

ALTAR WORK IN THE REVIVAL.

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In revival work we naturally feel our utter helplessness so far as human strength is concerned. Surely of it were not for the heart yearning God gives for the lost and His promise to be with us, we would never undertake of ourselves such responsible work as the winning of souls. But realizing the battle is the Lord's and we are his instruments—co-workers together with Him—there is a joy in His service that fills and thrills the soul through life. Ye there is so much to learn, so many errors are made, even in seeking the lost! How we long to become more efficient workers in the vineyard. Profiting by our mistakes and the mistakes of others, we would learn much from the successful methods of those who are making valiant soldiers in the field.

Perhaps more blunders are made at the altar than at any other point. After the careful preparation for the grain, how needful it is to exercise the greatest care in gathering the harvest. The altar service marks this important crisis. Indeed, we need to be as "wise as serpents, and as harmless as doves." Not until we have self off our hands and are filled with the Spirit, can we hope to be a successful soul winner.

So often altar workers in their earnestness and eagerness hinder rather than help seekers. They try to do the repenting and believing for the sinner and the consecrating and believing for the child of God seeking the baptism with the Holy Ghost. By instruction we can help the penitent to see that sin must be given up and faith in the atoning blood of Christ exercised before there can be a knowledge of pardon. We dare not undertake in the heart that which the Holy Spirit alone can do. It is true we can help the child of God in his understanding of what the Father expects in consecration, but we can go no further, for this is another transaction that must take place between the seeking soul and God. The Holy Ghost will always witness to the work done.

Nothing is more necessary for an altar worker than to know how to use wisely the word of God, for it is the sure foundation upon which the seeker can build his faith. Then to be able to lift the wavering faith up on the wings of believing prayer is another essential qualification for the successful altar worker.

Sad fact it is sometimes we see those pretending to work at the altar who need help themselves. Their loose, inconsistent lives prove a stumbling block. Such tools the enemy puts prominent in the altar service. Get the hinderer out if you have to send him out of town on an errand.

Again, we sometimes see the spiritual leaders hesitate in coming forward to instruct or pray. This may be caused from a feeling of unworthiness. How they need to trust God for grace to make them fit vessels for the Master's use. No one is sufficient of himself; our sufficiency is of God.

May we say that even the evangelist may get in the way of the Holy Spirit? No one needs more than he to know that this is the work of the Lord. How careful then he must be not to dictate to the Holy Ghost, but follow the leadings of the Spirit. No two altar services are just the same. If people want to shout and God gives the shout, let them shout. If they want to keep quiet and drink from the fountain, let them keep quiet. Just so souls get to Christ and are made whole. It makes no difference how they manifest their joy for that is no part of the experience whatever.

Certainly, reverence should characterize every altar service. Nowhere is cheap whiff so much out of place and dishonoring to God. Holy joy is the Lord, but levity and jests around an altar of prayer is the work of the enemy. Lord, teach us wisdom that we may win souls! Burn out the dross, and refine the gold!

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A FEW THINGS THE BIBLE SPEAKS OF BEING HOLY.

- Holy throne. Psalm 47:8.
- Holy nation. 1 Peter 2:9.
- Holy mount. Psalm 48:1.
- Holy tabernacle.
- Holy ground. Exodus 3:5.
- Holy Sabbath. Exodus 31:14.
- Holy crown. Lev. 8:9.
- Holy gifts. Exodus 28:33.
- Holy oil. Exodus 30:25.
- Holy coat. Lev. 16:4.
- Holy sanctuary. Lev. 16:33.
- Holy house. Lev. 27:14; Isa. 64:10.
- Holy people. Jer. 2:3.
- Holy water. Jer. 5:27.
- Holy congregation. Num. 13:3.
- Holy vessels. 1 Chr. 22:12; 1 Sam. 21:5.
- Holy man and men. 2 Kings 4:9; 2 Chr. 23:6.
- Holy Levites. 2 Chr. 35:3.
- Holy offerings. 2 Chr. 35:13.
- Holy seed. Ezra 9:2; Isaiah 6:13.
- Holy heaven. Psalm 20:26.
- Holy oracle. Psalm 28:2.
- Holy hill. Psalm 99:9.
- Holy provinces. Psalm 105:42.
- Holy Jerusalem. Isaiah 4:3.
- Holy city. Isaiah 64:10.
- Holy flesh. Jer. 11:15.
- Holy flock. Ezekel 22:26.
- Holy chambers. Ezekel 42:13.
- Holy garments. Ezekel 42:14.
- Holy land. Ezekel 45:1.
- Holy oblation. Ezekel 48:10.
- Holy covenant. Daniel 11:28, 30.
- Holy angels. Matt. 25:31.
- Holy prophets. Acts 3:21.
- Holy child. Acts 4:30.
- Holy scriptures. Rom. 1:2.
- Holy commandments. Rom. 7:12.
- Holy first fruits. Rom. 11:16.
- Holy kiss. 1 Cor. 16:20.
- Holy brethren. 1 Thess. 5:27.
- Holy hands. 1 Tim. 2:8.
- Holy calling. 2 Tim. 1:9.
- Holy bishops. Titus 1:8.
- Holy conversion. 1 Peter 1:15.
- Holy priesthood. 1 Peter 2:5.
- Holy women. 1 Peter 3:5.

