

The King's Highway.

Andian highway shall there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Honness: The wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. Isaiah 35:8

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UNBELIEF.

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We can imagine those angels hurrying Lot with his wife and two daughters down through the quiet streets. It was early in the morning and no one was yet astir. Unconscious of its awful doom the silent city was locked in slumber. Down through the quiet streets they hurried, out through the gate and onto the plains. How they admonished them to make haste and tarry not. "ESCAPE FOR THY LIFE; LOOK NOT BEHIND THEE NEITHER STAY THOU IN ALL THE PLAIN; ESCAPE TO THE MOUNTAIN LEST THOU BE CONSUMED."

We can also imagine that Mrs. Lot would act much like some other folks whom we have seen when someone went to them to plead for them to give up their sin and go forward for prayers. They have been under deep convictions; their bosoms heaved with emotion and the struggle that was going on within. Tears would trickle down their cheeks and the one pleading would gently touch their arm saying, "come now"; when they would pull back and say, "Oh, don't hurry me so fast; I don't want to act hastily," and other excuses of like nature.

When we see such actions, or see such a shaking their heads saying "no," such a shaking as this, and she would taken her pace. "This is all foolishness, running like this." The angels would warn her, "don't slacken thy pace; escape for thy life." But from running she would slow down to walking, remonstrating all the time. "I have a notion not to go any further; to tell you the truth I DON'T BELIEVE THERE IS ANY STORM COMING." Oh, that was the secret, SHE DID NOT BELIEVE. And that is just the secret of your unwillingness to leave your godless, sinful company and separate from the world. YOU DON'T BELIEVE.

God has declared in His word that the believer has no fellowship with the unbeliever and commands His people TO COME OUT AND BE SEPARATE; but in spite of His commands all up and down this land preachers are mingling and mixing with as godless and wicked a crowd as walks the earth. They are entering into a common brotherhood and fellowship with men who are taking the name of God in vain; who are not only profane, but are blasphemers, and Sabbath desecrators and holiness haters; and we say frankly that we do not believe men can so do and retain the smile and approval of God. It is a Christless worldly crowd and God says in His word that "Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world IS THE ENEMY OF GOD." (James 4: 2.)

To think of a preacher leaving the work and running up and down the country attending the Grand Conclaves and special conventions of Secret Lodges over the land, while men and women are being engulfed and drawn down into endless destruction and despair everywhere. We KNOW of preachers doing so. We KNOW of a PRESIDING ELDER who did THIS. He left his work and went off to a distant city to a Grand Conclave of Odd Fellows. The big degree terms (big in their tomfoolery and wickedness) from afar were competing for prizes.

This presiding elder was with them, and in spite of the fact that they were in a Prohibition state, yet at the hotel where they were quartered, a special bar tender was kept busy all day Sunday furnishing drinks for them. What a crowd for a representative of Jesus Christ to be in. That presiding elder never opened his mouth in protest.

Talk about being in Sodom and its dangers. Great God! Save us from SUCH a preacher; and from SUCH PREACHING as he could do. SUCH A MAN IS IN SODOM AND UNLESS HE MOVES QUICKLY WILL PERISH IN ITS INIQUITY. But such men do not believe God's plain commands to NOT THUS MIX UP WITH THE WORLD, and, not believing, is it to be wondered that they cannot see the approaching storm? They do not see or realize that the churches are cold, almost lifeless and that all about them men and women are dying without God.

Oh, there are so many who DO NOT BELIEVE. It is the crowning sin of this planet. Eve got her mind off of God's command and on to the fruit, and soon God's command and warnings were forgotten and the awful deed was done. We say frankly we are not only drifting TO an age of unbelief but we are NOW IN it. The pulpit is filled with skepticism and unbelief. "Losing at the Rock of Ages" has pity for his ignorance, and is spoken of as a joke. Don't tell us that we are mistaken. WE KNOW WE ARE NOT. We have ears and have HEARD. The preacher, who comes out straight and clean on a second definite work of grace that cleanses the heart from all sin, is looked upon largely as being too radical, if not fanatical, and in the vast majority of cases is "tolerated only for a season."

The ministry at large DOES NOT BELIEVE IT to be true, although such men as the Wesleys, Clarke, Watson, Fletcher, Kindree, Asbury, Peck and thousands upon thousands of others have preached it, lived it, died happy in it, and went shouting home. We challenge the ministry of today to bring up the name of one person, either from the pulpit or pew, belonging to a secret lodge, who in his last moments sang or shouted the praises of God on his death bed. We never heard tell of one.

Then is it to be wondered that men who are tied up with lodges oppose the preaching of a second work of grace that fully and instantly cleanses the heart from ALL SIN? Is it to be wondered that churches pastored by such men do not believe in SUCH a gospel? And not believing in such a gospel and not believing in the destruction which Jesus said WAS COMING UPON THE EARTH, is it to be thought strange that the vast majority of those who make a profession of religion are IGNORANT AS TO WHAT THE BIBLE DOES TEACH? And such being the case, is it to be thought strange that the majority of the organized churches of this day and age are worldly and are bent on pleasure and entertainment, and DO NOT BELIEVE IN OR CARE ABOUT THAT "HOLINESS WITHOUT WHICH NO MAN SHALL SEE THE LORD," and that the preaching of a gospel that demands a complete separation from the world makes them angry? That the preaching

of a gospel that forbids the needless waste of the Lord's money upon the worldly fashions of today meets with contempt and scorn?

