

CHAPEL, February 13, 1934

-- President Wright

Scripture Lesson: Matthew VII, Verses 15-23

I am again asking you to read the newspapers and to keep up with current events. Some intensely interesting things are happening every day. Judging from the reports this morning, England and France are probably going into a commercial war. The United States is going to establish a bank so she can carry on international trade with Russia. The President of the United States gave Lindbergh a "verbal spanking" yesterday. It seems that Mr. Lindbergh has sent the President a telegram and before the President received it, it was published in the papers. If that is true, it was exceedingly discourteous. Also, the various airway concerns have given Mr. Lindbergh about \$250,000 worth of stock. I think Lindbergh is a wonderful aviator, but he is evidently a poor politician. In yesterday's paper a Russian official was quoted as saying that Japan is ready to go to war with Russia, and that Russia is ready for them.

If the world would follow the passage of scripture read this morning it would greatly alter the situation as we find it in the world today. The world has just gone through a terrific conflict in which the Christian nations of Europe, England and all her possessions, and the United States were involved. The religion of the majority of the people engaged in that world war was supposed to be Christian, and Christianity teaches love for one's fellowman, faith in one another, friendship. Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, said, By their fruit ye shall know them. Not every one who says, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven. But those who do the work, who really live the life, shall enter in. If we are going to judge Christian nations by their acts we do not have any Christian nations. The world war shows that those nations are not Christian. During the war the Kaiser said, "Me and God"--putting himself first; other nations said, "You and the devil"--putting him first. It looks like we are headed toward another world conflict; and yet when Jesus was born we had the

song "Peace on earth, good will toward men." Unless people will live the teachings of Jehovah, unless we will develop a spirit of friendship, a spirit of love, unless we will have faith, unless we get people who are engaged in crookedness out of high places, there is no telling what is going to become of our civilization.

We had in Washington over the week end one of the most interesting episodes I have ever known. A man went to an officer of the United States Congress and tried to get him to arrest him. He spent the night with him and said he was a prisoner, and the officer said he was not under arrest; he was a guest. If you haven't read this, find out what I am talking about.