

SOUNDS A LOUD CALL

FOR REPENTANCE FOR PAST SINS ON
LAST SABBATH OF DYING YEAR.

BEGIN A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Timely and Practical Theme of the
Preacher Who Iterates and Reiterates
God's Command "Repent! Repent!
Repent Ye of Sin"—Why It is a Wise
Thing to Cease From Wrongdoing
Now.

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ada, in the year 1903, by William Baurier, To-
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Chicago, Dec. 27.—In this sermon,
on the last Sabbath of the dying
year, the preacher sounds a loud call
for repentance of past sins and a re-
solution with divine help to begin a
new life in Christ with the coming
year. The text is Luke xiii., 5, "Ex-
cept ye repent, ye shall all likewise
perish."

Great accidents generally have their
two classes of heroes. The one class
is composed of dying heroes, the other
of living heroes. When, a few
weeks ago, a coal train crashed into
the Big Four special which was carry-
ing a thousand college students and
their friends to Indianapolis to play
for the State football championship
the young men who were unhurt pulled
and tugged at the derailed cars.
They lifted up, the mangled bodies
of the dying, and they collected the
mutilated remains of the dead. Young
girls who in ordinary life would have
been at the sight of a mouse or a
cat, at a vaccination in that awful
crash tore up their garments for
bandages and bathed the white fore-
heads of their young friends who
were about to pass away. On the
other hand, those who were being
aided were just as self sacrificing,
as those who were trying to alleviate
physical sufferings and minister to
spiritual wants. An acquaintance of
mine arrived at that scene of horror
only a short time after the tragedy
occurred. He personally told me of
the nobility of some of those maimed
and dying heroes. One young man
had crawled out of the wreck and
was seated upon the ground with his
thumb tightly pressed against an
artery. His foot had been completely
amputated by the wreck. When the
doctor found him, he turned, with a
brave smile and said: "Never mind
me, doctor. I am all right for the
present. Go and help those poor fel-
lows down there. They need you more
than I." Dying athletes thought not
of themselves. While tossing about in
mortal agony they begged their
friends not to let their fathers and
mothers and sisters and brothers and
sweethearts know how badly they
were hurt.

We shudder at the details of these
sudden and appalling calamities. It
shocks us to think of strong men and
delicate women, bright and gay and
with apparently many years of happy
life before them, being overwhelmed
and crushed in one short hour by
some terrific disaster. Yes, it is hor-
rible. But, while we deplore and sym-
pathize, let us not forget the lesson
that Christ would have us learn from
such catastrophes. To those who told
him of a great and sudden sacrifice
of life he said, "Ye, too, shall like-
wise perish unless you repent." He
did not mean that their earthly lives
would necessarily have a similar end,
but that without repenting a doom
beyond the grave as appalling as
that they had described awaited
them. The greatest railroad accident
that ever took place, as when the
Edinburgh express went down
through the broken trestles of the
bridge; the greatest volcanic
catastrophe when Vesuvius emptied it-
self; and the two favorite resorts of
Rome's aristocracy in one night
were buried in their grave of ashes;
the most awful of fires, as when Chi-
cago was burned; are not to be com-
pared to the horror of that day when
sinners who have not repented of and
turned from their sins shall hear
their doom pronounced by a righteous
God. Listen to the words of Jesus:
"Suppose ye that these Galileans
were sinners above all Galileans be-
cause they suffered those things? I
tell ye nay, but except ye repent ye
shall all likewise perish." Repentance
of sin is our subject. Repentance of
sin is our imperative command.



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Standing between the open grave
of the dying year and the new made
cradle of the coming year, we hear
God thunder the command: "Repent!
Repent! Repent ye of sin!" Not sor-
row alone, though it includes that;
not alone regret that we have sinned
against a God so good and so loving,
but renunciation. There is no real
repentance until there is determina-
tion to abandon sin. It means that
each sinner must first be willing to
pluck the wriggling, hissing serpent
of evil out of his heart and hurl it
from him as though it had the poi-
sonous fangs of a fatal cobra before
Christ's blood will blot out the evil
results of a hideous past. It means
that the sinner has no ground for
expecting heaven at the end of his
course unless, through the power of
Christ, he has renounced his sin.
Either the repentant sinner, with
wide open eyes, is walking directly
toward the cross or else he is walk-
ing directly away from it.

