

BILLY SUNDAY REVIVAL SUPPLEMENT

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AFTERNOON AND EVENING SERVICES

LIFE OF CHRISTIANS IS PROOF OF POWER OF REDEEMER TO SAVE AND EXALT, SAYS SUNDAY IN APPEAL TO ACCEPT MESSAGE

The Text: "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord of hosts." (Isaiah, 43rd chapter, 10th verse).

In his sermon Thursday afternoon, Rev. Sunday said:

Jesus Christ has staked his cause upon the character and the utterances and the lives of his followers. But the world wants a religion of deeds rather than words. Talk's cheap! And when he wanted to leave the world, he wanted to leave behind him words they would remember and precepts they would propagate and spread broadcast throughout the world.

His claims to be the Son of God are to be witnessed to by those that have experienced the saving power through faith in his shed blood.

In Isaiah, in my text, God issues a challenge to the world. He said:

"You bring forth your witnesses and you let them tell what you are doing. I will bring forth mine and I will let them tell what I am doing, and upon their testimony I am perfectly willing whether the Lord shall be God or the devil."

And that a wonderful confidence that God places in it. He says:

"If it's better to be drunk than sober, we want to know it."

"If we are better because we are vile than pure, let's know it."

"If a man is better because he's a thief than honest, let's know it."

"If a man who goes home and cusses and beats his wife up is better than the one that goes home and kisses her, let's know it."

"Bring forth your witnesses and let them tell what they are doing and I will bring forth mine and I will let them tell what I am doing, and I am perfectly willing to go before the world and to put up the proposition and know who they will serve and who they will accept."

Deal God Offers is Fair

If that isn't a fair deal, I'd like to know what it is. Some times in the processes of law there is corruption of judges, and the bribing of juries and of witnesses. There is one thing that's absolutely indispensable and that's a true witness. A witness may be a man or a woman. They may know very little. They may say:

"He was in an automobile and there were four in the machine." or "They were driving a team and one horse was gray and the other black."

But a witness is one who is supposed to be in possession of some information that you do not have and that that information is asked and expected to be given for the purpose either of liberating somebody upon some charge or of convicting them.

It is a sad thing to put a man or woman on the witness stand and have them testify, and immediately prove that they are a liar and a fraud. That not only militates against the character of the witness, but it militates against the cause of the individual which that witness had hoped to help by and through his or her testimony, so not only is he injured but the cause of somebody else is injured.

It is a sad thing to have a man get up and stroke his whiskers and read his testimony and say he is a Christian, and somebody come along and prove he is an old liar and a fraud and a hypocrite. That not only militates against his character, but it hurts the cause of Jesus Christ as well.

"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord God of hosts."

This Evidence Is Trustworthy

Now there is a kind of testimony that will not be overthrown. Paul was on his way to Rome, he made his appeal to Caesar. They said:

"You go up to Jerusalem and be tried."

And he said: "Not on your life; you can't put that over on me."

For they had framed it up to kill him. His sister's son put him wise. He said:

"Nothing doing. I'm going to Rome. I appeal to Caesar."

They said: "All right, you go to Caesar."

And on the way they were shipwrecked and cast upon an island. It was cold and blustery. Gathering up some sticks out of which to build a fire perhaps they might have gathered the serpent, because their protection is to color like the surroundings. When you get out on the plains of Arizona you can't tell a rattlesnake from the ground—that's his protection.

And when the fire began to burn, Paul stooped down to replenish it and the serpent coiled and struck him with his fangs, and the natives on the island, knowing the venomous character of that snake, supposed that Paul was a criminal, and although he'd escaped from the water, their gods would not permit him to escape fully and they were going to kill him with a snake, and they expected to see him fall dead, and when he didn't they worshipped him as a god. And he said:

Preaches Christ to Them

"Don't you worship me." He said:

"It's my God that is able to keep the poison of that snake that you think your gods made bite me from dying."

And so he preached Jesus Christ to them and they believed on him through the fact that the venom of that viper hadn't killed him.

Oh, God can use a rattlesnake to preach the gospel. He don't need a preacher to get along. God can use an animal in the field; God can use a wriggling snake to do it.

So the people believed on Jesus Christ through that Paul's preaching, and they believed that what he said was true because he told them that his God had kept the poison from killing him, and they saw that he was alive, so they couldn't get around it.

So that's how they bore witness. And the heathen nations are gazing on the nominal Christian nations waiting for the testimony of Jesus Christ. Out of the horrible conflict of Europe will come some great good—it has already come! The czar of old Russia is overthrown and every one of that rank dynasty was opposed to Christianity and opposed to any

attempt on the part of any influence to bring the knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the people, and every ruler in Russia today is in sympathy with the Y. M. C. A. and other movements that are spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ, so not only, my friends, did they overthrow and banish vodka, but they opened the doors so that the Christian religion can be preached.