Christianity is utterly opposed to selfishness. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. If man accepts the Son as his Saviour and counsellor and guide he has no right to do as he pleases with either his life or talent or worldly possessions. He is no longer his own; he has been bought with a price.—*Frederick W. Faber*.

"There can be little right doing without right thinking and right being. Good character is the surest fountain of good conduct."

"He is always making himself better who is endeavoring to make the world better."

"Confidence of success is almost success, and obstacles often fail of themselves before a determination to overcome them."

NATIVE WORKERS.

By I. M. Kierstead.

We have the following men and women working for our mission teaching and evangelizing and are doing excellent work, but these are not being paid. So we are in hopes some churches or individuals will choose a worker to support. This must be of course, outside of your regular offerings.

Sameli, Timote, Johan, Paul, Meshiaka, Johan Suhozi, Jona Josefa, Mata (Martha).

There are some others who are now being supported.

During this famine time there, the men will need from \$7.50 to \$10.00 per month salary, while the girls need about \$3.00.

All those wishing to support a worker please send all monies to Rev. S. A. Baker, Fredericton, N. B.,

Then we will inform you from time to time through the Highway, something of their work, how they are progressing and what results they are having, we must push this work this year, "the fields are already white unto the harvest."

Ask the Lord what He would have you do about it NOW, time is short, we have no promise of tomorrow, let us then be up and doing.

THE GREAT PRAYER HINDRANCE.

Satan sentinels the gateway of prayer. Andrew Bonar has left it on record that he never entered into a session of pure prayer without a fierce battle at the threshold. Satan dreads nothing like prayer. He knows he cannot frighten saints with hideous features or overcome them by coarse enticements. He stands at the portals of the Holy of Holies as an angel of light. He does not openly attack; he diverts. The church that had lost its Christ was full of good works. Activities are multiplied that mediation may be ousted, and organizations are increased that prayer may have no chance. Souls may be lost in good works, as surely as in evil ways. The one concern of Satan is to keep saints from prayer. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.—*Selected*.

When Dr. Robert Moffatt, the famous pioneer missionary and Bible translator, was in South Africa he received a visit one day from a Bechuana lad who had become a Christian. The lad was in great trouble because of an accident that had happened to his copy of the New Testament, which Dr. Moffatt had translated and the Bible Society had printed in the Chuana language. His watch-dog had got hold of the book and had torn a page out of it. "Well," said Dr. Moffatt, "don't be so troubled about it; I can get you another Testament." "No, no," said the lad by no means comforted, "think of the dog." Dr. Moffatt laughed. "Nonsense," he said, "if your dog can crunch an ox-bone, he is not likely to be hurt by a bit of paper." "O, Papa Moffatt," said the boy, "I was once a bad boy. If I had an enemy I hated him, and everything in me wanted to kill him. Then I got the new testament in my heart, and began to love everybody and forgive all my enemies. Now the great dog, the great big hunting dog, has got the blessed book in him and will begin to love the lions and tigers and let them help themselves to the sheep and oxen."—*The Bible Society Gleanings*.

"Abram did not know where he was going, but he knew with whom he was going."