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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20)

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## "The Dying Words Of Both Saints And Sinners"—A Sermon By Roy Beaman

It is important to note how men die. Will the things men live by support them in death? Will the parachute of life open in the last dive? Will the submarine of life come out of the waters of death? All the journey is lost unless the plane can make a safe landing. Will your hope bear up in death? Does Christianity bear up in the hour of death?

A great scientist friend of mine, Dr. J. Gordon Ogden, said, "I will wake up after I have passed away." How will the waking be with your soul? My deep concern about your soul leads me to speak on this theme today.

The apostle Paul wrote triumphantly from the Roman prison, "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand, I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me in that day; and not to me only but to all them also that love His appearing." I want you to contrast the words of two unbelievers with this triumphant attitude.

David Strauss, a German rationalist, felt this way near the close of his life, "My philosophy leaves me utterly forlorn; I feel like one caught in the merciless jaws of an automatic machine, not knowing at what moment one of its great hammers may crush me." Beware of the route of rationalism.

Clarence Darrow, the great criminal lawyer, about a year before his death, said something like this, "I do not say I can look back over my life with any degree of satisfaction." If unbelief fails to give satisfaction, why go toward death with it?

Let me tell you what the Associated Press publicized from Mr. Darrow about three years before his death March (Continued on Page Four)

## To Be Polite In Church

Be on time. Late-comers disturb the worship.

Reading papers and writing notes are disrespectful.

Reverence for God suggests silence and bowed heads during prayer.

Move to the center of the pew rather than make others crawl over you.

Remain until the service is ended.

Writing on songbooks indicates a thoughtless disregard for the property of the Lord.

Introduce your friends to others about you, and remember to make strangers feel welcome.

Don't hurry away after services. Some one might want to speak to you.

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## ELDER W. C. PIERCE



## What Others Thought Of W. C. Pierce

"Brother W. C. Pierce, veteran Pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church of Catlettsburg, has been honored and esteemed among all who have been privileged to know him. He was a man of deep conviction, ever loyal to the Word of God and an ardent advocate of the Baptist faith. His deep piety and personal purity along with his genteel spirit of meekness command the highest respect of all people whether they agreed with him or not on every point of theology. Brother Pierce is a beautiful example of a Christ-like, Spirit-led life. He was a prodigious student and a marvelous teacher of the Word of God. We shall ever revere his memory as being among the choice spirits who travel upon this level of time."—Dr. Garis T. Long, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Ashland, Ky.

"Brother Pierce was the most godly man that I have ever known. Pollard Baptist Church owes everything to him."—W. K. Wood, pastor of the Pollard Baptist Church.

"My association with Brother Pierce has caused me to realize the necessity of walking with God."

—Sam Sloan, pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church, Catlettsburg, Ky.

"I have known brother Pierce for twenty eight years. He is the most Godly man I have ever known. In his daily walk and service he reminded people of Jesus. He taught by precept and example. He truly ministered to the people."—J. M. Brickey, a member of the Pollard Baptist Church.

"Brother Pierce was a man who loved the Lord. His actions spoke louder than words. He was little in stature but great in God's Word."—M. C. Denny, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Ashland, Ky.

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## Funeral Sermon Concerning W. C. Pierce

By W. K. WOOD

I feel that I should be sitting with the family instead of preaching the funeral sermon.

I knew Brother Pierce first of all as a minister in Murray, where the great Boyce Taylor lived and wrought and died. He and Brother Pierce meant more to my life than any two ministers in all the world. How I thank God for every preacher! How I love them, and I trust in my own heart that I may be able to conduct myself that they shall love me.

I have known Brother Pierce by following him to a pastorate. That is where you certainly find the life of a preacher—where he has lived and wrought and carried on. I have had the joy of being in pastorates following some of the greatest men that have ever lived—such men as Dee Wood, W. C. Pierce, and many others who have gone on before us. When you follow a man to a pastorate, certainly there you would know him.

In my acquaintance with Brother Pierce in his home, I can say just as Mother Pierce said, "As you see him in public, so he was in private."

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## Eld. W. C. Pierce Departs To Be With His Lord And Wait For His Reward

Funeral services for Elder W. C. Pierce, seventy-six years old, associate pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church of Catlettsburg, were conducted from that church on Friday, May 23, with the burial following in the Catlettsburg cemetery.