Many Are Christians

Another thing, the secretary of the Republic of China is a Christian; the treasurer is a Christian, many leading officials are Christians, and the next man who will be president was a graduate of Yale college, and the doors of China are thrown open to Christianity, for the reigning heads today are sympathetic with it. This old world is on the very verge of the greatest changes, politically, morally, religiously, since Jesus Christ hung on the cross. You ought to be thankful that you are alive, you ought to be thankful that God is giving you the opportunity here in this city to do something by your influence to help re-write the history of America.

There never has been a time in the history of Christianity, my friends, when the great cities opened their doors and hearts toward God. They had an idea that the gospel was a good thing for the rural community and all that but that they were immune in big cities. I am glad that movements like this let the man in the country know that you are common folks whether you live in a palace, or in a dugout or a log cabin on the mountain sides of Tennessee. The eyes of the ungodly are turned toward the godly everywhere—the congregation, the home, the office, the store and society.

There were Peter and John. They walked by the Gate Beautiful and a fellow lying there begged alms and said:

Believe

Power of Christ

"Silver and gold have we none but such as we have we are willing to give you in the name of Jesus Christ. Arise and walk!"

And the man leaped to his feet like a hart panting after the water brooks, and when they stood by saw it, they knew all about it.

But if Peter had been out hitting the booze, hugging some other man's wife, the spirit of God couldn't have been manifested through him.

And there was Joseph! Joseph had a dream, and you remember his brothers saw him coming and they said, "Ha, ha! ha! Yonder comes that dreamer. We'll fix him," and so they killed a kid and they took his coat and dipped it in the blood and sent it back home to his father and said:

"We found this coat. We don't know whether it belongs to Joe or not."

Liar! They knew all about it.

The old man commenced to cry. He said, "An evil beast hath devoured him. My gray hairs shall go down unto the grave."

And then you know how along came the Ishmaelites and they sold Joseph down to Egypt. He went down there, he became a slave, and he became a man of power, and he became a God-forsaken, licentious woman, Potiphar's wife, tried to put one over on him. But I tell you he stood pat for God and decency, and she failed and framed it up on him and they threw him in jail. He lay there for four years. Then you remember the dream and how he interpreted it.

Gave Him High Office

He came out then, and they made him prime minister. The famine swept the land; they gathered into the barns for seven years and the seventh year seven times more, and his brethren came down there to buy corn and one of the trips he made himself known to them and not only did they come to fill the wagons that they brought down with them but gave them Egyptian wagons and loaded them with corn and sent them back home and they rushed in and they said to their old father,

"Joseph is yet alive! Joseph is yet alive!"

The old man said, "I'm from Missouri; show me."

They said, "Come on out here. Come here. And they took him out to the barn. 'See that corn? We didn't take money enough down there to buy that Joseph gave it to us.'"

And the old man saw the wagons full of the yellow corn and the tears trickled down his cheeks and he said: "My son Joseph is yet alive!"

So ears of corn were powerful to convince the old man where words were impotent.

Get out and deliver the goods, express charges prepaid! Get out and deliver them!

"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord God of hosts."

Oh, it is a serious thing to falsify the word of the living God.

"Ye are living epistles, known and read of all men."

Bible Is Written Epistles

The Bible is the written epistles, but when there is a copy of the Bible, then the world will turn up its nose at the written because they say there is nothing in the life of the living epistle which would lead a man to turn to the written.

So the divine philosophy as demonstrated by multitudes in the church is breeding more infidels, agnostics and others "tics" than all the Paynes, Parkers and Ingersolls put together. That's what's the matter.

Now a friend of mine passed by a beautiful Gothic church up in New England where the trees arched above the streets. There were stained glass windows from Tiffany's, and the entrance to the church was an archway, and over it were the words, "Gateway to heaven," and he stepped inside and saw a sign on the church, "Closed for the summer."

You bet the devil's always on the job, whether it's hot or cold. It makes me sick to go into a town and find a

Hot Grounders From the Bat of Billy Sunday on the Tabernacle Diamond

Infidels make me sick. They give me a stomach ache and I want a soda mint to settle my stomach when they talk about moral effect.

Some people think that nothing is to be believed unless they can understand it. Ha! Ha! Ha!

We've got a lot of churches that disbelieve in the Creator God, simply because they cannot explain the creation of the world.

A man's highest happiness and usefulness is reached through Jesus Christ. Christians, if you are not right in your experience you are wrong in your life.

Some of you old sinners have held out so long and you haven't any hair on your heads between you and hell now. You've held out against the tears of your mothers, the pleadings of your wives, the prayers of your children, against the prayers of your preachers.

