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## IV.

### MAN SEEKING FOR GOD.

“Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near.”—ISAIAH lv. 6.

FOR the last two nights some of you may remember I have been speaking about the Son of man seeking that which was lost. Now tonight I want to bring out the other side—man seeking for God. “Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near.” Now in the 29th chapter of the prophecy of Jeremiah we are told how we may find God. God says, “Ye shall find Me when ye shall search for Me with all your heart.” Now it won’t take a great while for an anxious sinner to meet an anxious God. It won’t take a great while for a man who is really in earnest about the salvation of his soul to find peace in Him. I never yet found a man really with his heart set upon this one thing—to find God,—but that he soon found his way into the Kingdom of Heaven. The great trouble with men is, that they are not really in earnest. Men don’t seek for God as they seek for wealth and position down here in this world. Suppose I should say tonight that I lost last night in this hall a diamond worth £20,000—which I didn’t do; but suppose I should say I did, and that I would give any one £10,000 that found it. I would not give much for the sermon. You would be thinking about the diamond all the evening; you would be thinking, “I wish I could find that diamond. I should like that £10,000.” And I can imagine as soon as the meeting was over—and some of you would not wait for that—you would look about and search this hall. How earnestly you would seek for that diamond! Well, is there a man or woman in this audience that will say that salvation is not worth more than all the diamonds in the world, and that it is not worth all the goods of this world? Now, is it not a fact that every man and woman here tonight can find God if they will? “Seek ye the Lord while He may be found.” Why, the way that text reads implies that there is a time coming when man cannot find God, when men shall seek and not be able to find. We read of such a thing. We read of their knocking at the door when it is shut. We read that they sought with tears, but sought too late. Not but what there was a time. I believe there is a time in the history of every man when he can accept the gift of God, if he will; when he can press into the kingdom of God, if he will.

#### A LESSON FROM THE GOLD FIELDS.

When a man becomes really in earnest about the salvation of his soul, when a man seeks for that pearl of great price, the kingdom of God, as men seek for wealth and honor down here, and as men seek for position, then it is we will see hundreds and thousands pressing into the kingdom of God. I was out on the Pacific Coast three or four years ago, and the news would come to a town that there was gold found sometimes three or four hundred miles away. Then that town would be full of excitement; the fever would rise very high, and in course of twenty-four hours you would see men pack up, and away they would go, leaving their wives, their children, their homes, comfort and everything, and go off these hundreds of miles to seek for wealth. There was a report that a silver mine had been found in the Rocky Mountains, and men would go off thousands of miles, and go down into the bowels of the earth, working hard, day and night, in order to find a little of the silver. I could not help but admire their earnestness. I am quite sure you like to see a man in earnest, and going into business with all his heart. You like to see a man, whatever he does, do it with a whole heart. You do not like a half-hearted man. Why should not we be just as much in earnest about the salvation of our souls as men are to accumulate wealth? Let a war break out, and there is a chance of men achieving honor on the battle-field, and men come forward and volunteer. They leave their homes, their wives, and their children, and go thousands of miles away, to India or China, or all round the world, if there is a chance of getting honor, just for a few short fleeting years, down here in this world. If men are willing to give up everything for wealth or honor in this life, how much more ought we to be willing to give up everything for the life to come! The gift of God is life without end, eternal life. May every anxious man and woman get it tonight. Of course you admit that this is worth more than everything else. If you do, why don't you ask for it? God says you shall find Him if you seek Him with all your heart.

#### A LIFEBOAT STORY.

I remember reading some time ago of a vessel being wrecked at sea. The lifeboats were lowered, and there were not enough boats to take all on board. There was one man in the water who, anxious to save his life, swam up to the lifeboat, and reached out his hand and wanted to

get in, and one of the men in the boat drew a sword and cut off that hand. The man swam up again and laid hold of the boat with the other hand, and the man in the boat drew the sword again and cut off the other hand. But the man was so anxious and in earnest about saving his life, that he swam up again and seized the boat with his teeth. And then the men in the boat relented; they would not do any more to him; they could not cut off his head, so they took him into the boat and saved his life, because he was so much in earnest. See what men will do for their lives. Let a man be in a wrecked vessel who is worth a million sterling, and if that vessel can be saved from going down only by his giving away that million sterling, he will give it in a minute to save his life for a few short fleeting years. But here is ever lasting life, eternal life; that is the gift of God, and the Lord God says you shall have it when you call on Him. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, and call ye upon Him while He is near."

