

Heaviness maketh the heart stoop but a good word maketh it glad (Quality: Very good)

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- [0 : 00] Depending upon the help of God, I would direct your minds this morning to the book of Proverbs, chapter 12, verse 25.
- Heaviness in the heart of man maketh its due, but a good word maketh its due, but a good word maketh its due, but a good word maketh it glad.
- There's two sides to a true religion, a religion that God is the author of. There's the melody and there's the remedy.
- The melody is in the first part of our text, in the heart. The remedy is in the good word that maketh it glad.
- Our text speaks of days of adversity. It speaks of days of prosperity. It speaks of heaviness.
- [1 : 44] But it also speaks of the peace of God. As I said, there is two sides to a true religion. And we are brought to know by the Holy Spirit the melody first, and then the remedy.
- Some people speak of the remedy first. They give their heart to God. They do this, that, and the other, and God accepts it.
- Oh, what a solemn thing to be deceived in these matters of eternity. If we know nothing of the malady, we know nothing of the remedy, apart from the letter of it.
- But we need something more than the letter. We need the power of the Holy Spirit. So her text this morning speaks of the heart.
- [3 : 02] The heart of man. And that's where the Lord works. I've said at times, the heart is the tender spot.
- And it is. And the Lord often, in his work, by grace unto his people, he touches the tender spot.
- The heart. It's where her affections flow from. The heart. Now, by nature, we have an heart that is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked.
- We cannot deny that. The scripture declares it. And some of us have been brought to know it and to believe it.
- Not by reading, just reading of the word. Though the word tells us that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God.
- [4 : 03] We know that. But oh, what a mercy, dear friends, if of the Holy Spirit, the third person in the Trinity, hath entered within our turfly tabernacle.
- For we read, we become the temple of the Holy Ghost. And when the Holy Spirit enters into our heart, into our soul, there is a light from heaven.
- A light. I've spoken of it at times as being no more than the light of a globe. But it will give light upon the heart.

And it will bring us to a knowledge of ourselves, in some measure, of what we are by nature. No small mercy.

Though it is very, very painful. But it's no small mercy to be brought to a knowledge of our hearts by nature. And to know that our heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked.

[5 : 23] Much against our nature, but friends, it's the light of heaven. It's the light of the Spirit. And it proves to us that the Holy Spirit is now working within the heart.

So we are brought to that place, not only to view the heart by nature, but also to mourn over it. And that will bring heaviness.

The heart will be broken eventually.

And how? By what means? I've heard it said that sin will break the heart.

I cannot do it nor speak of it thus. Sin hardens. At least it has mine.

[6 : 35] It's hardened. Now what will break the heart of man? Why, by the grace of God. The grace of God.

As I pass on, I must mention this. One heart was broken by sin. One heart.

That was the heart of the Lord Jesus Christ. When he walked this earth. When he was here in a body like our own, apart from sin.

And his dear heart was broken too. When he bore the curse for you. On Calvary's cross.

Sin broke his heart. But it's the grace of God will break the poor sinners out. Just a few things that will cause the heart to be broken.

[7 : 43] I'm speaking of those that fear God. If we should have a little faith view. Of what he has done for our poor souls.

If we should have a little view of Calvary. A little view of the Lord Jesus Christ in his suffering. That will break a hard heart.

Of a poor sinner. Or when he's pleased to share of Lord. A little of that love and blood within our souls. That will break the hard heart.

That will soften it. That will bring it to his feet. Oh how wonderful the Lord works. By grace.

In the hearts of poor sinners. Whom he hath loved. With an everlasting love. First he gives the new spirit.

[8 : 46] And as we read at times in Ezekiel. A new spirit and a new heart. And he takes away the heart of stone. And gives the heart of flesh.

And that heart can be broken. By his mercy. Love and blood. And I'll go a little further. These hearts of errors can be broken.

By one look from him. To see his countenance. Or one look. From that most merciful God.

