Mrs. Marvin Bradshaw and Mrs. J. D. Everett were in charge.

Bible Presented
Mrs. Paul Tucker presented a large picture Bible to the Beginning Department recently. The Department would like to express their appreciation.

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The W.M.S. and G.A. have prepared twenty-eight health kits for the migrants.

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W.M.U. To Meet
Next Thursday, The Associational W.M.U. meets with the Piney Grove Church, at 10:00 A.M. There are to be four outside speakers during the day: Mrs. Sam Mayo, missionary to the migrants, and Mrs. Gordon Maddry, of Abotie, state W.M.U. president. All members of the W.M.S. are urged to go.

Youth Week
April 4-11 is Youth week in many of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. Though we will not use all the suggested activities the Cherub Choir will sing at the Sunday morning service, and there will be a Recognition Service for the G.A.'s and R.A. This will be followed by a play, "The Challenge of The Cross," presented by the girls.

Alice Hunter Circle
The Alice Hunter Circle of Baptist Church met recently with Mrs. J. E. Tucker. Mrs. Paul Bass was in charge of the devotional. Others on program were Mrs. J. E. Hamilton, Mrs. Bettie Mae Tucker, Miss Betty Horne, and Mrs. J. D. Everett. Mrs. Maude King invited the circle to meet with her in her home.

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Mary Sullivan Makes Honor Roll

(Intended for last week)
Miss Mary Anne Sullivan of Rt. 1, Mount Olive, sophomore at the Woman's College was among those listed on the first semester's honor roll. The honor roll consists of those students making the highest number of quality points. Miss Sullivan is a graduate of the B. F. Grady High School.

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Devotional Reading: Psalm 118.

Betrayal
Lesson for April 11, 1954

-Go To Church Sunday-

The Touch Of The Master

BY REV. C. HERMAN TRUEBLOOD

TEXT: "And he touched his ear, and healed him." 22:51.
There are at least seven beautiful word pictures in the New Testament wherein Jesus is revealed as "TOUCHING" needy, suffering souls, dispelling sorrow, gloom and despair, and bringing health, salvation and supreme joy. We have space here only to barely mention, and cite the Scriptural quotations regarding the manifestations of "THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER." Look up, and read the stories of these Divine Touches:

1. THE RESTORING TOUCH. See Luke 7:11-18. "And he came and touched the blind; and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto him, Arise." Yes, He is superior to all the forces of evil. "All power in heaven and on earth has been given unto him." His divine touch has power over "the world, the flesh, and the devil." His touch can even restore the dead to life.

2. THE CLEANSING TOUCH. See Luke 8:12-15. "And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying I will; be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him." No sin is too big for Jesus to cleanse. "The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from ALL sin." 1 John 1:7. "There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Immanuel's veins; And sinner, plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains."

3. THE ASSURING TOUCH. See Matt. 17:1-8. "And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid." Amid all the baffling perplexities, anxieties, frustrations, and fears of life, Jesus Christ can bring blessed hope and eternal assurance.

4. THE ILLUMINATING TOUCH. See Matt. 9:27-31. "Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you." The tragedy of our times is the false hopes, false philosophies, and false non-Biblical religions that have blurred, and befuddled the spiritual vision of a large part of the human race. There is no escape from spiritual blindness apart from Christ; he is "The Light of the World."

5. THE HEALING TOUCH. See Luke 22:47-51. "And he touched his ear, and healed him." There is nothing comparable to the "Healing Touch of Jesus." He himself said: "He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind." 2 Luke 4:18.

6. THE REVIVING TOUCH. See Matt. 8:14-15. "And he touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she arose and ministered unto them." The soothing, quickening, reviving touch of Jesus is needed to enliven us with new spiritual zeal and Christian service. In this time of many church revivals, the heart-touch of Christ should renew our faith.

7. THE RELEASING TOUCH. See Mark 7:31-35. "And he touched his tongue - and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain." There are multitudes of people in our churches that greatly need to have their tongues "Touched" by the divine hand of Christ, that they may speak a "good word for Jesus!" Are not we "His Witnesses?"

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THERE would have been no crucifixion if there had been no betrayal. At this Good Friday season, it may help us (though it cannot be pleasant) to think a while about the betrayal of Jesus. We never understand the story of the Cross when we think of it as simply a historic event, something that happened once long ago, to other people.

"Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" the old song asks. Yes, but not only at Calvary—we were in the Garden of Gethsemane, we took part in the betrayal. For the betrayal Dr. Foreman of Jesus by Judas is a picture of the way each of us has at some time or other betrayed the Master. Judas was not alone.

Judas Didn't Do Much
The betrayal was such a tremendous thing, really, yet perhaps to Judas at first it did not seem like much. We wonder why Judas could ever have done such a crime, and the answer may be that Judas did not think of it as a crime, beforehand. No doubt the men of the Sanhedrin urged that point on him. We can imagine hearing them say: "Now, Judas, why not? We are not asking you to do anything. All we are after is one fact. Where can we find this Jesus of Nazareth after hours? Where does he spend his nights? We aren't asking you to arrest him, or to strike him or hurt him a particle. All we want is information. What we do with the information, that isn't your affair. Your Master may turn out to be quite innocent of all the charges going around. You'd like to see him cleared, wouldn't you? We'll give him a trial; you surely don't object to justice, being done! All we ask of you is one little thing: just tell us where to find him."

They All Forsook Him
Let it be repeated: Judas was not alone. All the apostles had sworn loyalty, and Peter in particular. But given the chance to escape from that garden, they made the most of it. We are told that they ALL forsook him and fled. Every disciple running away into the shadows was just as truly denying Jesus as was Simon Peter there in the courtyard by the fire. Every sound of running feet growing fainter in the distance was just as sickening a sound as was Judas' kiss. Judas was the first traitor but none failed to follow his example. So it is with us. Like Judas, we don't intend to betray Jesus—we who are Christians. Yet every sin is a turning of the back on him. Every sin is a betrayal of trust. Every sin is the same as saying, "I do not know Jesus." Every sin is a going over to Jesus' enemies. It is lining up with the forces that would destroy Jesus and all that he stood for. Jesus has many friends in the world today, but he also has many enemies. And sin of every sort simply helps Jesus' enemies and hurts Jesus and his cause. Like Judas, we seldom realize what we are getting into, at first. Smooth tongues can make evil look almost benevolent. It was not hard to rope Judas in. Do we, too, make easy victims for the devil?

Judas, Too Late
D. L. Moody's imaginative story tells much of the meaning of the Cross. Christ had just told his disciples to preach the gospel to every creature. "To every creature?" protests Peter. "I saw a soldier cram a garland of thorns down on your forehead till it bled . . . to him?" "Yes," replies Jesus, "too him. Tell him that blood was shed for him, too." "To every creature?" asks Peter. "I saw a soldier strike his spear into your side when you were helpless in the very moment of death . . . preach to him?" "Yes," answers the Lord, "to him, too. Tell him there is a nearer way to my heart than that." "To every creature—yes, but not to Judas. For him it was too late. Why was it, so many ask, that Judas was not forgiven, while Peter was? Was not Peter also a betrayer? Of course he was. But the difference was that Peter came back to Jesus, but Judas never did. The Christian church believes that Christ died for our sins, and not for ours only but for the sins of the whole world. Yet there are those whom the sacrifice of Christ on the cross does not save. Christ did not save Judas; it is true, but whose was the fault?

Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman