Christ delighted in the earnest desire of Mary ***to do the will of her Lord.*** He accepted the wealth of pure affection which His disciples did not, would not, understand. The desire that Mary had ***to do this service for her Lord was of more value to Christ*** than all the precious ointment in the world, because it expressed her appreciation of the world's Redeemer. It was the love of Christ that ***constrained*** her. The matchless excellence of the character of Christ filled her soul. That ointment was a symbol of the heart of the giver. It was the outward demonstration of a love fed by heavenly streams until it overflowed. DA 564.5

The same want is evident in our world today. But few appreciate all that Christ is to them. If they did, the great love of Mary would be expressed, the anointing would be freely bestowed. The expensive ointment would not be called a waste. Nothing would be thought too costly to give for Christ, no self-denial or self-sacrifice too great to be endured for His sake. DA 565.3

Matt. 26:13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

Note Jones and Waggoner were wrong: Ps. 16:1 Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust. 2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee; 3 ***But to the saints that are in the earth,*** and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.

Paul exhorts the Hebrews: "Let brotherly love continue." Do not flatter yourselves that there is a time when this exhortation will not be needed; when brotherly love may cease. He continues: "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Please read Matthew 25:31 and onward. Read it, brethren, the next time you take the Bible at your morning or evening family devotions. ***The good works performed by those who are to be welcomed to the kingdom were done to Christ in the person of His suffering people***. Those who had done these good works did not see that they had done anything for Christ. They had done no more than their duty to suffering humanity. Those on the left hand could not see that they had abused Christ in neglecting the wants of His people. But they had neglected to do for Jesus in the person of His saints, and for this neglect they were to go away into everlasting punishment. And one definite point of their neglect is thus stated: "I was a stranger, and ye took Me not in." 1T 679.2

Every unjust act is a violation of the golden rule—***done to Christ Himself in the person of His saints.*** Every attempt to take advantage of the ignorance or misfortune ***of another is registered as fraud in the ledger of heaven***. Just to the

extent that a man would gain advantage for himself at the disadvantage of another, will his soul become insensible to the influence of the Spirit of God. SS 337.5