"AND LEST I SHOULD BE EXALTEN ABOVE MEASURE THROUGH THE ABUNDANCE OF THE REVELATIONS, THERE WAS GIVEN TO ME A THORN IN THE FLESH, THE MESSENGER OF SATAN TO BUFFET ME, LEST I SHOULD BE EXALTEN ABOVE MEASURE. FOR THIS THING I BESOUGHT THE LORD THrice, THAT IT MIGHT DEPART FROM ME: AND HE SAID UNTO ME, MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THEE: FOR MY STRENGTH IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS. MOST GLADLY THEREFORE WILL I RATHER GLORY IN MY INFIRMITIES, THAT THE POWER OF CHRIST MAY REST UPON ME."  
II Cor. 12:7-10

Verse nine of this text stands out plainly and is so full of precious truth. The words of Jesus to Paul was "MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THEE." The word grace appears many many times in God's Word. Grace has been simply defined as God's favor or kindness to man. Paul often began and ended the letters he wrote with an admonition about the grace of God. To the Galatians Paul wrote concerning grace,"GRACE BE TO YOU...."Gal. 1:3 and "BRETHREN, THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOUR SPIRIT. AMEN." Gal. 6:18 Jesus and the Apostle Paul assures us that God's marvellous matchless multiplied grace is sufficient or enough at all times.

As I consider the many problems and troubles of my people, it troubles and bothers me. I know and believe with the heart His grace is sufficient for every saint in every situation. How do I know? Because my precious Lord tells me so!

May we notice five areas that God's grace is sufficient. His grace is sufficient for every trial, for every temptation, for every trouble, for every tear, and for every threat we may experience. His wonderful grace is available for our claiming. May we humbly accept the sufficient grace the Lord offers to us.

I. HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR EVERY TRIAL.

The Example. Job is a prime example of being put on trial. Job is described as a man that was perfect, upright, feared God, and eschewed evil. Job 1:1 In a very short time Job lost his ten children, all of his herds, and flocks and servants, and his health. He was visited by three friends who seemed set on convincing Job he had sinned and was being punished. His wife even advised him to curse God and die. This was a great trial for Job.

The Education. Why did Job lose all that he lost? Was it because of sin? No. As you read Job chapter one and two you will find God allowed the devil to test and prove Job. Even in Job's great trial Job worshipped God and blessed the name of the Lord. Job 1:20, 21 Listen to God's testimony of Job. "IN ALL
thorn to be removed. God answered his prayer, but not the way Paul wanted Him to. God's grace is sufficient to sustain us during trials. His grace is sufficient or enough. We need to claim His grace and hang on to it.

II. HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR EVERY TEMPTATION.

The Example. Joseph was a man chosen of God to preserve the Jewish people in Egypt. This is what He told his fearful brothers who had sold him into slavery, "BUT AS FOR YOU, YE THOUGHT EVIL AGAINST ME; BUT GOD MEANT IT UNTO GOOD, TO BRING TO PASS, AS IT IS THIS DAY, TO SAVE MUCH PEOPLE ALIVE." Gen. 50:20 Joseph was hated of his brothers because his father loved him more than his other sons. Because of their hatred Joseph was sold into slavery while he was very young. He was carried into Egypt where he was bought by Potiphar. Gen. 39:1 Potiphar's wife made improper advances to Joseph. He refused her advances and was put into prison because she accused him of what she was guilty of. Potiphar was deceived by his wife and was full of wrath. He had Joseph put in prison. While in prison he interpreted the dreams of two of the king's men. He was forgotten for nearly two years by the chief butler. Gen. 41:9

The Education. Why did all of this happen to Joseph? Was it because he had sinned against God? No. He was not guilty of causing his brothers to hate him or Potiphar's wife to accuse him falsely. If he wasn't guilty, why did all of this happen? I believe Joseph summed it up when he told his brothers that he loved that God used him in providing a place for them to live in Egypt while Cannan suffered a terrible drought for nearly seven years. A chain of events happen to put Joseph in the right place to preserve his people. God's marvelous providence was at work.

