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GCC SERMON

Jesus said of the kingdom of God, "Every man presseth into it." There is a pressing into the things of God that must be done. Jesus said that many will strive to enter, but would not be able – because they stop pressing in.

Seeking is desiring. . . hoping. . . . We don't want to be in the seeking congregation; we want to be in the finding congregation.

"Oral Roberts is the greatest man of Pentecost since the apostles. Billy Graham's ministry compares to the ministry of John the Baptist; there's no power in it. It is what Paul condemned as a "word only" ministry. Paul said his ministry was not like that.

God's people have been designated by various titles such as:

The Lamb's Wife.
Jesus' Flock
The Body of Christ
His Vineyard
The Bride
The Temple of God
The Assembly of God
The Kingdom of God etc., etc.,

GCC Pearl: "We are *in* the kingdom of God now if we have the Spirit, but none of us have *inherited* the kingdom of God yet. That comes at the end; that is salvation. And half the people in the kingdom of God right now are not prepared to inherit it."

There are three things freely given to you when you enter the Kingdom of God: righteousness, peace, and joy. You didn't have those things in you until God gave them to you.

God's kingdom is now within you, and the new law of God is a judge of the inward man. The desires of your heart are what God judges you by now. You cannot justify yourself by deeds you have or have not done, as they did in the Old Testament. Justification now is according to your innermost desires because the Kingdom of God is within you.

GCC Pearl: You can make up your mind not to steal, but you can't get envy or covetousness out of your own heart. To be reformed is not to be cleansed.

All the religions of earth have the backbone of "Do unto others as you would have them to do unto you."

STORY One of the first things Jesus said to me during the three weeks and four days that I

spent alone seeking God was, “Never speak of a person in his absence what you would not say in his presence.” And it was repeated to me.

GCC Pearl: “You’re going to live close enough to God to be persecuted, or you’re going to persecute somebody. You only have two choices. There is no fence to sit on.”

You will only persecute someone ahead of you in the Lord, doing what you are suppose to be doing, or going where you’re supposed to be going.

God said through Jeremiah, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked.” But He said through Ezekiel, “I’m going to give you a new heart. And that one is not desperately wicked. In other wrids, you’re going to be anew creature.”

GCC Pearl: “Training the old man to behave is like dressing a dog up in nice clothes. That’s what Moses’ law did to the nature of man. Keeping rules is not the same as walking in the Spirit.”

GCC Pearl: “When a person gets right with God and gets baptized, he can do anything in the world he wants to and shout and thank God for it . . . Brother, if you can’t do that, you need another trip [to God].”

STORY People who have rejected this truth have given me, personally, a good report. Brother Reuben Jones was afraid to have me in his tent meetings, but when he left town with his tent, he said, “I believe Brother Clark is a good man.”

Everybody in this community says Sister Edna Murray is a good woman.

GCC Pearl: “The Law of Moses would be an insult to someone walking in the Spirit. Suppose someone would tell me I ought not to tell a lie? I’d feel silly submitting to such a commandment. I already am not going to lie because I don’t want to.”

GCC Pearl: There are several ways to lie. Leaving the wrong impression, and knowing you are doing so, is to tell a lie. You can tell a lie with your mouth or you can act one out.

Don’t fight things outside in the world. There is no sin outside of man. Jesus said all sin proceeds from the heart of man. It is foolish to fight against mini-skirts, the way many believers are doing, these days, or criticizing the prosperity of others, etc. The people doing that have an internal problem. The miniskirts are not their problem, and the wealth of others is not their problem. Lust and envy is their problem.

I wish people could do right. But I am not going to fret myself. We can’t fix others when we have not been delivered. We can only complain about them. And God can fix us more than once. I have been fixed since God fixed me the first time.

This meeting would be a hard place for someone to come who does not really want to be delivered.

GCC Pearl: How long can God keep you in perfect peace? Just as long as you can keep your mind on Him. Isaiah said that God would “keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Him.”

I’m not looking for anything greater than perfect peace. . . . You can’t have perfect peace as long as you are so attached to someone that you just can’t turn them loose. They will drain your soul. And then you won’t be able to help them. The only way you can help anybody is to “come out from among them and be ye separated” and be an example of the righteousness of God.

I don’t grind and grind trying to get the truth into my the children. I have recently talked with Eunice and Mike and let them know that.

STORY about being beaten up by a crowd in Indianapolis, and healing a rough-looking man who reached out to him during the brawl and touched him. A few weeks later, that man got the holy Ghost.

Nine stars came before me as I was praying before the service. And one fell. We have nine persons in the organization of this work. I saw a star fall. I don’t know what that means. But I’ll tell you one thing. If you’re ready to meet God, you’re not worried if it’s you.

Uncle Joe testifies. “I have been reading *Foxe’s Book of Martyrs*. In Revelation, during the Fifth Seal, there were voices of martyrs crying out to God for vengeance. Jesus won’t come again until there is another crop of martyrs.

Sister Edna starts out singing (briefly), “I have left this world behind”.

Sister Betty Pittman. “I am thankful that this many people can meet like this.”