Within the soul. That will break the hardest heart. Crumble it. As it were. And bring us to his feet. In the heart.

And the heart at times is wounded. That's the work of the Holy Spirit. The work of the Holy Spirit. The work of the Holy Spirit.

[9 : 47] To convince a poor sinner's heart. Pierce it. That hour of conviction comes down. As it were from heaven. By the power of the Spirit.

And enters into the heart. So the Lord works. By his power.

And by his Spirit. In the hearts of his dear people. And our hearts are brought also. To fear him. And to love him.

And a desire in our hearts. To follow him. That the heart will know its own bitterness.

So our text tells us. Heaviness in the heart of man. Make it its doom. The Lord keeps his people very low.

[10 : 46] Very low. Every son whom he receiveth. Why we read. He chasteneth it. Scourges him. Brings him low.

You might be thinking. Well the Lord deals in mercy. He does. If a poor sinner. Has loved with an everlasting love.

Why should he have to walk this path. Ebbiness. And stooping. It's for this purpose. That we might look more earnestly. And more often unto him.

From a literal viewpoint. Parents love to see their children. Coming to them. Inquiring of them. Desiring help.

Or to be instructed. And so does the Lord. He looks upon his dear children. As they come to him. To the mercy seat. To plead his help and mercy.

[11 : 46] Is a fruit of God. So the Lord keeps his people low. He keeps them in heaviness. He keeps them stooping.

And it's for our good. And I believe for his honor and glory. And one of the burdens. To be carried upon the heart. In the.

Bodies. Of the Lord's dear children. Is a knowledge of. Sin. Sin. One of the heaviest burdens.

To be carried. Sin. Sin. It will make their hearts. Too often. Heaviness.

In the heart of man. Make it. It's too. Not that we have ever stooped. So low. As the Lord Jesus Christ. Impossible. He stooped.

[12 : 48] My friends. So low. Because of the heavy burden. He was carrying. And at times. There was an angel.

Came from heaven. To strengthen him. Sometimes. The Lord's dear people. Are so weighed down. Burden. Tried. Under the burden of sin.

And guilt upon the conscience. It stoops. But the Lord in mercy. At times. Comes. And helps that poor sinner. Gives him a little strength. And grace.

Strength. To bear it. Grace. To endure. And say to the poor sinner. My grace. Is sufficient. For thee. Heaviness.

In the heart of man. Make it. It's too. And there's many. Many things. That will bring us here. To know. This experience.

[13 : 43] Of heaviness. And stooping. Before God. My mind goes. Just for a moment. To those. Dear women. Of old. Naomi.

And. Ruth. Eventually. Ruth. Came to glean. In the. Fields of Boaz. We've seen. We've seen.

Pictures. At times. Of a woman. Gleaning. In a field. Spoken of. As Ruth. Stooping.

Stooping. Now. And that's the place. Dear friends. Before the Lord. To stoop. And that's the place. To glean. Is stooping.

In prayer. Under heaviness. And when we are enabled. To pray. And earnestly. Seek. For the blessings. That you. And I.

[14 : 43] So desire. It's a stooping fast. I've already said. The malady. And then. The remedy. As the malady. To. Bow.

And stoop. With heaviness. In the heart. And a praying spirit. For these great blessings. In the gospel. That's the first. And then.

The gleanings. As Ruth. Gleaned. A little. A handful. In the fields. Of Boaz. So. There's the stooping.

In prayer. Before we can expect. The answer of prayer. And the benefit. Of it. Heaviness. In the heart of man. Make it is too.

We look within our. Of the world. And as much. To cast us down. We look within our. Little denomination. And we are brought. Into the text.

[15 : 42] Heaviness. We think of the days. That have passed. In the days. Of our forefathers. When there was true. Spiritual prosperity.

In our land. And. Zion was built up. With living. And praying souls. Many. Came to the house.

