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SERMON

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Psalm 24: 1.

"The Earth is Jehovah's.

We need to repeat this often at all times especially during these days when the hearts of strong men are failing them and we see the lives of men snapt out in disappointment over failures in business. It is refreshing to look through our tears and be able to say in our hearts "This is my Father's world."

The greatest progress in the history of man has been made during the past 100 years. During this last century a renewed interest in ^{exploration and} discovery was revived. Dr. Livingstone fired by religious zeal to open up what he termed the "sore of the world", Africa, pushed out into the jungles alone except for a few hired natives, mapping and charting his journeys till he had opened up a continent to the world. Religion ^{broke its isolation shell when} Christianity ~~had~~ ^{it} awakened to a world conception. It

is always thus. The world moves forward or is retarded by man's conception of God in relation to man. While the religions of other peoples had some truth in them Christianity came to be understood as a universal - a Catholic religion, applicable not only to priests and ministers but also to every man in the common walks of life, and a standard of conduct in business, social-relations in private and public service to man. Christianity is a personal life that dies out if it stops this

side of the farthest ^{most} man
from you. Failures in
life occur in proportion
to the use or misuse of
the standards set forth
by Jesus Christ. Christians
must spread the knowl-
edge of Christ "all the world,
for this is my Father's world.

The astronomer's telescope
with its mural circles and
achromatic lens has been
turned on the heavens
and new planets discovered.
In a single year in the
observatory at Washington
15,000 new stars were
discovered. By the aid
of photography the

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● Astronomer has brought to our knowledge thousands of other celestial bodies, impossible to ~~see~~ ^{have been detected} with the eye, even through the most powerful telescope. The heavens declare the glory of God and this world is Jehovah's, my Father's!

The physicist has caught a ray of light and measured its speed at 186 427 miles per second. The phenomena of light was also so apt long enough to be dissected into reflection, refraction, dispersion, interference and polarization.

Electricity has been
bridled and someday
they will get the saddle
on him and really
conquer him. In some
way understood but
~~not~~^{not} explained a man
stands before what is called
a microphone and speaks.
His words are heard dis-
tinctly out in the densest
forests, down under the
waters of the sea, up on
top of the highest mountains
and deep in the caverns
of the earth, and are
caught by running ex-
press train and by
the soaring air planes
whirling around

the whole wide world. (4)
Byrd at the South Pole
turns a switch by
his side <sup>going through an invisible
medium of transmission</sup> that turns
on the lights of an ex-
position 12000 miles
away in America.
An operator sits in
his office on the shore
and steers a ship at
sea, turning it here
and there at his will,
a driverless automobile
is guided ~~by~~ through
the traffic of a New York
streets by a distant
operator. <sup>"An airplane is sent up, guided & brought
down softly."</sup> The word "stattle"
is doomed to be forgotten
for we simply refuse to

do more than nod approval
at the things man does
in these days. The ~~molecule~~^{molecule}
was once the smallest known
particle. The scientist stormed
the molecule and divided it
into atoms. The poor
atoms ~~hardly~~ hardly had
time to breathe till it
was dynamited and
fell into electrons ^{and atoms} and
these in turn have been
recently blasted to pieces
and we have a particle
so small that you cannot
^{not only not} see it but you cannot
even imagine its
minute dimensions, if
it is so dressed. And

still we are only on the ³
outskirts of ^{knowledge of} the world
which belongs to my
Father.

The brains of man, fired
on by the great spiritual
urge in working out
what God has done and
what He would like to do
with man, has during the
past century increased
the efficiency and ability
of man a thousand fold.
The mental capacity ^{of man} to
think is no greater now
than it was in the days
of Job or the Pharaohs
but the content of a child's
mind is today greater

^{show}
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List of Solomon or Plato,
The Physicist, and the Chemist,
The Botanist and the Zoologist,
The Archaeologist and Geologist,
The Astronomer and the
Mathematician, The Sociol-
ogist and the Economist,
The Psychologist, Philosopher
and Theologian have
unearthed facts, dis-
covered truths that have
by association or union
enabled man to invent
to devise and to combine
theories and to convert
them into facts and
realities stupendous in
magnitude and degree.

The universal truths that

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have been chained and
the invented machines
through which they operate
are at the disposal of
all regardless of the use
the individual makes of
them. Like love, origin-
ally intended as a motive
power for service to God
and man, ^{to selfish ends} has been turned
since ^{the time} Cain killed his
brother to this day; so
these great laboratories,
libraries, machines
and inventions - the
special blessing of
God to this generation
are being used also

for the destruction of man.
In the laboratory and ~~because~~
because of its equipment
antitoxins and remedies
have been devised to prevent
malignant fevers, and
^{because of these remedies}
thousands of lives especially
in the Tropics have been
saved and whole conti-
^{teeming with infections and contagious} nents, ^{degenerate} have been turned
into homes for civilized
man. Laboratories are
also used for the concoction
of deadly gasses for the
extermination of these
very men whom the
scientists have reared
to ^{physical} manhood and the
church and home have

trained in Christian
morals and habits.

