

God's time looks are set for 20th century

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"The 37th Man"
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your century - God & you -
crisis times & opportunities - challenges

AGO PASTORS MEETING...GARSDALE GOSPEL CHURCH..HAMILTON.

THE 37th MAN

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1. Pastor Vold made a very perceptive remark when asked me bring this word.. "If want man speak an hour..give him 10 min. notice. If want him speak 10 min, give him several days notice". He did his part..gave the notice..now up to me
2. But problems remain. Several. What does person talk to Pastors about? We are all sheep..but Pastors also Shepherds. How do you say something worth while to such an august body in 10 minutes? I am not a Pastor..prob. bec. lacking in that jewel of X'n character..PATIENCE..plus tact..longsuffering. And per. bec. of this I realize Pastors are needy people..with peculiar temptations..deep responsibilities..keenly perceptive to trial and trouble among God's people. Illus:- "His eye is on the sparrow...and he watches some of you birds too".

3. Now this isn't a sermon..(I heard once defined as 3 points and a poem)..but like state three simple facts..and pinpoint one of them. a. Our need is genuine revival..deep moving of H.G. Ev'where. Pastors know it. Churches need it.

b. God sends revivals. Nobody else can. Supernatural in nature..as all X'n min. ought to be...Must be. We use supernatural Book..only one which, whenever read, Author is present. We must min. in supernat. power. God must move.

c. He waits for readiness of men. (Isa. 58) is clear expos. of that fact.."THEN shall thy light spring forth..." THEN shalt thou cry and I will answer". When men turn to God..I Chron. 7:14. "IF my people will...Then I will..." This is the reciprocation of God.

4. Now..that process of the preparation of human hearts for revival is, in my judgment, one of greatest undertakings that a Pastor faces. FIRST FOR HIMSELF..then for his people.

Multitude of facets..aspects. Cannot begin even list today.

BUT LET ME LEAVE YOU WITH ONE BASIC MATTER..a key-note.

Simple..familiar. You must all have noticed it in Bible read II Sam. 23:8a..15-16..19..23...Three..Three..Thirty.

Now vs. 39 THIRTY-SEVEN! (Picture the story) The 37th man!

Why? What did he do? JUST ONE THING. ONE MIGHTY THING. He DEDICATED HIMSELF TOTALLY TO A TASK..SERVING HIS KING. ^{II Sam 12:13}

He is supreme Bible example of self-denial..self-abnegation..PUTTING GOD'S BUSINESS WHOLLY FIRST..ahead of legitimate and proper things of this life. (Note:- Been when drunk - We?)

DEDICATED.."Narrowed down". God make us narrow men.

God help us teach others...narrow down...Set God first.

Rest will follow. And God will move. Illus:- I stood by Gideon's brook..."God's business first". "I'm going to that"

Edmonton FBC - Bible Class

YP " " Nov 24/67

Pleasant Hills Bap. Couples' Class - Feb. 28/64

Rosland Bap. Ch. - B. Class - Apr. 5/64

North Bay, Ont. - CBMC - May 9/64

Rusci Bible Camp - Canmore - July 29/64 - many dedications

Revelstoke B.C. - Allana B. Class - May 9/65

Fort St. John - " - May 16/65

Bonanza - May 18/65

Hythe - May 19/65

Beaver Lodge - " 20/65

Kia Gloce - " 22/65

Deadwood - " 30/65

Nampa, Alta - June 3/65

Palleyview - " 6/65

Imperial - Comm. Meet. - Feb. 28/66

Prosser - July 12/66

Whitstone Yr. - Sept. 18/66

Lethbridge - Bethel Bap. - Oct. 23/66

Meeting Creek - Nov. 24/66

Eulach Tab. - Edmonton B. Class - Dec. 4/66

Kilbarnock Bap. - Calgary - May 12/67

Eganville, Ont. - June 11/67

Ferintosh - Oct. 29/67

Penikese CMA - Oct. 13/68

Meadow Bl. Bap. - Nov. 24/68

Leblancville - Jan. 19/69

Cartigan B.C. - Feb. 9/69

South Alta. B. Camp - July 12/70

Edmonton - Bushman's PR Evening YP - Nov. 8/70

Med. Hat - Collier's Wang YP - Apr. 18/71

Red Deer - Bethany Bap. - Apr. 25/71

"Navigators" - Chesterton Camp - May 12/71

Frontier, Pk. - June 18/72

Ross Haven B. Camp - July 11/72

Lureland B. Camp (Kenderson) - July 11/73

Bow Valley Bap. Camp - July 26/73

Lk. Bennett B. Camp - 29/6/74

Med. Hat CBMC - 1974

Bapt. Ministerial - Feb. 13/75
Calgary -

Berean Chapel Nov. 9-10/76

Three Hills - Wang Ch. - Nov. 20/76