THE NEARNESS OF GOD

Sunday Discourse By Dr. Chapman, the Noted Pastor-Evangelist.

Alphabet of Divine Love-Not Enough of God in Nature to Satisfy our Souls.

NEW YORK CITY.-The Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman's sermons continue to excite the greatest interest and to give the greatest satisfaction to that large body of American people who demand a striking discourse for their weekly reading. The distinguished pastor-evangelist has prepared the following sermon for the press. It is entitled "The Nearness of God," and is preached from the text "Thou art pear. O Lord" from the text, "Thou art near, O Lord." Psalm 119: 151.

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This text is taken from one of the longest Psalms in the Bible, but it is remarkable not only on account of its length, but because of its teaching. Like the celestial city it lieth four square; the heighth and the depth and the length and the breadth of it are the same. There is but one theme in all the Psalm and that is the word of God, and reminds one of nothing so much the same and reminds one of nothing so much these all centre in Him.

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word, or precents.

The writer of this Psalm must have been inspired with the word of God as he knew it. I have heard of an old Christian who meditated his way through the Bible three times. Surely this is the secret of a wholly harry life. In 1889 at the time of great political excitement William Wilberforce made this note in his diary. "I have walked this morning from Hyde Park corner re-peating the 119th Psalm, and having great comfort." Martin Luther said on commenting on this Psalm. "David must have shaken every fruit tree in God's garden and gathered fruit therefrom." Like other portions of the Scripture this Psalm has been generally named. It has been called the alphabet of divine love, perhaps be cause of its division, because it is separated into groups of eight verses, and each group is under a leiter of the Hebrew alphabet until the alphabet is exhausted. It is really the Alpha and Omega of the word of God. In the New Testament the incarnate word or Saviour is represented as the Alpha and Omega. May it not be because the alphabet has been exhausted in displaying to us His graces, and also because in the Old Testament the alphabet has been exhausted in speaking of His glorious word? It has also been called the paradise of all doctrines, and I have been amazed to see how many are here presented. Pardon. justification, sanctification, they are all here. It also has been represented as the storehouse of the Holy Spirit, for really in no part of the Bible is He more wonderfully presented, and it has been spoken of as the school of truth, for really nothing is as the school of truth, for really nothing is omitted. We might lose all the rest of the Bible, but if we had this we would know God and might find our way up to Him. Through 150 verses David has been speaking of all these things and has been talking of God, when suddenly as if he were impressed with the fact that He of whom he had been speaking was near he bursts out in the cry of our text, "Thou art near, O Lord." It is a possible thing for one to preach so profoundly that he loses sight of Him of whom he speaks; or a Sunday-school teacher to teach her lesson and al-most to be unconscious of the presence of Christ of whom she has been teaching. It is a good thing for us all to stop again and gain and say, "Thou art near, O Lord," for He is indeed nearer to us than any

