

The Land from Which We Are Delivered

12/9/63 a.m.

Introduction

- ① The Story of Joseph and his Brothers.
- ② The Jealousy and the Sale into Egypt.
- ③ Joseph becomes a Leading Official.
- ④ Then the Famine and the Reconciliation.

The Land of the Captivity

- ① This Land of Egypt Was Not Their Home.
 - At first their situation seemed wonderful - grain and security.
 - But they did not hurry to take Jacob there.
 - Then Joseph and the friendly Pharaoh were gone.
 - The promises were forgotten.
 - Now they were strangers.
- ② But in this Land there was a certain false security.
 - Here they could live.
 - There was grain and security.
 - They could on a regular routine.
 - They did not need to do their own thinking.

③ This Was The Land of Their Bondage

- Their Destiny Was In The Hands of Another.
- The Whims and Fancies of a Dictator.
- They were forced to build tremendous cities.
- Their Male Children Were Killed.

"They set taskmasters over them to oppress them with heavy burdens."

"They made their lives bitter with hard service."

There Is An Inner, Spiritual Bondage

The Way We Become Ensnared.

① To become comfortable among ^{comforts,} fleshy, animal

- The fleshy affairs that really excite us.
- Good food, good living, a little, idle chatter, a drink now and then.

② There Is The Realization That We Run The Show

- We are quite smart. We live by our wits.
- Man always becomes the center.
- from the Garden until now.
- We determine the future and make the rules.
- We're not certain the old rules work.
- So we will take the pragmatic approach.

③ Do We Construct Our Own Little Manageable Gods.

- Religion That will make us feel good.

- Give us Peace of Mind and Success.

- A Religion That is like a
Magnificent Santa Claus.

- Keep Jesus and the whole affair
in tinsel.

- No core, no heartache, no cross

The End of Our Bondage

① We Are Not Satisfied.

- We are Haunted by the sense of God.

The Films of Rome Indicate This! The Bankruptcy - ^{Use God}

Two Women - Mother and Daughter are raped in the broken and empty places under the motionless eyes of the Virgin.

La Dolce Vita - The absurd, swaying statue of Christ suspended over the city of Rome.

- We are Spiritual Men.
- There is a Great Restlessness, an Uneasiness.
- We are Strangers to God and Man!

After a few days from a Mass fugue, Steiner to Marcello!

"Listen! It's like a sound from another world, a word we can no longer hear."

② We Become Enslaved

- We cannot Manage Ourselves, for we are Dependent Creatures.
- So we live by Great Negatives.
 - We are Bored
 - We are Guilty.
 - We are Fearful and Worned.

③ So We Become The People Of The Great Paradox

- Guinio Berni
- We are Powerful - Yet we are fearful,
Twenty Years Ago - The Atomic Age
 - We Spend Millions To Make Ourselves
Laugh ala Red Skelton or Jackie Gleason
 - We are the Building Huggers and
Better Mental Institutions.
 - We are Obsessed With Books on Personality,
Love and Getting Along and yet
We cannot Live Together.

The Face of The Deliverance

① It was God Who Delivered The People From Bondage.

- "I know their sufferings and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians."

② It Is This God Who Will Deliver Us.

- The Reality of That Other Land

Mrs. Ericsson, the friend of Ole Bull, the great violinist, who repaired the broken violin, Ericsson had no ear for music, but when Bull plays in the shop he cries: "Ole, Ole, We an ear for music after all."

- The Face of God's Deliverance.

Mrs. Hugo's Le Misérables

Jean Valjean stolen the bishop's silver ^{glimmer} ~~candlesticks~~. Then arrested, then the bishop offers him the candlesticks!

Jean Valjean, my brother: you belong no longer to evil, but to good. It is your soul that I am buying for you. I withdraw it from dark thoughts and from the spirit of perdition; and I give it to God!

Colossians

"He has delivered us from the dominion of
darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of
his beloved Son."

First Baptist Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

December 9, 1962

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

"But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."

ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH

Organ Prelude—

Call to Worship

Processional Hymn—"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"182

The Lighting of the Candle

Invocation

Lord's Prayer and Gloria

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Anthem— *Senior High Choir

***"The Christmas Story"Goldsworthy
Sanctuary and Junior Choirs

GLAD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Colossians 1: 9-24

Choral Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response

THE SON OF GOD IS COME

Christian Greetings

Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Organ Offertory—

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIM HIM KING

Vocal Solo— *"The Birthday of The King"Neidlinger
Karen Smit, soprano

***"No Candle Was There and No Fire"Lehmann
Mrs. Merle Schmidt, soprano

Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson—"The Land From Which We Are Delivered"

LET LOVING HEARTS ENTHRONE HIM

Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"Come Unto Me, Ye Weary"277

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

*First Service Only **Second Service Only ***Ushers may seat latecomers

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

The Service this morning over KELO is sponsored by Joan Meyer.

EVENING SERVICE

7:30 P.M.

Prelude

The Singing of Christmas Hymns

Greetings and Announcements

Special Music by Junior High and Senior High Choirs

Call to Prayer

Prayer

Prayer Response

Receiving the Offering

Evening Message by Pastor Rowe—"A Meditation on the Wise Men"

Hymn of Invitation

Benediction—Closing Moments—"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Postlude

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, 2:00 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

3:30 p.m.—SFC Recital in Sanctuary

4:30 p.m.—Junior High Choir Rehearsal

6:00 p.m.—Family Life Classes

8:45 p.m.—All Youth Singspiration

MONDAY, 3:30 p.m.—Brownies in Youth Room

7:00 p.m.—Explorers in Youth Room

7:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts in Parlor

TUESDAY, 9:00 a.m.—Women's Bible Study

10:00 a.m.—XYZ in Parlor

4:00 p.m.—Brownies in Youth Room

6:45 p.m.—Webelos in Youth Room

7:00 p.m.—Church Calling

WEDNESDAY, 6:45 a.m.—Men's Bible Study at YMCA

4:00 p.m.—Junior Choir Rehearsal and Party

6:15 p.m.—Fellowship Supper in Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Service

7:00 p.m.—Senior High Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 1:15 p.m.—Senior Philathea Christmas Potluck in Youth Room

7:00 p.m.—Scouts in Youth Room

7:30 p.m.—Junior Philatheas in Parlor

FRIDAY, 4:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts in Youth Room

7:00 p.m.—SFC Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, 7:00 p.m.—Golden Circle in Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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