

GREAT OUTPOURING AT TABERNACLE TO HEAR SERMON AND SONG SERVICE

Evangelist Lowry Preaches About the "Model Church" Receives Real Applause in the Enthusiasm Following His Arguments--Largest Congregation of the Week and Also Largest Choir--Interest and Enthusiasm Continue to Grow in All Departments of the Revival Work.

LOWRYISMS.

"The church dinner and supper racket is just a scheme whereby the goats are made to pay the pasturage of the sheep. Any church that ceases to be a missionary church will die of dry rot every time. The light that shines brightest always shines the brightest at home. To many professing Christians the church treasury is bigger than Jesus Christ. I find the less pety a church has the more oysters, ice cream and fun it takes to run it, and the faster it runs from God. The man who hasn't got religion enough to pray in his home hasn't enough to take him to heaven. Your church will sing into pauperism, devoid of spiritual life and power, subsisting on oyster soup and ice cream, clothed in crazy quilts and the left-over remnants of people's old clothes. Mere-go-to-churchism is more-go-to-hellism, and for some people to have their name on a church roll means that they have secured a berth to sleep themselves right on into the bottomless pit. Well, if your religion isn't worth paying for, why, then, simply denounce the whole thing and go to hell like a gentleman. Don't play the part of a pauper in the house of God. Here comes a woman to the communion table--partakes of the emblems representing the body and blood of the Lord Jesus--but see her haste of 24 hours, as she is being whirled over the ballroom floor, with some spindle-shanked, bullet-headed dude squeezing the gizzard out of her--and yet she calls herself a Christian. Oh, such hypocrisy--it's the limit. Many churches are simply social clubs, with a little religious whitewash to make them appear Christian. Paul says, 'Redeem the time,' which many church members proceed to do with progressive audacity and poker clubs, dancing parties and the like until they have no time or heart for God's service."

Evangelist Lowry stirred his large audience last night to a pitch of enthusiasm where he was heartily applauded twice during his sermon. His was another plain talk to the people of Missoula. "The Model Church or the True Church of God" was his theme. In his rapid-fire manner he "ripped" into the errors of "New Thought," "New Theology" and "New Evangelism" and gave vivid illustrations of the way the church had put aside old-fashioned things--invented new ways of doing things--instead of following God's way and plan. Too much religion and not enough Godliness exists today, the church is permeated with the spirit of the Lord; the form of worship is with us in profusion, but too little of the Spirit; worldly methods of raising money, which have pulled the church down on a level with all other worldly institutions--these were some of the points about which the evangelist wove an inspiring sermon last night.

Mr. Lowry faced the largest audience of the week last night. It was estimated that 1,800 sat before him, and he claimed the entire attention of such all through his sermon. The chorus, too, continues to grow in numbers and the song service was unusually good. In the place of Mr. Moody's solo a ladies' quintet was introduced and sang "Lead Others to Jesus." The quartet is composed of Mesdames W. N. Hassler, P. Adams, Frank Valentine, J. H. Inch and George McAllister. After the usual announcements, when the evangelist announced his theme for tonight as being "The Book of Books, or Is the Bible the Word of God," and a prayer by Rev. Carl J. Bengston, Mr. Lowry stated his text:

The Model Church. Text, Psalms 127:1--"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." In discussing the theme, "The Model Church," Mr. Lowry said, in substance: "It is interesting to study the many changes that have come into the churches during the past 25 or 30 years. About that many years ago man began to organize the forces of the church, relying upon machinery rather than upon the Holy Ghost, and we

were told that when they had their plans completed the world was to be converted. They did organize everything from the new-born babe up to the old sage tottering on the verge of the grave, but the world was not converted. Alas, no! We see that things have been growing worse and worse inside of the church, and on the outside we see gin everywhere more flagrant and defiant, evil men and seducers waxing worse and worse. We have much noise of machinery, but little power.

