

cannot see, so with my strength I will put you on my shoulders and carry you where you want to go and with your eyes you see for me and guide me to where I would like to go. All of those kind of stories are given and told by ministers to try to encourage people to reach out and help those who cannot help themselves. All of those things are said whether you go to a church, a mosque, a synagogue or a store front where people profess to be giving us a better way to live. All of the religions on this earth teach that people should show compassion and help those who cannot help themselves, so we are in a position not only as representatives of the people but as stewards of the resources of the state to use these resources in a way that help those who have the greatest need. When the big shot business people came to Jesus and ridiculed him, Jesus said, okay, you don't like what I've got, fine; I have come to help those who have needs; it is the sick, not the well, who have need of the physician. But the philosophy is turned on its head in this Legislature. When big business comes here people fall down and worship and lick spittle for them and when those who have the greatest need come to us...

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..we give them the back of the hand and say it would cost too much to give you a crust of bread but we'll spread a banquet for the big shots who can buy and sell this Legislature a thousand times over. If there is a God in heaven, if he had a son to whom Pastor Harland Johnson prays every morning, there have to be some tears shed for what is being done to these people this morning who need help by those whose job it is to look out for those who cannot help themselves.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, there was a man and he has been given the name Dives, D-i-v-e-s, and he was very rich and he fared sumptuously every day and there was a poor man who came to this man's table and he ate the scraps that fell off this man's table if he was able to outfight the dogs and get his share of the scraps that fell off the table. This poor man's name was Lazarus. The story goes that the two men died. Lazarus was carried to a place referred to in the Bible as Abraham's bosom, which indicates a place of rest