The Exhortation. We are exhorted to abstain from the very appearance of evil: I Thess. 5:22 The Lord teaches us a great truth about temptation in I Cor. 10:13 "THERE HATH NO TEMPTATION TAKEN YOU , BUT SUCH AS IS COMMON TO MAN: BUT GOD IS FAITHFUL, WHO WILL NOT SUFFER YOU TO BE TEMPTED ABOVE THAT YE ARE ABLE; BUT WILL WITH THE TEMPTATION ALSO MAKE A WAY TO ESCAPE, THAT YE MAY BE ABLE TO BEAR IT."

III. HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR EVERY TROUBLE.

The Example. The church at Jerusalem had some people murmuring in the membership. Acts 6:1 The church at Corinth had doctrinal error, immoral conduct, and carnal members. All of which presents problems for churches. I Cor. 3:1-3 The Bible is a reference book on nations, churches, and individuals facing and dealing with troubles. As a pastor, I am overwhelmed at the number of people with troubles in their lives. The next phone call, church service or conversation with a Christian reveals the trouble that people are having to deal with.

The Education. God reminds us troubles are a part of life. Job 14:1 Sometimes troubles come as a result of our sins or the sins of others. Sometimes trouble appears for no reason at all. We so need to realize the Lord will use the trouble that comes our way to teach us truth. Troublesome times are times of learning. Even Paul recognized this truth in the Text. In your time of trouble you will choose to be a victim or a victor.

The Exhortation. When you face troubles or problems do as Job did. He trusted God completely. Job 13:15 Job looked for a brighter day of victory. Job 19:25 The Lord gave him 10 more children and doubled his possessions. We may have to live with our troubles, but thank God for that resurrection day and promise.

IV. HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR EVERY TEAR.

The Example. I call your attention to two men who wept and the reason for their tears. Hezekiah was told by God's man to set his house in order because he would die. Upon hearing this news Hezekiah prayed to the Lord and wept. Isa. 38:1-3 Certainly if we were told that death is near, we would react with tears of concern. Another man who wept was Nehemiah when he was told that Jerusalem was in ruins and his brethren suffered reproach. Neh. 1:1-4 This was terrible news to Nehemiah who loved God and his people. Many others in the Bible knew what it was to weep and cry and mourn with tears. A troubled burdened heart weeps without shame.

The Education. We are not told why Hezekiah was to die. No reason is given. We do know that the Israelites were carried into captivity because of their sinfulness. We learn great lessons when circumstances cause us to cry. Tears is a language that God understands and is moved by. Even Jesus our example wept. The shortest verse in the Bible tells us that Jesus wept. John 11:35.

The Exhortation. Listen to the psalmist. "THE SACRIFICES OF GOD ARE A BROKEN SPIRIT; A BROKEN AND CONTRITE HEART, O GOD, THOU WILT NOT DESPISE." Psa. 51:17 The writer of Ecclesiastes said it was better to go to the house of mourning than to the house of feasting. Ecc. 7:2 "SORROW IS BETTER THAN LAUGHTER: FOR THE SADNESS OF THE COUNTENANCE THE HEART IS MADE BETTER." Ecc. 7:3

V. HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR EVERY TROUBLE.

The Example. Israel was constantly threatened by other nations like the Philistines. I Sam. 17. We live in a world that is full of threats. War is a constant threat. Crime and killing is a constant threat. Our world seems to be on the very brink of financial disaster. Sickness, job lay-offs, hard times, financial difficulties, disease, and even death. Fear and uncertainty are on every hand.

The Exhortation. As we look about us and read II Tim. 3:1-13 we know that it can't be too much longer before Jesus will return. In times like
BIBLE STUDY

TEXT: EPHESIANS 3:20-21

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I. THE PERSON OF GLORY. V. 20a

A. Glory belongs to God because of His work in creation.
   1. Acts 17:28
   2. Colossians 1:17
B. Glory belongs to God because of His plan of redemption.
   1. Eph. 2:8
C. Glory belongs to God because of His infinite ability.

