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The "All Things" of the Christian

UNLIMITED RESOURCES OF GOD PLACED AT DISPOSAL OF HIS CHILDREN.

Sermon by the "Highway and Byway" Preacher.

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Chicago, Sunday, March 13, 1904.
Text:—"All things are yours... and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's."—1 Cor. 3:21, 22, 23, and 3:24.

HE salvation of the sinner is a marvelous and mighty work of God through Christ Jesus, but the condition and the privilege of the redeemed sinner in Christ Jesus are even more marvelous. The "unsearchable riches of Christ" belong to His followers, and are freely and fully placed at their disposal. Paul says: "All things are yours." And then he goes on to enumerate what those "all things" include. Paul was there to teach them the full liberty in Christ Jesus. Paul was there to stir and animate them with his eloquence. Peter was there to nerve and fire them with his courage. In fact every author was there to impart to them some treasure of the Divine Kingdom. The world was there to win and possess for Christ. This life was theirs in all of its fullness to live for Christ. Things present and things to come were all to be counted theirs because this present state and the glory of the next were all planned of God for the good of His saints, and the salvation of the hundreds of millions of shining yellow gold dollars, and the burdens of the rich in caring for and keeping and handling these vast riches are heavy upon them, but the possessions of the Christian are infinitely greater, for "all things" are his. If it is true, as it certainly is, that we prayfully and earnestly seek to learn in what way it is true, and what it should mean to the Christian because it is true.

FIRST of all we want to remind you that the Christian cannot boast that it is by his own thrift and energy and astuteness that he becomes possessed of "all things." Carnegie can point you back to a time in his career when he did not have a cent which he could call his own, and then he can lead you step by step from spot boy in the factory through the successive stages of engineer in the factory, messenger boy, telegraph operator, railroad man, stockholder in the first sleeping car company, iron master and then retired capitalist to a gigantic steel corporation as a monument to his great energies and abilities. He can remind you of all this, and proudly say: "See the vast properties, and wealth which I have by my own energies, and thrift, and keen financial and business foresight, acquired." But the Christian cannot make any such claim as he points to the declaration of Scripture that "all things" are his. His great possessions are inherited. He has a rich Father, who bequeaths through the only begotten Son to His adopted sons His possessions. A rich Heavenly Father. Yes, rich, for all things belong to Him. The psalmist sings:

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof, the world, they that dwell therein."

And Paul quotes that passage in this very letter to the Corinthians from which our text is taken. A rich Heavenly Father, who has created all things, and who, despite the seeming contradiction of the claim in the world to "possess" all things, and because the Heavenly Father possesses all things, His true children have a right to claim heirship, and share in those riches. The daughter of Andrew Carnegie, although she cannot claim that a single dollar of her father's vast wealth was acquired by any effort or help of her own, has a right to claim a share in those riches, because she is his daughter. She has a right to an inheritance as his child and the courts of the world would sustain her claim. And it is so with the Christian. "All things" are his because they belong to the Father.

ANOTHER thing to remember in connection with this inheritance is that God does not carelessly turn over to His children the free and unrestrained possession of "all things." He gives to His children of things temporal and things spiritual, as fully and freely as is for their good, and as will supply their need. But He never divides the patrimony and lets the willful, and pleasure-seeking son go off into the far country to spend it in riotous living. The son of many a rich father is cursed instead of blessed by the wealth which is placed in his hands. But the "all things" of God are not thus given to the Christian to be misused and abused. The Father maintains the active administration of His possessions, but never a demand is made on Him in faith and the Holy Ghost by His children, but that it is honored. God is the administrator of both the temporal and spiritual things, and commits them to the use of His children only as in His wisdom He sees that it is safe so to do. And hereby the Christian is saved the very great burden which otherwise he would have to carry. God guards His treasures and they are safe. He

gives as they are wisely and faithfully used and the Christian is honored and blessed in the use thereof.

