

Lenten Meditation

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CHRISTIAN GOODNESS

There can be few of the stories in the Gospels which appear to be clearer in their implication than the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican. Anyone can see at a glance the contrast between the temper of the two men. On the one hand there is the spiritual effrontery which almost congratulates God on having produced so eminently satisfactory a specimen of moral rectitude, and the superficiality which imagines that a true estimate of individual worth can ever be reached by comparison with the attainment of another human character. On the other there is the frank acknowledgment of the fact on which alone any sane estimate of human nature is based, that, by comparison with that which men see in the nature of God, there is only one verdict to be passed on all of us. But as usual with the parables there are undertones of meaning which are not so immediately apparent. Some of our present-day valuations tend so readily to discount any pretension to virtue that the humility of the second character has been almost transferred into an inverted pride, "the pharisaism of the Publican," God, I think thee that I am not as other men are, smug, sanctimonious, superior, or even as this churchgoer. I don't set up to be religious; I don't claim to be a saint. But privately I think I'm just as good a fellow, although, even because, I don't make any such pretensions. But the real point of the story is to be found in the closing words. "This man went down to his house justified rather than the other." In that one sentence is laid bare the truth which so much subsequent thought and argument have worked up into an elaborate theology of "justification." What is goodness as understood by anyone who has truly entered into the Christian experience? Just precisely not that which is commonly, and rightly, described as pharisaism. The essence of that mistaken attitude is to imagine that goodness consists in the virtuous acts by which men earn God's approval. They keep accounts with Him: so many good deeds, so many pious observances, reckoned up a day or a week; and so many credit marks entered in the ledger in the opposite column. That is the delusion under which very many of us who have been "virtuously brought up" suffer; and it has only one of two ends—pride or despair. Either we delude ourselves into believing that we are doing it; or we discover that we are not and cannot. Christian goodness is the result of realizing that to think of goodness in that way is to have got the whole thing the wrong way round. The Christian is not a good man who deserves God's favour; he is a bad man who knows that the forgiving love of God is the one power by which he can be set on the right track of self-knowledge, penitence, and humble thankfulness.

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NORTH RIVER UNITED BAPTIST PASTORATE. — Sunday, March 2nd, Fairview 11:00 A. M. North River 3:00 P. M. Long Creek 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. Barber, Pastor.

UIGG — HAZELBROOK — CROSS ROADS. — Services for Sunday, March 2nd, Uigg at 11 A. M. Hazelbrook at 3 P. M. Cross Roads at 7:30 P. M. Lic. Thomas Poole, Minister.

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HAMPTON PASTORAL CHARGE. — United Church of Canada. Services Sunday, March 2nd, Victoria 11 A. M. Hampton 3 P. M. Bonshaw 7:30 P. M. Rev. L. S. Woolfrey, Minister.

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THE MONTHLY MEETING of the Charlottetown Ladies' Auxiliary Canadian Legion will be held in the Legion Hall on Friday, February 29th, at 7:30 P. M. This is an important meeting. A large attendance will be appreciated.

TRYON — BONSHAW GROUP OF UNITED BAPTIST CHURCHES. — Church Services Notices. On Sunday, March 2nd, 1952, the services of the above-indicated group of Churches will be as follows: — Bonshaw, Public Worship, 11:00 A. M. Westmoreland, Public Worship 3:00 P. M. Tryon, Sunday School, 11:00 A. M. Public Worship 7:30 P. M. Rev. W. G. Killam, Pastor.

HUNTER RIVER W. I.

The regular meeting of Riverview Women's Institute was held on February 4th at the home of Mrs. Frank Bagnall with nineteen members, two guests and one new member in attendance. The president, Mrs. Emmett Bernard, presided and following the opening "ode", the minutes were read and approved. Mrs. Howard Christie reported for the Dental Clinic committee stating that a dentist had been established who was working with the younger children. The purchasing of a piano was again discussed and the following committee was appointed to purchase same, Mr. Christie, Mrs. Ernest Cousins, Mrs. W. I. Bowman and Mrs. C. H. McGulgan. Five dollars was voted for the "Polio Fund". Ten dollars was voted for cleaning the school and a donation of three dollars was received from Mrs. Frank J. Doucette for the Institute Funds. Mrs. C. B. Matheson outlined programme for Education Week scheduled for week beginning March 3rd, details to be finalized at next meeting. The sum of five dollars has been received from Wheatley River W. I. for memorial library and plaque. Three thank you cards were received for Christmas treats and the following committee was appointed to start work on a play, Mrs. Frank Bagnall, Mrs. Reagh Bagnall, Mrs. W. I. Bowman and Mrs. Emmett Bernard; visiting, Mrs. Garfield Wood and Mrs. Frank Bagnall; school, Mrs. J. S. Burns and Mrs. Reagh Bagnall; programme, Mrs. Dan MacLeod. Entertainment was taken care of by Miss Ena Morrison and the refreshment committee assisted by Mrs. Bagnall served a dainty lunch.

Tottenham, England (CP) — A tenant wrote to the fire brigade thanking the firemen for extinguishing a blaze in an adjoining apartment. He said "They not only apologized for waking me up, but they even wiped their feet on the doormat."

CAVENDISH UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE. — Sunday, March 2nd, New Glasgow 11 A. M. Cavendish 3 P. M. George Gough, Minister.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA. — Divine Service, Sunday, March 2nd, Marshfield 11:00 A. M. Mt. Stewart 3 P. M. Harrington 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. V. Crawford.

WINSLOE PASTORAL CHARGE. Services Sunday, March 2nd, as follows: Highfield 11 A. M. Winsloe South 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. R. Skinner, Minister.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA. — Schedule for Sunday March 2nd, Wood Islands 11 A. M. Caledonia (weather and roads permitting) 7:30 P. M. Minister: Rev. E. S. Hales.


GEORGETOWN PASTORAL CHARGE. — United Church of Canada. Services for March 2nd, 11 A. M. Milltown Cross, 2:30 P. M. Sturgeon. 7 P. M. Georgetown. Rev. W. A. Paterson, Minister.

IMMUNIZING CLINICS, conducted by the Department of Health and Welfare, will be held on Monday, March 3rd, at Prince Street School 1:30 P. M. Rochford Square School 2:30 P. M. Tuesday, March 4th at Queen Square School 1:30 P. M. Notre Dame Academy 1:30 P. M. Wednesday, March 5th at Model School 1:30 P. M. Paradise 2:30 P. M. Thursday, March 6th, Spring Park School 1:30 P. M. West Kent School 2:30 P. M. Infants, and Pre-School children, from 3 months to 5 years will be protected against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus.

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