Just here lies the peril.
We allow the good to
be turned into estab-
lishing wrong. By
means of our progress
we have been able to
give more liberally
than ever in the history
of the world of both of
money and men for
the extension of God's
Kingdom. We have built
up colleges, hospitals
and houses of worship
all over the world. In
doing so God has

greatly blessed us as
a people. Large fortunes
have been made and
dedicated to the education
of man. It has become
not only a church duty
but a social duty of
the rich to ~~become~~ as-
sociated actively in
the works of benevolence.
Wealth piled up so rapidly
that we were beginning
to forget God and drift
away from the home
training. We allowed
the wicked to get control
of affairs. And we have
landed head first and

into a world depression.
When men in public office become fabulously wealthy and the common citizen becomes penniless and walks the streets in hunger ~~as is true~~
~~in N.Y. City~~; when public servants bankrupt a city in their greed for the increase of personal fortunes and leave the public school teachers without salary for a year, as has been done in Chicago; when ~~public~~ officials take the people's money and

loan it to nations or
^{to individuals}
~~concerns~~ known to be
untrustworthy; when
certain big business con-
cerns look to wars for
increased sales of their
products; ^{then} we can expect
to land, sooner or later,
in a slough of depression.

When criminals are so
well organized and pro-
tected by officers of the
law ^{to secure the cooperation of hired servants in their}
as to be able, to steal
and to murder the pride
baby of the nation and
then to escape capture
as has been done at
Hopewell, N.J.; when

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They can dictate terms
to corrupt politicians
and to policemen, and
the judges of our courts are
bought off; when a nation
under the crazed leadership
of thoughtless individuals
rushes headlong into a
war and finances a
wholesale and organized
slaughter of the world's
choicest young men; ^{steer} we
can expect ^{nothing but} a depression
to follow such overriding
of Christian principles
of our father's world.

~~One out of every 15
men in the U.S. today~~

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~~are~~ fed by public charity
because there is no work
in England and Europe
it is worse. In China
10,000,000 die yearly of
starvation, while millions
in India never know

what it is to sit down
But has any President or King ever tried to
warn the nations to avoid this? and to supply
their physical needs?
to a square meal.

Due to over population
and lack of industries
plus an increasingly
high standard of living
brought about by free
schools, Porto Rico is
today headed towards
certain ruin unless
the steady hand of

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Governor Beverley is sustained by a united action of the people of Porto Rico to make such a calamity impossible with a balanced budget and the initiation of new industries in the Island.

"This is God's world," but be not deceived; Dr. Talway warned us ~~33~~⁴⁰ years ago. "Our only hope is in righteousness toward God and justice toward man. If we forget the goodness of the Lord to this land; if political corruption has

poisoned the fountains
of Public virtue and
beclined the high places
of authority, making for
government at times
a hissing and a byword
in all the earth; if the
drunkenness and the
licentiousness that stagers
and blaspheme in
the streets of our great
cities, ^{are not repressed} we will see the
smoke of our nation's
ruin; the pillars of our
national and state capitals
will fall; and future
historians will record
upon the page bedewed

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with generous tears the story that the free nation in the West arose in splendor which made the world stare. It had magnificent possibilities. It forgot God. It hated justice. It hugged its crime. It halted on its march. It reeled under the blow of adversity. It fell. "Remember that national wealth un sanctified is voluptuous waste, is magnificent woe, is splendid rottenness, is gilded death. Woe

to us for the wine vats if
drunkenness wallows
in them! Woe for the
harvests if greed sickles
them! Woe for the mer-
chandise if avarice
swallows it! Woe for
the cities if misrule
ravages them! Woe to
the land if God-defying
crime debauches it!"

But, praise God, the
light leading out of darkness
is appearing. Last week
President ^{Hoover} went in person
to the Capitol and
there addressed Congress.
His voice shook every

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congressman and every
lover of our country
from shore to shore
when he called upon
him to lay aside
politics and act im-
mediately for saving
our country. Then
again ten great men
of our land headed
by the Presidents of Princeton,
Columbia and California
universities called on
Congress to act decidedly
to save our land from ruin.
Congress has gotten down
to business.

A Chinaman stood before

a microphone in Geneva
and his voice was raised
over the din of artillery
and as I sat in my
parlour listening to
his plea, ^{for aid} to the nations
of the world, I thought
of how little this world
has come to be - we are
next door neighbors
to the man in China.

