

William Booth Recording (Audio Restored)

by William Booth

The Salvationist's mission is to make heaven on earth by serving the Lord with gladness and helping those in need, regardless of their circumstances.

Duration: 2:41

Scripture: Psalm 82:3-4, Proverbs 14:21, Proverbs 19:17, Isaiah 1:17, Matthew 25:35-36, Luke 6:38, James 1:27

Topics: "Classic"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher addresses the various struggles and hardships faced by different groups of people in society. He mentions the unemployed, criminals, and women engaged in immoral activities, as well as children living in poverty and neglect. The preacher emphasizes the importance of not judging these individuals but rather helping and supporting them. He urges the congregation to take action by providing food, rehabilitation, and employment opportunities. The sermon emphasizes the need to make a positive impact on the lives of those in need and to serve the Lord with gladness.

Transcript

I am glad you are enjoying yourselves. The salvationist is the friend of happiness. Making heaven on earth is our business.

Serve the Lord with gladness is one of our favorite mottos. So I am pleased that you are pleased. But amidst all your joys, don't forget the sons and daughters of misery.

If you ever visit them, come away and let us make a call to you. Here is a home, fixed in family. They eat and drink and sleep and eat and die in the same chamber.

Here is a drunkard's house, void of furniture, wifeless skeletons, children in rags, father now feeding the victims of his negligence. Here are the unemployed, wandering about seeking work and finding none. Yonder are the wretched criminals, cradled in crime, passing in and out of the prison all the time.

There are the daughters of shame, deceived and wronged and ruined, traveling down the dark and blind to an early grave. There are the children fighting in the gutters, going home during the school, growing up to feel their parents bleeding. Brought it all on themselves, you say? Perhaps so.

But that does not exclude our assistance. You don't demand the certificate of virtue before you drag the drowning creature out of the water, nor the assurance that a man has paid his rent before you deliver him

from the burning building. But what shall we do? Condemn ourselves by singing a hymn, offering a prayer, or giving a little good advice? No.

Ten thousand times no. We will feed them, feed them, reclaim them, employ them. Perhaps we shall fail the many? Quite likely.

But our business is to help them all the same, and that in the most practical, economical, and Christlike manner. So let us aim to the rescue, for the sake of our own people, the poor wretches and devils, the innocent children, and the saviour of us all. To do myself with the means, and as there is nothing like the present, who in this company will lend a hand by taking up my courage.

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