Of God. Hungering. Thirsting. Longing. Panting. For spiritual things. And that's today. Where are we? Heaviness. Heaviness. In the heart of man.

Will make it stoop. As our little. Denomination. Sees to be. Fading out. And so few. That desire. The old paths.

Heaviness. We look. Within our. Own nation.

[16 : 38] In the awful things. That are taking place. Murder. Bloodshed. Powers of sin. Wickedness.

Things are so. Manifest. Within the villages. Towns. And cities. Of our land. It brings. Heaviness. Not to. Not to the world.

Not to the world. But it will bring. Heaviness. In the heart. Of those. That fear God. And then again. Dear friends.

It will bring. Heaviness. With holding. Of the Holy Spirit. In the preaching. Of the world. With holding.

Of the Holy Spirit. In the hearing. And the poor. Child of God. Mourns. Under this. And brought. Into heaviness. And stooped. Before God.

[17 : 38] Oh how we need. To be revived. In Zion. And looking. Within our own. Hearts. We see much there. As I've already mentioned.

And that will bring us. Even to the words. Of our text. And I'm thinking. Of that dear man. We have read of. A prophet of the Lord.

Did he not come into the text. Set thine house in order. For thou shalt die. And not live. Where did it bring him.

To turn his face to the wall. And wept. Heaviness in the heart. I may have some here. This morning. You've made many years here.

You've passed the three score years. And ten. Perhaps four score years. Death is on the way. We cannot.

[18 : 44] We cannot. We cannot. In any way. Or wise. Be delivered. From that. Experience.

The day must come. When you and I. Will draw our last breath. And enter into eternity. Heaviness in the heart.

As Ezekiel of old. He was brought low. Have I won here this morning. You fear the future.

How will it be. You may take the words. Of the poet. It said. At times. Pause my soul. And ask the question. Aren't thou ready to meet God.

Hast thou been made. A real Christian. Washed in thee. Redeemer's blood. And in union. With the church's living head. You look within.

[19 : 42] And you feel so unprepared. For eternity. And you are heavy laden. And it causes the heart. A stoop. Before God. You see.

Eternity. And perhaps. You look back at times. And it may be even this morning. And you feel. You cannot see. Much of the work of grace. Even with the poet.

Marks of grace. I cannot show. All polluted is my breast. Heaviness. In the heart. You long to have another visit.

From the Lord. Yet you are walking with Job. Oh. If I knew where I might find him. You long to hear his voice. But he is silent.

Be not silent unto me. One cried. Of old. Heaviness. In the heart. Say unto my soul.

[20 : 41] I am thy salvation. This comes from a heavy heart. A heart that's stooping. Therefore God. Desiring to be right. Now.

And for eternity. Heaviness. In the heart. You say. Well. Is this the way to heaven. It is.

The path of sorrow. And this path alone. That leads to the land. Where sorrow is unknown. Through much tribulation. He must enter into the kingdom.

Heaviness. In the heart of man. Make it its due. And it was so. With those dear people of old. We read a little of them.

In the length of Hebrews. But they walked by faith. But they were often cast down. Heaviness. What were they seeking?

[21 : 39] A heavenly country. Seeking it. Desiring it. Praying for it. A heavenly country. But the heaviness. Oh how often.

We've had to mourn. An absent God. Cannot see him. Hear not from him. Nothing comes. Without divine power.

You may come. To the house of God. Longing and praying. Praying for a crumb of mercy. Yet it doesn't seem. To come your way. You go to and throw.

Like a door. Upon its hinges. To and throw. To the house of God. Cannot clean anything. Cannot gather anything. No crumbs. And he brings you.

Into the text. Heaviness. In the heart. It will make you stoop. Just the way to heaven. I believe it is.

[22 : 38] Through much tribulation. No wonder. The dear man of old. Cried out. Remember me. Remember me. With a favor. That thou bearish.

Unto thy people. Oh visit me. With thy salvation. That's the language of Zion. That's the language of a poor sinner. Who longs to take hold of Christ.

