

1. ALL PRESENT AT THE APPOINTED TIME

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2. If it could be said, "All who could be here," We would have great reason to rejoice.

2. ALL PRESENT WILL BE REVERENT

1. "We are all here before God." All realised God's presence. This would make for at least three things:

1. Humility, 2. Sincerity. 3. High expectation.

3. THOSE PRESENT ARE SYMPATHETIC

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2. There are congregations so cold and unresponsive that the preacher's thoughts are chilled in transmission.

(1) A man cannot be packed in ice without freezing.

3. Many a sermon has caught its glow and power from the sympathies of the hearers toward the one who delivered the sermon.

4. THOSE PRESENT IN THE IDEAL AUDIENCE ARE UNPREJUDICED

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(1) Prejudice is not amenable to instruction even when the evidence is overwhelming.

2. "We are all here before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God." 10:33

3. Prejudice is one of the greatest enemies to human welfare

5. THE IDEAL AUDIENCE WILL BE OBEDIENTLY DISPOSED

1. We want to hear "all things that are commanded thee of God." 10:33

2. Nothing can be of any real value in God's sight which does not shape itself into obedience. Not enough of itself to hear the truth and to know the truth: Obedience necessary.

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- 1. Homily, S. Sincerely, S. Kindly

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JUDGED

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"HE WILL TELL THE WHAT THOU OUGHTEST TO DO."

1. These words emphasise two important truths:
 1. The value of human agency in the conversion and salvation of men.
 2. They point to Jesus as the consummate revelation of God.
 - (1) God raised him (Jesus) up the third day... To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. 10:40-43

THE CHARACTER OF CORNELIUS. Six things said of him:

1. HE WAS A DEVOUT MAN. Verse 2.
 1. His morality was of a high standard, not one merely to satisfy the scanty standards of those who had a "form of godliness" but whose lives denied the power thereof.
 2. His religion was a religion of devotion.
2. ONE THAT FEARED GOD WITH ALL HIS HOUSE. Verse 2
 1. He took an interest in his family as well as his subordinates.
3. HE GAVE MUCH ALMS TO THE PEOPLE. Verse 2
 1. His employment was to visit the sick, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the fatherless and the widows. Gal. 6:10; James 1:27
 2. He was a man of large-hearted liberality
 1. How many Christians would be surprised and startled if the carefully asked themselves and answered the question, "WHAT PROPORTION OF MY INCOME DO I GIVE TO GOD?"
4. HE PRAYED TO GOD ALWAYS. Verse 2
 1. He did not appear before the Lord empty. He sent up prayers and alms together.
 2. He did not merely pray for the Lord to bless the sick, widow, orphan, save the sinner, he helped the Lord to do something about it...AND THE LORD HELPED CORNELOUS.
5. HE WAS A JUST MAN. Verse 22
 1. A righteous man. An honest man. Rom. 12:17
6. HE WAS A MAN OF GOOD REPORT. Verse 22
 1. Good standing among all the nations of the Jews.

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