THE CARE OF THE FATHER

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The text for this message is Matthew 6:25-34. As we notice this section of scripture today, let us divide it into three parts. We'll notice:
I. THE PARABLE.
II. THE PROVISION.
III. THE PROMISE.

I. THE PARABLE.

A Parable is a short story which is used to teach a spiritual or moral lesson. Our precious Lord used them quite often in His declarations to His disciples. As well as to the multitudes that followed Him. I do not mean to imply that this section of scripture is a parable, but rather of the incidents contained therein could be used as such to relate spiritual truths to us.

In Matthew 6:25-26 you'll notice the CARE of the Father, "Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? We are not to worry about what we will eat, drink, or wear. Now this does not teach us to be lazy and just sit down and do nothing.

The Bible teaches that man shall earn his living by the sweat of his brow. The Lord will take care of us but we must get up and go work or look for work. The old saying is that "God provides for the birds of the air, but He does not put the worm in their mouth or nest." As they go, He provides. The same is true as it applies to mankind. In fact, the Apostle Paul rebukes some of the Saints at Thessalonica because they had sat down and refused to work. The summation of his remarks to them was that if you don't work, you won't eat. This verse is teaching that God cares for us but at the same time there is a job for us to do also. As we are obedient in doing our part, the Lord will certainly do His part, so in essence there's no need to fear.

He points out here that the birds of the air are taken care of by God. We are more important to God than the birds. Isn't it remarkable how God has so planned this universe that He can take care of everything. Let me use just one example. Have you ever taken a cup of water and dropped ice cubes in it? You drop the ice cubes in but they will not sink. Instead, they float on top. Have you ever thought how strange it is that ice floats? It should sink. It is a law of thermodynamics that cold water is more dense than warm water, so cold water should, and does circulate down while the warmer water flows up. If the air above a pond is below freezing, and the water in the pond is ten degrees above freezing, the cold air will cool the surface water and
cause it to sink, but when the water reaches a point just a few degrees above freezing it begins to expand and loses its density. The result is, it stays on top, and eventually freezes into ice. This ice, though colder than the water beneath, does not sink, instead it floats. Imagine what would happen if this were not so. The colder ice would then sink to the bottom until the whole pond or lake would be a solid mass from the top to the bottom, and, as a result, all life in the water would perish.

Now who could have thought of this provision? Only an all wise Creator. Our Great God made provision for the fish in the lake by placing in nature this exceptional reversal of the general law that heat rises and cold sinks. Yes, He thought of the fish when He created the law of thermodynamics. And this Creator is our Saviour. Of how much more value than the fish of the sea are we, His children? We can put our complete confidence in such a loving, all wise God who also made provision for our Eternal Life through His son, Jesus Christ.

Now, look at Matthew 6:27. "Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?" The thought or truth that He is conveying here is that through worry and getting upset, we cannot change things that happen to us.

Look also at Matthew 6:28-29. "And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Here He says that the beauty of the flowers are more beautiful than all of Solomon’s riches. Solomon was the richest man that ever lived, but note, "Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he much more clothe you, O ye of little faith." Matt. 6:30. Next we’ll notice:

II. THE PROVISION.

He tells us these words in Matthew 6:31, "Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?" According to this we are not to worry about what we eat, drink, or wear. May God impress this truth within our innermost being. Notice also Phil. 4:19 and Phil. 4:6-7. When you really analyze this truth you will realize that worry is a sin because it shows a lack of confidence in God’s promise. Notice Romans 8:28.

