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The Circle  
P.S. 50:14-15

God does not need to tell us when He is hungry for  
"Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon  
a thousand hills, I know all the fowls of the moun-  
tains; and the wild beasts of the field are mine. If  
I were hungry, I would not tell thee, for the world  
is mine and the fullness thereof."

He then tells them what they can offer:

- "Offer unto God thanksgiving" (1)
- "Pay thy vows unto the most High" (2)
- "Call upon me in the day of trouble" (3)
- "I shall deliver thee" (4)
- "Then shalt glorify me" (5)

I am talking to you on the circle of life - the  
⊙ is the only perfect figure - our text lined out  
will make a circle of life.

I. Offer Thanksgiving - As many hearts are breaking  
open the ingratitude of their children, let us think  
for what are we thankful?

a. moral free agents - beasts can do things and not be  
ashamed - only man can sin - only man can de-  
fy God. Sin is the misuse of freedom.

b. Tribulation - trials - troubles Ill. Plow up ground  
tear it up with harrow - drag it furrow it - it  
asks - why do you treat me so? when the harvest  
comes it says, "now I understand."

d. Death - Ill. George Elliott in one of her stories represents the ordinary people of this world as finding a dead man - they knew nothing of death and just marched listlessly along with no purpose they then came upon a dead man - They knew not its meaning - Then Cain came up and said, "I know what it is this is death - and all of us have to die".

After the funeral they went home and hugged their loved ones and said, "Oh let's live for each other & have a purpose in life!"

What if we would all live? Shakespeare musician etc. what would peo. do who are now thus inclined?

## II. Pay thy vows - Broken vows -

- a. Baptismal
- b. Church
- c. marriage

d. National - war debts - U.S. Paid England for every soldier they carried over for us - paid France for every foot of land used. when the war was over the U.S. said, "Just forget it!"

After the armistice those nations borrowed \$10,000,000,000 from Uncle Sam - and now refuse to pay interest!

But -

Abraham was not that selfish - he would not take the spoil of war. Had vows upon him.

David was being sought by King Saul - went in to a cave - David was in there - Saul went to sleep - David had chance to kill him but cut off piece of his garment etc. Had vows upon him. "My vows are on me!"

III. Call upon the Lord — "In the day of your trouble call me to your side."

III. Hebrew children in furnace — a fourth person present — He does not say "I will keep you from having trouble" but "I will ~~keep you from having~~ deliver you out of trouble."

IV. Then shalt thou glorify me — vindicate me — justify Him for what He has allowed you to have.

we glorify heroes by tombs etc. but we can glory God by — thanksgiving — paying our vows — calling God to our side — completing the circle of life —