A couple of weeks ago
our Governor Beverley's
voice was heard over
a national hookup, from
the Atlantic to the Pacific,
from the Bay of Baffin to
Terra del Fuego as he
endeavored to secure

and enlist interest ⁴³
in the economic
betterment of P.Rico.
Every loyal American
citizen should
heartily support our
government in pro-
viding means of
a livelihood for our
~~Island~~ ^{Texas}. The first step
in bringing about better
times in ~~P.Rico~~ ^{Texas} is
for ~~P.Rico~~ ^{Texas} to have a
balanced budget both
for the individual and
for the Island's treasury.
Praise God for a
Governor who had

the backbone and vision
to cut down the budget
of P. ^{Texas} Rice to what
can be paid and thus
to save the ^{State} ~~State~~ from
bankruptcy.

God has not abandoned
our country. ^{These} Secretary
of Interior, Fall, combined
with Doherty and others
and swindled ^{out of its richest oil fields} our land,
~~out of~~ they were rounded
up and sent to the
Penitentiary. Al Capone
the chief of gangsters now
linguishes behind
the prison bars in Atlanta.
The depression is here.

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~~Daughters are with us.~~
~~Unemployment continues.~~

You are going out
into a world that
needs you. How will
you face it? ^{Different ways of} ^{seeing things} Some of
you are already prepared
to give up and sit down.
Grumbling, faultfinding,
and selfpity will get
you nowhere. It is the
fellow with a whistle
and sleeves rolled
up in resolute de-
termination who is
going to win in the end.
Remember the two frogs
in the milk can. Frog

no 1 looked up at the side
of the milk can, made one
jump and fell back
discouraged, and sank
to the bottom to die. Frog

said: Why give up? I'll try as long
as I have strength.

no 2, jumped once, he
jumped twice and con-
tinued jumping till
there was formed in the
milk a cake of butter.

On this cake of butter he
climbed and was able
to jump out of the can.

There ^{are} always two
ways of looking at things.

Saadi, the Persian poet
soliloquized day after
day, "What a pity, I the

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greatest poet in Persia
should have no shoes."

He continued this self pity day after day.

One day he met a man
who had no feet. "That
man" he said, "is worse
off than me. I have
no shoes he has no feet.

A drop of rain fell
from the clouds and
cried: "Always chill
and wet, tossed by
the wind, drenched by
the sea". Another drop
fell ^{and} laughingly sang:

"The sun kissed me
and I became part of
a rainbow. A flower
caught me, the fields

blessed me."

A brook groaned "Oh! me
I struck a rock and

was hurled over the
mill-wheel down into
the foam of the river.

A second brook laughed
out "I skirt over the
rock. I helped turn
the mill-wheel and
I became part of a great
river."

Bird no 1 squeaks: "I am
weary of migration! No
one pays me for my song.
Only here to be shot at."

Bird no 2. joins its
sweetest note with other
birds as it sits on the

and swings in the ⁽¹⁶⁾
highest bough of the tree.
singing out: "I have a
banquet of a thousand
fields. A cup of life to
drink out of. Lanes
of forests to walk in.
The mountains under
foot and God's beauti-
ful world in which
to build my nest."
Different ways of looking at any thing.
As you came to this
service this morning
did you complain of the
heat, or did you hear
the mocking bird sing-
ing its coronation
song? Is ^{Texas} P. Rice to
you a place for teaching

school only ^{2 work} or is ~~P. Texas~~ ^{Texas}
a place where ~~1500000~~
people are calling you
to join them. in a much
to better things? You may
not have a job but you
should have horse sense.

"Horse Sense"

A horse cannot pull while kicking

This fact is merely mentioned.

He can't kick while pulling,

Which is my chief contention.

Let's imitate the good old horse,

And lead a life that's fitting;

Just pull an honest load,

Then there'll be no time for
kicking.

—Selected.

A farmer passed through
his orchard and saw
only the blasted fruit. Elizabeth
Clewey came through
the orchard and heard
two birds speaking.

"Said the Robin to the Sparrow

I should really like to know ⁽¹⁷⁾
Why these anxious human beings
Rush about and worry so."

Said the Sparrow to the Robin:
Friend I think that it must be
that they have no heavenly Father
Such as cares for you and me;

My last word to you
of the class of ~~1932~~ ^{Cottrell Pers. Dr. is} is:

Accept this world
into which you are
going, with all its
Trials and troubles
and see by the side
of every trial and
trouble the hand of
a heavenly Father
extended to help

you endure and triumph.
If you will cheerfully
do each day your full
duty and cultivate
a friendship with God,
the owner of this world
you will finally come
out where God wants you.
But remember to work ^{with God}
and study ^{God} and ^{to} pray ^{to God}
for He is the owner of this world.
This world is today in
a terrible fix but it
is "my Father's world
And to my listening ears,
All nature sings & round
me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of
skies and seas

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His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,

The birds their carols raise,

The morning light, the lily white,

Declare their maker's praise,

This is my father's world

He shines in all that's fair;

In the meadow grass, I ^{pass} see Him

He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world,

O let me never forget

That though the wrong seems
oft so strong

God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world,

The battle is not done,

Jesus who died shall
be satisfied.

• And earth and
heaven be one":