

From The Pulpit

by Rev. Donald M. Clark

ANCHORS of the SOUL

Text: "Then Fearing Lest We Should Have Fallen Upon Rocks, They Cast Four Anchors Out of the Stern, and Wished for the Day." Acts 27:29.

Here is a question that is worth asking. Have you and I any anchors on board the ship? And are they strong enough for the day of storm? Are they fit for the strain of life and death, and joy and terror, and everything that may happen on life's seas? "They cast four anchors out." Let us give the four anchors their names. And let us pray the good God that they may be part of the equipment of us all.



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We do not need to search for the first. There is only one other place in Scripture where the word "anchor" occurs. "We have fled for refuge," declares the writer to the Hebrews, "to lay hold upon the hope set before us, which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and steadfast."

There it is then. Anchor number one: Hope. Is that part of your ship's equipment? As long as a man has Hope in his heart, life cannot destroy him. It may hurt him, but it will not break him. As long as Hope holds out, he will weather the roughest storm. It is when Hope goes, it is when things are going wrong, and the heart grows heavy as lead, and buoyancy gives way to cynicism, and life looks futile and contemptible--it is then the ship goes under. Our anchor--Hope!

"They cast four anchors out, and wished for the day." Hope is one. But one is not adequate for safety. We must find another. I want to bring before you now what I believe to be one of the best and most blessed of all the anchors of the soul, especially in the stormy seas of youth, its name is Duty. That is our anchor number two.

Thank God for Duty, that mighty anchor. Thank God for the providence which decreed that only in the sweat of his brow should man eat bread. Thank God for the tasks that give us something better to do than brooding and introspection. Thank God for the sheer hard toll that keeps the seven devils from getting into the swept and garnished house. Thank God for the things that must be done, even though the heavens should crash and fall. Thank God for Duty! It will hold the ship until the day breaks and the shadows flee away.

Our anchor number three is Prayer. God help the ship that leaves the harbor without that anchor on board! But so many of them do. And so many who once possessed it have long since cast it away.

It is extraordinary that there are people today genuinely trying to be Christians, and yet never praying from one week's end to another. How can the spiritual life be vital under such conditions? How can God be real? How can religion seem anything more than a dim, vague idealism that does not really count?

"They cast four anchors out." One more we need. You know its name. It is the greatest of them all. It is the Cross of Christ.

I wonder if there is any anchor in this world like Love. When the storms are on the deep, is there any safety like the power of a great affection?

And when the cross of God's uttermost on Calvary has fastened its grip upon a man; when he has felt the strength of the Love that will not let him go, what an anchor of the soul is there, stronger than the waves of life, and mightier than the whirlwind of death!

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CHURCH WORKER HONORED--Mother Sweetie A. Porter is shown as she was honored recently for six years of "deeply appreciated" service as head of the Women's Department of the Churches of God in Christ in the State of Nevada.

Psychologist to Address Matt Kelly PTA Tonight

PSYCHOLOGIST MIKE TIERNEY will speak on "How the Special Services Can Help Your Child" at the first meeting of the year of the Matt Kelly School Parent-Teacher Assn. scheduled for 8 p.m. tonight (Oct. 8).

Parents of Matt Kelly students will have an opportunity to meet Principal John Walker, members of the faculty and PTA President Mrs. E. C. Green at tonight's meeting. Mrs. Green will outline objectives of the organization for the coming year built around the theme, "Looking In at Our Schools."

Mrs. Grace McClothen, program chairman, will lead community singing. All parents of children attending Matt Kelly are urged to attend.

