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SUBJECT: The Works  
of God

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John 9:1 We must work the work of him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work."

THE WORKS OF GOD  
WHAT IS OUR TASK

I. The Struggles of the People of God. *Always at the frontiers Rev. 12:12*

Noah - unrighteousness

Abraham - polytheism

Moses - moral law; ethical nation

Prophets - idolatry  
ethical ideal of God

Jesus (beside sin of world) - deitalized religion, ritual not

Paul - freedom from Judaism

John - persecution, Empire worship

Atanasius, Christological controversy

Luther, ecclesiastical reformation

(Wesley, gospel to the poor)

Augustine, religious liberty

II. The Work That Awaits Us In Our Day

- Not divided against issues already won <sup>Am. / a soldier, the work</sup> idolatry <sup>meat offered to idols</sup>  
washing hands <sup>pagal bulls; slavery</sup>  
(a) "Preacher, bring it into the Mormon today."

- Not energy consumed with fighting the air, imagining issues up in the clouds  
(a) Some preachers I have heard: "See, brethren, come down to earth where we live."  
(b) "churches" - see: Utterly oblivious of real world about them.  
"God heavenly minded for any earth by us."

~~Some just are given to us from people's hearts~~ <sup>not all alike</sup> ~~the gospel is to men as they are~~  
Facing the world as we see it, find it; giving God's message, doing for this age and generation God's work. This day, age upon age, night cometh.

The position sets in our message - if not here, then where find it

Fearless, faithful spirit is our work - "among us, then who possess it?"

Our work:



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Working the Word John 14:12  
Preaching the Word II Tim. 4:2

What is Our Task?

I. The Struggles of the People of God.

- 1. Noah, unrighteousness
  - 2. Abraham, monotheism
  - 3. Moses, moral law
  - 4. Balaam, idolatry  
ethical ideal of God.
  - 5. Jesus, false view of the world: ritual not. Revitalized religion
  - 6. Paul, freedom from Judaism
  - 7. John, persecution against worship.
- 1. Athanasius, Christological controversy
  - 2. Martin Luther, ecclesiastical reformation
  - 3. Wesley, gospel to the poor. Revivalism
  - 4. Beecher, slavery

II The Challenge of Our Own Day

1. Shall we thunder against idolatry? Judaism? Animism? Pagan gods?  
Battles already won  
(a) Beecher, bring it into the mansions.

2. Pertinent, living questions. Where a position not, if rest here?  
(1) Religious  
Christological? No. But missions  
(a) Christ's letters.  
Church health and growth.

(2) Moral  
Sabbath days journey? Slavery? But Language  
(a) "I am a Mohammedan"  
"... .. the 'condition' is not such a big name."  
(b) Communist Party 34% of church for Christ.

Virtue:  
Boy job problem.  
Culture, Science, Literature.  
Recreation

Personal Living:  
(a) Preacher at not church. May some of them do  
Not asked back.

(3) Social.  
Tyrants? But Woe  
Economic Oppression.  
(a) Spurgeon "Poor Weavers of Spittlefields."  
Community, Political life.

for game things, want give, I disengage him?  
III The One - Whom, Living Christ, Leading Upward.  
In the wake of the true Christianity, the blessings of mankind.  
Slavery - Idolatry - Women - Ignorance - ~~Stability~~.

Compatible, incompatible.

Orange meeting of our terrors. B.Y.M. of meekness. Church of  
materialists. Teaching fear of self-interest. Mistrustful and of hypocrisy.

Christ here, to lead us upward, or else we lose this to go  
downward. We cannot remain the same.

Whose eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord  
He is straying out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored.  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible, swift sword,  
His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea  
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.  
As he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free  
While God is marching on.

Holy, Holy hallelujah!