

JESUS CONQUERING THROUGH
DIVINITY
MATT. 2:20

read at Columbus (night)

We are prone to ask in these days, "Wherein is Jesus overcoming?" Such questions naturally come up when we read where war again raises his head in mighty destruction. However, that strife in China should emphasize Christianity by contrast. America is called a Christian nation. When have you seen our country begin a war? You do not find Christian nations where simple genuine Christianity prevails and is taught, beginning wars. The war that is now going on began in a country overwhelmingly heathen.

It is not the Christian element in Japan that is waging war nor is it the Christian element in Manchuria or China proper that has invited war or done those things that were taken as an invitation to hostilities. The fact that Christ lives in some Chinese and some Japanese hearts will make the thing easier of settlement. Christianity has conquered in millions of hearts and is going on to conquer in millions more.

Our text was spoken by an angel concerning the Christ Child and has^s been true and prophetic through the centuries.

1. The wonderful history of Christianity. At first everything most was against it. It was foolishness to the Greeks and stumbling block to the Jews. Philosophers with intellectual weapons and governments with brutal force tried to crush it. It was hated, persecuted, scorned at, by all the forces of hell and yet it has had a wonderful triumphat march down through the centuries. Why? Because Jesus is Christianity. He builds it up upon Himself. "I am the Way." "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me." Christianity is Christ marching down the ages conquering and to conquer. It will never be stopped but some day every knee shall have bowed and every tongue confessed that Jesus is the Christ to the glory of God the Father.

2. The victory is one of the Divine Christ. Every system of religion that rejects the Divinity of Jesus is doomed. Take down your histories.

- a. "Gnostic-Ebonism" looked on Christ as a great example. It became so powerful that the church had to struggle against it. It seemed to be winning every where. But to day written above its grave are these words. "They are dead that sought the young child's life."
- b. Pseudo-Clementine system. Denied the Divinity and power of atonement in the blood.
- c. Neo-Platonism. Appealed to great intellects.
- d. Arianism. God greater than Jesus...like substance but not same substance. Athanasius championed the other view that Jesus was the same as God.
- e. Socinianism or Unitarianism--form of deism opposed to the Trinity.

Over all these is written, "They are dead that sought the young child's life."

3. The world's only hope is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Sin is the great blot on humanity. From it come all the crimes, disgrace, and degradation that our race has fallen heir to. It is the pale rider in Revelation whose rider is death. Jesus Christ, of God very God is the only One of whom it has ever been written, "He died for our sins and was raised for our justification." "The blood of Jesus Christ God's Son cleanseth us from all unrighteousness."

men trying make sin decent - beer, commission - you can't do it - Rattle snake in parlor - put him in satin lined box and cover him with green nail polish and you have not moved his fangs

Any religion, therefore, that denies the divinity of Jesus and the power of His atoning blood is doomed to die from its inception for it has no remedy to offer for man's greatest woe the woe of sin.

4. Christ is a personal experience. All that we have been talking about will avail us nothing unless Christ with His divine power becomes to you and me a personal experience. Paul met Him and was never the same again. In this experience we get His love--the angle of His affections for us. We experience the power of that love. The love of a mother impells us, we feel its drawing power when away from her.

Just
In the Bay of Fundy are found the best grind stones in the world. How do we get them? When the tides go out great chains are fastened to great slabs of this stone and then to large pontoons. When the tide comes back the waves 50 ft high and more lift the pontoons to shore. So when Christ's love as a great power comes sweeping into your heart you are lifted out of yourself and carried to the shore of a new life where you can say with Paul, "No longer I live but Christ liveth in me."

next to last
"There are people to day" in the language of Dr. John Fox, "Who are ussing U-Boats of doubt to torpedo the Bible and leave women, men, and children all afloat on the sea of doubt."

"Christ On the Cross" by Reuben. You see it there in the night and the thought comes, said one, that it is God hanging there. After all as we stand in our great night if we but look at Christ on the Cross and breathe Him into our personal experience all our problems vanish the easier. Oh for us to be able to say, "My beloved is mine and I am His." "They are dead that sought the young child's life."