Now, let us look at verse 32 of Matthew 6, "For after all these things do the Gentiles seek: for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." Notice here that it’s this seeking that the world is caught up with. This is all that they think about. God knows what we need even before we ask Him. Let me illustrate this truth. In the home of a poor but thrifty peasant couple, the young mother was sewing in the autumn twilight, while the happy laughter of her young son from the garden came in through the open door. Her husband, after a hard day’s work in the fields, was sitting near his wife, resting, when she turned to him with a question that had been bothering her as she worked. "How do you think we shall manage through the winter, if it is a hard one George? We have found it difficult enough during the summer, and I hardly like to think what will happen if we have another terrible winter like last year." The question awakened something in the man’s mind that sent a glow into his heart and put a smile on his face. "Mary, my dear, what is it that you are making there?" he asked. "Why you know very well, it is a warm winter coat for young Willie." "I guessed as much. Have you discussed it with the youngster and explained to him that you’re making it?" "Why, of course, my dear, why ever should I? He isn’t concerned about what clothes he wears, all he seems to do is to wear them out as quickly as he can. He leaves all that sort of think to his mother." "But surely you must tell him in order to stop him from worrying about what’s going to happen in the winter?" "He worry?" said the woman with a smile, "why just listen to him out there and see how much he's worrying. He is as happy as the day is long, thank God; and even if he had the sense to think about the winter at all, he would trust his mother and father to look after him." "Just so, my dear, and I think that in that the boy is wiser than his mother." The woman’s eyes filled with tears as she saw her husband’s meaning, and the burden of worry and the clouds of distrust were rolled away by the unquestioning faith of a little child. All you need He will provide, God will take care of you. Trust Him and you will be satisfied, God will take care of you. He knows our weaknesses, failures, desires, burdens, and plans.

Of all God’s creatures, only people are full of worry concerning the future. Animals show no indication of this inner tension. A few years ago in one of its bulletins, the United States Public Health Service delared: "No fox ever fretted because he had only one hole in which to hide. No squirrel ever died of anxiety over the possibility that he should have laid up more food for the winter. And no dog ever lost any sleep over the fact that he had not enough bones laid aside for his declining years." In a way it isn’t fair to use this argument to praise animal behavior, because such creatures do not have the intelligence it takes to be a worrier. However, the Continued Page 5
EVANGELISM IS A DAILY BUSINESS

BY RON PARRISH

INTRODUCTION:

It is a great tragedy that Christianity is only a Sunday Affair (see Luke 9:23). Let's look at the word daily as it is used in the Book of Acts. The early Church in Jerusalem won souls, overcame opposition, defied kings and kingdoms, brought fear and conviction to the hearts of thousands and made Jesus known everywhere; because of a daily ministry...a daily fellowship. Acts 2:46-47.

All this was done without radio, TV, buildings, newspapers, Sunday School literature, buses, cars, committees, P.A. systems—but with a Spirit-empowered program. This group grew so rapidly that it was known as the "multitude of them that believed". Acts 4:32. After miracles, prayer meetings, persecutions, and the death of several church members,...Acts 5:14 proclaims them to be multitudes (plural). Lost (and saved) humanity needs us daily. Acts 3:2; 6:1.

Because of this type of ministry, we read of Churches—Acts 16:5—the natural outreach of a Church is soulwinning and missions!!

Those of Berea:


How and Why this great increase? Text 5:42. This verse when put in practice by any Church, large or small, in any location, will win souls, bring Revival, get results and edify the Churches and the Body of Christ.

I. THEIR PERSISTANCE - "DAILY"

A. Persistent--Not Spasmodic
   1. We must be instant in and out of season.
   2. To grow daily, a church must have a daily program.
   3. Most people are not saved on the first visit.
   4. We must 'compel them to come it.
B. There was a fellow who was visited every Monday nite for over a year by a particular Ladies' group. Finally he jumped up and screamed, "Let up, and I'll come."

II. THE PARTICIPANTS

A. Everyone should win souls, not just the preachers.
B. Every born-again Child of God is to help win the lost. Rev. 22:17
C. The Pastor's job is to get into the Word of God. Eph. 2:11-16

III. THE PLAN - FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE Acts 2:46

A. They didn't wait for the world to come to the Church Building and we should not wait either.
B. Paul taught the elders of the Church of Ephesus "from House to House". Acts 20:18-21
C. How often should we visit? Survey by National Retail Dry Goods Assn.: 48% of salesmen quit after one call. 25% of salesmen quit after two calls. 88% of all salesmen quit after two or three calls.
   12% of the salesmen call more than three times.
   This 12% of the salesmen make 80% of all the sales.---the remaining 80% do only 20% of the sales.