Infidels in the Pulpit. "Infidels like Voltaire, Payne and Ingersoll were no longer needed by the devil to oppose the work of the church, for the enemy is now in our pulpits, our educational institutions and our editorial chairs. A short time before the great infidel went to hell, someone asked him why he no longer delivered his lectures against the Bible. He replied: 'The professors and preachers are doing that work much better than I possibly can, and their influence is much greater than mine.' We were first told that Moses could not have been the author of the Pentateuch, because letters were not used at that early date. Then God sent men with the pick and spade to the oriental lands and they found a literature dating back 3,000 years before the time of Moses. Then we were told for certain that Exodus was a mere legend, but God led to the discovery of buried tablets which confirm every detail of that event. Then, next, came the 'New Theology,' then the 'New Thought' and last the 'New Evangelism' that would certainly bring in the millennium, and it is claimed that we, with all our learning, literature, culture and aesthetics, had no further need for an old-fashioned revival. All men needed was a different environment, or a new grandmother. So we see that the words of our text are just as true today as they were centuries ago. 'Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.' Whenever the churches are ready to throw aside their trust in machinery and organization and take God's word as their guide for the conduct of His work, they may expect His blessing; but as sure as man sets aside God's way, he is building in vain. "When I speak of the 'model church,' I mean a church after the model that God has given in the Bible. He has laid down certain great principles for the conduct of His people--the church of Jesus Christ on earth--and if we are willing to take His way we may expect His blessing; if not, it means defeat. So, then, this evening I want to call attention to some things that go to make up a model church. I feel sure of this; that if God was sending a message direct to many of the churches, as he did to the churches mentioned in the Revelation, He would use words similar to those addressed to the church at Sardis--Revelations 3:1. I know thy works, that thou hast a name, that thou sayest, 'I am rich, and I have need of nothing; and yet, so far as reaching the world is concerned, be dead and powerless, because Jesus is not in their midst. A poor man applied to a church, whose membership was wealthy and self-satisfied, for admission as a member. He came before the appointed officers for examination. As it was an aristocratic church, they did not like to accept him into membership. So they asked the poor man if he was sure that the Lord wanted him to become a member of the church. He replied, 'Yes, for I have prayed long and fervently.' "Think it over for three months longer and then see what the Lord wants you to do." At the end of the three months he applied again. The officers asked him if he was still of the same mind. He said, 'Yes.' They asked him what the Lord said to him. The poor man replied, 'He told me not to be offended with you brethren, for He, Himself, had been trying for the past 12 years, since the church was built, to get in, but he had not succeeded yet.' "This is true of many churches in our land. Jesus is on the outside and says, 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock.' Needs of the Model Church. "Now, I will call attention to a few things that go to make up a model church: "First, if we would have a true church of God, we must recognize the purchase price--the blood of Jesus, Acts 20:28, 'Take heed, therefore, unto yourselves and unto all the flock over

which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers to feed the church of God, which He has purchased with His own blood.' In these days, we hear a great deal about the life of Jesus, but very little about His blood. I want to say to you that when any church goes beyond preaching and taking for its foundation the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ, it is building upon a foundation of sand. The church that does not accept the blood of Christ is powerless. If, when you speak of the life of Christ, you mean the blood of Christ, then good and well; but if you mean to take His life simply for a pattern or example, you are wrong. You might follow the example of Christ as closely as you please, if you do not accept of the blood for cleansing you will spend your eternity in hell. Christ gave His life that is His blood; Lev. 17:11, 'For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that maketh atonement by reason of the life.' The life of the flesh is in the blood; you take away My blood and you take away My life."

Saved by His Life. "So we are saved by His life, that is, by His blood; Hebrew 9:12 and 22, 'Neither by His own blood, but by the blood of others who have entered in once for all into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. . . . and without shedding of blood there is no remission.' Ephesians 5:25, 'Husbands, love your wives even as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it.' Christ loved the church enough to give His life for it. How much do you love it? Love is known by the sacrifice it will make. If you will sacrifice to love the object you profess to love, then your profession of love is false. So we know, then, men love not Christ, when they will sacrifice nothing for Him. When they will not leave a just, a name or a companion for Christ, they may profess to love Him, but their profession is a lie. What are you sacrificing for Christ and the church? Therein lies the test. Men or women who will spend more time and money on their lodges, their clubs and worldly things than they will for the church of Jesus Christ haven't religion enough to save them from the fires of hell. Christ Jesus will either have the first and uppermost place in our hearts or none at all.

