

Matt. 9:36-Matt. 14:20-8+14

Christ practiced the fine act of looking at individuals and multitudes in their true perspectives. Nothing escaped His vision whether it was physical, mental, material, or spiritual. This was not true of the leaders of His day. They looked at the people with a distorted vision.

I. Contrast In Christ's Vision With The Vision Of The Leaders Of His day.

- a. He looked upon the whole need of the multitudes. The Pharisees had a distorted vision.
- b. He was concerned about the importance of the individual. Modern rules have devalued the individual and promoted the state.
- c. He was concerned about feeding the multitudes in order that they might find the bread of life. Modern rules are concerned about feeding the multitudes for commercial and political advantages.

II. Analyzing The Multitude.

- a. They were harrassed. They were annoyed, wearied, tantalized by the awakening of then frustrating their expectations.
- b. Confused, perplexed, and dejected (the edge of life had been knocked off). People ask what is the use.
- c. Although bewildered it was a wistful crowd, "reaching out beyond the panorams of sense crying after a lost desire."

III. How Jesus Dealt With The Crowd.

- a. Facing a confused world Jesus is never helpless. He knows what to do in every case whether physical, mental material, or spiritual.
- b. When the leper came to Jesus, He healed him. The man whose mind was deranged because of demon possession came to Jesus and He cast the demons out and the man sits at Jesus' feet in his right mind. He gave the woman that had sought pleasure in sin the water of life.
- c. He is the only hope for the multitudes of our day.