

THE GLORIOUS CHRIST.

THE PARDON FOR ALL SINS.

Who Must Stand Above All Else in All True Preaching.

TEXT: "He that cometh from above is the Son of Man."—John iii, 31.

The most conspicuous character of history... the finger of prophecy, the finger of chronology...

The Greek alphabet is made up of twenty-six letters... when Christ compared himself to the first letter and the last letter...

What does it mean? It means, after you have read up all Alpine and Himalayan heights, the glory of Christ would have to spread its wings and descend a thousand leagues to touch those summits...

There are so many books on the subject of Christ... that we should ring the bell of reason on a few phrases. There are those who think that an exhortation or a discourse have frequent mention of justification, sanctification, and conversion...

There is a great deal said in our day against works, as though they were nothing. They may be misused, but they have an imperial power. They are the bridge between soul and soul, between all and all...

When we come to set forth the love of Christ we are going to take tenderest pains to show that it is not a love which is new, but a love which has been in that direction before...

Jonathan Edwards preached Christ in the sweetest argument ever penned, and John Bunyan preached Christ in the sublimest allegory ever composed...

Brighter than the light, fresher than the fountain, deeper than the sea, are all these Gospel themes. Song has no melody, flowers have no sweetness, sunset sky has no color compared with these glorious themes...

So, also, Christ is above all in heaven. The Bible distinctly says that Christ is the chief theme of the celestial scriptures, all the thrones facing His throne, all the palms waved before His face...

is the Jesus whom we preached at Corinth, and at Cappadocia, and at Antioch, and at Jerusalem. Little children clad in white will say: "This is the Jesus who took us in His arms and blessed us, and when the storms of the world were too cold and loud, brought us into this heavenly place..."

Saladin, the greatest conqueror of his day, while dying, ordered that the tune he had on him be carried after his death on his spear at the head of his army...

God grant that when that hour comes you may be at home. You want the hand of your children to surround you. You want the light on your pillow from eyes that have long reflected your love...

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 23.

"The Temptation of Jesus," Luke iv, 1-13—Golden Text: Hebrews ii, 18—Notes and Comments.

1. "And Jesus, being full of the Holy Ghost, returned from Jordan." This lesson seems to follow immediately the last one, which told us of the baptism of Jesus by John in Jordan...

RELIGIOUS READING.

BIBLE READING—DR. CHALMERS. "I look upon Baxter and Doddridge as two most impressive writers, and from whom you are most likely to carry away the impression that a preparation for eternity should be the main business and sacred duty of life."

The truest philosophy of prayer is learned in the deepest distress. It is then God is everything to us: the helper of the helpless. Faith is pure reason. That may seem a strange paradox, but it is literally true...

God, who is liberal in all his other gifts, shows us by the wise economy of His Providence how circumspect we ought to be in the management of our time, for we never have more than a few moments of our life to spend...

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PROFITING THE POOR.

Wherever we look are scenes that appeal us: The drink fiend goes forth on his mission of ill; In pitiful tones his victims still call us...

No laurels that tell of red carnage we crave; The weapons we use are supplied us by Truth. 'Tis our mission to warn, to teach, and to save, And we overlook none from old age to youth...

Too long has the nation this tyrant endured; Too long has its head beneath its yoke been bent low. And never—oh! never can right be secured, Till down in the dust lies this terrible foe...

4. "It is written that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." This is the reply of Christ to the tempter. The outward indications were that God had failed him, but Jesus placed the words of Scripture against all other evidences and rests unmoved on what is written...

5. "If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine." The statements of these verses that the devil took Him to a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, cannot be understood or explained by us, but can be received on the authority of the Holy Spirit...

6. "If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down hence." The conflict is now in Jerusalem, the Holy City, and on a pinnacle of the temple, and in presenting this temptation the adversary aims to seduce the word of the Spirit, but he did so many do today, quoting only the part of the passage which seemed to suit his purpose...

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Boston's New Lighthouse.

Boston harbor has a new lighthouse in operation. It is on Deer Island. As a sample of modern lighthouses it is well worth notice.



The foundation of the structure is a great cylinder of iron, resting in the sand, and securely anchored and protected by some thousands of yards of broken stone that have been dumped around it. This part of the structure is 30 feet in diameter. It swells out, bell-shaped, at the top, where is a wide promenade, protected by a hand rail and covered by a roof.

The light itself is 57 feet above mean sea level. It is a five-wick lamp, and will illuminate an arc of the horizon beginning at a point on the horizon south-west by west 1/2 west around to a point southeast by east bearings taken from seawards. In clear weather the light can be seen 13 nautical miles away by a man on a ship's deck 15 feet above the water.

Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon.

The Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon, who for a quarter of a century has been the leading light of the Baptist denomination in England, has been very ill for some time, but recently was reported better. Mr. Spurgeon was the son of a Congregational minister, and was born at Kelvedon, Essex, in 1834.

Heaven in His Cabin.

A few weeks ago the body of Frank Gifford was found in his cabin at Whisky Flat, N.Y., partly naked and with a broken bottle of whisky in his hand. He again went to the Pacific coast and finally isolated himself on a cattle range in Esmeralda County, Nevada. His death was a most miserable one, there being no human being within many miles, and while the owner of the steamer died in poverty, he was buried at Hawthorne, Nev.

His Voice Charmed Her.

Joe Mik, the Burlington depot passenger caller, is noted for his sweet-toned voice and lamb-like disposition. Among the passengers at the depot, yesterday, was Miss Jennie Smith, the railroad temperance evangelist. She kept an eye on Joe, and noticed all his good traits, not mentioning his good looks.

Presently the Eastern train was about due and Joe, in his bland, urbane manner, advanced to the center of the room and in a silver-toned tenor voice, sang out "All aboard for Plattsmouth, Pacific Junction, Red Oak, Burlington, Peoria, Chicago and all points east. Passengers will now pass out to the cars and secure their seats, as the train leaves in fifteen minutes."

Joe started to retreat when Miss Smith, in an embarrassed tone, approached him and exclaimed: "Oh, you dear, lovely man! What a lovely voice you have to sing praises unto heaven. Won't you please come to my meetings and sing for us?"

Joe is very bashful, but this battery was too much and he promised to go. —Railroad Gazette.

About the Same Thing.

The Rev. B. F. Kephart, a missionary in Liberia, writes a letter to the Voice, in which he gives the following as a part of the cargo of the steamer that carried him: 10,000 cases of rum, 11 cases of gin, 400 tons of gunpowder and 14 missionaries, all on their way to Africa. Missionaries, rum and gunpowder—what a mixture!

A statement to the effect that total abstinence is shorter lived, on an average, than any class except immoderate drinkers, has been given wide publicity, as it was attributed to a reputable British scientific society. Some one who has taken the trouble to look into the matter, however, asserts that the rate is gained only by counting among the total abstainers all who die in infancy.

An International Prison Congress is to be held in St. Petersburg, and the Russian Minister says George Korman, the Century writer, the high compliment to request that he may not be sent as a delegate to represent the United States.

"By George!" said Mr. Polar Bear, as he gazed at the Borealis; "it's a corker." "No," said Mrs. Polar Bear; "it is not a corker. It's Aurora." —Puck.