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CHATHAM. - - - MAY 11, 1882.

Farewell Sermon

PREACHED IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CHATHAM, ON SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH, 1882, BY REV. J. A. F. MCBAIN.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." 1 *Cor.* 15, 58.

The first word of our text—"therefore"—shows clearly that this verse is closely connected with what precedes. There the Apostle is dealing with the future and teaches us much concerning what is yet to take place. It is true that "it is appointed unto all men once to die." It is equally true that we shall rise again. The resurrection of the righteous is what the Apostle seems to teach in this chapter. And it is to them specially that he addresses the words now under consideration. Their glorious and blessed future is set forth in such a way as to assure them of all good and safety, and final triumph over every foe. "Death, the king of terrors," will be overcome and this will forever terminate all evil concerning the saved. The whole plan of salvation keeps this constantly in view. All the duties and trials in this life are so ordered as to accomplish the good of such as fear God. It is no wonder then that the Apostle addresses us in terms such as those of our text. Let us consider these briefly.

The persons addressed. He calls them "brethren." By this we are not to understand that the Corinthians to whom he writes are merely fellow men. Such, unquestionably, he regards them, but he means more than that. He does not mean that they were kinsmen, for such, most of them at any rate, were not. But he means that they are brethren, according to the "faith of God's elect." Like himself, he regarded *them* as disciples of Jesus. He acknowledged that God was their Father and Jesus their elder Brother. They bore the image of their common Father in heaven. It was the same spirit that regenerated both Paul and these Corinthians and dwelt in them as the pledge and hope of glory. The converts at Corinth, as well as in all the world besides, Paul calls "*brethren*."

They are "*beloved* brethren." John declares, "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren." The Saviour said while on earth, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another." Hence, our Apostle does not fail to express his love for those that love God. We must not, however, conclude that these believers are merely loved by an Apostle. Such love, however great and intense, is finite and various. It increases and diminishes. And when he who loves them does all for them that it is possible for him to do, this will fall exceedingly short of accomplishing all they need. We should, therefore, keep in view the precious fact that they are "*beloved*" *specially of God*. He, as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, loves them to an infinite degree and it is love as unchangable as Himself. "Having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end." He loves all the brethren with an undying and everlasting love, and this is love that is associated with all that is good and great and efficient in blessing the redeemed of the Lord. There is nothing that can separate such from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. To them, therefore, belongs all that is good and precious. In an earlier portion of this epistle we read (3, 22, 23), "Whether Paul, or Apollos, Cephas, or the world, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours, and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's." While it is precious to have the love of men and angels, how infinitely more so it is to have the love of the eternal and Almighty God. The beloved of the Lord have all power and wisdom and exhaustless fulness secured for their good in time and eternity. How blessed a thing it is therefore to be "beloved brethren!"

Because you are "beloved brethren" certain things are expected of you. When we think of our relation to God and to his people and to the world, and consider the price paid to divine justice to secure for us the position and portion of "beloved," no wonder that we should be expected to serve our God and render obedience to Our Father in Heaven while we are yet on earth. Jesus prayed, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil." We are here therefore for a purpose. Whatever that purpose may be it is but dutiful and expressive of our love to God and his cause and people, that we should fully accomplish it.

"Be ye steadfast," "unmovable." These two terms mean pretty much the same thing. They present the matter from different standpoints. Perhaps "steadfast" has a more direct and immediate reference to the foundation on which we rest, and unmovable may refer to our abiding on that foundation. These Corinthians were severely tried by the allurements of the false philosophies of the Greeks and Romans, as well as the false teachers from among the Jews; and thus they were exposed to danger from different quarters. Some would seek to set aside as useless and misleading the very foundations of our holy religion. There are such in the world yet and almost everywhere. They discredit the first principles of the oracles of God, and only blaspheme the name of Jesus. Others would fain persuade the christian to follow the maxims of public opinion, of reason, and anything rather than the word of God. The whole history of the Church shows that this has ever been the case. These Corinthians had already fallen into excesses of various kinds, both in doctrine and in practice. Paul therefore exhorts them to be steadfast and unmovable in the truth, both as to what they believe and as to what they do. We too require to be similarly exhorted. Look to your foundations! On what do you rest? What is your hope and confidence? Do you believe that God deals kindly with you when he demands implicit faith as to the wisdom and love of all his precepts and instructions? Do you regard his promises as yea and amen in Christ Jesus? Or do you resist his commands and conclude that it will not be to your advantage to observe them? And do you doubt the faithfulness of his promises? Are you "unmovable" in your purpose and determination to serve God? Do you steadfastly set your face towards the discharge of these? Whatever else will fail and whatever else is unworthy of confidence, do you believe and act upon the belief that God's love pervades all his commands and promises?

