

what God wants me to give? Was God pleased with what I gave? We are so apt to go from one extreme to the other. We go to the aspect of self-abasement-- we're afraid of the face of man. Or we go to the aspect of thinking, Oh isn't it wonderful what I am doing. Oh can I only do what people will like me for? If God is there, you would be interested in what He thinks and not in what the other people think.

You would have no fear of them because your fear of God is far greater and you would have a different attitude if you realized the presence of God.

Terrible things happened in the life of Job. Job lost his family. He lost all his property. He lost his health. He went through a terrible miserable situation, and his friends came and they discussed it back and forth and he gave his ideas and they went on. They gave this philosophy and that philosophy. This idea and that idea. I read of a man once who said I went through word by word through all these chapters in Job. I studied every word carefully, every idea. I ~~XXXXXX~~ compared the different philosophies and I thought when I get to the end I will have it all explained. He got to the end and Job had a vision of God and was never told the answer to his question.

We know what happened. We read in the first chapter, and in the ~~XXXXXX~~ second chapter what happened in the heavenly council. We know that God had a purpose in it. But God didn't tell Job. What Job needed was an increased consciousness of the presence of God.

How vital it is that we have this realization of God's presence all the time. But oh if we have that realization and realize He is here and we think of the sin and of the evil and mistakes, oh can we bear to stand before Him. How terrible to fall into the hands of an angry God! Yes it is. Except that Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross. "All we like sheep have gone astray we have turned everyone to his own way and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

Sometimes I think a sermon is not a Christian sermon no matter how much good truth it gives, how fine a presentation it gives, I think it is not a Christian sermon unless somewhere in that sermon the way of salvation is brought out. We need to come back to Calvary constantly. As we realize what Jesus Christ has done on the cross, that all who believe on Him are saved ~~XXXXXX~~ for eternity, Oh then we realize that He is here, that He sees everything we do and He is interested in us, and how small the little things of human life become. How small the attitudes of other people before the fact that God is interested, that He has received us through Jesus Christ and that He is interested in every detail of our lives.

Let us pray. Oh God our Father we thank you for your presence. You did not make the world and then go off and leave it. You do not leave us simply to work things out by ourselves. To you you are interested in every sparrow that falls. How much more in every detail of the lives of those who have been saved thru our Lord Jesus Christ. Oh our Father help us to be conscious of the presence of God in all we do. Help us to make our lives count for Him, not looking for praise for ourselves, not fearing what men may say about us, but thinking only what will please our Saviour. Help us our Father to be more and more conscious that you are our Father and you are here and interested in everything in our lives. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.