

God's Love and Care.

Psalm 27 David MT 78 10-77
10; 29 31

V 14 "Wait on the Lord: be
of good courage, and he
shall strengthen thine
heart: wait, I say, on
the Lord.

I Giver giveth the hearts of
many people.

V. 1

V. 5 answer Rock a place of safety
also for thou art for I am with thee

II V 10 when father and
mother forsake
Orphan children.

III Do you have a weak
heart.

V. 14.

Even youths shall faint
and be weary and the
young men shall utterly
fall.

- Strength for what
1 To overcome the devil
2 To help other

Illus. Help me help
somebody¹ from club
in Russellville

Illus. Nothing more pitiful
than a team that has
lost heart.

Show a real ~~not~~ ^{real} effort

Help them and
they will come to you
better than ever before.

The Shining Way

Script Prov. 4:1 - 19

M.T. 9-77

text V 18 But the path of
the just is as the shining light
that shineth more and more
unto the perfect day.

Its dog to walk on the way grows
brighter count the miles -
stony one by one. Jesus will
 forsake us never. It is better
 farther on.

I The Wicked
are like the Troubled sea.
V 19 The way of the wicked
is as darkness; they know
not at what they stumble.

Examples
Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley,
Divorce rates 1 to 3
Suicide 3rd most common
cause of death ages 15 - 24
life not worth living

The path of the just
a way of real lasting
love.

He whom the proyes together,
Stays together

a way of peace and
rest of conscience.

Jesus is the prince of
peace.

Ch 3: 5 Trust in the lord
with all thine heart and
Lean not unto thine own
understanding, in all thy
ways acknowledge him
and he shall direct thy paths.

Home at last. MT. 71

Scripture Isaiah 35: 74
text: v 10 and the ransomed
of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with
songs and everlasting joy
upon their heads: They
shall obtain joy and
gladness, and sorrow and
sighing shall flee away."

Intro. In this life there
is a lot of sorrow and
sighing.

I sighing because:

1. of sin in the world.
 1. Adam and Eve cast out
of the garden.
 2. Cain killed Abel.
 3. Peoples sighing because
of children gone astray.

Sighing because of woe.
Illust. Mother couldn't keep
back the tears.

Sighing because of sickness
Mother over child.

Illust. Rosie sighing over
Elaine.

Sorrow -

1. Comes to all.
2. the gayest and most
fun loving of all.
3. Godly couple.

live together 50 years

Sorrow comes.

Illust. My father.

Mother taken and he is
left.

II Home coming time
will come.
Illust. Tribes of Israel
coming to the temple at
Jerusalem. Songs and
Praise returned to their
homes. Found sorrow and
sighing.

Illust. When I went
home, at the gate
in the house, at the table.

III Final home coming.
Eyes of blind shall
be opened.

Toils of life are passed.
Sorrow and sighing
flee away.

Conclusion. Home at last

THE TWO WAYS

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Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Intro.

There are two ways and only two. We are today walking in one or the other.

We have entered either the wide gate or the strait gate. We walk in the broad way or the narrow way.

The one leads to destruction. The other leads to life eternal.

THE WIDE GATE AND THE BROAD WAY

1. A Gate is an entrance into something.

Here it points to the great moral truth there are critical and ##### #### decisive points in life to which men come.

a. It is a wide gate meaning it is not hard to find and all classes of people enter it.

2. The way is broad meaning that all kinds of persons may walk in it.

A. Some on the darker side of the road.

1. Gangsters, outlaws, Murders, moral degenerates, Drunkards, ~~Gamblers~~

B. Some are on the side of the road nearest the narrow way.

1. Good Moral People, Having a form of Godliness but denying the power thereof.

Liar, Unbelieving, Lovers of self, rather than lovers of God.

Church members from every church under the sun.

C. They are all on the broad way and their destination is the same.

THE STRAIT GATE AND THE NARROW WAY.

1. The building of this gate and way was not easy. It cost Jesus Christ the son of God His life.

a. Easy for God to create, to walk on the waves of the sea, to feed thousands of people with a few loaves of bread, to heal those who were sick.

Not so easy to get one person to enter the strait and narrow way.

1. even the angels rejoice over one sinner that repenteth.

2. Sin the only thing that keeps people from entering in.

a. The first condition at this gate, is repentance. A Godly sorrow for our sins

1. Ro. 6:23. The wages of sin is death: but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2. If we confess our sins etc.

b. Believing and trusting only in the Lord Jesus Christ as your saviour

Believe and be saved, disbelieve and be damned.

c. The way is narrow but seems wider as you walk in it.

Pr. 4:18

But the path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is as darkness; they know not at what they stumble.

1. the way means self denial but gives great joy.

D. It is a way of sincerity.

No mere formalists or hypocrites shall enter it.

E. All affections must set on things above. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God

F. It means loving God with all our heart and our neighbor as ourselves.

- G. It means leaving all for Christ.
 - 1. no matter what others think or say
- F. It means restitution.
- G. It means consecration and sanctification.
 - 1. A life completely surrendered to God to use as He sees best.

H. It means forsaking all that is sinfull in the world.

I. It means telling others about this way and urging them to walk in it.

LLL IT IS A STRAIT GATE AND A NARROW WAY BUT
the rewards are everlasting.

Tells about in Revelations.

a. no more death, tears, sighing,

live forever in eternal bliss.

FEW WHO ENTER IN *open choices few*

There are few who find the way to heaven:
fewer yet who abide anytime in it; fewer still
who walk in it; and fewest of all who persevere
unto the end. Nothing renders this way either
narrow or difficult to any person, but sin.
Let all the world leave their sins, and all the
world may walk abreast in this good way.

Conclusion.

There are only two Gates and there are only
two ways. Which will you take. The way of sin
leads to death. the way of righteousness leads to
life eternal

The way of life is open today why not take
a vantage of your opportunities now.

Peace

MT. 77

John 16: 33 These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have over-
come the World.

Intra. Tho. 14, 15, 16 ch Jesus
speaks to his disciples that
they might have peace.

There are things that bring
peace to the soul and
there are things that war
against the soul.

1 Peter 2: 11 Dearly beloved
I beseech you as strangers
and pilgrims, abstain from
fleshy lusts, which war
against the soul.

Jesus said: Jn 14:27

Peace I leave with you
my peace I give unto you;
not as the world giveth
giveth unto you. Let not
your heart be troubled
neither let it be afraid.

I The peace the World gives.

A. The peace when one nation
defeats another.

B. Peace via drugs.
alcohol.

C. Pleasure seeking.

II The peace that Jesus gives
on other paper

Cotter offering peace. Cotter sunrise service,
S.P. John 14: 21-31 Riverside Jan 29th
text John 14: 27 Morris M.F. 71
Givens Aug. 51

Please I leave with you my peace I
give unto you: not as the world giveth
giveth unto you. let not your heart
be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Intro.

There are two word that are the direct
opposite Peace and Woe.

both words have a lot ~~not~~ of meaning
to all people's of the earth today.

whether we have peace with
all of its blessing or woe
with its joys and cursings
makes a lot of difference.

Our text infers there are two
kind of Peace. What the
world give, What Jesus give.

I The Peace that the world give.

1 among nations.

① Woe the opposite.

Illust. the Block leaders in N. Y.
Briarmere, State, Peacock.

Illust. Emerson holds the effect of Woe.
Coming of Peace.

2. A wonderful feeling when
Peace come.

② The sky was brighter,
all hearts were lighter
the thought of coming
soft home at last was.

almost beyond description
2 We have almost forgotten it now.
3 We are wistfully hoping and
trusting our Peace will remain
But the threat of war after
losing our Priority on the atom
Bomb gives us a sickening feeling
① War always strikes fear
into the hearts of men
② Peace strikes a note of hope
and joy. a pleasant sound
in every ear.
③ Peace among nations is not easily
B. found in drunkenness.
only and in greater condemnation.
Thus from who come its tent
doubt
See Psalms 107
11 The wicked are like the troubled sea

II 9th of Oct 1918 Jesus gave
④ For those who do not know
Sunrise to Jesus there is a
war going on.
⑤ Those early morning thoughts
those time when we are all
alone and God speaks to us.
Whatondrous coil we have
when thinking of the different
lost lives.
How like felix we tremble
within ourselves.
there is no place for the wicked

There is a war going on inside.
Conscience is a bond for its fight
agent. But it is possible to
defeat. But only leaves us with
a fearful terror in our hearts
when we think of defying God.

C. The only lasting peace is that
which Jesus gives.

1. It posseseth all understanding

A. Being justified by faith —
Jesus the Prince of Peace,
B. Peace in the midst of the
most adverse circumstances.

MY EXPER. ← Illus. Mr. Stockill,
Christian in adverse circumstances

B. We have a concience void
of offence toward God.

1. Our quiet hours are not
and not a restless

2. Also.

2. There is therefore no
condemnation to them that
are in Christ Jesus."

Conclusion:

Jesus comes to give peace.

1. Not to all the world but
only to those who surrender
to him.

The place that the world
gives is but for a time

The place Jesus gives is with
us at all times as we
continually live for Him.

Even in the darkest hours
of sorrow pain or death.

It posseseth all understanding
and it is for you if you
will receive Him today.

Sing peace, peace, no warfare.