II. THE PREVAILING REASON OF GLORY. V. 20b

A. Because He is able to do beyond our capacity to ask.
   1. James 1:5
B. Because He is able to do beyond our capacity to think.
   1. Malachi 3:10

III. THE PARADE OF GLORY. V. 20c

A. Knowledge could be a parade of glory.
B. Purity could be a parade of glory.
C. Pardon could be a parade of glory.
   1. God can only do for us what we allow Him to do.
   2. If we don't desire knowledge, purity, pardon, He won't force it on us and, through our dullness, we rob God of a parade of Glory.

IV. THE PLACE OF GLORY. V. 21a

A. The place where we learn the truth.
   1. I Timothy 3:15
B. The place where we find fellowship.
   1. Fellowship provides strength, encouragement and united evangelistic efforts.

V. THE PROVIDER OF GLORY. V. 21b

A. Glory to God is possible because Christ loved.
   1. Ephesians 5:25
B. Glory to God is possible because Christ redeemed.
   1. I Peter 1:18-19
   2. It all originated in the mind of God but "by Christ" it's all coming to pass.

VI. THE PERIOD OF GLORY. V. 21c

A. Forever, because God will never cease.
   1. Isaiah 57:15
B. Forever, because the church will never cease.
   1. Matthew 16:18
C. Forever, because the reasons for glory will never cease.

HOW GOD SEES YOU

TEXT: I Corinthians 6:9-11

1. GOD SEES US BEGOTTEN. I Cor. 4:15
2. GOD SEES US AS BELIEVERS. I Cor. 1:21
3. GOD SEES US AS BRETHREN. I Cor. 2:1
4. GOD SEES US AS BABES IN CHRIST. I Cor. 3:1
5. GOD SEES US AS HIS BUILDING. I Cor. 3:9
6. GOD SEES US AS BOUGHT. I Cor. 6:20
7. GOD SEES US AS BAPTIZED. I Cor. 12:13
8. GOD SEES US AS A BODY. I Cor. 12:13
9. GOD SEES US AS BELOVED BRETHREN. I Cor. 15:58

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TAKE YOUR PROBLEM TO THE LORD!

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TEXT: Daniel 9:3-21

I. THE PEOPLE INVOLVED:
A. The nation of Israel:
1. The Kings, Princes and Fathers: v8
B. Those who had "rebelled" against God's command for 490 years: and their descendants...the "remnant" after 70 years in captivity.

II. THE "PROPHET" WHO IS PETITIONING GOD FOR THE PEOPLE:
A. A man of "purpose". Dan. 1:8
B. A man of "Heart purpose". Dan. 1:8
C. A man of "high moral values" Dan. 1:8
D. A man of "PRAYER". Dan. 2:23; 6:10
E. A man WILLING TO SUFFER RATHER THAN REJECT HIS FAITH OR SURRENDER HIS FAITH:
F. A man who lived his religion "WHERE HE WAS:"

III. THE PROBLEM ABOUT WHICH HE WAS PRAYING:
A. Daniel 9:5
B. Daniel 9:11
C. Daniel 9:8
D. Daniel 9:16

E. DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM?
1. God knows it! Prov. 15:3; I Pet. 3:12a
2. God cares! I Pet. 5:7; 3:12b
3. HAVE A PROBLEM? GOD IS ABLE TO...
a. Solve it! No problem is too insignificant for God. No problem is too big for God! Psa. 37:5,7
b. HE IS ABLE TO WORK IT OUT FOR YOUR GOOD! Rom. 8:28
c. HE IS ABLE TO GIVE GRACE TO "ACCEPT, BEAR, ENDURE IT!" II Cor. 12:9
4. God may not always REMOVE THE PROBLEM, but will always be there to HELP in face of it!
a. He doesn't always "heal" the sick but gives grace.
b. He doesn't always remove all the "valleys of shadows" but walks through them with us!
c. He doesn't put out all the fires but GETS IN THE FIRE WITH US!
d. He doesn't stop all lions mouths, but SPENDS THE NIGHT IN THE DEN WITH US!
e. He doesn't INTERCEPT all the "DARTS OF THE WICKED" but PROVIDES THE ARMOUR, THE SHIELD OF FAITH!

f. Many a HEART BROKEN COMPANION serves God in faithfulness, while God soothes a broken heart!
g. Many a PARENT OF PRODICAL SONS OR DAUGHTERS "watches and prays" ready to receive, love and forgive the returning one!
h. Many a young person lives a dedicated Christian life regardless of the LIFE AND EXAMPLE OF THE PARENTS!

