WRIGHT (FRANK HALL) SERMONS, 1916

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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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Faith is one of the conditions of answered prayer. And without faith it is impossible to please God. He that goeth to God, must believe that He is. There are two kinds of faith. Faith for one's self and faith for another. We show our faith by our prayers and actions. When it comes to a crisis in human life, everybody believes in God. I once knew of an infidel who went to war and was struck in the forehead by a bullet and was killed. In his last words he cried out to God. A great many people play at unbelief. They think it is smart, they think it is bold. You may be bold but some time the day will come when you will be sorry that you have cast contempt on God and his word. One look into the Master's face, one single ray out of eternity will settle that. A man once told me that he had visited five hundred death beds and only two of those showed no concern. They all needed help, they all needed God. The man who believes there is no God, God says is a fool. I say we show our faith by our prayers. In Mark 10, that blind man had been knowing for some time that Jesus was coming and he wanted to be healed of his blindness. I wish we had the same earnest desire that we might earnestly see. "Ye shall seek for me with all your hearts." When this blind man heard it was Jesus of Nazareth, his anticipations were realized. He began to pray out, "Jesus thou son of David have mercy on me". And the people told him to hold his peace. The voice of the people is not always the voice of God. Do not follow the voice of the people, follow the voice of God. If you have been in consecration
and prayer, you will hear a voice the world will never hear. The world does not understand the motives of our faith. This man threw away his
garment, it hindered his progress to Jesus. You may have to throw
away some very good things that are hindrances in your way. Some like
to preach on the Christian of worldly amusements. I would rather preach
the essential things. If you have them, then you will know the rest of
it. If Christ is not in your heart, you will be lost anyhow. "and
he cast away his garment rose and came to Jesus". And Jesus asked of
him, "Waht wilt thou that I should do unto you?" The Lord knew what he
wanted. The Lord knows what you want before ask, but He is never going
to give it until you ask for it. God has ordained that you shall ask
for it. If you preach the gospel to a man who don't want to hear it.
It will be useless. One of the first things God has to create in us is
desire. The first thing I had to show the Indians was their need of a
Savior. When it dawned on their consciousness that they were in need
of salvation then they all flocked to Jesus. "Blessed are they that
hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." Until
you ask you will not receive. God is going to enlarge Israel, but not
until after the children pray. If you have not got the spirit of prayer
what good will it do you? We have got to depend upon God's people not
upon the church people. I am so glad that God didn't say, "If the church
members will humble themselves. He didn't say any such thing. It is,
"If my people pray." In this church there are some saved and there are
many lost. If you worship in this church every Sunday, but if you have
not got the real thing, you had just as well stop now. I want to dis-
courage you. I want to show you that you have got to get right with
God. No use unless you are right with God. What matter if after all
your effort, if after all you shall be lost.
The blind man said, "Lord that I might receive my sight." and Jesus said, "Go thy way, thy faith hath made thee whole," and immediately he had his sight, he got up and followed Jesus in the way. And we will follow Jesus in the way when we get our sight. This way that is spoken of, we should choose it as our way. That man showed his faith by prayer. A man once came to Jesus and he said, "Lord, if thou canst do anything have compassion and help us. He brought his son, you are not the first one to bring your son or your daughter to Christ. Multitudes have done it before you. But that man put his "if" in the wrong place. Jesus said, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." If we don't have any blessings it is because we have no faith. I expect to see a great sight in this house before I am done with these meetings. If I didn't have the faith that some will be saved, I would just as well quit now. We are not looking at the weather, or at the smallness of the crowd, we look upon God. And if God wants us to fail, let us fail, let us go down with our flags flying. Let God have his own way. I believe God has something for you and I to do. "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." The father cried out with tears, "Lord I believe, help thou my unbelief." And Jesus healed that son. We show our faith by praying for ourselves and for others, also by our actions. There are a great many people who want to be saved. But when you are asked to raise your hand in a meeting you won't do it. When you are asked to stand up, you won't do it. I tell you salvation needs that little act, I tell
