

GOD'S GREATNESS REVEALED

IN SUMMER ZEPHYR AS WELL AS IN WHIRLWIND.

Rev. J. B. Sileo Discourses on the Might and Wisdom of the Creator.

At the morning service in the Congregational Church yesterday the pastor, Rev. J. B. Sileo, preached from Job (36:26-7, "Behold, God is great, for He maketh small the drops of water."

The theme of each chapter from which I select these texts, said the pastor, is the greatness of God. One writer says God is great, for He maketh small the drops of water. He maketh small the drops of water, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in the balance."

When we think of greatness we generally think of it and look for it in things big and vast. The words I have read teach us to look for it in the opposite direction. Both Ellihu and Isaiah saw the greatness of the Creator in the minute things of creation.

We are more apt to associate the thought of God with things infinitely large and vast, than with things infinitely small and minute. We are impressed with the power displayed in the storm, but fail to behold His grandeur in the calm. We think of Him as being in the earthquake and the whirlwind, but do we discern Him in the still small voice of the summer breeze?

The mind of man cannot conceive the vastness and grandeur of creation. The nearest fixed star is millions of millions of miles from our earth. It would take a ray of light, traveling at the rate of 187,000 miles a second, four years to reach this earth from the nearest fixed star.

While we behold God in the things infinitely distant and large, we should learn to behold Him in things infinitely near and small. If we are observant we can behold Him in the infinities below as truly as in the infinities beyond.

The world we see with the microscope is as marvelous a revelation of God as the world revealed by the telescope. Chemists are able to ascertain the relative position of atoms so minute that millions of them can stand upon a needle's point.

When you consider these things you readily see that greater skill is required in the creation of minute things than things ponderous and large. We look with admiration on the huge engines that pump the water from Lake Michigan and distribute it over the city of Chicago.

Do we not begin to see the sublime truth taught in our text? God is great, for He maketh small the drops of water and hath comprehended the dust of the earth. The greatness of God is revealed in the creation of minute things. He paints the wings of an insect with pigments as rich as the colors of the rainbow.

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There are helpful lessons suggested by these facts. The first is a lesson of comfort. These truths of God's created world assure us that God's providential care is over every life and every part of life.

The facts we have considered, this brief survey of God's attention to the infinite details of creation, are an answer to all such teaching. According to some it would not be respectable or dignified for God to attend to such minute things.

If a survey of the stary universe suggests the thought that God's Kingdom is too vast to encourage the faith that we are personally known and cared for by Him, the study of these minute creations assures us there is nothing too small for His watchful superintending care.

Listen to this magnificent presentation of God given by the Psalmist: "He telleth them all the number of the stars, He calleth them all by their names, and bindeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds."

Many people are seemingly unwilling to live to God in small things. Like Naaman, they are ready to do some great thing, but refuse the humble task assigned them by their Savior.

The life of Jesus is epitomized in one sentence: "He went about doing good." Follow Him in His circuits of mercy, and learn how He did His work of redemption to-day. He is talking with an outcast woman at Samaria's well; to-morrow eating at the house of a despised publican, stopping in the crowd to answer timid touch of a sick woman, taking a little child in His arms to bless him.

Learn another lesson. If He does the smallest work as well as the greatest, so when we ascend toward the distant and vast, so when we descend toward the minute, we see His attention concentrated on His object, and the last discernible particle dies out of our sight with the same divine glory on it as the last orb that glimmers on the skirt of the universe.

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TOURNAMENT UNDER WAY.

CAPITAL CITY CHESS CLUB NOW ENGAGED IN IT.

Pillsbury is in British Columbia and Herz Lasker in New York.

Last Tuesday evening the members of the Capital City Chess Club met at their rooms for the playing of the second round of the tournament games. Two contestants were present. In all fourteen members have now entered into the tournament, and judging from the great enthusiasm displayed it will be far in advance in interest of any other previous event undertaken by the club.

The great chess champion, H. N. Pillsbury, was in Winnipeg, Manitoba, a week or so ago, and literally took by storm that city. He played twenty-three games of chess and six games of checkers simultaneously, losing one game of chess, and at checkers drawing two or three and winning the balance. On the same day he performed one of his most difficult feats—that of combining whist with six blindfolded games of chess, playing whist with the best players in that city, and winning as usual. Following is one of the blindfolded games of chess played by him:

- White (Black) Pillsbury (Thompson) 1. P-K4 (1. P-K4) 2. P-KB4 (2. P-P4) 3. Kt-KB3 (3. B-P4) 4. P-Q4 (4. P-Kt3) 5. B-K1 (5. P-Q3) 6. B-B4 (6. Kt-K5) 7. P-QE3 (7. Kt-KB5) 8. P-KR3 (8. B-K3) 9. B-Q3 (9. Castles) 10. Castles (10. P-KR3) 11. Q-Kt-Q2 (11. Kt-R4) 12. B-R2 (12. Kt-KB3) 13. K-K2 (13. P-B4) 14. K-Rsq (14. P-P4) 15. Kt-P4 (15. Kt-B3) 16. Kt-Kt (16. P-Kt) 17. B-P (17. B-Ksq) 18. P-K5 (18. Kt-Q2) 19. Q-K4 (19. P-Kt3) 20. Q-KB4 (20. Q-Kt4) 21. QxQ (21. PxQ) 22. Kt-K4 (22. P-Kt5) 23. PXP (23. B-P) 24. Kt-B6 ch (24. Kt-Kt) 25. R-Kt1 (25. Kt-Kt2) 26. R-KBsq (26. R-Rsq mate) Herr Lasker, the champion of the world, has had a busy time lately in England, giving lectures upon chess as well as at the Insurance Chess Club in London. These lectures have been much appreciated, and have resulted in bringing many new members to the leading club. He has also been touring, giving lectures and simultaneous displays at various towns. The Janowski-Shawwaloff match was finished recently, Janowski winning seven games, losing two, with four draws.

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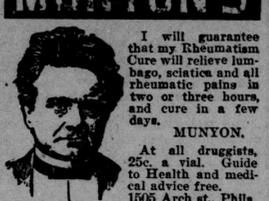
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