

Isaiah 26 - 9th.

- For when thy judgements are
in the earth, the inhabitants of the
world will learn righteousness.

The judgements of men in the
light of Gods truth and judgement.
We have often heard it said that
so and so is a man of sound
judgement. It may be that he is
a good judge of business, in other
words can come to a definite
conclusion about what may be
profitable and what may not. It
may be that a person is a good judge
of things in general, of political strategy,
of business trends, of art, of
farming practice and so on. One
can enumerate so many fields
of man's endeavour.

Is he a good judge of the
times we live in. Is his judgement
related to the service he can give
his fellow man or is it related to
an entirely personal and selfish
end.

Perhaps the question we should
most often ask ourselves is this.

Are the things we think about and come to a conclusion or judgement about in the interest of others or solely ourselves? Do we stop and consider how our conclusions if put into action will effect others, our neighbors, our community.

The message I would like to leave with you today is that all history records that God works through the individual. He worked through each of Christ's disciples and each had a different contribution to give in the service of our Lord. Peter, hasty and impetuous of judgement, but in the end sound and firm in his stand against the Sanhedrin. Each one of the ~~Apostles~~ disciples could be named and each one can be recorded as becoming a completely changed individual capable of keen judgement in the service of his fellow man. Each through his association with Christ had to completely alter his judgement of his fellow men.

Is that what we are reluctant to do today. Alter our judgement.

Are we frightened or ashamed of
losing face of being ridiculed by
our neighbor, our fellow man?

Are we afraid to alter our judgement of
things for fear we may not conform
to the crowd. It is becoming more
apparent with each passing day that
somewhere sometime individuals will
have to look deeply into themselves
and change their attitude entirely
as to the justice and mercy of God.

We are not required to hear the
word of God only. We are as christians
required to be doers of the word. We
have had a noble heritage passed down
to us. From those who shed their
blood as martyrs we have received the
priceless gift of the Christian calling.
We are now having the accusation
hurled at us that it is just a name
we don't do anything about it. That
is the kind of thinking that is
prevailing today. It is not even thinking.
It is a casual insult to Christ and
Christianity with no thinking or
judgement behind it except those who
are astute enough to know that the

Christian stands in the road of power greedy ~~states~~ nations whether they be to the north or south of us or right here in Canada. These people are adroit enough in their judgement to belittle Christianity for propaganda purposes. But once let the Christian strive to seek the judgements of God and ~~act on it~~ finding it act on it he will draw to himself more support than he ever dreamed was waiting.

For when thy judgements are in the sand the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. Note that there is not the slightest hesitation on the part of Paul in proclaiming his implicit belief in the righteousness of God's judgement. On that rock the prophet based all his own judgements held them up in comparison to judgements of God as round within himself and his own were discarded if found wanting and he spoke to the people of that time in a voice of God's prophetic judgement.

entirely different value. We see each
other in a new light. (Example of
the common stone in the field under
ordinary light and then under infra
red light)

This is what Isaiah meant
when he said when the judgments of
God are in the earth the inhabitants
of the world will learn righteousness.

To a world torn with strife,
struggle for material gain, twisted
in its grip of power politics of
which we understand so little, we
as individuals are prone to let our
judgements be tempered by the impact
of the world upon our lives. The
prophet asks us to look up and
beyond the world to the God of gods
and King of kings and there discern
through prayer and meditation what
the judgements of God really are.

But that is impractical in this
day and age. The Christian hears
that assertion on every side. One
cannot carry on business these
years without bowing to business convention.
What then can the individual who earnestly
~~desires~~ ^{wishes} to be a Christian do. He can turn
his will into action by relating all that
he does to the service of God. He can
safely leave the answer to God if we work
in the light of this judgement.

But what can I, one individual do.
One hears that statement so often. In fact
it has been the cry that has rung down
through the ages. God does not ask us
to perform miracles. He just asks us to
relate all our effort to his glory. No long

words and ambiguous meanings. Just a simple statement speaking through our conscience that if we relate our work to God we in time will share in his judgements and the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Relating our work to God may require sacrifices. It may mean that we will attempt to do our work a little better than we have ever done it before. That we will render a little more service to our fellow man than we ever did before. That we will cease to do certain things for personal gain or achievement and do them instead to the honour of God. That we will cease to count the cost in dollars and cents and begin to count the rewards of service instead. We often hear it said "you get no thanks for serving the public" the most thankless job on earth etc. Well how about trying to relate that service to God for a change? How about forgetting all about the public and searching for God's judgement in its matter?

Once man relates all his service to God his whole attitude changes towards his fellow man. He ceases to become a competitor and becomes instead. His fellow man takes on an