

A Sermon from 2 Corinth: VI, 2

For he saith, I ~~have~~ have
heard thee in a time accepted
and in the day of salvation have
I succoured thee: behold now
is the accepted time, behold
now is the day of salvation.

The present season is calculated
to lead our minds both to serious
reflections and grateful recollections.
On the one hand we are ~~solemnly~~
reminded of the Divine love to a
sinful world as manifested
by God's sending his only begotten
Son to save a perishing world.
by the incarnation of his Son in assuming

our nature. Thus uniting himself
with man, in order to unite man on man
to his God. Surely there is cause,
abundant cause, for gratitude for
songs of praises, when we consider that
man laden with sin & guilt, feeble
and helpless, unable to find a ran-
som, has been visited from on high
even by the Son of the Almighty
to procure ^{his} the redemption of the ^{sin} ~~sin~~
Who can be so cold & indifferent as
not to rejoice the new hope the cheering
prospects of a sinful world secured
by Christ's gracious mission into
the world. And is it not a privilege
a special favor of God that
we are not left in ignorance like
thousands & millions of this glorious
earth that the message of mercy
the glad tidings of salvation are
communicated to us, that the Gospel
is preached among us, that Christ's

Church is established in the minds
of us that enjoy its power & its
lot & we enjoy the advantages
of religion & the means of grace.
Surely we may say, we live in an
acceptable time, ours is a day of sal-
vation. On the other hand we are
reminded at this season of the
importance of time, of its uncertainty
inasmuch as it passes away with such
swiftness & haste that we cannot but
remember how short life is, how
soon our day of salvation may be
gone and this consideration must
lead us to serious reflection. Another
year is fast drawing near its close
another portion of our term of life
is spent. We have been spared thus
far, whilst numbers have ^{been cut off} passed on
eternity to their account. No ~~one~~ ^{man}
is certain whether he will be spared
another year. Some perhaps here
present, may not have another year

give them;
Their term of probation may soon be
ended. Are we prepared to meet
our God, are we ready ^{& waiting} as good ser-
vants for the Lord's coming. Have
we rightly used the time granted? &
have we advanced in spiritual
life in true & heartfelt religion?
Have we diligently improved our
advantages & privileges? Have we
in proportion to our opportunities
& favours grown in grace? Have
we redeemed the time? Or have
we neglected, if not abused, the
means of grace vouchsafed to us?
We cannot recall time; if we have
mispent it, we shall have to give an
account of it. For time & life, health
and strength, privileges and oppor-
tunities for instruction & improvement
are so many talents vouchsafed
to prepare us for a future world
to fit us for the Heavenly Kingdom.
It is grievous to see some men

live

What ought
to be uppermost
in our thoughts
what ought
to be the chief
concern of
our lives;
the very base
of our existence
is too generally
forgotten;
a neglected
a superficial
halfhearted
manner.
I had yet
well known
that here we
have nothing
worthy that
life at best
is but a shadow;
we need any
can be greatly
ignorant of
the various
ways of salvation
of the way to
escape God's
wrath.

to see vast numbers, in earliness
in folly & vanity, in sinful pleasure
in sloth & idleness as to the great
business of a calling of man,
namely the saving of ^{the} souls,
the renewing & purifying of ^{the} heart.
Then a serious consideration
questions so numerous as to
deserve our most careful
attention, our anxious thoughts.
That must be a hard and a severe
who can spend year after year
without some serious thought
some earnest inquiry concerning
his the eternal welfare of his
soul without some resolution, some
effort to amend, to make peace
with his God; And yet it would
appear from the manner of life which
men lead that there are numbers,
vast numbers, belonging to this class

who by their infidelity & hardness of
heart treasure up to themselves wrath
against the day of wrath regardless
of the goodness of God, the
favours & blessings. They enjoy and
of the warnings & ministrations which long
days experience hold out ^{for such} ~~to them~~
Members then are of whom we must
fear, of whom we have the strongest
grounds to fear, that they live in the
utter neglect of their soul, living
though nominally Christians, as if they
lived without God without hope in
the world like ignorant heathens,
God is not in all their thoughts,
making no effort to secure to ~~themselves~~
themselves the hope of eternal life
wasting indulging in sin & vice or
if not notorious sinners yet they
live in a state of alienation from
God evincing no desire for spirit-
ual improvement, and renewal
of the heart, neglecting habitually
God's ordinances, neglecting his
word, his ministry, descending
(prayerless without affliction without forgiveness of God