IV. THE PLACE -- "IN THE TEMPLE"

A. The Ministry should be church-centered. Matt. 28:18-20 was given to the church.
B. There is no authority for evangelism outside the New Testament Church.
C. Timothy was told to "Do the work of an evangelist." II Tim. 4:5
D. I Thessalonians 1:8 is another example.
E. Winning a soul is not the end. Follow-up, nurture that soul.

V. THE PREACHING - "THEY CEASED NOT TO PREACH AND TEACH JESUS CHRIST."

A. They didn't preach a program—they preached Jesus! I Tim. 1:12
B. They didn't deal with an abstract theory or philosophy—they lifted up Jesus.
C. They didn't argue over insignificant technicalities while souls rushed to hell...they majored on the message of life in Jesus Christ.
D. Acts 8:4, I Cor. 2:2, Acts 8:35
E. They didn't preach to please everybody and offend nobody.
F. They lifted up Jesus and His attributes.

CONCLUSION: What is your life preaching? Are you a witness? Can the Lord count on you? Is Christianity a Sunday-affair?
FAITH REWARDED

D. B. WRIGHT

Introduction:
A. Pleasing God requires Faith!
   Heb. 11:6
B. Encouragements and challenges are needed to EXERCISE Faith.
   1. Matt. 19:26
   2. Mark 9:23
   4. God's two or three can accomplish great things by faith.
C. Examples of God rewarding faith are:

I. ABRAHAM'S FAITH REWARDED:
   A. In the promised son.
      1. Gen. 18:10
      2. Romans 4:18
   B. In the saving of the Promised Son.
      Genesis Chapter 22
      1. The command was given. V. 2
      2. The Obedient Servant Rose up. V. 3
      3. Abraham's Faith was exemplified. V. 5, V. 8.
      4. God moved to give the substitute. V. 13
      5. Faith's role was rewarded.
         Heb. 11:17-19.

II. MOSES' FAITH REWARDED:
   A. In the Crossing of the Red Sea.
      1. Moses' Faith in the Lord. V. 13
      2. God's Order: "Go forward" V. 15
      3. When faith was exercised-God did the work! V. 21-22
   B. Faith's Role in Moses life. Heb. 11:27-29

III. THE FAITH OF A SHEEP HERDER REWARDED:
   A. David's Faith in Fighting the Philistine Giant. I Samuel 17:40-50
      1. I Samuel 17:36
      2. I Samuel 17:37
      3. I Samuel 17:45-47
   B. Though not giving all the details, he is mentioned in Hebrews 11:32
      as being faithful.

IV. THE THREE HEBREWS' FAITH REWARDED:
   A. Their crime:
      1. Obeying the first commandment.
      2. Refusing to commit idolatry.
   B. Their unusual test:
   C. Their Testimony of Faith and "Intent"
      Dan. 3:17-18

D. Their Faith Was Rewarded.
   1. Daniel 3:25
   2. Daniel 3:27

E. These Men of Faith are also mentioned
   in Hebrews 11:34

V. THE FAITH OF AN HARLOT REWARDED:
   A. Joshua 2:1, tells us that Rahab let the men of God lodge there, secretly.
   B. Faith's Work and Testimony: V. 10-11
   C. Faith's Request: Joshua 2:12-13
   D. Faith Rewarded: Joshua 6:23

VI. A SINNER'S FAITH REWARDED: Luke 7:36-50
   A. Jesus was a guest in Simon's house.
   B. A woman categorized as "A SINNER" was there.
   C. She anointed Jesus with expensive ointment.
   D. Jesus was criticized for allowing her to use this expensive ointment.
   E. THE SINNER WAS ASSURED BY THE SAVIOUR.
      Luke 7:48, 50

CONCLUSION:
"Lord, increase our faith." Luke 17:5
"Lord, I believe; Help thou mine unbelief!" Mark 9:24

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THE HELPLESSNESS OF MAN

JEANNETTE FARIS

Several years ago, I came across a short item in one of our church papers. It was about a turtle! An unusual subject, but the author of that short item learned an unusual lesson from it, and I would like to pass it on, and add my thoughts with his.