IV. THE "PETITION": OFFERED ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE:
A. Daniel's Petition:
1. Confession: Daniel 9:5, 11
2. Not listened: Daniel 9:6
3. Rebelled: Daniel 9:9
4. We disobeyed by not obeying. Dan. 9:10
5. We have not prayed! Daniel 9:13, 15
6. THE BASIS OF DANIEL'S APPEAL:
a. "THY RIGHTEOUSNESS" DAN. 9:16
b. "FOR THE LORD'S SAKE" Dan. 9:17
c. "FOR THY GREAT MERCIES" Daniel 9:18

B. Thank God for the priviledge of INTERCESSORY PRAYER!
C. Thank God for the CHALLENGE TO PRAY!
1. "ASK" Matt. 7:7
2. James 5:16b
3. Matt. 18:19
4. Heb. 4:15-16
5. I Pet. 3:12
7. Jonah's experience:
a. From a very backslidden condition HE PRAYED.
b. God heard!
c. God DELIVERED HIM and USED HIM!

THE MARRIAGE AFFAIR

TEXT: Romans 7:1-6

INTRODUCTION:
A. The Principle. V. 1
B. Illustration of the Principle. V. 2-3
C. Application of the Principle. V. 4-6

I. THE FORMER MARRIAGE - DISCRIBED.
A. Married to Mr. Law. Rom. 7:12
1. Cursed. Gal. 3:10
2. Condemned. Rom. 7:9-10

II. THE FORMER MARRIAGE DISSOLVED:
A. Through Death.

III. THE NEW MARRIAGE DECLARED: Rom. 7:14
A. New Husband.
B. New Fruit.
C. New Spirit of Service. Rom. 7:6

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SPEAKING BOLDLY AND SCRIPTURALLY

TEXT: Psalm 107:2; Acts 4:20 Luther Crawford

INTRODUCTION: The purpose of this message is to encourage God's people of all ages to speak up for the Lord and speak boldly and scripturally.

A. The Art of ALMOST SAYING SOMETHING is in vogue.
   1. It is popular in our capitols and legislative halls and in many pulpits.
   2. The woman at Jacob's well did not come under conviction while Jesus talked about water - the best place to worship - but when Jesus said, "GO TELL THY HUSBAND" things begin to happen - "COME SEE A MAN," etc.
   3. Aren't you glad Jesus did not generalize but that He particularized?

B. The Art of ALMOST SAYING SOMETHING is clever.
   1. It sounds smart - it will not offend anyone.
   2. It will help the speaker to get ahead in this world, but this is the wrong world to get ahead in - God stands at the end of the road and He always has SOMETHING TO SAY.

I. CHURCHES NEED MEN IN THE PULPIT WHO WILL SPEAK BOLDLY AND SCRIPTURALLY.

A. We can be thankful the Apostles did not listen to the voice of the Sanhedrin - (something like the ministerial alliance today.)
   1. They were commanded not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. Acts 4:18
   2. What are they going to do? What would you have done? Or are you doing?
   3. They answered and stuck by their answer. Acts 4:20

B. That is true with preacher today!
   1. Paul - Acts 20:27
   2. Could be - the reason so little Bible is preached from many pulpits is the preacher is studying everything except THE WORD OF GOD.
   3. Micaiah the prophet said when told to prophecy something good like all the other prophets said. 1 King 22:14
   4. Thank God for prophets and preachers of the past who have spoken boldly and scripturally.