Kindred texts. There are certain texts the Scripture which are akin to the one In the Scripture which are akin to the one I have chosen, as, for example, Psalm 121: 5. "The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand." If the Lord is our keeper why need we go astray, for He neither slumbers or sleeps. Psalm 34: 18. is another text, "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." I am sure I am speaking for you all when I say there never has been a heartache if we say there never has been a heartache if we have accepted our discipline as He intended, that He has not been graciously near to us. Philippians the fourth chapter and the us. Philippians the lourin chapter illus-fifth verse, the last clause, is another illusfifth verse, the last clause, is another illustration, and is very much like the text. "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand." Paul has been speaking of peace and the joy of Christian fellowship, when suddenly he speaks out like David of old. "The Lord is at hand." and immediately he begins with this sentence, "Be careful for nothing." Of course we need be careful for nothing if the Lord is at hand, for He will bear every burden with us and help us to overcome every trial. The 23d Psalm is another beautiful illustration. It has been my privilege within the past few days to sit by the death bed of a young man who may even now be passing out into the eternity. the death bed of a young man who may even now be passing out into the eternity, and when I told him that the end had come for him he said, "It is a long journey to make alone, is it not?" My only answer was this 23d Psalm, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me," and he brushed the tears out of his eyes and said. "Then I am not afraid," nor need we be at any time, for He is always with us. We learn by contrast to admire many things. Those who have studied the paintings of Sir Noel Paton must have observed that part of their peculiar beauty lies, by a trick of art, in their partial ugliness. There are flowers and birds, knights and ladies, gossamer winged fairies and children of seraphic beauty, but in the corner of the canvas, or just at their feet, some uncouth and loathsome form—a toad, a lizard, a slimy snail—to lend, by contrast with corner of the canvas, or just at their feet, some uncouth and loathsome form—a toad, a lizard, a slimy snail—to lend, by contrast with its repulsiveness, a lovelier beauty to the rest. So in ancient sculpture the griffin and the dragon grin among the angel faces on the cathedral front. heightening the surrounding beauty of their deformity. Many of the literary situations of the New Testament powerfully exhibit this species of contrast. The twelve disciples—one of them is a devil. Jesus upon the cross, pure and regal—on either side a thief. And here, as conspicuously, in this fifteenth chapter of Luke, the most exquisite painting in the Bible is touched off at the foot with the black thunder-cloud of the elder brother—perfect as a mere dramatic situation. And so here we understand better that the Lord is by our side when we imagine for a moment all He is away from us. In Psalm 118: 6, we read, "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear; what can man do unto me?" This, of course, is for the child of God, but in Proverbs 15: 29, we read, "The Lord is far from the wicked, but He heareth the prayer of the righteous." God pity us if we stand in this position. In Psalm 145: 18, we read, "The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth," while if we would know the contrasting statement for those who are not yet children of God we have the solemn statement in Proverbs 1: 28, "Then shall they call upon Me, but I will not answer; they shall seek Me early, but they shall not find Me."

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He is near. There are so many wave in

He is near. There are so many ways in which He is near to us. First: In creation. It is a great mistake, however, to think that we can find enough of God in nature to satisfy our souls, for we cannot. There is a verse written by Browning, if I mistake not, in which he says something like

"Earth is crammed with heaven, and

every bush is on fire with God." But it is a great mistake to seek to find Him only in this way. He is near to us in providences, and as a rule for the Christian God is never nearer than when we pass through trial. We sometimes see farther through our tears than in any other way, for they are like telescopes. A friend of mine was showing me a picture the other day taken with a telescope camera, in which a mountain fifteen miles away was brought so near that you could study it in minutest detail. But He is nearest, of course, in Jesus

First: He is near as a sin-forgiving God. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Romans 8: 1. The thought of the judgment is something awful, but let it be remembered that the word "condemnation" is the same in the Greek as "judgment," and for those who are in Christ Jesus, whatever their sins, judgment is forever past.

God, and reminds one of nothing so much as a diamond which as you hold it as the light touches it from every side it sends out to all beholders the evidences of its beauty and of its worth, and this 119th Psalm is the make-up of the word of God, for every verse except two, namely, the 122d and the 132d refer in some way to God's word, and it is mentioned either unjoy may be full." This is God's own word, and it is mentioned either unjoy may be full." This is God's own word, and if our prayers have not been answered

and if our prayers have not been answered the difficulty is with ourselves.

Fourth: He is near as a gracious Father.
John 14: 9-10, "Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you and yet hast thou not known Me, Philin? He yet hast thou not known Me, Philin? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father, and how sayest thou, then, Show us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father and the Father in Me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself. but the Father. that dwelleth in Me; He doeth the works." By these words Jesus wanted Philip to know when he had seen Him touch the eyes of the blind and raise the dead and comfort the sorrowing he had had a vision of the Father in His infinite love. Father in His infinite love.

We have lost the sense of His nearness. We have lost the sense of his nearness.

First: In Genesis 28: 16, we read, "And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not." After Jacob had had his day of flight and his night of dreams he awakes to say, "The Lord was in this place and I knew it not," and the reason he did not know was because he was deceiful and dishonest. If we give this the right name we shall say he was sinful but sepname we shall say he was sinful, but separate us from God and hide His face from us so that He not only will not hear but He cannot see. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

