

The King's Highway.

And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness

The wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein

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(Introduction.)

This little book was written for the encouragement of the holiness churches already organized, and for the stimulation to action, the thousands of people in this great southwest; whose heart's cry has been for years to God for a systematically organized church, with sanctified pastors. We have our Holiness Association of Texas, but that is not a church home for the Holy people; nor does it propose to be; it is simply a church for the preachers, and not for the people; true we have Holiness bands but in the most of these the ordinances of the church have been neglected, and our young converts have not been baptized, nor the Lord's supper administered. "Even from the days of your fathers ye have gone away from mine ordinances and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you saith the Lord of Hosts." Mal. 3-7. Nor have our young preachers been ordained, "Where unto I am an ordained preacher" 1 Tim. 2:7. The Association not being a church, could not conscientiously take the prerogative to ordain a minister, hence the necessity for a church. I know I have undertaken a difficult task, when I speak out thus boldly the true sentiment of my heart. I know I cross the views of many of my best holiness brethren; who are better qualified for this work than I. But brother; I have borne the load until I must unload. Four years ago, God laid this on my heart; but I felt my unworthiness, and tried to beg off; but as the days rolled by, and with them came letters from all over the south-west, inquiring about the holiness church. I can no longer shrink from the responsibility. I know it will bring severe criticism from many parts in holiness ranks, but my Lord will share the burden as he has done heretofore. I would have published these articles in some of the holiness papers in the south-west; but none of them are in sympathy with the Holiness church movement; hence I am driven to the necessity to put it in book form. If this little book has helped you drop me a card of encouragement. If I am wrong write me a letter of correction; either of these will be appreciated. Other booklets will follow this one on the same line as the occasion may demand. Beloved pray for me that I may stand to my post firmly yet kindly, and lovingly.

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THE PILLAR OF FIRE.

Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein the way they should go.—Nehemiah 9-12.

When Israel fled from Egypt's cruel bondage, to the Caanan land of liberty; the land all their own; they were led every step of the way by the fiery presence of Jehovah in a cloudy pillar by day, and a pillar of fire by night; shielding them from their enemies, opening the sea, bringing a gushing stream out of a dry flint rock, and supplying their every need till they reached the border land.

Now Israel got into Egypt under peculiar circumstances, when they were

in search of bread to sustain life, when they were in a famishing condition. Acts 7-11-15.

(11). Now there came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Chanaan and great affliction; and our fathers found no sustenance.

(12). But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first.

(13). And at the second time Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's kindred was made known unto Pharaoh.

(14). Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to him, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls.

(15). So Jacob went down into Egypt, and died, he, and our fathers.

Here is a beautiful picture of the starving world, seeking the bread of life, and like Israel they will go to the place where business is active and plenty of corn can be found. People are tired of being fed on chaff and are hunting the land where cribs are full, and big ears of corn can be seen sticking out of the cracks. If you have corn to spare people will hear about it and make a trip or two down to your crib to see. So when Jacob heard of the corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first. On their first trip they got their sacks filled with corn, and found the money in their sacks mouth. When I was a famishing sinner I heard of a preacher scooping corn down at a Methodist camp meeting, so I went down and got my sack filled, and found it without money and without price.

Before Israel got a grain of corn they had to promise to make a second trip, and bring with them on their second trip, Benjamin, the idol of their home; and when they left the corn crib they left a man bound that could not be loosed till they made the second trip. So their corn soon gave out and they were hungry again, and now they make the second trip, and carry along Benjamin, to present him to the king. But when they reached the corn cribs the second time, and presented Benjamin, instead of getting their sacks full of corn they were made known to their brother Joseph, and introduced to the king, mid great applause, and informed that they could move all they had in to Goshen, the very richest of the corn land and settle there for life. How like it was when I went on my second, instead of a sack I was told to move down with all I had, and I was introduced to my elder brother, Jesus, and made known to the king, and was assured that I could live in the richest land. Exo. 17-8; We find that these second trip people who had come to this corn country in search of bread; were fruitful and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

(8). Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.