THE "all things" to which our text refers are not only temporal things, but are spiritual as well, in fact as eternity outweighs time so do the riches of the spiritual realm outweigh those of the temporal realm. But the "all things" means the things of this life and the things of the life to come. It means the earthly riches as well as the riches of Heaven. George Mueller realized that the "all things" which were his meant not only Christlike love which could go out and yearn over the homeless orphans; it meant not only the deep spiritual life, and the devotion to the cause of his Lord, but it meant also the gold, the houses and the land, the furnishings and the food which would shelter and feed and clothe and educate the helpless little ones which came under his care. The "all things" meant all that was necessary of this world's goods and of abilities and spiritual attainments to carry on the work of his orphanage. He had faith to believe it and God committed to his care in large measure things temporal and things spiritual. Mr. Moody in the glorious religious campaigns which he conducted, in the schools which he established, in the Y. M. C. A.'s and churches which he was instrumental in founding, realized that the "all things" included the financial means as well as the spiritual power. Mr. Moody had the ability when in commercial life to make money. At the time he went into religious work in Chicago it was at the sacrifice of a very remunerative position, and Mr. Moody was too good a business man and had too level a head to rush into the work blindly and not know that the Lord who had called him into the work, and who was giving him so fully and freely the spiritual gifts, was as able and willing to supply the temporal needs. He knew where money was needed in the Lord's work the Lord would provide the money, and He did, sometimes in most astonishing ways. Mr. Moody faltered, he was never embarrassed long or seriously financially. He went straight ahead boldly carrying on the work of the Lord and knowing that the "all things" which were his would be supplied as he had need. Yes, the "all things" means the temporal things, the silver and the gold, and it means that which is greater—the unsearchable riches of Christ.

BUT there are two matters of importance for us to consider at this point. First, proving our title—our right—to the "all things," and second, taking possession of our inheritance. It is true that "all things" belong to the Christian. It is true that the "all things" include all in this life and all in the life to come. But the title to the "all things" must be proved and steps must be taken to become possessors of them. The claimant to an estate must prove his title, must show that he is the rightful heir. If he can establish the fact that he is a son his share in the fortune is recognized by the courts and he receives his portion. If the Christian can prove his sonship to God the Father, then does he become an heir, an heir to all that the Father has to give. Now there are two kinds of sons. Sons by right of birth, and sons by right of adoption. The members of the human race are not sons of God by right of birth. They are the sons of Adam by operation of the natural laws of procreation. As such they have no valid claim upon the things of God. But the only begotten Son of God, Christ Jesus, is rightful heir to all things. He is the Son of God by miraculous birth. He is God incarnate in the flesh. John writes His whole Gospel to prove that "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God." All the Scriptures depend upon the truth of this one assertion. If it falls then all else falls. Jesus is the Son of God, and hence the rightful heir to all that God has in Heaven and on earth.

AND our privileges are great, and our opportunities manifold. The possession of all things in Christ Jesus gives us the rare privilege of ministering unto others, and opens up many opportunities which would not appear if our resources in Christ were not inexhaustible. Peter struck the key note for every Christian life when he said to the cripple at the Beautiful gate of the temple: "Such as I have give I unto thee. The 'all things' which he possessed gave him the privilege and opportunity of ministering to a needy soul and body. "Such as I have, such as I have," but oh, think of what the Christian has! "Such as I have" may be the inexhaustible riches of Christ Jesus. Even the cup of cold water does not escape the eye of the Master. He sees it all, and as we begin to give we begin to receive more and more. This is one of the secrets of possession. God says "all things are yours," but we do not feel the possession till we begin to use for Him. It is like the great elevator stored with grain. Nothing but the bare blank end of a rope. We cannot see or feel the grain which is inside. But along comes the empty car of opportunity, and it is our privilege to raise the door in the chute, and then the yellow stream of grain pours forth. The great storehouse of God's "all things" stands there filled up with everything useful in carrying on the Lord's work—the unsearchable riches of Christ, the needful treasures of earth. As we wait and wonder if it can be really so, there comes an opportunity of service. With faith in God's supply house we lift the chute and our endeavor and our prayers are blessing. Dear Christian, "All things are yours," if you are only Christ's in surrender.

a son; and if a son, then an heir through God. "Heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ." So much for the validity of the claim of the Christian to a share in the "all things" which are found in God.

