

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

Abiding

Intro. Review past messages. Cf Union and Communion. Trust all have union. Trust all made communion last night. Now how to keep it.

I. The Union, 1,2. In Me

A. The Vine. *Fruit = any work of HS in bel's life* X and Church, Acts 9:4. Includes branches.

B. The Husbandman. Father (not God) showing tenderness

C. The Branches.

1. Their position, in me. 2 Cor 5:17.

2. Their condition.

a. Not bearing. So God lifts up, Jn 8:59, Mk 16:18. Not death bec He encourages them.

b. Bearing. So He purgeth them. At same time. Result is more fruit. Pinching off shoots from clusters of fruit so sap will go into branch.

II. The Communion, 3-10.

A. How it is maintained, 3-4.

1. By purging thru Word of God, Psa 119:9,11.

2. By abiding. No command to be in Him butto abide. It is yielding to known will of God. 1 Jn 3:24

B. What happens if it is not maintained. 5-6.

Not loss of sal for Peter there.

1. Doing nothing. God will judge motives.

2. Cast forth. No more opportunity to bear fruit, Ik 8:16; 19:12.

3. Withered. No testimony.

4. Gathered. Change of tenses here so change in time. This is future when works are judged.

5. Burned. Works at judgment seat of X.

C. What happens if communion is maintained, 7-10.

1. Answered prayer. It will be controlled by knowing Word and all about God. Diary. Psa 37:4. Sometimes when ask, listen too.

2. Become disciples. Learners. This comes by communion with great Teacher.

3. Imitate X. Glorifying God by answered prayer.

Concl. Diff bet fruit, more fruit, much fruit is Word and prayer. No more important things can be doing.

No set rules for quiet time.

Time. Morning, eve, both. But be regular.

Place. Quiet and alone if possible.

Attitude. Not bec have to but bec want to and need to and expect something from God.

Activity. Read Script. Mohammadans. NT Est. Choose what interests you at first.

Pray. List or not but keep it up-to-date.

I supposed I knew my Bible,
Reading piecemeal, hit or miss,

Now a bit of John or Matthew,

Now a snatch of Genesis,

Certain chapters of Isaiah,

Certain Psalms (the 23rd)

~~Yes, I thot I knew the Word~~

12th of Rom, 1st of Prov--

Yes, I thot I knew the Word.

But I found that thorough reading

Was a different thing to do,

And the way was unfamiliar

When I read the Bible through.

You who like to play at Bible,

Dip and dabble, here and there,

Just before you kneel, awearry,

And yawn thru a hurried prayer;

You who treat the Crown of Writings

As you treat no other book

Just a paragraph disjointed,

Just a crude, impatient look--

Try a worthier procedure,

Try a broad and steady view;

You will kneel in very rapture

When you read the Bible through.