(9). And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we:

(10). Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land.

(11). Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens.

How like the Holiness movement in the days of the Wesleys; they were

welcomed into the folds of Methodism, and allowed to settle in the very richest lands (churches.) Read what we clip from Wesley's Plain Account of Christian Perfection, in its closing lines:—

Therefore all our preachers should make a point of preaching Christian perfection TO BELIEVERS constantly, strongly, and explicitly; and all believers should mind this one thing, and continually agonize for it. It is the doctrine of St. Paul, the doctrine of St. James, of St. Peter and St. John. It is the doctrine of every one who preaches the pure and the whole gospel

But there arose up a new king, (new methods,) that knew not Joseph, with his second trip brethren; and this new king (new methods) began to oppress these second trip people who had settled in this rich corn country (church.) But like the Holiness Movement, the more they afflicted them the more they grew and multiplied. Now this new king, (new methodism) said "let us deal wisely with these people; we will make it hard for them to testify; we will set taskmasters, over them. On every circuit where a band of these Holiness people can be found in the church, we will put a cruel taskmaster, with instructions to lay on the task. They are idle, else they would not find so much time to go to so many Holiness meetings. But the more they preached against the second blessing, the more these people grew and multiplied, until they came down so hard, that these oppressed people sighed, and groaned by reason of their bondage; and the Lord heard their cry, and had respect into them. About that time a goodly man child was born whom they named Moses. God will always raise up a man for every emergency. It was a very unpropitious time for a man child to be born; as a decree had gone out from the new king to kill all male children; and all the circumstances were against Moses. But thank God our Jehovah knows no circumstances. So God cared for Moses, and had him reared in the king's court in spite of the decree; and the king educated him, and cared for him until he reached full age.

Then one day he went out to see his brethren and found a cruel taskmaster (Holiness fighting preachers) laying on the lash to one of these second trip people; he promptly slew him and hid in the sand. He then went around with his thumbs in vest saying: "Well I downed one of their big men, and I challenge any other to meet me in debate from their chief editor down. I'll meet him in any of the large cities in Texas. I will down him too; then one by one, we will slay these cruel taskmasters until we can control and reform Egypt." The next day he went out and found his own beloved brethren in a disagreement among themselves; and he walked up in great dignity and tried to "unify" them but they laughed at him and said "who made you a ruler or a judge over us." They had not forgotten that they were still in the new king's country, and that as long as they stayed there they were subject to his laws. "Deliver yourself then come to see us." Moses could have as easily reformed Egypt as we can any of these old line churches, whose ministry fight Holiness. He could not even command the respect of his brethren, as long as he eat at the new king's table. He tried in vain to "raise a dust behind him" but it would not work while he was a loyal subject to the Egyptian laws himself.

When he came to himself, he ran from the new king, (quit the church) that made it so hard for his brethren, and for some years he took the place of a hireling shepherd, in a lone wilderness where he chanced one day to cross Horeb, the mount of God; when he caught a glimpse of the fiery bush that was not consumed, yet it blazed furiously, as he turned aside to see he heard the Lord say: "Take off your shoes Moses and get ready to run. I have a flock down in Egypt, and they are having it hard; I have heard their groanings, and need some one to lead them out." Moses at once slipped off his shoes (laid aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset) when he made his consecration, and got on holy ground, and awaited orders saying who shall I tell them sent me? There came back a clear voice from the bush saying tell them that "I am" not I was, nor I will be but "I am" the ever present living God.

