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10:30 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP

November 18, 1979

RADIO BROADCAST

(Heard over CKWX at 8 p.m.)

7:00 P.M.

Organ Prelude
Hymn No. 355 (199) "We love the Place O God"
Invocation
Ministry of Music "An Evening Prayer"
Scripture Lessons Old Testament Deuteronomy 6: 1-9
Mark 12: 28-34
Ministry of Music "What Can I Give Jesus?"
Confession
Absolution
Ministry of Music "Count Your Blessings"
Sermon YOU WERE STRANGERS
Rev. Jack Shaver
Hymn No. 255 (373) "Jesus, United By Thy Grace"
(Tune: Arlington)
Prayer
Offering Offertory and Doxology
Announcements *Clara & Don*
Hymn No. 223 "God of Grace and God of Glory"
(Tune: Cwm Rhondda 269)
Benediction
Organ Postlude

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today,
you are invited to join in an informal Coffee hour which
follows both morning and evening services.

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC is provided by Central Burnaby United
Church Junior Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Vilda
Schmirler, accompanist David Schmirler. Thank you for sharing
your music with us today.

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn No. 33 (201) "Worship the Lord" (Tune: Uttingen) V.1 to 4
Prayer of Invocation
Broadcast Identification
Choir (Vancouver Youth Chorale) "Day is dying in the West"
Scripture Readings Acts 6:1-7
1 Peter 2:4-9
Choir "Master the tempest is raging"
Pastoral Prayer & Lords Prayer (sung)
Choir (to be selected)
Sermon GOD'S LIBERATION
Rev. Art Griffin
Prayer
Hymn No. 273 (517) "God the Omnipotent" (Tune: Russian Hymn)
V. 1,2,3,5
Benediction & Choral Amen
--- Off the air---
The Offering, Prayer, Offertory, Doxology
Announcements
Hymn No. 240 (148) "Breathe on me" (Tune: Trentham)
Blessing
Organ Postlude

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25: 10:30 A.M. Ms. Linda Green
7:00 P.M. Chapel Service

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10:30 AM

YOU WERE STRANGERS

The more you allow that the Bible's collection of
a human sort of writings
the more you have to allow that they are
the work of God.

The more you allow the People of Israel to
be a very human stiff-necked rebellious house,
the less you can explain them without
allowing that they are the People of God.

Suppose you had never seen the Bible
before and then you read the First Five books
— and on into the History of the conquest & the
Kingdoms.

What a gory, blundering, wondrous tale.
Classic stories of dirty tricks & betrayals
Noble failures — In the midst of all
that there break through penetrating
insights into the Nature of God.

God seems to be using that history and
its writers & critics broken interpretations of
that history to reveal his true nature
to the world.

As you and I engage that history
and its critique we are met by God.

Reading for today in Deut 6,
in the midst of a host of regulations and
admonitions, - some are cultic, some tender
and thoughtful, some cruel.

{ Loving Lord - God
- Teach it - Ponder it - Between
your eyes - door post

Leviticus: 19:18

you shall not take vengeance or bear any
grudge against the sons of your own
people, but you shall love your neighbor
as yourself. I am the Lord.

People Solidarity - I am the LORD
go to gather.

Leviticus 19:33-34

When a stranger sojourns with you in your
land, you shall not do him wrong. The stranger
who sojourns with you shall be to you as the
native among you, and you shall love him
as yourself, for you were strangers in the
land of Egypt. I am the Lord your
God.

Stranger - as an Israelite - } go together
 & I am the Lord your God }

Root of That Connection
 looks to your Roots:
 You were a stranger once.

MARKAN READING: -

Interesting Comparison

STUFF that was
 remembered & got
 recorded - addressed
 church at time & written
 down - given its setting

MATT → (as does mark - midst of controversies
 with Contemps religious leaders)
 leaves it at that:- part of the put down
 part of the setting forth of Jesus as
 the winning controversialist.

LOKE - Uses it as setting for the story
 of the Good Samaritan. Catching of
 the errand academic.

MARK - Records it as a time of friendly
 agreement with a fellow Rabbi -
 Relationship was different between Christians
 and Rabbis in each editors situation

Not just in Jesus eyes

But, it appears, for a great many
in Israel.

What all those laws & Regulations were
about.

What all that ~~Torture~~ Pilgrimage was
all about.

What all that Thou shalt have
No Other Gods before me - for
I am a jealous God - was all
about.

WAS -

To put Together -

Thou shalt love the Lord your
God with all your heart
with all your soul
with all your mind
with all your strength.

Foot-note - "From"

AND YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS
YOURSELF

Some how That Nation - so obsessed with its
survival as a people, so engaged with
LORD OF ITS HISTORY —

Took note of a fragment of
its period of prescribed rules & practice
and put it alongside its great commandment

and declared them to be
like unto one another.

What is it to ~~Be~~ God's
From the Bottom of Every Part
of the whole person?

TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS
YOUR SELF.

And How does that declared connection
get a hold?

What makes it a word that works?

the recollection that you were
once strangers.