

I. The Greatness of His Love

1. "so" - Plutarch, the Greek Historian, tells story of ancient king's generous gift.
2. Training Union theme for Dec.
3. Great extent - "the world"
 - A. God must love the common people, because He made so many of them.

II. The Expression of His Love

1. "That He gave His Only Son."
2. the world's Greatest Christmas Gift.
 - A. like the blessing of the Gulf Stream to the shores of the Arctic Seas

III. The Power of His Love

1. To save the perishing
 - A. the revival we need.
 - B. sailors dying of thirst in the mouth of the Amazon.
2. To regenerate the believing.
 - A. God enables you to believe, But He will not believe for you.
 - B. God gives you freedom to believe, But He will not force you to believe.
 - C. The spirit of adoption - little boy.

the Revival we need: a gospel witness
as solid as a rock, & as straight as a gunbarrell;
that can turn men from booze to the Bible;
and women from card tables to prayer meetings;
Then heartaches will be changed to hallelujahs.

In Jno. 3:16 we find:
Love in its grandest source,
" " " purest form,
" " " greatest strength,
" " " loftiest purpose,
" " " widest sphere.

Spurgeon said of this little word "so":
"Come, ye surveyors, bring your chains,
and try to make a survey of this word 'so'.
... Nay, that is not enough.
Come hither, ye that make our national surveys,
and lay down charts for all nations.
Come ye, who map the sea and land,
and make a chart of this word 'so'.
... Nay, I must go further.
Come hither, ye astronomers,
that with your optic glasses spy out spaces
before which imagination staggers,
Come hither and encounter calculations
worthy of all your powers!
when you have measured between the horns of space,
Here is a task that will defy you—
"God so loved the world."