Second: In Exodus 3: 5, we read, "And He said. Draw not nigh hither, but off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." Moses had no idea that he would see God in the burning bush, for he was not expecting Him, and let it be remembered that we have failed to see Him because our minds are not set upon Him. He is on every side of us, and if we did but look for Him we should see Him at every turn of life and every hour of the day. Your position may be very upsatisfactory to you tion may be very unsatisfactory to you, but it is possible for you in the most me-nial place to see Christ just as Paul had visions of Him constantly, and yet he was

only a tent maker.
Third: In Amos 3: 3, we read, "Can two and that word "agreed" in the Hebrews is betrothal, while in the Greek is "symphony." The reason we have lost step with God is because we have disagreed with Him. If we were as indifferent to that one to whom we were betrothed is we have been to the we have been to the claim of God there would have been no marriage, and if we were as indifferent to the wife of our home as we have been to Him there would be no happy home. Oh, that we might agree with Him to-day and keep step with Him, we would see Him constantly.

He is near and He will preserve. Psalm 37: 23-25, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and He delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholdeth him with His hand. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the rightness foresken nor his seed begging righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." It is written in the Bible and God's word is always true. Psalm 121: 3, "He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; He that keepeth thee will not slumber." We may not be conscious of His nearness, but He is near, just the same. We have some time been in a dark room all alone, nothing about us. We have touched the nothing about us. We have touched the electric button, when suddenly we realized that the furnishings of the room are on every side of us. We were not conscious of them, but they were near, and we have lost consciousness of God, and yet if we had but time to illumine the place where we live we would see all about us the evidence of His presence, peace, pardon, love, joy. Oh, that we might live in the furnished room of God, for He is near protecting us, defending us, keeping back the pestilence, and so turning aside the arm of death from us. Trouble may come very near, but it cannot overthrow us. In Psalm 27: 2, there is a graphic description of this. "When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell." The Psalmist has a vision of the enemy coming fiercely against him, just about to lay his hand upon him when suddenly he stumbles and falls. Then in the 12th chapter of Acts there is a victure of Peter sleeping of Acts there is a picture of Peter sleeping between the two soldiers. Herod is just about to lay hands upon him to bring him when suddenly the chain snaps and he is free. This is just like God. Trouble almost breaks our hearts, but not quite; reason is almost dethroned, but not altogether. He will not suffer us to be cast down and utterly forsaken. down and utterly forsaken.

What a help. If we could only get into the way of saying over and over, "Thou art near, O Lord," we should be greatly strengthened. First: It would keep our lives pure, for we would not so frequently be lost to sin if we were conscious of His

nearness.
Second: It would strengthen us in the hour of temptation to suddenly pause and say over and over, "Thou art near, O Lord," for He would immediately give us

Third: It will greatly help us in trial to say, "Thou art near to me, O Lord."

It would greatly assist in the transformation of character if we but realized His nearness. Moses saw Him, and his face shone; Paul had a vision of Him and never

shone; Paul had a vision of Him and never was the same again.

It will greatly help us when the need comes, for He will then be near.

One of my friends in preaching to the soldiers in the time of the war visited a hospital, and was asked by a nurse if he would not when he had finished his service cross over to an adjoining hospital and minister to the comfort of a dying boy. He agreed to come and finished his service with the soldiers by joining with them in singing, "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me." When he reached the second hospital tent the nurse told him that the young soldier was dead, and he died, she said as you sang the last hymn. While you were singing it he said it with you, and this was the hymn:

When at last I near the shore, And the fearful breakers roar
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
Then while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me,
'Fear not, I will pilot thee!'"

COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

Ceneral Trade Conditions. R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review

of Trade" says: Each day brings the agricultural products of the nation nearer to maturity, and as the possibility of any serious inury becomes smaller the feeling of confidence in fully sustained trade grows stronger. Railway stocks rose to new high records and gold was exported, yet money ruled easy. July oats suc ceeded corn as the leading speculative cereal, but all distant grain options tended lower as the outlook improved. The very heavy distribution of merchandise is shown by railway earnings thus ar reported for July 25 per cent. larger than last year and 20 per cent. in excess of the corresponding period of 1900.

