

I. God has limited Himself to certain work only through human instrumentalities.

1. "The Lord hath need of them." Mt. 21:3; Lk. 19:31.

2. Where God searches for a man. Jer. 5:1

A. J'lem, the religious center of the land.

B. Narrow alleys, and broad thorofares

C. The poor and uneducated, v.4.

The great men, educated, v.5.

upper classes

II. How God has used men in the Past.

When the world was steeped with paganism and idolatry God used a man named Abraham to restore the religion of one God.

When the children of Israel were subjected under the cruel Egyptian bondage, God used a man named Moses to deliver them into freedom's glad light.

When God's Holy Land was surrounded and harassed by its enemies God used a "man after his own heart", named David, to consolidate the Kingdom.

When God's Holy Temple lay in desolation and His City in ashes He used a man named Nehemiah to rebuild and restore.

When Christianity was in danger of being bound in a straight jacket of Jewish legalism God used a man named Paul to preach the gospel of liberty and grace.

When God's Holy Word was available only in Latin for the learned God used a man named Wycliff to put it into the hands of every farmer and laborer in his own

common language.

When popular Christianity became shackled in ceremony, formalism, false tradition, superstition, and shameful corruption God used a man named Luther who refused to recant his position that justification is by faith alone, apart from penitential works, ecclesiastical mediation, or purgatorial suffering.

When Great Britain was so busy building an Empire that she was about to forget her spiritual heritage, God manifested the voice of a man named Spurgeon from London's Metropolitan Tabernacle and saved thousands.

Again and again God has raised up men like Dwight L. Moody, Billy Sunday, George W. Truett, and Billy Graham, to teach the world that "the most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomsoever he will."

(negatively)

III. The Kind of Man God Needs. Jer. 5:1 (Diogenes, with lantern, searching for an honest man)

1. One who executes justice.

A. "It may seem strange, that men should ask the assistance of a just God in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men's brows." - Lincoln.

B. A Righteous man.  
(1). Imputed righteousness of regeneration.  
(2). Practical righteousness of consistent conduct.

2. One who seeks truth.

A. "Beth Dorshe Emet" - House of seekers after Truth.

B. Truth is bound up in a Person - Jesus Christ.

C. Truth - not tradition; Principles - not prejudice

IV. Why God Needs Men today.

1. To witness to and win other men

B. Wherever the army goes in the world

2. To be pillars in their churches

A. There should be more time given to their churches rather than to their clubs, as important as they may be in their own place. One American once confessed that at one time she paid dues in 69 organizations. A little boy boasted, "My dad belongs to the Lions, the Elks, the Moose, the Red Men..." His wide-eyed little friend interrupted "Gee whiz, what does it cost to see him?"

B. Support of prayer, service, & stewardship.

3. To build Christian Homes

4. To avert destruction of the nation: - see also Ezek. 22:30

"and I will pardon it" (J'lem). (Abraham pleading

one who has the ear of God may have more influence on a country than all its cabinet ministers.)

Conclusion -- God Needs YOU.

Will you surrender to Him?

Teacher said: "Johnny, do you have trouble hearing?"

He ans: "No man, I just have trouble listening."

Most of us have trouble listening to God.

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