

truth, that Christ is the hope of glory. We have gone off of God's standard, we have substituted things for divine wisdom, we have depended upon congress and Washington instead of God.

The word hope has been translated "harbor". The Lord will be the harbor of his people. This suggest a place of shelter, of security, of protection.

According to the Bible, life is a race, a pilgrimage, a journey, a vapor that soon vanished. It's like a journey across the ocean. Sometimes all is calm, and then there's a great storm.

It is not always easy to face life with its diseases, wars,--there will always be contrary winds.

The word is always translated as a place of repair. So the emblem of our liberty is the cross and an empty tomb. All power in heaven and in earth is given to our crucified risen, Lord, that he might be able to make you over again.

Isaac Watts said, "O God, our help in ages past,--our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home."

III. Prepare for Christ's coronation.

1. No comparison to the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, or to Solomon, because this will be the greatest of all the ages.

2. The crowning of Christ. Matt. 27:29

As we think of the crowning of Christ upon this earth, it is remarkable that in his trial, his kingship was magnified. Pilate says, "Art thou a king, then." And Jesus says, "Thou sayest it." The faded purple robe that was cast about his shoulders, and the reed placed in his hand, the crowns of thorns on his brow may have been mockery, and yet it speaks of Christ as the King.

Written across the cross, the words attested the fact that this is Jesus the king of the Jews. The Melchisidec, the second Adam,

THE CORONATION I Kgs. 1:39-40

Intro: London was a city under a spell of enchantment this past week. They set aside all ordinary business for June 2, the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. The coronation is primarily a religious ceremony, consecration of a temporal and spiritual leader. It had a flavor of fairyland. There was a five mile procession, and only 7,500 witnessed the ceremony inside Westminster Abbey. The total cost to the government is 7,204,400, which makes it the greatest show on earth. Millions of pounds were spent on public seats, private declarations, and souvenirs. It was estimated that at least 190,000 Americans were present.

This day was declared a public holiday, flowers, and banners, window boxes, office buildings, all comprised part of the decorations. The Ministry of Works grew 100,000 flowers. 50,000 red roses were sent from one of the British subjects. 430,000 souvenir pencils were given to British school children. To prevent shoddy souvenir reaching the public, the government passed on all the designs. About 3,000 were accepted,--2,000 rejected.

The queen rode in the gilded stage coach to the Abbey which was built many hundred years ago. The service was taken from a book that was 600 years old.

(1) The recognition: not only queen by birth, but by national decision. The archbishop of Canterbury said, "I here present unto you, Queen Elizabeth, your undoubted Queen wherefore all you who are come this day to do your homage and service. Are you willing to do the same?" And the people replied, "God save Queen Elizabeth."

(2) The oath: She seals this as the church as a witness, and promises to govern her people according to their respective laws, and to maintain the Protestant reform religion, places her hand on the Bible, and states that she will perform with God's help, and signs the creed.

(3) The anointing: with holy oil in the form of a cross, both the head, palms of both hands and her breast. Then there is a prayer for the Queen, and the anthem, Zadoc, the Priest. She could not be crowned, until like Solomon, she had been anointed.

(4) The investiture: She is ready now to receive the emblems. The sword of the state,--she is charged to use it to put down evil and to defend the faith. She places this upon

the altar in service of God.

Bracelets of gold, symbol of the bond between people, given by the commonwealth, of sincerity and wisdom.

The orb,--a gold glow with a cross to symbolize the rule of Christ over the world.

The stole of gold, and robe symbolize the robe of righteousness. The scepter with which she is to execute justice and lead the people in the way they should go.

The ring and the glove

(3) The crowning:

(4) The homage: she is placed upon the throne and tribute is paid, the queen now comes into her kingdom

This refers back to Solomon's crowning.

I. Queen Elizabeth brings hope

Her subjects look to the throne for hope in the future, that great things will be wrought under this new queen.

