

The Majesty of The Recurring Theme

Introduction

- A basic, primary theme in a great symphony.
- The latter part of Isaiah is this theme.
- Comes From Exile and Captivity, Humiliation and Suffering.
- The Majesty and Glory of God!
"The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth!"

Life's Great Premise

① God can be taken for granted as we breathe.

- You do not debate the existence of a man who comes crying "fire!" Neither God.
- This is inner, intuitive knowledge like love.

40:12-17

② God is the basis of Nature

- Its Order and Beauty.
- Not from Nature to God but from God to Nature.

③ God is seen in the history of men

- Babylonian - Cyrus and the Persian.
- Likewise today
 - Yalta or Potsdam
 - Colonialism or the Atom Bomb.

(over)

Helen Keller

- Neither seeing or hearing!
- Yet a Being Who Grew on Her
- Did She know Him?

"Of course — only not his name!"

Alcoholic friend.

Rascal

"Thou wouldst not now be seeking me, hadst thou not already found me!"

2.

We Have Been Losing This Sense of God.

① We Have Assumed God on Superficial Grounds

- Our Salute each Sunday morning
- Our use of God's name frequently.
 - In public prayer or on money or in salutes.

② But We Have Laid Aside This Deep Confidence

- In the amazing God-gifts of man. Our scientific finding.
- Our double standard of Morality.
 - Russia and America.
- Our attempts to use Him
 - To take care of our little affairs
 - To keep gain our key things.
 - Bring us success.
 - Keep and us to keep at things.

This God Laughs At Foreign Dictes 44:9-20

① In the Clash of Nations the foreign Dictes have failed.

② Therefore, a ruthless satire, { Workman are tired
using what is made
these be put together.

The Great Description of The Living God

"I am the Lord, that is my name!

And my glory will I not give to another

neither my praise to graven images." 4

God Is Like The Majesty of A Great Mountain Over A Village

- ① The Village its life in the shadow of Greatness.
- ② This is seen profoundly in the life of Jesus.
 - "Wise ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"
 - The Father's care of birds and lilies.
 - Coming to Jesus' Daughter.
 - Finally on the Cross: "Today Thou shalt be with me in Paradise."

The Great Realities of The Recurring Theme

- ① This God Offers Himself To Men!
 - God is at The Center of Things
 - Not to foretell the future 666.
 - Not to keep us with our aches and pains.
 - Not a glorified psychiatrist
 - Inferiority
 - Guilt complexes
 - Anxiety

- Not the Main Chance
- We have tried to put ourselves at the center of things.
 - Jesus tried it.
 - We always try to put man at the center.
 - Our schemes!
 - Good Samaritan or Golden Rule
 - We cannot bend God to our wills.
- The End of It All Is God.
 - The Bible brings us face to face with God.
 - The lonely, adequate answer of all scripture.

God at Death.

② He is A God Beyond Us.

- Not At The End Of Our Little Arguments
 - If we get up on our tip toes.
 - Make man a little bigger.
- He cannot be crammed into our minds.
 - We cannot trim down to our notions.
- He is unique, solitary and no one governs his mind.

③ He is God calls for our Obedience in action

- We ask God to do little tasks
 - Take care of our headaches and our ^{breakdowns.}
 - Asking Him to do household chores.
- Like Our Bridge
 - Criticism and Small Talk
 - But no great obedience or sacrifice.
- There is A Cross in our Obedience
 - Jesus and his work
 - Here here in our Nation

"He is God Came to us at Christmas."

EVENING SERVICE

7:30 P.M.

Tonight at 7:30 the Senior High Choir will present the cantata "Childe Jesus" by Joseph Clokey and Hazel Kirk. A series of tableaux will be shown in connection with this presentation. The program is under the leadership of Mr. Harold Wortman and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Paulsen. We cordially invite you to be present for this experience of worship in drama and music.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 5:00 p.m.—Roger Williams Fellowship

5:30 p.m.—SYADS

6:00 p.m.—Brayton Case BYF (Junior High)

6:00 p.m.—Keystone BYF (Senior High) Fellowship Committee—"Go Tell It On The Mountain"

6:00 p.m.—Membership Class—Session Six—"What Our Church Expects of Its Members"

8:45 p.m.—Hi Fi

8:45 p.m.—Afterglow

WEDNESDAY, 4:30 p.m.—Junior Choir Rehearsal

6:15 p.m.—Fellowship Supper

7:00 p.m.—Junior High Choir Rehearsal

7:15 p.m.—Prayer Service and Annual Meeting

8:00 p.m.—Senior High Choir Rehearsal

8:15 p.m.—Leader's Learning Hour

8:15 p.m.—Integration Committee

THURSDAY, Women's Mission Society Group Meetings

Group I—Mrs. George Schuer, 1608 S. Park

Group II—Mrs. Wm. O. Knight, 628 Wiswall Place

Group III—Mrs. Maurice Cooper, 2013 S. Holly

Group IV—Church Parlor

Group V—Mrs. Delbert Greenlee, 2021 W. 20th

Group VI—Mrs. Don Immel, 1009 Pam Road

Group VII—Mrs. Harold Wortman, 833 S. Hawthorne

Group VIII—Mrs. Gordon Stewart, 21 Riverview Heights

Group IX—Mrs. Wayne Stuck, 2024 S. 1st

7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers:

Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson.....Pastor

Rev. Albert H. Babcock.....Christian
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Rev. James E. Rowe.....New Life

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Miss Winifred Jones.....Financial

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Dr. Maynard Berk.....Organist

Mr. Harold Wortman.....Youth

Miss Lois Harchanko.....Children

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Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ysbrand

Mr. Lamont Reichelt

First Baptist Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

December 11, 1960

Nine-thirty and Eleven O'Clock

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND

Prelude—"Preludio" (IIIrd Sonata).....Guilmant

"Come, Redeemer of our Race".....Bach

Choral Call to Worship—"We Come Before Thy Presence"

***"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Processional Hymn—"As With Gladness Men of Old".....196

The Lighting of the Candle

Invocation

Lord's Prayer and Gloria

Dedication of Parents and Children

THEY WHO WAIT ON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH

The Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Isaiah 40: 1-11, 27-31

Choral Call to Prayer—"Prayer Is The Soul's Sincere Desire"

***"Take Time to Be Holy"

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response—"Hear Me, O God"

***"Lord, Give Ear to My Prayer"

Anthem—"The First Nowell".....Clokey

***"And The Glory of The Lord".....Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

And all flesh shall see it together:

For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

ARISE SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

Christian Greetings

Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Organ Offertory—"A Rose Breaks into Bloom".....Brahms

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES

Vocal Solo—"Gesu Bambino".....Pietro A. Yon

Harriet Martin, soprano

Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson—

"The Majesty of the Recurring Theme"

I WILL MAKE WITH YOU AN EVERLASTING COVENANT

Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"Great is Thy Faithfulness".....165

Benediction

Choral Response and Postlude

*First Service Only

**Second Service Only

This morning Pastor Fredrikson will greet folks at the balcony door, Rev. Babcock at the side door and Rev. Rowe at the main door.

The broadcast of the service over KELO beginning at 11:10 is sponsored in memory of Dr. Harry C. Park, Sr., by his family.

The flowers today are from Sioux Falls College and are given in memory of Mr. W. F. Blatherwick, for many years a trustee of the college.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Greetings —

— Wednesday Supper - Dallas Revue

2. Evening Service

— Dramatic Service - MUSIC & TABLEAU

3. Lighting of the Candle

9:30 Nancy Nady

11:00 Joan Giebink

(By)

representing Children's Dept.

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4. Anyone wishing to register a protest against racing
should contact Don Lennon, Vermillion, S. D.

or State Racing Commission

Let Your Light to Shine

The makers of idols are empty:

The worthless little dears,

Their devotees are too blind and dull

To feel any shame.

It's a fool who would fashion a god!

He turns out only an image:

The lot of them are human,

Trembling when they try to stand,

All ashamed in a lump.

The smith takes a chisel

And works with some coals;

He hammers and moulds

Until he's hungry and strength goes!

The graver in wood draws a line,

Then marks it with lead,

Scrapes it with planes,

Rounds it with a compass,

And makes it a man

To sit in a shrine.

You take an oak

That God has planted

And the rain watered;

You could as well build a fire with it
And bake some bread:
And you turn it into a god,
And you bow down;
Or maybe you burn half of it
And cook some meat
And warm yourself
And say Fine! I feel the glow!
Then shape the rest into an idol
And bump your forehead on the ground
And say, Save me, O my God!

Ignorant, senseless!

Eyes bedaubed, unable to see

Nor mind enough left to say

Half of it I burned in the fire

And baked me my bread

And roasted my meat:

Why should I make the half that remains

An abomination?

Shall I worship the trunk of a tree?

You should feed on ashes

And make them your fare--

Else pull yourself up with a jolt and declare
I'M a fool! It's a lie in my hand.

This is Margaret Clark, the Pastor's Assistant, bringing you a word of greeting and a warm welcome from the congregation and staff here at First Baptist. It is a joy to have you with us this morning. Today marks another milestone on our journey to Bethlehem. As the wisemen of old sought the young king so we too seek him somehow sensing that in his presence we will know forgiveness for our sins; strength for our weakness; hope for our despair and companionship for our loneliness. It is our hope that in this hour you will know that presence and that in a very real sense life will begin anew because of this experience.

The Candle of Joy was lighted today by *Jean Gielick* as a representative of the children's department.

The choir has just sung AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD from the MESSIAH by Handel. The solo GESU BAMBINO will be sung by Harriet Martin, soprano.

Pastor Fredrikson is preaching this morning on the topic THE MAJESTY OF THE RECURRING THEME the second in a series on the prophecy of Isaiah.

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Before we return to the sanctuary may I say once again how good it is to have you with us. We hope that this service will be a source of blessing to you. Should you be in need of spiritual guidance or counsel please feel free to call our office. so that we might have the opportunity of visiting with you. The doors of this church are always open to those who desire to meet God and walk with Him. As we invite you we are mindful of the fact that this is God's House and it is in His spirit that we seek to minister to you.