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TEXT: "They traded in thy fairs."—Eze… xvii. 12.

Fairs may be for the sale of goods or for the exhibition of goods on a small scale or a large one, for county or city, for one nation or for the nations. My text brings us to the fairs of ancient Tyre, a city that is now extinct. The port of the city was on an island, and part of the mainland. Alexander, the conqueror, was much embarrassed when he found so much of the city was on an island, for he had no ships. But his military genius was not to be balked. Having marched his army to the beach, he ordered them to throw up the city on the mainland and throw into the water and build a causeway two hundred feet wide to the island. So they took that part of the city which was on the mainland and with it built a causeway of timber and brick and stone, on which his army marched to the capture of that part of the city which was on the island, as though a hostile army should put Brooklyn into the East River, and over it march to the capture of New York. That Tyrian causeway of ruins which Alexander's army built, is still there, and by alluvial deposits has permanently united the island to the mainland, so that it is no longer an island but a promontory. The sand, the greatest of all undertakers for burying cities, having covered up for the most part Baalbec and Palmyra and Thebes and Memphis and Carthage and Babylon and Tyre and Jericho, the sand, so small and yet so mighty, is now gradually giving rites of sepulture to what was left of Tyre. But, oh, what a magnificent city it once was! "The… of the sea! Queen of international commerce! All nations casting their crowns at her feet! Where we have in our sailing ships benches of wood, she has benches of ivory. Where we have for our masts of ships sails of coarse canvas, she had sails of most embroidery.

The chapter from which my text is taken, in enumerating the richest countries in the world says of Tyre: "They traded in thy fairs." Look in upon a world's fair at Tyre. Ezekiel leads us through one department and it is a horse fair. Under fed and over driven for ages, the horses of to-day give you no idea of the splendid animals which, rearing and plunging and snorting and neighing, were brought down over the bank of the ships and led into the world's fair at Tyre until Ezekiel, who was a minister of religion and not supposed to know much about horses, cried out in admiration: "They of the house of Togarmah traded in thy fairs with horses." Here is another department of that world's fair at Tyre, let on by Ezekiel the prophet, who saw everything all ablaze with precious stones. Like petrified snow are the corals; like fragments of fallen sky are the sapphires; and here is agate a-blush with all colors. What is that aroma we inhale? It is from chests of cedar which we open, and find them filled with all styles of fabric. But the aromatics increase as we pass down this lane of enchantment, and here are cassia and frankincense and balm. Led on by Ezekiel the prophet, we come to an agricultural fair with a display of wheat from Minnith and… rich as that of our modern Dakota or Michigan. And here is a mineralogical fair, with specimens of iron and silver and tin and lead and gold. But hait, for here is purple. Tyrian purple, all tints and shades, deep almost unto the black and bright almost unto the blue; waiting for kings and queens to order it made into robes for coronation day; purple not like that which is now made from the Orchilla weed, but the extinct purple, the lost purple, which the ancients knew how to make out of the gastropod mollusks of the Mediterranean. Oh, look at those casks of wine from Helbon! Look at those snow banks of wool from the back of those sheep that once pastured in Gilead. Oh, the bewildering riches and variety of that world's fair at Tyre!

But the world has copied these Bible greatest fairs in all succeeding ages. If it has had its Louis the Sixth fair at Aubert, and Henry the First fair on St. Bartholomew's Day, and Hungarian fairs at Pesth, and Easter fairs at Leipsic, and the Scotch fairs at Perth, what was the day when I was at one of them, and afterward came the London world's fair, and the New York world's fair, and the Vienna world's fair, and the Parisian world's fair, and now it has been decided that, in commemoration of the discovery of America in 1492, there shall be held in this country in 1892 a world's fair that shall eclipse all preceding national expositions. I say, God speed the movement! Surely the event commemorated is worthy of all the architecture and music and pyrotechnics and elegant and stupendous planning and money expenditure and congressional appropriations which the most sanguine Christian patriot has ever dreamed of. Was any voyage that the world ever heard of crowned with such an arrival as that of Columbus at his last? After they had been encouraged for the last few days by flight of land birds and floating branches of red berries, and while Columbus was down in the cabin studying his sea chart, Martin Pinzon, standing on the deck and looking to the southwest, cried: "Land! Land!" And "Gloria in Excelsis" was sung in raining tears on all the decks of the ships of expedition. Most appropriate and patriotic and Christian will be a commemorative world's fair in 1892. Leaving to others the discussion as to the site of such exposition—and I wonder not that some five or six of our cities are struggling to have it, for it will give to any city to which it is as signed an impulse of prosperity for a hundred years—I say, leaving to others the selection of the particular city to be thus honored, I want to say a few things from the point of Christian action which ought to be said, and the sooner the better, that we get thousands of people talking in the right direction, and that will make healthful public opinion. I want you to consider prayerfully what I feel laid upon of God as an American citizen and as a preacher of righteousness to utter. My first suggestion is that it is not wise, certainly it is not Christian, to continue the senseless and persistent attempt of Americans cities to belittle and deprecate other cities. It has been going on for years, but the spirit seems to culminate in this discussion as to where the World's Fair shall be. It is a style of discussion which has a tendency to injure the success of the fair as a great moral and patriotic enterprise, after the location has been decided upon. There is such a thing as healthful rivalry between cities, but you will bear me out in the statement that there can be no good to come from the uncanny things said about each city by New York and Chicago, by Chicago about St. Louis, by St. Paul and Minneapolis, by Tacoma and Seattle, and all through the land by almost every two proximate cities. Cities, like individuals, have their virtues and their vices. All our American cities should be our exultation. What glories! What public libraries! What halls of mercy! What academies of music! What mighty men in law and medicine and art and scholarship! What schools and colleges and universities! What women radiant and gracious, and an improvement on all the generations of women before Eve! What philanthropists who do not feel satisfied with their own charities unless they get into the hundreds of thousands of the millions! What "God's acres" for the dead, gardens of beauty and palaces of art for those who sleep the last sleep! Then stop your slander of American cities. Do not say they are the centres of crime and political corruption? Please admit the fact that they are centers of intelligence and generosity and the mightiest patronage of architecture and sculpture and painting and music and reservoirs of religious influence for all the continent. It will be well

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