

Son of Daughter - tomorrow is Father's Day What
Should We get him?
Daughter: "May be we should let him have
his car for a change!"

"SEEKING A MAN"

1 Samuel 13:14

8-15

This is a special day for Baptist Men.

Two little men stood looking at a hill,
One was named Can't and the other was named Will.
Can't said: "I never in the world can climb this hill."
So there he is now at the bottom of it still.

Will said, "I'll climb to the top because I will."
So there he is now at the top of the hill.
Two little men are living by the hill;
At the bottom is Can't, at the top is Will.

Philip Dillard: Marry A Man Older Than you Are
So when your beauty fades — He can't see it
His Eyes will be bad!

Dr. R. G. Lee once said:

No man can tell what a river is by looking at a rill. No man can know the
brightness of a star by lighting and looking at a candle. No person can know the
intense heat of a volcano's heart of fire by warming his hands at a stove. No man
can make known the worth of an eighty-year-old orchard by eating one apple. Nobody
can describe fully the wonder of music by listening to one instrument only. We
can never know the depth of the ocean by wading in a mill pond. We can never know
the glories of a continent by building a house on a mountain side or by exploring
only a corner. And no man, though his vocabulary be inexhaustive and his eloquence

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Looking for a husband!
My Man doing his best to impress
his new girlfriend -
carried Wash tub on his back
chicken under his arm
" cane in one hand
& fed calf in other hand?
Almost dark - approached
woods -
I'm afraid walk with you
in there - might hug & kiss
me
How on Earth Manages that - heads
down
Well she said, you could
stick that cane in the ground
Tie the calf up to it -
& Put the chicken under
the Wash tub "

-- Selected

unquestioned, can portray the glory of a good man's great life by speaking of it one half an hour.

I have chosen a text in I Samuel 13 -

V. 13 - And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: Thou hast not kept the Commandment of the Lord Thy God, which he commanded Thee; for now would the Lord have established Thy Kingdom upon Israel for ever.

V. 14 - But now Thy Kingdom shall not continue: The Lord hath sought him a man. After his own heart, and the Lord hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because Thou hast not kept that which the Lord commanded Thee.

It does not say a young man or an old man. He might have looked for Methusaleh who lived over 900 years to be approximate! Just blowing out the candles on his Birthday cake would take some doing! But even so, he missed out on a lot of things. He missed the first trip to the moon, for example. And most likely he never got a chance to serve as President of ~~Rena B. Wright~~ ^{Gertie} Parent-Teacher Association!

IVOT

Methusaleh missed out on so much, never said the nursery rhyme:

Little Bo Peep
Has lost her sheep
And can't tell where
To find him!

It's been three days

Since he went out to graze

And none of the neighbors

Have spied him!

Bo Peep could have considered first to see if the home owner's insurance covers the loss, second contact the missing sheep bureau, third, buy another lamb, or repair the fence. Methusaleh sure missed a lot.

Back to Saul -- Kingly in appearance, towered head and shoulders above those who were around him, he was kingly in his ancestry, but that was not enough.

Kinship never saves or insures salvation.

Another lesson in this story is that God is not dependent upon any individual.

God can set you or Saul aside and his Kingdom still move forward, as if you had never been a part of it.

David's life is different. When he comes to the end of his great career you can understand how God would love him.

Jacob illustrates the same thing. In a great city they were removing a scaffolding from a great building which had been in the process of construction for months. There was nothing special about the building with the scaffolding around it.

When it had been removed the architectural lines were perfect.

Jacob - with the scaffolding taken down, one can see his greatness.

David - with the scaffolding of sin around him -- removed, a worthy conclusion to life.

I Chronicles 29 - Story of his last years - living in quietness and peace, making provisions for the Temple. He called his people about him and blessed them, and fell asleep. Beautiful end.

When Peter stood before Jesus, Jesus said "I will change your name and call you Cephas, which is by interpretation, a stone. And if we had been present we might have said, "Master this man is most unlike a stone. It would be better to name him the sands of the sea, always shifting; or the clouds of the sky, always changing."

But when we see him at Pentecost calling men to repentance -- God has called him to work.

When David's work was complete, He was a man after God's own heart.

Because God knew what he would be when his work was finished.

The Bible gives us pictures of men. Adam and Abraham and Moses and Joshua and David and Isaiah. Worthy men, a complete picture of a man at his best.

In the Bible we see man in his past, present, and future.