Insufficient fuel is the one serious difficulty in the iron and steel industry, interruptions and delays from this cause becoming more noticeable each day. Supplies of coal are curtailed by the strike, although coke ovens are making new records of production. Shipments are retarded by the car and motive power shortage. In a market where there is comparative dullness because deliveres cannot be made promptly, the out ook for long-continued activity seems avorable, especially as scarcity of fuel

cannot continue a factor indefinitely. There was less activity in the specu ative markets for the leading cereals yet prices were fairly well maintained Meats were somewhat weaker on larger receipts and small export buying. Among the other staples coffee continnes active and firm, despite the statisti zal situation, while cotton was irregula because improved crop prospects acted n opposition to the brisk demand for onsumption. Finally the former influnce prevailed and quotations declined

Failures for the week numbered 208 in the United States, against 198 last year, and 17 in Canada against 28 last

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Flour-Spring clear, \$3 15a3.35; best Patent, \$4.65; choice Family, \$3.90. Wheat-New York No. 2. 78%c; Philadelphia No 2, 77a771/2 c; Baltimore

Corn-New York No. 2, 71c; Philadelphia No. 2, 7134a72; Baltimore No. 2, Oats-New York No. 2. 641/c; Phila-

delphia No. 2, 65c; Baltimore No 2,

Hay-No. 1 timothy, \$17.50a18.00; No. 2 timothy, \$16.50a17.00; No. 3 timothy \$15.50a16.00

Green Fruits and Vegetables .-- Beets. Native, per bunch 1c. Blackberries, Eastern Shore, per quart, 5a7c. Cabbage — Native per 100 \$1.00a1.50; Wakefield, per 100, \$5.00a8.00. Cantaloupes — Florida, per crate 50ca \$1.00. Cucumbers — Charleston, per bashet 12, 20ca de North Combine 12, 20ca ket 12a20c; do North Carolina, 12a20c Eggplants, Florida, per crate \$1.50a1.75 Huckelberries, per quart 7u8c. Let-tuce, Native, per bushel box 20u25c. Onions, New, per basket 80u90c. Peaches, Florida, per carrier \$1.00a1.50 Pineapples, Florida, per crate, \$2.00a 2.50. String beans, per bushel, green, 25a30c; wax, 30a40c Tomatoes, Potomac, per six-basket carrier, fancy, 50 a65c do, fair to good 25a30c.
Potatoes, Norfolk, per brl, No 1, \$1 00a1 50; do, seconds, 75ca\$1 00; do,

culls, 50a75c; do, North Carolina, per brl, No 1, \$1 00a1 25. Butter, Separator, 23a24c; Gathered

cream, 22a28c; prints,1-lb 25a26c; Rolls,

2-lb, 25a26; Dairy pts. Md., Pa., Va., Eggs, Fresh-laid eggs, per dozen,

Cheese, Large, 60-lb, 10% a10%c; medium, 36-lb, 101/a101/3; picnics, 22-lb

Live Poultry, Hens, 123/a13c; old roosters, each 25a30c; spring chickens, 1434a15c, young stags, 12a1234c. Ducks

Hides, Heavy steers, association and salters, late kill, 60-lbs and up, close selection, 11%a12%c; cows and light steers

Provisions and Hog Products .- Bulk clear rib sides, 12%c; bulk shoulders. 10%c; bulk bellies, 13c; bulk ham butts, 10%c; bacon clear rib sides. 13c; bacon shoulders, 11%c; sugar-cured breasts, 11%c; sugar cured shoulders, 11%c; sugar cured California hams, 11%c; hams canvased or uncanvased, 12 lbs. and over, 14%c; refined lard tierces, bris and 50 lb cans, gross, 111/c; refined lard, second-hand tubs, 11%c; refined lard, balf-barrels and new tubs, 11%c.

Live Stock.

Chicago, Cattle, Mostly 10a15c lower, good to prime steers \$7 85a8 70; poor to medium \$4a7; stockers and feeders \$2 50 a5 25; cows, \$1 50a5 50; heifers \$2 25a 6 50; Texas-fed steers \$4 00a5 75. Hogs, Mixed and butchers \$7 15a7 50; good to choice, heavy \$7 65a7 90; Sheep, sheep and lambs slow to lower; good to choice whethers \$4 25a5 00; Western sheep \$2 75a4 25.