#### TWO DUBLIN BROTHERS.

When we were in Sheffield a few weeks ago, there were two brothers that came from Dublin to Sheffield, and they came to the inquiry-room, and someone said to them as they were talking, "What brought you here? how is it you have come from Dublin?" Then the men said that they had had a brother converted in a meeting while we were there, and such a great change had come over him. They found that he possessed something that they had not got, and they had come to Sheffield in hopes of finding what their brother had found. Do you think these men did not find what they had come for? I never knew a man that tried but what he found peace.

#### AN ANXIOUS MOTHER.

I see right before me tonight a mother with her boy, a young man sitting by her side. A little while ago the mother left London and went to Dundee, because her heart was set upon the conversion of her two boys. I remember how she used to plead for these two boys. I remember talking with one of them one night, and I plead with him to accept Christ. The next morning we left for Glasgow, and they left for London; and when I came up to London a few days ago, that mother came to tell me that boy had been taken away by death. Now, you know, that mother took the boy off to Dundee that he might hear and

be saved. It was a good thing to see a mother burdened for the salvation of her boy. It was God that put it in her heart to take that boy off to that distant city, that he might find peace. Mother, if you have a son out of Christ, let your prayers be going up to Christ day and night. Father, let us have your prayers that your son may be converted. Let us pray together and be in earnest about this great question of salvation. God was in earnest when He sent us the prophets, and we killed them. Then He sent us His only begotten Son, and we murdered Him. And after Christ went back to heaven He sent down the Holy Ghost. Oh, my friends, God is in earnest about the salvation of man's soul; and I would to God that London might wake up, and that men throughout this city would be in earnest about the salvation of their souls. Is the Bible a myth, is the Bible a sham? If it is, why, then, away with it! But if it is true that man is lost, and that Christ is come to save him, then let us earnestly seek the kingdom of God. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found." That is the text, and it applies to everyone here. These little children—I am glad to see them here night after night—may they seek the kingdom of God tonight. Little girl, seek the kingdom of God tonight. Young man, young lady, seek the kingdom of God tonight. And you who are advancing in the evening of life—your natural force is becoming abated; your eye is growing dim—my friend, make haste and get into the kingdom of God. Do not put off the salvation of your soul for another night; but let this be the night, let this be the hour that you accept of the gift of God. Make up your mind you will not leave this Hall tonight until you have sought the kingdom of God; until the great question of eternity is settled.

#### A PREPARATION FOR JUDGMENT.

Eighteen years ago, in America, there was a wave of blessing passed over the land. A great many people thought it was all excitement. You could get into the train at New York and go clear into the western prairie, and all along you would see the churches all open and lit up, and crowds of worshipers. The whole nation was moved, and half a million were brought into the Church of God. Little did we know what was taking place. God was preparing that nation for a baptism of blood. After a few years the terrible civil war broke out. It was God calling His children in. It was God preparing the nation for the great affliction brought upon us for our sin. I have noticed very

often grace precedes judgment. I do not know what is going to take place. My friends, I am one of those men who believe God is working in a wonderful way. The tidings from every city is this—the people are praying. It is a question in my mind if there was ever so much prayer going up to God as at the present. Not only here, but all round the world, we have God's people making their hearts burdened for the salvation of souls. And is it not God working? Will there ever be a better time for you to seek the kingdom of God than the present, when there is such a great awakening, and when there is such a spirit of expectation; when the Church of God is coming up as one man, and the spirit of unity prevails? Think of the praying ones here. Do you believe there were ever so many men and women praying for your soul as there are here tonight? Look over this audience —what are these Christians doing now? They are silently praying God. I can see they are praying. There is a young man with his mother sitting by his side. That mother is pleading, "God save my boy tonight!" May it go down deep into his soul! "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found." I call on you to come to God tonight. Can He be found tonight? Let me ask you that question. Do you believe it?

