

# HAM PREACHES ON SOUL-SAVING

## Evangelist Says, Many Excuses Offered by Men For Rejecting Christ.

An audience of about 3,500 met Dr. M. F. Ham last night at the tabernacle and heard him discuss the subject "Without Excuse." He took his text in John 15:22: "If I had not come and spoken unto them they had not had sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin."

"Men have no reasonable excuse for their rejection of Christ, and have to make one," said Dr. Ham. "God calls on all men to repent and all who do not accept His offer condemn Him. They have rebellious hearts. Even the heathen are without excuse because God is revealed in nature. But the excuses men invent are numerous, and we will mention some of them.

### DEVIL'S LIES.

"One man does not believe in preachers and evangelists. 'They are all out for money.' You know you are peddling one of the devil's lies, and you know these men of God are underpaid rather than overpaid. Another says 'I don't like your methods, there is too much excitement. Revivals don't last anyway.' You like excitement in sports, but in the matter of most importance, the saving of the soul, you decry excitement.

"Another man says he does not wish to be persuaded to do this thing, he wants to take his time. Well you are being persuaded but by the devil and not by God. Many say there are hypocrites in the church they are not as good as I am.' You are not sincere, you are simply trying to draw attention away from yourself. A thief thinks all men steal, a harlot says no woman is pure. But God alone is our judge.

### MUST BE SAVED.

"People say 'I don't feel like becoming a Christian. In other words you don't feel like changing your crowd and you are now with the devil's gang, liars, murderers, thieves and whoremongers. But you say, 'I mean there is certain feeling I ought to have if I become a Christian.' But you can't feel saved until you are saved, You have no excuse for rejecting Christ.

"Many people say 'I would be a Christian but I am afraid I could not hold out.' But when you fall you can try again and trust God more. Your weakness and unfitness will not keep you from being saved. Some say 'my business will not let me be a Christian, I work on Sunday.' There is legitimate work on Sunday, but you have no right to make the Lord's Day a holiday or day of pleasure seeking.

"The chief excuse people give is 'I expect to be a Christian but not now, I have business reasons. There is some pleasure I do not wish to give up. I will be when I am older, sometime but not now. I expect to before I die.' You are idly boasting. You do not know what a day may bring forth. More souls are lost for this excuse than any other.

### 50 CAME FORWARD.

About 50 persons came forward last night in response to the evangelist's invitation.

Dr. Ham preaches today on "What Christ can do through us with men." This service is at 10 a. m. at the tabernacle. At noon he will be at 120 West Trade street and his subject will be "Will thou be made whole?" Tonight he preaches at the tabernacle on "What will it profit a man if gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

Rev. M. B. Gibson of Amity Presbyterian church led the prayer last night. The Queen City Candy company employes were present in a group, and stood to be welcomed at the meeting.