

ELEMENT OF HUMAN CHOICE STILL RULES, SAYS DR. CARRIER

At Trinity Presbyterian church yesterday morning the service included the celebration of the Lord's supper, and the pastor, Rev. W. O. Carrier, chose, as the subject of his sermon, "Why, the Lord's Supper?" taking as his text, "Remember Jesus Christ"—1 Tim., 2-8.

"Memories is one of the treasures from which we draw," said the pastor, "for present and future blessings. It is the roots of the tree that go down into the soil of the past that bring up the life and strength for the fruit that is yet to be. Without it the sanctities of home and the joys of friendship would be lost. It is the memory of what Jesus Christ has been and done that makes us adore and cherish Him who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

"That is the reason of exhorting us to remember—reminding, thinking again and again. To remind us is the object of memorials, of monuments and mementoes or keepsakes. It is strange how we forget. It is human weakness. It is the great warning of Kipling's recession, 'Let Us Forget,' Tennyson's great poem 'In Memoriam,' and the sad refrain and pathos of Rip Van Winkle is when he says, 'Are we forgotten then so soon?'

"David, in that great psalm where in his devotion he calls upon his soul and all that is within him to get, not all His benefits." Joseph was

bless the Lord, concluded, 'And for the sad victim of an unthinking, ungrateful companion, who left him two years in an Egyptian prison before he called Pharaoh's attention to his virtues.

"We build monuments to heroes and heroic events, like the Washington monument and the monuments on the battle grounds of Banker Hill and Waterloo. We celebrate memorial days of the birth of our nation and the sacrifice of our fallen heroes. We give presents and exchange tokens significant of events and pledges. We are exhorted to remember things of vital importance—'remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth,' 'remember the Sabbath day.'

"It is the letters that pass back and forth between us that keep the ties strong between us and the home and friends. It was the careless soldier son or the unmindful college boy who did not remember to write home and keep the scales bright in memory.

"It was a great king who had been exalted from a shepherd boy who kept a room in his palace furnished like a shepherd's hut, to which he often went to pray, that he might remember his lowly origin and keep humble among men and at the same time grateful to God."

After drawing this picture of the importance of memorials and of remembrances in temporal life, the pastor explained the beauties and the significance of the communion service as practiced in the church.

"Jesus Christ, our best friend, wants us to think of Him more than all else," he continued, "and most of all, He wants us to think of Him in that crowning act of His life on the cross—

"In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story,
Gathers round its head sublime."

"All else in the world's history pales into insignificance before that

event as the stars fade in the presence of the sun. So Jesus Christ, our friend and Savior, has left this great memorial, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, saying: 'This do as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup ye do show the Lord's death till He come.' This then, is the bond of our fellowship with our Lord."

At the evening service Rev. Carrier took as his message, the 1st Psalm, the scriptural description of the godly and the ungodly man. "Everything in life," he said goes by opposites. We have eat and west, up and down, heat and cold. Thus nearly all the parables teach of extremes. There is the man who built his house upon the rock, and the winds came and the storms blew, and the house fell not. On the other hand we have the man who built his house upon the foundation of sand, and the storms came, and the house fell, and great was the fall thereof. Also we have the stories of the five wise and the five foolish virgins, of the wise and the unwise custodians of the talents—everywhere in the scriptures as well as in life, we have the same rule of the extremes. The lesson to be drawn is, as shown in the Psalm quoted—a man must be of one or the other of the two houses, the godly or the ungodly."

The minister then explained that a man might work iniquity by not doing certain things as well as by acts of commission. By the same token he might accomplish great good by refraining from prescribed lines of conduct.

"Therefore," concluded the pastor, "the choice lies with you. You must be one or the other—honest, upright and loving the laws of God, living the life in the shadow of the lowly Savior of mankind—or choose ye a seat with the ungodly, with no true pleasure or enjoyment in this life and no assurance of blessings to come hereafter."