What says Paul in reference to this
renunciation of sin? To the church of
Corinth he wrote: "Wherefore come
ye out from among them, and be ye
separate, saith the Lord, and touch
not the unclean thing, and I will re-
ceive you and will be a Father unto
you, and ye shall be my sons and
daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." Without repentance of sin there can
be no remission of sin. Now, my bro-
ther, my sister, come the practical
and overpowering questions: Are you
and I, on this last Sunday night of
the year, ready to turn our backs up-
on sin? Are we ready to tear out
this viper of evil habit which we
have been nursing in our bosoms as
a Nathan's pet lamb? Repentance of
sin means more than to be merely
sorry for sin. It means a complete
renunciation of a turning from, a re-
pudiation of sin. Are you and I
ready now to promise God that, with
the help of the Holy Spirit, we will
throttle our secret sins, even as the
natives of India in hands go forth to
destroy the man-eating prowler of
the dark jungle?

And why should we not one and
all be ready to turn our backs upon
and renounce sin? In all the history
of our lives is there one instance of
yielding to sin in which sin has not
proved itself our enemy? As a loath-
some cancer has it not been eating
at the vitals of our hearts? It has
steadily been devouring our manhood
and self respect. Why should we not
be ready to renounce our sins and
turn to Christ? Has not sin always
been a curse and an enemy? Has not
sin destroyed the best part of our
lives?

Standing between the open grave
of the dying year and the cradle of
the year about to be born, my text
is especially appropriate. Why?
Though God offers pardon and peace
for repentance of all past sins, he
does not offer pardon for one sin that
we intend to commit in the future.
One drop of Christ's blood is suffi-
cient to undermine and sweep away
the mountain ranges of past evil.
But to the man who is cherishing his
sin, who will not break with it, who
will not give it up, there is no pro-
mise. Pardon for the past is of no
avail to a man who loves his sin
and will accumulate a new load next
year, next month or next week,
though that sin be as small as a
grain of sand by the seashore, as
small as a microbe which can only
be seen under the magnifying glass
in the biologist's laboratory.

Many people mistakenly suppose
that God's pardon applies to future
as well as to past sins. They think
it applies to those sins which we
intend to commit as well as to those
sins of which we are already guilty.
In the Far East the Mohammedans
suppose that earth and heaven are
separated by a great chasm. Over
this fathomless chasm are stretched
many bridges, each the breadth of a
hair in thickness. Over these infinit-
esimal bridges the immortal souls
must pass from earth to heaven while
glowing, hissing, bursting flames
leaping up from the bottomless pit
beneath scorch their feet and try to
drag them down. So some people of
Christian America foolishly think
they can reach heaven, though they
are deliberately and intentionally
walking, as the Mohammedans im-
agine themselves doing, over the hot
fires of evil. They believe God will
pardon those sins which we intend
to commit in the future as well as
those sins which are already recorded
against us upon the black pages of
the past.

Abraham Lincoln's war cry against
slavery was this: "A house divided

against itself cannot stand. This
country must become all slave or all
free." In the same way, man cannot
have two masters. "Either he will
hate the one and love the other, or
else he will hold to the one and de-
spise the other." Yet there have been
thousands upon thousands of immor-
tals who have been eternally des-
troyed because they thought they
could serve God and Satan at the
same time.

