

HOW ARE WE DOING AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS?

The crux of our study today will endeavor to help each of us evaluate the answer to the question before us.

Are we as INDIVIDUALS, as an ECCLESIA, as a TRUTH MOVEMENT, exerting the degree of sacrificial zeal that God desires from us, in the responsibility he has given us of being His Ambassadors in the earth?

We are living in a time when the harvest is nearly over, - the number of brethren are getting fewer and fewer, - the response to our witness efforts seem to get less and less. As a result, its possible for all of us even if we are strongly in favor of witnessing to in measure slacken our efforts, subconsciously perhaps feeling that it isn't quite as important as it once was.

So we would like to take this time to remind ourselves of the great privilege and responsibility we have of being God's representatives in the earth.

2CO 5:18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation,... Now then we are **ambassadors for Christ**.

We are **Ambassadors** for Christ! What a responsibility. For it literally means we are God's and Christ's representatives, Their spokesmen in the earth. Of the billions of people on the earth, only the handful in the truth movement understand the true plans and purposes of our great God, and can thus speak for him. Let's go on to consider some of the instructions God has given us, as to what He would have us do and proclaim to mankind.

ISA 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me (the Christ head and body) to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound, to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

Who but the Lord's anointed could fulfill and explain these inspiring words. Has this commission ended? NO, it will continue to be our privilege and responsibility while we have any breath left.

Isaiah's commission portrayed that given to the Church in:

ISA 6:8-11 I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. (God's message of what to proclaim follows) Then said I, Lord, **how long?** And he answered, **Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate.**

How long are we to witness as God's spokesmen? God uses picturesque language to in essence tell us, our responsibility will never end. We can only stop if there's not a single person left on the face of the earth to witness to, then we can stop.

1CO 4:1 This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ, and **stewards of the mysteries of God**. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found **faithful**.

We are stewards of the mysteries of God! Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found **faithful**.

God is here reminding us of our personal responsibility to be faithful in our stewardship of proclaiming to others the beautiful hidden truths of His WORD.

MAT 5:14 **Ye are the light of the world.** A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men.

We are to be as a city on top of a hill. WE are to be the **light of the world!** God is telling us were not to be content in thinking of our responsibility as being a mere candle giving a little light to those immediately around us, under a bushel as it were. Of all the great increase of knowledge contained in all the books of the world, NOTHING, NOTHING, compares with the knowledge we have of God's eternal purpose. We are the only ones who truly understand what this life is all about. This knowledge is wonderful, it's priceless, and God is telling us it's not just to be kept for ourselves and a few others who will become members of the church. But we are to share it and proclaim to all the world! We are to be the **light of the world.** The light or truth we have is the most important knowledge that anyone could possibly learn in this life. Every single being who receives even just a portion of this knowledge in this life will be blest by it. For once it's implanted into their memory it's there to stay and can't be erased. Whether consciously or subconsciously they will be effected by it, to some degree. The understanding that every moment of this life is part of a learning experience that will have an effect on ones eternal destiny in a future life, is perhaps the most important truth one can learn in this life. Notice how one aspect of our Ambassadorship is strictly to the world:

ZEP 2:3 NAS Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth, who have carried out his ordinances; **seek righteousness, seek humility.** Perhaps you will be hidden in the day of the LORD'S anger.

It's a privilege to encourage the humble of the earth to seek righteousness and humility with the knowledge that they might literally live thru the time of trouble and never die. On the other hand we have a message of warning for the wicked of the world as well:

EZE 3:17 Son of man, I have made thee a **watchman** unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; **but his blood will I require at thine hand.** Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but **thou hast delivered thy soul.**

Reprint -4881 tells us **"Every member of the body of Christ is a watchman on the walls of Zion and are duty bound to make clear this feature of the divine program."**

What an awesome responsibility! We are God's watchmen to Zion and all mankind. If we fail to proclaim God's message we are told we will be held **accountable, "his blood will I require at thine hand."**

Paul must have had this scripture in mind when he said:

ACT 20:27 Therefore I testify to you this day, that I am **innocent of the blood of all men.** For I have not shunned to declare unto you the **whole counsel of God.**

Paul's message went to all the world refreshing to the good and a warning to the bad, setting an example for all God's true Ambassadors as we read in:

2 Cor. 2:14-17 (Phillips-NIV) "Thanks be to God who leads us wherever we are, on Christ's triumphant way and makes our knowledge of him **spread throughout the world like a lovely perfume!** We Christians have the unmistakable aroma of Christ, discernable alike to those who are being saved and to those who are heading for death. To the later it seems like the stench of death, to the former it has the refreshing fragrance of life itself. Who is fit for such a task! We are not like that large number who corrupt the Word of God. No we speak in utter sincerity as men sent by God, Christ's ministers under the eyes of God."

