

GUIDE TO NOTES AND SERMON PAPERS OF

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Samuel Marsden, son of Thomas Marsden, a blacksmith, was born on 24 June, 1764, at Farsley in Yorkshire, England.

As a young man Marsden was apprenticed to his father. In 1786 he was befriended by members of the Elland Society, an evangelical organization within the Church of England, whose purpose was to recruit and train men for the ministry. Marsden was an Elland 'pensioner' from 1786 to 1793, and was sent firstly to Hull Grammar School and later to Magdalene College, Cambridge, at the age of twenty six. Two years later, William Wilberforce (an evangelical member of parliament and friend of William Pitt) offered to exert his influence to send Marsden to Botany Bay. At first reluctant, Marsden soon agreed, having no means of self-support. On 1 January, 1793, he was commissioned as Assistant Chaplain to the colony of New South Wales. He married Elizabeth Fristan of Hull on 21 April, 1793, was ordained on 26 May, and by 1 July they sailed for the colony aboard the 'William'.

Marsden was possibly brought up as a Methodist,¹ though he followed the evangelical Anglicans who taught him, and adopted the Calvinistic doctrine of pre-destination.² The Elland Society influenced Marsden's life in equipping him with lay and clerical friendships he was to retain for the rest of his life. His years spent at Hull under the guidance of the Rev. Joseph Milner, are reflected in his Tory political and evangelical religious beliefs. The Rev. Miles Atkinson of St Paul's Church, Leeds, and the Rev. Peter Peckard, master of Magdalene College, can be seen to have influenced the formulation of Marsden's religious messages and their delivery.³ His sermons were of purely theological construction, with the occasional mention of a topical subject such as the role of a magistrate⁴ or the missions.⁵ Themes designed to induce the congregation to 'renounce their sins', 'repent and turn to God', delivered in the manner of rebukes and warnings as to the error of their ways, occur in every sermon, and are similar to those he was exposed to as a student. This remained the style of Marsden's preaching as he found it to be particularly relevant to the colonial population, which consisted mainly of convicts. The sermons encouraged temporal success in and effort to save convicts from 'idleness, vice and crime'.⁶

On arrival, Marsden found the colony in a state of depravity and its Chaplain, the Rev. Richard Johnson, ill and depressed. Antagonism existed between Johnson and Grose, the colonial administrator. Marsden accepted the conditions as a

challenge. After a visit to Norfolk Island in 1795, he was stationed at Parramatta, where he preached under trees until St John's Church was completed in April 1803. In 1800, with the departure of Rev. Johnson, Marsden became the unofficial Senior Chaplain. He enthusiastically pursued his missionary and clerical duties, accepted a 100 acre land grant from Grose to undertake agricultural activities, and became Commissioner of Peace and Superintendent of Public Works in his district. On 12 August, 1801, an Orphan House, to which he had given much support, opened, and he acted as treasurer from its inception.

In 1804, Marsden became resident agent and supervisor of the London Missionary Societies operations in the South Seas. His interest in missionary activities resulted in close ties with the London Missionary Society, the Church Missionary Society and the Foreign Bible Society. A desire to have the gospel preached in New Zealand, and the necessity to recruit more clergy and teachers for the colony, led to his return to England with his family on the 'Buffalo', in February 1807. The trip to England brought substantial benefit to his private and public interests. William Wilberforce and the Church Missionary Society gave Marsden their full support for establishing the church in New Zealand, and useful contacts were made in parliament, who were to provide support in later battles with Macquarie and Macarthur.

Marsden's relations with the various Governors of the colony had generally been acceptable, however on his return in 1809, relations with Governor Macquarie became strained. From 1810 until the recall of Macquarie in 1817, differing policies on matters of public concern, the role of emancipists and the role of the Church, resulted in their animosity toward each other. The public exposure of this antipathy caused criticism of Marsden's activities in the colony. Marsden became renowned for his public stands on matters he considered to be of prime importance. One incident involved the appointment of two emancipists by Macquarie to the office of Magistrate. Marsden regarded his association with the emancipist magistrates as degradation, and his refusal to sit with them was considered an act of hostility toward the Government. In 1817, Marsden was forced to defend his credibility after a series of anonymous letters were published in the 'Gazette', accusing him of using funds of the Philanthropic Society for his own profit. The public nature of these accusations serve to illustrate how vulnerable Marsden's position as Chaplain had become to criticism, as he pursued the additional roles of public responsibilities, missionary and agriculturalist activities.

In May 1810, Marsden was appointed Principal Chaplain. From 1814 to 1820, he made several visits to New Zealand to establish missions after buying a small ship, the 'Active'. Marsden believed the arts of civilization should precede the benefits of Christianity, and hoped to educate the New Zealand Maoris.⁷ He succeeded in promoting friendly relations with the Maoris, and began an agricultural program by supplying seed wheat to the Maori chiefs. Marsden's attitude toward the Aboriginal natives in the colony was not so encouraging. His attempt to bring up an Aboriginal boy failed, and he believed Aborigines became addicted to drunkenness, idleness and vice.