The Sabbath day, ^{misusing} abusing God's blessing,
mispending their time, passing away
day after day year after year without
concern as to what will become of
them hereafter. ^{How sad that they should} ~~delay~~ ^{to refuse}
to be assisted to God till death
approaches with all its terrors, till
health & strength are failing them
and they become too feeble or too op-
pressed with suffering ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~be~~ ^{to}
to render them incapable for ~~any~~ ^{any} prayer for
exercise or reflection ^{for} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~good~~ ^{the}
the good of their soul. It is ~~worth~~ ^a ~~not~~ ^{sting}
presumption to expect that God ^a ~~will~~ ^{will}
will vouchsafe ~~that~~ ^{mercy} ~~that~~ ^{help} ~~God~~ ^{will}
~~be~~ ^{will} ~~gracious~~ ^{be} ~~merciful~~ ^{be} ~~at~~ ^{be}
when men have persisted year
after year, despite of all warnings
withal repentance & contrition.
Death has repeated, though
as an exception they occasionally
may be affected even to the whole
are in general rare & of a doubtful
dying hour will make all ~~be~~ ^{be}

nature. Now when death
claims you to the fair, ^{when you leave God's voice} now is the
accepted time, now is the day of
salvation. Now whilst health and
strength remain, whilst reason
and senses and other mental
faculties are ^{sound & unimpaired} ~~in a healthy state~~
now when it is possible to reflect ^{to dwell upon} to pray
to hear God's word to meditate.

to fight
against the enemy
of our salvation

Heb. learn now, which the Apostle
employs and quotes from the pu-
cations of the People's applies now
particularly to the Gospel dispensation.
It is here mercy & pardon were promised
to the believers the heaviest sinners
in the times of old covenant & promises
to the Mosian dispensation. But in
a more general & fuller sense the
day of salvation commenced with the
coming of the Messiah. Now when
man's redemption had been procured
when God was reconciled, when sin
was forgiven, when grace and
truth were manifested in Christ

when John's love to the sinner was uttered
Jesus, when the Spirit came on high ^{at Pentecost}
was poured down upon the Church ^{his church}
when the message of salvation was ^{preached}
commanded to be ~~made known~~ ^{made known} to
all nations, now when Jews &
Gentiles were to be invited when
a new & living way was opened
for the sinner, when a new creation
was brought about, when life
immortality was brought to light,
when man had an advocate
a Mediator with the Father, when
the chains of ignorance were taken
away when the day star came on
high ^{risen upon the earth} ~~the day star~~
of righteousness, ^{where on the earth} ~~the day star~~
now is the acceptance ^{on the living acceptance} ~~the day star~~
the day of salvation. To day ^{when you are}
therefore when you hear his voice ^{when you are}
saying not your heart, to day ^{when you are}
when salvation is freely offered ^{when you are}
generally proclaimed, be glad and

or what manner upon them saying well must
have you not be presence upon or taken as
that you will be ruler. No it is in man's power
to see an offering at any moment to charge himself
giving you to be essential, but rather it is for
us to call for money when the call of money
reaches our ears. While there is
God that you as it were a general way of money to
religion, since the establishment
of the New Testament Church, then an
essential in religion.

also special times of mercy, these
days of ~~the~~ ~~of~~ ~~salvation~~ of spiritual
awakening & revival. more grace
a greater measure of the Spirit's
may be vouchsafed at particular ^{times}
^{Open} ~~to~~ ^{more} ^{favorable} the natural world than ^{at} ^{other}
usual seasons, when God's blessing is abundant,
the former & the latter rain having been
vouchsafed, then we may truly say with
the Psalmist, "Then crownest thou us
with thy goodness, thy paths ~~are~~
fountain, but there are seasons
followed by seasons of drought &
barrenness, or such ^{as} may offer but a
scanty supply for human necessities;
So in the spiritual world, there
are days of Pentecost, of spiritual
joy. The Church is in a flourishing
state religion prospers, & as it might
its salutary influence is now generally
^{regarded} ^{thought of} ^{as} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{most} ^{favorable} ^{state} ^{of} ^{affairs}. An earnest
inquiry after truth is now far and wide

Thine is now wrought more furrow.
The cedar bears, in the similitude of the
Prophet ^{begin to} now become for us
breathed life in them. For
sends at times new labouring
the right hand into his vineyard
who have the good of souls at heart
who for the full and forth the whole
counsel of God; who being blessed
themselves with the dew of living
grace, having experienced the
love of God in their hearts, being
experientially, not merely theoret-
ically acquainted with true & scriptural
religion; ^{these blessings around them} Their ~~own~~ common sense is
the least, near feel the truth & firm
of their message. For the Lord
may be said to have been brought near
to have been brought near them.
as a pleasure to raise some great
and eminent instrument for his
Church. Some servants decline
to effect some ^a mighty change
blessed with more than ordinary

Whether
men will ~~be~~
and that
salvation
may be said
to have been
brought near
them.

talents & power, courage & vigor.
As in older times great & distinguished
men & prophets rose up for
some great & blessed design for a
revival for reformation & it
is in the N. P. Church likewise.

From time to time God has sent ^{many} messengers
who may be said to be specially & eminently
called for some great work. Some
nation also, a particular community ^{a household} or family
may enjoy at times a season of refreshment. At such
times it may be emphatically said
Now is the accepted time, now is the
day of salvation.

Then are also special provisions
of God to great displays of His
interposition when His judgments are
abroad in the world when some ^{new} experience
peculiar striking forms & new great
celebrations & others affect the work

The organs of God are purified
for their wisdom as seen in a
warrior. This are likewise
affliction & trials, particular
ordination in families with women
usual in connection, rational
education, or rational fairs
all these are intended for our
salutary purpose.

Job XXX, 14

For I have made the one, yea twice
yet was perished it not, in a
dream in a vision of the night

Let the Law while I may be young