Oh the place that Jesus gives

The Life of the Soul: MT. 9-72

Prov. 4: 14 - 23 ³⁷⁶
T. V. 23 "Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it on the issues of life."

Intra. To the physical body the life is in the blood without this red stream flowing the body will die it supplies every cell with food and takes away all the impurities. Sustenaria is a disease of the blood it destroys the red corpuscles of the blood the heart is the organ that keeps this stream of life going.

I Solomon refers to the heart as the seat of man as controlling all the thoughts and actions whether good or bad. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

When a murder is committed
it comes from the heart,
a robbing a lit^e, a mad
fit, a kindness, word of
comfort, helpfulness, encourag^g
ment, love, issues of life.

If. Unless the heart of man
is changed outside help will
be of no avail.

Ex. New clothes, a good house
a good car.

III The heart must be changed. Sin is the disease of the soul. Only God has the remedy, through redemption, ^{Sonification}. Joists, penitence, reforms, laws will not change punishment will not change. The love must be in the heart.

• H. H. S. •

IV How to keep

1. Be diligent work at the job, by prayer, meditation, the study of the word and by united worship.
2. Continually watch your attitudes ^{esp. original Confess full} and your desires. are they all for the glory of God.
3. Keep humble and usefulness engaged in working for God.

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the Place of Blessing

Gen. 32:27-29 Closer part of
1946 blessed him there ^{more often} tropos

Intro. the Dramatic story + 66
Jacob, 7-73

no place is too strange or 74
unlikely to meet God.

Jacob by the Brook
Moses in the Desert

Eliphiel in a cove

Ezebel by a stream in Babylon
Samolian women by a well
Soul of St. Peter along a country trail

Illust. Latin American Indians
A dios A dios! - Christos

Jacob learned any place
can be hallowed when
certain internal conditions
are met.

Some needed grace, some
required cleansing, some
empowerment.

Let us see the significant
features of the place
of blessing.

I. a place of separation
"and Jacob was left
alone".
A Illust Story.

20 years ago!

Ezra comes with 400 armed
men.

B. Jacob Shrends Self-rever
Note:

It was so hot along the boundary
where come.

Joshua, soon no with crown worn,
Isaiah, sought God greater than all kings,
John the Baptist alone in the wilderness,
Paul alone in the Jordan desert,
when he spake the word of the
Jesus Christ.

C. "the most courageous, braver
in any man's life". Is it
not be honestly face himself?"

II after the place of blessing
is a place of struggle.
"They wrestled with him
a mor until the breaking of
the day" V. 24.

A God has a hard time to get
us to surrender.

B. Jacob a double minded man
Illustr.

Illustration for resistance in Phil.

1. The severity of the struggle
indicates the nearness of Blessing

III. The place of blessing is
the place of submission.

A. Jacob said Bless me
Bless me. I will not
let thee go.

B. The condition of blessing
A new name please.

C. Name changed to new
natural Israel.

He handed over to God
The last Idol.
and blessing come.

"Higher than the highest flowers,
Deeper than the deepest sea,
Lord, thy love at last hath
Conquered;
Grant me now my soul's petition,
None of self, and all of thee!"

IV Best of all a place
of Splendor
from separation, through struggle
and submission to Splendor.
A new nature.

N.M.J.

Not brain power
nor leg power
Not will power
The power of prayer, and love, and
faith and humility.
Be ye now God-fitter than ever
before.

Illust. little Joseph.

Conclusion.
A new day. "The sun rose
upon him."
"And he blessed him there".

M.T. '77
Progress meeting

Judges 7: 21 And they stood
every man in his place
round about the camp.
3 hundred fought victory
against the Midianites.

Jesus said.

John 4: 39

Say not ye there o'er if
worthy and then cometh
honest . . .

Luke 10: 7

The honest truly is
plenteous but the labors
are few . . .

Ps. 126: 5

They that sow in tears
shall reap in joy . . .

God's Excellent Way M.T. 77
Script. 19:1-14

V 7 God's law is perfect

Converting the soul.
With your sins be as scarlet
A great change comes about
God can take the worst of
people. Old song Dumb
Illustr. Bud Roberson

V 8. Statues of the Lord are
right, rejoicing the heart

1. The ways of sin are so
full of disappointment
fist the troubled sea which
cannot rest.

B the Path of the just is
as a shining light.

V 8. Commandment is pure
enlightening the eyes
sin dull the eyes and
darkeneth the countenance
Salvation makes such a
great change. altar scenes

V9. The fear of the Lord is
clean, enduring for ever.
Cursing and killing God's name
is a lack of fear of the
Lord.

Fearing the Lord and walking
in his ways bring peace
and rest.

V10. Better than Gold

Men live for money.

Muct. John D. Rockefeller.

