

TEXT: Matt. 16<sup>3</sup> "the signs of the times"

SUBJECT: Our Present Religious Decay.

cf. the parable 8:1-7 v.7 the world of nature  
- the wild器械 soaring high  
- the great savage land on the plain  
- the little squirrel  
- the great spider, big flies in the wind.  
the prophet of weather.  
Matt. 16:1-3 v.3 TEXT.  
It is nothing - rain  
cool and clear - no rain

Luke 16:1-8 v.8 the men of business  
learners by experience.  
a) the oil man - how not to do: providence.  
fore sight  
b) great hotels, railroads, in bold prairies.

### THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

(The great history and history of Israel - God's people.  
Who is at the world - a history like Israel's - Who is in man, David etc.  
But a few fields among trees in memory - who is it now, Solomon  
What ruined them? Nathan for one taught this angel sins.  
Isaiah - Can Christian people learn, and read the signs of the times?

I. Wanting to be like other nations, and other people.

- other nations a king: we want a king

- " Egypt of calf - a golden calf

Baal -

- wanting to get into the fight <sup>3000000</sup> just started,

- Isa. pronouncing 30:13 "in quietude and confidence to your strength"

and so they did march with this: this king were as other kings,  
this god over all other gods, this people were as other people -  
and when the others fell - they fell and were buried. In  
the ruins of the walls of Babylon and Nineveh, they were  
caught. And Jerusalem long in her own dust and  
moldering ashes was old Babylon and Tyre and Nineveh.

Good Christian children, - with eyes single set to look out the worldliness.

The young men - others drink, then carry gentle, after church,

The young women - others have loosened in their morals

the men - everybody else loves the Almighty, else -

And then they are together - a common lot just the same.

But good Ruth declared this people to be a peculiar people.

for she said, "Come not from among them, and be of separate."

a) Out on the broad plain that water flows - the yellow and the green,

He can last life it - either they will come to right names

+ they will bring us down.

## II The followers of their religion life.

- Isa. (24:13) "This people drew near me with their mouth, and with their lips they honored me, but their hearts were far from me."
- Amos 5:21-2 "I hate, I despise your festival day. I will not accept your burnt offerings... I abhor your sacrifice on the mountain of your offering."
- The last blessing of Jesus to the mult. arms of the people.
- Jesus to the richly & others: "not with you for you make the outside of the city a sight, but within is full of robbery and extortion."

We sing: *Take my life and let it be ...* *Take my silver and my gold,*  
*Worthless world! yet yours heart for such a sum as I,*  
*Conveying grace how sweet the sound... written*

"Take my life and let it be... Take my silver and my gold,  
Our Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wistful eye  
To land so fair."

We pray: "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass  
Upon us. Forgive us our sins, for they will be done!" - not ours.

We read: Blest are ye, who men shall revile ye, and curse ye...  
But we are all blest and glorified.....

Blessed are the poor in spirit: the meek - merciful - hungry & thirst  
"If I then, you look at me, have washed your feet, you also  
ought to wash one another's feet for I have given you an example  
that you should do as I have done."  
And Judas Iscariot was in this group.

The world has witnessed: some of us, coming down the hill...  
the world called  
righteousness a new life.  
But what is the church's responsibility to them?

They found their life calling, their great mission, in fact.

## III Loss of their evangelistic fervor for souls.

They withdrew to themselves: all alone, Meek like dogs,  
and in fact, they held God's other sons, Ecclesiastes, Proverbs, My Father's house  
in fact. They held not high the truth in their hearts. They did not live in  
but they lived in the shadows.  
- the good for nothing.  
Selfishness: pride of position and popularity.  
What comes today of the world you to God? just as we now have prosperity.  
But - can God be in opposition? who is he now - in fact in their Christ?  
is the Lord Jesus? If I could see him.

Matt. 16:1-4

SUBJECT: The Signs of  
the Times

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Matt. 16: 1-4

The Signs of the Times <sup>5/1910</sup>

I The Devil's signs

The misfortune awaiting poor Jud - yet the Pharisees  
Sadducees in secret, the same condition of unbelief, around him still  
no new mission. Days, disturbed by a consciousness of unbelief,  
but not convinced. <sup>g. 8th gospel</sup>  
<sup>q. 25. 16: 31</sup>

Now, they would change the face of things. The earth not  
enough - a token from heaven they desire.

