VILLAGE SERMONS: PREACHED AT WHATLEY

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649780136

Village Sermons: Preached at Whatley by R. W. Church

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd. Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

R. W. CHURCH

VILLAGE SERMONS: PREACHED AT WHATLEY



VILLAGE SERMONS

Preached at Whatley

BY THE LATE

R. W. CHURCH, M.A., D.C.L.

SOME TIME DEAN OF ST, PAUL'S, RECTOR OF WHATLEY, FELLOW OF ORIEL COLLEGE



London MACMILLAN AND CO. AND NEW YORK 1895

All rights reserved

CONTENTS

SERMON I

THE BIBLE A GIFT OF GOO

Preached Second Sunday in Advent.	
"Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the	PAG
scriptures might have hope."—ROMANS av. 4	
SERMON II	
THE DISCLOSING OF SECRETS	
Preached Third Sunday in Advent.	
"Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts."—	
r Convergence in a	53

SERMON III

THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION

Preached Christmas Day.

"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the

	PAGE
unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have merey upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For My thoughts are not	
your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the	
Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."—ISATAIL lv. 6-9.	16
SERMON IV	
THE THREE CHRISTMAS-TIDE PESTIVALS	
Preached Sunday after Christmas.	
These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb, "—REVELATIONS xiv. 4	25
SERMON V	
CHRIST'S NEVER-PAILING SYMPATHY	
Preached Second Sunday after Epiphany.	
And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: and both Jesus was called, and His disciples, to the marriage."—St. John ii.	
1,2	36
SERMON VI	
THE DANGER OF DELAY	
Preached First Sunday in Lent.	
What must I do to be saved?"—Acrs xvi. 30	47

SERMON VII

THE	COMPORT	OF	REPENTANCE	

Preached Fourth Sunday in Lent.	
"For while I held my tongue: my bones consumed away through my daily complaining. For Thy hand is heavy upon me day and night: and my moisture is like the drought in summer."	PAGR
—Psalm xxxii. 3, 4	59
SERMON VIII	
STRIVING AFTER PERFECTION	
Preached Third Sunday in Lent.	
**Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."—St. Matthew v. 48	68
SERMON IN	
THE MIND OF JESUS CHRIST	
Preached Palm Sunday.	
"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."— PHILIPPIANS II. 5	77
SERMON X	
THE LESSON OF THE CROSS	
Preached Good Friday.	
"This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."—St. John xv. 12-14	i i

SERMON XI

THE FEAR AND JOY OF THE RESURRECTION	
Preached Easter Day,	
"And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified."— St. Matthew xxviii. 5	95
SERMON XII	
THE TREASURE IN HEAVEN	
Preached Sunday after Ascension Day.	
"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."—ST. MATTHEW vi. 21	105
SERMON XIII	
THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT	
Preached Whit-Sunday.	
"Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created; and Thou renewest the face of the earth."—PSALM civ. 30	117
SERMON XIV	
THE DUTY OF HELPING MISSIONARY WORK	
Preached Whit-Sunday.	
"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."—I ST. PETER iv. 10	126

SERMON XV

TO KNOW GOD IS LIFT	E ETERNAL
---------------------	-----------

	1	Preached T	rinity :	Sunda	у.				
"This is life God, an		that they r							PAGE
xvii. 3	51	* **		2	*:		37	3.9	140
		SERM	ON	XVI					
	TII	E DANGER	OF TI	ie wo	RLD				
	an love th	neither the ne world, t v ii. 15	he love	of th					150
		SERM	ON 2	cvII					
	THE NEV	ER-FAILING	: PROV	IDEN	CE OI	7 GO1	,		
"In Thee, O	Lord, had		y trust :		ne ne		e put	to	162
		SERMO	ON X	VIII					
		TRUST IN	THE	LORD					
He shall	erstanding. direct thy	h all thine In all th y paths. I depart from	ly ways Be not	acknowise is	owled n thir	lge H	im, a n eye	nd es:	172
		SERM	ON 2	XIX					
	THE C	ONSEQUEN	CES OF	UNB	BLIE	F			
"And He di unbelief."	d not ma	ny mighty TTHEW xii	works i. 58		beco	use (of th	cir	185

SERMON XX

THE CHRISTIAN RACE	
"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, bu one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain."-	
1 CORINTHIANS ix. 24	. 195
SERMON XXI	
GOD'S VISITATIONS TO HIS PEOPLE.	
"Because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation."-S7	
Luke xix. 44	204
SERMON XXII	
NO DIVIDED SERVICE TO GOD	
"No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despis the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."—S7	c
MATTHEW VL 24	. 213
SERMON XXIII	
THE CONSEQUENCES OF FORGETTING GOD	
"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not a God, neither were thankful."—ROMANS i. 21	. 223
SERMON XXIV	
THE CONVENIENT SEASON	
"When I have a convenient season, I will call for thee."-Acr	s
xxiv. 25	. 231