

Jesus Says if You Will Do the Will of God You Will Know Me

The text of "Billy" Sunday's sermon last evening was taken from John vi. 1. "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself."

The speaker said: "I always have had—I have now—I hope I always may have—sympathy for any man or woman that has difficulties, intellectual, spiritual or moral. And if, by any word or advice of mine, I can succeed in sweeping the cobwebs from their vision and cause them to see more clearly their responsibility and their accountability to God, I regard the work done more valuable than if I had aided some man or woman, already a believer, into a clearer conception of his or her obligations."

The words of my text form the challenge of Jesus to the skeptics, caustics and doubters of His day. They said to Him, "We know you. We know where you were born! We know your teachers and sisters! How do we know you are the Son of God? How do we know you are what you claim to be?"

Jesus said, "If you will do the will of God, you will know about Me!"

A Georgia preacher of other days, on time paraphrased this text by saying, "If you want religion, do, before you get it, what any honest man would do that wants it, and it will not be long until you have it!"

The proof of the pudding is not in the smelling of the bag or chewing the string, but in eating it. And yet there are multitudes of people trying to prove the divinity of Christ, the inspiration of the Bible and the value of Christianity, by smelling the bag and chewing the string with some old hypocrite or hypocrites in the church. That requires no amount of brain, no sense, very little reading and less still of observation. But it takes something more to put the words of my text into practice. As long as the United States admits stamp cents on the dollar worth one hundred cents, and that there will be found people who will counterfeit them. But that does not destroy the value of the genuine.

Jesus foretold all of this about hypocrites in His prophecy about the kingdom of heaven when He said, "It is like a grain of mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—when sown, it grows, takes root and grows and the birds come and build their nests and live in its branches." That prophecy about the kingdom of heaven has been so literally fulfilled that you can find anything in the average church today from a humming bird to a turkey buzzard!"

Gives Illustration.
In a town in Illinois at one time something was said in one of the sermons that made a young fellow mad. He went out storming and cursing, and said he didn't believe in God, nor Christ, nor the Bible, nor heaven, nor hell. That fellow was a Mason. He was a Knight Templar. The lodge held an all-night session, trying to convince that fellow he was wrong. The next day a friend of mine met an officer of the lodge and said, "I understand you had an all-night session of the lodge last night?" "Yes, sir," "Laboring with an erring brother?" "Yes, sir," he said, "By the way, a man can't be a Mason unless he believes in God, can he?" "No, sir," "He can't be a Knight Templar unless he acknowledges his belief in the New Testament and in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and draws his sword in defense of the Christian religion?" The officer replied, "No, sir," he said, "That is the opinion of a young fellow who is a Knight Templar and yet does not believe in any of them. He is a hypocrite. Did you turn him out of the lodge?" He replied, "No, when a man trusts himself to our lodge, we consider it our duty never to repudiate him as long as there is any opportunity of making anything out of him."

Now this same officer had given as his reason for not believing in Christianity the fact that there was hypocrisy in the church. And my friend replied: "That is exactly the position the church takes. When a man or woman trusts them selves to the church we consider it our duty to hold them and never turn them admit as long as there is any chance of converting them." And if there is any to go in to us or any other city, those aid, indorsement and co-operation I have a right to expect and demand, knowing the principles you stand for, it is the Masonic lodge. And if there is any branch of it whose indorsement and help I have a right to ask and expect and look for, it is the Knights Templar.

Wants Discipline.
I have a controversy with the church, Catholic and Protestant; and that controversy of controversies is its laxity in the application of its discipline to men and women who willfully and deliberately break their vows and live in open sin. One man says, "I do not believe in the Bible because of its inconsistencies." I say the greatest inconsistency is in your life—not in the Bible. I bring up before you the memory of some evil deed, and you immediately begin to find fault with the Bible. Go to a man and talk business or politics, and he talks sense. Go to a woman and talk society, club or dress, and she talks sense. Talk religion to them and they fill talk nonsense. Like an old woman in Arkansas who wanted to cheat and swear and drink. She was one day approached by her grandson, who said to her: "Granny, don't swear." She replied: "Mind your fool business, you little simpton." He said: "Well, granny, you've got to die some day." She said: "I ain't died yet, have I?" When he corrected her on her profanity or her drinking, she made that silly, ridiculous reply. Had you asked her how to boil a head of cabbage, roast a possum, or make a corn pone, she would have given you a sensible reply.

