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BUT IF THE SALT HAVE LOST HIS SAVOUR.

No more important question confronts us today, than that of retaining that peculiar humble, sweet, clear, childlike, yet powerful and fresh and active unction in our experience that spontaneously reveals itself to saint and sinner, that we are in full touch with God, the salt of the divine presence immediately sending forth its influence upon those with whom we come in contact. The salt itself works silently while we may be using the sledge hammer of gospel truth to break through men's stony hearts to receive it.

We do not mean to deal with the subject in the sense of a backslidden life as having gone back into actual sin or its guilt, but simply as it is frequently termed as losing the keen edge from our experience, manifested in the lack of soul labour for the unsaved, and a spontaneous prayer for those we meet by the way, and a disposition to tarry in secret communion with God, and a keen relish for spiritual reading, conversation and testimony. This state may come about so gradually that we may not realize it. We may not be conscious of having done a wrong act or of leaving undone a single duty. We may always be in our place at the family altar and in the services in the church.

The sources through which it may be lost are many, but the legitimate cares of home and business, with their necessary labours, with the consequent weariness, slight physical indispositions, and a thousand extra demands on our time, even in connection with our church work will all do their share in the robbery of the soul, until we call a halt, and by diligent prayer set every calling of life in its proper place and make our communion with God the very first object of our life and bring every detail of life into subjection to it. Now to discover the lack and not to apply the remedy is to go on until the salt has lost its savour, when persons are actually more injury to the cause of Christ than good and become like barnacles on the gospel ship. In many communities such people are to be found

clinging to the church of Christ after they have lost all influence for good and a look of weariness comes over the congregation when they rise to shed a few forced tears and say we ought to do so and so, or let us do so and so. We may lose the keen edge from our experience by trying to accommodate ourselves to the tastes of people that do not like definite testimony to entire sanctification. Again we allow ourselves to be robbed by the recognition and preference shown us in being invited frequently to lead the prayer or other service, failing to discover the motive in the action of those who appear so courteous to us. How frequently we have seen people trapped in this way. We might continue the list of ways in which the penetrating, curing, preserving and aggressive power may be lost from our experience and life, but let us stop and alone with God ask ourselves: Is the salt of the Holy Spirit and his fruits in full power in my soul? Am I a real moral force in the community in which I live? Is my vital connection with God the first object of my life? Has the salt lost its savour?

WILL A MAN ROB GOD?

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. Mal. 3-8. Here we have the prophet's declaration of the source of Israel's weakness, they had been withholding from God the service due Him, and as a result had been cursed with a curse, and now if they want to be blessed as in former years they must return to the old paths, they must bring in all the tithes. God challenges them to prove him and see if he would not open the windows of heaven and pour them out an overflowing blessing, then he will rebuke the devourer for their sakes.

The more I know of the religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the more I am persuaded that it is a very practical thing, a salvation that does not yield fruit is vain. God saves us that our powers may all be used for his glory in the salvation of the world. Some are called upon to give up all their time, and talents, while others are to stand by them and see that they are supported and their temporal needs supplied.

What we need as a denomination is more ministers, more men called of God to preach holiness. But what about it brethren if the ministers we already have who will compare with any in talent, and intellect, have in order to live and support their families, to sell books, or farm, or what is worse be forced out of our ranks and seek homes in other denominations where a more lucrative support will be supplied. Are we as a people doing our duty along these lines? Is it right for our churches to be without pastoral care simply because those whom God has intrusted with means fail to use them for the benefit of His cause. Can we muster faith to pray for God to send labourers among us or is there the warm reception of young men whom God is calling to the work that there should be? Do all feel the personal responsibility in this matter we should. Withholding from God means robbing our souls and our pockets. God never lets a man stay long in debt to Him, and when we withhold, a cow or a horse dies, or there is always some reminder along this line, by the Holy Spirit, that we did not obey. We have failed of our duty.

True, you say we are doing all we can. I fear not from our consecration. I have but little faith in a man saying my all is on the altar and then allow God's cause to suffer when he has abundant means to supply it. I believe there are those who are doing all they can and some I think more

than they need, if all came up to the standard. I fear as a rule the man in moderate circumstances who depends upon his daily labour, and the factory girl toiling hard through the week does more and thus receives a greater blessing than the man with his broad fields and his bank account.