Brother Pierce's death occurred Wednesday morning at his home following a serious illness of the past month.

In a most impressive manner the funeral services were conducted. Brother Sam Sloan, present pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church of Catlettsburg, read Psalm 90, I Cor. 10:31, Col. 3:17—the favorite Scriptures of Brother Pierce. The church choir sang two old familiar gospel hymns: "How Firm A Foundation," and "Face To Face." Brother W. K. Wood delivered the funeral message which appears elsewhere in this issue.

Brother Pierce was one of Eastern Kentucky's most beloved ministers. Doubtlessly no man has ever exerted the influence in Greenup Association as Brother Pierce. As an evidence of the esteem in which he was held, the editor noticed an unsaved man in the funeral service who had driven over two hundred miles to attend the service.

Brother Pierce was ordained to the ministry in July 1889, with his first pastorate at Elkton, Kentucky.

He held two Kentucky and two Tennessee pastorates before coming to Catlettsburg in 1896 to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, a charge he held until 1903. He left Catlettsburg the first time to accept a call at Orlinda, Tenn. After four years there he became ill and remained in retirement for two years. In 1913 he began a five year pastorate at the Pollard Baptist Church in Ashland. During the last year of his pastorate there, 1917-1918, he served half-time pastorates at the Ashland church and the First Baptist Church of Catlettsburg.

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## A Swarm Of "Be's"

Be a cheerful giver. II Cor. 9:7.

Be steadfast in prayer. Col. 4:2.

Be friendly and helpful. Gal. 6:2.

Be worshipful and reverent. John 4:24.

Be prompt for all services. Romans 12:11.

Be a daily reader of the Bible. Acts 17:11.

Be a doer of that which is good. Gal. 6:10.

Be a regular visitor to those in need. Jas. 1:26, 27.

Be a regular attendant at all services. Heb. 10:25.

Be generous and charitable of other's mistakes. Matt. 7:5.

Be a regular reader of some good religious literature. II Tim. 4:13.

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## OUR TENT

Next week we will publish a picture of our new tent, and will give a list of all those who have contributed toward it. How we thank God that we have been able to get it, and how we rejoice for the blessings of God which are anticipated in the preaching of the gospel in this new tent.

## THE SERMON THIS WEEK

For the first time in 118 issues of this paper, we are making an exception in that we are printing for our weekly sermon the funeral message de-

## A GOOD MAN DEPARTS

"The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips; he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity." Malachi 2:6.

Thus the character, the work, the life, and the influence of W. C. Pierce's ministry is described.

He possessed the mind of Paul; the heart of John; the eloquence of Apollos; the sympathy of Aquilla; and the uncompromising spirit of John the Baptist.

He was a Baptist first, last, and always. He loved his Lord. He loved his Bible. He hated unionism. He hated heresy. He hated modernism.

To him God was more than an influence; God was a living personality. He never promised anything—without saying, "The Lord willing."

He has inspired hundreds of preachers both with his words of counsel and by his silent influence. I know, for many times I have gone to him for counsel.

To appreciate him meant to appreciate Christ, for he lived as close to God as any man of my acquaintance. I loved him more than any man in the ministry. May God bless our memory of him. J. R. G.

## TWO SPLENDID BOOKS

We have just received from Elder Sam Morris of Del Rio, Texas, two of the finest books it has been the editor's pleasure to read in many days.

Possibly many of our readers know that Brother Morris carries on two daily broadcasts over station XEG, crusading in behalf of temperance. His program is known as "The Voice of Temperance," and can be heard each evening at 8:30 and also at 10:00 P. M. Central Standard Time, at 1050 on your dial.

Growing out of these broadcasts, he has compiled what he calls "The Voice of Temperance Scrap Book." It is the finest compilation of poems and other material concerning the cause of temperance that the editor has ever seen. You will find one of these in this issue, namely, "Amen! Hurrah For The Pig." This is a sample and others will appear from time to time.

The second book by Brother Morris is "Blessed Assurance." In this Brother Morris discusses our Christian assurance. He deals with his subject under the following heads:

"Salvation and Safety"—2 Timothy 1:12.

"Salvation and Certainty"—Job 19:25.

"Comfort and Consolation"—Romans 8:28.

"Resurrection Assurance"—2 Cor. 5:1.

"Heavenly Recognition"—1 Cor. 13:12.