Pardon for the past sins. No pardon
is promised for the future sins
which we deliberately intend to com-
mit. Mr. Moody, I think it was, gave
this as his testimony: For many
weeks and months he had been labor-
ing with a business friend to give his
heart to God. This man at last
said: "Moody, I will do as you ask,
but upon one condition. It has al-
ways been my ambition from a boy
to be worth \$100,000. I see that my
wealth is rapidly nearing that mark.
When I have that much in the bank,
I shall then become a Christian and
be a true, practical Christian as well
as a professing one." From that mo-
ment the man's eternal destiny was
sealed. His heart became hardened.
He did reach his \$100,000 milestone
along the pathway of wealth, but he
never reached the foot of the cross.
Pardon for sins of 1903. Yes. But
God offers no assurance of pardon
for those sins which we deliberately
mean to commit in 1904.

Standing between the open grave
of the dying year and the cradle of
the year about to be born, we
should all repent of our sins. Why,
again? Because the far reaching
word "repentance" embraces another
far reaching word, "restitution." Therefore, if we are going to try to
undo the many wrongs of the past,
we must be about our Father's busi-
ness very quickly. God forgives those
who truly repent, but the work of
restitution or of atonement to our
brother man who has suffered in
body or soul by our wrongdoing be-
longs to us, and we know not how
soon the opportunity of doing that
work may pass away.

Sometimes it is not possible for us
to undo the wrongs of the past. Mr.
Beecher in one of his sermons related
an incident illustrative of this im-
possibility. While he was living in
Indianapolis a young man was en-
ticed into a gambling den and there
drugged and cheated out of all his
money, some \$1,500. This callow
youth begged the robbers to give him
back at least enough to pay his car
fare home. They not only refused,
but kicked him out into the street.
Under their brutal treatment the
young man was driven to commit
suicide. The owner of that gambling
den afterward repented of his share
of the crime. "But," said Mr. Beech-
er, "all his repentance could not re-
store his victim's life and could not
undo the wrongs of the past." In
our lives there are thousands of
wrongs we have done to others which
we can never undo. Perhaps by some
sinful invitation which we gave or
by some evil example which we have
paraded in our past life we have been
the means of starting some man,
some young woman, on a life of
crime and have started them on a
journey which ended in a drunkard's
or a suicide's grave.

But though we may be unable to
undo all wrongs we have done our
neighbors we can make restitution
for many of our past misdeeds, and

one of the chief manifestations of
true repentance is the expressed de-
sire and willingness to personally
atone as far as lies within our pow-
er for past faults. The widow of
the famous artist John Opie once
said: "I never saw my husband
satisfied with any of his productions.
Often, very often, have I seen him
enter my room and throw himself in
an agony of despondency on the sofa
and exclaim, 'I never, never can be a
painter as long as I live!'" "It was
a noble despair, such as is never
felt by the self complacent
dauber of signboards," commented
Charles H. Spurgeon. "It was a
noble despair, which bore the as-
pirant up to one of the highest niches
in the artistic annals of his coun-
try." The truly repentant sinner,
too, has a noble despair in his rest-
less and unsatisfied desire to make
restitution for all the evil he has
done. This desire will goad him on
and on as long as he lives. There-
fore, my brother, if you have a long
and evil past, so far as possible you
should lose no time in beginning the
long and difficult task of trying to
undo the wrongs you have done. One
of the self evident proofs, patent to
all, that Zaccheus was truly convert-
ed was the blunt statement he made
to the Master when he said, "Behold,
Lord, the half of my goods I give
to the poor, and if I have taken any-
thing from any man by false accusa-
tion I restore to him fourfold." Then
Jesus said unto him, "This day is
salvation come to this house."

True repentance can never take
place without being accompanied by
a holy longing to make restitution
for an evil past. Then, my brother,
you had better make haste to re-
pent. There are many evil words you
have spoken which you should try
to recall. There are many bad in-
fluences you have exerted over your
companions. There are many, very
many, sins which you have commit-
ted in your homes, the effects of
which you should try to eradicate
from the minds and hearts of your
children. "Repent! Repent! Repent
ye of sin!" Repent, so that you
may be able, like Zaccheus, to re-
turn fourfold to those whom you
have wronged. Restitution must go
hand in hand with repentance.

