

THE TEACHING OF JESUS

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HERE WE SEE JESUS...TEACHING...PREACHING....HEALING

and speaking as no man had ever spoken

I am unable to see how any church can really be Christian that does not put in its program these three items. Where Jesus went these three great principles went too.

Let us read the scripture again:

And it came to pass when Jesus had ended these sayings the people were astonished at His doctrine; for He taught them as one having authority and not as the Scribes."

What is meant by "These sayings?" The Sermon On The Mount They had been in a wonderful school....A large class room. The earth was its foundation and the sky its covering, and the Son of God its teacher.

A third time we read: "Never man spake as this man." This expression, I am sure, was encouraging. It shows that the people who sat there during the sermon began to think. After all if preaching and teaching get people to think we are getting somewhere.

A young negro man said to his best girl friend, "Does you loves me or do you jes think youdoes?" She replied, " I jes loves you case I aint done no thinking yet." Too many people in the language of the girl "Aint done no thinking yet."

Jesus is known as the GREAT TEACHER. The greatest teacher. In the Bible He is addressed as the Master which means teacher. The word Disciple means "Learner" So in speaking of Jesus and His Disciples we should be more correct if we said, "The Teacher and His learners." In the four Gospels He gives more space to teaching than He does to works. Learning of Him and His teaching is the first essential to doing His works.

1. The first thing we notice about His teaching is its simplicity. He used illustrations such as: Lamps, sheep, lost coin, leaven, fields, wheat, tares, foundations etc. Things that people knew about. Down to

earth illustrations. That is the sign of a big man. You will notice that a real big man is one you can feel at ease with. A LITTLE MAN IS ONE WHO KEEPS YOU PUSHED BACK. HE DOES THIS TO KEEP YOU FROM FINDING OUT HOW LITTLE HE IS.

He did not lay down dogmatic rules but instead laid down principles. The Jews had rules, rules , and more rules. Rules to bind you down all day to point where there was no relaxation. They looked on externals as all important. Jesus broke loose from those things and set men free..... He substituted principles that deal with the inner man... Too many rules make Pharisees but principles, such as Jesus taught, make Christians.

Let us look at some of His principles: Beatitudes..... Here Jesus traces the living law of the new Kingdom... He writes the charter of the Christian life. The beatitudes are jets of light and love against the dark background of that age.

Poor in spirit...not proud
They that mourn...not lifgtheaded.
The meek not aggressors
Persecuted and not those who always play safe

When you sum up these Beatitudes you have the material that makes up the salt of the earth and light of the world.

At the very center of His teaching is the value of personality. Religion of the East did not have this.

Personality is more important than:

World, Sabbath, church building, or even the Bible

His teaching was a. Revolutionary
b. Freed slaves
c. Elevated woman
d. Put new value on children

He opened the field of redemption to all men as He gave us the parables of the;

Lost sheet, lost coin, lost son.

This is further shown in the woman at the well and Zachaeus

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Some one has said that the Christian religion is the religion of the poor devils. I am glad that it is that or has that in it.

After all the teaching of Jesus is nothing less than Christian Education...Beginning with the home before the child is born and following it right on through Sunday school, public schools, and college...helping it to be a learner of the things Jesus taught is our main purpose in life. WE ARE TO BUILD CHARCTERS..

WE SAW A BUILDER ENTER AN OLD PLOT
TO THE SHACK OF WHAT WAS ONCE A LOVELY THING
WE LISTENED AND HEARD ADVANCED THE THOUGHT
THAT HE WOULD WORK, AND FINALLY HE WOULD BRING
OUT OF THE OLD BUILDING PROUD AND TALL
AND SO HE SET ABOUT WITH SONG AND DREAM
NOR STOPPED UNTIL THE LAST BRICK OF THE WALL
WAS LAID AT NIGHT BY FEEBLE CANDLE GLEAM

WE SAW A BUILDER ENTER A SHATTERED HEART
WEARY BY DISAPPOINTMENT...CLOTHED IN CLOUD
AND WATCHED HIM TAKE EACH LITTLE PART ON PART
UNTIL HE HAD SHAPED A SPIRIT TALL AND PROUD.

AND I TURNED AROUND TO YOU AND SAID
"I'VE SEEN THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD."

