

Isa. VI - 8. I heard the voice of the Lord &c.

During the last two sabbaths I have incidentally  
emphasized, through some marvelous statements  
of Isa. the need of the Lord of a servant, through  
whom he can speak to men. That in the  
Prophet's vision - Israhel was raised up, Ed-trained  
illuminated, as such a servant. That the  
vision appeared to him as a man, &  
was the forerunner, of individuality in  
service in this age.

His own ideal of the life & service of Israhel  
piped into himself. And he becomes an  
example, of the servant of the Lord.  
So to day, I desire to turn your gaze  
from what he said about the servant  
of the Lord, to himself, as an exponent in  
his life and ministry, of his heaven  
inspired ideals.

We do not wonder, indeed it is most nat-  
ural, that his experience & life should be  
what he so graphically tells of the servant of the  
Lord. No man could of told it newly  
but one, in whom it was incarnated  
Men may repeat & imitate, but a man can  
renew utter a new thing only as it comes  
in his experience, as it thrills his own soul.  
Hypocrisy - can only follow the reality, Counter-  
feits can only come after the genuine &c.

Israhel heard the word of the Lord. Heard it when  
it was spoken in a general way. It was something  
like a general rousing to his men - We want  
a man for a very dif. & dangerous work - to pen-  
etrate the enemies lines - it may cost him his life  
it is such a work as we would ask no man to do  
& yet it needs doing - who will go for us - &c

I have heard & read here<sup>2</sup> and I send me  
some things about this call. which I may note  
It was not a call from sin. There does come a  
call to sinners. But it is not a call to service  
it is a call to repentance - to the rebel to lay  
down his arms, with promise of pardon &c  
For four or five years he has been a prophet &c  
It was not a call to holiness - God does  
call every converted man to holiness -  
that is not a general call - not who will  
be made holy. but the voice comes to  
every one be ye holy. &c. I have had just come  
into the exp. of heart purity - The light of  
the holiness of God; and the purity & spirituality  
of worship had just been revealed to him  
by a wonderful vision. It had brought  
conviction, of his own need, and an  
awful soul cry, which brought the  
seraphim, with the live coal. & then stated  
that his sin was purged &c  
The call to holiness has no primary  
relation to service. It is an essential  
preparation. But a man needs to be  
holy if he never rendered any service.  
God's first call to his people is to holiness.  
To call upon unsanctified people to con-  
secrate themselves to service is out of  
place. The point of consecration is unto God  
that you may be holy. Your place Bro.  
is not in the field, but in the upper chamber.  
God can better afford to do without you in  
the field, than to send you forth unarmed.  
It is general, better be without his recruits in  
the field, than to send them without arms  
& remain as true day, that ye receive &c

3

This call followed immediately after entire sanctification. It is always - to testify that God calls his sanctified people to. This is the business of a holy man - to tell to men that the blood of Jesus cleanses from all sin. Jesus said - ye shall see power, which for to bear witness. One of the fatal heresies of the devil is to live it and let men judge whether you have got it or not. You stand a very poor chance of ever living so before an ungodly world that they will ever know you are sanctified wholly Jesus could not do it &c.

You can ill afford to wait - live before them a year or two or more - some will be dead. Many of them ought to be got in before the week is out. Through your testimony by the power of the Holy Ghost no body truly believes in this heresy - when it is reduced to practice, what would you thought of Peter or Prudent when the people asked - what this was about: if he had of gone off in a carter & run down - not opened his lips - when you ask him why he says - well you know my past life has been a rather checkered one. you know it is only a little time since I backslid. through fear and it does not become me to make to great a profession - I think people better live this religion. It may be when I have established a good character & these people see that I am really a holy man they will be saved &c.

