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He Discourses Under Heaven's Canopy.

The United Attraction of the Vast Multitude Held by the Noted Shiver-Tamer—Sermon Delivered in the Open Air—"The Constellations of the Firmament" Lacks the Unbounded Attraction of Now.

WICHITA, Kans., June 21.—Unbounded multitudes were present to-day at a great outdoor meeting held in this place, where the Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, D. D., was the preacher. Not only this but adjoining States were represented in the congregation, and the occasion will be long remembered. The text was: "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever."—Daniel xii. 3; and the subject: "Constellations of the Redeemed." Dr. Talmage said:

Every man has a thousand roots and a thousand branches. His roots reach down through all the soil and his branches spread through all the heavens. Each one has his voice, with eye, with hand, with foot. His influence is a blunder, and his life is an anthem or a doxology. There is no such thing as negative influence. We are all positive in the place we occupy, making the world better or making it worse, on the Lord's side or on the devil's, making up reasons for our blessedness or banishment; and we are all the time done a mighty work in peopling heaven or hell. I hear people tell of what they are going to do. A man who has buried down a city might as well talk of some evil that he expects to do, or a man who has saved an entire might as well talk of some good that he expects to do. By the force of your soul's influence you have already consumed infinite values, or you have, by the power of a right influence, won whole kingdoms for God.

It would be absurd for me to speak here, and by elaborate argument, prove the world is off the track. You march at well stand at the foot of an embankment and, without any of the carpaled rail train, carrying by elaborate argument that something is out of order. Adam tumbled over the abutment and his wife entangles and the whole race, in one long train has gone off the track to the left and right of light. On earth they were full of animals and birds and fishes that fell the prey of the school-boy washing his face. That is a fable by which we illustrate that the human race in the world washed of its sins and so pollution is to have our own heart and life cleansed and purified. A man will give grace in the heart, and Christian cheerfulness to his face, and holy consistency to his life, and he preaches a practical sermon; and the sermon differs from others in that it is not read or heard, but lived, longer it lasts, the better. There are honest men who walk down Wall street, making the tenth of every dollar. There are godly men who go into a sick room, and, by a look, help the doctors bore the knife, and put into the world—a Bible illustrated. Courage is beautiful in a real Christian. Many of the world's battles have been lost and won against him confessed as though all the world were for him. Patience is beautiful by reason about; but rather would I see a buffeted soul calmly waiting for the time of deliverance. Faith is beautiful to read about; but rather would I find a man in the midnight walking straight on as though he saw everything. Oh, how many souls have been turned to God by holy prayers of a child-like faith!

When, in the Mexican war, the troops were wavering, a general rose in his stirrup and dashed into the enemy's lines, shouting, "When, fellow!" Then, seeing the courage and disposition, dashed on after him and gained the victory. What men want to ratify them for their example to others. What we say your commands to others to advance amount to nothing unless we can stay behind. To affect them aright, you need to start for heaven yourself, and you need only to give the stirring cry of, "Men follow!"

Again: We may turn many to righteousness by prayer. There is no such mighty agent as prayer, for no one can hide away from it. It puts its hand on the shade of a man in a thousand miles off. It alights on a ship mid Atlantic. The blind could cancel the cataract the lie of electricity, or how the telegraphic operator, by touching the instrument here, may dart a message under the sea to another continent nor can we, with our mortal intellects, understand how the touch of a Christian's prayer shall instantly strike a soul on the other side of the globe. You take ship and go to some other country, and get there at eleven o'clock in the morning. You look at your watch and say that message gets here at six o'clock in the same morning. It is impossible, it seems to arrive here five hours before it started. Like that is prayer. "Before they call I will answer." You overtake a loved one on the road you may spur up a lathered steed until he shall reach the one to whom you have the news to Ghent; but a prayer shall catch it at one gallop. You may running on your errand may take the midnight train from the country village, and reach in the morning the bustle of the city, but while sails on the morrow; but a mother's prayer will be on the deck to meet him, and in the hammock that will be swung into it, and at the capstan before he winds the rope ashore, and on the top of the mast, the sky, as the vessel ploughs on toward it. There is a mightiness in prayer. George Fox raised a company of poor boys together, and then he prayed up an asylum in which they might be sheltered. Paul went to his face toward Edinburgh and prayed, and there came a thousand pounds. He turned his face toward London and prayed, and there came a thousand pounds. He turned his face toward Dublin and prayed, and there came a thousand pounds. The breath of Elijah's prayer shook all the clouds off the sky, and it was dry weather. The breath of Elijah's prayer shook the cloud with rain, and it was wet weather. Prayer, in Daniel's time, walked the cave as a lion-tamer. It reached up and took the lion by the golden bit, and stooped it. We have all yet to try the full power of prayer. In the time will come when the American Church will pray with its face toward the sun, and all the nations and all island cities will surrender to God; and will pray with face to the sea, and all the islands and ships become Christian. Then the men who have wayward sons will get down on their knees and say: "Lord, send my son home," and the boy in Canton shall get right up from his gambling table and start for the heart to find out which ship starts first to America.

We may turn many to righteousness by Christian admonition. Do not wait until you can make a formal speech, but just hear the one next to you. You will not go home to-day, to-morrow, or next week, your place of stopping you may decide the eternal destiny of an immortal spirit. Just one sentence may be the word. Just one question. Just one look. The formal talk that begins with ice, and ends with a casting smiths is not what is wanted, but the heartthrob of a man who is in earnest. Prayer is not a soul on earth that you may not bring to God if you rightly go at it. They said Christ could not be taken alive. But he was sixteen hundred feet high and three miles off. But the Scotch and the Irish, the Welsh, Artillery, and sappers, and miners, and fleets pouring out of valley and sea, and mountain and of men, reckless of danger, can do anything. The stoutest heart of sin, though it be rock, and surrounded by an army of transgression, under Christian bombardment may be made to bow the flag of submission.

But in all this admonition, and prayer, and Christian work for publishing of the Gospel, we to all the faithful eternal lustre. "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever."

At stars, the redeemed have a borrowed light. Moon, Mercury, Mars, Venus, and Jupiter so luminous! When the sun throws down his golden bridge of light from the east up the scattered brands and hold them in procession as the queen of the night advances; so all Christian workers are to be near the throne, with shine in the light borrowed from the Sun of Righteousness—Christ. Not in their faces, Jesus in their songs, Jesus in their sermons, Jesus in their hopes, Jesus in their prayers. Jesus in their heaven, none for the way of redemption on earth, yet the glorified ones know he would come back again. But let us look, and surrounded by a host of stars far off in the heaven the moon would stop; the congregation look up and the sun would be darkened; the rivers of light stagnate; and every star would become a hearse, and every bell would toll; and there would be room on the old side to bury the dead of the great metropolis, for there would be pestilence in heaven, and Jesus Christ would be so overcome that