

"He Will Take Care of You"

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Text:- "When my father and mother forsake me, the Eternal will take care of me." One of the amazing things in history is the persistence with which God has always followed after man, seeking to draw him back to the place where lost fellowship could be restored. Time after time the Bible reiterates the love of God for his created children. In II Chronicles he says, "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Isaiah said, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him!"

The Bible is sprinkled all the way thru with statements like this, words that sustain and reassure us. The Bible speaks over and over again of the mercies and kindly intentions of God. It tells us of God's willingness to forgive the repentant sinner. To the thoughtful man, history is the story of man pursued by the love of God. It begins in the Garden of Eden and follows clear down to the cross of Calvary, on to the empty tomb, even to you and me in this twentieth century.

I.

God is our father; this is an established fact. He is the father of prodigals, the father of wanderers; he is an affectionate parent who spends his nights and days calling in love to those who have strayed from the paths of righteousness.

One of the most beautiful stories in the entire Bible is that of the Prodigal Son; the story of a boy who wandered, but afterward, through tears, discovering his mistake, turned from his waywardness and made his way back to father's house and found his father's forgiveness.

The Bible is not merely the story of the justice

of but of the love of God as well. We remember his mercy toward Jacob even after Jacob had been a deceiver. We remember his mercy toward Ninevah, even after Jonah had declared that Ninevah would be destroyed by the wrath of God. We remember his mercy toward Saul of Tarsus even after Saul had spent much time persecuting the church of God, laying waste to the church. We remember the love of God, as it was seen through through Christ, followed Peter even after this impulsive disciple had denied his Lord time after time, finally with an oath. All history is filled with the love of God and that love will not let you go, or will it let me go.

Story of the scientist who had wanted to hire a boy to let himself over the cliff to secure the eggs of a rare bird. "Yes, I will do it; I'll let you lower me over the cliff, provided my father holds the rope." His father's love was his assurance.

God can be depended upon! He never lets go of the rope. He keeps on loving us even when we have turned our backs upon him, have denied him, have shown an utter disregard and lack of appreciation for his proffered mercy and his continued affection. You need have no fear of trusting your life in the hands of this one who loves you so much that he gave his only son for your redemption.

## II.

Ad. Richard E. Byrd tells the story of his first expedition to the pole. (The story). Every life must have a center; must have a point of reference. A place of beginning. In mathematics it is the decimal system; in literature it is found in the basic rules of grammar. In religion it is found in Christ. Our standards stem from him; he received them from his father, God. Paul said, "Christ liveth in me." We love him because he first loved us. We gave because he first gave. We are true, bold, we are self-sacrificial because he showed us the way. He set the first example. Thus Christ becomes gravity for the soul. He keeps pulling us toward himself.

Of course, it is not enough for Christ to draw us. We must permit ourselves to be drawn. Even more, we must

ourselves to be drawn. Sorry of seeing the high tides. God is constantly trying to bring the spirit of man to such high tide.

In Harvard Yard is a sundial passed by thousands each day, and on this dial these words are inscribed. "On this minute hangs eternity". Perhaps "this minute" means exactly this minute for you. For that is the way it is when you face Christ's invitation. Will you accept him or reject him? "On this minute hangs eternity". God has been good to you. Has he not? He has not let you go. He has not given you over to your own ways. Please turn to him now, saying, "Dear God, I thank you for your love and mercy; I accept both in the forgiveness of sin, in the saving of my soul. And from this day forward, O God, I will never let you go."