

Funeral Service for Robert Drummond

Father has left us weeping
Our hearts with grief are torn,
But he is only sleeping till the resurrection Morn.

His life was full of sunshine
And good deeds not a few
That tell on those around him
As the sun shines on the dew.

Isa. 53: 4. "Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. This is one of the hard texts to understand. Even though I say that I do not understand it I am not through. My faith still stands and thank God my faith is greater than my Ignorance. And so let me attempt to bring back to you that mourn the peace that only comes with faith in God. The Poet Tenneyson wisely said, " It is hard to believe God, but it is harder not to."

The hand of death has struck but how comforting are these words from the great apostle Paul, " I would not have you ignorant brethren concerning them that are asleep, that ye sorrow not ^{neither} have no hope. I Thess 4:13. And he says further, " For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of Glory II Cor 4:17. The sweet singer in Israel brings us these comforting words. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth out of them all." Ps.34:19. In the hour of sorrow as we cry to the Lord for deliverance we have the assurance that He heareth the cry of the afflicted. God is our refuge and our strength and a very present help in the time of need.

Our brother suffered much yet he patiently bore it. While he was never an ardent church goer yet in his own way he believed in God and toward the last he asked for and enjoyed prayer at his bedside. He now sleeps freed from all pain and suffering. Eccl. 9:5 tells us that the living know that they shall die, but the dead know not anything. The prophet Amos admonishes us to prepare to meet thy God. Each one assembled here this morning will one day have to answer this summons. Eccl 12: 13-14 sums it all up so beautifully for us, " For God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. At that time our lives will come under the microscope of God's all seeing eye. Friend are you prepared to answer that divine summons? If not there is a way.

Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost, therefore it behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren that He might be a faithful and merciful High Priest in the things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted. Thus having an Highpriest that can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities, and who has been tempted in all points even as we are, " Let us therefore come ~~boldly~~ boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace in time of need." " Whereby He is able to save them to the uttermost that cometh unto God by him, Seeing that He ever liveth to make intercession for them." Thank God that not only do we have an highpriest that can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities, and who is able and willing to save, but" Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.