

me? Did you offer long prayers? Did you believe this or did you believe that? It is only this: What did you do to relieve distress, to abolish poverty? To those who are condemned, the judge is represented as saying, "I was ahungered and ye gave me not food. It was athirst and ye gave me not drink. I was sick in prison and ye visited me not." Then they say, Lord, Lord, when did we fail to do these things to you? The answer is, "Inasmuch as ye failed to do it to the least of these, so also did ye fail to do it unto Me; depart into the place prepared for the devil and his angels." On the other hand, what is said to the blessed is, "I was ahungered and ye gave me food. I was thirsty and ye gave me drink. I was naked and ye clothed me. I was sick and ye visited me." And when they say, Lord, Lord, when did we do these things to thee? the answer is, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

Real Spirit of Christianity

Here is the real spirit of Christianity. The exemplification of this spirit does not mean lip service in the furtherance of denominational sects or adherence to any dogma. But it does mean that we should seek to make this world a better place in which to live. It means a protest against the cold-hearted doctrine of individualism, the aim of which is "each for himself and devil take the hindmost."

Christ was against the religious, social, and political order of his day. If he were here now he would be against the establish order of our day. He would not advise humble and suppliant submission to poverty and despair here in this world in the hope of bliss hereafter. The religion and the philosophy of the Man of Galilee means, if it means anything, that each one of us should seek to bring about a better economic system and a higher social order. The Great Master exemplified righteous conduct rather than mere ceremonial display.

The teachings of the great Nazarene in plain words simply mean an admonition to practice the art of being kind and doing good and at all times extending to our fellowmen the same treatment which we expect that they shall extend to us. In the words of the prophet, "What does the Lord require of thee but to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with thy God."