

THE OFFERINGS

(as seen and fulfilled in the life of the man, Christ Jesus)

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( A note from the transcribers of the tapes and messages of Rev. J.W.Follette)

The material left with us and that which has been kindly sent to us, in some cases is not complete. We therefore combined the two series we do have on the offering messages. They seemed to compliment each other thus enhancing the complete thought of the offerings. We have taken our introduction and the material needed for the Meat or Meal Offering from the abridged notes which someone took at the Potomac Park Camp Meeting in 1940. The rest of the offerings come from the Wisconsin Retreat of 1953.

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INTRODUCTION

(The introduction for these messages was taken from the abridged notes of the Offerings given by Rev. Follette at Potomac Park Camp Meeting in 1940)

John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all unto me."

In prophecy, this is called man's day, but I long to get away from men and behold, the man, Christ Jesus.

"And I if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all unto me."

Its first thought is by way of Calvary, but I don't think it is wrong to let it have a broader application. As Redeemer, He accomplished the whole redemptive scheme of God - He is lifted from the bondage of the earth and then there is a magnetic power of release, but it is not released as long as it is earth-bound. It is brought out of the earth, out of the Adamic scheme, and as long as anything we have contacts that, it is earth. But if it be lifted up out of the earth it is the drawing agency - that of course refers to Christ. If He be set free from every earth bondage, there will be a drawing back that will set free and all humanity will be brought back to God. There is no drawing back to God aside from the redemptive scheme. Jesus does not redeem as long as He is walking the earth. He is a magnetic Teacher, but He does not redeem and draw up while He is on the earth. While He is giving the revelation, He is still walking the earth, but when that contact is broken by a crucifixion and He is lifted up out of the earth redemption is set free. We are not saved by His teaching, we are saved by His blood. We are not saved by a life for He is still walking. He sat and taught them. He walked in their midst. But He says:

"If once I can be set free from this earthly manifestation, then shall I draw all unto God."

Your drawing power is made manifest by the philosophy of the cross and not by the philosophy of teaching. So He gives us that little secret - if He can be brought to a place of elevation and freedom to its full accomplishment, then He can draw them. We are not saved by His life, we are saved by His death. And it is death that He is anticipating and so He says:

"If I be lifted up..."

I hope during these meetings we have morning by morning, we may have under consideration Christ in as many angles as possible. I want to look at Him in our Old Testament for we find Christ in the Old Testament. We want to keep our thought on the central thought of Christ - "If I be lifted up".

I am tired of man's day. I don't know of a day when man is more cheapened or more glorified! That is the extreme of it! We are looking now for a superman,

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one the people will worship. I don't know of a day when they have so cheapened man. They can take them out and shoot them down for 50¢ a head! God loves and is a respecter of man. The nearer you get to God, the more you will respect it. This is the time in which God is allowing the human element to push out into those two extremes. Right in the midst of that, Jesus said:

"If I be lifted up..."

If the time that is spent to Hitler could be paid to the Lord for a little while, wouldn't it be nice? Jesus said:

"If I be lifted up..."

He is saying, up out of the earthly contact and human. He is not to be compared with it or paralleled with any human contact. He is not man - earth-bound. He is God incarnate in man - from heaven. He is not to be compared to Buddah, Mohammed, Confuscus, etc. all in a row. That is horrible! He stands unique and alone. He is not to be compared with anyone in the universe!

When you look out upon all the fields where you find manifestations of life and humanity, I always like to think of Him standing supreme. He doesn't need vindication and proving that you have in the realm of nature like all the rest. He is independent of it. I don't have to have a Bible you can explain. I don't have to have a God you can explain. Wouldn't people like to reduce Him to a formula! I have a God you can't reduce to any physical formula. He is too big for that! How many of you have a lovely, big, magnetic Christ that fills the universe, that is poised and balanced?

Someone gets the jitters and says:

"Lord, there's Hitler!"

And He says, "Yes, I have been watching him for sometime."

What a big magnetic Christ! Go out with a fresh vision of Him until it will revolutionize your life. I want you to see Him during your stay at the camp. Discover Him wherever He may be. Don't be afraid if the 'husks of humanity' are torn off like shreds - the real Christ will then stand out.

Love Him.

Trust Him.

Embrace Him.

Follow with Him.

He will not rob you or steal or break up your whole life. He will liberate you and set you free from all these hindering bondages, and will make your life what He wants it to be - a song in the night.

You are the night...

He is the song!

He can make it, but you have to have both. Any of you have any night in which

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the song can sing? How many of you have any night in your life? He can be a song in that night - let Him be that.

This is all introduction. I want you to see this lovely Christ dominating and moving in all these various fields where humanity is moving. I want you to see Christ, our lovely Christ...

"I, if I be lifted up out of the earth scheme, out of this earth relationship, and be put in My proper place - the Mediator between God and man - that Instrument that will interpret God to man, if I can be put in that position I can draw humanity."

I want you to see Christ moving in all these fields.

I want you to see in these lessons the lovely Lord. Let Him be lifted up in our hearts and minds and thoughts. Let Him be released and as He is lifted up in our hearts and lives, make a fresh touch with Him.

The truth sometimes is so very simple we stumble over it. If we would receive it in its simplicity, many of our difficult problems would be solved. Jesus doesn't spend time trying to prove to people fundamental facts with which we are already familiar. You don't find Jesus proving there is a God or proving there is life or proving there is death. He doesn't take time to bother with such things. He takes it for granted right on the start that they are intelligent on some of those points. He takes it for granted, all these elementary simple things: life, death, good, bad. He starts right off taking those for granted - I like that.

