

GOD'S UNSPEAKABLE GIFT

John 3:13-17

**"For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life."**

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Introductory remarks:

It gives me a great Christian delight to address you this morning in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I bring you greetings from the Baptists of Puerto Rico. I grew up spiritually among them, and, as you know, the Baptist work in P.R. is the product of the missionary endeavour of the American Baptist churches. That means you all.

It is a privilege to know already some of the members of your church. I mean the Rev. Wilder, and Mr. and Mrs. Suddeth. This couple took me and my family to speak at the House Party that the Mass. Baptist Women had in Worcester several weeks ago. We greatly appreciate their friendship.

This morning I should like to draw your attention to a theme which I consider of utmost importance in the life of the church. It is the subject of the nature of God. Who is the God whom we adore? What kind of a God is He?

To answer this question we naturally go the Bible. Other sources leave us merely with our own ideas.

What kind of a God is He who reveals himself in the Bible?

- I. He is a great God; He is the Lord.
 - A. He is the creator of heaven and earth, and of man.
Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven & earth."
He created light.
He created the heavens.
He created the seas, the dry land, the living things of the earth.
 - B. He is the sustainer of the created universe.
 - C. He is omnipresent -- Psalm 139:
O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising,
thou understandest my thought far off.

Whither shall I go from thy spirit?
of whither shall I flee from thy presence?
If I ascend up into heavens, thou art there;
if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning,
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Even there shall thy hand lead me
and thy right hand shall hold me.

- D. The Lord is holy. Holiness = separation - perfection
1. Moses 2. Isaiah

- E. God is love = giveth himself
1. Calls Abraham 3. Hosea
2. Calls & saves Isaac 4. Psalm 103
The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and
plenteous in mercy.

II. The Lord giveth Himself in His son.

- A. The incarnation -- John 1, 14, 18 -- Leslie Weatherhead

- B. The ministry of Jesus
1. Ideal picture with sinner & publican
2. Ideal picture with infirmities & diseases
3. Identification with our lot.
4. Lived life as God intended that we should live.

- C. Jesus brings victory --
1. over sin 2. over death
3. over the demonic in us.

Conclusion

1. Let us be grateful = Paul -- a. not only for the good things in life,
b. but especially for what God has done for us in Christ.
2. Let us be bearers of love, or Christ.
I Cor. 13 -- Sundhar Sing