

God's Eternal Ultimatum

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Text: “. . .*but he that believeth not is condemned already . . .*” (John 3:18).

[Editor's Note: I thought it would be interesting to put up some of Rev. Robinson's sermon outlines in original form. Most of them are not in good enough shape to scan like this, but this one works well as a scan. You will see typos and misspelled words and notes penciled in, some of which are illegible. Although he typed many of his sermons, the typewriter he used was quite primitive and makes the copy hard to read, especially with the aging of the paper, but it does give you a glimpse into his sermon preparation and delivery. Enjoy.]

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GOD'S ETERNAL ULTIMATUM-- Jno. 3-14, 18.

Def: Military term. An extreme offer of terms. The only chance of survival. The offer of survival by one who holds the destiny of another in his hand. The last resort short of annihilation.

(Ex) Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Offered to the trapped Germans in the Cherbourg, an ultimatum.

What it involves:

(a) Acceptance or Rejection.

1. To accept is to come to terms designated by the one offering, and receive the best, most reasonable provisions that the circumstances can afford.

2. To reject it is to have no other choice but complete liquidation, or utter destruction at the discretion of will of the one offering it.

.. God's efforts for a reconciliation.

(a) Ultimatum suggests a breach of trust.

(b) First efforts were:

(1) Sacrifices of animals.

(2) Simiah's attempt.

(3) Peace feelers: the prophets.

(a) Isiah; come now let us reason together. etc.

II. The Final Ultimatum.

(a) JESUS CHRIST

(b) Calvary became the great hub of civilization around which all things swing.

It is the last resort of this world.

Nothing else will ever be offered.

When the sinner pleads for mercy God points him to the Ultimatum for all men; Calvary.

III. ULTIMATUM suggests finality;

(a) It comes when all other means has failed.

(b) Repent or perish.

(c) The gospel demands Christ or hell.

No other substitute.

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

IV. The necessity for an Ultimatum;

- (a) Sin broke out in Eden.
- (b) The Devil envaded Gods kingdom.
- (c) The devil took forbidden property.

Ex. Pearl Harbor; Sunday, A.M. Dec. 7, 1941
That was a dark day, it occasioned the most bloody war in the history of the world. It made the blood of every true American boil.

But yonder in that far off day in paradise the great war of all wars was declared. it was between satan and God, Man and sin. light and darkness. Heaven and hell. right and wrong. good and evil. The close of this war will be the war to end wars.

God was offended but he was the one to offer an Ultimatum. Even in Eden he told of the day when terms would be offered.

note. One who offers an ultimatum is always prepared to execute the demands of the ultimatum.

God will execute the demands if men refuse.

When this world accepts Gods last offer there will be a peace that will reign in every heart. and men will then beat their ~~plowshares~~ into plow shares and spears into pruning hooks and the nations will study war no more.