

*You can't understand it until I paraphrase
it for you!*

Ohio Wesleyan University
Delaware, Ohio

DAD'S DAY CONVOCATION



Gray Chapel
Sunday, November 18, 1951
10:30 A.M.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Silence is requested with the beginning of the organ prelude.

PRELUDE: Adagio from the Sixth Symphony Widor

INTROIT: Praise to Our God Vulpius

Praise to our God in heaven's high throne,
Praise to his well beloved Son,
Who for us all hath all things done,
Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 169 Ye Servants of God Your Master Proclaim
the people standing

CALL TO WORSHIP: *the minister and people*

Minister: Blessed be the name of God forever and ever; for wisdom and might are his.

People: He giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge unto them that seek it.

Minister: Wherewith shall we come before the Lord, and bow ourselves before the high God?

People: He that showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Amen.

INVOCATION: *the minister, the people seated*

O Thou who hearest every heartfelt prayer, unto Thee do we come. Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts and our deepest needs. Increase our faith and renew our courage and help us so to act that we may always do the things that are right, and live according to Thy holy will. Amen.

COLLECT: *to be said by all*

Our Father, we thy children invoke thy blessing for this hour of worship. Speak to each of us the word that we need; and grant that we, by our worship at this time, may be enabled to see Thee more clearly, love Thee more fully, and serve Thee more perfectly; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER: *to be said by all*

CALL TO PRAISE: *the minister and choir*

ANTHEM: Praise the Lord with a Song Kalinnikoff

Alleluia! Let us praise the Lord with a song. O praise the Lord of Hosts high above all the earth. Thou art our light and truth, O lead us to our heavenly goal. Alleluia! Praise the Lord, let us praise Him with a song.

Alleluia.
*won the fortune because he gave some of his money
to the needy, some to the temple & with some he bought
a candle whose light filled the entire room!*

Let God guide you, not man

RESPONSIVE READING: *the people standing*

Are you more embarrassed in man's presence than in God's?
O God, Thou art my God; early will I seek Thee: my soul thirsteth for Thee, my flesh longeth for Thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

To see Thy power and Thy glory so as I have seen Thee in the sanctuary.

Because Thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise Thee.

Thus will I bless Thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in Thy Name.

My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness: and my mouth shall praise Thee with joyful lips.

When I remember Thee upon my bed, and meditate on Thee in the night watches.

Because Thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul followeth hard after Thee: Thy right hand upholdeth me.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses.

And led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

GLORIA PATRI: *the people standing and singing*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

PRAYER: *with choral response We confess our faults; yea, our sins, for we are self-centered*

OFFERTORY: Aria *of Thou knowest it. - Gay* Peeters

HYMN: 378 *the people standing* Walk in the Light

SERMON: Dr. Allen E. Claxton
Minister, Broadway Tabernacle
Washington Heights Methodist Church
New York City

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 271 *the people standing* Lead us, O Father

BENEDICTION: *with choral response*

POSTLUDE: Fugue in A Minor Bach

Story of the wealthy man's bequeathal of his fortune to the youth who could bring most into the room. Straw, for us, last youth

- I Religion is a solution to problems; not an escape
- A. Sex is an escape from oneself
 - B. Alcohol is an escape from one's problems
- II Is God active in our affairs today?
- A. Is he doing anything
 - B. Definitely!
 1. Equilibrium
 2. God has not abandoned that which he has created. God cares!
 - C. Has God been killed? No the universe would explode.
 1. Who, then, can hear what God has to say.

- III Avenues through which we see God's will:
- 1 A. Common sense - capacity to take experience + apply it to today's situation.
 - Assisting in the service
 - B. Exercise of moral mandate to exercise to an end and purpose.
 - 2 C. Accumulated religious experiences spiritual wisdom of the age.
 - President Arthur S. Flemming
 - Professor Richard Gay
 - 3 D. Expert advice. (Problems are hidden from ministers)
 - Kim Jefferson
 - Mary Lou Claxton
 - 4 E. Directly through His Holy Spirit
 - A Cappella Choir
 - Professor Rexford Keller playing the service
 - Ushers from Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.
 1. Mores of community
 2. Development of conscience
 3. It takes time; spiritual cleanliness comes, comes with time. Spiritual discernment takes time.
 4. Daily devotion

- IV God dislikes:
- 1. Greed
 - 2. Lust
- } Divine displeasure at mortal disobedience to the laws of the universe.

- V Emerson - "The world is going to end."
 "Let it, we don't need it."
 A. True, but the world needs you!
 B. "TIME IS SHORT"