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Morning prayer June 9.

Our Dear Father, into sacred places we come this morning. From walks of life we come. During the past week Thou hast been good to us. Thou hast given Thy Spirit to us to guide our actions. For all of our lack in following Thee aright we ask that Thou wilt forgive us. Look over the mistakes we have made. We may have fallen short of our duties toward our fellow men. We may have seen many things that we could have done and did not do...many things we did that we should not have done. Dear Lord if we have misunderstood any one or if we have hurt any one we pray forgiveness for it. Be wisdom for us this coming week that we may improve so that next Sunday we may find ourselves better Christians than to day....we ask these things in the name of Him who taught us to pray,

" Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever Amen

GOD DIS-APPOINTED

Ezk.22:30

" I was dis- appointed in Mr. X" Did you ever hear that? That is a sad note in the language of any people. You have known some one and placed that some one on a certain plane of moral and spiritual life....but one day that person disappeared from that level as if through a trap door....to a much lower level. You are left with a helpless feeling.... with confidence shaken....Have you been a disappointment to your friends?....God can become disappointed in a man...have you disappointed God? Any person who is not trying to improve his life and with that improvement to help build the Kingdom is a disappointment to God.

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In the text to-day God is talking through His prophet. He talks through people you know...He is talking about a man that will serve HIM. He is talking about a wall...as one version puts it....a hedge. He is talking about a gap in the wall A gap where the enemy comes through...a weak place.....

A weak place where the enemy comes through...what was your weak place last week? Was it to speak a word of injury to some one...or to hurt some ones feeling...or to give a chill to some ones spiritual fervor? Did you do some dishonest deed?

GOD WAS SEEKING A MAN WHEN THINGS HAD GONE WRONG.....
God who made every thing could dissolve every thing in to nothing if He chose but He did not do it...He looked for a man when things had gone wrong....In selecting Moses to lead His people out shows Him using this same method.

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He was not looking for just any sort of man for God has never been able to do His work with just any sort of person... He did not say "Give me a giant because it takes bigness of stature....nor did he say, "Things of quality come done up in small packages, and give me a runt." A man may be big physically and have a small heart in him or he may be small physically and have a big devil in his heart. I believe that I know what God wanted...He wanted a good man...not a goody goody man not one so good that he never expresses an opinion...He wanted a good man when things had gone wrong...so good that he would build up a protection around the people...build up their moral and spiritual life and stand at the door of their hearts and fight back the sin that would tend to wreck them....God said "I sought for such a man and found none."

So God was disappointed...and there were reasons for it:

- a. The land was not cleansed. There had been no rain to wash out its filth...Our country needs the spiritual washing....
- b. There was a conspiracy of the false prophets as to what they would teach.
- c. The priests did violence to the law of God...and how?
 1. Profaned holy things. Dirty hands handling holy things.
 2. Made no distinction between holy and common things.
- d. Did not cause men to discern between clean and unclean.
- e. Hid their eyes from the Sabbath.
- f. Princes were like wolves
 1. Shedding blood ✓
 2. Destroying souls for dishonest gain. ✓
- g. Prophets divined lies to suit the people ✓
- h. People used....Oppression, robbery, vexation for the poor and needy.

What are our hedges? Civil law...school law...church...home

Observations

- I. If our hedges are not being torn down then God has been finding people to keep them up.

2. If hedges are being broken down....Family altar....modesty disappearing....Sabbath broken....worldness entering church.. marriage vows being taken less seriously then God in seeking men has not found them.

3. If gaps are up then we need recruits ALL THE TIME.

Mirabeau assigned by French general to hold a bridge.. the general from afar looked through field glasses at the bridge... He saw column after column thrown back....then at last he saw columns begin to go over...he took off his field glasses and put them in his pocket and said, "Mirabeau is dead."



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