

"Billy" Sunday's Sermon Today

SUBJECT: "HE WIST NOT THAT THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD HAD DEPARTED FROM HIM"

Sixteenth chapter Judges, 20th verse. "And he wist not," meaning Samson—he didn't realize that the spirit of the Lord had departed from him; he walked out and shook himself as, meantime, he weighed as much; he was as strong physically; his mind was as active, but although he possessed all that there was one thing that was necessary to make him as he had been—he wist not that the spirit of the Lord had left him.

"A man may have a fine physique; he may have strength; he may have greatness; he may have a beautiful home, and a church may be magnificent and faultless in its equipment; the preacher may be highly able to reason; the choir may rival the angels in melody; but if you have not the spirit of the Lord you are as Paul says, as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals, and the church is merely four walls with a roof over it.

"Nothing in the world can substitute for the spirit of God; no wealth, culture nor anything in the world. By power we do not mean numbers; there never has been a time when there were more members in the church than today; yet we haven't kept progress in the number of members in the church with the increased number of people in the nation. Our nation has grown to be 90,000,000 of people, but we are not correspondingly keeping pace with the number of church members; God's church has not increased correspondingly in power as it has in numbers, and while increasing in numbers it has not increased in spiritual power. I am giving you facts, theories. We are not dealing with theories, I am not saying anything against the church; you never had a man come into this community who would fight harder for the church of God Almighty than I would. I am talking about her sins and the things that sap her power—and by power I do not mean numbers. If you had an army of 100,000 and increased it another 100,000 it ought to be doubled in power.

AMERICA WELL INFORMED.
"In the church of God today you know there are a lot of people who are nothing but derelicts and nothing but driftwood. By power I do not mean culture. There never was a time when the people of America were better informed than they are today; they have newspapers, telegrams, telegraphs, rural delivery, fast trains. You can leave home in five days you are in Europe. You can leave home today and tomorrow morning you are in Chicago. If something happens in Japan or China tonight you can read it before you go to bed. The islands of the sea are our neighbors.

"You can see it in Chicago and breakfast in New York."
"By power I do not mean wealth. We are the richest people on the earth; ninety-five per cent of all the wealth or all the money in the United States today is in the hands of professing Christians, Catholic and Protestant. That ought to mean that it is in God's hands; but it isn't. They are not putting it into a church in Iowa that had three members who were worth \$200,000 each and they paid their preacher the meagre salary of \$30 a year, and if he were hornswoggled if they did not owe him \$400 then. If I ever skinned any old fellows I did those old etching coats. A man who doesn't pay to the church is as big a scoundrel as a man who doesn't pay his grocery bill, and he is dead-beating his way to hell. You let somebody else pay your bills, you old dead-beat. God hasn't any more use today for a dead-beat in the church that he has for a man who doesn't pay his grocery bill—not a bit!

"I kick when a man rides up to the church in a \$500 limousine, throws a quarter in the collection plate and grows at the sermon."
THE INFLUENTIAL CHURCH.
"A stranger once asked: 'What is the most powerful and influential church in this town?' That big stoney Presbyterian church on the hill." "How many members has it?" "I don't know; my wife is a member." "How many Sunday school members?" "I don't know; my children go." "How many go to prayer meetings?" "I don't know; I have never been there." "How many go to communion?" "What is that?" "I told him, 'I don't know; I never saw my wife go.' "I don't know," said: "Will you please tell me why you said it was the most powerful and influential church in the community?" "Yes, sir; it is the only church in the town that has three members. It is a large church. The church in America would die of dry rot and sink 40 fathoms in an hour if all members were multimillionaires and college graduates. That ought to be a barrier to spiritual power. By power I do not mean influence.

"Some of the most powerful churches I have ever visited with were not the churches that had the largest number of rich members. In a town in Iowa there were three women who used to pray all night every Thursday night—one of them a colored woman. They used to come under her window at night and listen to her pray. She murdered the king's English five times in every sentence, but oh, she knew God. They had 600 names on their list for prayer, and when the meetings closed they had checked off 397 of them. Every Friday I would be called over the telephone or write a letter or meet those women and they would tell me what assurance God gave them as to who would be saved. I have never met three women that were stronger in faith than those three women. That town was Fairfield, Iowa—one of the brightest, cleanest, snappiest little towns I ever went into.

SPIRIT OF THE LORD.
"Samson wist not, the spirit of the Lord had departed. So might we have money, we might have members, increase in culture; we have not increased in power. I mean spiritual power. Power to bring things to pass by way of reform. What do I mean by power? I have told you what I did not mean. By power I mean when the power of God comes upon you and enables you to do what you could not do without that power. That comes to you through confidence and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. There was a time when the church had more spiritual power than she has today; there never was a time when she had more members. There was a time when she had more money than she has today, more culture; but there was a time when she had more spiritual power than today.

"And when she had more spiritual power she was a separate institution. She was not living for the devil like she is today. And the church had not become a clearing house for the forces of evil. We are told that at Pentecost, tongues of fire came upon the expectant worshippers.
COMPROMISE ASSAILED.
"I don't mean this glibly stuffed thing that they call the things of the spirit; I don't mean that jabbering and froth and fluting at the mouth which you can't understand a word they say. I believe they will talk in language

SOME MINISTERS ARE CURSE TO GOD, SUNDAY DECLARES

Evangelist Delivers Stirring Sermon to United Presbyterian Preachers. "I'm tired of hearing of God as a great big kiss-and-a-hug," declared "Billy" Sunday before the United Presbyterian "Soul-Winning" Conference, in the Second United Presbyterian Church, Race street, near 16th, today.