We may cry ministers should trust God, so they should, and if God's people all around hear what God says and trust him, all will go well. You say are not ministers after souls? We answer, yes; and he will be worth more free from the burden of debt and care with his needs supplied than he will with a heavy care on his mind not knowing which way to turn to make ends meet. We once heard of a minister of the gospel considering a call to another field and he gave as one reason for the proposed change that his support would likely be better. One of those stingy souls said to him "Why I thought you were after souls?" When the minister reminded him of the fact that he could not eat souls with the suggestion that if he could it would take a great many such as his to make a meal for him.

I have been noting with interest as the Woodstock church made an offering to God in finishing their building how soon God poured out his spirit in blessing, also the St. John church lifted their debt and now God is giving the overflowing blessing, and the same thing is true of Brother Bubar's pastorate. Brethren let us begin to stir ourselves, let us exercise more faith in God, be true to our consecration, and God will bless us. We all remember how God blessed us when we were building our churches, both spiritually and financially. He will do the same thing again if we are true to our consecration, if we see to it that every branch of his work has our immediate attention. You may say our people are the best givers there are, true, and we ought to be as we have light and have proved that God never holds us in debt. I sometimes fear that we as ministers stand in the way of a great blessing for the people because of our modesty, failing to ventilate this subject as we should. May the Lord help us as a people to see to it that we bring all the tithes into the storehouse and prove Him for a blessing. H. H. C.

THE AID OF THE SPIRIT.

It is a time in the history of christian work and effort for the salvation of the lost when, through the study of Bible scholars, the press has furnished the ministry and other Christian workers with a vast amount of helps and instruction as to the best way to win souls to Jesus. Some of these books are very suggestive and compel us to think somewhat as to our manner and method of dealing with unsaved people. Some of these suggestions are from Christian ministers who have been eminently successful in winning souls to God. We are quite safe in carefully and prayerfully testing any wise suggestion thus offered to us by these eminent men. But in doing so we should remember that the manner and the method which among one class of people would result in success, might not bring the same success among another people and educated under different conditions of thought and surrounded by different environments. So while these helps are suggestive and cause us to think and meditate seriously they may not be universally applicable to every class and condition of people. And it is right here that we must fall back on the aid of the Holy Spirit, to apply and fasten the truth to the heart and conscience of those whom we seek to win to God. The aid of the Spirit is a universal help, praise

God. Him we can have all the time as our true and divine helper. The wisdom of man may not be universally utilized, but the wisdom of the Spirit, in imparting to us divine leadership, far above and ahead of any wisdom of man, is always without fail and will surely bring about the spiritual results we so much seek after and pray for. This is an explanation why a Spirit filled and Spirit-led man cannot be accounted for or understood in his ways of working, except by those who are also filled with the Spirit and led of the Spirit. Others look on with amazement and fear, lest our efforts and methods miscarry. And so these efforts would fail of accomplishing much or very little, if these efforts were simply human wisdom. But we must learn and the quicker we learn it the better, that there is an aid of the Spirit that is superhuman and divine, imparting wisdom and knowledge and understanding and discernment of spiritual conditions that far exceeds, at times, the combined teachings of men in the realm of christian activity and work.

This divine wisdom and aid of the Spirit is given to those who place themselves in God's hands to be used by Him anywhere, anyhow, or at any time. But few know the secret of this divine impartation of the Spirit, that lifts them above and beyond conditions and makes them accountable to no one but God Himself alone. And but few are willing to die to human opinion in order to have it. A. L. BUBAR.

WHERE DOES IT BELONG?

Some religious as well as secular papers around us have seemingly desired to take up a reproach against the holiness movement and have inferred and insinuated from the unpleasant occurrences on Beal's Island that holiness encourages cruelty to animals. Now those who receive the HIGHWAY if they wanted to know the truth know that the reports were exaggerated and that the actions of those people were not due to any of their religious teaching nor were they in any way encouraged by those who were leading the services, but their actions were due to insanity and were no more chargeable to holiness than to any other stage of christian experience.

Now how about the cruelty to men, children and beasts. How many cats and dogs kicked and knocked about by professed Christians in moments of anger would enjoy life if their owners had obtained the experience of holiness. How many cows for the simple offence of switching their tail and striking a man's face instead of the tormenting flies is kicked and bruised because of his hasty and un-governed anger, which would have been taken away and sweetness and sympathy put in its place if he had sought and obtained the experience of holiness. The same things could be said of horses who step out of the traces ploughing, etc.

