

We are the heralds of a religion
which once saw ^{the} blackest
most desperately unpropitious
hour in history (the hour of the
crucifixion of Jesus) turned
into His Father's crowning glory
and mankind's brightest hope.

o Lift up thy voice with strength,
o lift it up, be not afraid, say
unto the people today Behold,
your God!

The real secret of preaching lies
not in methods to be studied, nor
in techniques to be acquired, it belongs
to that mysterious region where the soul
of a man is disciplined by the Spirit
of God.

The most important thing is "that we
learn of Him whom Nicodemus
called a "teacher sent from God."

We are not the author or creator of the Gospel
but we set out to be the propagandist
the advocate the educator. We shall
succeed up to study and organize what
we have "felt & seen" and then go
down into the world of men with "confidence
confidence to tell." And the message is
as immutable as God Himself.
The Gospel is not for an age but for
all time.

If you would lead others in worship, you must
be truly sharing in the act of worship yourself.

Brother Stanley today you are
re-credited with a fellowship of men &
women, who, out of many services to be
done in the Church, have been called
to preach, to spread the Gospel;
by which only, the world can be
saved.

You will do well to remember that
whenever you speak to men in the
name of Jesus Christ unseen instincts
deep within them are reinforcing your
every word.

Thou hast great allies
Thy friends are exultations,
and love, agony,
And man's uncomprehending mind.

The belief in God presses
multiformly upon man. Let that
be your confidence. Those secret
allies of God are always there working
in the hearts of those to whom you are
sent.

The preacher's theme

God so loved the World that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believed in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Therefore whatever else you do, or leave undone, you will preach in season & out of season. God's redemption deed in Christ. This is the one inexhaustible theme, for God's deed in Christ touches life at every point. It speaks to every aspect of human predicament.

In this theme you can show all the majesty of God.

all the love and Grace of Christ
all the need of every human heart.

By thus preaching you must inevitably lead your hearers into the spirit of worship.

Preacher's Study

Because the message entrusted to you is of such paramount importance you will have to labor & study with all diligence, sparing no pains to become skilled in your craft, so that you may be worthy to declare the treasure it contains.

It is essential that as we know the truth of Christ we should learn ^{how} to set it forth convincingly for others.

When you have been preaching for twenty years you will realize how tremendously much there is to learn.

"Four days of learning will never be past but there is no vocation in the world which has such rewards to offer ~~you~~ of deep and satisfying joy."

It is right that the vast difficulty

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of the last. Should you
It is wrong that it should paralyze you
for when you sit down to prepare
your lesson you have vital resources
behind you.

All your experience of God
All your acquaintance with life
All your knowledge of man
All your fellowship with great
minds of the past - will come
to your aid

Never allow yourself to become
aloof and out-of-touch with
the realities of other men's lives

an ambassador of Christ; more than
anyone else should be alert and
sensitive to the main difficulties,
uprisings, conflicts, and
bafflements. You cannot afford
to be unaware of their strains &
stresses and insecurities, their
~~strains & insecurities~~, their heroisms
and their tragic defeats. It was

There is no by-pass ~~and~~ road
round Calvary.

Point us to God

6. Thou who camest from above

because Christ was so aware of
these things that His word was always
"Life and health and peace."

Your task demands and deserves
strenuous hard work. Sweat of brain
and discipline of soul.
Such toil and care can
never be wasted for under God
you desire your sermon to ~~have~~
~~an influence on~~ and make a
difference to human lives and lead
them ^{to} more thoroughly ^{to} surrender to the
sovereignty of Christ.

The Inner Life

You have chosen a vocation — (or rather Christ has chosen you for it) — which will depend so largely on the quality of life, which by the Grace of God, you are able to bring to it.

If you are going to kindle a flame in the heart of your hearers, you will have to keep the flame burning on your own altar.

You must yourself believe intensely & with ^{total} conviction if you are to persuade others to believe.

Strive to be utterly dedicated to your work.

There is no promise of ease for the faithful servant of the Lord, and there is no lay pass round Calvary.

You will have to be a man of prayer, you will have to be a man of humble heart, and paradoxically also a man of authority. With a "Thus saith the Lord."

But you need never be dismayed
for all around you is, the love, the
Power the very presence of God himself.
If you "tune in" (you must tune in)
all the whole resources of God will be
revealed unto you.

God wants no faint hearts for his
ambassadors. He wants only who
having communed with Heaven can
never be intimidated by the world.

O Thou who earnest from above
The pure celestial fire to impart
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.

Thine let it for Thy glory burn
With incense of undying flame,
And trembling to its base
With humble prayer + fervent praise.

Ready for all Thy perfect will

my acts of faith & love repeat
with death Thy sudden mercy seal
and make the sacrifice complete.

Brother Stanley - God grant you
unwavering fidelity to your task
that you may be unashamed at
last to stand before the face of
The Son of Man.

So go on - In the name of the
Father, and the Son, and the
Holy Ghost.

