

The Giddings News

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Rev. Knox Preached at the Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Knox who has been a missionary to Korea for the past fourteen years and who is home on a furlough visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Knox of this place preached his last sermon Sunday before leaving for a year's study in one of the American universities and to return to the foreign field. Rev. Knox is an able and forceful speaker and his sermon Sunday stressed particularly the idea that many members of our churches are attempting to set up their own standards as to religious worship. He says that this digression from the established order is quite noticeable to him who has been absent seven years, and who has spent this summer visiting many churches over the state.

"Disobedience," he says, "is the fundamental sin of humanity," and unless people are willing to give themselves over to the established order of religious worship, we are in no better condition than was Cain when he undertook to present a sacrifice of his own liking. The fault with Cain's sacrifice was that it was not according to God's plan, the sacrifice was worthy, truly representative of labor and effort, and was undoubtedly presented in a correct attitude, but it was just not according to the established plan, and for that reason was rejected.

It is not for mankind to set up standards according to their own likes or dislikes, the established plan as given in Holy Writ is the guiding rule for human effort and any self-centered plan will fall short of the mark and lead to error today just as well as it did centuries ago.

A large audience was out to hear Rev. Knox deliver his message. His sister Mrs. MacFerrin, a lyric soprano with mezzo quality, sang very beautifully, "There's a Beautiful Land on High" (Taylor) which added to the high qualities of the sermon.

Knox Family Reunion

Mrs. Robert Knox extended an invitation to all relatives of the Knox families to meet with her at her home at Dime Pox Thursday and enjoy a family reunion. One hundred twenty-six persons (relatives only) were listed to be present and a bounteous barbecued dinner along with many other good things to eat was served at noon.