"Realization"—1 John 3:2.

"Application"—1 John 3:3.

In days of great distress such as exists today, it will comfort, stimulate, and inspire every Christian to read this book.

No price is published concerning either of these books, but we imagine that they are about twenty-five cents each. However, I would make a suggestion that you write Sam Morris, Box 1067, Del Rio, Texas, and ask for these two books, and inclose a dollar in your letter. Whatever in addition you send above the cost of the books, will go for his work on station XEG, which is a worthwhile and blessed ministry.

livered by Elder W. K. Wood at the memorial services for Elder W. C. Pierce. May God bless the message to the good of our readers.

## A LETTER WE SHARE WITH YOU

Paducah, Kentucky  
May 12, 1941

The Baptist Examiner  
Russell, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

I am inclosing one dollar for which you may send me The Baptist Examiner.

I am a postman here in Paducah, and have noticed your paper for sometime, and like it, so send me all copies of May. I have neglected sending for your paper for sometime. It sounds more like Brother B. H. Taylor's paper than any I have read lately.

I have borrowed a paper, May 10 issue, and enjoyed reading Brother Gilpin's sermon; also enjoyed Brother C. W. Dickerson's letter from South America.

May God bless you in all your work for the Lord.

Yours in Christ,

E. B. Nall  
2408 Jefferson Street  
Paducah, Kentucky

## SOME APPRECIATED COMMENTS

"I am sure glad to get the Examiner. Glad to know that one man stands four-square with God and our Lord Jesus. Your article dealing with Rev. Sampey is well worth the price of the Examiner. Keep the work up."

Albert Jackson  
Williamson, W. Va.

"Just a few lines to express to you my appreciation as a subscriber of your wonderful paper, THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

We live in happy anticipation awaiting its coming into our home each week. Then there is very little takes place until we have read its entire contents which are always wholesome all the way through.

What we need today it seems to me, is more men with the conviction that the truth is what the world needs instead of a lot of soft soap which we hear from the average pulpit today.

We are truly living in a day when they will not endure sound doctrine, and in a day when men are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God seeking primarily the praise of men."

Dewey Noffsinger  
Mortons Gap, Ky.

"Just a few lines to know whether you have any extra copies of the Examiner of the March first issue. I thought of so many that ought to read it. I was shaving while my wife was reading the sermon, "Jesus' Prayer of Intercession," and I could hardly keep from crying out loud for joy. I guess I ought to have done so in praise and honor to God for preaching such a sermon through one of His humble servants. I would like to have forty or fifty copies of that issue if you have any extra ones on hand, to distribute among the people. They surely would do some good. It seems to me that the paper gets better all the time, but they will not get any better than the last sermon in the March first issue. I surely would be glad if I could have at least a hundred in tract form, or five hundred would be better."

—W. H. Sego  
Macon, Ky.

"I would like to know when you broadcast so that I might listen to you over the radio. I surely do enjoy the sermons in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. It thrills my soul just to read them. I can almost hear you speak the words there!"

—Elder R. E. Simpson  
West Port, Tenn.

## ELD. W. C. PIERCE TO BE WITH HIS LORD

AND WAIT FOR HIS REWARD  
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When the First Baptist Church of Catlettsburg was destroyed by fire in 1932, the congregations of the First and Second Baptist Churches merged to form the Missionary Baptist, a charge he held until a year ago when failing health forced his semi-retirement and he became associate pastor.

Thirty-six ministers attended the funeral services as follows:

Elder S. M. Meade, Catlettsburg, Kentucky; Elder G. G. Lanter, Ashland, Kentucky; Elder Forrest Sparks, Catlettsburg, Kentucky; Elder Cletus Wiley, Catlettsburg, Kentucky; Elder William Williams, Ashland, Kentucky; Elder W. K. Wood, Ashland, Kentucky; Elder Sam Sloan, Catlettsburg, Kentucky; Elder M. C. Denny, Ashland, Kentucky; Elder Sam Raborn, Ashland, Kentucky; Elder Roy Hamilton, Greenup, Kentucky.

