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The business of the Father as represented by the Son is seen to be the most Urgent Business in the world. The interests which it involves are of superlative importance. It has primarily to do with the relations of men to God upon which their spiritual and eternal destinies depend. Compared with this, all other human interests shrivel into insignificance. He was continually teaching men to put the claims of this business first. He constantly yielded to the supremacy of those claims over His own life. The words which He spoke to Mary in the Temple witness to the sense of compulsion which had thus early gripped His