From the time of his arrival in the colony Marsden played a leading role in the development of agriculture and pastoralism. As one of the most successful farmers he pursued his interest in crop raising and cattle grazing, and bred dual purpose sheep for both breeding and wool production. From 1822, he held the leadership of the Agricultural Society of New South Wales. Between 1820 and 1822, he attempted to influence Commissioner Bigges findings to make convict labour more readily available by the government to private agriculturalists and pastoralists, and to stimulate pastoral development and increase profits.⁸ In successfully expanding his farming land, Marsden was often criticized as being more interested in material wealth than his clerical duties.

Marsden and Macquarie had agreed upon the concept of a united Church and State, with the clergy acting as a kind of moral policeman. Government organization was seen as necessary to ensure moral stability of the population.⁹ Compulsory church attendance and observance of the sabbath were considered essential towards moral improvement. This can be seen in Marsden's acceptance of the dual roles of magistrate and Chaplain. Immorality and crime increased at Parramatta so that Marsden spent a fair amount of time on the bench examining complaints, and he has often been accused of harsh justice and arbitrary dispensation whilst examining complaints. Public dispute and official disapproval continued to discredit Marsden. In 1822 Governor Brisbane suspended he and other magistrates from the Parramatta bench, for refusing to sit with Dr H.G. Douglass whom they had brought a series of charges against, which were later rejected. Regardless of this criticism, Marsden continued to acquire public offices. In 1826 Governor Darling appointed him to the board of management of the Female Factory, and made him a trustee of the Clergy and School Lands Corporation.

Marsden remained as Senior Chaplain to the colony. In 1824, the office of Archdeacon was created, to which Marsden thought he would be appointed. The

position was given to T.H. Scott, due to Marsden's reputation as a controversialist and his political connections, something he was to reflect on as an injustice. During the 1830's he kept to the background of the colonies debates, though the flow of Catholic priests caused some contention as he aired his anti-Catholic views. His management of the 'Active', pursuit of legal and business affairs and maintenance of correspondence with the missionary societies, public men and personal friends in England meant frequent trips to Sydney, where he stayed in the York Street house he had bought.¹⁰

The additional roles of missionary, pastoralist and magistrate which Marsden carried out had the effect of alienating him from the congregation. Between the years 1826 and 1832 the income from wool was of high importance to his finances, and he had many friends in the commercial enterprises of the colony. Marsden believed that material advance was proof of his genuine personal salvation.¹¹ He rejoiced in material progress and outward observance of conventional morality and religious duty. As Chaplain, his association with the elite of the colony, landed wealth, illiberality toward emancipists, magisterial duties and the high-mindedness of his sermons, helped determine the alienated relationship he had with the majority of his congregation, who were mainly convicts and emancipists.

In 1835 Marsden's wife Elizabeth, died. On 12 May, 1838, Marsden died at St Mathews Parsonage in Windsor, aged 73 years. They left behind them 6 children, a son, Charles Simeon, and five daughters, Mary, Jane, Martha, Ann and Elizabeth.

Two diametrically opposed views of Marsden exist among historians, ie. that of a religious martyr and saint, and that of a businessman with personal interests, a magistrate, litigant, contender in legal and political quarrels and agitator. Despite the criticism he has received, Marsden was a deeply devout and pious man who believed he had the best interests of the colony at heart, and that the dual role as executor of law and Chaplain were complimentary in exercising the functions of a moral constabulary.

FOOTNOTES

1. Yarwood, A.T., Samuel Marsden, pp.5-6.
2. Ibid., p.5.
3. Ibid., pp.10 and 16.
4. See Sermon no. 23.
5. See Sermon no. 34.
6. See Sermon no.'s 16,27,58,71,75.
7. Ramsden, E., Marsden and the Missions, p.158.
8. Bell, R., Samuel Marsden: Pioneer and Pastoralist, p.62.
9. Yarwood, op. cit., pp.139-140.
10. Ibid., p.189.
11. Australian Dictionary of Biography, vol. 2, p208.

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Rev. SAMUEL MARSDEN

Notes and Sermon Papers.

Mostly undated. Those dated range from 13 December, 1812 to June 1815. Paper watermarks range from 1796 to 1833.

Possible date range 1812 to 1833.

MS., 11.5 x 18cm to 21 x 26cm. Sheets of paper folded in half and sewn together. Condition variable, some worn edges, missing pages, holes, mostly legible, some in very good condition. Disordered arrangement.

98 papers, 2(4") box.

