Mt. 16:13-20 (Dallas area assembly 1976)

Intro. - ① Legal Matter - Dallas assembly never to exceed - eye + enthusiasm the Lord's Assembly.

② Theme calls for predictive powers - but prophets licensed by Dallas Edsel to guild to vote for McKeown.

③ Role not that of prophet - few times - Would not have known I was a prophet had I not seen my head on a platter.

I Tempted -

① Could build case for Jesus out of growing evidences of hope, however cautious. Some tough knight seems (Dr Rall's comment - Heard the gong in me. Surprised. Was really good mind)

② " " case out of nature of faith. Rall's definition. Tempted = poles of Ch. life -

Making - Long'd skates, bicycle, piano. To fly, 100% private pilot

Hope - - - - - ← meaningful. Item under gen. examination of intention, purpose.

Discovery - Not - contact sport. At bat, Parenthesis of wonder (Barth); This latter quickened by word - Tomorrow. Full rein to hopes, wishes, imagin. Ch. suffers from lack of envy. Back to Eden when they had no names - Begin of fall, Name things - Encounter, celebration. Toy with person first from TP comics. I talked - child - you, parent. I'm in trouble - ready for rubber room. Better for Adam - Great book, not that there goes another elephant

③ Case out of nature of God - Rom. 4. Call into being what is not. Epistemology. Eye not seen. - - - - Pearl Book of Ch. - favorite text - sharper - Tearing Boy's at boy's table.

II But resisted temptation. -

① Naming + descr. future often annoying + vulgar. One of compelling + compelling moves afoot - pre-occup. with future. Heart + present abandoned. Rapture, 2nd coming, end of world. Wd. of God an utterance; wd. not found - with head side going to Heaven - Not yours to know - On with mission.

No quarrel if facing fact with awe, hope, wonder, open to disc. - but with calcul.!! Some can't decide to be age of mystery or age of techn. so combine - apply techn. to mystery - Buy records teach tongues. Have a H Sp. service.

Unparalleled vulgarity!

② Jesus taught us to avoid tempt. to decide now about future. 3 temptations - Sent. defin. but also Decide in advance what do for people. Improvise in order to be aggregate. Live with the ambiguities.

Point us to the Lion warm of promise.

Not last – sea of relat's & prot. present. O of promise.
If your outlook on things has changed ------
If you feel like laughing at old dreams ----
If you recall errors of which you are ashamed –
Even if you know that what you are doing now
you'll regret some other time –
Other's not – – – – – –
But beware lightheartedly to conclude from this
that there is no such thing -----
This is the – -----.

(3) Bec. close to today & tomorrow as in past, yesterday,
(That is, in reach of that not just days but in other's difference.

(a) Mess. Ch – Mess. has come; it is Jesus.
(b) why didn't it empty shops & homes & let sick rest early –
Leave iron – forge, wheat – field, bread – oven.
Didn't every beauty child's story begin: "When Mess. Comes"
Said by father to unmarried daughter; blind; lame; beggar over
this song; prisoner; woman rocking empty cradle –
(c) when Mess. comes – groan'd as blessed. at every occ. of
injustice, pain, misery.
(d) what will he be like?
shape him to fit contours of our pain.
(e) why not believ'd?
Rallied to you. Mess coming!
Open of Jesus – forerunner of Mess. He's coming!
(f) Always easier to believe will come than has come.
(Need's pron. place to bet) (1) Will come – can shape him to my need.
(2) Have come – shape my life to his will.

Tomorrow at Factory ←

Every misery – will come believable.
" " – has come unbelievable.

(g) Before Ch – where mess. is, no misery
Ch. preach – where mis. is, there is Messiah.
(where you find Mess, find no misery more as
where you find misery, there find Mess.

Most dying to come. – Flesh & blood has not --- Revel. from.
May ~~miracle of Chr. faith~~
First great tasks of Mess – get people to quit looking for one.
First great miracle our faith – That any one has –
Mess has already come – it is Jesus?
Do you believe this?