Cully 5 Sermon Sunday morning at Glasgow, Kentucky, January 73,1,1968
INTRODUCTION:
The subject toward which we are directed: TIME. What is time?
 <u>TIME IS MEASURED DURATION</u> Being measured distinguishes TIME from eternity which is without measure: Eternity immeasurable.
 WE DIVIDE TIME INTO SEVERAL PORTIONS We divide time into: seconds, minutes, half-hours, hours, days, weeks, months, years, decades, centuries, and even
 We are not greatly concerned about milleniums, nor even centuries. We are greatly concerned about weeks, months, years, decades, because we thinks such measures of time are within our life-span. 3.
 3. <u>CONSIDER THE TRUE CHARACTER OF TIME</u> Time assists us in the distribution and arrangement of our affairs. Time is the measure of our earthly existence which may be a few seconds, or stretching away through many years. (A vapor, James 4:14) Time is the stream which bears us a way to the ocean of eternity.
 4. <u>CONSIDER THE REAL VALUE OF TIME</u> <u>I am at utter loss</u> to find words that would carefully and correctly value time. <u>Regarding the value</u> of time we consider:
 When this hour is gone it will not return to us. <u>Gone forever</u>. There is not substitute for time. There is no surplue of time. Example: Surplus war material along with all other surplus materials. There is no mart where surplus time can be purchased. No sales advertising "Surplus Time."
3. How some value time: Somebody is reported to have said: "My kingdom for a day!" Still another would have raised that price when he said; "A thousand kingdoms for just one hour!"
 Time cannot be bought for one kingdom or a thousand. If it could be you would not have the kingdoms with which to make the purchas
 <u>CONSIDER THE BREVITY OF THE TIME ALLOTTED TO US</u> No even, regular amount of time is guaranteed to us. But let us take a long life: <u>Psalms 90:10</u>, "The days of our years are three score years and ten;
 and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." 3. Most do not reach half that period, and if so we must make some deductions. (Income tax deductions) Some one figured out that: <u>Ten</u> of our years are spent in childhood and folly. <u>Twenty-three</u> are spent in sleep. so that about <u>37 years</u> would be maximum time in which we may work in preparing ourselves.
 <u>CONSIDER THE RIGHT APPLICATION OF TIME.</u> The use we must make of our time: Life is the period of our stewardship, the time of our probation. Some people are as sting with ther time as they are with their money: hoard it up and squander 99% of it them selves. (Poor stewardship)

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- 7. THE COURSE RECOMMENDED IN THE PREPARATION. "REDEEMING THE TIME"
 - 1. What it means to "Redeem The Time." This means:
 - 1. Literally, "Buying up the time." Literally, of course, we cannot buy time as I have atready pointed out. But in a sense we can. How? Examples:
 - 1. The traveller who has loitered along the way, may swiftly hasten onward: "Redeeming the time."
 - 2. The workman who has lost his morning opportinuty, may by diligence and extensive exertions do much to make it up.
 - 2. MORE of doing good to all men ... Especially to them who are of the household of faith. Gal. 6:10
 - 1. Always near us are the troubled, the weary, the unfortunate.
 - 2. It is our duty to help as best we can to make the world a happier, and a better world.
- 8. THE MOTIVE FOR REDEEMING THE TIME. "Because the days are evil." Verse 16 1. The days are evil because:
 - 1. They are uncertain in number. You may have but few left.
 - 2. They are days of temptation and sin.
 - 1. Much will oppose you ... Many things to draw you aside from the Lord.
 - 2. The unfriendly world will oppose you. It is by us that the world will be won to the Lord, if
 - it is every won over to the Lord and his way.
 - 3. Your days, as many have already experienced, are liable to be interrupted by infirmity and sickness.
 - 1. Past opportunities are no longer in the market.
 - 2. Your opportunities, and means, and physical powers of exertion will be gone...unavailable. Then you will cry out, "My kingdom for a day," even "A thousand kingdoms for a day." The sad truth: 1. You will not have even one kingdom much less a thousand.
- 9. We MIGHT COMPRESS OUR TEXT INTO TWO LINES. They would be:
 - 1. Look diligently to your selves ...
 - 1. We need to understand that we are in an unfriendly world, often hostile world.
 - 2. There is an unfavorable spiritual atmosphere; by the forces of Satan whose aim is to weaken and destroy the finest fruits of the spiritual life.
 - 2. And your opportunites.
 - 1. Redeeming the time, buying back the time, buying up the time, means that there is some cost involved. Suggestions:
 - 1. You were not redeemed but by great cost and sacrifice.
 - 2. David would not offerunto the Lord that which cost him nothing. 2 Sam. 24:18-25

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- 3. Neither can you carry out the will of the Lord without sacrifice and cost to yourself. This will involve:
 - 1. TIME: More than one hour.
 - 2. Talent: Using your ability for the Lord ... not hiding it in a whole like the wicked and unprofitable servant.
 - Many people spend more money for cigarettes, including 3. Money: tobacco in all forms, than they give to the Lord's work.
 - 4. AFFECTION: "Lovest thou me more than these?", was the question the Lord asked of Peter. Do you?

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