

some hint of the highest dwells. The religion of Christ insists on the inherent sacredness of every human being on the face of the earth. God never disinherits or disowns one of His own children. The prodigal among the swine does not belong to the swine. He belongs to God. God never ceased to think of him as His own offspring. God believed that the divinity within the prodigal would one day arise and lead him back to where he rightfully belonged.

Honor all men. The sacredness of man, the greatness of man, the dignity of man, the intrinsic inestimable worth of every human soul, is a vital dominant doctrine of the religion of Christ. The culmination of revelation is the ennoblement and enthronement of man. All divine institutions and agencies have for their ultimate object the ennoblement of man. Perfect manhood is the ideal and aim of the religion of the Bible. Churches, Sacraments, rites, ceremonies are sacred only as they minister to man's welfare. They derive their sacredness from their relation to man. They exist for man. They are the servants of man. They are valuable only as they are helpful to man. We talk a good deal about the sacredness of Churches and ordinances. These things are sacred only as they serve man. The only thing on the broad earth that possesses any inherent sacredness is man. Back of the Church, back of all religious ordinances and rites, back of the Bible itself, stands man, for whose service all these institutions and agencies were brought into existence. We are to measure all institutions, human and divine, by the service they render to man. "Man is more than constitutions" and more than institutions.

Jesus announced a fundamental and far-reaching principle when He said "The Sabbath was made for man." It was instituted for man's welfare. The Sabbath was not made for God. It was made for man. We have talked as though God made the Sabbath for His own glory. God does not want the Sabbath, but He ordained it, set it apart for man's good. The