I. THE PAST

V. 13

God finds man in sin - hopeless condition - dead in trespasses and sin. He breathes into him the breath of his own life.

4 yr. old - Mis behave - Parents son - Reported
Time or 2 - Took under care - Child - way out
Oh Dear People, of good boy, fine boy,
it's gona be bad bad bad!

Sin is an awful thing. It weakens character.

After the Civil War a man said some of the poverty stricken district of the South with cruel desolation -- barns, houses, fences gone -- even the people "lost their grip".

Losing one's grip is a very forcible expression. Describes moral degeneration and feebleness.

If a man admits he is green - then he will rippen!
" " " " " " already Ripe - " " has started to rot!

We see men almost daily who are gradually sliding down toward wreck and ruin of character losing their grip.

D. J. Simpson seems to have lost her grip on life!
Charged with Murdering wife & her trial - on run - 60 from police - to her home ✓

We hear of prosperous men failing due to bribes.

I think now of that true story of a little rural theatre of Nemour France. Mr. Chirac was an actor of fame. He played the lead part of the drunkard, he won the applause of everyone in the theatre. In the excitement women fainted and men grew pale.
known in Paris

The actor had to be carried off the stage at the end of the fearful scene.

Men and women arose to their feet and cheered.

A few minutes later a hush fell over the little theatre when announcement was made from the stage that Mr. Chirac had died in the spasms and that the play was at the end.

For the first time the audience realized that Mr. Chirac was not acting when he had represented the drunkard. He was actually in the convulsions preceding death from alcoholism.

He came from a noble French family and might have been a truly great man but he lived in poverty, associating with the vile, he became vile. This is sin!

Let me share with you one more story connected with the painting of Leonardo De Vinci's great masterpiece "The Last Supper".

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Long and vain he sought a model for Christ. "I must find a young man of pure life." He declared. At length his attention was called to a young man who sang in the choir of one of the old churches of Rome.

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Pietro Bandinelli by name. He had a beautiful life and face. The moment the artist looked upon this pure, sweet countenance the artist cried out in joy, "At last I have found the face I wanted." So Pietro Bandinelli sat as a model for his picture of Christ.

Years passed on and still the great painting, "The Last Supper", was not finished.

The eleven faithful Disciples had all been sketched on the canvass and the artist was hunting for a model for his Judas.

"I must find a man whose face sin has hardened and distorted" he said, "a debased man, his features stamped with the ravages only wicked living and a wicked heart can show."

Thus he wandered long in search of his Judas until one day on the streets of Rome he came upon a wretched creature, a beggar in rags, with a face that even the artist was repulsed. But he knew that at last he had found his Judas.

This beggar sat as the model for Judas. As he was dismissing him DeVinci said, "I have not yet asked your name, but I will now." ^{Pedroo BANDINELLI} "Pietro Bandinelli", replied the man, looking at him unflinchingly, "I also sat for you as the model for your Christ."

Astonished - De Vinci would not at first believe it, but the proof was at hand. He whose fair, sweet face had been an inspiration for the great masterpiece, now the face was disfigured by the sins of a lifetime.

The son of a former United States attorney general was arrested for breaking into a jewelry window. He said whiskey and morphine had robbed me of my honor, my manhood,

I grew up in Highest Circles of Washington & acquainted with the greatest men of this country.
my home, my family, my friends -- all that made life worth while has been lost.

This is the past! This is sin and this is man as Christ finds him.

The past needs atonement and nothing less than the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ will answer.

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Small Boy - First Business Venture -
Daddy Noticed Sign (Dog for sale 1¢)
" 70000 Paine - " " " 10,000!
" Home Sign gone did sell 10000 Dogs (Yes) Take as Trade in
He missed much - the Lord would have established Thy Kingdom - forever.
1 But I had \$0
2 \$5000.00 Cats -

The past is not much to brag on.

Howard Maxwell in tune with his times. His 4 yr Melinda acquired fixation for "The Little Pigs" Asked her dad read it every night. Mr Maxwell Tape recorded the story - Next night told Melinda switch on play back & worked 2 nights - Then one evening Melinda Pushed the story book at her father: How honey, just turn on Recorder. you said Melinda "But I can't sit on it's top"

II. THE PRESENT

Finding Saul in sin God began the search for a man.

1 Sam 13:9-11

God begins the work of conviction and then leads on to contrition and from that to confession.