Eld. L. A. Music, Raceland, Kentucky; Elder John R. Gilpin, Russell, Kentucky; Elder W. B. Curnutte, Louisa, Kentucky; Elder W. H. Crofts, Huntington, West Va.; Elder S. L. Branham, Germantown, Kentucky; Elder E. L. Branham, Williamson, West Va.; Elder Alonzo Outland, Grayson, Kentucky; Elder Clark O'Banion, Grayson, Kentucky; Elder Bert Caldwell, Huntington, West Va.; Elder R. J. Adkins, Ashland, Kentucky; Elder Nelson Webb, Ceredo, West Va.; Elder Rans Hill, Sandy Hook, Kentucky.

Elder R. M. May, Ashland, Kentucky; Elder J. E. Miller, Fullerton, Kentucky; Elder Charles Caldwell, Ashland, Kentucky; Elder G. C. Cavanaugh, Vanceburg, Kentucky; Elder Sherman Woods, Ashland, Kentucky; Elder Garis T. Long, Ashland, Kentucky; Elder L. H. Tipton, Ashland, Kentucky; Elder Bascom P. Hillman, Ashland, Kentucky; Elder William M. Kretschmer, Hitchens, Kentucky; Elder J. R. Dorroh, Grayson, Kentucky; Elder Bryan Porter, Ashland, Kentucky; Elder Cameron Welch, Ashland, Kentucky; Elder W. H. Curl, Ashland, Kentucky.

United in marriage in July, 1893, to Miss Jenny Peay who survives, Elder Pierce leaves the following children: Mrs. W. L. Clore of Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Hosea Freeman of Catlettsburg, Conway Pierce of Chicago, Ill., Stanton Pierce of Richmond, Va., and Dr. Vinson Pierce of Covington, Ky. Five grandchildren survive. Elder Pierce was the eldest of eight brothers, seven of whom survive. They are Walter, John, Oscar and Marion, all of Salem, Ky., Dick Pierce of Maysville, Mich., Wirt Pierce of Los Angeles, Calif., and James Pierce of Elizabethtown, Ky.

To quote the words of Pastor L. H. Tipton, we remind our readers, "The death of this grand old soldier of Jesus Christ is not defeat, but a release, a triumph, a promotion."

When fear knocks at the door, send faith to open it, and you'll find no one there.

"I don't know how that I began receiving THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I surely like to read your paper. I like to read after an old time Baptist, as I am one myself. We are living in a day when we have but few left."

—Elder T. L. Cumming  
Byrdstown, Tenn.



# FUNERAL SERVICES CONCERNING W. C. PIERCE

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It has been my joy to know him in meetings here in Catlettsburg. I think we have been together in four revival meetings here. How sweet and how blessed were those days together. Then, we have been associated in Conferences, and in more funerals than with any other man with whom I have joined hands in these twenty years in Ashland. In days of perplexity, in days of sorrow, and days of rejoicing, what fellowship! We have slept together, we have eaten together, we have roamed the hills on missionary tours in this association and elsewhere. I have seen him under fire, and have never seen him falter. May I repeat that he was the most Godly man I have ever known.

There are so many texts today that come to my mind. Last Sunday afternoon as Mother Pierce and I sat together, she seemed to think then that the end was near, and she said, "I want you to conduct the funeral if he passes—you and the beloved pastor, Brother Sloan. I said, "Well, mother, I will do the best I can. It will be like preaching my own father's funeral to do it, but I shall do the best I can." Then texts of Scripture began coming to my mind and kept flooding in continuously.

I thought first of all to speak from this text: "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel." (2 Sam. 3:38).

Then another: 2 Timothy 2:3—"Endure hardness as a good soldier of Christ Jesus."

Still another: 2 Timothy 4:7—"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but to all them that love his appearing."

And then another Scripture: Acts 11:22, 24—"Barnabas was a good man and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith; and much people was added unto the Lord."

Then still another: Prov. 22:1—"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold."

Then the text the preacher used when my father left us: Eccl. 7:1—"A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth."

I have chosen Eccl. 7:1—"A good name."

## I

A good name, my friend, is not always to be inherited. The last public address I heard Brother Pierce give was relative to growing old. His theme was "Growing Old Gracefully." I thought it was a masterpiece. He seemed to stand out as a prince among preachers that day. We all sat at his feet, and he said, "If you would grow old gracefully, you must have a good beginning." But, none of us by nature have a good beginning. All are the "children of wrath, even as others." The children of the flesh are not the children of God. Dear one, if you are going back to some noted ancestor today for your character and for your reputation, then you certainly have failed in this world. The Bible would say, "There is none righteous, no, not one."