Related series:

1. R.E. Marsden collection in possession of Rev. R.E. Marsden, Vicar of Pendeen. In particular 'The Marsden Papers', vol. 4, sermons. Mitchell Library has a list of these papers held at AM2-3/1, and a microfilm copy held at ML, FM4/751.
2. Mitchell Library, A1999, Marsden Papers vol. 8, Essays and Sermons.

DETAILED CONTENTS LIST

1. Part of a set of notes describing soil types and agricultural methods in the New South Wales colony.
6pp., incomplete.

2. Luke 2:10-11

'And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people ...'

Theme: The Celebration of the Birth of Christ.
Outlines the events surrounding the birth of Christ with reference to the prophecies leading up to the event. Concludes with a warning to those who gratify their 'carnal lusts' and praise of those who embrace Jesus.

8pp., complete.

3. Psalm 118:27-28

'God is the Lord, which hath shewed us light...'

Theme: Sacrifices to God.
Describes the method by which the congregation should surrender themselves to God because faith will ease suffering and ensure a peaceful after life. Uses the words of David to convey the greatness of God.

10pp., complete.

4. Psalm 9:17

'The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.'

Theme: Consequences of sinfulness.
Outlines who the wicked are and what is to be their final doom. Highlights the consequences of indifference toward eternal interests.

6pp., complete, w.m. 1796.*

5. St Pauls Epistle

Part of sermon notes relating to St Pauls Epistle.

2pp., incomplete, w.m. 1829.

* w.m. refers to watermark on paper.

6. I John 3:2

'Beloved now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be...'

Theme: The State of Believers.

A description of the present and future state of believers. Concludes with a discussion on the difference between believers and non-believers.

6pp., unfinished, incomplete.

7. Luke 23:42-43

'And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in Paradise.'

Theme: Judgement Day.

Considers the 'Thiefs Petition' for Christ's mercy and the Lords answer in granting him the petition. Concludes by bringing attention to the approaching 'Day of Reckoning' and its resulting judgement.

Outer page is related to the Sabbath, and the congregations 'improper state'. An addition to the above sermon.

14pp., unfinished, complete, w.m. 1808.

8. St Paul's Epistle

Theme: Objects of Divine favour.

Provides a description of types of men ie. the godly and the ungodly, and their places of destination ie. heaven or hell. Concludes with an exposition on the blessedness of the Godly.

10pp., incomplete.

9. Micah 7:18-20

'Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy...'

Theme: Forgiveness.

Considers the divine mercy of God towards sinners, in its rise, progress and consumation. Concludes with an exposition on the fate of those who do not believe in God.

12pp., complete.

10. Mathew 25:33-36

'...Then shall the king say unto them on his right hand, come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...'

Theme: Eternity.

Consideration and explanation of the happiness experienced with the knowledge that a future state exists, and the rewards and punishments to be experienced in that State. Concludes with an exhortation on the experiences of sinners and believers after death.

13pp., complete.

11. Mark 13:37

'What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch!'

Theme: Judgement Day.

Analyses how God speaks through calamities to awaken the conscience through consideration of the uncertainty of the time when God will come to judgement and the duty arising from this uncertainty.

10pp., complete.

12. Sermon reference missing.

Theme: Forgiveness of sin.

Considers how man is full of sin, and the means of deliverance from sin, ie. how it may be forgiven, subdued and taken away by God.

8pp., incomplete.

13. Mathew 26:63-66

'...And the High Priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the son of God.'

Theme: Sacrifice of Jesus.

Considers the Jewish Governors prejudice, the confession and sentence of Christ. Attends to the history in a way of spiritual improvement. Urges the congregation to consider what Christ suffered and accept him because of this.

11pp., complete.

14. Mathew 23:37

'O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!'

Theme: God's treatment of the faithful.

Considers Christ's compassion and warning against sin by his Providence and words, and the obstinancy of man in accepting false refuges and preferring temporal and carnal pleasures to spiritual and eternal ones. Exhorts the congregation to accept Christ before it is too late.

14pp., complete.

15. John 14:13

'And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son!'

Theme: Prayer.

Interprets the Gospel as an address to the disciples and everyone else. Determines to what extent Jesus will answer prayer and for what end he will answer the prayer. Concludes with the inference that some appear to embrace God and Jesus but their lives do not correspond with this. Warns of the time when religion will be tried.

14pp., complete.

16. Job:34:29

'When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? And when he hideth his face, who then can behold him...'

Theme: Sinfulness.

Considers God as supreme governor of the world and his displeasure against wicked and rebellious People. Compares the peace enjoyed by the godly to the peace possessed by the ungodly. Describes the plight of the wicked and urges them to embrace God.

8pp., complete.

17. John 6:34

'Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.'

Theme: The Bread of Life.