If the Bible is a dull, dead book to you, if you haven't God's peace and joy, you are wrong in your life. If you'd fulfill the conditions you'd have the results.

You will beget in the hearts and lives of others, feelings that are analogous to those that possess you. That is why we quarantine scarlet fever.

A lot of you fellows are afraid to do God's will because you know it will make you decent and you don't want to be decent.

I don't give a rap how skeptical you are, you are compelled to believe on the authority of others or cease to live.

There are no activities in life apart from your will.

The natural man is in rebellion against God.

The man who gets down on his knees and prays to God, uses his reason.

Church shut up. "Closed for the summer!"—and hell going at high gear!

How many could stand and say with the apostle Paul "Those things which ye have heard and seen and learned of me, do."?

Everybody could say that. How many of you can add these words, "And the God of peace shall be with you."?

Well, I don't believe that God Almighty gave Paul the only power to do that. I think you can so live that you can say with Paul, "The things you hear and see and learn of me, you do, and God will be omnipresent, he will bless you."

It is the power unto life if a man or woman hates sin. I am not egotistical, nobody ever came to this town that loves a sinner more than I. But I hate sin. When the doctor comes to your home he doesn't hate you, he hates the disease that threatens to put you in the coffin with your veins full of embalming fluid. He's your friend; he's doing his best to help you beat the devil. He's your friend, and if you will cry out, the forgiveness of God will be yours.

Oh, an idolatrous king in other days committed adultery, and he cried unto the Lord, and the Lord said, he'd forgive his transgressions, though his sins were as scarlet they'd be white as snow. "Oh, an idolatrous woman cried, 'God be merciful to me, a sinner,' and Jesus sent back the answer, 'Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.'"

A prodigal son out in the hog pen among the squealing hogs cried, "God be merciful to me a sinner," and back came the answer,

"Bring forth the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and I will bless him."

Oh, a dying thief on the cross cried, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner," and back came the answer from heaven, "This day shalt thou be with me in Paradise."

And so, wherever you cry unto the Lord, he will hear you. God hates sin, but he's got a pardon waiting for it, and it's up to you as to whether you get it or not. So you do your part and the blessing will be yours.

There is a power in the man or woman who abhors sin—hates it. The ashes, my friends, of the martyrs is the seed of the church. Those who resist sin have a great might and a blessing.

Suffered In Last Days

John Vasser during the last years of his life, was an inveterate sufferer. He never knew what it was to be free from pain unless under the influence of an opiate, and he'd walk the floor and he'd fall prone upon the lounge and groan, while beads of perspiration would burst from his brow, and then he'd smile through his grief and wring his hands and say,

"Thank God, how much better it is to suffer than to sin."

Let that be your motto—die before you do anything that would disgrace God. A brave man is the man who



If you wait until there are no hypocrites in the churches you will be in hell long before that happens.

Every day God lets you live, help somebody else to climb a few rounds higher in the ladder toward heaven and dry the tears on their cheeks and let them catch a glimpse of Jesus through your life and through your influence.

You know the famous French mustian said "There was a time in my life when I spoke only of myself." When I grew older I said, "I'm a sinner." Now in my old age, I uncover my head and bow and say, "Oh, Mozart!"

Oh, the bitter pain and sorrow. That a time could ever be when I proudly said to Jesus: "All of self and none of thee."

Yet He beheld me; I beheld Him. Bleeding on the accursed tree. And my wistful heart said faintly: "Some of self and some of thee."

Day by day his tender mercy. Helping, healing, brought me Lower; and I whispered: "Less of self and more of thee."

Higher than the highest heavens, Deeper than the deepest sea; Lord, thy love at last has conquered— "None of self and all of thee."

That's religion! Are you ready to live it? Are you ready to join me in that kind of religion? Stand up! I'd like to look at you—all of you that are. Yes, I am. The whole country is waiting for this city's answer to Jesus Christ.

GOD REQUIRES WILLING MIND, DESIRE TO KNOW TRUTH, CONFESSION TO SERVE HIM, THESE THREE THINGS, SAYS REV. SUNDAY

The Text—"If any man will do his will, he shall know the doctrine, whether it be of God or whether I speak of myself," John 7th chapter 17th verse.

I'd like to make my message so plain and simple tonight that not a man or woman could rise up against me in the day of judgment and say, "Lord, I went down to that tabernacle in April, 1922, but I didn't learn by what I heard what I had to do."

I'd like to make it as God has made it and I wish I had the power to strip off the swaddling clothes of criticism in all its naked simplicity, that the man or woman, with the limited amount of intelligence, may lay hold of eternal life.