As the story was told, a farmer was plowing his field one day when just ahead he saw a turtle. He swerved to miss it, but as the furrows of fresh earth rolled from the disc, the turtle was toppled upon its back. The farmer watched for it on his return trip, and there was the turtle, in the same place, still on its back, legs flailing vainly in its efforts to turn itself over. It was helpless!

The farmer was touched by the helplessness of the turtle, and being a kind man, he reached down and set it on its feet again, thus saving its life.

The author of that article then drew a parallel between the helplessness of the turtle and the helplessness of man; the kindness of the farmer, and the loving-kindness of our God, who also reached down.

My thoughts turned to Genesis, chapter three, where I found that God first reached down to the man and woman he had created. The first sins had been committed by Adam and Eve, and like the turtle, they flailed about helplessly, trying to right their wrongs. They made fig leaf aprons to cover their nakedness—an ineffectual means of covering their sin. Seeing that their efforts were futile, they tried to hide from God, not wanting to face the consequences. And finally they denied the responsibility for their sin, each blaming others as the cause.

Like the kind farmer, God looked down in loving-kindness and saw their helplessness, (and as a consequence of their sin, the helplessness of all men.) Romans 5:12, "Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned." Romans 5:8. God covered the nakedness of Adam and Eve with coats of animal skins thus signifying that the covering of sins would be by the shedding of innocent blood.

Adam and Eve thought they could hide from God in the trees of the garden, but David asked in Psalms 139:7, "Where shall I flee from thy presence?" There is not even a need to hide from God, for He had provided us a High Priest, Christ Jesus (Hebrews 4:14). "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:16.

Adam blamed Eve directly ("she gave me of the tree") and he blamed God indirectly, ("the woman whom thou gavest to be with me") Genesis 3:12. Eve, in turn blamed the serpent. By placing blame on someone else they sought to deny the sin itself. I John 1:8 tells us that "if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." (CONTINUED PAGE 6)

"The Care Of The Father"—Cont.

In Matthew 6:33, we notice the SEEKING. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." We are to put God first. This is the clear teaching of this text. This is His command to all His followers. Following this command is an outstanding promise. We make no mistake when we obey His command. God can make no mistake in respect to His Promises. When the child of God puts God first, God takes care of the second things, the third things, the fourth things, and all things. Now, let us not get the cart before the horse. God must be first. The interest of God and His Kingdom must have the supreme place in our lives. Let us trust God to do what He has promised.

Finally in verse 34 you notice the SATISFACTION. "Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Do not worry about tomorrow. Take care of today. There is enough evil to overcome today. Live one day at a time. Yesterday is gone, forget it! Tomorrow is not here yet... don't worry! Today is here... use it wisely!
THE LONGSUFFERING OF THE LORD

CHARLES SHIREY

INTRODUCTION: Most of the material in this reading is drawn from two sources which are Matthew Henry's Commentary and Help for the Teacher, Sunday School Quarterly.

The setting of this reading takes place when God appeared to Abraham and told him that Sarah was going to have a son in her old age. Prior to this time Abraham and Lot had parted company. Lot was living in Sodom while Abraham lived in the plains of Mamre. Even tho they had parted ways, they still loved each other. God's second mission consisted of destroying Sodom and Gomorrah which we shall notice. Abraham treated his guests very well. When they were ready to leave, they decided to tell Abraham of their mission in verses 16 and 17. Let's notice the following points in our reading taken from Genesis 18: 16-33: (1) the intention of destruction, (2) the intercession with prayer, and (3) the impending end.

In verses 16-21, we notice how Abraham was told about the intention of destruction. God revealed to Abraham that he was going to destroy Sodom because of her sins. One might ask, why was Abraham given this information? Matthew Henry's Commentary lists two reasons which are backed by scripture. Reason one is because Abraham was a friend and a favorite of God. Simple reasoning tells us that a true friend will not do something behind another friend's back. Those children who by faith live a life of communion with God cannot but know more of His mind than other people. Hosea 14:9 points to this truth. The more we study God's Word, the more we learn about God. Reason two is because Abraham would teach his household in the ways of the Lord. This truth is pointed out in verse 19 of our reading. Abraham was dedicated to the Lord and he saw that his family was also. We need more dedicated men like Abraham today. Sin was a disease in Abraham's day just as it is a disease today. The Lord has been and always will be the answer to the disease of sin.