#### AN APPEAL TO THE MINISTERS.

I appeal to these ministers here—Do you believe that God can be found here tonight? I ask you ministers of religion whether you believe that God can be found here tonight? (The ministers on the platform loudly answered, "Yes.") Do you believe God can be found here tonight? (Replies of "Yes," from the audience.) Then, if it is true, do not trifle, do not make light. Call upon Him while He is here. Is He here? We have very good reason to believe that last night there were some that found Christ. If it is true He came into this hall last night and saved some, will He not save you tonight, if your heart is set upon that one thing, "I must be saved?" Is He not able and willing, and anxious to save you? And now, would you just ask Him? Let there be a cry from the very depths of your heart tonight, "Lord, God, save my soul. Lord, God, save me just now." Call upon Him while He is near. If He is near won't you call upon Him? Don't let that scoffing man next to you keep you out of the kingdom of God. There is a scornful look upon the face of that man next to you; perhaps he is making light of what I am saying. Don't mind him, don't look to him, but just look right up to

God, and ask Him to save you. Now, every true friend—and you all have friends—every true friend, if you could get their advice tonight, would tell you to be saved now. Ask that minister sitting next to you, “Had I better seek the kingdom of God tonight?” What would he tell you? “By all means, don’t put it off another minute.” Ask that godly, praying mother by your side, “Mother, is it best to seek the kingdom of God tonight?” Would she say put it off one week, or put it off one month? Do you think that mother would say that? There is not a Christian mother in this hall who would say it. I doubt if there is any unconverted mother either here whose advice would be to put off becoming a Christian. Ask that praying sister of yours, ask that praying brother, ask any friend you have here—if you are sitting near one—if it is not the very best thing you can do. And then shout up to heaven and ask Him who is sitting at the right hand of God, and who loves you more than your father or your mother, or anyone on earth—who loves you so much that He gave Himself for you; ask Him what He will have you do, and hear His voice rolling down from the throne of God, “Seek ye first the kingdom of God.” That is what He will say. And then shout down to the infernal regions, and ask those down there—you may have some acquaintances gone there—and what will they say? What did that man say we hear of there? “Send someone to my father’s house, for I have five brethren, that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place.” Heaven, earth, and hell unite in this one thing—“Seek first the kingdom of God.” Don’t put it off. Call upon Him while He is near. And if you call upon Him in real earnest He will hear that call.

#### THE PENITENT THIEF.

Look at the thief on the cross. It may have been the thief had a praying mother, and that mother may have taught him this 55th chapter of Isaiah. That mother may have taught him this very verse; and while on the cross it flashed across him, and he remembered the teaching of his mother, and said, “This is truly the God man.” And he heard Christ make that wonderful prayer—“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do;” and then the thief called upon Him, “Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom.” And no sooner did that prayer fall upon the ears of the Son of God, than He answered it, “This day shalt thou be with Me in paradise.” He called, and the Son of God answered him. Blind Bartimeus when the Son of God went by called

out, and they tried to hush him, but the Lord heard his call and prayer, and He answered his prayer and gave him his sight. Oh, my friends, tonight call upon Him, and He will have mercy upon you, and open your eyes and give you sight. Look at that poor leper. He cried, "Lord, if Thou wilt Thou canst make me clean." And the Lord answered him, "I will; be thou clean." Don't forget, my friends, that there is a time coming when your calling and your prayer will not be answered; when you will call to the mountains and hills to cover you from the wrath of God. We are hasting on to the time when London and other places will pray; when scoffers will pray and call on the mountains and rocks to cover them from the wrath of the Lamb. Their prayer has already been put in print for that terrible day of the Son of man which is coming. What does God say? "Seek the Lord while He may be found." My friends, seek Him tonight. He can be found here tonight.

#### TOO LATE.

I have no doubt that those who would not pray when the ark was building, prayed when the flood came, but their prayer was not answered. I have no doubt that when Lot went out of Sodom, Sodom cried to God, but it was too late, and God's judgment swept them from the earth. My friends, it is not too late now, but it may be at twelve o'clock tonight. I cannot find any place in this Bible where I can say you can call tomorrow. I am not justified in saying that. There it is said, "Behold, now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation." Those men of Jerusalem, what a golden opportunity they had, with Christ in their midst. We see the Son of God weeping over Jerusalem, His heart bursting with grief for the city as He cried, "Oh! Jerusalem, Jerusalem! thou that stonest the prophets, how often would I have gathered thee as a hen gathereth her brood, but ye would not." He could look down forty years, and see Titus coming with his army, and besieging that city. Eleven hundred thousand people perished in that city. They called upon God then, but it was too late. Tonight it is a day of mercy. It may be I am talking to someone tonight whose days of grace may be short, to someone who may be snatched away very soon. There may be someone here tonight who will never hear another Gospel sermon; someone who may be hearing the last call. My friends, be wise tonight. Make up your mind that this shall be the night, and this the very hour that you will seek the kingdom of God, and seek it with all your heart.



