

Matt. 10: 40-42

"... a cup of cold water only..."

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Gal. 4:10
"the day of small things"]

"a cup of water only"

SUBJECT: The Significance of the
Insignificant.

Humble Ministry

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I Our work.

Some big place?

(a) Room

(a) Shickel. "But God can see it" Lovers. Elgin mountains. Benthams
(b) Michael Angelo. Peter. "Tulle made just this
man but says this is not right?"
Dante

II Wishing there.

By Richard Chelmsford? May he it should be that way but really
No.

(a) Lynn Landrum: story.

(b) Monday. I. I. try "My sense to her - follow over there."

I presume we should sit down, learn the technology, make our decision. ^{But}
_{see it.}

III

Had speaking to me

Our "convulsion" Saturday.

By Earthquake, fire, tsunami

f. Digital ^{world} earthquake

still there

(a) Noam: "some just I might they"

"will you find your best to do?" Like a woman: "will you?"

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my plan

"Father, where shall I work today?"

and my two favored women & you.
Then he pointed us out a big spot
and said, "I need that for me."

I answered quickly, "Oh, no, not there."

Why no, we said you see,
no matter how well my work was done.
Not at that place for me!"

and the word he said, it was not there;

to answer me tenderly
"Oh, little one, search the heart of thee
(Oh, this, my, search the heart, this)

and that working for them & for me?
Nagavitt was a little piece
and so many babies -"

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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE INSIGNIFICANT

The 10th Chapter of Matthew: Sending out the 12. Instructions. Closing with this last passage. Unusual, vigorous, vivid.

- the prayer, flaming, God's name, His reward. But also...
- "righteous man! God's servant."

Second, third - any last disciple. "just a cup of cold water" ... "And he, as a reward."

I. Our mistaken ideas concerning what is significant.

The writer asked what he thought of America. Replied, they seem to have three ideas - size, speed, and cost. Nothing counts for much unless it is big, fast, and cheap. It seems to be a completely wrong way to measure things. It is worth noting unless it breaks the records.

We measure everything by these distorted notions.

- Nations - just "little" place. (Even though Egypt, India, China, etc. are big)
- People - "little" shot. (Even among men, women)
- Professions - "small" job. (Little help, honor, honor)
- Events - "any" ordinary thing without fanfare, publicity, noise. (The ordinary is the best)

But what we forget: the so-called insignificant of life make it great, lovable, livable, affection, meaningful.

- the matter as the sun, moon, stars, planets, galaxies, etc. passing through a cosmic trail.
- the trumpet as the wind, storms, etc.

The insignificant makes up the significant. I see it everywhere.

- (1) Art. (The British Museum. "But God can see it" the "British Empire" makes perfect, but perfect is not right)
- (2) Mechanics. The simple, every machine. The parts. (The engine, or a table, or a 2000 parts)
- (3) Finance. The bank, every bank, balance. Off 100, 1000 dollars.
- (4) Denting. (The bath, water, and El Alonisi of the number road at Montreal) (5) The house of man.

And in the life and teachings of Jesus.

He himself - the world's misappreciated, wandering around with a few poverty-stricken disciples. The Gospels, Psalms, Cantos, ...

His work - Matt. 12:19-21

His words - simple words plain, every day understandable.

His teachings - the little, insignificant things, with God in them and behind them.

"Behold, the lesser of the first ..."

The Sparrows.

A bird of low degree
All over the world they are found
And yet the human father himself
When one of them falls to the ground.

"A child in the midst"

"A poor widow placed in time of need" a boy who works among

"Faith as a grain of mustard seed."

"A cup of cold water"

"How 'Tis the dog ..."
"I shall be the good shepherd"
"Ours is the kingdom of heaven."

Our life and work in His Name.

1. ~~Where?~~ The place.

(a) Home. of Nazareth. "Some great and mighty things"

2. ~~When?~~ The duration.

Th. 16:10 of Matt. 25:23

The little thing makes possible the great, is the great.

(a) Sunday school. I. J. fail to be there, no one told us how.
Abraham and Isaac, Jacob, & Isaac. Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Benjamin.
Ezekiel's vision. "I will gather them up from all nations."
In the house, they are quiet, content.

For the lack of a nail, the whole house fell.
The nail was small, but it was there.
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And so the U.S. work, during services.

3. ~~How?~~ The spirit.

(a) - The home. Home, many, furniture. But the little things, necessities, necessities, necessities.

(b) - The life. Working people.

(c) - The church. Working people.
The Sunday school, reading the Bible to the laity, the young, the young. One of the Sunday
preaching in the Bible, "I will be with you, I will be with you. Spirit of God, spirit of God."
and the Sunday school, turning point in his life. (I heard him tell that)

(d) - The church.

Our church, classical music. Lamentation, Lamentation.
200. To end of world, Lamentation. Lamentation, Lamentation, Lamentation.

A Frenchman visiting was asked what he thought of the people. He replied that they had to have three idols; the first was size since nothing seemed to be accomplished unless it was big; the second idol was noise for nothing seemed to be accomplished unless there was much ado; the third idol was speed for everything had to be done in a hurry.

My Place

"Father, where shall I work today?"
And my love flowed warm and free.
Then he pointed me out a tiny spot
And said, "Tend that for me."
I answered quickly, "Oh, no, not there;
Why no one could ever see,
No matter how well my work was done;
Not that little place for me!"

And the word he spoke, it was not stern;
He answered me tenderly,
"Ah, little one, search that heart of thine:
Art thou working for them or me?
Nazareth was a little place,
And so was Galilee."

—Eleanor Scott Sharples.

It is the excitement of the foreseen, however fraught with comfort and blessing, excites no remark.

Unnoted fall the vernal showers on which not only the farmer's crops, but the throb of the manufacturer's machinery, the pulse of trade, the complex movements of the world's great enterprises, nay the very sustenance and life on the great globe itself depend. The sunshine of a summer's day fraught with the blessings as manifold as the wisdom of God, and as marvelous as His mercy that endureth forever, passes with-

out remark, and the golden sun as he sinks to his couch might well bid "Goodnight" to a thankless world.

But a meteor that shoots athwart the darkened sky, leaving the momentary traces of its fiery splendor beside the affrighted stars is the topic of every tongue. The story of its brief career thrills along every telegraphic wire and is emblazoned in every newspaper in the land.

Even to be saved.

Agnes