God makes our knowledge of Him "**spread throughout the world as a lovely perfume.**" What a lovely expression to describe the effect of our Ambassadorship.

We realize the greatest object of the churches witness throughout the age was to be God's mouthpiece thru which the knowledge of God would reach the hearts and minds of those the Lord was calling to become members of the church. As brought out in

ROM 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? ROM 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

This principal will continue to the very end of the harvest. Every last member of the church will be finally harvested because other faithful members of the church sacrificed their time, talent, money and effort to bring the truth to them.

Jesus said in:

LUK 10:2 The **harvest truly is great**, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest.

Is this still true now when we are living so close to the end of the harvest? "The Harvest truly is great?"

Notice Bro. Russell's comment in:

R-2674 The expression, "The harvest is great," does not necessarily mean that the amount of ripe "wheat" to be garnered is great. It means rather that the difficulties and oppositions, and multitudes of "tares," make it difficult to reach all of the "wheat" class.

Notice a few other of Bro. Russell's comments from this article.

R-2675 The time is short; the harvest work is great; the laborers are few; our time is consecrated; we must labor while it is called day, knowing that a might cometh wherein no man can work. We have consecrated our lives even unto death; we are commissioned of the great Lord of the harvest to seek for the true "wheat," and to gather it into the barn. What time have we for frivolities or worldliness or the many social amenities?

R-2674 "Hence, all who appreciate the work now in progress, should pray to the Lord to send them in his service or if already engaged in it, that he would graciously open to them doors of opportunity for greater usefulness in his service... There may be some, but we trust very few, who would be prepared to pray; "O Lord bless I pray thee, thy work, and send forth more laborers; but do not send me. Permit others to sacrifice time and strength and zeal, that I may rest, and have neither part nor lot in the matter, sacrificing little or nothing."

R-2674 "Those who are most zealous to serve the Lord, and most willing to sacrifice on behalf of his cause, are the ones who will receive the greatest present blessing of spiritual fellowship with the Lord, and who will be the best prepared to share the glories soon to be revealed.

Other scriptures bring out a special message for the feet members of the church in this harvest time.

REV 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people,** that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Since 1878 and onward till this day, and even until the church is complete, it is the privilege of the feet members of the church to call God's people out of Babylon.

We have a similar message to proclaim in:

ISA 52:7,10,11 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; **that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!** (10) The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. (11) **Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence,** touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

Not only are we to publish the good tidings of the Kingdom, calling attention to our Lord's 2nd presence and the beginning of his eternal reign over the earth, - but we are to call to God's people to depart, depart out of Babylon.

Another message we are to proclaim to God's people in nominal Zion is in:

JOE 2:1 **Blow ye the trumpet in Zion,** and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

WE have another admonition in:

ISA 58:1 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

R-5630 The Lord's people who have the light of truth, should, as they have suitable opportunity, point out to Christendom of today, and especially to those who are the professed people of God,..where they have deviated from God's Word... Moreover, if they have favorable opportunity, they might point out to the Jews the reasons why they are in their present cast off condition...

God's ambassadors have no commission to insult any one. But with gracious words we may, point ...to the proper position to be taken by those who would wholly follow the Lord.

The final great proclamation of truth by God's ambassadors will be what Bro. Russell referred to as the Smiting of Jordan by Elijah.

You recall the incident. Just before Elijah's death he comes to the river Jordan. He takes off his mantel and smites the river and it divides in two.

Elijah and Elisha cross over the Jordan and shortly after they are separated by a fiery chariot and Elijah is taken up into the sky by a whirlwind.

Reprint 5824 Comments on this prophetic picture.

R-5824 Elijah's mantel represented divine power operating through him; and similarly God's power operating through his elect now. In bible symbology, water stands for truth and also for people; and we see no reason to object to its standing for both of these in this picture,- a division of the people through the proper and right dividing of the truth... that God somehow will exercise through his enlightened people a power which will have an effect of causing a division amongst the people in respect to the truth, and which will be a test upon them in this dividing.

