

The Lord's Day Morning

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“Bring Back the King”
Psalm 2:1-12; 2 Samuel 19:9, 10

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Scripture Lesson: Psalm 2:1-12

Text: 2 Samuel 19:9, 10

Introduction:

1. There may be some political implications in this sermon, but if so they are purely incidental to the spiritual.
2. Would like for an historical incident out of the Old Testament bring a message to us this afternoon.

I. What Absalom did

1. Amnon had wronged half-sister Tamar
2. Absalom killed Amnon
 - a. David exiled Absalom
3. But David permitted him to return
4. Absalom set about subtly to overthrow David's kingdom
 - a. 14:25, 26 – handsome man
 1. Hair weighed 3 ⁵/₇ pounds
 - b. 15:1-6
 1. Made a great show with chariots
 2. Made great promises
 3. Everyone finally have all they wanted
5. Finally led a rebellion against David
 - a. David driven out
 - b. Anithophel advised immediate action
 - c. Hushai counseled delay
 - d. Absalom listened to Husahi
6. Battle of Ephraim
 - a. Absalom killed
7. Kingdom left in state of turmoil
 - a. No leader
 - b. Did not know what to do
8. Then came words of text
 - a. No one said a word about bringing back the king

II. Application to today

1. Our country founded on Christian principals
 - a. Coin “In God We Trust”

- b. God fearing people
 - c. Great nation
 - 2. Many believe being undermined
 - a. Promises
 - 1. All parties
 - 2. Subsidies
 - 3. Wages
 - b. Turned from God to materialism
 - 1. Forsaken God
 - 2. Economic prosperity of greatest importance
 - 3. Education system train to make money
 - c. Lost morals
 - 1. Freedom to do as please
 - 2. Sex crimes
 - 3. Sabbath Day forgotten
 - 3. Our condition today
 - a. Enemies
 - b. Confused
 - c. Following line ruined other nations
 - 1. Materialism – Germany
 - 2. Socialism – England
 - 4. What is our hope

III. Bring back the King

- 1. We surely need Christ
 - a. His wisdom
 - b. His leadership
 - c. His power
- 2. But He cannot come back unless we accept His program

IV. Christ's program

- 1. Program of righteousness
 - a. Turn away from sin
 - 1. Our immoralities
 - 2. Our drunkenness
 - 3. Our gambling
 - 4. Our Sabbath desecration
 - b. Turn from our materialism
 - 1. Return to a faithful God
 - 2. Mean "In God We Trust"
 - 3. Righteousness more important than prosperity
- 2. Means redemption of man
 - a. Godless man not become righteous man
 - b. Men must be won to Christ
 - c. Hero at home
 - d. Everywhere

1. Japan
2. China
3. Africa
3. Church has the program
 - a. Home missions
 - b. Foreign missions
 - c. No finer program anywhere

V. Takes manpower

1. Men willing to do what they can
 - a. Me and picture machine at Camp Wheeler
 1. Carbon lights
 2. Stuck head out and yelled, "Am doing best I can. If any of you know how come do it."
 - b. Men who will give what have
 1. Advice
 2. Counsel
 3. Money
 - c. Whatever you are capable of doing
2. Men who love God
 - a. Show it
 - b. Kenneth Keyes and man who sought finest for self, cheap dress for wife
3. Men who care what God thinks
 - a. Men who not make deal and then pray that night
4. Men who care what man thinks
 - a. Dick Clinton not renting apartments on Sunday
5. Men who will give time to God
 - a. Walter Burgess church family business
 - b. Horace Hull do what I asked him to do
6. Give money
 - a. Dick Clinton gave more to church at one time than he made during the depression

VI. Christ will return

1. To this nation
2. To rule the world
3. When we men of America want Him to return
4. Am not sure we want Him
 - a. Freedom more than His righteousness
 - b. Prosperity more than God
 - c. Unless we can have Him in our nation we are headed for destruction and will carry world with us

Conclusion:

1. Walter Ruch's father
 - a. Would give more time to church

2. Bastrop Recreation Department bus broken down last night
 - a. Some riding
 - b. Some pushing
3. Church needs you men
 - a. Do what you can do
 - b. Love God
 - c. Care what men think about way you live
 - d. Men who will give their money
4. Oh! For sake of our nation and our world let us bring Christ back into the life of the U.S.