(They who will not see - believe - accept.)  
of. The brother of Simon writes believe they came from the dead.  
Give you what you may, they want money / wealth first.  
This heart determined in unbelief

II. Hypocrites

How does Jesus treat the pharisees? -  
Heavenly minded. Religious & the like - desiring nothing  
of the just family of human creatures. Seeking truth, ...

Hypocrites!

This Jesus, what of his popularity? getting on? acceptance?  
The proof of his moral authority: like the proof of the  
interpretation of the scriptures. Truth like a two-edged sword.

### III. Mathematics vs Wisdom

Knowledge without wisdom.  
Maths uses a standard barometer.  
But mistook the sky for heaven  
the weather for a revelation.

What about a man who knows all the letters?  
The alphabet, but can't put them at work?  
What about a man who knows the whole world?  
The English language yet could never carry the whole nation?  
So our knowledge - in the words of another:  
*Intellectus  
Cognitio  
Scientia  
Dicitur  
Auctor*  
But mathematics, following fact alone, nothing more.

### IV. The Signs of the Times

1. That time  
The true wisdom - seeing the hand of God in the works of creation.  
As we look back - Christ the fulfillment of the O.T. prophecies.  
- the shaping of the world for his coming.  
- the incalculable life, work, deed, wisdom,  
yet they were blinded.

2. Our time  
What signs today? Can we really trust of God?  
God's own language which we should see God.  
God is already himself in all the processes of the age.  
In Weekly news & papers we see the messages from  
the hand of God governing the world.  
God's revelations & tokens amongst us.

1. Upon nations.

The judgment day had  
Th. 17:27 coming at you  
again, again.

2. Upon churches

Rev. 2:5 Coming to the churches  
faithfulness to the word, enduring, waiting, ministering.

3. Upon individuals. Coming to individuals  
to have to confront with God. Christ is here.  
Money? only thought a person's who do not have it,  
fair, fortune? do not want them. But the pictures of the  
sunsets of Hollywood.

4. The world. Coming finally Rev. 22:12, 20

Matt. 16: 1-3

The signs  
of His coming

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## THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

I. They ask. The desired sym.

Now they would have to find a field of prof.  
- the earth not enough; a tales from <sup>the art</sup> <sup>space-minded</sup> <sup>area</sup> they desire  
- they present themselves as learning, needed (you call them hypocrites)  
- they say they belong to that sky-aspiring sector, the great family  
of human activities, seeking truth, aesthetic values, prof.

II. *Yucca whipplei*. Weatherwise across Western N.M.  
Westerly winds crossing mountain range. Soils moist.  
Weatherwise - streaked to barometer  
- suggest the movements of the clouds

But mistake the sky for heaven  
the weather for a revelation.

(8) sky for heavens  
the receptacle for a revelation.  
(9) First Russian Orthodox church - no angels no God's throne  
(10) St. Isaac's Cathedral

*by James*  
Knowledge without wisdom  
Facts without purpose, means,  
What about man who knows all the letters of alphabet  
but can't put them into words?  
Is he less intelligent than a language?

*Very poor*  
Knowledge without wisdom  
Facts without purpose, means  
What about a man who knows all the letters of alphabet  
but can't put them into words?  
Word is the largest  
thing?

So very buoyantly  
of the air  
it went from the sea  
but could not get out of the water  
without the wind & tide

foot wise  
date wise, > but not God wise  
written wise

### III The Signs of the Times.

Of that time, we argued they saw so little  
comprehended even less.

- the big don / the, the majority I think, all rejected.

- the coming prophet, you, declining / the prophet, nothing. <sup>they</sup> <sub>not</sub> <sup>not</sup>  
[70 A.D.]

of our time, are we any wiser?  
For we carry by which we should see God  
in the progress of the age, developments in science, this especially, namely  
to John Wesley used to say, he never ceases to me  
to do good is passing the world.

Looking what do you see? Achievement, advancement, progress!  
~~easy to fall into the illusion of progress, advancement.~~  
Blinded by an easy optimism, a false vision.

Rev. G. Hartshorne .....

Dr. John Clifford .....