A good name is not based upon our goodness nor our righteousness, but upon the goodness of God in Christ Jesus. "If any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creation; old things are passed away, behold, all things be-

come new." Paul would say, "It is no more I that live, but Christ that liveth in me; and the life I now live, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Mrs. Pierce said to Brother Long and to me the other day as we sat together, "I thought some years ago, especially when we were first married, that he was just a good man; but I have come to find through these nearly fifty years of living with him, that his life was the fruit of the spirit." Then she quoted, "Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, meekness, temperance." And anybody on the face of the earth that has ever come in contact with W. C. Pierce, could see that fruit in his life. "For me to live is Christ," I think was his motto. Like Moses, he would "choose to suffer the affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of reward."

## II

Yes, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor than silver and gold."

Brother Pierce bore a good name as a husband. All would do well today to imitate this good man in his love and his devotion for his companion. Every time I heard him perform a marriage ceremony, he would read, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it. And the wife see that she reverence her husband." This Scripture they both fulfilled to the letter. Their life, as I have known them, has been one continuous honeymoon. Oh, Mother Pierce, you have meant so much to the successful life of this great and good man.

Brother Pierce also had a good name as a father. A man's name is loved and honored and respected through the family he gives to the world. I think that is one reason why God said, "Honor thy father and thy mother." "A wise son maketh a glad father." How wonderfully blessed this world has been through their children, for to this good couple were given three noble sons and two faithful daughters who are living lives of honor and devotion to God and to their parents, carrying along for generations to come, a good name.

Brother Pierce also bore a good name as a citizen. Our brother read that to you a moment ago in the obituary. I think for some twenty-five years that he has been the number one citizen of Catlettsburg. If all men lived like he lived, the whole world would be at peace today. You can have all the wars and settle them as you may; you can have all the peace conferences in the world and all the great men signing their names to peace documents; but peace will come when the Saviour—the Prince of Peace, is crowned King of Kings and Lord of Lords in our own lives. The peace of God that passeth all understanding, comes through Him.

But the greatest name and the greatest thing connected with this good man's life, I think, is that of a minister. He fulfilled the qualifications of God's called man. "This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house,

having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil." (1 Tim. 3:1-7).

There were people on the outside who did not always agree with our brother's devoted life to Christ and his condemnation of sin, but there wasn't a bootlegger, gambler, nor harlot in all this country that did not respect him.

This great preacher got his message from God. I think his desire was expressed in Psalm 19:14—"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." He was a prince among ministers, and they all respected him and sought his advice and help. "Know ye not that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel."

He was a soldier of the cross. Beloved, he never dipped his colors. He fought a good fight, and kept the faith; henceforth, there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness and not for him only, but all those who love his appearing."

"Am I a soldier of the cross,  
A follower of the Lamb,  
And shall I fear to own His cause,  
Or blush to speak His name?"

Must I be carried to the skies  
On flowery beds of ease,  
While others fought to win the prize,  
And sailed thro' bloody seas?

Are there no foes for me to face?  
Must I not stem the flood?  
Is this vile world a friend to grace,  
To help me on to God?

Since I must fight if I would reign,  
Increase my courage, Lord;  
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,  
Supported by Thy word."

He was a minister of great faith. There are so many preachers today who are afraid they are going to starve to death, and they are afraid they won't have enough to support their family and educate them. I do not believe there was ever a time when this man did not believe that God would supply all of his needs through his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. This man's faith showed by his works. "Show me thy faith without thy works," says James, "and I will show thee my faith by my works. Faith without works is dead."

His ministry was a sacrificial ministry the giving of himself wholeheartedly to the task from the time that God called him, until the third Sunday before he left us when he stood before his class preaching the Word of God. He presented his body a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God which was his reasonable service. He believed the words of the Lord Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

He was a faithful steward, and how we all loved to hear him speak on "Stewardship." One of his favorite Scriptures which he used and quoted so many times was, "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your spirit and in your body which are his."

He was a steward of the manifold grace of God, and of this one man, we can say that God's grace was not bestowed on him in vain. His time by night and day was given to his Saviour and Lord. All he had, and all he expected to have was in his Saviour's hands. May I quote the Scripture which Brother Sloan read a moment ago: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to

the glory of God." I never saw this man waste a moment of time nor a penny of money. I never heard a word from his lips that would have been unbecoming to the most refined lady to hear. He rests from his labors, but thank God, his works follow on.

