

"The Church"

By what above all things else should the church be characterized. It should be:

1. The place of common assembly,

Where all classes of people meet together, the rich and the poor, and feel that the Lord is maker of them all. Prov.22:2. Where the learned and the unlearned worship and bow down together, and "kneel before the Lord their Maker"

1. It is the place where human spirits meet, and where earthly circumstances are of no account whatsoever where wealth does not weigh, and rank creates no distinction.

2. It should be the place of spiritual enlightenment.

1. That is, where the Word of God is read, and should be read impressively and effectually.

2. It is the place where the will of God is faithfully delivered, and the gospel of Christ expounded and enforced.

3. It should be the place where the cause of Christ and of mankind is fully and earnestly pleaded.

3. It should be a place of prayer.

Here the worshippers draw nigh to God in every way in which he is approached by man...In adoration...in communion with God, in thanksgiving, in confession, in supplication, in consecration.

No worshipper in the house of the Lord can reach a higher level of spiritual attainment than when he pours out his heart to God in these various utterances.

When all the above is true, : Then is the house of God put to its noblest and worthiest use when it is made by those who meet within its walls, "the house of prayer."

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