

Special Hour 2

if you are ready to take Jesus as the Lord of your life, as the very God, as the supreme One who knows all things. Fine. Come and ask Him for eternal life and He will give it to you. But if you simply come to him for advice--here's a good man. Give me some advice. We'll go to some other good man and see what he says and then we'll compare the two together. That is not the way in which the Lord Jesus Christ presents Himself to us. We had an ungodly president of the college once, the first two years I was at Occidental College, who denied most of the great teachings of the Scripture, but there is one statement he made I loved to hear him make. I don't think he meant it the way I do, but he said, "Jesus Christ is Lord of all or He is not Lord at all." Jesus Christ is asking for complete submission to Himself. He is either the only good One, the great good One, or you might as well leave Him out. Who made Him a judge or a divider? Why, He made Himself. He is the creator of the universe. He is the Lord of all. He is the judge, and a divider. He will judge and divide everything eventually. Today, you can make Him judge and divider. Today, you can come to Him and ask Him to judge. Today you can recognize Him as the good one. He in His sovereign goodness gives you that opportunity. He offers you that privilege today, of coming to Him and giving to Him voluntary submission. So He presents here in such a way as to bring in sharply the question, "Are you serious when you come to Him for help? Are you simply going to get what help you can along the way. Christianity is a good thing. It helps improve conditions. Social conditions are better if we have Christianity. Human life is better. People are happier. Let's have it." He does not offer Himself that way. That is all true, but it is a by-product. It is all true, but it is incidental. He offers Himself as the Lord and commander of your life, as the supreme example and the supreme authority, and He gives you the opportunity voluntarily to submit yourself to Him and to recognize Him as what He is today. Why callest thou me good. Yes, ^{call} Him good. He is good, but if you don't recognize this fully, there is little to be gained from Him. And then He goes on and says, "Thou knowest the commandments," and He names