Those who are steadfast and unmovable are deeply conscious of their own unworthiness of and utter inability to do any good thing. They feel they are exposed to danger on every hand and that their only safety is in God. Hence they seek to ascertain his will concerning them. They do so by a diligent and prayerful study of his word; and an earnest endeavour to do all his commandments. They are sure that unless they thus obtain good and glory they must for ever perish. But though they feel how unworthy they are and how far they come short of knowing and doing His will, they trust in His promise that "he that believeth in the Son hath everlasting life," and that "God is not unrighteous to forget their work and labour of love". Hence they are resolved to face the opposition of the world, the flesh and the devil. In public and in private, in their closets and in their houses, as well as in the house of God, they desire to be and to do the will of their Father in heaven. They desire to entertain uncorruptness of doctrine and faithfulness in all their duties towards God and man. How is it with you? What do you believe? Why do you entertain your present belief? What is the tale told by your life as to the consistency of your professed faith and obedience? Are your weaknesses and failures in duty a stumbling-block to others both in the Church and the world? Or does your example stimulate and encourage your fellow-men in the things of God? Examine yourselves on these matters.

Another duty required is here stated—"always abounding in the work of the Lord." Brethren, you see here that the brotherhood which belongs to the children of God, is indicative of labour. Don't look to your neighbours to do the work of the Church. Don't look to the outside world to do the work of God—they will defile it and cannot rightly understand it. Nor let your characteristic be, that while the ungodly is diligent in doing evil and endeavouring to bless himself by the world, you will be found *idlers* in the family of God. God has a large family and he requires every one of them to do something. Is there any one—even *one*—in this congregation who is doing nothing for God and his Church and the world? Is there such here? If so, I ask you in the light of this text, can you be sure that you are a child of God at all if you do nothing? "Beloved brethren—always abounding in the work of the Lord." If you do nothing you are disobedient to your Father in heaven, you are not a loyal child of God or disciple of Jesus. These all work. "Why stand *ye* here all the day idle? It is not because there is not work for you to do. It is not because you do not know that something is required of you. Take heed, for the unprofitable servant shall be cast out. Whether you have one or ten pounds you are in duty bound to employ such for God. Nor are you to labour by fits and starts—spasmodically. It is "always." It is throughout life. There is no respite here. Let your light ever shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Because you cannot do all that the most eminent of God's servants do, you are not at liberty to do nothing at all or just as much or little as you please. Do not leave the work of the Lord to others and say there is no use for you to do anything as others can and will do it. He who will act thus, shows a meanness and a selfishness which is unworthy of the Christian character and name. You are not required to go beyond your power or the talents given you; but you are required to do what you can with the ability God has bestowed upon you. But let me specify some of the things you should do. 1. In all the things required you will find that "labour" is necessary. It means *work*—constant work—persevering work—careful work—work according to the divine directions. Now is daytime with you, and work, before the night will come when no one can work.

2. It is the "work of the Lord"—not of man or of Satan. That is, it is the work which is the Lord's—the work in which He is engaged. He asks and expects you to be co-workers together with Him, what then is His work? It is the carrying on of His kingdom—it is instructing—correcting—converting—saving men. It is the work of salvation. To this all things are subservient. Jesus is head over all things to the Church. Apply this a little.

3. You must labour for the interests of your own personal piety. By calling yourself one of the brethren you declare you are of the family of God? But you are well aware that your are not what you ought to be. Are you as holy as you ought to be? Are you as well informed in Bible truth as you ought to be? Are you as spiritually minded as you ought to be? You say, No. Well, why stand ye here all the day idle? You are not what you ought to be and yet you put forth little effort to attain to that blessed end! Are you what you *might* be? Have you done all you could. Have you used all the means of grace within your reach to advance your personal piety? You know you have not. God is witness and men too that not a few professing to belong to this congregation have come very far short of doing all you could in attending the means of grace. I charge guilt upon many of you before God and men with criminal negligence and indifference in this regard. But is any of us what we might be? I am sure we are not. And we cannot become such unless we "labour." Personal piety will not grow without work. "Be always abounding in the work of the Lord," and your piety will increase.

