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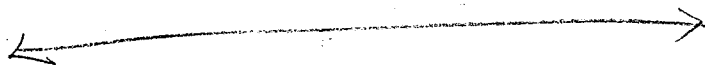
FIRST CHURCH BROADCAST

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Read Hymn 89 —

We are going to sing this hymn of
Canadian Poet Robert B.Y. Scott
to the tune of Tennyson's
The Number is 89

Jerusalem



SING →

INVOCATION

OUR FATHER

Make this a time when we allow our
hurt to be healed.

Give us eyes to see Love's power
in pain + death.

Open our Understanding to your wisdom
which sets a cross at the central moment
of human history.

I put off attempting this Sermon
for almost a year.

I'm ~~not~~ ^{sure} I ~~think~~ I put off the attempt because I ~~was~~ ^{had} been
attracted by an inviting possibility that -
I was sure I'd blow.

I can no longer put off the attempt
But it's not because I am any less
anxious that I'll blow it.

Last fall sometime I got to reading
a neglected Theologian of the 40's called
Rossetto - Huxey. I was neglected

He springs the following part of a sentence
on me - - - -

- - - The 3 ways in which God
overwhelms us - as Creator, as VICTIM
and as vivifier.

The Sentence gets down to business right off -

OVERWHELMED :-

Not in the God business unless you are
Being Overwhelmed.

- "ABOUT GOD" - Business

Not in God Business :-

{ addressed
Shook up
Brought about
Turned into something New
gadget
Blessed
Accepted }

{ any old thing
you're
overwhelmed }

have been brave enough

since nearly this

attempt to break on

2 very overwhelming - a great
victory

Interrogated me now: -

AS VICTIM: -

one I PUT OFF

In a way: - might be better if I
left it at that. →

Each of you do your own wrestling
with it.

Let the prospect do its own
work with you.

What a way for God to be God -

OVERWHELM US AS OUR VICTIM

If that gives us trouble or blessed insight. ^{of the small}

It's no more than the CROSS of Jesus
Christ did to its betrayers in the

Beginning? = ^{Redemption - thereby being}

It - there - ^{same himself} ^{small the way}

Anyway I'm going to leave you with it for now

But he looks after the Overstays

with some reflecting that came to me.

COME THOW FRONT OF EVERY BLESSING

What a way for God to be God!

OVERWHELM US AS OUR VICTIM:-

JUST MIGHT FOLLOW

IF GOD IS GOD

+ GOD IS LOVE

LIKE IT SAYS

LOVE - SOVEREIGN IN ME

THEN MY VICTIMS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO
OVERWHELM ME

There I → INJURE - FAILURE TO LOVE:-

LOVE BADLY:-

have to

~~GET TO ME~~

MAKE A BASIC DIFFERENCE IN ME

FUNDAMENTAL TURN ABOUT

in my relationship to
them.

IF Love is to be Sovereign in ME

Then My Victims are going to have to
overwhelm me

explosion in the (OVERWHELM)

II

IF I AM TO BE MADE OVER into a LOVER

→ you will agree with me

this will have to happen again & again.

Then My VICTIMS will have to OVERWHELM ME

Explosion in the VICTIMS

→ INJURED BY MY FAILURE TO LOVE

ADULTERATED LOVE

overwhelming me as my VICTIMS

NOT AS SOMEONE STRONGER THAN

NO BIG STICK can make ME A LOVER

IF I agree to love someone who comes on

I'm Begging then you are see !!! - that's real

love - that's self preservation.

IF GOD is going to make me into a lover
He can do it only by OVERWHELMING
me as my VICTIM

○ The Depth of the Riches and wisdom
and knowledge of God! How unsearchable
are his judgments and how inscrutable his
ways.

For From him and through him & to
him are all things. To him be glory fore-
ever. AMEN.
