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Editorial.

But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice; let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them; let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favor wilt thou compass him about as with a shield. Psal. 5, 11-12.

This Psalm is a prayer. If you are inclined to read prayers, the best ones in print are in the Bible and need no revision. Note the subjects of this one:

1st. David requests an audience with the Lord.

2nd. He asks God to consider his thoughts—my meditation.

3rd. The voice of my cry—this sentence is worthy of careful thought.

4th. The time for prayer: When the body and mind are rested, when the best can be used in true worship.

5th. His attitude, "and look up" with confidence, hope, expectancy. Guilty people have a down look.

6th. David knew and acknowledged God's attitude toward wickedness. And no pleasure in it; evil cannot dwell with God. The foolish shall not stand in his sight. *Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.*

Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing (lying). The Lord will abhor the bloody and deceitful man. God's attitude toward five classes of sinners: Foolish, workers of iniquity, lying, bloody and deceitful.

7th. His personal worship, verse 7: *But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of my mercy; and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple (temple of thy holiness).*

Note carefully how he prays about his enemies in verses 8-9-10.

The enemies are real, but they try to appear as friends. *They flatter with their tongues.*

Then he turns to another company in the 11th verse.

Before we pass to the words *rejoice, joy and joyful*, we need tarry a little at the first sentence of this beautiful turn in this great prayer.

But let those that put their trust in thee rejoice.

Here is the foundation and true cause and source of true God-given joy. This kind of hilarity is not worked up; it is real, and is not followed with feelings of despondency. It breaks forth spontaneously, and finds an immediate response from heaven and earth. It is "the joy of the Lord which is our strength." It is the joy of conscious favor and defence of God against all wicked enemies which have been expelled from within, and protection from those without.

"All those that trust in thee"—When? Why? For what? Under what circumstances?

Real trust in God produces courage, or fearlessness, restfulness, peacefulness and hopefulness. Bless God, and joyfulness; and when all these fulnesses meet in one heart it will be very difficult to restrain ourselves from breaking forth in expressions, shouts for joy; and it is a perfectly scriptural conduct on the part of those who trust in the Lord, although it would completely spoil the modern church service. Do you wonder that people who enjoy the fullness of salvation love to shout and sing?

The declaration is, "let them ever shout for joy." The cold, formal Christian professor can't stand it. I don't know why David makes a distinction between those who trust in God, and those that love His name, the first company he says let them shout for joy, and the second he says let them be joyful in thee. Unless it is that those who are enjoying the blessing of real justification really enjoy the demonstrations of their brethren and sisters who are wholly sanctified.

The closing sentences of this prayer is exceedingly rich—*For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favor wilt thou compass him about.* Marginal note—Thou coverest over, or protectest them.

CHRISTIAN PERFECTION.

J. W. Hill.

Christian perfection is not a state from which we cannot fall. No state of grace this side of heaven will end our probation and render a lapse into sin impossible. Do you ask, how can a holy man sin? It is sufficient to answer, how did the holy pair sin themselves out of paradise? Man possesses a fearful power of choice, an abstract power lodged within his volitions which renders it possible for him to sin himself out of any state of peace this side of heaven. God can save men from the practice, bent and being of sin; but not from the possibility of sinning. Such a salvation would end probation and annihilate virtuous actions under the present moral constitution. It is better to get where we won't sin than to go where we can't sin. Such a salvation secures more glory to God and reflects more dignity upon the creature. True, John says, "He that is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." This means no more than he who is born an honest man doth not steal, for the seed of honesty is in him, and he cannot steal because he is an honest man. Any man can sin if he will, but a holy man won't sin and maintain his holy estate.—*Selected.*

Sister Jennie Landers (formerly of Sandford, N. S.) after spending seven weeks at her home, has returned to Milton, Mass. The Highway appreciates our young people who keep in touch with their home churches through it.

"AMUSEMENT MAD."

Mrs. Mary A. Teats, of Chicago, in addressing the Purity Congress assembled at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, San Francisco, a few days ago, said:

"The American home is passing, because women are amusement mad, and the home is just a place where we eat, sleep and change our clothes. Feeding the babies candy, circus lemonade, chewing gum, and teaching children the theatre habit, together with the deadly sins of indulgence in liquor, cocoa, tea and cigarettes, are slowly destroying the American home."

People who are not blinded to facts recognize that the world is crazed by the pursuit of pleasure. As expressed by Mrs. Teats, it is "amusement mad." The "theatre habit" is formed in the very infancy of most children; and running after pleasure, to the neglect of home and the many other useful things of life, is characteristic of the age. If we will stop long enough to reflect seriously, we may recognize this, just as thousands of good men and women are recognizing it; but how many of us realize that through the inspiration of prophecy, the apostle Paul has predicted, with unmistakable plainness, that one of the things that will make the last days perilous is that the people will be lovers of pleasures rather than lovers of God?—*Selected.*

"Amusement Mad"—is the best expression of present conditions among a great mass of people that we have heard. One has only to pass in the vicinity of theatres, the moving picture buildings and similar places, to see this statement fully demonstrated. Many wives and children spend the very blood money of the husband and father who are fighting at the front in this way.

Nothing lessens or halts the great rush to the play house, the horse trot, or the great gambling ball games, and kindred resorts.

Is the church to blame?

We need not ask if the church contributes to this great mass which have become "pleasure mad." That is answered by the passing throng. Can it be that this church membership have not drank of the water—If a man drink he shall never thirst—for worldly things? The spiritually minded in all churches should take this question into the most serious consideration.

A GOOD REMOVER.

"Alcohol will remove stains from summer clothes." This is true, but it also removes other things. It will remove the summer clothes, and the summer; also the spring, the autumn and the winter clothes, not only from the one who drinks it, but from the wife and family as well. It will also remove the household furniture, the eatables from the pantry, the smiles from the face of his wife, the laugh from the innocent lips of his children, and the happiness out of his home. As a remover of things alcohol has no equal.—*Selected.*

AIM FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE.

You do not test the resources of God till you try the impossible.—F. B. Meyer.

God loves with a great love the man whose heart is bursting with a passion for the impossible.—Wm. Booth.

We have a God who delights in impossibilities.—Andrew Murray.

Attempt great things for God; expect great things from God.—Wm. Carey.