It is not your character that converts men. It is not your good living - but the Holy Ghost. If you have got him you will live &c.

to 4  
Iron call was a service unto God. A service  
not a resting time. Of hardship & valor but  
but not unto them - Of unpopularity and  
opposition - but to the people, but not  
unto them. Unto God

This is simply an epitome of what  
all holy men are called to - service  
~~rest~~. hardship - unpopularity, opposition  
Gods prophets have been - hated & stoned  
& killed. From the days of Abel &c -  
How it is that men still think that a  
man has only to be good to be popular  
I can not tell. Here there worthies  
popular. So very soon faded through the  
epochs of exp. which come to all appointed  
workers - His first feeling is enthusiasm  
& expectancy. He has seen the Lord - the fire  
has touched his lips. He has but to tell  
them to make them as enthusiastic  
as himself. This is the feeling of every  
one the fire touches. "O house of Jacob say  
ye & let us walk in the light of the Lord"  
Every Ch. will be so glad -

Then there came the disillusion  
when he found Israel would not hear  
him. That his message only blinded the  
eyes. & hardened the heart. only a few  
a little remnant at most. would really hear  
He cried out how long O Lord how long  
This same disillusion comes to us all.

With our young life under the bap. &c  
we felt as if we could move the world  
After a while we come to recognize that this world  
is sold in sin. that the devil has his grappling  
hooks about its forces. & organizations. Carrying &  
about the souls of men

That the miseries which we bring so largely upon  
ourselves hearts & the temptation is to discouragement,  
From Optimism to Pessimism. I felt  
the swinging of the pendulum. he looked to  
God & came to the place of a servant not  
an optimist nor a pessimist. But knowing only the will of God to do it, I am  
reminded of Mazzini the great Italian  
patriot - feeling so full of hope & expectancy  
& enthusiasm & felt he had only to speak  
all hearts would feel the same. But  
when he saw that he was forsaken left  
alone - a heart full of hope - longing, expecting  
hope at least for others. And yet no  
man seemed to care for any thing but his  
own selfish end, and there was such  
a hurricane of sorrow about him  
there was such a void before him such  
a desolation - for a moment he drew  
back. then came for a moment the  
temptation, is it a dream - am I wrong  
is the world right. He awoke one morning  
with a great calm in his soul. A  
great thought had come across his soul  
it was evidently a self revelation  
"your sufferings are the temptations of  
egotism, and arise from a misconception  
of life." I had not been able to realize the  
true ideal of love - love without earthly hope  
then it was with Dr. Plummer with every one who  
has the living message of the Son of God -  
All start with enthusiasm, a heart greedy for  
affection - All find that their message drives  
men from them. All face the great void, that  
they are indeed alone in the world. faced us  
by Dr. Mazzini - almost if not quite with  
terror. Then there comes the recognition that  
life is a mission, not made up of promises of success  
nor assurance of sympathy - But to look up into the  
face of Jesus Christ

6  
People ask in reference to work for Jesus Christ.  
Will it be a success - I don't want to embark in any  
thing that is going to be a failure. I would rather  
embark in failure - with J.C. Stranded on the  
rock with the Son of God - there in what seems  
the flush of success without him. What do I  
know about success, the rock that is buried  
up in the foundation is as much of a success  
as the top stone. What do I know about success  
Heavenly things have never been a very marked suc-  
cess in this world - as far as appearances go -  
was this heaven inspired man's life a success.  
Well if you see him as they are raising him  
up like a piece of wood & firewood - John the Baptist  
Jesus - Paul. Is the incarnation of the Holy  
Spirit a success. Is he not discarded almost  
universally. Are we therefore discouraged  
Are we therefore pessimists. No. No. We  
look into it as I did, as Mazzini did  
As into an awful void. We are disappointed  
with the age in which we live, with the  
results of our own life upon men. But  
we have heard the voice of God. We  
stand for him. He is our portion, he is my  
exceeding great reward.

