

## II. WHAT HAVE WE LOST

What have we lost? First, a bright example. Many times, we have lost - when we think of our beloved dead. Those on our roll - that we could recall and read today. Who have gone on to their rest in the past year. We think about their bright life. And how God was to be worshipped in beauty and holiness by them. How they were always in the house of God. How they were punctual and regular, in attendance. The weather did not discourage them. And they never did leave their seat in the courts empty. But they kept their solemn obligation, on the Lord's Day.

And they remembered Zion - public religious exercise was a matter of conscience. They learned the important lesson of self-command, the interest of feeling.

Secondly, their service. Abner's service was lost. Not for himself alone, but for others. And that is a principle - when we think about the memory of those on Memorial Day that have passed on. To fill up every portion of fleeting time, of some important service. There are those who have felt that they were ready to obey the call of their fellow citizens, they answered the call of the country in times of danger and difficulty. And I think it somehow speaks to us today, that we need to listen to Him - that these men prefer moral worth - that God does all things well.

In the third place, the loss of their prayers. These men of prayer, women of prayer, who engage in this exercise and carry the concerns of the church to the throne of grace, we have reason to weep at the loss of their prayer. And it is a deep regret for us. Their days were not misspent. They were not always complaining. But they were distinguished while they remained with us. Suddenly, mysteriously they were taken away.

If we are to learn this lesson - then we are to come and to give our lives to Him. This day would be a good day for you. To repent of your sins, to change your mind.

To receive Christ into your heart. And to say "Yes" come into my life. And thirdly, be willing to let God have his way in your life at all costs. We have thought about those who have paid the supreme price. We need to remember that Jesus Christ paid this price with his own life on the cross. And for your salvation. And now I am sure, that you will come and make such a decision.

Harry Soudier stood by the grave of his ~~boy~~ child for Country. Said "Oh God That I could have one request - it would be that I might embrace my lassie again, and thank him for what he did for his Country & humanity" The Best Way to thank the dead is to complete the tasks that they began

A Soldier bending over his wounded comrade on the battlefield of France.

The fallen man had received his death wound, His mind was wandering - But his attention was caught on a little flag pinned on the breast of his chum.

It brought him back to consciousness for a moment and he murmured "Old Story!"

The man bending above him said tenderly, yes, Bill, Oh boy - but it is New Story now you know

And Task of church is to bring New Story