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HOLINESS COMMANDED.

I am the Almighty God, walk before me, and be thou perfect.—Gen. 17-1.

I am that God who pours out blessings, who gives them richly, abundantly, continually.

Walk before me. Be firmly purposed, thoroughly determined to obey—before me—for my eyes are ever on thee, therefore ever consider that God seeth thee.

Who can imagine a stronger incitement to conscientious persevering obedience?

Be thou perfect and thou shalt be perfection, i. e., altogether perfect; be just as the holy God would have thee to be, as the Almighty God can make thee, and live as the all-sufficient God shall support thee: for he alone who makes the soul holy, can preserve it in holiness. Our blessed Lord appears to have had these words pointedly in view. Matt. 5-48. Ye shall be perfect, as your Father who is in heaven is perfect.

But what does this imply? Why, to be saved from all the power, the guilt and the contamination of sin? This is only the negative part of salvation; but it has also a positive part—to be made perfect—to be perfect as our Father who is in heaven is perfect—to be filled with the fullness of God—to have Christ dwelling continually in the heart by faith, and to be rooted and grounded in love. This is the state in which man was created; for he was made in the image and likeness of God. This is the state from which he fell: for he broke the command of God, and this is the state into which every human soul must be

raised who would dwell with God in glory: for Christ was incarnated and died to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. What a glorious privilege!

And who can doubt the possibility of its attainment who believes in the omnipotent love of God, the infinite merit of the blood of atonement, and the all-providing and the all-purifying energy of the Holy Ghost? How many miserable souls employ that time to dispute and cavil against the possibility of being saved from their sins, which they should devote to praying and believing that they might be saved out of the hands of their enemies!

But some may say, "You overstrain the meaning of the term; it signifies only, be sincere; for as perfect obedience is impossible, God accepts of sincere obedience."

If by sincerity the objection means good desires and generally good purposes, with an impure heart and spotted life, then I assert that no such thing is implied in the text, nor in the original word; but if the word sincerity be taken in its proper and literal sense, I have no objection to it. Sincere is compounded of sine-cera (without wax) and, applied to moral subjects, is a metaphor taken from clarified honey, from which every atom of the comb or wax is separated.

Then let it be proclaimed from heaven—Walk before me and be sincere! purge out the old leaven that ye may be a new lamp unto God, and thus ye shall be perfect. This is sincerity.

Reader, remember that the blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin. Ten thousand quibbles

GOOD WORK DONE BY BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The 112th annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at Queens Hall, London, on May 3. The report of Rev. J. H. Ritson, the secretary of the society, showed that the society had circulated the largest number of Scriptures in its history, the circulation reaching 11.059,617 volumes. During the year, part of the Bible was translated in ten new languages. This makes 497 different translations handled by the institution.

It was reported that the free distribution of New Testaments to military hospitals, soldiers, sailors and prisoners of war had been over 4,500,000 copies in forty different languages. Of these, over half a million had been distributed to the 1,200 military hospitals in the British Isles, and over 150,000 to Canadian troops in Canada. Concerning this work Mr. Ritson in his report said: "You will be glad to know that no belligerent government has deliberately placed obstacles in the way of Bible distribution. We have been allowed to send our scriptures to and fro between friendly and hostile countries, and our depots are still open in Berlin, Vienna, Budapest, Warsaw and Constantinople."

The other speakers of the annual meeting, besides Rev. J. H. Hitson, were Right Reverend Bishop C. H. Stileman, Rev. E. W. Smith, Ven. Archdeacon Westcott and Rev. F. W. McDonald.

GOOD WORDS FOR THE HIGHWAY.

I think the Highway is growing better all the time.

A. J. Marsten.

I have enjoyed reading the Highway, and have found many helpful things in its pages.

Mrs. Clara Nelson.

The last Highway was exceedingly good and interesting.

A. L. Bubar.

The sermon by Dr. C. J. Fowler in the Highway of May 15th was excellent.

Rev. J. J. Colter.

ALLIANCE FUND.

Will the deacons of the several churches please see to the collecting of the "Alliance Fund," which is 25 cents per member? as we will need it very much this year. Will the pastors please make an effort to have it collected? Please do not forget it brethren.

The Secretary.

on insulated texts can never lessen, much less destroy, the merit and efficacy of the great atonement.

Dr. Adam Clarke.

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JULY 1-10, 1916.

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