II. CHURCHES NEED MEMBERS IN THE PEW WHO SPEAK BOLDLY AND SCRIPTURALLY.

A. Subject and texts apply to PEW as well as the PULPIT.
   1. Paul warned of the time when sound doctrine would be denounced and denied - but not endured
   2. II Tim. 4:3

B. Need members like tribe of ISSACHAR:
   1. There were men who understood the times.
   2. They knew what Israel ought to do.
   3. Church members need to understand the times and know the right thing to do and speak.

C. People who do are thought of as being DOGMATIC - Praise the Lord for DOGMATIC CHRISTIANS.
   1. This town wants dogmatism elsewhere when they get sick want a dogmatic doctor who know what ails them, a dogmatic pharmacist to prepare the medicine according to the prescription.
   2. And yet, in the greatest of all fields, the ministry of the Word of God, it has become fashionable to disobey orders from heavenly headquarters and substitute the opinions of men.

III. CHURCHES NEED MESSAGES AND MESSENGERS IN PUBLIC WHO ARE BOLDLY AND SCRIPTURALLY SAYING SOMETHING.

A. Saying something about sin.
   1. Say more than just "we have all done many things we should not have done and left undone many etc., "
   2. Say sin is real - sin is dangerous - dooming - destructive - separating from Heaven.
   3. Say sin is "that curse word you used, that evil thought you had - that evil desire that bad thing you said about your parents, etc.,"

B. Saying something about salvation. Acts 4:12
   1. II Tim. 2:12
   2. Rom. 10:17
   3. Eph. 2:8 - Know something about salvation and say so.

C. Saying something about God's wrath.
   1. Does God hate sin enough to punish it? Look at Calvary's cross.
   2. Tell people God is angry with their sins every day.
   3. Tell them we all will face Him - either as a stern faced Judge or a kind stern hearted Father.

D. Saying something about Godly living.
   1. Same things that were ungodly living in Old and New Testament times is ungodly today.
   2. It is ungodly whether saints or sinners are guilty.
THE BENEFICIAL TEACHINGS
OF CHRIST (PART 17)

SUBJECT: THE PRE-EMINENT ONE.
I. THE LORD'S SOVEREIGNTY!
II. THE LORD'S PRAYER!
III. THE LORD'S GLORY!

The focus of our attention for this lesson is Matthew 6: 13b "FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOREVER. AMEN." In this passage, Jesus has been teaching His disciples how to pray. This is not necessarily a prayer as such, but a list of principles that should be included in our prayers. The section of this prayer information that we'll consider is the closing part. Anytime that we pray we need to recognize the pre-eminence of the Lord. This is certainly evident in the instructions that He gave. We should end our prayers by focusing our attention upon Him and His will for our lives. You know, we really do not know what is best for us, but we need to really believe that He does. So many times we live our lives like He doesn't even exist, plotting our own plans, etc. Then when we get into trouble and have exhausted all of our solutions, in desperation we turn to Him. A lot of our problems that plague our lives would not have been there if we would allow Christ to be pre-eminant in our lives and minds. I am not saying that by Him being pre-eminant in our lives, all problems would be eliminated, but a lot of them would be.


Possibly this illustration will clarify this reality. King George VI of Britain went to London Airport in 1953 to say good by to his daughter and her husband as they went to tour the commonwealth. He never saw them again because a few weeks later he died. When the announcement of his death was made, there followed immediately the public proclamation of Elizabeth as Queen. As she stepped from her plane the next morning, having returned from Kenya Colony, she was the acknowledged Queen of her people. She had already been acclaimed Queen and had received the Kingdom. It was hers by right. 18 months later, however, she was crowned, and on that day her subjects knelt before her, in the persons of their representatives, and accepted her sovereignty. Before Elizabeth II, on her coronation day every knee of every subject bowed in willing submission and they crowned her Queen. Now, as related to Jesus, He is King now by virtue of what He's done. It is only those who taste the joy's of this spiritual Kingdom who will share one in the authority of His physical Kingdom. To be in His Kingdom you must be born again. John 3: To reign there, you must have a coronation day in your heart NOW and make Him Lord of your life now. This phase of the Lord's work is vitally needed in our lives today.

