

(Luke 18, 18-30)

v. 22, 23 & 28, 30

Introduction.

These startling words, uncomfortable words  
.....a challenge to these men...felt...in  
gospel of Jesus...not ...ideal....abstrac-  
tion, but life to be lived....of renunciation  
..self-giving.....whole-heartedly, enthus.&  
passionately. Many men...accepted...challenge.  
..some...humble...others...writ large...pages  
..history. What is more stirring...disturbing  
..complacent ease 20th. century...than ..names  
..more primitive...ardent age of...faith &  
seal, of men moved by a spirit, though intoler-  
ant.....of vitality...enthusiasm enough to  
lift men ...spiritual plane...made possible  
..life..S. Francis d'Assisi, R. Lull, F. Xavier,  
W. Carey, D. Livingstone.....Scores of others.

We justifiably admire individuals...  
admin., sold., explorers, mission., phys. leave  
..home.....for mex....service ....land...  
climates. For many....occupation or prof.,,  
prepared...aptitude, and valuable and noble  
though their work...no...renunciation.  
A few ....turn..back..profession, life-work,..  
life-interest..preparing..half..lifetime and  
.....enter on road..complete renunciation in  
order that people less fortunate...spiritual  
..physical comfort...denied

It is of one..most recent...succession  
of heroes...speak...It is ..man ..our day..  
..carrying on noble work. The fact that..spirit  
..giving...strength & talent, of which,,, exempli-  
fication, ..rare in 20th. cent., gives special  
interest.....Also ,,work..fascinating interest  
..his personality,, arresting..sympathetic..the  
books....absorbing interest.

The most unhealthy portion...west coast Africa..on or near equator.Excessive heat ...humidity..absence.:climatic variation... unbearable for European.After year... fatigue & anemia ...disagreeably perceptible. At end of 2 or 3 years...incapable or real work...forced to return....Moreover malarial fever..prevalent. deadly & .greatest foe.. ..sleeping sickness...ravages each year.

Within this region,in French ...colony ...one degree south...Ogowe River..Lambar-ene.

At this place..hospital..buildings.. corrugated iron huts.In this hospital under ...tropical sun...tropical rains..in midst of stench..loathsome diseases,there is ... ..working a man-doctor-but by no means ordinary...On title page..book of which..author .."Dr.Theol.,Dr.Med.,Dr.Phil. Author of Quest of Historical Jesus,Paul and His Interpreters J.S.Bach,The Psychiatric Judgment of Jesus, etc."

In one of the rooms..piano....practices every day,for one of Europe's greatest organ-ists && or workin in bungalow..history of civilization,for..one of Europe's greatest ~~organists~~ & philosophical scholars,a masterly interpreter of Bach..monumental work...book on French & German organ-making.

Dr.Albert Schweitzer..name.Born of poor but refined parents in Alsace,...father pastor ..childhood a pleasant one of ideal relations with understanding parents.The qualities that were to make his life one of such varied contributions to mankind were revealed..earliest childhood.

As little boy of nine...polyphonic choral .....From a tender age..poignant sympathy with human suffering.He himself once said."As far back as I can look into my life I have always suffered so much from the misery I saw in

the world that I have never really felt pure joy in living". There is an incident of a despised Jew who used to make his way through the village with a donkey cart, etc... This smile overcame me", says Schweitzer, "from that Jew I learned for the first time what it means to accept persecution silently. He became a great teacher to me. We also hear how his social conscience awoke "Fight and meat soup"...

For some years., father's ill health ..shadow, but last year or two in gym. father recovered...poverty relieved. Then too ..with all friendly nature, suffered ,, loneliness, began to make friends...Joy in transformation ever with him. Began to wonder..right to so much good fortune & grew clearer in his mind ...do good deal in return ...so much..beautiful in own life.

It was then , in 21st. year, made up mind to study science & music..30th. year & then devote..direct service. mankind. Plan carried out to the letter. When 30 yrs. gave up .., professor ,, U. of Strasburg, ..literary work, ..organ playing....medicine. He explains how this came about in simple, matter-of-fact words, without cant of pious rhetoric.

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In the spring of 1913 he started with his wife, ..qualified as nurse, for R. Ogowe, choosing this locality...doctor..needed...sleeping sickness. Expenses...provide himself and secured..amount...organ concerts ...book on Bach..appeared in German, French & English.

I think I could do no better than to allow DR.S. to tell own story....."On the Edge of the Primeval Forest", pub. 1920.

Will read selections pertaining to three topics:-nature of country, people, his work.

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1. Nature of Country.

16; 19; 5-8; ~~11-8~~; 41;  
143:

2. Nature of people.

6; 50; 69.

3. His works.

35; 38; 79; 82; 85;  
92 & 93 (148) 170.

What is the significance of this man & his work?

Medieval society withdrew -- cloister to devote itself entirely to its ideal.

Albert Schweitzer, one of most modern of modern men, sacrificed all that he had to the same purpose, struck out into the primitive African forest, there to labor with incredible devotion on behalf of his bitter suffering, fellow beings -- not in the spirit of one who flees from the world, but of one who seeks to enlighten the world, to enrich its civilization.

Has he not a message, a significance for our own disturbed civilization -- which has gone so dismally astray in an age of materialism.

Thanks quiet time thought -  
 Help us to find in Thee true  
 peace.

We, thy children, share - life.  
 Help us to live - to make  
 it more blessed - for all.

Help us to believe together  
 life from Thee - pass  
 on to trust in Thee -  
 to feel & know what life  
 mean - below - may  
 mean - above.

May we understand - earth  
 a school - that we are  
 thy scholars every day - that  
 every fresh duty & struggle  
 may find in growth of courage  
 helpfulness & sympathy.

Help us to remember good  
 we hear - choose what we  
 know to be good & practice  
 what we know.

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