How many children know the sting of mother's impatience and hasty temper, when holiness would have given patience and sweetness and if correction was necessary it would be given in the spirit of sweetness and peace.

Yes brother, dogs, cats, cows and horses would talk for holiness if they could and we believe they know it when their owners have the experience of entire salvation.

Holiness offers violence to no beast and certainly to no man and the only personality we confess it offers violence, yea death to, is our old man. "Knowing this that our old man is crucified that the body of sin may be destroyed." This violence because of

our concept and loathing of the old man is carried out by the Holy Spirit and brings us into blessed harmony with God and our fellow men.

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." Heb. 21:14.

The disease we have been speaking of (inbred sin, the sin in which we are conceived) is that which makes men like to slur holiness and no wonder, the old man derides and hates his only foe. M. S. TRAFTON.

Ministers and Churches.

Rev. A. H. Trafton has about recovered from the accident that befell him some weeks ago, and expects to enter the work soon again.

Rev. J. H. Coy was at home this week, he with many others has been hindered much in his work during the winter by poor health and extremely cold weather.

The last word we had from Rev. G. B. MacDonald was, that he expects to return from college in May. We will be glad to welcome him.

Our church has been very much strengthened and sinners converted by a visit from our son, Lawson, of St. John, N. B. Truly God has done great things for his soul, whereof we are glad. It seemed like a fresh revelation from God to see the wonderful change wrought. God enabled him to hold the attention of a large congregation for 40 minutes on the evening of the 10th inst. Many expressed themselves as being helped by his visit. Our prayer is that he may follow the light. Pastor and people are looking to God for much blessing. H. H. C.

Rev. A. L. Bubar says that the revival at Beals Island is still in progress and he expects to baptize several persons on May 1st.

Rev. Albert Hutt has been located at Presque Isle, Maine.

Brother and Sister Parker Kinney have taken up their residence in North Easton, Maine. Sister Kinney (nee Gertrude Varney of Robie) will be a very helpful worker in the church and Sunday School.

We wish to call the attention of our ministers to the fact that they are neglecting to send us matter for the HIGHWAY. If you have no items of news, you have God's treasury, His blessed Bible, full of glorious truth, dig out a few golden nuggets and send them for each issue. Thus you can speak to thousands.

PERSONAL.

Deacon J. R. Belyea of the Rockdale Hotel at Beulah has been confined to his home for some weeks by a severe attack of La Grippe.

Sister (Wm.) Tedlie returned from Marysville on the 26th inst.

Rev. G. B. Trafton and family passed through a trying winter of sickness, but are now fairly well again.

Bro. J. C. Smith has returned to his home at Bridgewater, Maine, from California where he spent the winter.

Mr. J. F. Bullock will occupy Mrs. F. H. Hale's cottage at Beulah this summer.

DIED.

We are sorry to have to record the sudden death of Mr. John A. Shaw, of Grafton, Carleton County, N. B., on Saturday afternoon, April 16th instant, of heart disease, in the 79 year of his age. Brother Shea had not been well for more than a year, but kept around doing light work. This spring he was feeling much better and was preparing for work among his fruit trees, when he was suddenly stricken down and only lived about three hours. Brother Shea accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour several years ago and united with the Free Baptist church of this town. He was of a quiet and retiring disposition, always pleasant and entertaining and ever exhibited in his life the spirit of his Master. He was one of the kindest of husbands and fathers and a most excellent neighbour and will be greatly missed not only by his widow and family but by a large circle of relatives and sincere friends.

He leaves a widow, formerly a Miss Barrows of Me. One son, Greely, and two daughters, Mrs. Sunder and Miss Ethel, all of Woodstock.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. F. A. Currier his pastor, on Monday 18th, assisted by Rev. Joseph Noble, Free Baptist and Rev. W. B. Wiggins of the Reformed Baptist church, to which Sister Shea and Miss Ethel belong. We deeply sympathize with our sister and the family in their bereavement. W.

THE BOUNDARY LINE STORES.

A petition is being circulated over Aroostook County for the suppression of the boundary line stores. Good move if they are moved far enough.