

THIS SERMON IS A REGULAR WEEKLY FEATURE

PEOPLE'S PULPIT...



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In Every Thing Give Thanks!

"In Every Thing Give Thanks, For This Is the Will of God Concerning You In Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians v, 18).

Sunday, November 28.—Pastor Russell of "Brooklyn Tabernacle" preached today from the above text. He said: There is a beauty and consistency in the Bible which many overlook...

These matters are well illustrated in our text, which was addressed, not to all mankind, nor to merely nominal Christians—but to Christians, "in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ," as the introduction shows.

But note the confusion of attempting to apply these words to the world in general. What has the world to be thankful for—from its own standpoint? It knows not what God's future purposes are, which, therefore, cannot enter into its consideration.

Before proceeding to apply our text to the class to which it is addressed (the saints), we pause to consider the hope of the world in general, as set forth in the Scriptures.

The explanation of the sorrows of the world is given in the Bible; which tells us that sin lies at the door and that the mental, moral and physical blemishes which cause humanity such distress are incidental to the penalty pronounced against sin; namely, death.

Divine sympathy exercised toward this race of sinners provided a Savior. "Who for the joy that was set before him" sacrificed his life—for the world (John III, 16). "Jesus Christ by the grace of God tasted death for every man."

Corinthians xv, 51; Ephesians I, 9; Romans xi, 25. "The mystery of God" the world does not understand, because God prefers to keep the matter a mystery from them.

"The mystery" is, that God purposed that the blessing of the world should be accomplished by our Savior alone, but in association with a select class of saints gathered out of the world and specially taught during this age.

During these long centuries required for the finding of this saintly class for whom the Lord has been searching with the magnet of Truth, various false theories have sprung up and found acceptance in the world.

To rational minds these theories which satisfied in the past are no longer satisfactory; hence many are turned to indolence. As the Scriptures say: "My people perish for lack of knowledge" (Hosea IV, 6).

Leaving these unsatisfactory errors of the "dark ages" and going back to the Scriptures we find their teachings consistent; namely, that as soon as the "mystery," the Church, is completed, the blessing of God will proceed through The Christ (Head and members) to the world.

Looking down into the future prophetically the Psalmist exclaims, in view of the Kingdom blessings promised to the world, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever!" It is the mercy of God toward us and toward all who need his mercy and who desire it that is the ground for thanksgiving.

God in vain, whether more or less (11 Corinthians vi, 1).

God's people not only give thanks for the blessings of the future which they receive by faith, but additionally they appreciate blessings granted to them in advance in the present life and give thanks for these.

Additionally after being justified we were inducted into a still further grace or privilege, namely, the privilege of becoming members of the Body of Christ, members of the "mystery" class.

The very fact that we do not know everything; the fact that we are ever learning as pupils in the School of Christ, so far from being a cause of disappointment, is a source of pleasure.

Let us not overlook the fact that our text indicates that we are to give thanks for our sorrows, our trials, our disappointments, as well as for our joys and pleasures, for everything includes all things.

The basis of all these blessings and rejoicings both as respects the future and the present experiences is faith. First, in the fact that there is a God.

So, then, let every man to the extent of his enlightenment appreciate and confess the Almighty God and give thanks unto his name, because he is good and because his mercy endureth forever.

GREAT TIMBER CUT IN INLAND EMPIRE

Value of Cut Will Be Over \$20,000,000—Half of Cut Was Marketed Locally.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 3.—One billion and two hundred and fifty million feet of lumber was cut by the mills in the Inland Empire during 1909, according to reports compiled by R. A. Kellogg, secretary of the Western Pine Manufacturers' Association, of Spokane, is president.

TOO COLD TO SLEEP; SITS BY FIRE; RUNS

Aged Woman Injured so That Her Recovery Is Doubtful—So Cold Could Not Sleep.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Unable to sleep because of the intense cold that prevailed in San Francisco last night, Mrs. Ann Brooks, 89 years old, wrapped herself in a blanket and seated herself in front of an open grate.

NEW YEAR IN ABERDEEN STARTS WITH BLOODY RECORD

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 3.—The New Year began in Aberdeen with a record of two sudden and violent deaths, one of them, that of August Broakle, being dramatic in the extreme.

BAT NELSON IRRITATED BY WOLGAST'S THREATS

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Battling Nelson, irritated by the attitude of Ad Wolgast, is talking right out in meeting about the little Milwaukeean and accuses him of dodging a fight.

refused to accept Sid Hester's offer to fight he would show him up.