Who longs for another token. Who longs to know his standing. Whether he's upon the rock. Christ Jesus or no. Longs to shelter.

In that wounded side of his. And yet. He doesn't be able. As it were. To stretch forth. And to take of those things.

That are so. Blessedly laid down. In the gospel. Heaviness in the heart of man. Make it its due. That woman who came to the well.

[23 : 41] To draw. Water. And saw one sitting. Sitting upon the well. She did not know him. At that time.

She never came. As it were. In the experience. Of the. Text. But I believe. She somewhat. Returned to the city. Inept.

Heaviness. Come see a man. That told me. All things that ever I did. Is not this the Christ. It comes to my mind.

What she said. To the Lord Jesus Christ. She said. The well is deep. You've got nothing to draw with. Nothing to draw with. When he sought.

A water. Drink. From that woman. The well is deep. Oh my dear friends. The well is deep.

- [24 : 40] The well of the gospel. It is deep. Nothing to draw with. The poor worldling. He's got nothing to draw. From that well of the gospel.
- Nothing whatever. Cannot reach it. Cannot behold it. His eyes is closed. Jesus lifted up. Jesus lifted up his voice to heaven unto his father.
- I thank thee. I thank thee. O Lord God of heaven and of earth. That thou hast hid these things. From the wise and prudent. And hath revealed them unto the babes. It's the babes who come to the well.
- The well is deep. Nothing to draw with. I believe the church of God.
- The living. They are enabled to draw from that well of the gospel. By living faith. Faith will reach it my friends. We cannot buy the hand.
- [25 : 37] But faith will reach it. God blessed water. In those deep wells of salvation. And until you find it.
- And taste of those rich streams. There will be heaviness in the heart. And your heart will stoop. Therefore God. Crown of mercy Lord I crave.
- Unworthy to be fed. With dainties such as angels have. Or with the children's place. Heaviness. And as I've already mentioned.
- As life is ebbing out. An eternity before us. Oh how we long. To know our standing. Heaviness.
- So the Lord leads his dear people along. In this experience. Longing to have. To be given more faith.
- [26 : 37] For they hope to be deepened. And long for more love. Toward him. And desiring grace. To obey his word.
- His commandments. Heaviness in the heart of man. I may have one here this morning. Troubled in the things of providence.
- And your heart is stooping before God. And longing to know his will. The Lord works most mysteriously.
- That him will never die out near friends. Never. On earth. Throughout. As long as this world exists. God moves in a mysterious way.
- His wonders to perform. He prances footsteps in the sea. And rides upon the storm. Heaviness. Heaviness. Heaviness.
- [27 : 35] Heaviness. Well. This is the path I believe. In experience of every living soul. In some measure. I know God is a sovereign.
- He takes some of his dear people. Into deeper waters than others. But it's the same path. Being taught by the same spirit. And they will eventually arrive in the same place.
- Heaven. Heaviness. In the heart. In the heart. So.
- Heaviness. Heaviness. He came to this experience. And knew the path. Heaviness. That he received a good word.
- God sent a message to him. I will add unto thy life. Oh friends. Know that that was a good word.
- [28 : 43] Unto Ezekiah of old. That brought him to rejoice. A good word. Make it glad. Have you ever received a good word friends?
- Many words. Many good words. Are in the Holy Scripture. You know. If the Lord gives a word of rebuke. It's a good word.
- And the Lord's people will receive it. Somewhat as. The prophet Michael of old. I will bear the indignation of the Lord.

Because. I have sinned against him. A good word. A sweet word.

When it comes. By the Holy Spirit. To a poor sinner. Who's under the law. And knows he's broken the law. He knows he's a condemned sinner.

[29 : 48] That is by nature. Condemned. There seems no hope. No deliverance. But oh. What a good word it is.

When the Lord speaks into the soul. Into the heart. And says. Yea. I have loved thee. When you was first delivered. Go back to that time.