Talk to me about your great conventions, in some central place where the people will come from the north, and the south, the east and the west, and wait, and hunt for Moses, to lead the Holiness Movement. I have read, and re-read, the story and the only people that attended this convention where Moses was found, was the God of Fire, and the lone shepherd of Midian, who formed the convention that called Martin Luther? How many were present when John Wesley got his call? I attended three great conventions hunting the Moses of the Holiness Movement; but I did not see the fiery bush or the crooked stick at either. One at Terrell, Texas; One at Greenville, Texas, and one at Chicago, Ill. But one night in a private room with only seven persons present, the bush was found; and the Holiness Association of Texas was put on foot, and since then some of us have had our shoes off, trying to keep in sight of the Pillar of Fire; and we feel sure if we do we will soon get to the Caanan land of rest.

When Moses left the Burning Bush he went home and told his wife, but she opposed him; but he went on just the same. O brother, if you get a glimpse of the God of fire, you will not heed what your kin-folks and friends say, but you will keep your eye on the fiery cloud while you run. Moses had to go home and begin anew the God ordained ordinance of circumcision in his own family, before he was ready to start to Egypt. So will many of the Holiness people have to begin anew the ordinance of the church before God will bless them.

Now when Moses had met the God of Fire on Horeb, and had set things in order at home, with Jehovah in the lead, he marched straight into Pharaoh's court and then down the challenge; and the people were ready to go. Of course this raised a row with the new king, but he finally drove them out.

But Moses must first leave Egypt himself, before the people would hear him; but when they knew that Moses had left Egypt for all time; he "raised a dust" in Egypt that will never be forgotten.

Now the only thing that they had to do, was to keep in sight of the fiery cloud, and obey orders; while the Jehovah God opened the sea, healed the bitter waters, cured the bite of a serpent by a simple look at a piece of brass, and fed them with the bread of Heaven.

Who has not heard the lash of the taskmaster in the old line church? Who hath not heard the new king say let us deal wisely with them? Who hath not heard the sigh by reason of a heavy bondage? Yes Moses has appeared and heard the sigh of his brethren; and he slew a man and put him out of sight, and now dares the second man to measure arms with him, but he still eats at the new king's table. Yes we all see the situation and with one accord say "something must be done," but we sit down with bowed head—look brother look! The cloud has lifted, and its fiery presence shines while it moves off to the long sought home of our own. Come on let's keep in sight of the cloud of fire, if we expect to walk in its light. Move up brother lest you be left in the darkness. The Egyptians followed the fiery cloud, but were so far behind that the sea closed in on them before they got across.

HOLINESS OF GOD.

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God is a spirit, that is, He possesses the power of a spirit, viz.—Thought, Will and Affection. Hence God is conceived by certain modes of activity, and moral qualities known as "Attributes."

The Attributes of God's activity are:—Omnipotence, Omnipresence, Omniscience and Immutability.

and Holiness. Holiness then is an attribute of God, because it is a quality of His moral excellence.

Holiness is the glorious fulness of God's moral excellence, held as the principle of His own action, and the standard for His creatures.

Holiness in God is first, an inward character of perfect goodness.

Holiness includes both the perfectness of God's self, and the fact that He is always true to Himself.

God's inner perfection is the standard and inspiration of His conduct.

God's holiness dictates the end and the purpose for which He creates, and is conducting the universe. His aim is to produce beings who are capable of goodness, and then make them good.

God cannot have one standard for Himself, and another for His creatures. Hence He requires men to be holy and endeavors to make them so.

Perfect holiness in man would be perfect practical consistency with a perfect inner goodness.

God's holiness is the basis of His moral significance. It is the shining glory of God.

To good beings, the holiness of God is the theme of their highest adoration. To all who love sin, it measures their guilt. To the penitent sinner it brings inspiration and hope.

God's holiness causes all good beings to rejoice; it is their chief song. God's holiness was expressed in Christ. God's holiness is the "Ideal" of the gospel of Christ; it is the supreme substance of Christian character.

God's holiness is His eternal beauty, which is to be imparted as the crown of life to man.

All the voices of revelation unite in the key-note: "Holiness unto the Lord."

God's holiness is absolute; it is the perfection of God.

You can scarcely name a vice that is not a friend of the saloon.—Colorado Springs (Col.) Plaindealer.