Somebody has very aptly and beautifully said that God requires of every man and woman three things, whether they are a heathen or Christian, or whether they live in America or Africa, whether they are learned or illiterate, God requires and demands of every man and woman three things, that has any intelligence, three things.

First, a willing mind. It is accepted according to what a man hath, and not according to what he hath not. If he is willing and obedient ye shall eat the fruit of the land. You must if you want the blessing of God to come into your heart, you must be willing to forsake every known sin. That means that you shouldn't hold onto any one you do know.

Although God is infinite, God deferred the freedom of the human will, and He stops right there. He will not compel you to forsake your sins against your will, and if God could and would compel men and women to forsake their sins against their will, there wouldn't be a sinner on earth.

Refuse To Pay Price

A lot of people are just sneaks. They want the best of everything under heaven, but they don't want to share of it. That's the true of the church, in business, in politics, and true in government. So you've got to adopt the principle that as you get right you will follow that but so far as you know and understand you will forsake every known sin now, and later on, if you get more light that will show you something there that you ought to forsake, then you will do that.

But so far as you know, you are ready and willing now to turn back on every known sin.

Second, a desire to know the truth, in order that you might obey the truth. In the day of judgment God will show you that you had an intelligence to know what to do but you wouldn't do it and you will be condemned for that fact. I believe one of the most cursed ambitions that stirs a human heart is a selfish desire for knowledge, just simply that you may blow and boast that you know something more than someone else. But a desire to know more that by knowing you might do and in order that by knowing and doing you might become Christlike that is great.

I love to see a man or woman that wants to know more that they might do; and in order that by knowing or doing, you can become a noble or Christian man. But I despise the fellow who wants to know and then won't do.

Public Confession Is Necessary

Third, an honest, open, public confession with your lips and your life that so far as you know and understand you will do God's will and follow and serve Him. God will never give you any more light until you use what you have. You use that and God will give you more. I might get up in front of this building and find a fellow with a lantern. "No

TODAY'S BEST STORY IN BILLY'S SERMON

If an infidel is going to build a universe you've got to give him a little star dust to knock off.

Where did the first hen come from? And where did the first egg come from. First hen, first egg. No man knows so much but that some men know all you know and more than you know. Not at all.

So, there is my watch. I don't know anything about it. If I break it I can't fix it. I can take it down to the jeweler's and they can fix it. He'll try to fix it and take the wheels out of it, I'd have wheels enough to make 10 or more watches out of it. All human machinery can be understood. Some fellow made it. If you can't understand it, he can. Don't say he did not know because you didn't have brains enough to know. He will do it.

To try to solve the creation and at the same time deny the Creator, you are as big a fool as the fellow who will try to explain a locomotive and deny steam. Try and explain these electric lights and deny electricity. The light explains the electricity and the electricity explains the light. When you try and explain the creation and deny the Creator you are a fool. When you try to explain creation and deny Jesus Christ you can't do it. He explains salvation and salvation explains Jesus Christ. You can't get around it, no matter who you are.

Skeptics—oh, they don't believe. They didn't believe in the telephone and all that sort of thing. They did not know enough about it. They won't will. Then if you do that it will remove the stumbling block.

HARD TO LEARN

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261 HIT TRAIL IN ANSWER TO BILLY'S APPEAL

Lutherans Turn Out in Large Number and Many Clasp Sunday's Hand When Service Closes.

SING FAVORITE SONG

The Lutherans showed themselves to be behind the Billy Sunday meetings, Wednesday night, when 700 of them attended in a body, and formed the greater part of more than 550 persons that shook Billy's hand and of the 261 "trail hitters" that signed cards pledging their faith in Jesus Christ.

On the call for "trail hitters" the Fidelis Lutheran school class of the First Christian church was the first to its feet, and the girls in the class, were making their way forward almost before Sunday had finished his announcement.

But the most spectacular part of the evening was furnished when the Lutherans, following a huge American flag carried by Everett Kuollenberg, came forward almost in a body.

New Song Introduced

Another new song was introduced to the tabernacle by the members of the Star Bible class, and the Jelly twelve of the Second Presbyterian church, 30 in number, who sang when called upon:

1. Oh, happy day when Billy came, To teach us faith in Jesus name, He taught us how to work and pray, And live more closely every day.

Chorus: Happy day, happy day When Billy came for a six weeks' stay.

2. Oh, happy day when "Rodie" came, And with his smile put gloom to shame, He taught us how to laugh and sing, And go home blessing every thing.

Chorus: Happy day, happy day When "Rodie" came for a six weeks' stay.

3. Oh, happy day when Mrs. Asher came, To sing the praises of our King, There's Bob and Pete, Miss Kinney too, Who teach us how to chase the blues.

Chorus: Happy day, happy day When Rapp signed up for this six weeks' stay.