## III

First of all, his name will live in all those he has led to Jesus, and I wonder how many in this audience today have been led to Christ by this good man. I wonder how many of you have been baptized by him. On Wednesday evening, one of the older men of our church, said, "He was the first man that spoke to me about my soul." John Savage, one of our good men, saw Brother Pierce going along with tracts, handing them out, as he always did. He gave one to John and passed on. He turned to his wife and said, "I would like to have religion like that." All of us would! Mrs. Carey Wurts, who is in the audience today, lived in his home for a long time. Years ago, she said, "If I should pick out a sinless man, it would be W. C. Pierce." How he influenced the lives of those about him.

Thank God that he lives through the lives of those he has trained. Will you ever forget, Brother Tipton, when he recently came and sat in your class and took an evangelistic study, training himself for service. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Then, my friend, he lives on in the lives of those over whom he has been the under-shepherd. Then too, in the sick room and in the hour of death. I do not know how many funerals he has preached, but as we drove along today, I said to my wife and children, "How many times has he gone along like this for the sake of others," — the rich and the poor, the high and the low, religious and non-religious — he has been a pastor to them all.

He lives on through those he has married. More than five thousand couples have stood before him—ten thousand people. Say they have an average of three children in the home this would be fifteen thousand more. What do you have? A great city of people who have been blessed of God by him. Surely we could all say, "Well done." Who would not want to live a life that this good man has lived.

"Lives of great men all remind us,  
We can make our lives sublime;  
And departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sand of time."

Who can forget or fail to honor such a good man. Brethren, I am not given to eulogy when it comes to preaching funeral sermons; but I must say the things that are on my heart in memory of this great man.

"The monarch may forget the crown  
That on his head so late hath been;  
The bridegroom may forget the bride  
Who was made his at the minister's hand;  
The mother may forget the babe  
That smiles so sweetly on her knee;  
But to forget thee,  
My dear Brother Pierce, I never will,  
And all thou hast done for me."

But the scripture says it is better to pass away than to be born. I have read that so many times and have said, "How could it be? And especially to a faithful man like this—one who lived so close to God. How could it be to come to the end of the trail like that? And yet, Solomon said it is to be preferred because to die is gain." For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heav-

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# FUNERAL SERVICES CONCERNING W. C. PIERCE

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ens." He would say again, "I have a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better." "In thy presence there is fulness of joy, and at thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore." Jesus lived in this good man, and now this dear brother is living with Jesus.

The Saviour prayed, "Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovest me before the foundation of the world."

"Oh, that will be  
Glory for me, glory for me;  
When by His Grace,  
I shall look on His face,  
That will be glory for me."

There, we can say, "For thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood." We loose, but He gains. The earth has lost, but Heaven is made sweeter. And why has Brother Pierce gone there? Because of his own personal goodness and righteousness? No. Because, my friend, he ministered to thousands, literally giving his life to them? No. No man ever gets to Heaven by anything he has done, that he is doing, or will do. You are going to Heaven on the merits of Christ. "The blood of Jesus Christ, his son, cleanse us from all sin."

It was a glorious day when the spirit of this man departed to be with God. One day I read the book of Revelation through at one sitting for one purpose—to find out how all the people got to Heaven, in the past, how all the people are going to Heaven now, and how all the people will get there in the ages to come. There is only one way, and that's the blood of Christ.

In my imagination I can see people coming up to Heaven's gates. I can see them coming with fame and fortune and knocking there at the gates of Glory. And as they would knock, some one would say, "You can't come except you be worthy." They would offer then, gold and silver and precious stones. But the answer comes back, "Ye are not redeemed by corruptible things, as gold and silver, but with the precious blood of Jesus Christ," and they were turned away from the beautiful gate. In my imagination, I could see preachers come up there who have preached salvation by works, and they came and said, "Have we not prophesied in thy name, and in thy name cast out devils, and in thy name done many wonderful works?" Then the Master Himself said, "Depart from me. I never knew you."

