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TO
MY MOTHER

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

In recent years our Lord's conception of the Kingdom has been the topic of many able and thoughtful books. Through careful study we have entered more deeply into His mind regarding His Father and His Father's will. But occasionally we have felt as if the new absorption in certain transcendent and supernatural aspects of His teaching had caused a partial obscuration of its appeal to conscience, and its claim to have full verification in the living experience of a redeemed society. It has also proved difficult to think together the message of the Kingdom and such modern ideas as history and progress.

In the following pages Mr. Manson offers us valuable aid in dealing with these great problems. He is master of the scholarly debate and this is much. But also he has a persistent spiritual judgment which is not intimidated by random appeals to the modern mind. Recalling us to the fact that in the phrase "the Kingdom of God," as Jesus used it, the important word is *God*, he enables us

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to see, more clearly than before, that just because God is Holy and Almighty Father, the coming of His Kingdom is relative to the Cross in Jesus' experience and to faith in ours. Too many discussions of the subject leave an impression of unreality on the reader's mind, because they fail, perhaps do not attempt, to connect the Kingdom vitally with Jesus' death. We owe a debt to anyone who can make the connection somewhat more evident, and it is here that Mr. Manson gives important help.

Those into whose hands this book may come for serious study—and they will, I trust, be many—will find that it does for them a great service: it enables them to understand in a new and more satisfying way how Jesus' message of the Kingdom, in spite and by means of its apocalyptic vesture, is in essence “an expression of the urgency, immediacy, and inevitable triumph of God's will to reconcile the world to Himself” (p. 174).

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