Considers the 'Petition for the Bread of Life' from God and the means by which one may offer a Petition for this bread. Determines the excellency of this Bread and the

means by which it is to be obtained.

12pp., complete.

18. I Thessalonians 5:8

'But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.'

Theme: Believers.

Considers the description given of Believers, the exhortation addressed to God and the particular directions that accompany it. Refers to a person released from hospital as returning to the old ways and dying of a bowel complaint, and as having lost his soul.

12pp., complete.

19. Luke 19:12-13

'He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return...'

Theme: The Nobleman's neglect.

Refers to noblemen as desiring earthly grandeur whilst neglecting important ends and purposes in life. Discusses the questions: Has Christ given some talent to improve? What improvement has been made? What excuse is there for neglecting to improve them?

10pp., complete.

20. Romans 8:26

'Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities...'

Theme: Spirit of God.

Refers to the Agency of the Spirit of God as a means of confirming and establishing the soul. Considers the Agency of the Spirit in seasons of suffering and seasons of prayer.

12pp., complete.

21. Sermon reference missing.

Concerns the confessions of man, judgement and unwillingness to openly sin.

3pp., incomplete.

22. I Thessalonians 5:23-24

'And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray to God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ...'

Theme: Spiritual Preservation.

Refers to parents desire for security of their children and considers the spiritual parent will be rewarded provided the children behave. Discusses the blessing desired and the assurance given of our being preserved. Encourages people to set forth their christianity.

10pp., complete, w.m. 1830.

23. Romans 13:1

'Let every soul be subject unto the powers. For there is no power but of God...'

The beginning of a sermon on various governors of families and communities. Refers to magistrates as benefactors of God.

4pp., unfinished.

24. Revelations 3:2

'Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.'

Theme: Judgement.

Discusses when it may be said that the things which remain in use are ready to die and The Apostles advice to Persons in such a State. Concludes with a word to those who have always been faithful to God and those who have no claim at all.

15pp., complete, June 1815, w.m. 1808.

25. Revelations 5:11-13

'And I behold, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne...Blessing and honour and glory and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne...'

Theme: Our knowledge of heaven.

Concerns the Blessedness of Heaven and how little is known of it. Considers St John's revelation of heaven by describing the assembly which he saw, the object which they adored, and the adoration they offered.

8pp., complete.

26. Sermon reference missing.

One page of sermon concluding that those who have a life of well-doing will be received into heaven.

1p., incomplete.

27. Romans 13:11

'And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.'

Theme: Self-examination.

Considers self-examination as largely ignored by people even though it is necessary to prepare for the Eternal State. Stresses the plight of the disbeliever with reference to the fate of fellow criminals and responsibility for their destruction.

8pp., complete.

28. Jeremiah 8:20-21

'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved...'

Theme: Death and Judgement.

Establishes who they are that are not saved and the misery of their State. Concludes with a warning to prepare for the kingdom of God.

12pp., complete.

29. Jeremiah 6:16

'Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.'

Theme: Duty to religion.

Determines what is the old and good way spoken of, our duty in respecting it and the encouragement given to perform this duty. Concludes with a warning not to neglect religion because time is short.

12pp., complete.

30. Luke 2:32-35

'...Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel...'

Theme: Love of Christ.

Considers Christ's exhibition to the world and the more immediate end to encourage and promote an increased awareness of Christ's sufferings and acknowledgement of his love.

16pp., complete.

31. I Peter 4:7

'But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.'

Theme: Sobriety.

Discusses the duty associated with sobriety and the reason for it as being that the end of all things is at hand. A sermon for the New Year.

10pp., complete.

32. Romans 8:6

'For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.'

Theme: Spirituality vs Carnality.

Discusses the difference between the carnal and spiritual mind by considering their operations and effects. Concludes with an address to both the carnal and spiritual Persons.

8pp., complete.

33. Luke 2:10-11

'And the Angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people...'

Theme: The Birth of Christ.

Endeavours to elucidate the Tidings announced and consider their importance. A christmas sermon with an exhortation to break from sinful ways for this may be the last christmas.

10pp., complete.

34. Luke 13:28-29

'There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out...'

Theme: Consequences of disbelief.

Considers the promise, the means used to accomplish it, and makes further observations on the subject. Refers to colonial administration, the British Empire, missionaries in Africa and India. Observes that the kingdom of heaven is thrown open to all natives and that no matter what part of the world they live and die, those that believe are blessed.

12pp., complete, w.m. 1815.

35. Jeremiah 28:16

'...this year thou shalt die, because thou hast taught rebellion against the Lord.'

Theme: The approachment of death and judgement.

Shows that we must all die and nothing can secure us against death. Concludes with an entreaty for those who do not believe in the Sentence of Death to reflect upon their ruined State.

