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I hope we may all be much in thought about the sufferings of Christ today and tomorrow, and pray that God will draw us all closer to Himself as a result of the activities of tomorrow.

Today I have been asked to bring a brief announcement . . . . .  
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Begin today by reading a few verses from Mat. 16 starting with v.16. The passage as a whole I am sure is familiar to all of you. I'm only going to read the part that I will discuss this morning. "And Simon Peter answered, and said, Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God." This is the first time that such a testimony to Christ had been given. And Jesus was very enthusiastic about it. He answered and said to Peter, "Blessed art thou Simon Barjona for flesh and blood has not revealed this unto thee but my Father which is in heaven. And I say unto thee that thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it, and I will give thee the ~~KEYS~~ keys to the kingdom of heaven and whatsoever thou shalt ~~say~~ bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no ~~am~~ that He was Jesus the Christ. From that time forth Jesus began to show unto His disciples how He should go unto Jerusalem and suffer many things at the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and raised again the third day. Then Peter took Him and began to rebuke Him saying, Be it far from thee Lord. This shall not be unto thee. And He turned and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me Satan, thou art an offence unto me. For thou savorest not the things that be of God but those that be of men."

It is not very often probably that we find two such contrasting statements made so close together. Here Peter is given tremendous praise for his wonderful testimony to Christ. Almost in the same breath, Jesus said, Get thee behind me Satan, thou art an offence unto me. For thou savorest not the things that be of God but those that be of men. The largest ecclesiastical edifice in Christendom is in Rome -- St. Peter's church in Rome. There in that church the dome of which is visible for miles around Rome as it hangs high above the city there in the church under the dome you look up and you see in big letters of gold, large beautiful letters THOU ART PETER AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH. A quotation from this chapter in Mat. It is a large church that has many different monuments to many people in it. It has pictures and inscriptions of every sort. But though I went through the church, I ~~w~~ could not find anywhere in it a quotation of v. 23, He turned and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me Satan, thou art an offence unto me for thou savorest not the things that be of God but those that be of men.

What I want to call you attention to this morning is the frailty of humanity, and the fact that human beings tend to reach their point of high exaltation as Peter did here, but that's no guarantee that they will not slip down to the point where the Lord will have to say to them