THE heir having proved his right to the estate, the next step is to become actually possessed of it. It is easy for the Christian to claim that "all things" are his, but it is quite another thing to have it so in very truth. Certain conditions must be met by the Christian before he can claim that all things belong to him. One is surrender and the other faith. He must believe to Christ, and he must have faith if he would discover the secret spring which opens the door to the rich, inexhaustible storehouse of God. Following the words in our text which declare that "all things are yours," we have the very important and significant statement that "ye are Christ's." This is one of the conditions of possessing "all things." When the law of the cross is the law of our being, says F. W. Robertson, "when we have learned to surrender ourselves, then, and then only, they are ours—not we theirs. The Christian is 'creation's heir.' He may say, triumphantly: 'The world, the world is mine!' Surrender means that the will of God is our will, that His purposes are our purposes, that His ways are our ways. And with such a relationship existing how could it be otherwise than that 'all things' of the Father belong to the son? God in His infinite wisdom has chosen to deal with the world through instruments of His will, as His representatives in the world, 'all things' are ours to do His will in the world, to carry out His purposes, to perform his work. When a great nation sends its ambassador upon an important mission to another country his power is only limited by the power of the nation whose representative he is; his resources are as great as the nation is able to command. The ambassador has back of him to carry out the object of his mission all the dignity and wealth and might of the nation which he represents with the ambassadors of Christ in the world? We who are sons of God and called to do His will in the world, to carry out His purposes, to execute His plans, have behind us the unlimited power and resources and the will of the infinite God. Think of it!

BECAUSE "all things" belong to the Christian, there comes to him great, very great, and glorious things. Great possessions always involve great responsibility. The rich have a weight of responsibility which will either crush them down to hell or serve as a stepping stone to Heaven. Solomon, the wise, exclaims: "Give me neither poverty nor riches." He knew what a burden great riches were. In him was exemplified the peril of riches. In proportion as we have, so is our responsibility towards those who have not, whether that which we have is worldly possessions, intellectual or other attainments of skill and ability. The possessions of them obligates us towards those who have not. And if this is true in reference to merely earthly possessions, how infinitely more so it is true in regard to the things of God. Where the inexhaustible treasures of God's love and mercy are taken into the account, what a tremendous responsibility rests upon the sons of God who possess these things! Livingston, knowing that all things were his from God, felt the responsibility of the great continent of Africa upon him, and he gave all that he had, even to his life, even as his Master had done for him, and to-day Africa still feels the throbs of that great heart. Cary, filled with the consciousness of the world-wide love and mercy of God, felt the burden of responsibility, and must needs go and tell, and see how God poured through him upon needy India the glorious light and blessing of the Gospel. Because the power and resources, the love and mercy of God are our possessions, and are inexhaustible, so is our responsibility tremendous.

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IT HAS CREATED A GOOD IMPRESSION

President Roosevelt's Recent Executive Order is Highly Commended at St. Petersburg.

IT IS ACCEPTED BY THE PRESS AS A DENIAL OF AMERICAN HOSTILITY.

St. Petersburg, March 14.—President Roosevelt's recent proclamation regarding the observance of neutrality by all officials and the abstention from either action or speech which might cause irritation to either Japan or Russia has produced a good impression here. The newspapers print prominently articles commending the substance and spirit of the proclamation in the highest terms.

The official gazette accepts it unreservedly as a complete answer to the charges that the American government is hostile to Russia, and declares that hereafter, despite any seemingly untoward incident which may arise, it will be considered settled once for all, that "the American government has taken a friendly attitude towards our aims and policies in the far east, adding: "This undoubtedly marks a change in American sentiment, the people there realizing the danger of supporting Japan."

