

MEMORIAL SERVICE

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December 10, 1961

Rev. J. Bruce Behney
Morris Sons Funeral Home

- I - Reading Psalm 46 and John 14:1-3, 15-19.
- II - Prayer
- III - Reading of hymn - "For All the Saints".
- IV - Scripture: Matt. 7:12-25
Text - Matt. 7:21b "He who does the
will of my Father who is in
Heaven".
- V - Tribute to Mr. Martin.
- VI - Closing Prayer.

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- 1. False versus true religion is determined by the test of obedience to the will of God.
 - A. It is easy to say "Lord, Lord", but that does not prove one's true faith.
 - B. True religion is the region, not merely of words, but of "doing".
 - 1. The word "doing" must be interpreted very broadly to include believing, worshipping, being a loyal parent, and serving one's neighbors. Mr. Martin was outstanding in all of these.

2. Believing.

A. Genuine religion requires that we hold true beliefs.

1. "Doing" not based on true convictions and fundamental belief, is like obeying laws of the State mechanically rather than out of a spirit of loyalty and patriotism.
2. Hence the first part of doing God's will is to believe in God and in his revelation in Jesus Christ.
3. Mr. Martin had genuine Christian beliefs.

3. Worshipping.

- A. Belief also can be artificial and academic if it isn't expressed in worship.
- B. A Christian life is worshipful, not only at stated times of worship, but in its constant attitude.
- C. Mr. Martin entered into worshipful experiences.

4. Family Loyalty.

A. The Christian sees family responsibility as a unique and sacred relationship.

1. The sacred trust placed upon a parent:
 - a. In supporting the family.
 - b. In setting an example of

Christian integrity before
the family.

c. In sharing intimate love and
affection with wife and
children.

2. Mr. Martin was a Christian father.

5. Service One's Neighbors. Our neighbor's
are all people - near and far - who are
affected by our lives.

A. Serving our neighbors in daily
occupation.

1. Honesty and integrity in our daily
task. Importance of doing our
work well.

2. Consciousness of need to make one's
contribution to human welfare.

B. In charitable service.

1. A christian who does the will of
the Father, gives of his time and
money, without concern for selfish
receiving.

6. In all these matters Mr. Martin measured
up.

A. His passing calls our attention to
the debt we owe to those who do the
will of the Father.

B. Hence, Mr. Martin's life inspires a
feeling of gratitude and joy for his
good life and the blessing it has
brought.