The Miracle of the Towel

Reason for Living

1. Tertullian once condemned the custom of women
   - What I have to live?
   - Why?

2. Why get up today? Why go on?

3. Hallo May! "The most paralyzing
   of all worries is to be forced by an invisible
   Nemesis to do little, but to be unable to
   find anything to begin."

Jesus!

"Knowing that He had come from God and was
going to God rose from supper, laid aside
His garments and girded Himself with a towel."

- Where I have come from and where I am going
- Determine, this present task"
Knowing He Had Come From God

Jesus knew where He had come from
- Not just Abraham or Jacob
- And God

We Have This Need
- Need for context and background.

Wheatley's Theme: Your Name

My, contrast "Holiness"

Friend: "Yes, there must be some sort of life for you.

Friend: "But there is, isn't there?"

Friend: "I'm going to be fine?"

Our Spiritual Heritage
- In the beginning God
- He loves, you are not alone.
Knowing where we are going to God - destination

Home - Place of Nothing

- Astridwouts
- Christopher Wan
- Faltans and Children

Your own destiny

Taking a journey becomes our goal

- Simple Advice - Mother Frances

- Cab Driver in N.Y.C.
  - Howard Vincent Blake

- Fork in the Road
  - S.W. A. Rowe
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Nine Forty-Five and Eleven O’Clock

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Worship and Decision
- We stand before God. This is never a passive matter.

The purpose of the Denver is to involve us all in dialogue, in dealing with the Everlasting Church.

The Action of the Healing of the 5,000.

The Presence of the People to Make Jesus a Bread King

1. This is the Kind of Religion Many of Us Want
   - Take care of all our aches and pains,
   - Answer all our questions,
   - Something we can use for our own ends.
   - We want a little piece of God, that we can use.

2. So Much Religion Becomes Casual & Superficial
   - We have wanted the outer trappings, not the inner reality.
   - Pursuit of Prosperity & Money - Not fear.
(3) Leave All Hien.

- May be relevant, but not of Hien.
- We cannot leave Hien on our terms.
- He takes us on his terms.
2. The Atonement Teaching - Eating and Drinking Christ

1. Life come from The Father through Christ.
   - Once as Manna in the wilderness, now
   through Christ as Everlasting Life.
   - The Meaning of Divine Compassion:
     1. With Ringersen of Heart
        - Seek first the kingdom of God.
        - No vindication, but a unity.
     2. With Christ-like Men
        - Humble, with no false pride.
        - With trust.
        - Willing to take a chance - No calculations.

2. We Are Called To Eat His flesh - Pecumeness
   - Entering Into Fellowship With Him.
   - Keeping Our Jerusalem.
   - Sitting With A Solitary Person.
   - Entering Into Death.
   - My God, My God Wot Hast Thou
3. Think her blood
- Enter into her life.

-> Dr. Cerebellum's Atom.
- Fishing vessel enters distress signal flying.
- An 18 year old girl with a premature birth, alcoholic at the home of death.
- "Come unto the all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Muriel Hale: "Neither do I condemn you."
3.

From this time many turned back.

1. There is a shrinking back from the City.
   - We see this on athletic teams.
   - We see this in the intellectual realm.
   - Now with the seven astronauts,
     "This was my one chance at immortality."
   - The proposed Peace Corps
     1,000 out of the 100,000.

2. The hard demands of Jesus.
   - There are many hangers-on, manyellow travelers.
   - Like a radical Sermon Jesus Cerio deeply,
     "to get at the little gods that would keep us from the Great God."
   - Rich young rulers.
   - I have come to bring a sword.
   - The atom of the Exonce Giver.
   - To urge from 5:00 to 7:00 to 12 to 3.
Will You Also Go Away?

To Whom Shall We Go?

1. Gladys Upham - Tough little woman who found great joy.
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