you it is obedience to God's will. You cannot be active in your will without moving your body. If you have made up your mind to accept God the world will know it. You cannot keep it to yourself. Some of you want to be happy and have the assurance of God. Maybe you are "out" with somebody and you ought to apologize, and you have not done it. I tell you you have got to do it. You show your faith by your actions as well as by your prayers. I tell you that one little act is the hardest thing in the world for us. I once went to hold some meetings in a place where they never had had an evangelist. And the brother came to me, and said, "Be very gentle with them, don't frighten them." I said I could preach without asking anyone even to hold up their hand if that was what he wanted. I preached, and I tell you things got riper and riper until it was almost ready to explode. And then the brother got up and he said, "Brethren come up and give us your hands." I tell you it might not be Presbyterian, but it is Christian. In that meeting one hundred and seventy five came to God. At one of the meetings there was a woman coming up to the front, but she turned back, she didn't have the courage to come in the front of the church, and went around the back. Afterwards she gave the lame apology that Dr. Hart knew that she had a weak heart. I tell you she missed a blessing by not coming up there. There is one thing about us Presbyterians, we sometimes get so much form in our life that we kill the emotional part. I tell you the emotional part is the best thing in our life. Give me the person who is emotional, who has got a heart. I don't care anything about these people who have a wonderful intellect if they have no heart. If I had my choice I
would take the man with a temperament every time. We loose some of the best parts of our life by repression. Some people repress their very tears until they can not cry. I want to tell you some folks can not laugh any more, just because they have always repressed it. Stuffed a handkerchief in their mouths or hid behind a fan. I once heard a man speaking of revivals as religious spasms. That men think it is a great idea to be an evangelist. I tell you the evangelists preach the truth life any other man only I am inclined to say a little more of it. I believe in doctrine. I will preach doctrine until I die. I expect your emotion will take fire anyhow. There is a remark about religious spasms in Heb. 10:24 that comforted me then. I profess that if a man really enjoys anything he goes into it with all his heart and soul. But if you are not an emotional soul, don't try to be emotional. And if you are all heart be careful that you have some knowledge with it. I was once preaching to a lot of little girls. They were all coming up to the front and giving me their hands. There was one little fat girl way up in front she was about the only one that was not crying. But when she looked around and saw all the others sobbing and crying and then she must have thought that now it was up to her and she started crying. And I tell you she just looked like she was going to melt. I don't care how sacred it was, it was funny. That little girl was not made to be emotional. Deliver us from these propped up Christians. People who are Christians because their family was Christian, because their mother or father were Christians. We need every one of you. We need the butterflies of fashion. The butterfly is one of the sweetest things God ever made. But I tell you if you
have that kind of a butterfly soul. Be a consecrated butterfly. And if you are a great big lumbering elephant. Then be an elephant, but be a consecrated elephant. You shall show your faith by your actions. Don't put on. The Lord deliver us from these "me too" folks. In Matt. 8, it says that when Jesus enter into Capernum a man came to him, saying that his servant was sick with palsy. And Jesus said he would go and heal him. But that man had such faith Jesus did not have to go to the servant. For the man said for Jesus just to speak the word and his servant would be healed. "Veryily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith. Go thy way and as thou hast believed so shall it be done unto thy servant." You have a right to bring your loved ones into the arms of your faith, and they will be saved. A woman once came to me and asked me to pray for her husband. I read John 16:24 to her, "Ask and ye shall receive". I said, "Let us pray." And I prayed and she prayed out loud. And I asked her if the Lord had heard her prayer and she said, "Yes he has heard my prayer". God answered that prayer. I say we show our faith by our actions. How pitiful it is to see folks trying to get some satisfaction out of life when they are not saved. A woman once asked me to pray for her son. He came to church every Sunday. But he had said of my preaching that it rolled off his back like the water rolls off of a duck's back. He was unsaved. That boy was converted in his club rooms. He told me, "I was thinking about my father, I thought I would like to see my father again and then I knew that I would never see him if I did not change my ways. I went home to my mother and I said mother I give it up. I am going to be a Christian."
tell you it is faith that claims the blessing. That mother had done her part. She had been faithful, she had the faith to believe. It is the faith that God wants. In the story of the four men bring the paralytic to Jesus and letting him down through the roof. And when Jesus say their faith, he said, "take up thy bed and walk." It may be that it will take four of you to bring one of your loved ones to Christ. But your faith will save them.