Now let's turn our attention to the Lord's power which is seen in the expression "FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER..." Psalms 62:11 emphatically declares where the power comes from. "GOD HATH SPOKEN ONCE; TWICE HAVE I HEARD THIS; THAT POWER BELONGETH UNTO GOD." The Lord's power is seen in His RENUNCIATION. Notice Phil. 2:5-8 again. His power is seen in His RESURRECTION. Notice John 10:18. His power is seen in the RESURRECTION. Notice John 3 and Zech. 4:6 His power is seen in the RESURRECTED life. Notice Gal. 2:20, Phil. 2:12, 16, and Phil. 4:13. (By the way, if you have not read and studied the book, THE SAVING LIFE OF CHRIST, by Ian Thomas, I would strongly recommend it. This book deals with the believer's understanding of the resurrected life that is to be experienced and enjoyed now.)

Finally, he deals with the Lord's glory, "FOR THINE IS... THE GLORY." This deals with giving glory to God. All glory should go to Him. He alone deserves it. It's by His grace that we are what we are. It's
a matter of Him working IN us and THROUGH us. The Lord has to do something in you before He can effectively flow through you to enlighten, enrich and enhance the lives of others. Therefore, we need to beware of taking the glory. Beware of giving credit to YOUR praying, YOUR witnessing, YOUR giving, YOUR preaching, YOUR singing, etc. God help all of us to spiritually understand what Paul said in Gal. 6:14 "BUT GOD FORBID THAT I SHOULD GLORY, SAVE IN THE CROSS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, BY WHOM THE WORLD IS CRUCIFIED UNTO ME, AND I UNTO THE WORLD."

When one understands these principles, he will certainly develop a greater appreciation for Luke 5:1-11 in which these principles are so plain. Put the Lord where He belongs in your life, Matt. 6:33, co-operate with Him, allow Him to work through your life, and then give Him the credit and glory for the victories acquired and enjoyed.

**LAODICEA - THE DEAD CHURCH**

TEXT: Rev. 3:14-22

INTRODUCTION:
- A. Practical
- B. Personal
- C. Prophetic

I. THE CHURCH.
- A. The City
  1. Chief City of Phrygia
  2. City of Bankers, Theaters, a hugh stadium, public baths, and fabulous shopping centers.
- B. The Church - Laodicea means "Rule of the People" and "World Mixers".

II. THE CONDEMNATION. V. 15-17
- A. Lukewarm - V. 15-16
  1. Word for cold means freezing.
  2. Word for hot means boiling.
  3. Phrase "squeee thee out of my mouth" means "disgusting nauseous"
- B. Wretched - V. 17 means "distressed"
- C. Miserable - V. 17 mean "Pitiable"
- D. Poor - means "Pauper"

III. THE COUNSEL. V. 18-20
- A. Gold tried with fire- Holiness thru trials like Job.
- B. White Raiment - Righteousness of Christ
- C. Eyesalve- cure for their blindness
- D. Repentance - V. 19
- E. Let Christ in the church V. 10

IV. THE CONSEQUENCES.
- A. Rebuke - Words
- B. Chastisement - Actions

**PLACING A PRICE ON JESUS**

TEXT: Matt. 26:14-16; 27:3-10

INTRODUCTION:
- A. There are many who have placed a price on Jesus.
- B. Saved people as well as lost place a price on Jesus.

I. WHY DO SOME PLACE A PRICE ON JESUS?
- A. Because some do not have a high opinion of Him.
- B. Because some do have a very high opinion of Him and a great love for Him.

II. SOME WHO HAVE PLACED A PRICE ON JESUS.
- A. The chief priests who wanted Him crucified.
  1. Their price was very small.
  2. Their price was 30 pieces of silver.
- B. Judas Iscariot.
- C. Rich young ruler. Mark 10:17-22
- D. Moses. Hebs. 11:25-26
- E. Paul. Phil. 3:7-8
- F. God placed a value on His son. Isa. 53:11-12
- G. Jesus places a great price on Himself. Mark 8:36

H. Lost people today are placing a price on Jesus.
- 1. Some love money, homes, cars and other things more than Jesus.
- 2. Some love the lusts of the flesh more than Jesus.