In verses 22 - 33 we notice Abraham's intercession with prayer. Abraham did not try to tell God what He could and could not do. He did not run get his brother Lot. Instead he got close to God in verse 23. The closer we are to the Lord, the more strength we have in Him. (Psalms 29:12) Certainly Abraham was concerned about Lot. However, he was also concerned about the souls of other people. We today need this concern. Although sin is to be hated, sinners are to be pitied and prayed for. Abraham prayed with a prayer of faith for the city to be spared, because of the righteous. Among the best there are commonly, some bad, and among the worst, some good; even in Sodom, one, Lot. Our communities have some if not all the sins which were in Sodom. Abraham prayed humbly for God to spare the cities if enough righteous souls could be found. God delights in the prayers of His Children. (Proverbs 15:8). Abraham started asking that the city be spared for 50 righteous and wound up with 10. God agreed to this prayer. Abraham advanced upon God's concessions again and again, just as we do today. Matthew Henry pointed out that God did not leave off granting until Abraham left off asking. Such is the power of prayer. How can we as children of God expect to get anything unless we ask? (Matt. 7:7-11)

In conclusion, let's notice the impending end. According to Webster, impending means: about to happen, imminent or threatening. Why does God let this world continue in sin? II Peter 3:9 tells us that the Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. God's people are also helping to preserve the world with the hope that others will be saved. According to Matthew 5:13, we as God's people are to be the salt of the earth. Salt is used as a preservative in curing meat. We as children of God are to be used as a preservative in the fight against sin. We may go through rough times here on earth but one day it will be worth it all. When we get to heaven we will often wonder why we ever complained, because of the beauty, peace, and splendor. According to I Thess. 4:13-18, a time is coming when the righteous will be removed. I hope that you can say that you know Christ as your Saviour, and are ready for the return of the righteous redeemer.

"THE HELPLESSNESS OF MAN" Cont.

Again, God has provided a help to helpless men in the next verse. See I John 1:9.

The sin nature that has been passed on from Adam is still with us, and the reactions are still the same; hiding from God, and denying the responsibility. And God's answer—same—see John 3:16.

God saw me as naked as Adam, No covering for all my sin, No way to right my failure, No place even to begin.

He saw a poor helpless human, A lost and floundering soul, And reached down in His mercy To make me pure and whole.

He took me to the bloody cross, To show where Christ had bled. To cover all my sinful deeds, He'd died there in my stead. And then I cried in all my grief, At the terrible price he'd paid; Me!! A helpless, floundering human,

And God came to my aid!

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THE BIBLE AND ASTROLOGY

#3 PISCES
JERRY COFFMAN

TEXT: Proverbs 3:5,6

A certain man had been watched for a long time in a dictatorial country where he was considered to be unfriendly to the policies of the government. He had been constantly assured that he would not be imprisoned. But one morning he awoke and told his wife that he was leaving the country immediately, on the next plane. He fled, and none too soon. For the next day, soldiers invaded his home and claimed it for the government. They would have imprisoned his wife had she not been a citizen of another country and therefore under diplomatic protection.

ESP? A hunch? Luck? Astrologists attribute his escape to his being born under the sign of PISCES, and therefore able to "know things" or "sense things" that were about to happen.

PISCES is the twelfth constellation in the Zodiac. It is the sign for those born February 20 - March 20. Famous personalities born under this sign are Elizabeth Taylor, Ted Kennedy, Albert Einstein, and George Washington.

The name "Pisces" is derived from the plural of the Latin word "piscis," and means "The Fishes." The constellation is composed of two widely separated star groups which are joined together by a ribbon of stars. The Assyrian-Babylonian, astrologers called it NANU - the fish; and the Philistines named it after their fish-tailed deity, Dagon.

In mythology and legend, the Greeks believed that Pisces were stellar reincarnations of the two Dolphins who carried the chariot of shells in which the wife of Poseidon rode through the waves. The Romans believed Pisces represented the two fishes into which Venus and Amor transformed themselves as they fled through the river Euphrates from Typhon, the monster with the hundred dragon-heads.

