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KNIGHTS HEAR MAN-ANALYSIS

REV. CLARK SPEAKS TO LODGE BROTHERS.

Civic Duties Call Men and Women Who Would Serve God.

That it is not enough to serve God from a religious viewpoint, but that civic problems claim the attention of every full-fledged man and woman who does his or her duty to himself and God, was the declaration of Rev. G. L. Clark last evening in his address to the Knights of Pythias lodge held at the Presbyterian church where 60 Knights, and the church congregation, had assembled to hear the services. The Knights were specially invited guests for the service, and the speaker used the text, "The measure of man" taken from the text "What is man that thou art mindful of him?" (Psa. 8:4.)

"The measure or value of a man is not found in his physical make-up; he is comparatively weak, unable to walk alone the first year; weighs, on an average about 140 lbs. is about five feet nine inches tall; allotted seventy years to live but dies when about 44 years old. Frail, small and weak." Said the speaker, and then continued: "The mind is not the measure of the man, although he may invent the scales, determine the standard of measurement, perfect the laboratory, invent a telescope and wander among the stars, dig into the earth and note the steps of development from creation's dawn to the present time; though he may be able to follow the foot-prints of the Most High, yet the mind is not the measure of the man."

"His exalted station, in being made in the image of God, does not determine his value: he may be like God in self-consciousness, in rationality and in moral obligation—and in these three possessions we find his likeness to God—yet his exaltation does not determine his value."

"Nor is his genius or power his measure. He masters all creation, the land and sea; the earth and air; the ether-vibrations and the lightning shaft; every known nation contributes to his pleasure and to his comfort. The mountain pays toll to his power, in gold, coal, silver, copper, iron and

lead. He knows no barrier in the way of his onward upward course.

"His value is found in God's purpose of his creation. Why did He make man a littler lower than Himself, with such a keen intellect, such a keen intellect, such power, with such a prospect? The answer is found readily 'that man might glorify Him and enjoy Him forever.' 'Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.' 'Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.' The appeal from the young man's Christ is 'Follow Me! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' Man's value in this world is determined by his attitude toward that challenge. Man succeeds in life only in so far as he weaves into his character the teachings and example of the Son of God.

The incorporation of those principles lead him to champion the cause of the helpless, to conserve the youth, protect the home and the honor of woman, to bear unsullied the banner of Public Good." The speaker read the following poem to illustrate the purposes of man:

What makes a city great and strong?
Not Architecture's graceful strength,
Nor factories extended length,
But men who see the civic wrong
And give their lives to make it right,
And turn its darkness into light.

What makes a city full of power?
Not wealth's display nor titled fame,
Not fashion's loudly boasted claim,
But women rich in virtue's dower
Whose homes, though humble, still
Are great
Because of service to the state.

What makes a city men call love?
Not things that charm the outward sense,
Not gross display of opulence,
But right, that wrong cannot remove,
And truth, that faces civic fraud
And smites it in the name of God.

This is the city that shall stand,
A light upon a nation's hill,
A voice that evil cannot still,
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