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SERMON

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Subject, Kingdom of God
Doxology.
Invocatin, Casablanca.
498 Psalm - Leket.
212 Hymn
Scripture - Palmer.
Eph. 1:15-23
Choir
Prayer, Clarence
Announcements, Cancer Ward, after service.
300 Hymn
Comm. tera at 4:30 P.M.
Sermon.
440 Hymn
Benediction R. St. Aries.

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- The Kingdom of God -

Jesus said: I must preach the good tidings of the Kingdom of God. Luke 4:43.

Seek ye first His kingdom. Matt. 6:33.


That they may be one, even as we are one, join them and they in me, that they be perfected into one. John 17:21.

This is my commandment that ye love one another even as I have loved you. John 15:12.

They shall become one flock, one shepherd. John 10:16.

For one is your father and one is your master even the Christ. Matt 23:9-10.
These words spoken by Jesus clearly set forth his wishes and hopes for the Kingdom of God, and the spirit that should animate all in their work for the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God is not an earthly kingdom. Earthly kingdoms are extended by conquest. Armies, drilled to fight and to kill, are fed upon lies about the horrible deeds and devastating purposes of their enemies. Earthly rulers and armies make their enemies believe they are doing God's will, that they
are fighting for rightious principles. There is no other way to incite a people to war today. The men die on both sides believing that they are fighting for rightious principles. War to end war, to save democracy was the battle cry of the World War on both side for that appealed to the most people. Such are the methods of earthly rulers. Too often the churches of Christ employ the same or similar methods to
extend their boundaries. They magnify their differences and minimize their likenesses in the essentials of Christianity. Suspicious, real doubts demanding finally to hate, has driven the supposed servants of Christ to commit the most odiously sinful crimes of history, and they did it under the banner of the Church. It is still all too frequent that we see and hear certain Christians holding to this ancient custom of warfare in the extension of God's Kingdom.
The reign of God is not as extended. Churches may and possibly are built-up like political machines and grow in number and power but not in the likeness of Jesus Christ.

The reign of God is developed in the heart of man. The reign of God is the reign of God in the hearts of men. It is in the world but not of the world—not earthly.

The intimately associated with the world, and the real motive power of all man's acts, and
governs his thoughts. The rhythm of God makes its central seat of government not in legislative halls of a Capitol building but in the private, confidential, secret halls of Man’s heart. It is a spiritual love of God and of the brethren is the inspiring emotion that moves the child of God to action. Where there is love in the heart for God and for man, there is the rhythm of God. Love is patient, love is kind; love is not envy, love is not puffed up; doth not behave
itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoketh not account of evil, rejoiceth not in unrighteousness but rejoiceth with the truth. And truth is the food of the soul. Truth blazes the way through the darkness of error. Truth triumphs in the end and sets you free. The hydrogen of God is advanced by the fires of love, kept burning in the heart of man with the cooperation of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit makes
means with which to advance the Kingdom of God. Man is that means. Man can be used only to the extent of his knowledge of the truth. That is why we have schools and colleges to broaden our field of vision to help us on to new truth previously hidden from us by the clouds of signs and to see old truths in new light.

"Go ye forth into all the world," was an impossible command for the Apostles to carry, because it was beyond their realm of knowledge. To do 100% of all God's commands is impossible for any generation. To
To try 100% to do all God's commands is what every generation should accomplish.

"If ye follow me ye shall know the truth." Right at this point is where most of us fail. We love to know the truth and devour it eagerly and then believe that truth, put it away, and act on it in the same light, as though truth was static. This is a tree. I can hold it in my hand. But this tree 30 years from now I cannot hold it in my hand. I cannot do
with it just as I did 30 years ago, but the tree will do a hundred times more. With years this tree will receive the rains and sunshine. It will grow and bear fruit for my food. The leaves will provide a mulch for my garden. The branches, a shade for my community, cattle, lumber for my house and fire for my furnace. It is the same tree only developed. Truth grows with our experience. It is the same truth but we now know more of what it will do than we did when we first admitted the truth.
to our heart. Truth proceeds we find to retrocede. We get too far behind the growing truth by our desire to keep it in the same light. The same all truth is increasingly true as the years go by so far as truth concerns me.

If I can read the signs of the times rightly, it is at this point the present generation is dissatisfied with the past or older generations. Here was a time when the Presbyterian church could hold its youth by its doctrinal appeal to Calvinism, the truth, etc. to its great founder, John Wesley, the Calvinism to its fidelity.
to Luther's doctrine, the Baptists, churches to the mode of baptism, and the Catholic Church to the necessity of the Confessional. But the young people of today cannot see the truth in that light. Creeds, doctrine, dogmas and tradition like all other truths are compelled by His provision of today to pass first under the telescope to bring them near; then under the microscope to see the faults of the fabric and finally under the acid test.
I experience to find their practical value to the Christian in his daily living. Those not standing the test of experience are cast aside. Youth is asking, after making these tests of the sectarian doctrines—Do these things help me to love my fellow men more? Do they increase my field of useful service to man and make me feel my obligation to society and to my country and to the human race? If not, I want nothing to do with these teachings.
do not help me; seems to be the verdict of educated man today.

There was a time when man was ignorant and the Confessional was an effect
real means to get the way-faring sinner back to God.

And the State, the people filled this service.

There was a time when we had to be taught to form
definite opinions about men and to stand out against all others for individual
religious life. The Protestant

Church did this service.