Dear friends. Some of you can. You can remember the days. When you were walking. In the path. Of sadness. You felt there was no hope.

No way of deliverance. No mercy. You felt to be. Some of the vilest of sinners. Do you remember that? You say.

Yes I do. Well remember it. Heaviness in the heart. But when the Lord. Broke through. All the dark loads. And. Revealed himself.

[30 : 44] Or gave you a word. Did you not receive it with joy? Jeremiah. Jeremiah. Jeremiah was. Very young in years. And the Lord was working.

In his heart. And the Lord said to him. Yea. I have loved thee. With an everlasting love. Therefore with loving kindness. I have drawn thee.

Oh. What a good word. Spoken in. Jeremiah's heart. No doubt. Full of heaviness. Stooping. Oh it is.

This stooping dear friends. When the Lord. Speaks. When the poor sinner. Is stooping. So low. So low. And so heavy burdened.

And the Lord. Delivers the poor sinner. With a word. From his own lips. And it makes the soul. Glad. With Mary Magdalene.

[31 : 46] When Jesus saw her. And said. At least called her by name. Mary. Oh what a word that was. Into her soul. That made.

Her heart rejoice. Christ. The poor woman. Who had that issue of blood. Those many years. And came.

To the Lord Jesus. Tried everything else. Nothing else. Could relieve her. Heaviness. Stooping.

Under her burden. Trial. Disease. Affliction. But Jesus. There on the spot. And she came. To him. She had no desire.

As it were. For him. To see her. But she said. If I can only touch. All that living faith. In exercise. Under that poor. Her heart.

[32 : 43] Stooping. Under her trouble. And trial. If I can only touch. The hem of his garment. I shall find the virtue. And she did.

And the Lord. Was pleased. To speak to her. A good word. And so it was. With that woman. Who went to the house. Of the Pharisee. And knowing that Jesus.

Would be there. When those tears. Flowed from her heart. A broken heart. Heart broken by love. Washed his feet.

And wiped and dried his feet. As it were. With the hairs of her head. She received a good word. Yes. Thy sins are all forgiven.

I believe. I've got some here. This morning. Who can. Look back. As it were. Maybe a few days. Few weeks. Months. Or years. And to remember.

[33 : 45] How the Lord. Delivered you. Maybe a good word. In providence. This is the way. Walking in it. But oh. How sweet. When the poor sinner.

Yay his stooping low. And then to receive. A word from heaven. And knows. He doth not. Deserve it. And yet. It comes. Comes.

Oh. What a sweet word. No doubt made. The hearts of the disciples. Glad. When Jesus said. In the world. Ye shall have tribulation.

But he says. Be of good cheer. For I have overcome. The world. Good word. Friends. Yes. And let me go again.

To Calvary. As a good word. You know. When rightly looked upon. Rightly looked upon. In a right spirit. Of humility.

[34 : 41] And love. When he said. It is finished. The work is accomplished. What a good word.

Good word unto Zion. That the Lord Jesus had come. That he had worked. In the matters of salvation. And brought it to pass.

In his birth. And life. And suffering. Death. It is finished. And oh. What a good word.

Is the precious blood. Of Jesus. That cleanseth from all sin. What a good word. What a word. That causes the heart. To rejoice. Oh.

The wonderful plan. Of salvation. The eternal love. And electing love. Of the father. And Jesus. Who has redeemed. His flock.

[35 : 41] A good word. And the holy spirit. That hath quickened. Into life. And brought them. To a knowledge. Of salvation.

Where we might go on. And speak of many. Who received. A good word. Abraham did. Fear not Abraham.

Jacob. As he. In that wonderful vision. Or dream. As he. Laid upon the ground. And saw. The ladder.

And the angels. Ascending. And descending. And more so. The one who was in heaven. Having a little vision. Of that dear man. The Lord.