9pp., complete.

36. Nahum 1:7

'The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.'

Theme: Belief and Trust.

Considers God as represented in the text in the Perceptions of his Nature, the Provisions of his Covenant and the Dispensations of his Grace. Concludes by considering possible improvements as acquainting ourselves with God and studying to glorify God.

10pp., complete, w.m. 1824.

37. Job 19:25-27

'For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.'

Theme: Christ's redemption of the congregation.

Considers Christ's confession and the lessons to be learned from it. Observes that the knowledge of Christ

will provide hope, support and comfort.

12pp., complete, w.m. 1813.

38. Isaiah 11:6-9

'The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb...'

Theme: Judgement.

Considers the time when Gods kingdom will be extended over all earth and peace shall reign. Discusses the charge that will be wrought in main, in the latter days, and the means by which it is to be affected. Concludes with an address to those who believe and their security.

10pp., complete.

39. Psalm 51:7

'Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.'

Theme: Repentence.

1 page outlining the sermon content. Considers the nature of sin and the means of deliverance from it.

1pp. incomplete, w.m. 1808.

40. I Peter 4:12-16

'Beloved, think it not strange concering the fiery trial which is to try you...'

Theme: Trials.

Considers the various trials that should be expected by everyone by showing in what light we should view Trials, the reason why they should be viewed in that light and what we should guard against in relation to it. Concludes with a warning to those who neglect God's mercy.

12pp., complete, w.m. 180?.

41. Zechariah 12:10

'And I will pour upon the house of David, the spirit of grace and of supplications...'

Discusses the nature of evangelical repentence and the means by which it can be attained in relation to the

text. Concludes that those who have repented should grow closer to God.

6pp., complete, w.m. 1798.

42. Luke 13:14

'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'

Theme: The Birth of Christ.

Description of the incarnation of Christ represented in the Angels hymn as the brightest manifestation of the divine glory, the means of effecting peace upon earth and the most astonishing display of divine love. Concludes with an address to those who think nothing of Christ's birth.

4pp., complete, w.m. 1797.

43. Romans 8:13

'For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye live through the spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.'

Theme: Eternal Life.

Describes the importance in knowing our State before God and what it will be in the eternal world. Considers the 'truths' as a carnal love terminating in everlasting misery and a life of mortification and self-denial terminating in everlasting happiness. Concludes with a recommendation to improve the present state.

10pp., unfinished, complete, 5 September, 1813, w.m. 1809.

44. Luke 18:6-8

'And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith...'

Theme: The duty of Prayer and Judgement.

Considers what the unjust Judge said and the improvement suggested by way of instruction and Reproof. Concludes by addressing those who live without prayer, those who pray in a formal manner without spirit, those who pray earnestly for a while then become remiss, and those who received 'gracious' answers.

12pp., complete, 30 May, 1813, w.m. 1809.

45. Luke 12:16-18

'And he spake a parable unto them, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully...'

Theme: Sharing Belief.

Describes the belief that those who are interested in religion should teach the way of Salvation. Observes in relation to the parable that God invites us to partake of the Blessings of the Gospel and they are rejected with frivolous excuses. Concludes with an address to those who do not accept the Gospel.

10pp., complete, w.m. 1808.

46. I Thessalonians 4:13-18

'But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope...'

Theme: Judgement Day.

Discusses the declarations in relation to the certainty of Ressurrection, the order in which it will be effected and the blessedness of this day to the saints. Concludes with an entreaty for non-believers to pray to God and be aware of the danger on the day of Judgement.

12pp., complete.

47. Luke 2:10-11

'And the Angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people...'

Theme: Birth of Christ.

Illustrates that the news of a Saviour's Birth may be called good Tidings of Great Joy and points out to whom they will be of great joy. Concludes that this is dependent upon what Foundation we stand for Eternity and how we view our Sin and Danger.

14pp., incomplete.

48. Luke 2:25

'And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and the same man was just and devout...'

Theme: Christ's Consolation.

Considers in what respect Christ is the consolation of

Israel and in what manner we are to wait for him.
Concludes with a reference to Christ's redemption of us
to God and the consolation we derive from it.

10pp., complete, w.m. 1820.

49. Hebrews 1:6

'And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the
world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.'

Theme: Divine worship of God.

Observes that the testimonies of God have given confir-
mation of every fundamental doctrine of the holy
religion. Discusses how Christ is a proper object of
divine worship and that his Incarnation affords a
special call to worship him. Urges People to welcome
Christ and submit to his Government.

12pp., complete, w.m. 1803.

50. Romans 6:23

'For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is
eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

Theme: The Gift of Eternal Life or distribution of
rewards and punishments.

Considers man's descent and God's mercy. Concludes that
sin results in a death of everlasting misery and the
godly life one of everlasting happiness.

