

From The Pulpit

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EVERYBODY IS A SOMEBODY

Text: Matt. 18:12.

IT IS A conviction rooted in the Christian faith that each man is worth something to God, and that man's task is to glorify God by the full exercise of his capacities; thus serving the common life of mankind.

The roots of our idea lie in the thinking and the faith of a Galilean carpenter, who phrased his belief in unforgettable parables. He put the faith at the heart of the free world in the form of a question: "What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety and nine on the hills and go in search of the one that went astray?"

Sheep were only a figure the Master used to suggest God's care and concern for men and women lost in the shambles of society. He found the ultimate values of life in the dignity of persons.

Beware of Substitutes:

When a standard of living becomes a substitute for the spiritual dignity of persons, we surrender all that makes a standard of living worth having.

Affirming Our Significance:

Our significance is not established by dealing with someone else as a nobody. On the contrary, to treat others as nobodies is to cut away the very foundation for all human dignity. As Jesus remarked, "Inasmuch as you do it unto me." To affront the dignity of another is to affront Jesus Christ.



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If we seek to establish our significance by treating others as nobodies, it may well be that we attempt to affirm the fact that we are somebodies by establishing what we call "status". We use all manner of devices to affirm our importance.

But when we find it necessary to establish the fact we are "somebody very special," it is quite obvious that we lack the stature we wish to affirm.

WE MAY WELL struggle to prove our value with abilities. The cultivation of ability to affirm worth is better than the other devices we use.

The idea on which our Western civilization rests is that our significance hinges, not on influence or power or ability, but on the simple but mighty fact, affirmed on Calvary's hill, that we are worth something to God. God cares what happens to me, therefore I care for your dignity and you care for mine.

There are no first citizens in the economy of God, "No slave nor free, no Greek nor Jew," but all stand alike in the presence of the Father.

The Captain of industry is important, not because he is a captain of industry, but because he is worth something to God. The steel worker is important not because he can bring the economy to its knees by striking, but because he is a child of God.

NO MAN is lost or without worth if he is loved and sought by the caring of God. "What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray...?"

Such an idea on the march is mightier than tanks or nuclear weapons. It is the hope and the essential dynamic of Christendom.

St James Matrons Fashion Show Heralded



GLAMOUR was the order of the day when Matrons of St. James Baptist Church staged their recent Fashion Show at the Elks Hall--Fabulous clothes and furs had to share the spotlight with the "Star" menu served to lucky patrons--From left, Geneva Burton, Catherine Hill, Louise Henderson, Marie Levi, Ethel Davis and Vane Williams (St. James Matrons) pose in delight with the success of the event and, with customary pride, introduce the models shown on their right who had done them proud and contributed so heavily to the success of the charitable event--like Rose Ottie, Josephine Hill, Gwendolyn Bell and Rubye Burton. The Rev. J. L. Simmons is the Church Pastor.

BETHEL BAPTIST HOST GUEST SPEAKER



In photo above, members of the Missionary Society of Bethel Baptist Church are pictured at Luncheon with guest speaker, Rev. E. C. Beatty of Ardmore, following the 5th Sunday Regular Services, Oct. 30... Rev. I. W. Wilson, Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, complimented the ladies for a wonderful program which included selections from the Men's Choir accompanied by Mrs. Beulah Williams, pianist.

PHOTO RIGHT--Elder J. W. Logan, Governor Grant Sawyer, Lieutenant Governor nominee, John Foley, and Bishop E. N. Webb (Ass't Bishop of Nevada) gather for a word or two after one of the many programs held during the week-long tribute to Bishop C. C. Cox (Nevada's Bishop of the Church of God in Christ) and Mrs. Cox honoring their 25th Anniversary.

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