The Pulpit

A SERMON BY THE REV. IRA W. HENDERSON

Subject: The Son of God

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Preaching at the Irving Square Presbyterian Church on the theme "The Son of God," the Rev. Ira Wemmell Henderson, pastor took as his text 14 Matt. 33, "Of a truth Thou art the Son of God." He said:

In this expression of the faith of the boatmen in the Christ as the Son of God we have the consensus of a host of men and women who, for nineteen centuries, have followed the gentle Galilean. The disciples proclaimed their faith in the reality of the Sonship of Jesus after a visible, external, objective exhibition of His power. In ages past, however, many a song-sung martyr and many an unknown saint has held firm to the same faith, seeing only with the spiritual eye. And today every sincere follower of our Lord acknowledges, with a joy that passes all human understanding, "Of a truth Thou art the Son of God." From the fullness of a rich and enriching spiritual experience do we, here and now, reiterate our belief in the supreme divine Sonship of our Savior and our Lord.

Jesus of Nazareth—the place from which nothing good was held to come. The Messiah of the chosen people of God, proclaimed by angels, adored by the wisdom of the East, youthful confounder of priests and rabbis. He it is of whom the apostle writes. Jesus, the man of parables and of miracles; Jesus, the expounder of those wonderfully well-put doctrines contained in the Sermon on the Mount; Jesus the Christ, the King of Israel, the Savior of the world. He is the divine human of whom the disciples said: "Of a truth Thou art the Son of God."

Let us look for a moment into the claims of this Man, this despised Nazarene, this carpenter's son, to the title and to the office of the Son of God. Has He any claim that we are bound to respect? Is there any reason why we are called upon to serve Him, shall we believe upon Him, or shall we reject Him. What, in the last analysis, is the proof that is final that Jesus is divine.

If you will glance through those pages of the Old Testament which give the history of the life and of the hopes of the ancient Jewish people, you will find that, running through them all, the coming of a Messiah—that is to say, a Savior—is prophesied. To His people God has promised a King who shall give to them eternal power and an endless peace. Step by step, incident by incident, is unfolded in the old prophetic books the coming of a Christ.

Thus we see that the Man who is to be the Son of God, the Messiah of the Jews, the King of Israel must be a man who measures to the standards of the God-given prophecies of the centuries.

So much for the historic demands upon the claims of the Messiah. No less imperative, however, is the need that the Man who is to be the Son of God and the Savior of the race shall be such a revelation of God as our hearts demand. You and I cannot trust in the Son of God save as He meets the requirements of our reasoning faculties and highest sense. The Christ must not only be a God-declared Messiah, but also a self-proven Incarnation of Almighty God. He must not only bear divine letters of recommendation to us, but also convince us by a living divinity that He is what He claims to be. And above all the truths of His messages must be proven practical forces in our own lives ere we can believe.

Jesus is the Son of God, the Savior of the world, the Messiah of the Jews, the King of Israel. As we have seen the man who is these must measure true to the standards of the God-given prophecies of the centuries. Jesus so measures. Throughout the whole of the New Testament the revelation of Christ as the fulfillment of prophecy is set forth. He is the Messiah. He is the King whom God has promised to His people Israel. He is the Son of David for whom the holy men of many generations yearned. Christ satisfies all the demands of the Old Testament prophetic writers. From that standpoint He is the Son of God and Savior. But whether or no there had been given prophecies aforetime, there are grander and more glorious reasons for faith in Christ as the Son of God. Christ is such a revelation of God as our hearts demand. For as we read the story of His life we see manifold instances of His divine power, purity and perfectness. Time and again we see His godhood and divinity in His worktasks and His words. He is the fullness of grace and truth. Yes, my friends, in His miracles and His messages, in His acts of love and His conscience-touching truths, this man of sorrows and of griefs reveals His Sonship divine. The power of God shows through His physical miracles, the love of the Father shines through the spiritual transformations that He wrought. From what other lips do we hear such deep, such soul-satisfying promises and commands. Nowhere in the history of all the world has there been another such a man. Mohamet, Confucius, Buddha, the ethical and philosophical teachers of all peoples and of every age, are incommensurable with that personal, something Savior of the Christian soul, whose name is Light and Love.