When man starts in he makes it all so complicated. In this confusion, Jesus makes an utterance to a statement of truth which follows something that has just happened before. How many of you know what happened just before? It is the interview of the Greek philosophers that had come to Jesus. We find in John the twelfth chapter that a certain thing has happened. We find the Christ has moved triumphantly in this life until He is in the very shadows of Calvary ready to offer His life in supreme sacrifice. The enemy makes one final attack. (Jesus had come to His own, primarily His revelation of God is to His own human family, Israel. And the Scripture says, "His own received Him not". There is a reason for it, but we cannot go into that today. There isn't a conversation recorded but what has dynamic spiritual value back of it. It is vital, it is truth, it is to penetrate through the letter to its releasing. So don't get stuck on those techniques. It is all truth which is first spiritual. Most people park on the symbol and never get the 'spiritual reality'. The symbol was only used as an occasion to release the truth.) Jesus has triumphantly moved along and here

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is the last attack of the enemy in its subtle form. The Lord Jesus is very conscious of the attitudes of their hearts. He has that part of His make-up that is called, His perceiver.

You have heard me talk about that before, haven't you? Jesus knew there was defeat. He knew the lack of receptivity, their lack of appreciation, and He understood their lack of spiritual penetration. He was all the while conscious of that while He was giving them their opportunities to receive. He had longed to give them a wonderful revelation of truth and life, but there was **no power** there on the right level (spiritual). Their plan is wrong. You only interpret the things of God and the Spirit according to the plan in which you are living. All the while Jesus was walking and desiring to present the truth there seemed to be so few that gave Him any reception. He was a lonely expression - I love Him for that.

Look how subtle the enemy is! Jesus is conscious all the time that He is the personification of Truth. So much so that He stands in the midst and declares - "I am the Truth!" A daring thing but a most truthful thing. Jesus has dared to do that right in the shadow of the temple which is the economy of all their religious worship! Right in the midst of it He stood and said, "I am the Truth".

Religiosity won't get you anywhere. The enemy is subtle! He knows that Jesus is this. How the loving heart of Jesus wants to pour the truth out to someone who will value it, who will receive it.

Greece has contributed her art and philosophy.

Rome is our military brother.

Israel is our religionist.

Israel is ordained of God to be the religious factor, that is her contribution. The enemy knows that too, and here is Jesus right in the shadow of Calvary with His message unreceived. While He is standing here, (in the shadow of Calvary) the enemy works upon this group who come as representative of this other field whose mythology and revelation had all fallen down. (Here he reviews last years discourses speaking of the scene of Paul at Athens and the altar to the unknown god).

The point of contact was - we would see Jesus. They contacted the disciples, and the word came to Jesus that here is a delegation of people representative of a nation of hungry hearts who would be glad to take the lovely bit of truth He has. And they come and say:

"We would like to see this one you call Jesus."

So the enemy whispers in His ear:

"Your own people have forsaken You. Israel has forsaken You. Look at that wonderful field of opportunity where You can give and give the

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truth to hearts that will receive!"

What was Jesus' answer to that subtle attack? Jesus' perceiver brings back to His heart the real motive and thought and objective back of it. He turns to His disciples and gives in this short word a digest of His whole philosophy of life:

"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die..."

What was the reaction on them? It displays their ignorance.

So He said except it fall into the ground and die it abideth alone. It is the little digest of the story of His life, so He says:

"Therefore I surrender to death that it may bring forth fruit".

Even in this Camp Meeting the fruitage from that surrender is being felt. Today the Gospel - the Christ - is a dynamic living fruitage in your heart and life. On top of that, while His mind is flooded with that thought, He turns to them and gives them the text of this morning:

"And I, if I be lifted up (not from, but out of) the earth, I will draw all unto me. If I be released and set free from every contingent, earth binding influence and power, even though they are being given for the time being for My revelation, and I am given My true place between heaven and earth, I will draw all back again to its proper balance and relationship with God".

This is the hour He longed for, and not the hour He sought release from - but the hour He had been made for. The whole story of the incarnation of the Christ is to lead Him up to Calvary, to give Him a vehicle of expression in which He might tabernacle and surrender unto God. What is He saying? "Deliver Me from this hour?" No! "For this hour I came into the world." What hour? For the hour that He would be hanged on the cross suspended between heaven and earth.

He has given His lovely ministry while He walked the earth, but walk means contact. When He is in contact with earth He is associated with human teaching, preaching, miracles - **there is no salvation!** We are not saved by His life, we are saved by His death. We are not redeemed through the magnificent character of the Christ, we are redeemed because He was suspended between heaven and earth. The living Lamb never redeemed, it was the slain Lamb.

And so He says:

"If I can be lifted up and out and placed in My destined place, Calvary, then can the power of redemption be made operative."

The Christ stands as the most unique personality this world has even seen. He is unique in the fact that He is heaven born. The physical through which He operates and expresses God, is earth. He must have a physical through which He can operate and move and so Mary gives Him a body representative of this earth

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and human, but He is still divine, incarnate in this human element and we have no right to classify Him in with other great reformers or transformers. He stands alone, by Himself, in His own place and glory.

He said if I would be lifted up - from there we venture out out out on some of the different fields where Christ is operating.

We are going to consider these offerings and find in these offerings a wonderful Christ. I want you to see Him as adequate. He is the adequate portion for the sinner or broken humanity or the sinning world. In these offerings, and in this Christ, we find the adequate need supplied of a worshiper who has come from the place of a sinner, and has now come as a worshiper to worship Christ. He is an adequate Christ.