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Matthew 5:23-24

Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Coming to the altar is the recognition of the sovereignty of God, of the supremacy of His will. . . . It is perfectly evident that coming to the altar produces recollection of any violation of that will.Â...

What can a man do in this hour when conscience is awakened, when his whole life is suddenly arraigned before the penetrating awfulness of the eyes of his own conscience?Â... Go to thy brother directly, immediately, without hesitation, crucifying pride; and, looking into his eyes, be reconciled to him.Â...

Every journey from the altar that leads back to the altar is a journey to serve someone else and save him.Â... Somehow, I am to find my way into his heart.Â...

Now the altar is of value.Â... The grace of which the altar is the symbol is now to be received. Grace to deal with the wrong which has been righted, for its stain is still on the conscience of the man; its desolation abides. Grace will now deal with that. As between this man and his brother the wrong has been righted; but only God can right it as between man and Himself. This God does, and that is grace in its meaning and value, in its mystery and mercy.Â... The hard journey leads at last to the altar and the way of the altar is the way of peace.

G. Campbell Morgan, The Westminster Pulpit.

When was the last time you recognized the sovereignty and will of God in your life?

Have you been to the altar?

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