10pp., 2pp. appear to be a continuation of the sermon,
3pp. are a repetition of the beginning of this sermon,
possibly added later, w.m. 1818.

51. Job 27:6

'...My heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.'

Theme: Conscience.

Considers the proper office of conscience, our duty to
our conscience, and shows how we should obey what it
dictates. Concludes with the cautions that we should
guard against an evil, guilty, confident and unfeeling
conscience.

8pp., complete, w.m. 1824.

52. (1) Psalm 35:3

'say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.'

Theme: Salvation.

Proposes the petition as offered in the text, as suited to us. Concludes with an address to improve our Privileges to honour God.

7pp., incomplete.

(2) 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

'For our light affliction...'

Theme: Belief in Christ.

Considers the object of a Christians pursuit, the effects of his troubles and the communion between them. Concludes with the inferences that the majority are seeking earthly things while those pressing for heavenly things are few, and the blessedness of the true Christian.

7pp., complete.

(3) 2pp. belonging to the first sermon about contending with sin, satan and death.

16pp., sewn together.

53. Mark 2:8-12

'And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves...'

Theme: The Benevolence of Christ.

Considers the authority he exercised and his vindication of it. Believes we should be thankful for any affliction that brings us to Jesus and that it is possible to intercede with God on behalf of ungodly friends.

6pp., complete.

54. Luke 6:19

'And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.'

Theme: The Benevolence of Christ.

Considers the analogy between Christ's miracles and spiritual blessings and how this relates to what will be done with our deceased souls, and endeavours to improve on the text to illustrate the direction that should be taken. Concludes with a reference to the state of those who touched him.

12pp., complete, w.m. 1815?

55. Isaiah 25:6-8

'And in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast...'

Theme: The Lords Salvation.

Endeavours to illustrate this Gospel as it affords a feast to the hungry, light to the blind and victory to the oppressed. Concludes with the question of what will happen to those who do not begin to reconcile now.

10pp.. complete.

56. 1 Samuel 2:25

'If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the Lord, who shall intreat for him...'

Theme: The Ungodly men and Justice.

Refers to the sins of Eli. Observes and elaborates upon the dispersing of Justice by qualified and authorized Persons. Considers it necessary along with Magistrates and Judges for Government. Justifies its existence by drawing a parallel with the formation of Israel. Concludes with a warning about the approaching day of Judgement and the state of Souls.

8pp., complete, w.m. 1797.

57. 1 John 3:20-21

'For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things...'

Theme: The day of Judgement.

Considers how far the testimonies of our conscience may be depended upon and the benefit and comfort in having the testimony in our favour. Concludes with a warning to take care of the conduct and conscience.

12pp., complete, w.m. 1809.

58. Luke 11:27-28

'And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice...'

Theme: The true Christian.

Analyses the character of the true Christian and his blessedness in relation to the text. Concludes with an address to those who hear the word of God and do not

keep it, and to those who do keep it.

12pp., complete, w.m. 1809.

59. Revelations 20:11-15

'...and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books...'

Theme: Judgement Day.

Considers the appearance of the Judge, the persons who shall be judged and the Rule of Judgement when the sentence shall be executed. Concludes with a warning to be aware because all shall be judged.

6pp., complete.

60. Lamentations 3:27-29

'It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth...'

Theme: Afflictions.

Proposes to show the benefit of early Afflictions by considering the general view and the view mentioned in the text. Concludes with an address to those who have experienced no particular Afflictions.

12pp., complete, w.m. 1800.

61. Luke 3:19-20

'But Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him for Herodias ...and for all the evils which Herod had done...'

Theme: Sin.

Considers the power of sin and the malignity of inflicting misery and ruin. Discusses his belief that the Scriptures should not be read as history only because it does not reveal the 'heart' of God's word.

12pp., complete, w.m. 1830.

62. Luke 15:8-10

'...Likewise I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.'

Theme: Salvation.

Considers Jesus concern for the sinful and worthless and his willingness to aid their recovery. Contemplates the

little regard men have of their sould, the effects of a faithfull administration of Gods word and the thankfulness those should have who have found the Lord.

12pp., complete, w.m. 1809.

63. Genesis 18:19

'For I know him that he will command his children...and they shall keep the way of the Lord...'

Theme: Influence and Piety.

Uses Abraham as an example of piety. Shows the use we should make of Influence, ie. diligence and improvement and the benefits arising from its use.

12pp., unfinished?, w.m. 1828.

64. Ecclesiastes 7:16

'Be not righteous over much; neither make thyself over wise: Why shouldest thou destroy thyself?'

Theme: Moderation.

Refers to those who have little concern for religion and those who die before their time. Explains the caution that the text implies. (See no. 79 for complete sermon)

3pp., unfinished, w.m. 1829.