When the man of yesterday yields himself to God, accepting Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour, then marvel of marvels and wonder of wonders, the sins which have been piled mountain high are taken away, the guilt is removed, the transgressions which have broken and crushed the life of the past are forgiven and the sinner stands free of the law. Oh, happy condition! And this is all because of what Jesus Christ has done for us in His atoning sacrifice upon Calvary.

"He was made sin for us who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

There are some dreadful things in this world, but there is nothing in the world so dreadful to us as sin.

The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. The scape goat on the day of atonement, when the priest, laying his hands upon the head of the goat confessed the sins of the people, and the goat, led by the hand of a fit person, was taken away into a land where no man was. So Christ has taken our sins from us farther than the East is from the West.

Wilbur Chapman was preaching in Philadelphia years ago. His attention was drawn to a dejected man. The man told him he had been a professor of mathematics in a German University, that he had been slain by the appetite of drink. But he said "something you have said gives me hope."

Psalm 103:12

One day Chapman spoke about our sins taken from us as far as the East is from the West. He then turned to the old professor. "Professor, that is a mathematical proposition for you; how far is the distance East to West?" He reached for his pencil and notebook, suddenly stopped and burst into tears and facing the crowd, "Men you cannot measure it, for if you put your stake here and East be ahead of you and West be behind you, you can go around the world and come back to your stake and East will still be ahead of you and West will still be behind you, for the distance, he said, is immeasurable, and thank God, he cried, that is where my sins have gone."

III. THE FUTURE

The past man, the present man, Saul was without protection.

V. 14 Thy Kingdom shall not continue -

V. 19 - "Now there was no Smith found throughout all the land of Israel."

This was a weapons problem for the future. The Smith was the man who made the sword. He hammered out the metal.

V. 22 - "So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people (it does not say some or a few -- not a man had a real weapon) that were with Saul."

Man must realize that he does not have the power or weapon for the future. His personal efforts are really useless.

Men use all kinds of weapons preparing for the future.

First, when I die I will leave a fortune to my children. Some men won't do that. So I am a good man.

No Horse has a Luggage Rack on Top!

Second, look at the charity list, I am on that list. But that does not satisfy me.

January 27, 1907 the Steamer Valencia went down. J. B. Graham, a passenger, had a bag containing \$1500 in gold. Survivors of that wreck say that Graham offered

the money to anyone who would place him on shore. But little heed was paid to his pleadings and his gold lay on the deck, no one picked it up.

"It was one time when gold will not buy what was wanted."

A survivor of the steamship Topeka said "I'm coming into a safe harbor without a cent." Why even this shirt I have on belongs to another man, and I have not even a hat."

Those who are safe for the future are those who count on Christ.

X S. H. Hadley who made shipwreck of his hopes in his early manhood, almost broke the hearts of those who loved him because of his sins, and then began to walk with Christ, and of all men his life was most beautiful.

What if you should reject Christ as He is waiting to receive you?
It would be heartless for you to reject Christ.

Dr. Torrey told the following story: In the state of North Carolina was a poor farmer, who scratched and scraped to educate a bright son. The son was at the top in the school district and the farmer said to his wife, "our son is a good scholar, and while we are poor, our son is bright and ought to have the advantage of a university education." And he made every effort to send him.

Every little while the boy wrote telling the father and mother how well he was

getting along and as they get these letters they were very proud of their son and it made their hearts glad.

One day when a letter came, the father said to his wife, "These letters are all right, but I would like to see our boy." But the wife said, "It is impossible. He can't come home and you can't go there. You can't afford it."

The father said, "I have a plan, I am going to drive up to the university." He made up his mind to do it. It was a long drive. He went to bed early and got up by daylight and hitched up the old team and started for the university. Traveling many a weary mile. But the old man's heart was light, and the journey didn't seem long, for at the end of the journey would be his boy, who would be so glad to see him. "Won't he be surprised when I come, and won't he be glad to see me?" The old man thought.

As he approached the university and the team started up hill, there coming down the sidewalk were three men, and as he looked at them, he said to himself, "Why, one of them is my boy, and won't he be surprised and glad when he sees me?"

"Why, one of them is my boy", and he stopped his team and rushed up to his boy, who had two of his gay companions at his side, and the son was surprised, but he wasn't glad, but was ashamed of his old father in his plain farmer clothes before his two gay college companions.

He straightened up and said "there must be some mistake sir. I am not your son,

you are not my father. I don't know you. There must be some mistake."