The other morning, there came another at the Pearly gates of Glory. From the inside I can hear, "You can't come in except you be worthy." I can hear this noble soul saying, "I am not worthy. I have done nothing to merit my entrance. I don't plead a single deed I ever did. I plead the merit of only One—the blessed Lord Jesus." Then I hear a multitude of voices in the choir begin to sing, "Thou art worthy to take the book and open the seals thereof for thou hast redeemed us by thy blood." And the whole host of Heaven welcomed W. C. Pierce in on the merits of the Son of God. Oh, could I hear them say, "Lift up your heads O ye gates, and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors, and let this servant of the most high God come in."

"I want to go there don't you?  
I expect to be there,  
I aim to be there,  
I want to go there don't you?"

This isn't a day of great sorrow—it is the coronation day. It is one of the

# "THE DYING WORDS OF BOTH SAINTS AND SINNERS" - A SERMON BY ROY BEAMAN

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13, 1938, "It has taken me fifty years to learn there is nothing after death." I said in a sermon over WPAD, Paducah, Ky., the Sunday after his death that it took only five seconds after death for him to learn the folly of his way. That is why I warn you today not to follow the route of the atheist, agnostic, or unbeliever.

Col. Robt. G. Ingersoll and Evangelist Dwight L. Moody each lost a brother in death. Was there any contrast in the way they acted and felt in that hour?

Colonel Ingersoll, with streaming tears and his hand resting on his brother's coffin, said something like this, "Life is a dark and barren valley between the cold ice-clad peaks of two eternities. We strive sometimes to look beyond the darkness for the light. Sometimes we cry for help but there comes back to us nothing but the echo of our own cry." Then he bowed his head on his hand and sat down weeping.

With tear bathed face Dwight L. Moody leaned his elbow on the coffin of his brother and exclaimed, "Friends and neighbors, I thank God that He ever gave me a brother. I thank Him also that He permitted me to lead him to Jesus. I thank God that I can now look down into his face and know that I shall see him again." Standing a moment with hand uplifted and eyes looking into the eternities, he suddenly shouted aloud and triumphantly, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

The death of these two great men, great in their widely divergent fields, is indeed instructive. One says that the funeral of Robt. Ingersoll was so black with gloom that his friends desired to have nothing said about it.

How did Moody die? "Earth is receding; heaven is opening; God is calling," he said. His son Will tried to say that it was not that bad. "No, I am in the gates. I have seen the children," referring to two grandchildren that died the year before. "No pain, no valley. Is this death? This isn't bad; it is sweet; it is bliss. This is my coronation day, and I have been looking forward to it for years."

Do you prefer to die like Ingersoll or Moody? Jesus Christ alone makes the difference.

How did Julian the Emperor die? Having caught only the husk of Christianity and missing the kernel, he sought to exterminate the gospel from the Roman Empire. When at last he fell in battle, he took in his hand a clot of his own blood and in a mixture of despair and hatred hurled it toward heaven and cried, "Thou has conquered, O Nazarene." Why not let Him conquer now by voluntary surrender to Him? Beware, you cannot win out fighting Jesus.

His betrayer, Judas Iscariot, moaned just before he committed suicide, "I have betrayed innocent blood." Not to believe on Christ as Savior is to betray His innocent and atoning blood.

Tom Paine, author of the "Age of Reason," was a great apostle of unbelief. How did his reason bear him up in death's throes? He could be heard half a mile across the fields, yelling with anguish—at one moment cursing God and Christ and the next piteously screaming for mercy. He died in

days of all days, and therefore I think we ought to stand and sing, "All hail the power of Jesus' name."

the ravings of blasphemy. He confessed, "I would give worlds, if I had them, if the 'Age of Reason' had never been published. O Lord, help me! Stay with me! It is hell to be alone!" The nurse that waited on Paine ever afterward asked is the man to be nursed were a Christian. If not, she refused the job because of the horrors of the death of Paine the Reasoner. I don't want you to die like that. Trust Jesus now while mercy pleads.

The head of an English infidel club, Sir Francis Newport, retorted to those gathered around his dying bed, "You need not tell me there is no God. I know now there is one and that I am in His angry presence! You need not tell me there is no hell, for I already feel my soul slipping into its fires! Tigers—Wretches. Cease your idle talk about there being hope for me. I know I am lost and lost forever! Oh, the insufferable pangs of hell! Oh, eternity! Forever and forever!"