But Jesus not only meets demands as a revelator, He is also assured of our confidence through the fact that His words and His life are in harmony. Jesus not only revealed by word the sort of God for whom inwardly we yearn, but He also exemplified in His life the fairness of truth which He preached. Telling of the love that crowns the character of God He was lovely. Preaching the essential spiritual nature of the Father He was Himself spiritually controlled. Telling men that the truth of God and Jehovah Himself were to be spiritually apprehended and discerned Jesus walked and talked with God. Preaching the kingdom of Heaven as love, peace, joy, purity of life, the Savior went about loving men, seeking and pursuing peace, bringing joy into saddened souls, leading hardened hearts into purity of life. Believing that the cultivation of godliness is the business of mankind Jesus was holy, upright, godly Himself. And it is because He not only preached truth unto life eternal but lived also the life that shall gain and keep the crown of rejoicing that we hail Him Lord.

History makes Jesus the Son of God. His clear-cut, reasonable revelation of the character of God by words so declares Him; His consistent practical revelation of divinity in His daily life marks Him as God's Son. And yet it is not until we have taken His truth into our hearts, and proven the richness and practicability of His theories in our own lives that we can yield to Him the adoration that is due Him. The application by a normal man to his own life in true fashion of the truths of Jesus Christ will prove them to be mighty unto upliftment and enlightenment and practical principles that shall make for good when practically used in life. The truth of Christ will be found so full of divine inspiration and revelation, and the life of the man who revealed it will then be found to be so godly that the human heart will hail the great revealer Son of God. Jesus Christ cannot be understood save by those who have entered into that manner of spiritual life that shall open their eyes unto the divine wonders of His life. No man can enter into the fullness of the truths revealed in the messages of the Master save he be duly ready to be born again a day more ahead in the spiritual line. The disciples did not glory in the divine sonship of Jesus until they had had their eyes opened in part to the spiritual mysteries whi a underlie the objective miracles that Jesus wrought. We know how slow they were to see the depth and the application of His principles as He preached to them the truth. And yet with them as with us the secret of their faith in the Master lay in the fact that there was no discord between the truth that He preached and the life that He lived. They waited the long-promised Messiah from God who should deliver Israel; they gave Jesus a hearing as a self-styled and heaven-proclaimed Christ; they heard the music of heavenly truth in all He said, and above all they marked the fact that He not only talked divinely well, but lived even as God would live. And so they followed Him. But they were not able to have confidence in Him that should enable them to bear witness of His divine power until they had tried for themselves the sort of life He lived and applied for themselves to their own lives the eternal principles that He propounded and found them practical.

Men say to me, "I do not believe Jesus was the Son of God," "I cannot accept Him as the incarnation of the Father." And my first question is whether or no they are fully competent to judge. Are they in possession of such spiritual experience as will enable them to pass good judgment upon the case in hand? Many a man who has no experience in the Christ life will without a blush reject all the truths so dear to Christian hearts. If I as a minister presumed to pass expert judgment upon astronomical truth, having never even seen or marked the coursings of the stars or gained experimental knowledge of the wonders of the heaven above us, you would hoot me from this church. Yet many a man with no Christian experience at all will pass final and irrevocable judgment upon Jesus Christ without so much as a shred of personal testimony that could be worthy of notice.

Jesus is the Son of God. And the only way you can come to know that is through the spiritual, personal experience of the fact. Jesus is the Savior of our souls from sin and the only means to a convincing knowledge of this truth is through the entrance of the saving truth of Jesus Christ into your life. Jesus revealing the truth, you testing, trying, proving its reliability and reasonableness in your own personal life.

What is Worth Coveting.

