

(1). "The Set of His Face"..

Introd:- (1). "Flotsam and jetsam" is NOT title of team of radio comedians. Nor names of Siamese twins. Nor of Gemini astronauts. Yet closely allied in nature. "Flotsam" is that which is cast overboard..or part of a wreck..that still floats..often cast ashore. "Jetsam" is similar wreckage or what cast overboard..and sinks to bottom.

(2). I trust none of you here could be classed as spiritual "jetsam". SUNK! Ever say it.."I'm sunk"? The ship that has X on board can never be sunk. Let this Pilot take helm..and all's well.."It is well with my soul". "With X in the ship you can laugh at the storm".

(3). But what about "Flotsam"? Floating..but drifting! Merv. Rosell wrote book "Driftwood"..Bits that floated his way thru. life.. And in spiritual realm "driftwood" X's forever typified in children of Israel..40 yrs. in wilderness..whereas Deut. 1:2 says only 11 days journey from Mt. Sinai (Horeb) to Prom. Land. 11 days of set course! God not pleased..for carcasses fell in wilderness.(I Cor. 10:5) Nev. reached goal God had planned for them. FLOTSAM "wishy-washy"..Wishing this..but being washed elsewhere.

I.

I. How utterly different was the earth-living of our Lord.

(a). Flotsam? NEVER! What is X to you? Saviour? Good. Pattern..Example? Good again. But in this matter we too often fail to follow Him. Emulate some good qualities.. moral standards..and still just DRIFT THROUGH LIFE. He never did! Listen to this:- Luke 9:51-53. TOPIC..T vs 62 "Stedfastly" set..moving towards climax of the cross.

(b) NOTHING turned Him from it. No fears..no depressions. no alternatives..no temptation..no bribe..no pain..no loss NOTHING. When born, He said, "Lo, I come to do thy will, O God". (Heb.10:5-7). TOPIC. And finished it..John 17:4 DO WE FOLLOW HIM? One of today's greatest tragedies is a X'n life..DRIFTING! No "set of the face"..to God's goal. May God stir our hearts..to make something of this precious redeemed life God has given to us! God save us from being servant with buried talent..grave-digging instead of goal-reaching..c/f Prod. Son. sin? "Hewasted his living".

II. But one other consideration must be ours as we GO.

(a). And that is the SET OF THE HEART. It is possible to be enthusiastic..vigorous..energetic..with drive and zeal.. and yet ruin results. We need not only right goal but proper motive. What is it?

(b). Read bit more..Lk.9:54-56. Zealous disciples! Go.Go!

No flotsam about them. More like Battleship..full steam! Guns loaded! FIRE! Why? Zealous for reputation of new movement. Anxious to show THEIR power.."WE command fire". Believed able. Jesus said: "Wrong motive". What grace He showed! HE was the rejected one. Yet quietly, without fuss, accusation, denunciat..they "went to another village". Yes, that first village lost out. No Saviour there that night. Darkness, bitterness. But in that other village..the Light of the World..Pr. of Peace..

Conclus:- 1. Will you serve God? Will you get purpose into life? Let God show goal..place where YOU can run good race for God? Prepare for it? Stick to it? "Press toward the mark"? 2. Then keep motive right. What here for? "The Son of man is come..to save..men's lives". This is God's goal..to live for Him..and for others..and never for self. Illus:- Stanley and Livingstone.."Come home..Earldom waiting..acclaim of world". "No..my work is here, where God has placed me". Died on knees. The goal reached..and souls of men pointed to X..to heaven. WHAT IS THE SET OF YOUR FACE? WHAT DESIRE OF HEART?

3. Life thus far been bit of flotsam? Blackstone..great author..on Brit. Law.."When such goods are cast ashore or found...they belong to the King". — *Don coming to gather all that belongs to him - then may we all say "I have for. the work"*

Set face & heart - to do this well - until He come

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