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"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. See Him."—Mat. 17:5. From this text Rev. Dr. W. O. Carrier, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian church, delivered yesterday morning a telling argument in favor of the living by man of a life similar to that exemplified by Christ when on earth in human form.

"All of us," said the pastor, "are seeking models for the living of our lives, for the building of our characters, for the shaping our relations to our fellowmen, and to such seekers comes the beautiful, sacred and illumining life lived by the Son of God in our midst in human form. We can all be explorers—we can all study the history of the manhood of Jesus Christ on earth and find therein the perfection which it should be the aim and ambition of every human being to attain. He came on earth as the Son of God, but that He might be better understood, that He might appeal to the human mind and heart, he assumed the human form—a man among men—the God-man."

"Throughout the history of the world and of humanity," continued the speaker "we have ever been seekers for models. The Greeks made a special study of the human form and in their arts attempted to produce the perfect in anatomy; when we begin the education of the child we do so by means of as nearly as possible perfect copies of writing, etc.; the students of music yearn for and seek to hear the masters of harmony; those who would perfect themselves in the art of oratory make every effort to see and hear the most noted and finished public speakers and preachers. So with those who would become perfect men and women; they turn naturally to the perfection of manhood—Jesus Christ—and, taking Him as a model, so shape and form their lives, their actions, their characters that they may be, even as He, a shining example."

"God has given every man a part in the formation of his own character, in the laying of the lines of his life along the way it should go, and, after granting him this privilege, He gave His only begotten Son as an ongoing model and example to be followed."

Dr. Carrier then dwelt at some length on the beauty and wholesomeness of the sermon on the mount, and the story of the good samaritan.

"I have only been in this wonderful country of yours for a short while," said the pastor, "and of course the glorious sunshine, the wonderful scenery and the life-giving air are new to me. But, in conversation with some who have lived here for a generation, I find that it is also new to them—they tell me it never grows old. And the same holds true of that glorious, wonderful message of Jesus delivered on the mount so many centuries ago. 'Blessed are the pure in heart,' 'Blessed are the peace-makers,' 'Blessed are ye who are persecuted for righteousness,' 'Ye are the salt of the earth,' 'Ye are the light of the world. Let not your light be hidden, but let it shine for the benefit of others—that their darkened way may be illumined and their uncertain footsteps guided.'"

The life story of Livingston, the African explorer, missionary and scientist, was drawn upon to furnish an illustration of the nearness with which a man, even in this latter time, can approach the example of perfection set by Jesus Christ in his human manhood.

Great and successful actors and dramatists, asserted the speaker, have found that they must, to attain their objects in the fullest sense, actually live the lives and undergo the feelings and experiences of the characters which they desire to represent. Once every ten years, he continued, is produced in Palestine the great Passion play, the story of the life of Jesus Christ on earth. The actor chosen for each part in that play spends years in preparation for the great event, and in so doing, as nearly as it is humanly possible, lives the life, thinks the thoughts and is the biblical character which he is to represent. And for this reason, he said, it is a most difficult task to secure an impersonator of the part of Judas. The application made and the conclusion drawn from these illustrations was that to profit by the example set us by Christ one must try to live as Christ lived, to imitate, as nearly as possible the beauties of His character in the flesh.

Influenced, no doubt, by the presence in his congregation of a large number of the delegates to the state organization of the Y. W. C. A., now in session in Tucson, Dr. Carrier closed his address with an eloquent tribute to womankind, relating several instances from the Bible which had to do with Christ's tenderness, love and consideration for women.

"Some philosopher has said," declared Dr. Carrier, "that as God cannot be everywhere, he created mother. Mother, that sacred character in our lives, which so nearly approaches in the divine model and example the lowly Nazarene."

He then called attention to the great good being accomplished by the different women's organizations, of how in latter years they have taken their proper place in the scheme of our national life—always to the forefront, as the mothers of the race, as the teachers in our schools, as the bulwarks of the foreign missionary fields—exemplifying the Jesus spirit in womanhood.

The minister also called attention to the drive which has been inaugurated for the raising of \$50,000 for the orphans' home in Tucson and urged everyone to do all in their power to aid and encourage this work. He also spoke at some length on the rendition of "The Shepherd of the Hills," to be given at the Safford Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of the coming week for the benefit of the charities of Tucson, expressing the hope that it might be the means of raising a large fund for this great cause.

Commencing with last night's sermon, Dr. Carrier will give a series of Sunday evening addresses on the Holy Land, and as he has visited that country and made a study of it, this series will no doubt prove both entertaining and instructive to his auditors.