

SUNDAY - Radio - March 22, 1942

-1-

Pastor W. H. Offiler

Rom. 8:15 "For Ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but Ye have received the Spirit of adoption whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

I think in the book of Isaiah you will find a scripture that declares that when God looked He wondered because He could find no real Intercessor. Looking through our Bible here and there, we find one upon whom the Spirit of real intercession came. It came upon Abraham, upon Jacob, and upon Daniel, and it came upon our Lord Jesus Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. It is a wonderful thing for us and for every child of God to know that God desires every one of us to become a real intercessor.

As I read my bible this morning in Chapters 7 and 8 of Romans, I realize that, in those chapters, there are two phases of human and Christian experience declared. In Chapter Seven I do not find that which is so uplifting until the last verse. In this same chapter we find the experience of many believing Christians; an experience that when we would do good, evil is always present, so that in many cases the things we would do, we do not, and the thing we do not wish to do, that, we find ourselves doing.

That is not victory; that is not the standard of experience that Jesus, as Head of the Church, desires His Body to live. But in Chapter Eight you will find the standard set by the Holy Spirit of God. It is the standard of the Spirit. It is the Spirit of God that knows the mind of God and understands what God would have you and me do; understands God's will for you and for me and for every individual Christian heart in this world of ours.

How nice that we do not live in our flesh, although in our huamn side, but that we live in the Spirit of the Holy Ghost, that the Spirit of God takes possession of us, lifting us to a higher plane.

I have been speaking to you this morning of that great prayer crusade. The Scripture says in Rom. 8:26 "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." What a blessed and happy state of heart and mind and Christian experience when we live and move and have our being in the Spirit of God. For a long time I have been fully persuaded in my own heart that for those who profess Christian knowledge and revelation, God expects something a little different than what He expects from those who are just beginning to seek His face.

You and I have known God and loved Him and communed with Him, and sometimes lived actually on God's plane of life and living. That is where the Lord wants to find His Saints in these last days of time. "Nothing between our soul and our Saviour." Nothing interfering with our visions of God. Nothing that can prevent our prayers from going through to victory for those for whom we pray. Let us read the 8th Chapter of Romans and realize that God wants everyone of us to seek the higher ground of the Spiritual plane and then God can and will do things for everyone of us that sometimes we find are left undone.

Rom. 8:11 "But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you." This verse seems to me to solve the problem of the healing of our bodies. We pray and sometimes we conclude prayer has not been answered. Maybe it is because of the lack of the Spirit of Christ. If He dwells in us He will also quicken our mortal bodies.

WHO:mh
Stenographic notes of
Marguerite Hood

Pastor W. H. Offiler
Bethel Temple
Seattle, Washington

Palm Sunday Zechariah 9:9-11 March 29, 1942 (one page)
(Note: March 20th was not Palm Sunday. This was a typographical error.)

March 20, 1942

Page 1

Pastor W. H. Offiler

Palm Sunday - "Zech. 9:9,10,11 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold, thy King cometh unto thee; He is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass."
"And I will cut off the chariot from Ephriam, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off; and He shall speak peace unto the heathen; and His dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth."
"As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit where in is no water."

I read from this book rather than from Matt. 21 when this Old Testament prophecy reached its fulfillment. 550 years before the time when this prophecy should be fulfilled the voice of that all-seeing God was making mention of this very truth through the lips of the Prophet more than 500 years before Christ and saying, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion...." I am sure, friends, as you read the scripture of this fulfillment in Matt. 21 you will see the fineness of detail that the Holy Spirit used in the operations of its fulfillment, in the instructions of Jesus to His Disciples, to go down to a certain place and there they would find a colt tied and they were to say to the Owners, "the Lord hath need of Him." That was all; no previous arrangements but the same Spirit that moved on Zechariah when he made the prophecy was on those who now owned the colt on which Jesus was to ride into Jerusalem in victory as King of Kings.

You remember how a great Company came from Jerusalem and waved the palm branches and strewed their garments in the way and shout@d, "HOSANNA". That word HOSANNA means "saved now". The Spirit of the Lord was even upon that procession in Jerusalem at that time expressing the mighty fact that Jesus was marching into Jerusalem on that tenth day.

In the establishment of the Feast of Passover the Lamb was taken and kept in secrecy until the 14th day and then was offered in sacrifice by all Israel on the 14th day of Nisson, the 14th day of that Passover month. How wonderful was the Spirit of God to remember all the fine details of first one prophecy and then another. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, He rode in on the 10th day of Nisson and on the 14th day of that same month He was nailed to the cross, the very moment they were slaying the lamb in the Temple; the anti-typical touching the typical thing that had been uttered thousands of years before.

That is just like our bible and just like our God and that is one of the reasons that the tens of thousands of God's people today are so happy and rejoice in the covering and protection of that covenant blood. Jesus went to Jerusalem on that 10th day riding on a colt. He didn't come as David, His father came, riding on a Charger with a sword at his side. He didn't come at the head of a Regiment and an Army. He came riding on the foal of an ass.

Nevertheless, the Spirit of God was in and on the people to look beyond the position and the lowliness of His Advent, to see the coming of Israel's King and Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son. With one accord they began to offer praise and lifted up their voices and cried "HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST TO THE SON OF DAVID."

May you and I today remember that wonderful Advent of Jesus coming to Israel as its King and manifesting Himself in this lowly fashion that by and by God might exalt Him to the highest seat and station in the Glory of God.

In Zech. 9:10 I see the promise of a greater victory in the end time. Here God will give victory from sea to sea and shore to shore. In verse 11 He says, "I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water." In that prophecy I see the coming of that great and marvelous revival of God's Holy Spirit power in all the world as it shall be in these last days of time; a marvelous covenant blood that will bring the prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water; that will bring men and women out of those heresies in which is no covenant blood or promise of eternal salvation. Amen.

From the stenographic notes of
Marguerite Hood

Pastor W. H. Offiler
Bethel Temple
Seattle, Washington