

Scripture. John xv. 8-21.

Hymns. { 580. "Hail"  
573.  
283.

Hymnals. { 265. Jesus our best beloved Friend  
161. How sweet the name on our  
384. I've found a Friend

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"He that maketh many friends doeth it  
to his own destruction:

But there is a friend that sticketh  
closer than a brother".

Prov. xviii. 24.

## Introduction.

This is a very striking change from the  
A.V.

That due to a palpable mistake by confusion  
with another word.

The Text as it stands now is a contrast  
between true and false friendships.

There is a difference in the words.

"Friends". Associates.

"Friend" Lover.

The general teaching.

The multiplication of acquaintances is  
destructive.

There is a kind of friendship worth  
having.

His nature.

His quality.

A lover.

He "sticketh closer  
than a brother"

The heart craves friendship.

Let every man beware of the crowd.

Let every man value a friend who is  
a true lover.

The Days of Tempest Test.

How interesting as the theme would be,  
I am not going to discuss this  
subject on the level of the ordinary  
friendships of these passing days.

The ideal of the preacher has had its  
fulfilment in One.

I want to introduce you to my Friend.

I am therefore going to tell you some  
things about Him, & then how you  
may come into the circle of His  
friends.

## A. My Friend.

### I. He is a Lover.

- i. He says so to my surprise.  
*The Bible His Love Letter ---*
- ii. He has proved it to my conviction.  
*"He Commendeth His Love" ---*

### II. He is faithful.

- i. Do me. Never deserting.  
*The Ascension Promise*
- ii. Come against my slanderers.  
*The Advocate*

### III. He is true.

- i. He rebukes me.  
*With pitiless pity*
- ii. He praises me.  
*His "Well done" is not postponed ---*

### IV. He is tender.

- i. In my sorrows sympathetic.  
*Silently.*
- ii. In my weakness gentle.  
*Gentleness is strength in reserve.*

### V. He is strong.

- i. Against all my enemies.  
*Sin. Satan. Self.*
- ii. In all my weakness.  
*His strength made perfect*

### VI. He is rich.

- i. He owns this world.  
*All the Keys at His girdle*
- ii. He is Lord of heaven.  
*All the Crowns on His brow*

### VII. He is generous.

- i. He gives me all I need.
- ii. He shares with me all He has.

## B. How to come into the Circle.

I. It is easy because He is your friend long before you are His, and He wants your friendship.

II. He says: - John xv. 13-15.

"Ye are my friends, if ye do the things which I command you."

III. To begin there is to become His friend.

The first command. "Come unto me"

All the rest will follow.

## Conclusion.

The Waiting Friend.