You say, then, you are disappointed  
Yes, with every thing under the stars - every  
thing but God. Are you not disheartened  
no my heart is full of strength - are you  
not discouraged - no my heart throbs  
with intensest courage - are you not  
sad - yes, but always rejoicing - are  
you not cast down - yes but not dis-  
troyed. My hope is with immortality  
is cast within the veil. Whither the  
forrunner is gone, I stand for him  
down here where the tempests rage &c

7

Bro's visitors I shall you - Members of the Prophet  
band - hardy soldiers of the King. Bloodwashed  
Co - of redeemed ones - You who have espied  
the Mt. tops of the land immortal. Caught  
a glimpse of the towers & spires of the city  
that hath foundations - you who have got  
your eyes on crowns of glory & palms of victory  
you who are not looking as the result of your  
life upon success, or failure, popularity, or  
unpopularity. But you have seen the King  
One look upon his face - is more than a  
thousand words. You stand for him - &c

Here and I would like to call attention  
to this man. who offers himself & is divinely  
accepted, as a sacrifice of the Lord.

He was a fire cleansed man - There is such  
a thing as water cleansing - and there is  
such a thing as fire cleansing - There is  
intensity - there is in men's mind and when  
a man is fire cleansed, the fire stays  
in him. Cleansing is only one thing  
which the bap. with the H. G. does. He abides  
to fill the man with divine intensity &  
passion. Human nature runs down  
runs out. Men are like little extinct volcanoes  
the fire of enthusiasm, intensity &  
passion are gone out. But the Divine Presence  
never burns low - &c - His faith never falters  
his zeal never cooled. his passion never grows less  
He was the embodiment of the message, which bore

It was a message of righteousness, of loyalty to God  
that cut right through the forms & ceremonies  
of a dead pretense. His personality was the  
embodiment of what he preached. I read of a  
Man. hungry hearted who went to Rome to find  
help. & found the city full of politicians, asked a Man  
to manufacture a great deal of religion, but of no ex-  
p-  
tation &c

The power of the <sup>8</sup> emerald with any constant  
eye. is above the <sup>power that works in the</sup> ~~emerald~~

Gods measure of salvation to man needs  
the whole of a man to flow through  
It is a salvation to the uttermost, and  
can only get through a man thus saved  
It is to destroy the work of the devil, and  
can not effectively go deeper & higher  
than the top of the measure.

Jesus could never of been what he  
was, as a witness to men only that in him  
dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.  
Paul could never of been what he was,  
only that he was in the fullness of the  
The depth of the heavens, revealed in a human  
soul is the measure of his possibility of  
as a measure for God

The telescopes I am told, see the heavens in a mirror  
that you gaze into a mirror to see the depth of the  
skies. It is into our own souls that we gaze  
to see God. And as we see him there  
we can tell him to others.

It is seeing, feeling, knowing him, that  
impels us to tell him to others.

Jesus himself turned his eyes heavenward  
as the astronomer turns the telescope  
but talked to the Father in his own heart  
As he stood at the grave of Lazarus.  
I my Father are one. The Father worketh by my  
Father giveth you the bread &c.

It is God in the soul that impels men with  
spiritual force. That empowers with His power  
Nothing can continually impel men in the presence  
of a wicked world, in the face of opposition & persecution  
but the indwelling power of the Holy Ghost. What was  
it that so impelled Paul. At the feet of the head of God on his soul



What was it that impelled Dr. Coke to go to India  
that suffered the soul of Whitefield.

Nothing else will do us-

The dear Lord has sent us - To represent him  
To fill up of suffering what remains  
To preach and testify, the grace of God  
to serve men to the uttermost.

To gather some sheaves to his garner

We come in near the end of things  
seemingly - He says I send you  
to reap the harvest upon which  
ye have bestowed no labor.

O the labor of the Son of God. We enter  
in to his labor - Enthusiasm & Calvary  
have gone before. The Holy Ghost has  
come. And now it were to gather some  
sheaf for him. Let us gather some  
one to his bosom.