The Novotz hails the auspicious initiative of President Roosevelt in the interest of universal peace and good relations between Russia and the United States, saying:

"He wields unlimited power in regard to the policy of the country. Secretary Hay submitting to the will of the president."

The Russ welcomes the proclamation as convincing evidence of a more friendly feeling on the part of the Americans for Russia.

The Boers Gazette remarks:

"Theodore Roosevelt was the first ruler to respond to the warning cry, 'many years ago by Emperor William, against the yellow peril.'"

The St. Petersburg Zeitung asserts that the proclamation leaves no further doubt that the United States has a firm intention to observe strict neutrality, and adds:

"It bears the stamp of strong and most distinguished personality. The paper also make a display of a denial of the New Chicago report that the United States intends to support the protest of the commander of the United States gunboat Helena against the Russia's plan to sink junks at the entrance to the Liao river, evidently considering that this puts an end to the statement which caused a flurry here, and that further comment is unnecessary."

The Alexander committee announces that in addition to the regular army pension, a supplementary pension of \$25 a year will be given to the widows and orphans of the non-commissioned officers and \$24 to those of soldiers and sailors killed in the face of the enemy.

INVESTIGATION ORDERED.

Gov. Dockery of Missouri Orders an Investigation of Saturday's Primary at St. Louis.

St. Louis, March 14.—Gov. Dockery has issued a peremptory order for a meeting of the police board of St. Louis to investigate the charges of interference and neglect of duty by certain police officers at the democratic primaries Saturday.

In his communication, among other things he says:

"If any police officer has been guilty of either intimidating voters or willfully neglecting his duty, he will be promptly dismissed from the service, and in this position I am confident I have the hearty approval of the police commissioners."

THREE MEN WERE KILLED.

Bad Wreck on the Kansas City Southern Railroad Six Miles South of Joplin, Mo.

Joplin, Mo., March 14.—A Kansas City Southern freight train was derailed six miles south of Joplin while running at a rapid rate down the Saginaw hill. Three men were killed, three injured and 17 cars of merchandise demolished.

NO SUCH CRIME KNOWN THERE

A Murder Confessed to by Gustav Marks Not Known at Camp Goldfield, Col.

Colorado Springs, Col., March 14.—A special to the Gazette from Camp Goldfield states that no such crime as Gustav Marks, the Chicago bandit, described in his confession, has been committed in the Cripple Creek district within the past year. All crimes committed in that district have been run to earth and fastened upon some persons. Neither the police nor the militia know of any such crime with which Marks could have been connected.

Due to Brain Fever.

St. Louis, March 14.—Patrolman John Cauley, of the Sixth district, became suddenly deranged while at the substitution at the fair grounds Sunday night and attacked George Monahan and Officer Beckers. Doctors say he has brain fever.

THE MERGER CASE DECISION

Opinion of the United States Supreme Court Read by Justice Harlan.

The Government Wins, the Opinion of the United States Circuit Court for Minnesota Being Affirmed.

Washington, March 14.—The opinion of the supreme court of the United States in the case of the Northern Securities Co. vs. The United States, involving the merger of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern Railroad Companies was handed down Monday and was in favor of the government. The opinion was read by Justice Harlan.

The opinion of the United States circuit court for the district of Minnesota was affirmed.

The effect is to sustain the contention that the Sherman anti-trust law applies to railroad combinations of the character in question.

Justice Harlan said that in the merger of the two roads the stockholders disappeared and reappeared in the Securities Co., the two thus becoming practically consolidated in a holding company, the principal object being to prevent competition.

"No scheme or device could certainly more effectively come within the prohibition of the anti-trust law, and it is certainly within the meaning of the law a trust."

The decision was concurred in by Justices Brown, Brewer, McKenna and Day, while the chief justice and Justices White, Peckham and Holmes dissented.

The Northern Securities decision was written by Judge Amos M. Thayer of the United States circuit court at St. Louis. It is considered one of the most important decisions rendered since the days of Marshall.

