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Biographical Note:
Frank Hall Wright (1860-1922) was an evangelist in the western United States.

Scope and Contents:
The Frank Hall Wright Sermons are typed, bound sermons delivered by Wright at First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio in January 1916. These sermons were a component of special evangelistic services intended for both Christians and the general public.

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"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." There it is in the last analysis. Eph 4:17—"This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind." The heathen is in darkness, all the philosophers say it is darkness. It is God's wisdom that brought this wonderful light. They all started out with the same knowledge of God, why have they not kept it? They are ignorant that is it. Their hearts are blind. No nation has fallen but by its own rotteness. When Rome got rich and prosperous it was broken. And so it was with Greece. Over in Europe they had driven Christ out of the army, our of the school out of the home and now wanted to run him out of the country. I tell you God has something to say about that. Some one has said, "What would become of France if it were not for the believing children and the praying women." You can say what you please, Germany has been the hotbed of infidelity. There is England with her frivolity. Men stand in the pulpit and speak out their atheism. My friends God takes a hand in those nations. And America needn't think she is exempt from it. When we get away from God we must expect the judgement of God. The breaking of the Sabbath. Family life
is broken down. Some of your own church members are going to the theaters and the moving pictures on Sunday. People like that ought to get out of the church. They have no business in the church. It is an offense to the Lord for them to stay in the church. I want to say the holy Sabbath is the bulwark of our salvation. People are praising men and saying the world is getting better. I say it is becoming more brilliant. I feel it is grand to live where strife and stress is. But as far as the world is getting better--The world is getting farther and farther away from God. Civilization is more brilliant but farther away from God. It holds more refined infidelity, the people become more ungodly. They talk of a millennium when every man will have a house and clothes to wear and enough food, but God is not in their thoughts. They are running after business interests. They talk about the sacred channels of trade. Sacred, indeed. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." No matter what you do or say it is the worldly spirit that will manifest itself whether or no. The man and woman who are worldly will live it. We need new knowledge. Col. 3:10 "And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him." He hath made peace by the blood of his cross. God can not save anybody except by his own way. God offers you salvation as a gift if you will accept it. I beseech you to present your bodies and living to God. Live in service to God which is reasonable service. So the spirit of this world is hostile to Jesus. The Bible says,
-Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together-- The lust of 
the flesh the lust of the eye, the ambitions, things that appeal to 
the eye, the brilliance and beauty of this world. People are worldly 
when they are young. When they get old they can not do that. Then 
they turn their ambitions. They want their children to shine. And 
those parents and children shall be lost, they will just rot in the 
ground. That soul will go into the presence of God. You will be 
forgotten, the place where you live will be forgotten. John 15:48-
"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated 
you." If you are a Christian the world will hate you. -- If they 
persecuted me they will persecute you. All this for my name sake.-- 
The world will quit you. They don't want you around. A preacher 
feels that. We have friend who are not Christians. It always come 
to the showdown. How sensitive we are about it. We do not agree. 
There is no concord between belief and unbelief. It is a sad thing 
to see a Christian girl marry an ungodly man. You are going to bring 
trouble to yourselves if you do that. There will be unhappiness. 
And when two people are so united, some of the children will follow 
the mother and some the father. Some of your children will be lost 
because you violated the law of God. There can be no fellowship be- 
tween you when it comes to the deeper things. Is it now awful to 
to see the woman trying to keep up the religious part of the family. 
The children see it. And where the father is a good moral man and
repudiates Jesus the child is against Christ, more so than if he were a drunkard. The world will hate you. Your friends will drop you. I know of a woman capable of shining in society. She lost her money and she dropped out. She was a handsome woman, a cultured woman, spoke three languages, born in the consulate life, but she lost her money and that was the end of it. There is one thing about it. He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man. Just as sure as you sow oate in the ground you will raise oats. Be not deceived, God is not sneered at. 1 Timothy, 5:6.—But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.— How many women do I know who are dead. A good many of them shine in society, but they are dead. They know not God. They don't want to know him. That is the worst of it. They don't want that fellowship. There are some that love God and some that don't. Some going to heaven and some going to hell. You have to answer to God for the way you live. I have to answer to God for the way I live. Some folks are all surface and no heart. You kill the best that is in you. Just imagine folks like that in the church. No wonder God has to allow heresies to sweep in and take out the riff raff. Worldliness chokes the word of God. You allow your own domestic duties, your business to choke your soul. You don't run your house, the house runs you. Some folks never go to church because of household cares and duties. Or they let their busi-
ness duties keep them from church. The cares of this world choke the life out of you. A minister can go into his study and become so engrossed in his studies until he is unfit to go into the pulpit. Unfit to preach. Some souls are choked by riches. I say all honor to the rich man who is living a Christian life. How hard it is for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven. You can not understand it. When a man gets rich he has to live in a fine house. The next thing his wife has to have everything that is wearable. You have to show everything that is showable. Your friends seek you out for your riches, for your beauty, for your power, for your intelligence. Many folks who are rich are very intellectual. Their pleasures choke their souls. They have no time to go to church. When it comes to prayer meetings, why I don't believe they go at all. How many of them go regular to church. I tell you this is a serious thing. The riches and pleasures of this life choke the word of God. Many a man has been ruined by his business. His soul has been ruined. Many a farm has ruined a man's soul. It is a strange thing. God gives you land to work on and it has separated you from God. God made you to be lord over the oxen and you have let the oxen ruin you. Actually men have been ruined by horses, ruined by sheep, ruined by donkeys. They get their mind on these things and forget God. How many people have been ruined because they married a wife or
married a husband. God meant them to blessings to each other. If your husband is not a Christian you can not live a real Christian life. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Social cast in the church is an abomination in God's sight. A church that has no poor people in it had better close the doors. These rich men who let their riches corrupt them. With all their gold and silver they did not use it except for themselves. They do not use it for God. The day will come when you will wish you never had a dollar. You have lived in pleasure and for pleasure. God knows who lives in pleasure and for pleasure. The force of worldliness is a terrible thing. It leads to destruction.