On reprint 5846 Bro. Russell anticipated some brethren thinking the Photo-Drama accomplished this work.

R-5846 "Do you think that this has not yet taken place? may be a question in your minds. **We think it has not as yet fully taken place.** Do you think that the Photo-Drama of Creation has had a part in this? It may be. "Will there be something more? We do not know. **WE RATHER THINK THERE IS SOMETHING MORE.**

REASON WE BELIEVE THE SMITING IS FUTURE

1. REV 19:15 And **out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword**, that with it he should smite the nations,...and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

A sharp SWORD out of our Lord's MOUTH, pictures TRUTH. Who will be His mouthpiece to proclaim it?

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2. Elijah's whirlwind departing and John the baptist's beheading, picture the true churches final departure to glory through violent persecution because of their proclamation of truth.

This would fulfill REV 13:15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

REASON WE BELIEVE THE SMITING IS FUTURE

3. The churches final witness will have a part in causing Jezebel's own eunuchs to throw her out the window. The "sword out of our Lord's mouth," will include the wondrous knowledge of the true understanding of God's Plan which will spread world wide on such a scale that the people of Christendom will recognize **BY CONTRAST** the teachings of the false churches for what they really are, and will overthrow them.

One of the aspects that can be discouraging is we seem to get so little response in our witnessing. The Lord knowing this would happen gives us encouragement in the words of:

ECC 11:4 He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap. As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all. In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.

In Eze. 2:4-7. God is encouraging us as we proclaim His message to nominal Christendom.

Eze. 2:4 NIV The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, "This is what the sovereign LORD says." And **whether they listen or fail to listen** - they will know that a prophet has been among them. And you, son of man, **do not be afraid of them or their words... You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen**, for they are a rebellious house.

We must speak God's word **whether they listen or not!** Notice we're further admonished to have **courage not to be afraid**. Probably all of us to a degree are a bit apprehensive when it comes to speaking to others as God's representatives, his ambassadors. It's a awesome responsibility. God further encourages us along this line in other scriptures.

LUK 12:11 And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say. For **the Holy Spirit shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say**.

2TI 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. **Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord.**

Remember!

PHI 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

ACT 5:28 Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine... Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, **We ought to obey God rather than men.**

May we strive to echo the words of Paul in:

1 Cor.9:16 NIV When I preach the gospel I cannot boast, for I am **compelled** to preach. **Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel.**

May we remember the promise of Jesus in:

LUK 12:8 I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God:

The next point we would like to consider is a question that probably has crossed the minds of all the brethren throughout the age.

It is a question that was asked Bro. Russell on:

R-2488 How much time should the Lord's people take from the duties of life for Bible study and in general the service of the truth?

The question is very important to us. For we realize it would be very easy for our flesh to reason with our New Creature that since we don't have very much talent along this line, we really fulfill our Ambassador responsibilities because we belong to an ecclesia who witnesses. Or we belong to the Herald, or the Dawn, or to the Divine Plan who witnesses. Or we belong to the truth movement overall who witnesses.

Therefore our flesh could easily make us feel because we belong to a class or other groups who witness, we have fulfilled all our responsibility as God's Ambassadors.

But have we? All of our associations with our ecclesia or other groups that we are helping to support financially in the witness work are good, and well pleasing to the Lord I'm sure.

But notice as we read Bro. Russell's answer to this question, the importance he puts on having in addition a **personal** daily involvement in sharing the truth with others.

The question again. How much time should the Lord's people take from the duties of life for Bible study and in general the service of the truth?

In Bro. Russell's answer he brings out first of all:

R-2488 The marriage contract, by divine arrangement, comes in as a first mortgage upon every husband's time and upon every wife's time,- the demands of this mortgage must be *reasonably* met before anything can be properly done to or for others...

Every reasonable opportunity should be used by the Lord's people to obtain a knowledge of the divine plan...

Study which is not put into practice in daily life is worse than a waste of time.

Then notice his next comment.

R-2488 To make our studies of the divine plan as profitable as possible, **we should spend as much time daily in dispensing the truth to others as we spend in seeking to feed ourselves**, and Christian experience proves the truth of the words of Scripture, "He that watereth shall be watered also himself."... **A state of lethargy, indolence, etc.**, respecting the duties of life, and respecting opportunities for presenting the truth to others, is a sure indication of **spiritual poverty**.