We might contrast this with Solomon's day. There was national disturbance, and Solomon ascended to the throne, brought hope to the people. Of all the coronation services, I Sam. 11:15,--Saul, II Sam. 5:3,--David, I Kgs. 12:1,--Rehoboam, I Kgs. 12:20,--Jeroboam,--none brought hope like the crowning of Solomon.

Queen Elizabeth is looked up to by her nation in this trying hour.

When Queen Vashti was removed as queen of the nation, Queen Esther was elevated to that position. Esther 5:2.

II. The hope of the world

1. The world situation. The nation suffered with the fear of desolation as Solomon ascended the throne. It was a welcome call for the trumpet to sound and for the priest to come. There was an unhappy condition in the nation, as perhaps we might find paralleled in our own world when we have an overcast sky.

2. Our hope today is not:

A. A new queen. The hope of people does not rest in a man, of this age and circumstances, such as political strategy.

B. In commerce. Of course, nations slump when they lose trade, operate on the basis of isolation, but it is possible for a nation to decay even with these channels open, because the spirit of trade may not be on a high level and what shall it profit a nation if it gain the whole world and lose its soul?

C. Science. Science makes life more livable and enjoyable. It can relieve suffering and pain, but it cannot cure a broken conscience, nor can it produce a pure heart.

D. Education. Nor will it be ignorance either. Certainly we are interested in education. The great colleges and universities of our nation have their very origin in the Christian faith. The Holy Spirit can use a trained mind. Ancient scholars have passed down to ~~the~~ us in the classics today, many things that are valuable, but when higher education is sacrificed to pagan dieties, then education fails. It cannot dispell the dark cloud of sin.

E. Not a social gospel. This is where we place emphasis on the material rather than the spiritual,--to feed the hungry, nurse the sick, drain swamps, build comfortable homes are practical projects, and true religion will certainly play the part of the good Samaritan, and it will also help to get rid of the robbers. A religion that does not look out and go out and help is one that will vanish.

Jesus had a social vision, but he sought to bring in that kingdom by changing men. He did not concentrate all of his attention upon reform or economic systems, but he worked on the heart.

3. Christ, the hope of the world.

Now we are brought face to face with the unchanging

As priest, Jesus pleads the merit of his blood. As king he exerts power on our behalf. As king he treads our enemies under his feet. It is of great importance that we think of our Savior in this dual aspect, as we think of the benefits we get, of his cross, and all of the benefits we receive from his resurrection. He is of royalty, he is both King and Lord. We must yield unto him obedience which is due, as a king. He

He sits and rules upon the throne of the universe, and therefore will subdue all rule, authority and power. He must sit and rule on the throne of thy heart, that he might put down everything that opposes and obstructs his way, as our Savior. Let all things come and bow before him. The priests of Aaron's line stood day by day ministering the sacrifices, the which could never take away sin. But Christ our King and High Priest is able to accomplish that which is impossible for you.

3. Christians will be crowned at Christ's coming / I Cor. 9:25

Paul describes this as a race. He said some run to get a corruptible crown, but we to get an incorruptible crown, and in another place, he said, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, II Tim. 4:8.

We do not know when Christ will return, and at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth, only leaders of the united Kingdom were invited to take part. But at the coronation of Jesus Christ, everybody will be invited.

At the coronation of Queen Elizabeth, the people shouted "God save Queen," but at the coronation of Jesus the redeemed of God will be able to sing, "Saved, saved, saved."

Very much like a checker game, I have watched people play, and perhaps I thought it was foolish to give away so many men, and then it dawned upon me, that he was giving away the men in order to get in King's Row, and become a king. And so today God says to the facist, "It is your move" and today he is saying to the communist, "It is your move" and then God will say, "It is my move, and will

John Joseph up there -
Angel met said how your crown -
No stand could wait 13 to
see Jesus & fall at his
feet and thank for saving
a sinner like me -

move into King's Row, and Crown Jesus Christ in a great coronation service, and take the game.

Sarah Lawrence you
actor - talent - Brunel
from 5th Ave. Presbyterian
church last Sept - 1951
The last play she was in
was titled "The King of El"
What a way to go - we are
on the staff of the
the last act. The King and