"God is a lot more than that, and don't you forget it. He's the God of Law and of Justice. We must pay our debts to Him, just as we pay our debts to men. 'God's Marvelous Plan of Redemption as Revealed in the Gospel' was the subject of Mr. Sunday's sermon. Belief in the divinity of Christ, the substitution of Christ on the cross for man and the Resurrection were emphasized by him as the three cardinal points on which Christianity was founded.

"Every church bell rings, every song is sung, every sermon is preached around these three points."
"It's great!" he cried, "it's enough to make even a Unitarian Presbyterian shout," he continued with a smile, turning to the Rev. T. C. Pollock, pastor of the Oak Park United Presbyterian Church, who had introduced him. The pastors laughed, but became serious again when the evangelist launched into a tirade against the preachers who do not believe in the divinity of Christ.

"Such a man is a curse to God," he said. "All this knocking of the Pharisees, and it has come from Galilee to Philadelphia. It's the same old gang, the Pharisees and the rest of the bunch."
Mr. Sunday's sermon was preceded by an address by the Rev. Dr. G. W. Bull, of Scranton, Pa., who spoke on "The Pentecostal Power."

"Christ is our trial in this city," he declared. "And you are needed on the witness stand. It's a critical time now. I would testify in any court against any minister who denies the regenerating spirit of Jesus Christ, for such a minister has no message for the people."
"Idolatry of talent and fine-tuned phrases in the pulpit means 'farewell, Pentecostal power!' Some persons are more shocked over Mr. Sunday's attack than over the sin it describes and assails, more shocked over his diction than over the devil it fights."

The delegates to the conference attended the services in the Tabernacle this afternoon, after which the Rev. J. Knox McClurkin, of Pittsburgh, chairman of the "Billy" Sunday Campaign Committee in Pittsburgh last year, spoke at the church. "Mel" Trotter, of Grand Rapids, Mich., will speak this evening.

AGAINST PUBLIC AID TO POOR
Secretary of Organized Charities Says It Produces "Professional Parasites."
To have Councils' Finance Committee grant additional appropriations for the unemployed, according to R. M. Little, secretary of the Society for Organized Charity, would result in many persons becoming professional parasites.

Mr. Little said today that before Chairman John P. Connelly, of Councils' Finance Committee, had introduced the ordinance providing \$50,000 for the unemployed, about 220 families had their applications on file in his office seeking aid. This number increased to 400 shortly after the appropriations were granted.

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- Single-width foulards65c
- Colored Shantung pongees.....65c
- Natural gabardine tussah.....85c
- Printed tussah\$1

Women's Fur Coats at Late Season Prices

A limited number of (Hudson seal or sheared muskrat) coats have just come from the furriers—coats whose early season prices were a third more. Those at \$60 have self-collars and printed broche linings; those at \$90 and \$125 have skunk collars. And all three styles have the new flare which gives the new silhouette.

The New Spring Coats In Strictly Tailored Styles

Covert cloth promises to be such a fashionable Spring fabric that at least five of the new models are developed in it.

You may have the three-quarter-length coat in covert cloth cut almost like a man's frock coat with straight lines and the natural waist line sharply defined at \$30.

JOHN WANAMAKER

SUNDAY'S ATHLETIC TACTICS FORM INTERESTING STUDY

Evangelist Walks Quarter Mile on Platform at Each Service.

"Billy" Sunday will have walked more than 32 miles on the platform of the tabernacle before the close of his campaign in this city if he continues his present method of preaching. A record has been taken during three sermons shows he averaged 576 steps at each service. Figuring these at an average of 30 inches each, he covered a distance of 1440 feet, or more than a quarter-mile upon each occasion.

SUNDAY SUBSTITUTES FOR "M"

Addresses Prayer Meeting in Gethsemane Baptist Church.
"Billy" Sunday addressed a prayer meeting in the Gethsemane Baptist Church, 18th street and Columbia avenue, this morning, and although more than 200 persons had gathered there expecting to hear "M" Sunday speak, they did not seem disappointed at his substitution. "Billy" talk was extemporaneous, but brief and to the point. He said in part: "Don't tell me you can't work for God because you have so many impediments in your way. There are mighty few of you who have as many natural impediments to overcome as I had when I first started. When I was a boy, I had a poor memory. When I had to recite a poem in school, I invariably forgot it completely, or else became completely tongue-tied.

Unitarian Christianity

The last twenty-five years have witnessed an advance of Unitarianism in this country which is highly gratifying to those that love its work. More new societies have been established and more money has been expended in the work than in any previous similar period. Never had Unitarianism such a wide harmony of spirit, never so strong an organization as now. Led by an able body of ministers and lay workers, reinforced by ministers coming from other denominations with increasing frequency, and by lay results far in excess of all losses, and encouraged by the ever-wider acceptance of their views by churches still named orthodox, the Unitarians are facing a most hopeful future.

The Unity of Aim and Work of Unitarians and Other Liberals

During the month of January about 10,000 Unitarian tracts have been distributed in this city. They have been taken willingly from the book room and the churches, not one, so far as we know, having been thrust upon an unwilling recipient. This certainly indicates a considerable and intelligent interest in Unitarianism. What can be the cause of it? If you enjoy meditation upon ideals that are as great as they are beautiful, visit

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