How many song are written
telling of the satisfaction
of money.

Thousands of song are written
telling of the satisfaction found
in God.

Hallelujah I have found him
whom my soul so long had
craved. Jesus satisfies my longing.

V10 Sweeter than Honey

Tis so sweet to trust in
Jesus, just to take him
at His word.

VII we are warned by them
1. Of eternal punishment
Great reward.
1. Everlasting life.

VIII O Lord understand his
errors. Pardon cleanse me from
secret faults.
1. By the conviction of the
Holy spirit -

VII innocent of the great
Transgression

VII let the word of my
mouth

HUMILITY

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Scripture Reading: I Peter 5;1-6.

Text: I Peter 5,6.

All of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.

Intro.

The man unlearned of God is a fool.

1. Regardless of education, talents, position etc.
2. Because he calls evil good and good evil, Bitter sweet and seet bitter, Light darkness and darkness light.
 - a. Humility and pride is a good example.

- I. ~~Fruit comes after destruction of a~~
~~longer spirit for a fall~~
Humility to these untought of God is a vice
- A. The Greeks considered it the temper of the slave
 - B. Before the teaching of Christ there was no place in the world for the spirit of Humility.
 1. A vice of nature to be avoided.
 - a. not consistent with their way of living.

- II. Christ taught that humility was to constitute the life of every christian.
- A. "He that exalteth himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."
 - B. Peter one of the three closest deciples teaches us to be clothed with humility.
 - C. In James we find "God resisteth the proud, but givith grace unto the humble".
 - D. The Apostle Paul writes to Philippians "Let nothing be done through strife and vain glory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than himself"

to the Colossians, "Put on therefore as the elect of God holly and beloved bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering.

III. Peter speaks of it as a garment.

- A. All-surrounding, all sides alike.
 - 1. Pride the parent of all vices
 - 2. Humility the pervading element of the humble.
- B. The garment which braces and secures all the rest.
- C. The Gospel proclaimed that humility was not the virtue of weakness but the highest life,
- D. Jesus the highest of all proclaimed Himself the servant of all.

IV. *If com not to be measured To*

St Augustine said that Humility is the Vessel of the graces:

III#. Vase of flowers. Flower pot

A. God givith grace to the humble

- 1. In the soil of the proud heart no grace can grow.

V. "Be subject all of you one to another."

- A. Be clothed with the garment of a servant
 - 1. No doubt peter was thinking of the time Jesus girt Himself with a towel and washed the diciples feet
- B. Jesus said "Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart."
 - 1. Humility is the social grace which binds the christian church together.
 - a. It does not blind us to our own abilities but not to think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think.

VI. Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God.

- A. God resisteth the proud
 - 1. all must humble themselves before finding God. *as a little child*
- III #. King saul. Jezeble, Herod. Satan Himself was proud. *Hitler*

Refused the Prophets

VII. He giveth grace to the humble.

A. Humility is the empty vessel
without it we cannot receive the
living water which Christ gives.

VIII. He will exalt you in due time.

III. # Lazarus

Conclusion.

Now is the time that the guests are being prepared for that great marriage feast. The feast will soon be ready. The guests are gathering now in the church below. Some think they are entitled to a good place, and some who are taking lowly seats, conscious of their unworthiness. like the publican---- But in that day when the King comes some will be obliged with shame to take the lowest place, and some be excluded altogether, even though they have high standing and profession, some on the lower seats shall have the Bridegroom say. "Friend, come up higher,"

Just remember that it is written.

"Everyone that exalteth himself shall be abased and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

1. Did Jesus Practice Being Humble.
2. Do you know of any great men of the Bible who were humble.
3. How are we to be humble.

Promises to the Humble,

Power for Service

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Script. acts 1:1-9 good results

Ver v 8. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Intro. Power to live a Christian life and power for service is of great concern to those who would follow Christ.

Luke 24:49 Jesus said Tarry until ye receive power from on high.

What do we need power for.

1) to be an effective witness,

Illust. Disciples.

- needed, power over self, for love
Pride, Jealousy, Comical anger, Compassion
A Wk should be the greatest.
- B. Cowardly. all forsake and fled.
 - C. Peter afraid and denied the Lord.
 - D. Power to witness, effect everywhere preaching the word. No they stopped them. Persecution, beatings, prisons, threatenings, etc.

II Disciples realized the importance of the Spirit's filling.

acts 8: 14 - 17

they had received water baptism and were believers, but the Holy Ghost had not fallen on any of them.

Disciples at Ephesus.
acts 19: 2 "How ye received
the Holy Ghost since ye
believed.

A. This was the great
concern in the early
church and should be
today. If not, then why
not?

Sing Come Holy Spirit

Do you need the power
of the Holy Spirit
If so, come.