

The Lord's Day Morning

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“Meet for Master’s Use”
Scripture Lesson – 2 Timothy 2:11-26
Text – 2 Timothy 2:20-21

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Introduction

1. Some things about text we need to look at
 - a. Master
 - b. Use
 - c. Meet

I. Master

1. Meaning
 - a. Despot – a ruler with absolute power
 - b. Ruler – because elected or power yielded
 - c. Commander as in army or navy

1. Admiral Fletcher

2. Christ is Master

- a. Creator
 1. Realm of nature obeyed Him
 2. Made man and so is Master
- b. Redeemer
 1. His blood bought our redemption
 2. Poem – “The Cross Was His Own”

“They borrowed a bed to lay His head
When Christ the Lord came down;
They borrowed the ass in the mountain pass
For Him to ride to town;
But the crown that He wore and the cross that He bore
Were His own –
The cross was His own.

He borrowed the bread when the crown He fed
On the grassy mountainside,
He borrowed the dish of broken fish
With which He satisfied.
But the crown that He wore and the cross that He bore
Were His own –
The cross was His own.

He borrowed a ship in which to sit
To teach the multitude;
He borrowed a nest in which to rest –
He had never a home so rude;
But the crown that He wore and the cross that He bore
Were His own –
The cross was His own.

He borrowed a room on His way to the tomb
The Passover Lamb to eat;
They borrowed a cave for Him a grave,
They borrowed a winding-sheet.
But the crown that He wore and the cross that He bore
Were His own –
The cross was His own.”

-Author unknown

c. Regenerator

1. Were spiritually dead as a stone
 2. Embalmed
 3. He made us alive
3. We belong to Him

II. Use

1. Meaning

- a. Profitable
 - b. Of advantage to
 - c. We should be of service to Christ
2. Of what use could we be to Him
- a. Needed no bridge or boat to cross the sea
 - b. Needed no vineyard or vat to make wine
 - c. Needed no field, harvest, mill or oven to feed multitude
 - d. Ascended throne of heaven easier than we can ascend steps to this church
3. Still He needs men
- a. Vine and branches
 - b. Wine borne to feast
 - c. Lazarus' body unwrapped
4. Many of us are of no use
- a. Do nothing for Him
 - b. Why
 - c. Are not meet

III. Meet

1. En-Chramai

- a. To take for one's use – to use
- b. To be very useful

- c. What necessary to be fit to be used
- 2. Paul speaks of vessel as illustration
 - a. Place of vessel
 - 1. Some gold and silver – some wood and earth
 - 2. Honor and dishonor
 - 3. We have a beautiful silver service out at our house. We also have a tin garbage can. One is honored; other sits out beside garage; but it may have more real value measured from usefulness than the silver service.
 - b. So vessel must be submissive
 - 1. Suppose garbage can said would not be used for that and demanded to have place of silver service or vice versa.
 - 2. Neither would have any value except are willing to submit to be used as we wish to use them.
 - 3. We must be a submitted vessel
 - 4. Poem – “Let Me Walk in the Fields”

“I said, ‘Let me walk in the field.’
He said, ‘No; walk in the town.’
I said, ‘There are no flowers there.’
He said, ‘No flowers, but a crown.’

I said, ‘But the skies are black,
There is nothing but noise and din.’
And He wept as He sent me back.
‘There is more,’ He said; ‘there is sin.’

I said, ‘But the air is thick
And fogs are veiling the sun.’
He answered, ‘Yet souls are sick,
And souls in the dark undone.’

I said, ‘I shall miss the light,
And friends will miss me, they say.’
He answered, ‘Choose tonight
If I am to miss you, or they.’

I pleaded for time to be given.
He said, ‘Is it hard to decide?
It will not seem hard in heaven
To have followed the steps of your Guide.’

I cast one look at the fields,
Then set my face to the town;
He said, ‘My child, do you yield?
Will you leave the flowers for the crown?’

Then into His hand went mine;
And into my heart came He;
And I walk in a light divine,
The path I had feared to see.”

-George MacDonald

5. We must be submissive to His will if we would be used.
- c. Must be emptied
 1. Cannot fill a vessel with jelly if it is full of peanut butter
 - 2 Cannot be used until are willing to be emptied of self
- d. Sanctified – i.e. “set apart”
 1. Paul – “This one thing I do.”
 2. John R. Mott – Offered place as Ambassador to China. Said he was Ambassador for Christ. Some friends of his offered him a position as head of a large corporation at a salary of \$100,000 and he looked at them with a pained expression on his face and said he was grieved that they would even think he would accept because he thought they understood his life was dedicated to serve Christ with his whole life.