

The King's Highway.

An Advocate of Scriptural Holiness

And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness—Isa. 35-8.

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No man careth for my soul, no man sought after my soul.—Psa. 142, 4.

On being asked of the whereabouts of his brother, Cain made the inquiry of God (Gen. iv, 9) "Am I my brother's keeper?" and this causes us to ask ourselves the question, how far does man's obligations go toward his fellow man? Are we really responsible for anyone outside of ourselves? In answer to this, let us turn to Romans xiv, 7, "For none of us liveth to himself." Paul is here speaking of those professing godliness, whose every act or desire should be in line with the will of God. We often hear the unsaved say, "If I was a Christian I would feel differently from some that profess and belong to the church," and the very fact that the unsaved are watching us calls to our mind that we are indeed our brother's keeper. "No man liveth to himself," no matter how small or inferior we may feel to appear in the sight of others, there goes out from each of us an influence either for or against God.

When I was a small boy, an old man—we would call him a tramp—passing through the country, stopped at my father's home all night. At the family altar, after the family service was over, the old man broke out in prayer, and prayed as if he knew God. It had its influence, for I remember hearing my father say to another man, "He was ragged and filthy, but I believe he knew God." Even though old and poor, homeless and destitute, yet that prayer had its effect in reminding us of the fact that there was an immortal part even to this class of people, and I believe the old man felt he had found a place where they cared for his soul.

But, brother and sister, how many all about us today feel as did the Psalmist on this occasion, pressed in by the enemy, no way of escape? It is thought the Psalmist wrote this Psalm in connection with his experience in the cave of Engedi, when pursued by King Saul and his army of 3,000 men; his realization of the fact that no man seemed to come to his rescue or to care for him.

Today many see their lost condition, and like the Psalmist in verses 1 and 2, cry out to God in prayer, but none seem to be on hand, or come to lend a helping hand. How many precious souls are lost just on the point of decision, just at the turning point in life, because no man sought after their soul, no father nor mother, no brother nor sister nor friend mentioned the fact by smile, look, act or word, that they were interested in their soul's salvation.

A man I know well, down deep in sin, steeped in rum and tobacco, sat in one of our meetings under the power of the Holy Ghost. A worker went to him and said, "Jim, Jesus is interested in you His blood can clean you up and make a man out of you." The word was just



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what was needed in that man's life. He was there under the light of the Holy Ghost, waiting for someone that sought after his soul. The man replied, "If I thought He could, I would go forward tonight." The worker sought harder after his soul. The man gave up and went forward, and came to God and got salvation, and a few hours later definitely found the blood sufficient to cleanse him from all sin.

How many souls are we seeking after today, my brother, my sister? How many have we got listed on our prayer list? It is indeed good to pray for our own family, but it is very selfish to pray for "me and my wife, my son and his wife—us four. Amen." Souls will soon shrivel up and die with no expansion to this prayer.

But say, do you ever feel a great peace in your soul to see your neighbors and your neighbors' children brought to God? Do you ever realize with a great desire of soul that it is just as essential to get souls into the experience of sanctification as it is to get them converted?

Why? asks someone belonging to a holiness church. Because the Holy Ghost said through Paul in Hebrews xii, 14, You cannot see God without this experience of holiness. Are we putting as much stress in our prayers along the lines of holiness and holy living as we used to in days gone by? If not, why not? Is it not as essential for people to get sanctified today as 25 or 30 years ago? I claim it is more essential, because we are living under greater light, and in times of greater peril, when our adversary the devil is introducing so many new and popular ways of deceiving men and women into hell that only those who have their hearts cleansed from the inbeing of sin can stand out against his polished craftiness.

Again we call your attention to our text, "No man sought after my soul." In one of our churches a young man dropped into the meeting; at the altar call many of the members went out seeking for souls, and as many pressing invitations came to this young man he at last yielded and went forward for salvation. The next day he was told in his home that he

might have got salvation in his own church. He made the reply, "I have gone there all my life, and no one ever asked me about my soul. I went up to that church and everybody seemed to be seeking my soul." Does that church still maintain its reputation?

Brother and sister, what unsaved one awaits your invitation on prayer meeting night, or at the Sabbath school hour? Can the unsaved note your patient perseverance passing down the street or along the road toward the house of God, with a smile of welcome or a shake of the hand, or quiet invitation, causing them to indeed feel you are seeking for their souls? Or are you so seldom at the prayer meeting and so absorbed in the world when you meet the unsound you pass by regardless of the fact you have lost a golden opportunity of reminding one you care for their souls?

We believe the devil stands at the elbow of every unsaved soul, using every unoccupied opportunity by the child of God to cause that unsaved person to feel that no one cares for or is seeking after their soul. While we would love to see sinners saved and believers sanctified, how much are we doing toward it? We find the word 'sought' there refers us to 'seek,' which is in the present tense. Not put it off until the revival comes, or some future day, but immediately go in search of—look for—inquire for—to try or endeavor. What part of this definition are we putting forth today for the salvation of those about us? I remember passing through revival meetings in the early days of the holiness movement, being impressed by the Holy Spirit on the invitation of the preacher, to go "fishing." I went to a friend of mine and manifested an interest in his soul. Immediately he went forward and found God. A few days later he returned and definitely sought and obtained the blessing of perfect love or heart cleansing. He told me that in that service when I went to him he was sitting there wishing someone cared for his soul enough to come seeking it.

Dear ones, if you have not a goodly number of unsaved and unsanctified on your prayer list today, let us put them there, and by faith and prayer make every unsaved and unsanctified person we come in contact with feel in our presence there are some that are seeking after their souls. Amen.

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God save our men.

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