

## Compassion -2/19/23

Great Sermons – Lee Roberson

**TEXT – Matthew 9:36-38** *But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.*

**INTRO** –Dr. Roberson was a preacher of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ for 79 years and a pastor for 50 years. He pastored the Highland Park Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee for 40 years and 6 months. Under his leadership, Highland Park began many various and assorted ministries and saw over 60,000 follow the Lord in believer's baptism.

In 1923, at the age of fourteen, he was led to the Lord by his Sunday School teacher, Mrs. Daisy Hawes, and joined the Cedar Creek Baptist Church near Louisville

In his early years, Roberson was well known as a singer. Having studied at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and with the well-known teacher, Dr. Roberson was married for almost 68 years until his wife preceded him to Heaven in June, 2005. He had five children, one of whom went to Heaven at two months of age. He had ten grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. He took Romans 8:28 as his life verse at the death of their little girl, Joy.

Dr. Roberson died at age 97 on April 29, 2007, two years after his wife's death. Beside his casket at his funeral service, there was a framed poster of him with one of his famous sayings on it, "Everything rises and falls on leadership."

### Compassion

**Just one word compassion. The street sign for BIMBI is Compassion Avenue. Lamentations 3:22** *It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.*

**Luke 19:41** *And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it*  
**Compassion, Compassion, Compassion. One single word explains why we are here tonight.**

**The compassion of God - "For God so loved the world"**

**The compassion of Christ - Titus 2:14** *Who gave himself for us*

**Someone gave you the gospel contributing to your salvation. Someone cared for you. Someone had Compassion! No one every got saved by themselves.**

**J. Hudson Taylor -Wept over the lost in China**

**Man in Chattanooga was beat up on the street and no one came to help. What's wrong with the world? People don't care – no compassion.**

Someone needs to care.

His first church in Germantown TN. No one saved in years, no one baptized in years. He later went to Greenbrier TN. No one seemed to care much. He came to Highland Park 1942. They were nice people but no urgency no compassion for the lost. We must care!

**Buildings and ministry mean nothing unless someone cares. We must care for the rich the poor the clean the dirty.**

### I. Compassion is Understanding the Need of Man

Man is a lost sinner. All over the world men and women are lost and headed to a Christless hell. NYC, Tokyo, Mexico City. Half of children born with only one parent. Men are lost.

**Deacon on Toronto Canada witnessed to a man on the street. He later came to Chattanooga and was saved.**

### II. Compassion is Understanding What God Has Done For You

**Saving your soul.**

**Remember and tell others.**

**Long haired dirty bearded man was saved at Highland Park.**

### III. Compassion is Comprehending the Love of Christ For a Lost World.

**See Christ talking to the woman at the well.**

**See Christ talking to Zacchaeus**

**See Christ talking to the thief on the cross**

**Christ loved a visible lost world.**

**He knew George Truitt and he never smiled in the pulpit in 45 years. He killed a friend accidentally. Dr. Roberson asked his daughter if he ever laughed. She said she never saw him laugh or smile. He was in the hospital and a nurse walked in a saw him with his arms outstretched weeping and crying for the people of the city of Dallas.**

**"Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture."**

**Kansas City paper told of a boy couldn't say his ABC'S and mother tried and failed then the father tried and failed. The father slammed him to the floor and crushed his head. The boy in the hospital in critical condition he father in the county jail.**

**We can easily give to anything that helps people get saved.**

### IV. Compassion Is An Awareness of Judgment

**Hebrews 9:27** *And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:*

**John 3:18** *He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth*

*not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

**Matthew 25:46** *And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.*

**Luke 16:23** *And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.*

**Don't let pride get in the way of your compassion**

**Don't let formalities steal it from you.**

**Don't let bigness get into your mind and heart**

**There is a lack of rejoicing over the salvation of a soul**

**Robert Murray McCheyne** - Such scenes I never before dreamed of. . . . "No man careth for our souls" is written over every forehead. Awake, my soul! Why should I give the hours and days any longer to the vain world, when there is such a world of misery at the very door? Lord, put thine own strength in me; confirm every good resolution; forgive my past long life of uselessness and folly.

#### **V. Compassion is a Stirring of a Christian to Witness**

**Acts 1:8** *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

**Jesus wept over Jerusalem**

**Preaching in Houston – a big young man sat in the center aisle with a big red shirt and big red hat. Got saved.**

**We need compassion.**

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