#### AN INCIDENT AT NIAGARA.

A few years ago, two young men were seen on the Niagara river in a little canoe. They were drinking champagne, and having what they called a jolly time. Some of the men on the shore saw their danger, as they were hastening on towards the cataract, and they lifted up their voices and warned them; but the young men only mocked them, as the current swept them along. They were not rowing, they were doing nothing. Some people think if they are doing nothing they will be saved. My friends, if you just neglect salvation you will be lost. You are in the current of time which is sweeping you on towards eternity. Well, these young men were not rowing, but the current was taking them on. It wasn't long before someone else saw them and lifted up their voices; but they only made light of them. And the same is happening here tonight. The current bore them on towards death. At last a third party saw them further on, and lifted up their voices, and told them the cataract was not far away. But the men made a mock of them, and made light of what they said; and the current still swept them on. At last one of them said, "Hark! I hear the rapid." They seized the oars and pulled against the current; but it was too late. They had got too far down, and in a little time two men were seen going down the fall, and they leaped over into the jaws of death. How many in London are doing the same thing? You are warned again tonight. My warning tonight is that you seek the kingdom of God. Make up your mind not to leave this hall until you have accepted the gift of God, which is eternal life. God wants to bestow it upon every one. Do not neglect the appeal of tonight; but "turn ye, for why will ye die, oh, house of Israel?" Oh! that all of you may turn unto the Lord and live.

#### A STORY FROM THE FARM.

A few years ago, before I had left the farm, I was talking one day to a man who was working there, and who was weeping. I said to him, "What is the trouble?" And he told me a very strange story. When he started out in life, he left his native village, and went to another town to find something to do, and he said he was unsuccessful. The first Sabbath he went to a little church, and there the minister preached from this text: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God;" and he said that he thought the text and the sermon were for himself. The sermon made a

deep impression upon him, and he could not forget it for some days. But he said he did not want to become a Christian then. He wanted to get rich, and when he was settled in life he would seek the kingdom of God. He went on, and the next Sabbath he was in another village, and he went to church again, and he made a point of going to church every Sunday morning. It was not long before he heard another minister preach from the same text, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." He thought surely some one must have been speaking to the minister about him. For the minister just pictured him out. But he said he would not seek the kingdom of God then; but when he got settled in life, and had control of his time, and was his own master, he would then seek the kingdom of God. Some time after he was at another village, and he went to church again, and he had not been going a great while when he heard the third minister preach from the same text: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all things else shall be added." He said it went right down into his soul; but he calmly and deliberately made up his mind that he would not become a Christian, that he would not seek the kingdom of God, until he had got settled in life, and owned his farm, and then he would attend to the salvation of his soul. Many a man thinks he can't make money if he becomes a Christian. How the devil deceives you! This man said, "Now I am what the world calls rich. I go to church every Sunday, but I have never heard a sermon from that day to this which has ever made any impression upon my heart. My heart is as hard as a stone." As he said that tears trickled down his cheeks. I was a young man at that time and did not know what it meant.

#### IN THE ASYLUM.

When I was converted the first man that came to my mind was this man, and I thought when I should go back home I would see him, and tell him, and preach Christ to him. When I went back home I said to my widowed mother, naming this man, "Is he still living in the same place?" My mother said, "Didn't I write to you about him?" I said, "No, you didn't; what about him?" "He is gone mad, and has been taken away to the insane asylum, and everyone that goes up to see him he points his finger at and says, 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God.' I thought I should like to see him, but I found he was so far gone that it would do no good, and therefore I didn't go. The next time I returned

home my mother told me he was at home idiotic. I went to the house to see him, and there was that vacant look in his eye when I went in. I said, "Do you know me?" He pointed his finger at me, and said, "Young man, seek ye first the kingdom of God." God had driven that text into his mind, but his reason was gone. The next time I returned home he was gone; and three years ago last autumn, when I visited my father's grave, I noticed a new grave-stone had been put up. I stopped to read it, and found it was my friend's. The autumn wind was making a mournful noise, and I seemed to hear the wind whispering the text, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." Now, my friend, will you seek the face of God? Will you seek the kingdom of God tonight, with all your heart? Seek the Lord while He may be found. You have heard these witnesses say that He may be found here tonight. Is it not the very worst thing you can do to go out of this hall without obtaining salvation, without being saved? Young man, make up your mind this night that you will seek the kingdom of God now. Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. Christ is inviting you to come—"Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Oh, may we all find rest in Christ tonight.