It requires a well kept life to do the will of God, and even a better kept life to will to do His will. To be willing is a rarer grace than to be doing. Be will of God. For he who is willing may sometimes have nothing to do, and must only be willing to wait, and it is rather far to be doing God's will than to be willing. o have nothing to do is harder far to be working for Christ than it is to be waiting to serve. No, there is nothing here in the world to dry one, that is truly worth coveting than the will to will God's will. There is no grander possession for any Christian than the transparently simple desire to find a pleasure in obeying and in pleasing God.—Phillips Brooks.

True Prayer is a Great Achievement.

Believe me, I speak with all your heart and strength, with the reason and the will, to believe vividly that God will listen to your voice through Christ and surely do the thing He pleaseth in heaven, that is the last, the highest improvement of the Christians would ever ask. Teach us to pray, O Lord!—Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

Character Alone Endures.

Nothing is good but that which is done for God or for others. That which is done for self dies. Perhaps it is not wrong, but it perishes. You say it is pleasant, well, enjoy it. But joyous it is not is no longer joy. That which is in self is mortal. That alone which goes out of self into God has life forever.—Frederick W. Robertson.

Be Appreciative.

Seek to cultivate a buoyant joyous sense of the crowded kindnesses of God in your daily life.—Alexander Maclaren.

A Poor Reward.

A Christian citizen who sacrifices his convictions for a small and dirty victory advertises a pusillanimous Christ.

SOUTH CAROLINA MATTERS

Occurrences of Interest From All Over South Carolina

MANY ITEMS OF STATE NEWS

A Batch of Live Paragraphs Covering a Wide Range—What is Going On in Our State.

The Veterans Reunion

Columbia, Special.—The reunion of the Confederate Veterans, lasting for three days, was held in this city last week. From every standpoint it was a splendid success. The city was greatly pleased to have charge of the function. But now the camp fires have been extinguished and the Confederate Veterans have taken up the march for another year. The reunion of 1907 is at an end. In point of attendance this has been the greatest reunion in South Carolina since Appomattox. In some other features there has been disappointment. This was due to a confusion of ideas because of the fact that the State appropriated $2,500 for the entertainment of the veterans.

The only complaint was with reference to the number of servings of meals and it was impossible for any better service to have been rendered here or anywhere else. Unfortunately Columbia has no vacant stores or warehouses and 2,500 men could not be fed in 30 minutes in the one building available for the purpose.

There was plenty to eat and everything was well prepared. Meals were served almost continously from 7:30 a. m. until 5 p. m. and the best women of Columbia left their homes to wait upon the veterans and to minister to their wishes. During the hours mentioned there was each day never any lack of something wholesome to eat. But some of the veterans, being accustomed to being petted at home, could not understand why they should be required to wait in line while one table was served. This was the only complaint heard during the reunion.

Not only was there an abundance on the tables at all times, but there was some left over when the last of the veterans had been given the evening meal. The experience of this year has taught those in charge what may be expected next year. If the reunion should be revived in Columbia next year, better provision will be made and instead of having one dining place there may be three or four.

The parade Thursday was a great feature. The veterans formed at Blanding street and the other organizations on Laurel street. Preceded by the Columbia Concert band, the parade marched down Main street amid the wild acclaim of 10,000 people. There were not less than 500 veterans in line.

Was ever there a more beautiful sight? When the men of those days agone looked upon the scene of waving flags, their emotions overcame them and they cried like children as they reflected that in death they will not be forgotten—that in South Carolina there are women who will teach the children that the men of the old South were men whose like God may never make again.

There were 500 children on the capitol steps. Their connection with the occasion was not perfunctory, for their hearts were overflowering with love for the old soldiers, and they cheered wildly when the column [illegible] of the veterans marched up the capitol steps, embraced the little ones and gave the rebel yell. As the days went by we noticed signs of [illegible] with them.

Divorce Seriously Injured

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Old Man's Tragic Death

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Negro Breaks His Neck in Fall of Twelve Inches.

