

June 13, 2010

Let us be content with the portion God has given us of earthly things. God stands upon his sovereignty, and we must be content with God's allowance, though he gives others more. The good man pleaded: 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?...Do you begrudge my generosity' (Matt. 20:13-15)? If others have a better income and are more amply provided for, God is sovereign, and will give according to his pleasure. Nothing is deserved and therefore everything should be kindly taken with contentment. If a man is provided for by another's expense, we take it very ill if he murmurs and dislikes his diet. Certainly we are all maintained at free cost and should be content with what is put in our hands. God in wisdom knows what proportion is best for us. The shepherd and not the sheep chooses the pasture. Leave it to God to give what is suitable to your condition of life. God gives a portion as you are able to bear. Contentment itself is a gift of God and a great blessing. When our minds are suited to our condition, our earthly blessings are sweeter and more comfortable. Our happiness does not lie in abundance, but in contentment (Luke 12:15). All spiritual miseries may be attributed to either a war between a man and his conscience, or a war between his affections and his condition. There may be just as much love in a lesser portion as in a greater. There is the same affection to a younger child, though he does not have as large an allowance as his elder brother. The father loves him just as well. So a child of God may say, 'God loves me, though he has given another more than me.' Be content with what falls to your share in the gracious providence of God.

– Thomas Manton



Proclaiming the Sovereign Majesty of God

Mourning Christian! Why weepest thou? Art thou mourning over thine own corruptions? Look to they perfect Lord, and remember, thou art complete in him; thou art in God's sight as perfect as if thou hadst never sinned; nay, more than that, the Lord our Righteousness hath put a divine garment upon thee, so that thou hast more than the righteousness of man-thou hast the righteousness of God. O thou who art mourning by reason of inbred sin and depravity, remember, none of thy sins can condemn thee. Thou hast learned to hate sin; but thou hast learned also to know that sin is not thine-it was laid upon Christ's head.

Thy standing is not in thyself-it is in Christ; thine acceptance is not in thyself, but in thy Lord; thou art as much accepted of God today, with all they sinfulness, as thou wilt be when thou standest before his throne, free from all corruption. O, I beseech thee, lay hold on this precious thought, perfection in Christ! For thou art "complete in him." With thy Savior's garment on, thou art holy as the Holy one.

– C.H. Spurgeon

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*Please enter reverently and silence all communication devices.
Parents with crying children may use the conference room.*

Preparation for Worship

A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

“Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

*Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.”*

Psalm 90:1-2 (ESV)

*Prelude to Worship..... Amelia Kelly
Glen Harper*

Chiming of the Hour

Worship in Music Ben Carroll

*Day by Day
(arr. Keith Phillips)*

Invocation

*“Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
as when fire causes water to boil—*

*to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!”*

Isaiah 64:1-2(ESV)

**Call to Worship..... My Savior’s Love (page 512)*

**Scripture Reading..... Isaiah 45:15-25*

Confession of Sin and Pastoral Prayer

Adoration

“Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

*For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!”*

Psalm 117 (ESV)

*Hymn..... It Is Well with My Soul (page 493)
Before the Throne of God Above (page insert)

**Scripture Reading..... Romans 14:1-12*

*Worship in Tithes and Offerings..... Amelia Kelly
Glen Harper*

Exposition

*“Then Philip opened his mouth,
and beginning with this Scripture
he told him the good news about Jesus.”
Acts 8:35 (ESV)*

Pastor Jess Smith..... Romans 14:1-12

Consecration

*“Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts,
kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if
one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has
forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which
binds everything together in perfect harmony.”*

Colossians 3:12-14 (ESV)

**Hymn of Commitment I Will Sing of My Redeemer
(page 506)*

Benediction

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”*

Romans 15:13(ESV)

*Postlude..... Amelia Kelly
Glen Harper*

**Congregation please stand*