

"The preparation for a Great sermon"
(The Sermon on the Mount)

- 1-The sermon delivered after:
 - 1-A period of prayer.
We need to pray about, consider and study the sermons we deliver.
- 2-The sermon on the Mount: The preparation for that discourse is the subject of our text this morning.
 - 1-In order to a great sermon there should be:
 - 2-A suitable place:
 - 3-Noble edifices have been raised by the piety of men.
 - 4-Wonderful cathedrals have been raised in England; on the continent of Europe.
 - 5-Solomons temple must have exceeded all others in magnificence.
 - 1-Temples of our time.
 - 2-The Morman temple in Salt Lake.
- 3-The cathedral where the "Sermon on the Mount" was delivered.
 - 1-The roofing was the sky: A blue dome so vast as to bound the range of sight.
 - 2-So constituted that wherever we go we are still in its very center.
 - 3-In this cathedral: The sun is the one sufficient light.
The electric light looks black upon its disc.
The glories of the night are lost in its brightness.
 - 4-The whole earth was consecrated to preaching by the sermon on the mount.
 - 1-Open-air preaching has the highest sanction and encouragement.
 - 5-Mountains, in the Old, as well as, the New T. have been the theatres where God's blessings poured fourth to the human race.

4-A suitable congregation.

- 1-There were multitudes in actual presence.
- 2-Not multitudes of mere units but immortal men with tremendous destinies and glorious possibilities.
- 3-As He looked out over that great concourse of people Jesus had great sympathy for them.
- 4-He estimated their personal value as no one else could.
- 5-Jesus saw the end from the beginning.
- 6-How profoundly should we sympathize with men today!
 - 1-Our neighbor with whom we converse.
 - 2-The heathen--at home; abroad
- 5-That vast congregation had a suitable preacher.
 - 1-Great preachers are not ginned out in universities.
 - 2-Universities have their uses. Learning is of very great importance. Some one said, "He that despises learning is a fool."
- 3-Christ was an incomparable preacher.
 - 1-He was approved by heavenly signs:
 - 1-The wonders at his birth.
 - 2-The voice of the God of glory at his baptism
 - 3-The working of many wonder in Galilee.
- 5-IN GALILEE:
 - 1-He called Peter and Andrew.
 - 2-He called James and John the sons of Zebedee
 - 3-In Galilee he healed all the sick who were brought unto him.
- 6*Christ claimed and gained all attention.
 - 1-When he was set, teaching welled from his lips as from a fountain and Beatitudes streamed forth to completely fill the hungry souls of men.