Is it to be thought strange that the young people in the churches, as a rule, are bent on pleasure and that the churches have to be turned into entertainment establishments in order to satisfy them? That the average crowd of young people are prayerless and utterly void of spiritual power; and that to financier the church it must needs be turned into a lecture bureau? And if one comes along crying, "escape for thy life!" he is scarcely believed; and though he may get some of them STARTLED for safety, if he tries to get them clear away from ALL worldliness and sin he will find the majority of them talking on his hands and though they started, many will halt. Why? THEY DO NOT BELIEVE. "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither warm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold, tried in the fire, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chastise; be zealous therefore, and repent. (Rev. 3: 14-19.)

ARE YOU A BIBLE CHRISTIAN?

If you are a true Bible Christian, such as you may and should be, then you have present peace with God, all your sins are forgiven and your name is registered in the Lamb's Book of Life. "Thee more, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:1. "There is, therefore, now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Rom. 8:1.

You have the witness of the Spirit that you are now a child of God and an heir of glory. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God; and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together." Rom. 8:16, 17.

You are saved from the love of the world. You are not eagerly seeking its wealth, and striving to lay up for yourself treasures upon earth; you do not desire the honors and praise of men, neither do you follow their customs and fashions, for you have learned and proved, in your own experience, that there is something better. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." I John 2:15. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." I John 5:4. "And be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind," etc. Rom. 12:2.

You either keep out or come out of all secret, oath bound societies. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with un-

believers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them; and I will be their God and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." 2 Cor. 6:14-18. See also Eph. 5:11-15 and Jas. 5:12.

You give freely and liberally of your means to relieve the poor and advance the truth. Isa. 32:8; Eph. 4:28. You love the Word of God and delight in its study; hath great peace and do not stumble into sin. "O how I love thy law! it is my meditation all the day." Ps. 119:97. See also Ps. 119: 103, 148, 165.

You love the prayer meeting, and are constant and active in your support of it as far as possible. "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching." Heb. 10:25. "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another and the Lord hearkened and heard it and a name," etc. Mal. 3:16, 17.

You make no attempt at outward display, either in style of living or by personal adornment with gold, precious stones and costly array. "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel," etc. I Pet. 3:3. See also I Tim. 2:9.

You are saved from the bondage of depraved appetites and habits. drink, tobacco, opium, cards, rink-going, dancing, horse-racing, gambling, lying, swearing, stealing, cheating, scolding, Sabbath-breaking, fornication, adultery, pride and all uncleanness and foolish talking and jesting, do no longer bind you and bring you under its power. The ruling power of sin is broken and your emancipated soul has victory over the world, the flesh and the devil. There is no law out against you, but you are free, yes, are indeed. "If the Son, therefore, shall makee you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36. "Walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." Gal. 5:16.

You do not run in debt without knowing how or when you will be able to pay. "Provide things honest in the sight of all men. Owe no man anything, but to love one another." Rom. 12:17; 13:8.

You have confidence toward God and are entirely uncondemned, either of God or of your own heart. Your own communion with Him is real; often sweet and precious beyond expression, and your prayers are most graciously heard and answered. "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." I John 3:22.

By constantly abiding in Christ, you are saved from committing all known and outward sins. In loving obedience to God's Word, and under the gentle movings and clear enlightening of the

Holy Spirit, while constantly and fully trusting in God for His promised grace you are kept from yielding to any temptations of the adversary, or the uprisings of the carnal mind. "Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not." I John 3:6. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin." I John 3:9.

You love God and know it. You love and are patiently waiting for the second personal appearing of Christ, sure (if faithful unto the end) of a crown of righteousness at His coming. "Unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Heb. 9:28. You know that when Christ does appear that you also will appear with Him in glory; and that then you shall see Him as He is, and be like Him forever. And having this hope you purify yourself, even as He is pure. See I John 3:3.

You suffer in some form, and to a greater or less degree, from the persecuting spirit of the ungodly; and are not loved, courted and sought after by the world. "Yea and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." 2 Tim. 3:12. "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." John 15:19.

You hunger and thirst after righteousness. Walking after the Spirit, you are led to see the need of an experience beyond what you now enjoy. done in your soul, and to know more and more of the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, until you comprehend in its breadth and length and depth and height, and are filled with all the fulness of God. "Be ye holy; for I am holy." I Peter 1:16. "Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Heb. 12:14.

Reader, are you a Bible Christian?—The Lamp of Life.

"As soon as a truly converted man obtains the light as to the possibility of his being sanctified wholly he will press on after this experience, or he will lose what grace he already has, but if he is truly converted and walks in the light he is certain to reach the point of full consecration and of a living, present, perfect faith and thereby comes to the point of realizing that the blood of Jesus cleanses from all sin."

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