Converted People. "A true church of God is made up of converted people. That, of course, is not true of the church today. We have piled wide upon the door, and we have welcomed with open arms and a kiss on the cheek into our midst, with a ring on his finger and a good coat on his back, the very black devil himself. You can know him by the whisky stink on his breath, his disregard for the fourth commandment, 'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy'; by the company he keeps and by the way he goes seeking the pleasure of the world. Mere-go-to-churchism is more-go-to-hellism, and for some people to have their name on a church roll means they have secured a berth to sleep themselves right on into the bottomless pit. But, thank God, this was not always so--Acts 2:46-47, 'And the Lord added to the church daily by those that were being saved.' I sometimes wonder what percentage of the people have undergone the saving change and know what it means to be saved. Lias their lives up with such passages as I John 2:15, 'Love not the world, neither the things that are of the world; if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him'; or, again, Romans 8:9, 'If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of His.' There will be many surprised in eternity. Many people may be surprised to see others who seem to be that they did not expect to see there; but the saddest surprise of all will be when many of our church members 'lift up their eyes, being in the torments of hell.' "Are you sure, professing Christians, that you have been regenerated by the Holy Ghost and that you are a new creature in Jesus Christ. Worldly Mindedness. "If we would have a true church of God, there must be a separation from the world, the flesh and the devil. The Holy Spirit has not changed. He has lost none of His power to convince; the Bible still stands as the unchangeable word of God, and God is not dead. Why is it that so few souls are being saved today? It is simply this, the spirit of the world, the flesh and the devil have driven off the Spirit of God. Hear this from I Cor. 10:21, 'Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils; ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table and the table of devils.' God does not say, 'I shall not,' but 'Ye cannot.' It is an absolute impossibility. Of course, you can do it outwardly, and merely as a form, but what's the profit? Again, II Cor. 6:17, 'Come ye out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not unclean things and I will receive you.' We are called to be a 'separate' people. But we have largely lost that word 'separated' from our religious vocabulary. In the Bible, Titus 2:14, 'Who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.' We are to be in the world, but not of it. We are to be the salt of the earth. Hear the prayer of Jesus in John 17:15, 'I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil one. A ship in the water is a good thing, but when the water gets into the ship it is a bad thing. A Christian in the world is what Jesus wants, but when the world takes possession of the Christian, as in many churches, it is a bad thing. In Amos 5:18-24 shows how it is possible to have all the forms of worship, yet be absolutely without God: 'Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! To what end is it for you? The day of the Lord is darkness and not light. . . . I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. . . . Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs, for I will not hear the melody of thy voice! Here was a people, with all the forms of worship and yet it was of absolutely no profit to them. And why not? Because their hearts were not right with God. Read that they were sensual, covetous, oppressive to the poor, hypocritical. One of the saddest things imaginable to me is to see so many people with the form of religion, yet without Christ. It is possible for one to go through all

the forms of worship yet be far from God and without hope in the world. It is fashionable to be a member of some church, in some place, but what's the profit when the heart is not right? Many of our churches are simply social clubs, with a little religious whitewash. Paul says, 'Redeem the time,' which many church members do with progressive euchre and poker clubs, dancing parties and the like, until they have no time or heart for God's services. Here comes a woman to the communion table--partakes of the emblems representing the body and the blood of the Lord Jesus; but see her inside of 24 hours, as she is being whirled over the ballroom floor, with some spindle-shanked, bullet-headed dude squeezing the gizzard out of her, and yet she calls herself a Christian. Oh, such hypocrisy--it is the limit. Must Be Soul-Winners. "If we would have a model church we must be ceaseless in our efforts to win souls to Christ. Mark 16:15-16, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved and he that believeth not shall be damned.' This is our commission from the Lord. The great soul-winning has become a lost art in many churches today. As one of the bishops of the Methodist church puts it in speaking of present conditions (and what he says of that denomination can be said practically of all), 'Just now four out of five on our church rolls are doing nothing, and God's blessed cause is not made one whit stronger in its numbers or influence by their living. The church of God is today counting the world, its members are bringing it down to the level of the ungodly. The ball, the theater, nude and lewd arts, and social luxuries, with all their loose immoralities, are making broads into the church. Worldly socials, fairs, festivals, concerts and such like have taken the place of the religious gatherings, revival meetings, glass and prayer meetings.' Can't you say, 'Some people don't like to listen to the statement of these facts, but it seems to me it is high time we were facing the facts and asking ourselves the question, 'What's the matter with us, anyhow?' If any man can study our year books and take comfort from the facts that stare him in the face, I think he could keep warm on an iceberg.

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