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Reality in us

Problem: -

I picked this morning seminar topic.

+ the scripture lessons, Monday Morning of last week
when I was angry.

It was such a real state.

there was no way to pretend it wasn't real

Though there was no denying its reality.

It was not a satisfactory state to remain in.

There had to be a WORD to the human state of anger
or the Word of God had no relationship to reality.

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The people whose experiences and reflections are
recorded in the Bible serve us, it seems to me,
because these experiences & reflections ^{indicate} ~~reflect~~ an
engagement with life at a penetrating depth.

The engagement is not superficial, it does
not gloss over the real nature of things. The
Biblical story commends itself to us because
we recognize in it a reflection of our own depths,
Reality of life as we find it.

Takes anger seriously: -

Accepts it as real: -

has a way of attributing it to God
quality of inevitability about it.

B: - 3, 4, 5, 6.

Be Angry ~ Sin Not: - Anger doesn't
= Sin.

comes - gives bad reasons.

- frustrated →

- unjustly done.

Jesus Indignant.

Wont work - pretend you don't love it.

with relation to those who anger us - We fail to take them seriously - if we
don't love it.

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7:00 P. M.

10:30 A. M.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1978

"COME IN TO WORSHIP"

The Praise of God

The Call to Worship
Hymn: 2 "Let all the world in every corner sing"
Prayer of Invocation
Choral Reading: #514 (The Hymn Book)
The Gloria
Soloist: Tom Mawson

The Word of God

The Reading from Scripture: Deuteronomy 15: 7-11
Luke 12: 16-24, 32-34
Wesley
Quartette: "Lead Me, Lord"
Prayer and The Lord's Prayer
Hymn: 202 "Now thank we God for bodies strong"
Sermon: "THE BIBLE AND HUMAN POVERTY"
Art Griffin
Hymn: 175 "Fight the good fight" (tune Pentecost)

Our Response to God's Word

Prayer
The Offering: Prayer, Organ Voluntary, Doxology
Announcements: The Life and Work of the Church
Hymn: 171 "Soldiers of Christ" (tune Strength)
The Benediction and Choral Amen

"GO OUT TO SERVE"

WELCOME - We extend a sincere welcome to all who are visiting with us today. An informal Coffee Hour will be held immediately after both Services, and all are invited.

EVENING BROADCAST ON CKWX
(Heard at 8:00 P. M.)

Organ Prelude

The Call to Worship
Hymn: 4 "Ye gates, lift up your heads"

Prayer of Invocation

Identification
Quartette: "How Down Thine Ear, O Lord"

The Reading of Scripture: Colossians 2: 8-15
Matthew 13: 24-30

Soloist: Tom Mawson
Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

Quartette: "Turn Thy Face From My Sins"

Sermon: "MEANWHILE"

Jack Shaver

Prayer

Hymn: 233 "O Spirit of the Living God"

The Benediction and Choral Amen

Organ Chimes and Voluntary
(Off the Air)

The Offering: Prayer, Organ Voluntary, Doxology

Announcements: The Life and Work of the Church

Hymn: 257 "Jesus, thy boundless love"

Blessing and Organ Postlude

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1978. On the First Sunday of Lent, Rev. Jack Shaver will preach. Rev. Art Griffin will will conduct the 7:00 p.m. (8:00 on CKWX) evening service. The guest choir will be from ~~Seven-Avenue~~ United Church.

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FIRST UNITED CHURCH:

SUNDAY FEB. 5. BROADCAST

MEANWHILE

This

Last Sunday before Lent 1978 — Vancouver Canal

Set aside the bread part of a letter written 1900 years ago by a worried mediterranean pastor to a congregation which he thought was into some questionable religious practices.

And The report of a story told to make a point by an intrepid rabbi 1930 years ago in a remote province of the Roman Empire.

The practice reading these two pieces on the last Sunday before Lent was established hundreds of years ago.

That story telling & that letter writing — and their preservation, selection & use are seen as part of a great salvation history — meant for our benefit.

Let's see what comes of letting those passages address each another.

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, wrote the letter, reflecting on the religious practices that were going on at Colossae, — concerned indeed, misplaced Faith.

- practices placate

manipulate the elemental powers →

They've been overcome.

Christ is the God of all that:

- You who were dead - God made alive
together with him - having forgiven
all our trespasses.

He disarmed the principalities & powers
triumphing over them.

It seemed they were worried about their
salvation being an incomplete thing →

That I can identify with:-

to know even a little about salvation

↳ Born again.

↳ New creation, wordworth

- forgiven -

- pure gift - impossible situation broken through!

- Battle for

thought you had to battle for

there all the time.

- Burden → wings;

New Creation :- old creation not disapproved.

Martin Luther - classic way of putting it

JUST + DINNER AT THE SAME TIME

Especially aware of some kind of incompleteness -

comes to this principalities & Powers but.

- political + economic systems work

Federated Aile Punt's Group's News Letter

In the war against poverty — poverty is winning.

Relative to rich, poor get poorer,
rich get richer. — spread vicious

percentage — poor ~~unemployed~~

if proposals policy — come out all the time —
TooB core — for a while the same
overall cost — effect of closing that gap —
never is done that way — not because
it might cost more — it isn't thought of.

Hey, the victory over all that evil has been
accomplished!

Put along side:

Parable —

Field Full of Wheat.

Weeds.

workers — do you want us to rip out the weeds?

— no —

~~not~~ until harvest — not until end

Is something trying to get said when you
put these two passages together?

At the same time you say Principality & Powers
have been Triumphed Over.

We are living in a time before the end.
 a kind of
Meanwhile :-

How can there be Fulness of life in him
 who is the head of all rule and authority
 in a meanwhile situation.

[however the law] — that's what these
 wonders intended to put to us,

+ whatever the incompleteness or the yet to come
 — it won't be different

or on a different basis —

- gift not accomplishment
- by grace not by manipulation.
- by bearing sin not Righteous clean ups.

Yet to be revealed

+ Power + Glory of Lord of Hosts -

. Love's Power + Glory

. Power of Love embrace sinful world.

By Righteousness of God — not by a righteousness
 of my own.

Even as we start to plumb its Depths!

we begin to glimpse → The only way home can be Triumphant.
 in our midst —

is for us to be in a kind of meanwhile

until the end.