Its affirmation by the supreme court not only upholds the validity of the Sherman anti-trust law, but defines the authority of the United States attorney general for the wholesale prosecution of corporations operating "in restraint of trade" as found in the case.

Satisfaction at the Government's Contentious Being Upheld.

Washington, March 14.—When President Roosevelt received the news of the supreme court's decision in the Northern Securities Co. he expressed his satisfaction that the court had sustained the contentions of the government. Later, he will express his personal congratulations to the attorney-general.

GOV. VAN SANT GRATIFIED.

The Governor of Minnesota Expresses His Gratification.

St. Paul, Minn., March 14.—Gov. Van Sant, when told of the decision in the merger case, was highly elated. He said: "I am much gratified with the result of the decision in the merger suit, for in my opinion the decision means more to the people of our country than any ever since the great civil war. It will for all time prevent the formation of illegal trusts and unlawful combinations."

THE GORGE REMAINS INTACT

Futile Efforts to Clear the Ice Out of the Susquehanna River by Means of Dynamite.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 14.—Efforts to clear the big ice gorge in the Susquehanna river above this city were made, Monday, by dynamiting. Great blocks of ice have been dislodged, but the gorge remains intact.

An effort will also be made to remove the gorge below this city by the use of dynamite.

The railroad companies have hundreds of men at work clearing the railroad tracks and cutting roadways through the heavy ice, which in many places is 15 feet thick.

AN AWFUL STORY OF CRIME

Peter Niedermeier Has Killed a Man For Every Year of the Twenty-Three He Has Lived.

Chicago, March 14.—If Peter Niedermeier's story is to be believed, he has killed a man for every year of his life. "I have killed 23 men and wounded 17," he declared. "Innocent men are serving time for my crimes in more than one penitentiary. Rewards amounting to \$16,500 are outstanding for me in different states. I will confess these crimes if the police will give me a written promise to give a part of the reward to my old mother."

Gus Marx also admits responsibility for the death of eight men.

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Tennessee State News

Southern Good Roads Convention.

The improvement of the country roads in the South generally represents a constantly growing factor in Southern development. The proposition is not an experiment, as history of the known world is marked by the fact that great development has always followed the improvement of the roadways through agricultural areas in all countries of the globe.

From the Roman highways to the macadam roads of New York State, the development has been comparatively slow, and particularly so in this country, because of the tremendous distances which intervene between the great commercial centers, and because of the almost interminable area utilized by the agricultural and suburban population.

To the South, with its undeveloped resources, the question of good roads is of paramount importance, transcending in certain instances even the potential possibility of manufacturing, which is more or less dependent upon the evolution in agricultural circles and the bringing into production of unproductive fields. No greater or more stimulating influence in this direction could be devised or set in effect than the permanent improvement of the country roadways.

In addition to fostering building improvements in local holdings, the beautifying of homes and properties, and the interchange of fraternal relations, permanent and even roadways constitute an aggressive factor in making communities prosperous, intelligent and strenuous.

The New Orleans Progressive Union, the largest popular commercial organization in the United States, has, at the instigation of the National Good Roads Association, undertaken the organization of the Southern Good Roads Convention, which will be held in the city of New Orleans April 6 and 7.

The propositions involved in roads, road making, and the influence of this improvement upon community life will be dealt with exhaustively by speakers familiar with the subject.

Delegates will be solicited from the States of Alabama, Texas, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana, and letters will be addressed by the Progressive Union, in conjunction with the governor of Louisiana, mayor of the city of New Orleans, National Good Roads Association and the commercial exchanges of New Orleans to commercial organizations, mayors, county commissioners and officials of the five States mentioned. These influences will be entitled to nominate delegates to the New Orleans Good Roads Convention, and the railroads east of the Mississippi river and south of the southern border of Kentucky, and Louisiana and Texas west of the Mississippi have made an abnormally low rate to apply for the convention dates. This rate will be but slightly in excess of our fare for the round trip, and will be an open rate to delegates and to the public desiring to take advantage of same.