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65. Mathew 25:35-40

'For I was enhungred, and ye gave me meat...'

Theme: Charity.

Explains the need to take into account principles, conduct and activity in doing good. Considers the proper exercises of Christian Benevolence, their acceptability to Jesus and their importance to ourselves. Urges the congregation to show benevolence and compassion to a charity collection for the Benevolent Asylum.

14pp., complete, w.m. 1833.

67. Hebrews 1:6

'And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.'

Theme: Worship of God.

Observes that Christ is a proper object of divine worship and that his Incarnation was a call to Heaven and

Earth to worship him. Highlights the need to accept and believe in Christ before death.

12pp., incomplete, w.m. 1813.

68. 2 Timothy 3:12

'All that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer Persecution.'

Theme: Trials of the righteous.

Considers the Appostle St Paul and St Peter's assumptions on the topic, and the inference St Paul draws from it. Concludes with a warning to the ungodly that God is with them every day.

10pp., complete, w.m. 1808.

69. Luke 8:50

'But when Jesus heard it, he answered Him, saying, Fear not: believe only and she shall be made whole.'

Theme: Belief rewarded.

Considers the rulers faith, how it was tried, operated and rewarded. Concludes that everyone must expect trouble so let it drive them to Jesus.

8pp., complete.

70. Isaiah 55:6

'Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.'

Theme: Insensibility toward eternal things.

Observes there is reason to fear that God is absent for most people and we cannot hope to find God if we do not seek him. Urges those who are 'afflicted' and those who are advanced in life to seek God.

8pp., complete.

71. Job 34:29

'When he giveth quietness who then can make trouble? and when he hideth his face, who then can behold him...'

Theme: Comfort of God.

Observes that none can trouble those whom God comforts and none can comfort those whom he troubles. Addresses those who enjoy the comfort of God.

8pp., complete, w.m. 1829.

72. Philippians 3:10

'That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.'

Theme: Redemption.

Considers what is meant by the Power of Christ's resurrection and shows that it is desireable to know that power.

8pp., complete, December 13, 1812, w.m. 1797.

73. Hosea 5:5

'And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face...'

Theme: The influence of pride.

Considers in relation to the text the sin of Israel and the judgements denounced against them. Concludes with an exposition on the excellence of Christ's Gospel and the need to watch and pray.

12pp., complete, w.m. 1815.

74. Hebrews 10:19-22

'Having therefore, bretheren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus and by a new and living way...'

Theme: Redemption.

Considers the text in relation to the grounds of access to God and the manner in which we should approach him. Urges the congregation to go to God regardless of their State.

14pp., complete.

75. Exodus 20:15

'Thou shalt not steal.'

Theme: Stealing.

Describes what this command prohibits and enjoins and the causes of mans transgressing it. Illustrates that there is little temptation in the colony when compared to Britain, therefore there is little reason to break the commandment in the colony. Addresses those guilty of sin.

12pp., complete, w.m. 1824.

76. Sermon reference missing.

Fragment of a sermon. Refers to the survivors belonging to a ship that sank in the harbour. Appeals for contributions to administer relief.

4pp., incomplete, w.m. 1830.

77. Luke 1:67-75

'And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied saying: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people...'

Theme: Redemption and Incarnation.

Praises God for the fulfillment of Prophecy in sending a Saviour and as a means of spiritual blessings. Urges people to participate in blessing the incarnation of the Lord.

8pp., complete, w.m. 1827.

78. Mathew 21:28-31

'But what think ye? A certain man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, son, go work in my vineyard...'

Theme: Repentance.

Compares the conduct of the two sons according to the parable. Concludes that it is not always the most spiritual that will go to heaven, the character of man being determined by their actions and the most declared Rebel, if he repents, shall be accepted by God.

12pp., complete, w.m. 1815.

79. Ecclesiastes 7:16

'Be not righteous over much; neither make thyself overwise: Why shouldest thou destroy thyself?'

Theme: Moderate righteousness.

Discusses the meaning of the passage, explains the caution and recommends the People to attend to the caution and be righteous. Warns those who make profane use of this passage not to carry the test too far.

12pp., complete.

80. John 1:18

'No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.'

Theme: God, the Father.

Inquires as to what Christ declared of the Father and how he declared him. Concludes with an address to those who are ignorant of God.

12pp., complete, w.m. 1815.

81. Hebrews 11:13

'These all died in faith, not having received the promises...'

Theme: Faith in God.

Endeavours to show how these Prophets and Patriarchs did not receive the promises, that they believed and received him and confessed themselves pilgrims and strangers. In conclusion compares the effect of the promises of the Gospel on the Prophets and how it ought to impress us.

11pp., complete.

82. 1 Peter 1:3-5

'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which, according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again...'

Theme: Redemption.