Greenwood, Special.—John Ross holds a more than hand on the Charleston and Western Carolina railway, but a track death here last week in a peculiar manner. While asleep in his bunk in the caboose of his train, he rolled out of the bunk and striking the door had his neck broken. It seemed that he fell on his head and the weight of his body in some way brought about the broken neck.

NEW RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT

Blue Ridge Railroad Will Be Completed.

Anderson, Special.—The Blue Ridge railroad is to be completed through the mountains. The last assurance that we can give of this is that the work has been under way for some time in Tennessee and North Carolina. This was the statement made by Col. A. B. Andrews the president of the road, at a conference with the directors of the chamber of commerce at the Hotel Chiquola. Col. Andrews is here with Mr. W. W. Finley, president of the Southern.

Securing Right of Way.

Aiken, Special.—Mr. John B. Stroman of Orangeburg was in Aiken last week attending to business relative to the construction of the Charleston-Aiken Electric railway, which is being furthered by the South Carolina Public Service Corporation. He states that the right of way from Springfield to Scott's bridge on the Edisto, has been secured and that he is now negotiating for those from that place to Aiken. Nearly all the deeds for rights from Springfield to Orangeburg have been closed. Mr. Stroman states that a double track will probably be laid and that it is the purpose of the promoters to put on fast schedules, probably 70 miles an hour. The line of the road from Springfield to Aiken from that place through Mr. Dela Gutierrez's lands to Mr. D. D. McNair's place. Thence across the Edisto near Scott's bridge and across Shaw's creek near the Hate creek bridge, thence through the lands of Messrs. George Wright, L. C. Conroy Croft and C. K. Henderson to Aiken. The construction of the road will begin about the 1st of September.

Edisto County Petition.

Columbia, Special.—Gov. Ansel has received an opinion from Attorney General Lyon stating that the petition for the election for the proposed new county of Edisto is constitutionally correct. This is the county which is proposed to create out of Orangeburg, Aiken and Lexington, with Warrenton as the county seat. The governor has not yet ordered the election, as the commissioners have yet to be appointed and there will probably be some opposition to the entire proceedings, especially from the citizens of the new county which has North Augusta for the county seat.

Unanimous for Bonds.

Greenville, Special.—Greenville voted Tuesday on the question of the town issuing $75,000 bonds to help secure the location of the Baptist Training School in this county. Out of the 320 registered voters 321 were cast for bonds, and not a single vote in the entire town was cast against bonds. Of the eight registered who did not vote, two were sick and three were out of town.

Veteran Falls From Train.

Cheraw, Special.—Thursday night Mr. Jesse Pitman, a Confederate veteran from Ruby, S. C., returning from the reunion, accidentally fell from the Seaboard northbound train as it was coming into Cheraw, causing instant death. His body was taken in charge by the railroad authorities and was carried to his home at Ruby.

New B. and L. for Newberry.

Newberry, Special.—Another new enterprise for this city is the Newberry Building and Loan company, which has just been organized with a capital stock of $100,000. The [illegible] at a recent meeting elected the following directors: G. [illegible], E. R. Epps, W. G. Harrison, [illegible] Davenport, George Johnstone, M. L. Seaman, C. J. Purcell, H. L. Pope, J. N. Martin.

Dr. Scherer Goes to Rome.

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Jack Knight Freed of Murder Charge.

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News in Brief.

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Gift of $1,200,000 to Princeton.

Princeton, N. J., Special.—John [illegible] Pitney, in a recent letter to the Princeton alumni secretary, [illegible] of '50, announces the gift of $1,200,000 to Princeton University. A trustee of the university said the money was donated by a wealthy family interested in the welfare of Princeton, but not even in the public

A SPECIAL ELECTION ORDERED

Governor Ansel Calls Primary Election in Greenwood to Determine Sheriff McCaslan's Successor—After Hot Fight the Lexington Board Establishes Dispensary in Brookland.