Our character is our will. What we will, we are.
As to Cain's wife.
I seldom preach in a town very long that some fellow doesn't ask me the fool question, "Where did Cain get his wife?" I guess it isn't "where Cain got his wife" that bothers some of you old girls so much as it is where your neighbor around the corner got his. In other words, I guess it is your neighbor's wife that bothers you more than Cain's. Adam and Eve had other children besides Cain and Abel, as shown by the fifth chapter of Genesis. Why do you ask the silly question? Is it because you want to discredit the Bible, and try to find some excuse for your living in sin? Listen! Darwin quotes Matthew, who in turn, quotes Euhmer, who says that under favorable circumstances, population will double in twenty-five years. If you will study your scriptural chronology carefully, you will find that when Cain went out to court his wife he was a lusty youth of 128 years old. The Bible says that Cain knew his wife in the land of Nod, and she conceived and bore a child, Joseph says that "Nod" means "vagrabond," or "vagabondage," the "ground

lower development, why is it I have a soul and he has not?"
If you haven't an answer for him he will floor you right there. See? But, hold on, infidel. Will power, judgment, reason, memory, are faculties of the mind, sir. Seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, touching, are the five form faculties of the body. But the soul has three faculties that neither mind nor body possesses—the faith faculty, moral faculty, conscience.

Moral Faculty.
Now as to the moral faculty: A dog has no morals—nor a horse, nor cat. They have no conception of right or wrong, because they have no soul. Man alone has a soul. Man alone knows right from wrong. Man alone possesses the power of faith.

Conscience. Conscience will develop as you educate it. You may educate your conscience to believe a thing is right when it is positively wrong, and yet you are following your conscience and you are heading straight for hell.

The only infallible rule of faith in practice today is the word of God. Your conscience is a guide, provided it has been regenerated.

At last, when we stand on this narrow neck of land, and memory and conscience do their work, conscience will be the eternal scourge as God brings down the lash upon your back and says: "Remember!" You reply: "Why, I forget." I say you never will forget. If you have ever known, you will always remember.

Over in Assyria they dug up a cuneiform, an inscription baked upon a cylinder of clay, and when they deciphered these wedge-shaped hieroglyphics they read there the ancient history of Babylon and of Assyria, and every word and thought and act is being had in the soft, pliable, plastic clay of our memory, and when God touches the secret spring your memory will revive, and you will recall all the chances you had and that you have missed.

Eggs All in One Basket.
I read the other day of a man who had vast estates. He sold them, and with the proceeds he purchased a pearl of wondrous beauty and of fabulous price. He took passage on a ship, and was going to sunny southern Italy, near where the arena dwelt in the mystical days, there to buy an old vineyard castle and surround himself with a retinue of servants, and spend his last years in ease and comfort. To guard for the security of his pearl, I read that he had a rosewood jeweled casket made, and locked the box with a golden lock and a golden key. Still dissatisfied with that provision for its security, he had a larger box made, inside of which he placed the former. He locked the second with a silver lock and key. Still discontented, he had a strong oak box made, with steel bands, and inside of this he placed the other two, and locked the third with an iron lock and an iron key.

"One day walking on deck of the ship, in order to beguile the weary tedium of the journey, seeing a boy selling apples from a basket, he borrowed one—three—five—up to nine, and these he tossed into the air, and because of his legerdemain and skill he had them dancing like gossamer globules and ruddy moons, the passengers, charmed by his skill, applauded him. He, flattered by their words and applause, returned the apples to the boy. Bowing low, he said: "Thank you, ladies. But if you will wait a few minutes I will show you what confidence I truly have in my skill. This is no test!"

Risks His All.
He hurried to the cabin, put the iron key in the iron lock—the silver key in the silver lock—the gold key in the golden lock and reaching in the rosewood casket, he took the pearl from its velvet nest. Its scintillation charmed him! He pressed it to his lips! He started for the deck when he met the captain. He said: "Captain, this pearl represents the toll, the sweat, the hardships and the savings of a lifetime, and I am going to exchange this for a castle and a life of ease, and for the turquoise skies of Italy!" The captain said: "Don't lose it!" "I'll not," replied he. "You don't need to have any fear." Returning to the deck, he passed it to the ladies. They were charmed by its beauty. They handed it back to him, and he stepped to the gunwale of the ship. Leaning far over, he tossed it in the air. Watching it, he caught it as it descended, saying, "There it is!" Leaning farther over, he tossed it higher than ever, and catching it he said, "Here it is!" A lady screamed, and seizing an apple from the little boy, said, "Here! Take this, and if there is any further

