

# From The Pulpit

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GOD'S MESSAGE THROUGH NATURE

Text: "Speak to the earth and it shall teach thee." Job. 12:8.

Human life is lived within three orders of relationship. We are related to the God who gave us our being. We are related to the humanity of which we are a part. And we are related to the universe in which we dwell.

THE TEXT which the writer puts on the lips of Job reminds us of our relationship with nature. It further suggests that nature, as such, has a message for us. No conversation can be one-sided. Job is implying that nature declines to inflict a monologue upon us, but is very ready to enter into a conversation. She is silent until we are minded to speak--and to listen. Then she becomes vocal, and we receive her message. And her message is a part of that word of God which was perfectly uttered in Jesus Christ.

The first message that men receive from the earth is tidings of its Creator. It haunts us with the sense of the mighty, the infinitely mysterious, the infinitely magnificent.

The Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In His hands are the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is His also. The sea is His.... O Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker. Ps. 95: 3-7.



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It is nature also, which brings us our first tidings of the generosity of God. That was the thought on which Jesus loved to anchor Himself and it came to Him in the twin messages of bounty and beauty.

OF BOUNTY: No bare sufficiency but everywhere the overflow. Spend the day picking blackberries, and the more you pick the more impossible it will seem to strip the bushes bare. That is God's commonplace, and whether we use them or waste them, or simply leave them on the bushes to fall and rot, the next year yields an equal profusion.

God's gifts are never measured in terms merely of our necessities but only by His boundless Grace of giving. There are certain limits to Divine omnipotence; certain things which God cannot do. Perhaps chief of all of them is this: He cannot cease to give. As St. Paul said: "He cannot deny Himself" either the cost or the pleasure of taking care of us.

As for His beauty--well, what can that be except the extravagance of a love which cannot be satisfied except by an overplus of giving for mere delight in making us glad. The Old Testament has an eye for the grandeur of nature.

IT WAS Jesus who first saw in the field a shy beauty which told Him greater things of the love of God than the world had ever learned before. "Consider the lilies of the field"; ask yourself by what conceivable merit you have earned the right to enjoy a single one of them.

A man may seem to earn the bread he eats by hard labor, but we cannot earn beauty. In that field (and it is as wide as the universe) we have no rights at all. They are drowned out of existence by the love which has neither measure nor end.

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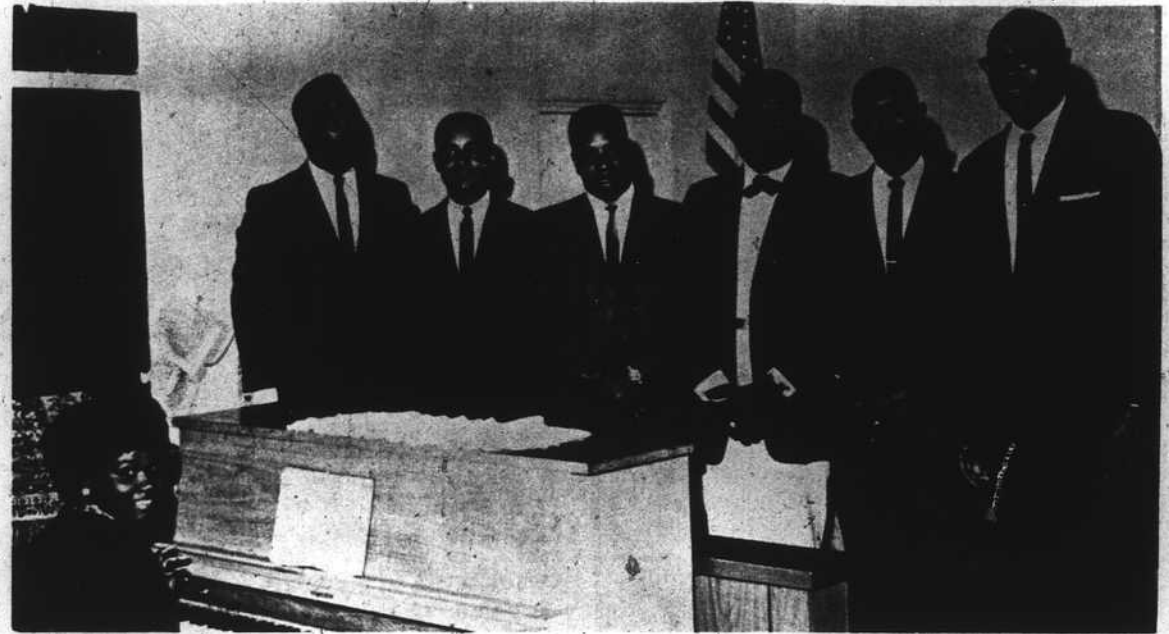
# WOMEN'S DAY AT ZION



To emphasize the role of women in religious activities of the Methodist Church, WOMEN'S DAY is an annual worship service conducted by the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of Zion Methodist Church of which the Rev. Marion Bennett is Pastor.

Theme for WOMEN'S DAY '66 observed last Sunday at the Zion Methodist Church was "Affluence and Poverty: Dilemma for Christians". Mrs. B. Bernice Moten, a Madison School Teacher, presented the morning message and day-long activities of Worship were conducted by members of the two Women's organizations. The entire program was coordinated by Mrs. Verna Williams, WSCS President, and Miss Margaret Crawford, Guild President. Musical selections were rendered by the Women's Choir.

## Bethel Hosts NLV Church



Bethel Baptist Church's Men's Choir played the starring role in a special program presented Monday evening at the Church by the Choir and the Church Mission under the capable supervision of Bro. Reuben Montgomery. Special honored guests of the evening were the Pastor and members of the First Baptist Church of North Las Vegas... Shown here with Miss Beulah William (at the organ) are choral members--from left--Bro. Johnnie Grayson, Bro. Edward Burney, Bro. Jimmy Diggs, Rev. Sylvester Parks, and Bethel Church Pastor, Rev. I. W. Wilson.

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