In Medieval times, Christian astrologers had their opinions concerning the relation of Pisces to Christianity. They believed that Pisces was identified with the Biblical fish with which Jesus fed the multitude. They also believed that this might also be the explanation for the "Star of Bethlehem." For in the year 6 B.C., there was a triple conjunction between the brightest star in Pisces, and the planet Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn.

In Astrological symbolism, the motto of Pisces which appears on their coat of arms is "Obedience to Higher Vision." The planet Neptune is said to govern the Spiritual values of a person, and their lucky birthstone is the aquamarine (Beryl) which is the symbol of purity.

Christianity takes no interest in, nor is affected by, the symbolism of astrology. The believer is influenced by a Higher Power and greater "signs." The Holy Spirit governs the values of a Christian as the believer applied the teachings of the Bible to his life (Acts 11:23-26; II Peter 1:5-8). And, although the beryl is mentioned as one of the precious stones in the foundation of the new Jerusalem, Rev. 21:20, if there is any symbol of purity for the believer, it is the Saviour, Himself.

Signs and symbolism do play a major part in the history of Christianity, even the "Sign of the fish." In fact, the fish has become the most important symbolic figure in Christian art, second only to the "cross."

The word "fish" is generally thought to be the symbol for Christ. The initial letters of the Greek word "fish" (Ichthus) stand for the main words in the Christian's statement of belief concerning Christ:

I = Iesous, Jesus;
ch = Christos, Christ;
th = Theou, of God;
u = Huios, Son; and,
s = Soter, Saviour.

Thus the statement of faith; "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour." That says it all. It is under this "sign" that we are "born again" and under His influence that we live our lives.

The "fish" is also thought to represent Christ's disciples who answer the call of the Master, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matt. 4:18-20. The "Sign of the fish" is seen worn on the lapels of thousands of Christians who want to be identified with the Godaps witness of the saving grace of God.

The "fish of Christianity" not the "fish" of astrology, then, should be the symbolism which motivates the life of the believer in Jesus Christ. If there is to be a motto for the Christian, let it be "Obedience to THE HIGHEST VISION," that of "Launching out into the deep, and letting down their nets for a draught." Luke 5:4

This is the vision, the high calling, of those in Christ Jesus. May we be faithful to it.
THE CROSS
JOHNNY WILLIAMS

INTRODUCTION:
The message Peter brought on the day of Pentecost was the simple gospel of Christ. Verses 22-23 Speak of the Cross. The Cross:

I. DIVIDES HUMANITY - John 3:18
A. The Saint - Man who has been to the Cross.
   1. He has been reconciled - Col. 1: 20, Eph. 2:16, Rom. 5:8-10. Reconcile - To make friendly again.
   2. He has been redeemed - Titus 2:14, Heb. 9:12, I Peter 1:18. Redeem - To Buy Back.
B. The Sinner - Man who has not been to the cross.
      a. Death in these scriptures refer to Spiritual Death.
      b. Quickened means - Make Alive.

II. DEMONSTRATES LOVE - John 4:10

III. DIMINISHES OUR IMPORTANCE - Col. 1:19
A. The Reality of How Salvation Is Attained. Gal. 2:16, Eph. 2:8-9, Titus 3:5. It takes man completely out of the picture as far as His salvation is concerned.
B. The Rewards In Heaven - Rev. 4:10; 5:11-12. We will cast our crowns at the Saviour's feet realizing that every crown we have is because of Him. Again self is completely out of the picture.

IV. DEFEATED SATAN - John 19:30
A. He is a Vanquished foe. I John 3:8, II Thess. 2:8, Rev. 20:10. Although this sentence has not been carried out it was pronounced at Calvary and Satan will be sentenced when Christ comes again.
B. He Doesn't Have to be Victor in Our Lives. Col. 1:13, I John 4:4, James 4:7. Satan is still alive and powerful, (I Pet. 5:8) and He can still use us. However, through Christ He cannot have dominion over us. Gal.2:20, Rom.7:24.

V. DEMANDS FAITHFULNESS - I Cor. 15:58
A. In Light of His Mercy. Rom. 12:1

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