evidence needed to prove your skill, use the apple! Give me the pearl!"
"He laughed he to scorn and said: 'My eyes are as keen as an eagle's; my nerves are as true as the compass magnetic needle!' Leaning farther over he threw it high into the air, watching it as it descended—when suddenly the old ship gave a lurch! Down into the fathomless depths went his pearl. The ship sped on! He smote upon his breast, crying, 'Fool! Fool that I was to break my all with nothing for pay but the plaudits of a passing crowd!'"
"And in this little story I have summed up many a life. You toss your soul for pleasure—for lust—for for the applause of a Godless world! And hear me! The hour will come when you will toss it for the last time! This old frail body will give a lurch down into the depths of hell! You will be lost—and you will be lost forever—because you would not do God's will!"
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of a handsome white eagle bearing a long ribbon in its beak with the words, "A Peaceful Thought."
The Hippoboscids was decorated with white and a profusion of apple blossoms and festoons of green and pink.
The Chandler was arranged in a big white bower with red and green festoons, and a large golden butterfly just alighting on the canopy.
Rogers, Forist, and Charles Ederer, Forist, each had enclosed cars laden with flowering plants, cut flowers, and green foliage.
The Alamo Farm Light company had a truck carrying a real dynamo and a real storage battery, real coils of wire and real electric light bulbs glow.

DEATH RECORD.
Mrs. Lucinda Kinser. PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Oct. 5.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mrs. Lucinda Kinser took place yesterday at the Ma-

sonic home in this city. She had resided in Plattsmouth since 1870, coming here with her husband, George W. Kinser. Mrs. Kinser would have been 55 years of age next May. She has been a member of the Methodist church all her life, and leaves three sons, John Westley Kinser of this city, Charles Kinser of Dubuque, Ia., and William Montgomery Kinser of Carson, Va.

Biliousness and Constipation.
It is certainly surprising that any woman will endure the miserable feelings caused by biliousness and constipation, when relief is so easily had and at so little expense. Mrs. Chas. Peck, Gates, N. Y., writes: "About a year ago I used two bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets and they cured me of biliousness and constipation." Obtainable everywhere. All druggists.—Advertisement.

A "For Sale" ad will turn second-hand furniture into cash.

CHILDREN NESTLE IN FLOWERS.
The Detroit Electric was entered trimmed in white and purple with blue and white morning-glories on each corner with a little girl nestling in each flower. Dodge Bros. entered with a car decorated in a May basket effect in pink roses.
The Apperson car was decorated in white and pink with a large white jack rabbit at the head of the car leading off in an earnest chase.
The Cadillac was built up in the form

AUTO PARADE IS DAZZLING WITH REGAL SPLendor
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soms, and in lieu of the deceased king, his little son and daughter, Fred A. and Emma C., aged respectively 11 and 7 years, rode in the parade. Miss Mildred Lomax, who was Mr. Nash's queen in the sixth year of the dynasty, was in California, and could not return for the parade.

Flowers of the State.
Victor B. Caldwell and his queen, Nathalie Merriam Millard, rode a beautiful float of a yellow color scheme, with huge sunflowers and goldenrods the principal feature.

Charlie Black and his queen, Elizabeth Congdon, rested in a float in which the scheme was a white background decorated in apple blossoms.

Thomas C. Byrne and his queen, Elizabeth Pickens Patterson, rode a float literally showered in lilacs.

Gould Dietz and wife rode a float made in a gondola effect. Mr. Dietz's queen, Margaret Wood Cramer, was unable to be in the city and it was for this reason that Mrs. Dietz took her place on the throne.

Fred Metz and his queen of the ninth year of the dynasty, Bessy Brady Davis, occupied a handsome float with a color scheme of pink and white.

Queens and Kings.
Arthur C. Smith had Miss Mildred Rogers as his queen in the float, since his former queen of his reigning days, Jean Cudahy Wilhelm, now lives in Baltimore and could not be here. The float was decorated with red chrysanthemums and carnations.

Joseph Barker and his queen, Elizabeth Barker and his queen, Elizabeth Barker, occupied a car in which the principal decoration was golden poppies.

Thomas A. Fry and Mrs. Fry had a car decorated in flowering almonds. Mrs. Fry rode as queen in lieu of the queen of

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