Considers the causes of Regeneration as a spiritual and supernatural change of heart and the security of the Regenerite. Refers to the happiness of God's people and future happiness in the world to come. Cautions those not begotten again to hope.

16pp., complete, w.m. 1815.

83. Luke 11:21-22

'When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace...'

Theme: The Lords Miracles.

Explains the parable in Mark 13:18-22. Discusses the state of men who believe all miracles are the result of superstitious beliefs. Concludes with an exposition on the duty of those who are converted to God.

12pp., complete, w.m. 1815.

84. Mark 10:49-50

'...And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise, he calleth thee...'

Theme: Blessings from God.

Considers the State of the Person whom Jesus called, the encouragement which the call gave him and its effect. Concludes with assurances to those who seek the Lord.

12pp., complete.

85. Psalm 42:5

'Why art thou cast down, O my Soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.'

Theme: The Christian State of Probation.

Points out the sources of a Christians disquietness and its remedy. Compares those who sin as the children of the devil and those who strive against sin as the children of God. Warns those cast down to read the promises of God.

8pp., complete.

86. Isaiah 55:6

'Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.'

Theme: Seeking of God.

An extension of no. 70 with an addition considering that there is a time coming when God will not be found so we should seek him now. Applies this to the young and the afflicted.

12pp., complete.

87. Hebrews 4:9

'There remaineth therefore a rest to the People of God.'

Theme: The Privileges of Christianity.

Points out who the people of God are and what the 'rest' is that remains for them. Concludes it is desirable to be among God's people.

10pp., complete, w.m. 1808.

88. 1 Corinthians 6:11

'And such were some of you: but ye are washed...in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.'

Theme: Benefits of Christianity.

Shows the state of the Corinthians before the Gospel was received, and the change they underwent in the preaching of the Gospel. Applies the sins of the Corinthians to the colonies situation.

12pp., complete.

89. (1) Mathew 18:32-35

'Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thou all that left...'

Theme: Duty of forgiveness.

Considers the extent, reasonableness and necessity of Christian forgiveness.

5pp., incomplete, w.m. 1808.

(2) Luke 16:8

'And the lord commended the unjust steward because he had done wisely; for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.'

Theme: Belief.

Considers the wisdom of the unjust steward and the folly of God's children. Advises the congregation to choose God as Lord and Master.

7pp., complete, w.m. 1808.

90. Romans 1:20-21

'For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being, understood by things that are made...they glorified him not as God...'

Theme: Ungodliness.

Considers the state of the Gentiles who the judgements of God are denounced against by showing how inexcusable their conduct was and ours is if we resemble them. Addresses professing Christians.

12pp., incomplete, w.m. 1829.

91. 1 Kings 21:20

'And Ahab said to Elijah: Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the Lord.'

Theme: Sin and Repentance.

Shows how greedily men commit sin, how indignantly they take reproof and how certainly they ruin their souls. Advises on Repentance and Reformation.

12pp., complete.

92. 1 John 3:5

'And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.'

Theme: Strength from the mortification of Sin.

Discusses St John's Appeal and addresses it to various character types, especially those of desponding means.

12pp., complete, w.m. 1809.

93. Leviticus 25:9-10

'Then shalt thou cause the Trumpet of the jubilee to sound... in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land...'

Theme: Comparison of the Gospel and the Season of Jubilee. Discusses the agreement between the Jubilee and the Gospel according to their proclamation and the blessings they conveyed. Concludes with a debate upon the way sinners are converted, God's counteraction of weakness and folly and the blessedness of those who embrace the Gospel.

8pp., complete, w.m. 1796.

94. Isaiah 45:23-25

'I have sworn by myself...that unto me every knee shall bow every tongue shall swear...'

Theme: Redemption.

To illustrate this oath considers its subject matter and accomplishment. Encourages subjects of the Redeemers kingdom to rejoice.

12pp., complete, June 13, 1813? w.m. 1809.

95. Ephesians 2:18

'For thru him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.'

Theme: Access to God.

Shows the way of access to God through Jesus Christ and the excellency of this way. Addresses those who never seek access in Prayer and those who came to God through sin.

8pp., complete, w.m. 1808.

96. Sermon reference missing.

Theme: Efficiency of Prayer.

Discusses the improvement suggested by God through instruction and reproof.

4pp., incomplete, w.m. 1808.

97. 1 Peter 4:4-5

'Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.'

Theme: Christian Life.

Considers the Christians opposite course to the world, the thought and speeches of the course and the final judgement of both. Addresses those who will not repent.

10pp., complete.

98. Mathew 15:28

'Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.'

Theme: Faith and Prayer.

Describes the disposition and conduct of this distressed 'heathen', her love and faith, and Jesus behaviour toward her. Concludes with an exposition on Prayer and faith.

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