"The various rebellions
beliefs developed the common
race for independent, logical
reasoning — Truth has
developed today till these
things do not appeal. We
are in the midst of a
a great reformation, probably.

The greatest reformation
the world has ever known
because of its far reaching
results.

God used in the first
Christian Reformation, the
Greek culture, the Roman
Law and the Egyptian.
stored up knowledge
and reverence for the
past as natural means
for Christ to institute
the first great reformation
of His religious world.

Fourteen centuries
later He used the means
of printing press for the
dissemination of His
Truth, as proclaimed by
Luther, Calvin, and
Knox. This was about the intellectual
freedom of the Christian,
but it did not eradicate
but rather preserved
animosities, suspicions
hatreds of the elevation
of one church for the sake
of another sect.
As mere precepts and
preaching could break down
this last wall of obstruction
& the highest development
this wall of hatred of one church for another
of the Christian Church. It
was necessary to get
peoples acquainted
with each other. Meeting
a stranger, walking and
Talking with him you come to know him. 

Do God use education and inventions to bring mankind together as Brothers especially Franklin with his kite & proved the positive & negative poles of electricity. Fulton applied steam to ships. Railroads traversed the continents and connected all peoples with His ships. Morse, who died only 4 years before I was born, invented telegraphy.

Thirty years ago I went out for two summers and the student Vol. Movement & interest churches and...
your people in mission.
In my address I used this statement "By an improved and quickened method of transportation, by our rapid and accurate conveyance of thought, this old world is fast becoming a unit. The sun will some rise on a universal religion and what is it to be?"

Since the automobile with the highways have made neighbors of all individuals of races, the airplane has united the world of transportation and annihilated space. The wireless enabled ships to sail the seas in close
with the home land. The radio has come, which recognizes no national boundaries, asks no passport, but encircles the globe, fills the air with not only the words, but with the likeness of the speaker. We sit in our parlor and are entertained by players of all nations. We hear lectures from all the nations of the world and on every phase of life. We know there is almost minister Abby but whee
We hear the bells of the abbey tolling out the hour we feel it is very near. The distant is now near. The foreigner now sits with us and we hear his voice in our family circle. When we came to Porto Rico it was six to eight days from the L. S. Now it is about six by air plane, and 1600 a second by radio. to eight hours away. A friend of mine sits in his home in P. Rico and talks with his father in California. We are getting acquainted with each other and sympathize with people of all the world.

With the people drawn
Closes and closes in

The facility of world know-
edge. The younger genera-
tion will not accept
exclusiveness, bigotry
aloofness of any church,
as a part of Christianity.
The thinking young
people today do not
admit form, ritual or
mode, as essential to
Christianity. To the exclusion
of all other form, ritual or
mode of worship. From
P. Rico to Alaska, in
fact around the whole
world, regardless race
or church affiliation,
Protestant and Catholic
Jews are dynamically a living, modern church meeting the needs of mankind, clothed in robes of 1929 — a growing church that holds to the essential Christian truths of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man in Christ Jesus, our Savior, who will emerge as the church of the 21st century. They are catching Christ's holding idea of the Kingdom of God as in the heart of men, not in the walls of a cathedral.

We have to admit that most of us are Presbyterians, Baptists, United Brethren, Methodists, or Catholics, by accident of birth, not by choice. We once
had to travel in ox carts or on horseback. Here was not
principally one way to acquire religious
knowledge.

The Priest and the Minister,
told us what we were
to accept and what we
had to reject. The emphasis
was laid on the Church
and less on the Heart as
the seat of religion. Youth
today see and learn too
much to allow themselves
to be led to hate other
Christians. And they are
asking hard questions
to answer. Why are the
followers of Christ divided?
Why don't they get together?

How can I live and grow
More like the Master? This generation wants and demands clear thinking in religion the same as in logic or sciences. How can I live in harmony with my fellowman? Christianity and hatred cannot grow in the same heart. Any church organized to oppose other church does not please the Lord. The reformation today is lifting me out of hatred of stored up suspicions and into the light of the glorious Gospel of Freedom, Cooperation, united effort in advancing the common good.
Sometimes thrones are usurped; those who hold them darken and obscure the corridors of the palace for their own protection — lest seen they be ousted.

Years ago I went down into a saltmine. At the bottom of the shaft, our guide led us along the tramway through the caverns of the salt mine for a mile. Now and then he would turn an electric button which lighted up the great rooms for hundreds of yards on both sides. The crystal pillars against which we struggled were covered with a film of salt, reflected the prismatic colors dancing up and down on all sides.
That is what God does when He enters our hearts. We do not see the beauties and possibilities till God's light enters. We are ignorant of it all and are not interested till God's love lights the fire on our hearts alter.

Young people of the classes of 1929 have you allowed Christ, your guide, to turn on the light of His love in your heart? Have you enthroned Him as King in your heart, or are you giving allegiance to His church and allowing some other to rule and direct your heart? He is saying to you.
let us ask ourselves two questions: If the kingdom of God is growing, what is my contribution to its growth? If the kingdom of God is not growing, where does the fault lie?

In answering these questions, may we, each one, find our place in the service of the kingdom of God and hear our Master's voice saying: "This is my commandment: That you love one another, that all Christians may be one, love one another."
for one is your Father,
and one is your Master,
teacher, even Christ.
Seek ye first this kingdom
in your own heart, and
then "Go publish abroad
the kingdom of God."