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Influence

The influence of the Sermon on the Mount is to be understood in the light of the words to be understood for the disciples & not for the world. They (the words) were not "left" & "right". The words reveal the divine estimate of the needs of man's Christian existence. This statement of influence pre-supposes the presence of the people in a personal contact with the words.

Lessons

1. Luch. VIII: 16-23
2. Phil: II: 1-18

Hymns

- 308. "O Jesus Christ, grow thou in me"
- 309. "My gracious Lord, I own thy right"
- 318. Con 9. Hy! "So let our lips & lives express"

Chant

136.

Anthem

38.

General:

- i. General:
 1. Character: Christian
 2. Effect:
 - a. refreshing mind & preventing its spread
 - b. revealing the good & pointing to a chance
- ii. Particular:
 1. Character: Christ
 2. Effect:
 - a. Hope
 - b. Witness
- iii. Social influence:
 1. Character: Community
 2. Effect:
 - a. Hope
 - b. Witness

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Influence. Matt v. 13-16.

Introductory.

The influence to be exerted.

This section proves the words to be intended for the disciples & not for the crowds.

They (the crowds) were not "Salt" & "light".

The words reveal the Lord's estimate of the needs of men. Corruption. Darkness.

This statement of influence pre-supposes the presence of His people among men. Contact.

Scheme.

A. The Character of the Influence.

B. The Responsibility of the Subjects.

A. The Character of the Influence.

i. General.

- a. The character of the influence is the influence of character.
- b. "Ye are" not "ye have" or "dispence" — "salt and light".
No official influence.
- c. The character which begins in poverty of spirit, and is consummated in the courage of the martyr is salt & light.
- d. Live in the Beatitudes & exert influence.

ii. Particular.

- a. Salt. moral influence.
 1. Character. Antiseptic.
 2. Effect.
 - a. Repressing evil & preventing its spread.
 - b. Revealing the good & giving it a chance.
- b. Light. Spiritual influence.
 1. Character. Decided.
Revealing.
Forceful.
Glad.
 2. Effect.
 - a. Hope.
 - b. Guidance.
- c. A City. Social influence.
 1. Character. Community.
 2. Effect. Revelation.

B. The Responsibility of the Subjects.

i. Salt may lose its savour.

Savourless salt loses its beatific character
Souls that do not salt life are useless.

ii. Light is so to shine that men recognize God.

A candle is not to be looked at, but to discover other things in its light.

iii. There must be no conventional accommodation.

iv. The influence is the result of connection with the King.