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Matt. 8:23--27. "And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.

And behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, inasmuch that the ship was covered with the waves; but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord save us; we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!"

Those of us who know something of our Lord Jesus Christ have been asking that same question, also, for long periods of time. WHAT MANNER OF MAN IS THIS THAT EVEN THE WINDS AND THE SEA OBEY HIM?" As we live our lives in Christian experience and we become more and more acquainted with our Lord Jesus Christ, the more we wonder and marvel at the greatness of His nature and of His Being and of the surety and power of His wonderful Word. I do not wonder that men and women stand on the side line sometimes and marvel at the grace that pours so abundantly from the heart and life of the Son of God. It causes you and me to wonder what manner of man He is. The more you become acquainted with Jesus, the more you will appreciate the marvelous wonders and blessings and spirit and power and presence and faith of the Son of God as they stream into our lives in answer to a simple walk with God.

Jesus was aboard the boat and they were making their way through the Sea of Galilee. As they took their journey, suddenly a great storm arose and the waves covered the ship. These were old-time sea-faring men, just men mostly who made their living by the way of the sea. They had seen some storms on Galilee but here was one that brought a cry from them as they hastened to Christ. They awoke Him and said, "Lord save us".

You and I may not have the storms on the sea and the waves of real water may not seek to spoil our experience with the Son of God, but there are storms that arise in experiences in life. Sometimes as I listen to the stories of men and women who seek my aid, I wish I were like the Son of God who could speak the Word and still those howling storms that sometimes come from the hearts of men and women. There are storms that beset your lives and mine. They are real to us. But I speak to those who have taken Him into the inner sanctuary of their soul and sometimes fears overwhelm them as they did Peter when he walked on the sea. As we take our eyes off of Jesus certainly the same experience comes to you and to me. We are afraid the ship of our life is going to sink. It looks as though there is

nothing but disaster on the list and it looks as though the aims of our life and our loves were going to be shipwrecked and we are going to have to live our lives alone but if you have Jesus on board let me say to you that He can still the storm. He has command of every storm that can come to ~~you~~ to the hearts and lives of men.

I want my friends to know, this morning, that when you have Jesus enthroned on your heart and life that He takes things in hand. You will not sink. Terror will not overwhelm you. The Lord of Glory will temper the winds, and quiet the storm and you will have strength to stand by and see WHAT MANNER OF MAN IS THAT THAT EVEN THE WINDS OBEY HIM. It is a wonderful question and the answer is still more wonderful.

We look at our Lord Jesus Christ and remember that for 2000 years the exhaustless streams of grace and spiritual power have been flowing from the right side of the Son of God and they have been bringing deep eternal, spiritual refreshings into the hearts of the people, and instead of that Name being dammed and blotted out, it stands brighter today amidst the stress of the world than ever before. People are coming to know that the Name of Jesus Christ is a glory and grace and power by which every storm can be stilled and by and by you and I look out on that quiet sea and we realize that all God permitted was for our own good, we say of Him, " HE HATH DONE ALL THINGS WELL."

WHAT MANNER OF MAN IS THIS that when we are yet sinners He came and died for us and He pardoned our sin without waiting for a confession. Love like this calls for more or less spiritual wonderment and we say "WHAT MANNER OF MAN IS THIS THAT EVEN THE SEAS OBEY HIM." Take Him into your heart and prove Him for yourself.

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