4. Next to the interests of your own soul is that of your family—in the case of those who have families. There are families that are divided on earth. On Communion Sabbath this appears to a considerable extent. Husband or wife is seen coming to the table of the Lord, and the other refuses the Divine Command. Parents sometimes leave behind sons and daughters who have come to years of discretion and responsibility, when the Saviour says, "This do in remembrance of me." It also happens that a son or daughter professes Christ before men while either father or mother or both do not. How many fathers among us, especially, set an evil example before their children. Fathers and mothers, your children look to you for an example and they are likely to do as you do. See that it be a good example. How is it with family religion? Do your children see and hear you worshipping God? Or must they look to their neighbours or strangers for a godly example? It will require *labour*—"always abiding in the work of the Lord"—to develope family religion. It is worth all toil.

5. Again, we wish you to remember that, as members of this congregation, you should "always abound in the work of the Lord" as regards that work in your own congregation. Those belonging to this congregation ought to apply their energies and employ their talents for the furtherance of its welfare. Let not one of you dream of leaving the labour and the sacrifices of time or means to others. Even should the few willing and active brethren be both able and willing to do all, not one of you should be willing to allow them to have the toil and work and the honour of serving God here while you do nothing. You are doubly guilty before God and his people if you do nothing and exercise no self-denial for the interest of your own congregation. You disobey God's command and you discourage the hearts of God's people. You are doubly guilty if you do nothing. All the talents of heart and head and worldly goods which you possess are given to be used in serving the Lord. Let no one, therefore, so close up the bowels of his heart and the energies of his life as that his conduct will lead men to suppose that the great Judge on the last day will say to you, "Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knowest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strewed. Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers and then at my coming I should have received my own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him and give it to him that hath ten talents." It is a fearful risk that those run who refuse to serve God.

On the other hand, let not those who have laboured in the past for God and the interests of this congregation grow weary in well-doing, because the love of some may wax cold and the talents of others are persistently refused for the service of God—the "work of the Lord." Your final reward will not depend upon the faithfulness or unfaithfulness of others—it will all) turn upon what you do or decline to do yourself. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, etc."

Some of you are office-bearers in this congregation. Seek the spirit of your office, and see that you be "faithful stewards of the manifold grace of God." You have been honoured by the congregation in appointing you to office. See that you discharge the duties of your office in such a way as that the congregation will feel that they have honoured themselves in thus honoring you. Use not that office to the injury of your congregation for that would be the part of a traitor. He is perfidious and contemptible in character who would accept an office in the house of the Lord and then prostitute that office to the disadvantage of those whom he should serve. "But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation though we thus speak." "I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you." 1. Cor. 4, 14. And let the membership of the congregation see to it that their office-bearers have their hands strengthened and their hearts encouraged in discharging the duties to which you have called them. Let it not be for a moment thought that office-bearers are to do all the work of the Lord and others nothing. Tie not up the energies and hands of your office-bearers, by closing up your hearts from sympathising with them and your purses from contributing to the necessary claims of the congregation. A word of sympathy will go far to cheer them in their work and without funds they will in vain endeavor to meet the obligations of the congregation. Nor is it without significance that it is written, "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." If such as profess to belong to the congregation will not do their part in the work of the Lord, who can be expected to do it?

Before passing on let me urge you to a most important part of your duty. Be regular in your attendance in the house of God. Empty pews have a damaging effect especially when those professing godliness ought to but do not occupy them. Let your absence be for sufficient cause. Let not every trifle keep you away. This house of God should be crowded to the door, did all who profess to belong to it attend and throng the sanctuary.

But be not, as I am confident you will not be satisfied with "always abounding in the work of the Lord among yourselves." Look out and around you in the world and apply your energies in that direction to feel and act on the feeling that the whole church in all its schemes has a claim upon you and give to them as the Lord prospers you.

When I call to mind the fact that this congregation has existed for fifty years and was never so strong in communicants as it is to-day. I feel confident in saying that the future of the congregation ought to be brighter and more prosperous than the past. Fifty years ago its members and resources were not to be compared with those of the present. During the four and a half years of my ministry there have been eighty seven additions made to the Communion roll. At the date of my induction there were ninety-nine communicants—to-night there are one hundred and fifty-three. Since coming to Chatham there have been one-hundred and twenty-two persons baptized whose names are on our Baptismal roll. Both these figures show that the resources of the congregation are large and such as give promise of future prosperity and success, and let me assure you that no one will more rejoice than I in the abundant prosperity of St. John's Church for whose weltare I have wrought to the best of my ability during the past four years and a half.

But let us notice briefly in the third place the encouragement held out to you "Forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." God is not unrighteous to forget your work and

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