Columbia, Special.—Governor Ansel has decided to have a primary election held in Greenwood to determine upon a successor to Sheriff McCaslan, who died suddenly a short time ago as a result, it is thought, of nervous strain incident to the hanging of a negro. The Governor wrote County Chairman Rogers to provide for a primary to be held within the next 20 days.

The interesting scrap between the Richland and Lexington county board of dispensary control is still on, with the Lexingtonians still the victors. The Lexington board decided to establish a dispensary in Brookland, which is a suburb of Columbia, but which is located across the Congaree bridge in Lexington county. This dispensary will sell in competition with the Columbia dispensaries at a scale of prices which will make the Richland board sit up and take notice, it is said. M. G. Cochran, a former sheriff at the State dispensary, has been elected dispenser of the Brookland shops. The Lexington board have always been a staunch State dispensary adherents and they are putting forward the new county in order to get the city. The Lexington board is selling beer in Columbia.

General Sumter Memorial.

Sumter, Special.—A special meeting of the city council was held this week with members of the executive committee of the chamber of commerce to meet Col. John D. Long, president of the General Sumter Memorial school of Sumter county, who was here for the purpose of enlisting the cooperation of the city officials in making preparations for the unveiling of the Gen. Thomas Sumter monument at the grave of the revolutionary hero at Stateburg, August 11 next. Col. Durgan spoke at length in an interesting and enthusiastic manner of the plans he has in regard to the national and historical celebration on the day of the unveiling of the monument. His hearers were thrilled with patriotic pride by the eloquent utterances. The speaker said among other things, in reference to the program for unveiling day, that some of the most noted and brilliant orators, historians and poets in all parts of the United States from the North and South had promised to be present on that occasion. Many distinguished citizens of South Carolina among them the governor and other State officials, members of congress, educational leaders, orators, aldermen, county officials and local citizens are to be on all over this State, and evinced a determination to be a [illegible] on the great Revolutionary [illegible] ceremonial." Thomas Sumter, in the day of the unveiling of the monument.

Trucking in Beaufort.

Beaufort, Special.—There is a growing movement of truck planters from other sections of the State to Beaufort county. During the past two years real estate in the county near the railroad or good water communication has advanced 100 per cent, and is going up so fast you can almost see it rise. A farmer from Georgia bought a farm four miles from Beaufort for $5,000 within the past 18 months and almost immediately sold half for $5,500 and has refused $6,000 for the other half. One of the largest potato growers in the State is trying to secure 1,000 acres in this neighborhood and there is most generally known in this part of South as a cabbage country has a most large prospecting. Two [illegible] means less than [illegible] hours here lately and [illegible] $1,500 acres [illegible] next season.

Fant is Acquitted of Green's Murder.

Laurens, Special.—J. [illegible] Fant, Jr., the young man charged with killing Capt. J. B. Fant of [illegible] was tried here last week [illegible] of killing Arthur V. Green [illegible] Georgian and on [illegible] lets furniture factory, [illegible] Fant man. After [illegible] five hours the jury [illegible] not guilty at 7 o'clock.

The Myrtle Tunnel.

Charleston, Special.—[illegible] of States district [illegible] taken allowing [illegible] tunnel scheme. [illegible] give a bond of [illegible] of the vessel the [illegible] such interest and [illegible] as may be later determined [illegible] the same case [illegible] Ins. A similar order [illegible] cargo of cross-ties [illegible] ed at $8,400 making [illegible] shipment of the [illegible] $38,500.

Chicora College Enlarged.

Greenville, Special.—Chicora college is now drawing to the close of a most successful year. With an enrollment of 176 its capacity has been taxed to the utmost. The board of trustees has planned for the enlargement of the dormitory facilities during the summer. The college is now the property of all the Presbyteries of the synod of South Carolina and is the only institution for girls owned and controlled by the Presbyteries.