But he might as well have driven a dagger into the old man's heart.

What do you think of a man like that? The story ended with the father going

home with a broken heart and dying. Dr. Joyce Brothers said "The Family is the most important thing you have. Lost my husband, I realized on my death bed you think of those you love (not that I had sold more than or that) Think of those men, mean the most! Family most important, time spent with them."

Saul broke God's heart in not keeping the Commandment of the Lord.

In Ch. 15:11 - The prophet Samuel said "I'm sorry that I had a part in your becoming King. And Samuel cried unto the Lord all night."

15:26 - Saul you have rejected the Word of the Lord and the Lord hath rejected Thee

31:4 - Saul died defeated upon a sword.

Deacon's wife sent me a card this week - Reminded me of her husband - Stroke Not Talk - Black Board write message to family - Last message said HEAVEN

God had to look for another man. God is still looking. He is looking for one after his own heart. (Will you be that man?) If you will accept Christ, not only will you be blessed, but your household and friends.

Rev. Matherson Preacher - A person, not well dressed, came in robes, to hear him preach. They lived in the basement. Attended a while & disappeared. Matherson heard they had moved into the basement to the roof. He went to visit his scoldbody - there on the roof was a little neat place - flowers - she was dressed up & Rev. not recognize her. But she has him - tell what happened? No body can go here. The Matherson Preach & live in a Basement!!

You should know that the devil is the greatest slanderer the world has ever had. Now of course, he has a lot of kinfolks. He slandered God to the first man made. He went to Eve and we read that he said, has God said that you should not eat of every tree of the garden. And the woman said of the serpent - we may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden but of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, God hath said we shall not eat, thereof. Gen. 3:2-5.

The devil said ye shall not surely die. God is jealous - he doesn't want you to be like he is.

Then sometimes he slanders man to God. The devil presented himself before God. Job. 1:6-11. He slandered Job to God. And that is the way the devil does today.

Here was a man under the domination of the devil - his mind was clouded, and he was blinded to the real worth of Jesus. As to what Jesus could give.

There were (two farmers) in Kentucky who wanted to take a little train trip. They bought a ticket, got on a train, and when they got in there the fruit butcher came along selling fruit. He came through the train selling bananas. The farmers bought a banana each. One of them took his banana and peeled it down a little bit and took a big bite and began to chew on it. He swallowed a little bit of it. And about that time the train shot into a tunnel. He turned to his pal and said, say Jim, have you eaten your banana yet. No, not yet, answered his friend. Well, don't eat it - it will make you as blind as a bat. It will make you as blind as a bat.

There are a lot of people in the world who have just as (little understanding of spiritual things) as that dear old farmer had about eating the banana or the tunnel through the mountain, through which the train rushed. That is one of the sad things in this world. But what is a man propheted if in this world he knows all



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Dad's 'OER' on Father's Day at Liberty Chapel

"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the Lord's house." (Psalm 122:1)

How good it is when Christians gather to worship. Great things happened in the Father's Day service. The clouds were indeed heavy with rain, the wind was strong, the storm was raging, however, the glory of God was experienced during the service at Fort Lee's Liberty Chapel.

The singing was inspirational to all in attendance. There were three other vital parts of the service. First, the pastoral prayer time included many urgent needs. Second was the children's sermon. This sermon taught children and communicated the love of God.

Every father received an "I am Special" pencil with a message to them, "God Loves You." And the third vital part was the sermon, "When is a Father not a Father?" led by Chap. Joe Hughes. With wisdom and skill, (using 2 Kings 4:1-37), he painted some unforgettable pictures, giving comfort to mothers who bear heavy burdens, and challenging the good father to be a man after God's own heart.

We give a "one block" to all of the worship leaders at Liberty Chapel. Liberty Chapel is the place ... rain or shine. (I traveled 100 miles to attend.)

God bless our soldiers.

Letter from Frank Hughes, Jr., Chesapeake, Va.

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If we are going to grow and mature to our maximum capacity – to "be all we can be" – we need to walk every day in that relationship with God. It is, of course, a walk which we take, as the apostle Paul rightly observed, primarily "by faith not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). It is a walk that will likely take us both to mountain peaks and through valleys, but God is always our companion on the journey.

Thus we can know for certain that "all things [do] work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Where are you going to walk this week? With whom?

As you go along, take encouragement from the old hymn:

*When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word
What a glory it sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.*