East Liberty, Cattle steady; choice \$7 50a7 80; prime \$7 00a7 55. Hogs, prime heavy \$7 90a7 95, mediums \$7 85; eavy Yorkers \$7 85a7 90. Sheep steady, Best wethers \$4 50a4 70 culls and comnon \$1 50a2 00; choice lambs \$6 00a6 50.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY

At Portland, Ore., the marine engineers' strike has been settled, both sides naking concessions.

The long-continued strike of the dy-ers' helpers at Paterson, N. J., has been ormally declared off.

Striking capmakers at Boston have received an increase in wages of from s to 10 per cent. Engineers and firemen on the Colora-

do and Southern have asked that company for an increase in pay. Srikes are occurring all over Sweden, tue to the discharge of men who took

part in the recent suffrage strike. The National Federation of Teachers vas recently organized at Minneapolis, Minn. Its object is of a protective na-

Coal miners in Holland are better paid and work shorter hours than men employed in any similar industry in that Pullman conductors at Chicago have

been given a voluntary increase of from \$10 to \$15 a month, according to their length of service.

The Three Nationalities.

An Englishman, an Irishman and Scotchman, making a tour around Manchester, were observed looking through a confectioner's window at a beautiful

young woman serving in the shop.
"Oh!" exclaimed Mr. Patrick, "do let us be after spending half a crown with the dear craytur that we may look at her convaniently and have a bit of chat wid

"You extravagant dog," said Mr. Bull.
"Ym sure one-half the money will be sufficient; but let us go in, by all means;

she's a charming girl 'Ah, wait a wee!" interposed Mr. Mc-Andrew, "dinna ye ken it'll serve our purpose equally weel just to ask the onnie lassie to gie us two sixpences or a shilling and inquire where's Toompson's house, and sic-like. We're no hungry, and may as weel save the siller."-Tit-Bits.

Why He Changed His Mind. "I tell you, sir, civil service is a great

The man addressed looked astonished. . "Coming from any one but you, that remark would not greatly surprise me," he said. "You didn't think so when I last saw you.'

'No, I didn't. "You considered civil service little short of a civic curse."
"That's right; but then I was on the outside and trying to get in, while now I am on the inside and trying to stay in. It makes a great difference.

Unconvinced. A Presbyterian preacher in the central

part of the State tells this story on him-It was Sunday morning, and I had

started for church. The family were preparing to follow when the youngest, a five-year-old, protested: 'I do not want to go to church. 'I don't feel much like it myself Fred, this morning,' replied his mother,

but we must go. Father has to gohas gone already, and he has to preach. "'Yes,' said Fred unconvinced, 'but we have to listen, and that's worser."

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His Diplomacy Won. "I-I want to ask you a q-question,

stammered the young man.
"Well?" eneried the fair one, who was almost at the point where she would be entitled to allowance for age.

"F-for the p-past seven years I have loved you," he continued, "and now Ier-that is, will you marry me?" "I suppose I ought to say, 'Oh, this is so sudden!" said the party of the second part, in a tone redolent with sarcasm, "but it is nothing of the kind Here you have the nerve to tell me that

you have loved me for seven long years yet have kept the secret to yourself. No, I'll not marry you just for that.' "But, dearest," remonstrated the originator of the trouble, who now realized that it was up to him to make hay before sunset, "t-the reason I did not s-speak ooner was b-because I thought-I

Well, what did you think?" she asked, in a way that lowered the mercury

in the thermometer 17 degrees. "I-I thought you were t-too young stammered the young man, clutching like a drowning person at the only

straw in sight. "O George, my own true and faithful ove!" she exclaimed as she threw herinto his arms. can you ever lorgive my cruel words? Such devotion shall not go unrewarded, darling mine, and marry you comorrow -- or sooner, it yoo say so.

Nature Study.

In a town where nature study rages, an elderly lady met a friend in a s'ady evenue and asked:

Do you know anything about birds?" "No," the friend replied in a tone of some mortification. "I'm sorry, but I

you hear that perfectly lovely spikebeaked, purple-eyed tickle bird?

"No sconer had I gone a block than I met Mrs. K. 'Hush,' she exclaimed, ecstatically. 'Don't move a muscle. Right up there on that branch is one of those rare, exquisite, speckle-winged, ing-tailed screamers." You and I seem to be the only sane people. Let's rejoice in chorus."

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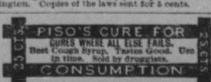
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