WHEAT GOES UP

Crop Conditions B[illegible] a Sharp Advanc[illegible]

GOES TO ONE DOLLA[illegible]

No Claims in Any D[illegible] Market Was Being Heavy Realizing [illegible] Price Backwards S[illegible] lowing Opening, But [illegible] et Was Strong With [illegible] satisfied.

Chicago, Special.—In[illegible] tional opening in the [illegible] Chicago board of trad[illegible] past the dollar mark. [illegible] sales pushed the pr[illegible] somewhat, but at the cl[illegible] was strong and, accordi[illegible] polity of speculators on [illegible] demand upon which the [illegible] has been made is still u[illegible] net advance for wheat [illegible] for the July and Sept[illegible] and 1 1-8 for the Dece[illegible] From the low point of M[illegible] week July wheat had ad[illegible] September has gone u[illegible] the December option [illegible] ens to 3-4 above the [illegible] Monday.

It was a certainty [illegible] bridge would take place [illegible] market at the opening. [illegible] ing sounded there [illegible] roar of voices, all anxio[illegible] nobody offering to sel[illegible] was too big and to bro[illegible] lowed with any one [illegible] brokers filled orders fr[illegible] eral cents away from [illegible] which they had hoped to

The July option open[illegible] ed 94, which was 1 [illegible] cents higher than the c[illegible] day. September opene[illegible] which was up 1 3-8 to the closing price of la[illegible] ember showed a wide [illegible] any of the other opti[illegible] opening for December [illegible] nges between 96 1-2 an[illegible]

The rush of buying c[illegible] to come from almost e[illegible] the United States which [illegible] along a telegraph wire. [illegible] ional traders were of [illegible] that the opening was [illegible] vig orous and that the cl[illegible] profits on lines of long [illegible] over Sunday was tempti[illegible] therefore, as trade ste[illegible] millions of bushels wer[illegible] on the market in realizi[illegible] a result, the advance fo[illegible] checked. The buying or[illegible] still poured in and the [illegible] soared.

There were no claims [illegible] tion that the market wa[illegible] palated. The general [illegible] ed to be that the advan[illegible] upon natural condition[illegible] certain to curtail in lar[illegible] world's coming wheat e[illegible] from all parts of the We[illegible] west confirmed previous[illegible] damage by weather and [illegible] In addition, telegrams f[illegible] dian Northwest declare[illegible] was still no possibility [illegible] that district, and that [illegible] delay meant the loss of [illegible] acres that might otherw[illegible] sown to wheat. Sue[illegible] traders as William H. [illegible] James A. Patten declare[illegible] tions at home and abro[illegible] the sensational advance [illegible] claiming that the wheat [illegible] this year will be a difficu[illegible] to cram buyers to solve.

Marvin Boy Dead of [illegible]

Dover, Del., Specia[illegible] which has been investiga[illegible] of Horace Marvin, Jr., [illegible] following verdict:

"That Horace N[illegible] came to his death from [illegible] tooth day of March, 19[illegible] There were 15 member[illegible] ner's jury, but only 12 [illegible] exposure. The others re[illegible]

Telegrams Interfer[illegible]

Puerto Cortez, By [illegible] minder Fullman, of the [illegible] steamboat Marietta, has h[illegible] pleasant experience with [illegible] ican administrative m[illegible] tampering with his offi[illegible] by a Honduran comm[illegible] minder Fullman had giv[illegible] to American marines [illegible] from Rio Pedro, one o[illegible] rior towns to which [illegible] ers had been sent. O[illegible] troops were to leave, h[illegible] Manuelito Banila, comm[illegible] Pedro, had been read[illegible] grams and delaying the[illegible] until it suited him to [illegible]

Nine Dead; Four O[illegible]

Bristol, Va., Special.[illegible] noon, while a force [illegible] work blasting on the [illegible] ern Railway on the wo[illegible] Bros. at Altapass, N. C[illegible] occurred, in which nin[illegible] stantly killed and fo[illegible] seriously, if not fatall[illegible] men are employes of [illegible] pany and were native[illegible] section.