Belief about God is one thing
Knowing God is another

Do we really know our own possessions
✓ You are like a man, who unknown to himself, sits about a diamond mine while becoming his poverty, and in the mine is represented his physical potentiality

⇒ Like a man possessing a fine ship with which he might sail the seas of the world, worries over the fickleness of the weather & water instead of mastering his ship - & in his ship is represented his emotional potentiality

⇒ Like a man who owns a library which the wisdom & secrets of human knowledge & is too involved in trivialities of the moment to master the difficult language of the books & in the library is represented your mental potentiality

⇒ You are like a man, who unaware that he is the inheritor of the greatest of all Kingdoms, lives the life of a heifer & in the Kingdom is represented your spiritual potentiality

You possess all you need. There is nothing to acquire
Learn to recognize what is already yours.
Hold up your head - lift up your heart - claim your
riches in inheritance.

that the membership of Church is not only growing in number, but in the quality of our discipleship.

We must resist strenuously any tendency to dilute the standards & principals of our churchmanship. In its life & fellowship are we functioning & participating to our fullest potential?

If we were living in an age & in a world where there was no evil left to overturn then the challenge would be neither urgent or immediate.

But we are living at a time when upon the maladjustments of the structure of human society throughout the world, and within the range of our own immediate lives, dangerously threaten its very existence.

Whatever has been accomplished in so many other spheres of human activity, it still remains true, that the streams & streams, the fears & insecurities, the sorrows & sufferings, ignorance, squalor,

Teach me to feel another woe
To feel the grief I see.
That mercy I to others show
That mercy show to me

Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive them that trespass
against us

hunger & want, hopelessness & despair,
injustice & oppression, persecution & bondage are
still rampant. The pillars of human
dignity are being shattered, the minds
of men are being warped by evil
propaganda, the light in souls of men is
being plunged into darkness by the ruthless
power of soullessness. Malice, greed,
lust of power, inhuman callousness,
unrestrained passion & violence are ravaging
numerous areas, and undermining the very
existence of civilisation.
To neglect these truths, to be indifferent to
the inevitable consequences, is a betrayal
of our Lord and Master.

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Three men went out one summer night
No care had they, or aim
They dined and drank, enough for
Hell's sake, they said, a game

Three girls began that summer night
A life of endless shame
And met through drink, disease & death
As swift as racing flame.

Lawless and homeless, foul, they died
Rich, loved & praised the more
But when they all shall meet with
And justice speaks, what then? God

The sinner is justified not on the
immense merit of that divine
holiness which is of purer eyes than
beheld iniquity, but solely on the
human level where holiness comes
down in the immeasurable
undeserving of redeeming love.
The sinner is justified solely in

A man may be gifted with the
knowledge that tells him what
he ought to do but not have the
grace that enables him to do it

"Not the labour of my hands
Can fulfil Thy laws demands"

For

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God
With all thy heart & with all thy soul
and with all thy mind & with all thy strength
and thy neighbour as thyself

Luther says

"God is in no sense 'substance' but
personal will."

Man is not eternal spirit imprisoned in a
material body.

virtue of the divine compassion, and his own
humble trust in it. the grace of our
Lord Jesus Christ, who loves & seeks out
of pardons & renews

Faith is obviously more than knowing
truth about God, it is knowing God
himself. It is more than assent it
is confidence. Confidence is the
receiving mercy of God. In short
faith means trusting Jesus, just that
in its heart-breaking simplicity, it
means that we sinners are put right
here + now before God by that faith
alone.

If this is true it is the
most amazing truth under heaven
and the dearest it is true.

It is paradoxical, irrational, non-
moral, that God should love the
sinner, and justify the ungodly.
It seems beyond reason and makes
nonsense of the wisdom of this world,
it transmits every legal way of
thinking, every system of moral book-
keeping, every calculus of rewards
+ penalties. It refuses to put grace
on a tariff.

For Pope Gregory (1) it was
presumption to be assured of
salvation. For Luther it was presumption
and the sin of pride to doubt it.

We have no certainty, but we have
the consolation of a trustworthy hope
which prevents us being tortured by
an agony of doubt.

Luther does not deny that the
new life in Christ must
do a steady growth
in grace + true freedom
but he does deny that man
can lift the veil + see how
he is getting on. That would
be presumption.

He must never believe that a
Papist is an indispensable
intermediary between the soul
and God, an idea which is
destitute of New Testament authority
and alien to the Apostolic Gospel.

Not is absolutism dependent on
on Priestly performance of
various satisfactory ^{concrete}
the Father forgave the prodigal
son immediately.

A more serious cult is the
doctrine that must each new
mortal sin the Christian forfeit
his standing with the Father
and must work his way back
into grace by way of penance.

'I've found a friend' etc.

The Gospel which had escaped
the tutelage of priests has now
become subject to the tutelage of
Kings & Princes. The New Protestant
Churches now become State Churches.

Landmarks of Tomorrow.

Pattern	New Opportunities
Purpose	New Risks
Process	New Responsibilities

New Frontiers	Radical change
New Tasks	in world views
New Opportunities	

Knowledge
Power

The whole is the sum
of its parts

Both become Absolute
New Nations

The whole is the result
of its parts

Supreme
control of both.

The whole is determined
by its parts

Liturgies
Law
Justice

The reconciliation of the ~~in~~reconcilable
inreconcilable

nature, and makes laws lay
hid in night.

God said Let Newton be. and
all was light.

Pope's epistle to Newton.