When Stephen the first Christian martyr was being cruelly stoned to death for preaching Jesus, he uttered these two memorable prayers, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit - - Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." The glow of heaven was on his face. What do these wavings of hands and smiles of rest on the face of dying Christians mean if Jesus does not reveal Himself to them in that moment as He truly did to Stephen?

Why not cry out with double-minded Baalam, "Let me die the death of righteous and let my last end be like his"? Do more than cry out; trust Jesus to save.

Talleyrand, the French statesman, cried out, "I am suffering the pangs of the damned." Another French statesman, Leon Gambetta, confessed, "I am lost, and there is no use to deny it."

The French critic, novelist, and satirist, Anatole France, said to his secretary in his dying moments, "If you could read my soul, you would be horrified." His secretary gives this report, "He took my hand into his own, feverish and trembling. He looked into my eyes, and I say that his own were full of tears. His face was all ravaged, he sighed, 'There is not an unhappier creature than I in the whole universe. People think me happy. I have never been happy—not an hour, not a day. Do not pluck the veil from the temple with a brutal hand; pluck it away a little at a time—I have spent my whole life twisting dynamite into ornamental curls.' That needs no comment. Turn to Jesus lest you die that way."

Voltaire, a great French writer, died in despair. He had often ridiculed the Bible and said that in 100 years the Bible would not be known except in museums. The very room in which he wrote those words became a Bible House from which the Blessed Book goes out. His dying words were, "I am abandoned by God and man! I shall go to hell! O Christ, O Christ!" Better believe the Bible and trust the Saviour it reveals than end like Voltaire.

Charles IX, King of France, died in remorse, saying, "What blood, what murders, what evil counsels have I followed. I am lost! I see it well!" Hitler's day is coming as surely as God lives. Yours, too, if you go on without the Savior.

The approach of death changed the opinion of Sir Thomas Scott. He said, "Until this moment I thought there was neither God nor a hell. Now I know and feel there are both, and I am doomed to perdition by the just judgment of the Almighty." It will be too sad for you to go on and wake up when it is too late. Turn now to the Saviour.

I want you to have the confidence of

# WHAT OTHERS THOUGHT OF W. C. PIERCE

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Church, Ashland, Ky.

"No one ever had a better father, His discipline in the home was always constructive."

—Dr. Vinson Pierce, a son

"I have lived with him for forty eight years. He was in the home just as you saw him in public. I have never detected one selfish note in his life. To the end he was thinking of the welfare of others. It was the Spirit of God in him that caused him to be so patient and faithful in all his life and service."

—Mrs. W. C. Pierce, his wife.

"My association with brother Pierce has shown me that a man can walk with God today. Only God knows how much he has helped me to want my life to follow in His way." —E. E. Caldwell, Catlettsburg, Ky.

"Brother Pierce helped me to get started in the ministry and his life and ministry has helped me more than any other man. Truly a great man has fallen." Sherman Woods, Evangelist, Ashland, Ky.

"I believe that his life and testimony in respect to young preachers came nearer to that of the Apostle Paul than any other preacher of this locality today." —Forrest Sparks, pastor and Clerk of Greenup Association.

# SUBMARINE ATTACK

## ON BOOZE

For the married man who cannot get along without drinks, the following is suggested as a means of freedom from bondage to saloons:

Start a saloon in your own home. Be the only customer (you'll have no license to pay.) Go to your wife and give her eight dollars to buy a gallon of whiskey, and remember there are 69 drinks in a gallon. Buy your drinks from no one but your wife, and by the time that the first gallon is gone she will have thirty-two Dollars (\$32.00) to put into the bank and eight dollars to start business again.

Should you live ten years and continue to buy booze from her, and then die with snakes in your boots, she will have money enough to bury you decently, educate your children, buy a house and lot, marry a decent man, and quit thinking about you entirely.

The more of heaven there is in our lives, the less of earth we shall covet.

The path of the world seems pleasant enough if you don't stop to think where you're going.

David as he faced the death of his child. "He cannot return to me but I will go to him." Do you have such a hope? If not use the dying words of the robber on the cross when he cried out, "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom."

In conclusion, I warn you by these two examples. Thomas Hobbes, an English philosopher, 1588-1679, said in death, "I say again, if I had the world to dispose of, I'd give it to live one day more." But when death or judgment call for you, it will be too late. Queen Elizabeth is credited with saying in death, "All my possessions for a moment of time." Why not use now the moments that are passing? Why not trust Jesus now?

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