There is still another reason for
deep repentance of sin. The greater
our self abnegation the more glorious
will appear to us the forgiveness of
God. The more we stand afar off
and beat our breasts and, like the
poor publican, say, "God be merci-
ful to me, a sinner," the more joy-
ous will be the Saviour's words
which will welcome us into our Father's
house when he says, "Son,
daughter, thy sins are forgiven thee;
go in peace." Then the burden of
the cross will not be a burden, as
you and I may have anticipated. It
will be such a burden as Rutherford,
the evangelist, described it when he

said: "The burden of the cross is the
sweetest burden I ever bore. It is
such a burden as wings are to a
bird or sails are to a ship, to carry
me forward to the harbor of peace."

Deep repentance for sin naturally
implies a corresponding gratitude to-
ward Christ, who has redeemed us
from the evil results of sin. The
greater the danger the greater the
love we have for our rescuer. I was
never more impressed with this truth
than last year, when the Chicago
Presbytery banqueted its most hon-
ored member, Rev. Herrick Johnson,
D.D., on his seventieth birthday.
Without doubt Dr. Johnson is one of
our most influential living ministers
of the Presbyterian Church. He is
not only a great ecclesiastical states-
man and famous professor, but he
has bound to him with golden cords
of love all who know him and who
have lived close to him. After the
different Chicago ministers had spok-
en and expressed their deep respect
for their honored guest Dr. Johnson
rose to reply. With a sweet, gentle
spirit looking out of his loving eyes,
he said: "Brethren, I am over-
whelmed with this overpowering
manifestation of your love. I have
done nothing to merit all this. Then,
with a quavering voice, he gratefully
laid all the happy results of
life's work at the feet of his Sav-
iour when in a simple, childlike way
he repeated these trustful words:
I am a poor sinner and nothing at
all.

But Jesus Christ is my all in all.
Ah, yes, such loving yearning, such
tender turning with joyful and grate-
ful face to a divine Saviour, are the
immediate results of true repentance.
The darker the clouds that hang
over Mount Sinai the more raptur-
ous the emptied sepulcher on Easter
morn. The more awful the hurricane
which tosses us about upon the sea
of sin the more beautiful becomes the
Bethlehem star, beckoning us across
the still waters and into the harbor
where the rescued mariners need never
fear again the angry waves.

Still another reason for immediate
repentance: The mute appeal of
thousands upon thousands of immor-
tals heading toward destruction who
may be saved if we will only point
them to the Way. The moment a
repentant sinner is snatched from
eternal death that moment he longs
to rescue others threatened with the
same danger. And, oh, my friends,
how many sinners there are who may
be saved if by the grace of God we
will go forth to save them! But
mark this—unrepentant cannot
rescue the unrepentant. The blind
cannot lead the blind or they will
both stumble into the ditch and be
lost.

But while I have been talking re-
lentless time has been pushing the
minute hand around the face of the
clock. Like one who waits for dis-
solution, the year 1903 is ready for
the messenger to lead it forth to
sleep in the graveyard of the other
dead years. If we are to repent in
1903, we must do so soon, we must
do it now! The messenger is knock-
ing at the door. Goodby, old year!
Goodby! Thou hast been a good
friend to most of us. Goodby! When
we meet thee before the judgment
seat of Christ, may we hear thee
testify that thou didst see the tear
of penitence upon our cheek and that
thou didst hear us say to our Heav-
enly King, "Father, take me as I
am." Goodby, old year 1903!

RICH MEN ARE
NOT ALL HAPPY.

Croesus, King of Lydia, Had Trou-
bles of His Own, and There Are
Others.

Croesus, the John D. Rockefeller of
the kingdom of Lydia, was very well-
to-do in worldly goods and chattels.
"As rich as Croesus" is a saying
about 2,500 years old. He had his
troubles, however, and some of them
were full grown. He was taken cap-
tive once by Cyrus and only saved
himself from being burned alive by
quoting a saying of Solon, the Sage.
He finally had to flee his kingdom
for parts unknown.

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to-day come from high living and
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