And did not. Jacob say. Yea. Call that place. Bethel. Bethel.

[36 : 39] Oh. That's a good word. Dear friends. To these poor people. That are heavy laden. And stooping. Bethel. If you've ever had a visit. From the Lord.

If he has ever broken. Into thy heart. And. Given you. The touch of his love. Whether you've been. In the sanctuary. And in the streets. Or in the field. It matters not. You can say.

And call that place. Bethel. Where the Lord. Visited. Jacob. And you. And many of his dear people.

You've had a visit from him. You can say. That's Bethel. And you can say. This is sacred ground. Oh. To receive then. A good word.

That maketh. That maketh. The heavy. Burdened. Art. Glad. Yes. Fear not. For I have redeemed thee.

[37 : 37] Fear not. For I am with thee. Be not dismayed. For I am thy God. I will help thee. I will strengthen thee. Yea. I will uphold thee. With the right hand.

Of my righteousness. I will never leave thee. Nor forsake thee. Good word. But we owe how we need it.

For that power of the spirit. As I said. There's many good words. In the scripture. From Genesis to Revelation. O heavenly one that thirsteth.

Come ye to the water. Come unto me. O ye that labour. And are heavy laden. And I will give you rest. Cast thy burden upon the Lord. And he shall sustain thee.

Many good words. My thanks. That makes the heart glad. But oh. How we need the Holy Spirit. To apply that word. Causing the heart to rejoice.

[38 : 35] In the words of the precious gospel. A good word. Have you ever received a good word? I'm sure some of you have.

He that hath helped thee hither too. Will help thee all thy journey through. What a good word that was. When spoken into my heart.

And may I tell it. My young friends here. This morning. That was spoken into my heart. When I was. Very young.

The Lord gave me that word. He that hath helped thee hither too. Would help thee all thy journey through. And I've lived to prove it.

Unto this present moment of time. And in respect of the ministry. Know I am with thee always. Even unto the end of the world. God. A good word.

[39 : 38] A good word dear branch. When a poor soul. He is. Stopping. And bowing. Oh may it. Oh may it.

That please the Lord. That please the Lord. To deliver us a little today. From the heaviness. And stopping. And bring us into the latter part of our text. A good word. Oh how good it is.

When it comes from heaven. How good it is. When it enters into the heart. How good it is. When we can obey. The voice. Have you.

Some of you may. Have received this word. If ye love me. Keep my commandments. There is a good word dear branch.

It comes from heaven. Obey the voice from heaven. Obey it. Though you may have to walk in heaviness.

[40 : 37] And stoop low. But the Lord will lift you up. And give you a good word. In his own style. It may be this. Follow me. Follow me.

Well I must leave this portion. Heaviness in the heart of man. Make it is too. So the Lord Jesus has gone before.

You may at times. Somewhat like the Israelites of old. Travelling through the wilderness. They were brought into the text.

Many many times. Sometimes they murmured. Sometimes they was given a good word. And their hearts was made glad.

Or so as they commenced as it were. Their journey into the wilderness. As the Egyptians was following them. Hard on their heels as we say at times.

[41 : 39] But. The Lord worked wonderfully. The waters flowed back. And the Israelites passed over.

Dry ground. Enemies followed. But not on dry ground. Oh you see. The elect in love of God.

They soon came to some bitter waters. But they were made sweet. There was manner that came down from heaven. Day by day. But a good word.

Maketh it glad. The Lord had promised. To take them through. A good word. Maketh it glad. O may the Lord be pleased.

To give us many good words. Yea. Words with divine power. That will help us. And strengthen us. As we are carrying various burdens. Upon the heart.

[42 : 39] As we are traveling. Homeward. We trust. Where he is. Did he not say.

To those disciples of old. Let not your heart be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me. For in my father's house. Are many mansions. If it were not so.

I would have told you. But I go to prepare. A place for you. And if I go and prepare. A place for you. I will come again. And receive you. Unto myself.

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