NEW CASES FILED

F. N. Wilson vs. Peter Eneale; to recover money; Vawter & Purdin, attorneys for plaintiff. Karveline Hakanson vs. E. C. Everson; to recover money; C. B. Watson attorney for plaintiff.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

John Griffith to Howard J. Stewart, 2 acres D L C 56, township 37, 2 west. 1600 J. O. Poe to Cornell Ranch Co. 158.80 acres, section 2, township 37, 4 west. 2600 Melissa E. Knight to T. M. Peeler, 240 acres, section 17, township 33, 2 east. 2900 B. H. Hennessey to Anna M. Smith, lot 17, block 4, Crowell addition to Medford. 350 J. H. Whipple, et us to Emma Mae Milton 6 acres, section 16, township 35, 4 west. 775 L. W. Rogers to C. H. Rogers, 4 1-2 acres Bennett Millon D L C, towahip 38, 1 east. 10 Chas. L. Kolescho to Herbert Renshaw, land in section 23, townshp 39, 1 east. 10 W. E. Page to Luella M. Adams, lots 9 and 10, block 26, Medford. 3000 Wm. Hart Hamilton to John R. Allen, lots 5 and 6, block 19. 1 Carrie E. Damon to Myrtle Loar, lot 12, block 16, Medford. 600 J. S. Stag to S. S. Stevens, 12 acres D L C 43, township 38, 1 west. 3000 H. C. Barney to Wm. Werth, lot 1, block 9, Beatty's addition to Medford. 1500 O. T. West to J. P. Wolf, lot 1, 2 and 3, block "K", R. R. addition to Ashland. 10 C. H. Lewis to Edwin L. Lane, 460 acres land, section 35, township 36, 2 west. 3500 B. H. Kirby to H. F. Meador, lot 8, block 3, Kendall addition to Medford. 10 A. D. Helms to Mary I. Helms, 8.8 acres in Jackson county N. F. Patten to G. A. Aecoe, land in township 39, 1 east. 175 Flora McNabb to Daniel E. Jones, lot 8, block 50, Central Point. 500 F. R. Roe to H. W. Andrews, lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, Bellevue tract, 56 acres. 12000 O. Stephenson to L. M. Dally, lot 6, block 1, Whitman Park addition to Medford. 10 R. H. Toft to L. J. Quigley, lot 3, block 63, Medford. 10 W. C. Green to L. M. Rundlett, lot 2, block 2, Bangalow addition to Medford. 850 L. J. Quigley to Amelia S. Antle, lot 7, block 4, Crowell addition to Medford. 10 John Fernan to A. W. Cook, lots 31 and 32, block 8, R. R. addition to Ashland. 10 Lottie L. Pelton to W. A. Patrick, 10 acres, section 14, township 39, 1 east. 10 Benj. Eggleston to Josephine D. Crocker, lots 5 and 6, block 8, R. R. addition to Ashland. 1 J. R. Pittenger to H. A. Barmateer, 5 acres section 16, township 39, 1 east. 10 Jos. Magill to P. C. Magill, 2 acres D L C 43, township 39, 1 east. 10 S. T. Bissell to W. D. Carey, part lot 6, block 28, Ashland. 10 Ellen Davis to Jennie Calfee, part lots 23, 24, 25, 26, block K, R. R. addition to Ashland. 730 John Klerk to Wm. Gerig, lots 13, 14, 15, block 1, lots 1 and 2, block 2, lot 5, block 3, Bunker Hill addition to Medford. 1 H. D. Howard to Willie E. Glasgow, 20 acres D L C 45. 10 H. C. Maltby to Harry A. Houser, 120 acres section 21, township 37, 1 west. 1 John F. Mundy to Harry C. Maltby, same property. 1 W. L. Smith to R. N. Toft, lot 3 and portion lot 4, Cottage addition to Medford. 1000 Porter J. Neff to H. C. Stoddard, land section 36, township 37, 2 west. 900 O. & C. R. Co. to Chas. A. Simons, lots 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, section 1, township 33, 2 west, 252.77 acres. 758 W. B. Clay to J. M. Root, part block 3, Medford. 1 John G. Parker to Grants Pass Lumber Co., 169 acres section 24, township 33, 3 west. 1 JOINT INSTALLATION OF G. A. R. AND W. R. C. All members of post and corps are requested to meet Tuesday evening, January 4, 1910, at Angle's opera

house for open meeting and public installation of the officers of both orders. All old soldiers and families are cordially invited.

MRS. ELLA SHOULTS, Secretary.

Notice.

My wife, Effice Gordon, has willfully left my board and bed, and I will not be responsible for any debts whatever which she may contract hereafter.

ALFRED D. GORDEN, 246 Prospect, Ore.

A NEW ELECTRIC ORDINANCE.

May it be ordained by the city council of the city of Medford.

Any able-bodied, married man who shall neglect or refuse to provide his wife with electric lights and electric iron, thereby compelling her to spend these pleasant days and evenings in the kitchen over the hot cook stove, when he can now buy electricity at bargain prices, shall be punished by imprisonment in his own kitchen, with cook stove in full blast, and shall be compelled to start all fires at 4 a. m. so that he may be ready for 8 o'clock breakfast, until he shall provide said wife with said electric lights and electric iron, to save fatigue, exhaustion and trouble as aforesaid.

(Signed) DOMESTIC FELICITY, Chairman. Attest: THE CLERK.

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