M. A. T. Robertson .....

Easy to fall into the illusion of progress, advancement,

f. travel. Almost to my own day as did Alphonse

f. communication. Undreamed of. Inland f.

can go - but are we going better places?

can see - seeing better things!

can hear - hearing nobler words!

A civilization and a life can boast of its technological growth & development its magnificent buildings, its sculpture, painting, art  
style and the great problem of what to do with it technique. As  
printing & writing, its writers, its painters.

Obviously, progress in all kinds, however welcome  
progress from material to material in every field of human  
activity, including progress in social bombing and justice. After all, progress  
is for a democratic, political life. But this is not a share  
of wisdom in human affairs are we not trying to live, and with the other undesirable  
developments, civilization. { "Individualism" etc., been with the other undesirable  
etc. etc. To be better off or not to be better? We will  
get places.

of that grows - society, illusion / evolution.  
either slowly all degeneration. Catt. down... roses... fruit.

The Signs / The Times. What Do You See?

The front page, U.S News and World Report.

1. Crisis.

The curve, criminal activities & rising in many ways writers  
nation, no peacefully as in our own.  
Sedov, Bismarck.

2. materialism pleasure mad entertainment and  
more, more, for less and less. ~~now~~ paternalistic government, intent to provide  
the church an answer about a ~~magical~~ or a ~~single~~ God  
Sunday off in full strength. Today for a Student's Association, a Young Adults  
group in the church, the group reads the ~~book~~ ~~newspaper~~ ~~newspaper~~

2. Attaray.

For the first time in human history, national governments are  
openly, avowedly atheist.  
of the signs that required all the rock / beliefs  
to know it better before fit and propitiatory gods  
but now bow at no altar, ours is duty.  
(@ French art dealer, London - a Fleck.)

3. War, the Argument of God.

"By God the world is  
World war most divinely was forgotten by us.  
Formerly preparing for its day.

i. Recently published book from Admiral Henry L. Stoen, "Logistics of  
Nat. Defense" 34 BC. Julius Caesar, 75% a man with  
1800 AD Norden 3,000 ..  
1914 AD World War I 21,000 ..  
1939 AD World War II 200,000 ..

World war III beyond comprehension. Billions now... fought with  
guided missiles, man platform, hydrogen bombs.  
rest, were we it with bows and arrows. Our successors  
will meet the same, in the stone age with paternalistic man  
material, but paternalistic to be kind & only, not roads, lights,  
contests; they may be so very numerous.]

The last thousand years old, we are rapidly to come.  
The ground under your feet, you are, darker - still better culture  
man kind little city, if you are, darker - in our place with others, so  
with all our power, darkest - in our place with others, so  
our answer - more money? more missile? more bombs? more education?  
Our hope is <sup>to</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>2012</sup> <sup>year</sup> of a deep, the, more Augmented. And the  
is, "Le Braga de Deus."

(5) A couple today (April 7, 63) back from Russia.  
Second largest cathedral in eastern Europe, St. Isaac's.  
Over one million, 14,000 youth communists drafted for  
for lectures. When the ship across one was, two  
got pictures of Russia's first astronauts: Gagarin  
and Titov. Movement in Russia, Germany, France,  
English: "We have reached the heavens"  
and there is no God"

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The Rev. A. Hartpeca, Pastor, 1st Presbyterian  
Church, Nashville, Tennessee, 1858.

"The night of earth's moral  
darkness is passing away.

The morning star is in the  
moral sky.

what hath God wrought  
even the past year! Some  
of the most memorable  
events in the world's  
history were recorded in  
1858. In view of them

the church can almost  
anticipate the song of  
final triumph."

THEN THE CIVIL WAR

Dr. A. T. Robertson, The New Citizenship  
1920.

"Victory has crowned the  
armies of America and her  
allies. The new day has  
dawned. World peace  
has come. King Alcohol  
has been dethroned. The  
reign of the pot-house  
politician with his graft  
and his greed are over."

THEN WORLD WAR II

Baptist World Alliance, Philadelphia, 1911

Dr. John Clifford: "You have  
referred to my friend 2

20 years, Lloyd-George.

God has raised him up,  
a prophet-statesman.

Is not our outlook

bright? We are

looking forward in the

old country, you are

looking forward in the

land ... so that the  
freedom we possess  
today shall be everybody's  
possession and the justice  
which rules in our  
lands shall rule in  
all lands."

THEN WORLD WAR I