I. Children of God are placing a price on Jesus.
- 1. There are some that are doing as Paul and serving Him.
- 2. There are many who are selling out Jesus with their lives.

III. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO PUT A PRICE ON JESUS?
- A. To the chief priests they paid Judas to betray the Son of God.
- B. To Judas it meant he had betrayed the Saviour of the world.
  1. The money did him no good because he didn't keep it.
  2. It cost him his life because he hanged himself.
- C. It meant to Moses greater rewards than he could have ever obtained in Egypt.
- D. It meant to Paul great rewards. II Tim. 4:6-8
E. It means to the lost the same thing it
did to the rich man in Luke 16.
F. To the saved who work for the Lord they
have rewards laid up for them.
G. The saved who do not work for Christ will
wish they had when they appear at the
judgement seat of Christ.

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III. THE WORD REST IS USED OF THE TRANQUILITY
FOUND IN CHRIST. Heb. 4:10
A. As God rested from the work of creation
so Christ said, "It Is Finished," and
rested from the work of redemption.
B. The Believer has this tranquility in the
Lord. He has ceased from any work seek-
ing salvation and relaxes in the power
of Christ to "perform it". Phil. 1:6;
Heb. 4:3

IV. ISRAEL FAILED TO HAVE THE CONSTANT, TRAN-
QUIL, PEACE OF GOD IN CANNAN.
A. They questioned the power of God. Psa.78:
10, 19, 20, 32; Num. 13:31
B. They distrusted the promise of God. Num.
14:2-3
1. When difficulties come, do we fail to
trust in His promise? Do we launch out
on our own?
2. Do we forsake Him? He said, "I will
never forsake you."

V. THERE IS THAT REST FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.
A. I believe His promise.
1. I can relax in the promise.
2. I can fully trust His Word. Matt. 11:30
B. I know that I have not fully enjoyed
that rest.
1. Is the character too unstable?
2. Is the will too weak?
3. Is the temperament too voluble?
C. I claim now the promise.

L. H. Owen

ATTITUDES OF THE BELIEVER

I. To BELIEVE ON CHRIST is the SECRET of the
Christian Life. Gal. 2:20
II. To PRAY TO CHRIST is the STAY of the
Christian Life. Phil. 4:6
III. To ABIDE IN CHRIST is the STRENGTH of the
Christian Life. John 15:4
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the Christian Life. I John 2:6-9
V. To TAKE FROM CHRIST is the SUPPLY of the
Christian Life. Isaiah 27:5
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Christian Life. Eph. 6:14
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of the Christian Life. Mark 13:33

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THE QUESTION OF TRANQUILITY, REST
SERENITY IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

TEXT: Matt. 11:29-30; Hebs. 4:9
INTRODUCTION:
The society in which we live is one per-
meated with turmoil, anxiety, discontent and
other emotions that constantly rob the indi-
vidual of his tranquility. The tranquilizers being
used; the Psychiatrists being consulted; the
number of patients in the mental institutes all
verify the fact that there is little serenity
today.
I. THE WORD REST IS USED CONCERNING THE SABB-
BETH EXPERIENCE. Heb. 4:4
A. The laws concerning it called for the
cessation of all work. Ex. 31:15
B. This rest gave space for quiet, tranquil
mediation.

II. THE WORD REST IS USED CONCERNING THE SOJOURN
IN CANNAN. Heb. 4:8
A. God promised a good land to Abraham,
fruitful and peaceful, for trust and wor-
ship. Gen. 12:1. 26:2-5
B. In Egypt under the blood they rested from
fear of the Angel of death. Ex. 12:26-28
C. In the wilderness they knew peace from
the fear of Pharaoh but it was passing.
Ex. 14:2, 13, 14.
D. In Cannan only spasmodically did they
have the tranquility God desired for
them. Ex. 4:8; Judges 3:30, 4:1