A Presidential Poll.

In a poll of forty-seven representative Democratic business men and politicians taken at Nashville last week twenty-one favored Cleveland and fifteen Parker; one each Gorman, Bryan and Hill; two Oldney, and six non-committal. The non-committal figures are made up from expressions of those gentlemen who were undecided as between two or more candidates. The most significant fact developed in this connection is that William Randolph Hearst did not secure a single exponent, and that every one who expressed himself on the subject was unalterably opposed to the candidacy of the New York editor.

Knoxville Boy Killed.

Lloyd Bunn, a 14-year-old Knoxville boy, was shot and killed last week while walking along Gay street, a crowded business thoroughfare, by Deputy Sheriff T. C. Phillips. Phillips was shooting, he claims, to attract attention to a fleeing negro who had been committed to the work house for beating a board bill and who had escaped from the officers. Where Gay street crosses Vine avenue is quite a hill, and in firing, as he supposed, into the air, Phillips elevated his pistol just enough for the bullet to enter the boy's head. He lived one hour. Phillips surrendered and was released on \$5,000 bond.

Collided With a Saw.

Ed Hickman, a filer of Bynum's stove mill at Gleason, happened to a serious accident last week. The factory stopped for filing, throwing the belt off the saw. Mr. Hickman, thinking the saw had stopped, took hold of it to begin filing, when the saw split his hand open. Medical aid was summoned at once. He is in a very critical condition.

Tobacco Not Short.

News from some sections of Montgomery county refutes the prevailing idea that the 1904 acreage of tobacco will be cut very short in that section. Although many of the planters are planning to pay more attention than ever before to a diversity of crops, the acreage of tobacco promises to be fairly large, judging from the preparations that are now being made for the new crop.

New Odd Fellows Lodge.

A new lodge of Odd Fellows was instituted at Palmyra, Montgomery county, last week, with a charter membership composed of many of the best citizens of that section. Grand Warden Clay Stacker, of Clarksville, was the instituting officer and several members of the order from that city and other near by towns attended the initiatory ceremony.

Inspecting Proposed Line.

Sam Wallace and Rush Persons left Jackson last week for Dyersburg, and along the route of the proposed electric line, which is to be built from Jackson to the Mississippi river. They are going to work and to secure the right of way, and if everything works right, they hope to have the line running in a few months.

Tennessee Central Improvements.

General Manager George A. Clark of the Tennessee Central railroad, last week announced improvements in the line amounting to \$500,000. The improvements include a \$40,000 freight depot and yards at Nashville, important additions to the belt line about Nashville, a car ferry across the Cumberland and rebalancing of the Hopkinsville division of the road.

Revenue Officers' Raid.

Revenue officers returned last week from a raid made in the mountains of Polk county, where they destroyed a 50-gallon illicit distillery and arrested James Penland and James Williams while they were at work. Penland was a Spanish-American war soldier, serving in the Sixth Immunes, United States Volunteer Infantry.

Fall Caused Suicide.

Thomas Williamson, a carpenter, aged 44 years, committed suicide by shooting himself at Nashville last week. He is thought to have been partially deranged from injuries received by falling from a scaffold recently. He leaves a family.

Doubling the Capacity.

The board of directors of the Humboldt Cotton Mills, at their recent meeting, officially declared to increase the capacity of the mill to double its present capacity. The matter of machinery and building will be vigorously pushed to an early completion that the active manufacture of cloth may be resumed. The year just closed has been successful one and the management warranted in the

Chicken Breeders Meet.

The chicken breeders had a large chicken display at Trenton last week and some fine fowls were exhibited.

Big Money in Goobers.

The farmers in the section around Huntingdon are beginning to take an interest in the culture of peanuts. Will Perrett, George Woods and Ray Walker, who live a few miles from that city, have just disposed of their crop for the past year, amounting to 400 bags, for which they received \$2,030. This is the first profitable crop of goobers raised in that county, but the indications are that the coming year's crop will be very large.