Another similar comment is from the:

May 7 Manna - R 3205 Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel. (1 Cor. 9:16.)

We should be prompt to tell others the best tidings we have; sympathy with the groaning creation in the various trials of life should lead us to point to the Lord's promises respecting the coming Kingdom and the blessings that should then be to all the families of the earth. Whoever does not thus **proclaim daily, on every suitable opportunity**, gives evidence either of lack of knowledge or of faith in the revelation, or of selfishness, which the Lord cannot approve, and which, if persisted in, will ultimately debar him from a share in the Kingdom.

This brings up the question, but what can I do?

For we realize many of us are in situations where we have little contact with people, or we have very few talents along this line, or we might be extremely timid, and find it almost impossible to speak to another. Like brother Woodworth who speaking of himself said, he could sit next to someone on a train and travel all the way across the continent and never say a word to them.

Let's for a few moments consider some of the opportunities of witness activity that exist. Perhaps one or more of them could lend themselves for us to consider as being within our physical capabilities, our natural talents, our time restraints or what have you. For we do realize each of us are situated differently in life, and what would be very possible for one may not be for another.

Talking to our neighbors, relatives, fellow workers, schoolmates about the truth.

Tracting door to door of homes.

Daily carrying tracts in our purses, shirt pockets, cars, leaving them wherever appropriate. Stores, Doctors & Dentists offices, restaurants, supermarket shelves, libraries, hospitals, - almost anywhere.

Put up plastic "TAKE ONE" tract holders on super market bulletin boards, bus depots, counters of public places where people have to spend time waiting etc. and keep them refilled with tracts.

Participate in the direct mailing of literature even if we have no funds of our own. The Dawn has made available literature packages of booklets, tracts, envelopes and labels for any zip code you desire, and will cover the complete costs of all the postage and literature.

These "Service meeting in a box," packages are available from Sister Cathy Megacz. You could take one home every Sunday if you desire.

For those who have writing ability, - Try writing a message for a new tract, booklet, obituary card, newspaper add, small three line magazine adds, video program scripts, children's book, etc.

For those who have artistic ability, - Try designing an attractive layout for any of the above type projects.

Anyone who desires could place a small add in neighborhood newspapers, or in various magazines, advertising what ever booklet one desires.

There's the opportunity that perhaps only you can envision, which the Lord through his spirit placed on your mind one day as you reflected, "What can I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? At first it may have seemed too far out. But Is it really?"

There's opportunities for those who are willing to try to develop new talents in printing our truth literature. Typesetting, pre-press negative layout work, plate making. Printing. Cutting. Folding. Stapling and trimming of booklets.

We might add training is available for any and all of these. All that is needed is a willing heart. As Paul says in:

2 Cor. 8:12 (Phillips) "The important thing is to be **willing to give as much as we can**, - that is what God accepts, and no one is asked to give what he has not got."

"The important thing is to be **willing to give as much as we can**," no one is asked to give what he has not got."

What a gracious provision. God is not judging us by how much we give or do, for he realizes we all have different circumstances of life.

But we will be judged by how willing we are, to give or do **all that is within our capabilities**.

How are we doing? This scripture prompts each of us to look into our hearts. Is God pleased with the degree of our giving? Is our sacrifice of self, time, money, effort in His service all that we are capable of?

Jesus prompts us to examine ourselves further.

LUK 9:23 If any man will come after me, let him **deny himself**, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but **whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it**. For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself.

We all need to again look inward and ask ourselves the question, am I saving my life, or am I truly losing it the way the Lord would have me?

Why did the Lord want us to deny ourselves? How well am I denying myself? What am I denying? Is it enough? What am I doing with the time and funds available because I denied myself?

We believe the Lord wants us to deny those things that tend to **overly pamper our fleshly desires**. BUT WHY? Because we made a promise we would! WE recall:

Rom. 12:1,2 (LB & JB) "Dear brothers I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a **living sacrifice**, holy, - the kind he can accept. When you think what he has done for you, is it too much to ask? **Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world**, but let your behavior change, - modeled by your new mind.

