

MAY 14
15-33

JOHN 6:1-14

WILL GIVE AWAY

Challenge
I have not
yet done this
and I shall

(1). "The Man God is Looking For".

Intro:- (1). Today going to ask you do risky thing.. May be a bit painful, surprising, startling. Want you to look in the mirror. You manage it ev. morning.. Per. like story of that woman in story of Snow-white.. "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the fairest lady of all." And of course, if you point and say "You".. mirror say it right back to you But this bit different. Look into God's mirror. For it reflects not external form.. but INTERNAL CHARACTER.. X-ray. And impression rec'd not thru. eye.. but ear.. Jas. 1:23-24. The "hearing" of the Word of God illuminates the object inside... the soul.. the real man, woman. No shading off.. REAL (2). Serious sober matter. Easy stand before men. It is not easy stand bef. God.. His Word.. c/f I Thess. 3:13. "Before God". Yet how we need to do this.. Know just what God sees.. and find out what He wants of us. Will you do this? honestly, earnestly, repentantly, yieldedly!

I. Think at once you will find one of three images appear.

(a). I know.. many shades of Christians.. varieties.. and yet there appears to be three definite species.. following three diff. philosophies of life.. widely divergent.

1. Called this "The Blind-Man's Buff Players". Not blind men. Eyes opened by new birth. ^{X'ns - no achievement} But to him life is a game.. groping game.. No set goal.. Just living along.. Carnation X'n.. contented! Here he is in the mirror:- Lk. 12:16-19..

Unsaved man? Doesn't say so. Addressed to "one of the company". MANY X'NS.. AT LEAST PROF. X'NS.. LIVE EV. DAY LIKE THAT Refuse to look at eternity II Pet. 1:5-9. Life an idle game. c/f Article: on "middle" age.. "What real goal in life"? Most had no real conception of what actually wanted. Just game. Days going by.. involved in "Pass-times". Of many in Scrip recorded: "So-and-so begat a son.. he lived so many years.. he died".. AND NOTHING IN BETWEEN WORTH RECORDING! What shame!

What a waste! What responsibility! God forbid you here. (b). SECOND:- Called these "The Bless-Me Plesse Paupers". X'ns with the gimmies! They pray.. ^{PROP. SON - GIVE ME} but hear them pray! "Lord gimme"... "Amen". Today our churches simply cluttered up with such X'n people. Why come to church? "To GET a blessing". (period). In Calgary.. about 4-500 ch. tramps. Read Sunday menu in papers.. choose where go for meal.. excite Spir. butterflies.. Useless to God and man. Look in mirror at this:- Gen. 25:29-32... 27:34. "Bless ME".. Heb. 12:16-17.

Selfish, self-centred life.. inverted goal of life.. ME. (c/f Hebrews.. idea grew they were God's favourites.. "Chosen people". Chosen for what? Gen. 12:1-3.. 18:18.. 22:18.. 26:4) 28:14. God always had the world in His heart.. To bless. (c). THIRD:- "The Bless-through-Me Princes". What glorious

Blessing good God's goal

philos. of life! Selfless..given to God..life, time, talents, possessions utterly, momentarily at His disposal..for life, death! Saying: "O to be USED of God..to bless others". And all through ages men thank God for such. Look in the mirror! Saul on the Damascus road..made supreme about-turn.."Lord, what wilt THOU have me to do?" From then..nev. read of single selfish act by this man. A Prince!..who will some day reign with X. What does the mirror say of YOU? Honestly, which of the Which do you want to be? Want a total commitment to X? Has LOVE OF CHRIST.....(Selah)...constrained, gripped you? God grant it. God make this goal..urge of life.."GOD USE ME".

II. He will..if you will..He has a process of preparation...Look

(a). Read with me one of best-known stories of N.T..out of Matt.14:15-20. In John 6 rest of story..about Philip who tried figure out a budget..when God wanted a boy! A lad who was willing to put lit. ALL HE HAD into the hands of the Lord Jesus. Commit GOD NEEDED NOTHING MORE..HE NEVER DOES! BUT HE DOES NEED THIS! Then He did four things..and multitude fed and satisfied.

(b). First, "HE TOOK". Not by force..but that which was offered Him. What grace! He, Creator of all..has right to all things. But He took what offered Him..by a boy. Paid respect to free will of a boy. Would not trample on rights of poor fisherman's boy by siezing lunch against will. He took what freely given BUT THEN, when will turned this over to X..it became the personal property of the Master..went from creature to Creator..from human to the Divine..And if anything is to be used of God, it must pass from our power into His power! WHOLLY..No reserve.

(c). Second:- "HE BLESSED". The Master always blesses what He possesses. Flows from Jesus into whatever He possesses. Word He used is "eulogize".."To speak well of". Common. coarse barley loaves! LITTEE fishes. BUT..given to God..He speaks well of it! Praises it..thanks God for it. NEVER FEEL GIFT UNWORTHY..WORTHY Jesus said grace over this., in highest sense. He will say grace over you..as life in His hands. And more:- This blessing infused that food with divine will and power. Loaves in boys hands were in realm of natural..but given into Saviour's hands they were blessed into realm of supernat!..multiplied above any known method of bread-making! God save us from hindrance of self-will!

(d). Third:- "HE BRAKE". This an hard saying! From this so many shrink away. What Jesus takes, He breaks. He took His own body..filled it with Himself..and then brake it..to feed world! LAW OF MULTIPLICATION..Not loaf increased until broken. c/f Seed in ground..egg under fowl..rocks to prod. minerals, food for forests..Stop the breaking and stop the multiplication. Bruising of olive berry prod. oil..crushing of grape the wine..Mary broke her alabaster box..Gideon's men broke the pitchers for light to shine...God broke Jacob's strength..made lame..but made prince. WHAT WILL THIS MEAN FOR US? Jesus will have to break our strong

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(e). Fourth:- "He GAVE". He did. He gave Himself for us.
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2 (X)
THIS ISN'T YOU, IS IT?

There are a lot of men who creep
Into the world to eat and sleep.
And know no reason why they're born
Save only to consume the corn,
Devour the cattle, bread, and fish,
And leave behind an empty dish;
And if their tombstones, when they die,
Were not to flatter, or to lie,
There's nothing better can be said
Than that they've eaten up their bread,
Drunk up their drink, and gone to bed.

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James 1:23-24 "For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass; for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was."

I Thess. 3:13. "To the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness BEFORE GOD."

Luke 12:16-19 "And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: and he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods, and I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry."

II Peter 1:5-9 "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things ~~abound~~ be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither by barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things IS BLIND and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins."

Gen. 25:29-32 27:34. "And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint: and Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint...And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?..... And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father."

Heb.12:16-17. "Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know ~~that~~ how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears."

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Matt.14:15-20 "And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into villages, and buy themselves victuals. But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; gave ye them to eat. And they said unto him, We have here but five loaves and two fishes. He said, Bring them hither to me. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven he blessed and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full."

Psalms 51:17 "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken ~~spirit~~ and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise."

Isa.57:15 "For thus saith the High and lofty One, that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."