



Arms Are Not Enough
However well equipped with the arms that science can now devise and a loyal production line can supply, no army can long succeed in our day without the bulwark of spiritual values; even as no nation can long endure without a moral code, spiritual fibre, and the wisdom and integrity derived from faith in a righteous God. We of the Armed Forces sense the responsibility placed upon us by our country in counted us worthy to bear arms in her defense. We are grateful for the material equipment with which we are provided. But, we are also grateful that she has been mindful to arm us as well with a moral and spiritual heritage, stemming from the faith of our fathers. We are grateful for every convocation of spiritually-minded citizens every meeting in church, synagogue, cathedral, and humble home which raises prayer to God in our behalf, for our fight is your fight, and only together can we succeed.—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway.

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Creamed Comments On S. Lesson

Jesus being loyal to the established religion of his day, made his way to the passover feast which was attended by all loyal Jews. Being the Son of God, he had profound respect for the house of God and he could not tolerate commercializing religion, so he commanded a cleansing of the temple.

V.13. "And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem." Religious rituals and ceremonies have their place as a means of spiritual help. The passover provided a service for spiritual expression.

V.14. "And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting." Sacrificial offerings had to be provided; it was the manner in which this was done that needed correction. Two things were wrong; the transactions took place in the temple court and the trade was carried on for profit.

V.15. "And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables." The cord was a symbol of authority. His forceful character was so effective that all discordant elements sank out of sight.

V.16. "And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my father's house an house of merchandise." Jesus would not compromise with evil; his program called for clean, honest pure living. Jesus taught by deeds as well as by words.

V.17. "And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thy house has eaten me up." Here was the fulfillment of Psalm 69:3. When a Christian is tremendously in earnest evil forces will flee. The Christian who is only half in earnest has a hard time to live the Christian life.

V.18. "Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?" When truth is not clearly perceived about questions are often asked. The Jews were disturbed, not angered as they were later; they

wanted evidence of Christ's authority.

V.19. "Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy the temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews were incapable of getting the deeper significance of Jesus' word; they were thinking only in terms of the temple of worship. Nevertheless, Jesus proclaimed his authority in stating what he would do in rebuilding the temple, which was the main point.

V.20. "Then said the Jews, For twenty years was the temple in building, and will thou rear it up in three days?" Here was a substantial building requiring much time and labor in its erection. It seemed unreasonable that the same work could be done in accepting only such truth as can three days. This is the old story based on reason.

V.21. "But he spake of the temple of his body." Adam Clarke thinks Jesus might have pointed to his body when he used the word "temple." It was not uncommon to use this word thus.

V.22. "When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scriptures and the word which Jesus had said." Remember, John wrote his gospel that all people would believe on Jesus, and here is one of his strong affirmations of this fact.

V.23. "Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did." These miracles were not recorded as were those performed in Galilee. Neither was much written concerning those who professed to believe on him.

V.24. "But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men." They might well believe in him, but he could not believe in them. He knew their hearts and also that they were not worthy of his confidence. It is a solemn thought when one wonders whether God can trust him. The above thought is made clear in the following verse. We must be true to him if we want to be good witnesses.

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DO YOU KNOW:

Finish these verses:

1. "Boast not thyself of tomorrow . . ."

2. "And now abideth faith, hope, love; these three . . ."

3. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature . . ."

4. "For ye are dead . . ."

5. "Blessed are they that mourn . . ."

DO YOU KNOW ANSWERED:

1. "... for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." (Prov. 27:1).

2. " . . . but the greatest of these is love." (1 Cor. 13:13).

3. "... old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Cor. 5:17).

4. "... and your life is hid with Christ in God." (Col. 3:3).

5. "... for they shall be comforted." (Matt. 5:4).

CLERICUS SAYS:

Clericus says: "What God is

Jesus said, must be considered, if

we are to understand what true

worship is. Worship must con

form to God; it can not be what

we humans contrive; it can not be

any formal response to God. It

must be response of spirit and

truth to the God who is spirit."

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9:30 a.m., church school assembly

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holy communion service. The com-

munion meditation will be, "Guide

Me, O Thou Great Jehovah," by

the pastor. The offertory solo will

be sung by Lyman Hann.

6 p.m. Methodist youth fellow-

ship.

Spiritual Emphasis Week

7:30 p.m. The union services

will begin with the Zion Reformed

church with the Rev. George St.

Angelo, pastor of New York Street

E. U. B. church, Indianapolis, as

the guest speaker. Don Gerig of

Berne will direct the music. These

will continue through Sunday, Jan-

uary 10.

Wednesday, 9 p.m., W. S. C. S.

Bible study course on the book

"A Study of Jeremiah" by Harold

C. Case. Will begin and continue

for a six weeks period. Miss Etta

Mallonee will be the instructor and

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given. A morning "coffee" will pre-

cede the study period. All women

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meeting on the first chapter.

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10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

Message, "Christ, Our Example"

The Lord's Supper will be ob-

served at the close of the service.

There will be no evening services