We are to be living **sacrifices**, not copying the behavior and customs of this world, but rather our entire characters must be transformed into the likeness of our Lord.

Since at consecration we thus promised to live a life of sacrificial service to God, we can see the degree of our **self denials** are evidences, testings, indicating to God how strong our faith and determination is, to fulfill what we promised, sacrificially serving him with every fiber of our being.

But in addition we believe God wants us to live a life of self denial regarding the flesh, so that we in turn would have more time, more funds, more vitality made available, - to utilize in the grand office we have been appointed to. That is to be God's Ambassadors in the earth, sharing with all mankind the wondrous knowledge of God's eternal plan.

Each year under the law covenant the Israelites were obligated to give only 10% of their income to the service of God. Under our sacrificial covenant, we have consecrated 100% of all we are, and have, to God.

Then as God's stewards we are to utilize all we have, that is our time, our vitality, our funds, as we believe would be most pleasing to God. We all need from time to time ask ourselves, **HOW AM I DOING?** Am I fulfilling my stewardship beyond what was required of Israel?

Recently I read a reprint article that was truly one of the most soul searching admonitions as to what our lives of sacrificial service ought to be. It's found on reprint 3148, it's entitled, **"Nothing too good for God's service."** Please read the entire article when you have time. But for now we would like to share a portion of it with you.

R. 3148: NOTHING TOO GOOD FOR GOD'S SERVICE

"If there be any blemish therein, as if it be lame, or blind, or have any ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto the LORD thy God." DEU 15:21

"Such an injunction to the house of servants under Moses is, perhaps, more necessary to the house of sons under Christ, than many are apt to suppose. Inborn selfishness generally suggests that it would be a pity to sacrifice the best things, which could be used to advantage in so many other ways. And it is because this is generally done unconsciously that we now discuss this subject, with a view of helping the true-hearted out of the difficulty."

Bro. Russell then goes on to discuss how some consecrated parents were holding back their sons and daughters from a life of fulltime consecrated service to God. Their reasoning was, well that was all right for those who didn't have much talent or potential for worldly prosperity, but for their children who were special, they continually held before them as a goal, that of aiming for the highest paid and honorable position life had to offer. Bro. Russell continues:

R-3148: "What a great mistake! What a sad mistake! How ashamed they will feel, if they ever get into the kingdom, when looking back they will see how lightly they esteemed the wonderful privilege of being co-workers with God in this present time! How vastly different will be their views then."

R-3148: "On the contrary the consecrated parent should consecrate to the Lord not only his first-born, but all of his children; and from infancy should be instilling into their minds and hearts that the proper course for all of God's people is to devote themselves in largest possible measure to the divine service."

R-3148: ..."every man and woman favored by the Lord with some knowledge of present truth should at once appreciate the true situation...each should proceed to devote to the Lord's service, daily and hourly, the best that he has and the most that he can, as being the greatest privilege that could ever be offered to angels or men to be co-laborers with God."

R-3148: But would you recommend a man of means,--a business man for instance, to dispose of his own business and go about colporteuring? Living on the interest of his money, or perhaps on the principal? **Why not?** Should we not all have the Master's spirit, expressed by his words: "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

The Lord's true saints have no business of their own, for they gave their all to the Lord at consecration. Their business they manage as trustees for the Lord--not to be turned over at their death, in prosperous condition, to their children or their friends, possibly to their injury. It is to be used by the trustee as wisely as he knows how before death; for then his trusteeship ends, and he must render his account.

"If he can provide for the comfortable necessities of the present life for those dependent upon him, why should he do more for them, or for any cause longer delay to "show forth the praises of him who called us out of darkness into marvelous light?--in the best manner open to him?"

"Alas, how few of those who recognize their trusteeship are faithful to it and will be able to render their report with joy, and to hear the Lord say, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" Before "the harvest is past and the summer is ended," let us get awake, dear brothers and sisters, to our privileges and opportunities and use them thankfully."

Proverbs 29:18 says:

PRO 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish.

Brethren may we rekindle the vision of idealism Bro, Russell expressed in this article. May we rekindle the vision of our brother Paul when he said in:

Phil. 3:13 (LB) "Dear brethren, I am still not all I should be but I am bringing **all my energies** to bear **on this one thing**: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, **I strain** to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God is calling us."

May we rekindle the vision of Jesus, when he said:

"To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the Truth." John 18:37.