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EDITORIAL.

PERFECT LOVE.

He that feareth is not made perfect in love.—1 John 4-18.

There is no true Christianity without love.

"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."

"He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."

Dr. Adam Clarke says:

"Among men we find some that have neither fear nor love; others have fear and love, and others have love without fear."

While there is no fear in love, there may be fear and love in the same heart.

The Bible being the standard of Christian experience, states that fear hath torment, and that "he that feareth is not made perfect in love."

James compares the Bible to a mirror and beautifully sets it forth as the perfect law of liberty.

(a) As a looking glass man can see his spiritual defects; (b) He can also see an effective remedy—perfect liberty—freedom from that disturbing element, fear. The word "made" suggests a supernatural work of divine grace by which the disturbing element is eradicated and the child of God is made perfect in love, and places him in the condition to "love God with all his heart, might, mind and strength, and his neighbor as himself."

The text is to us very definite, as it reveals the cause of the defect in Christian experience, and names the cause of their mental perplexity and suffering, and brings every honest seeker for real salvation to a stand and makes him judge of his own spiritual condition.

"He that feareth is not made perfect in love."

The frequent disturbance experienced where fear is not cast out, produces tormenting uncertainty of acceptance with God—[Al] inward witness is not felt. In these troublesome times the fear of want—the fear of death—the fear of the judgment and the fear of man—are all sources of tormenting fear and evidences of not

having been made perfect in love.

The word "made" occurs twice in this connection. In the 17th verse it reveals the great object and purpose for diligent seeking to be made perfect in love, as it alone fits men for the supreme moments of the day of judgment, as "perfect love casts out fear."

We are absolutely powerless to cleanse the evil from our hearts, which in our early Christian experience we are painfully conscious of its presence at times.

We are equally as powerless to dispel those tormenting fears. The text declares that there is a remedy within our reach that will do it, called "perfect love," and that will cast out fear, and give boldness—fearlessness.

This is not an experience that belongs to any particular age or people, but it is obtainable in this present dispensation. It was amply provided for on the Cross of Calvary. Perfect love is a necessity to our present happiness, and our present and future salvation. It alone will give us courage here and boldness in the day of Judgment. We quote the following from Dr. Adam Clarke:

17. [Herein is our love made perfect.] By God dwelling in us, and we in Him; having cast out all the carnal mind that was enmity against Himself, and filled the whole heart with the spirit of love and purity. Thus the love is made perfect; when it thus fills the heart it has all its degrees; it is all in all; and all in every power, passion and faculty of the soul.

[May have boldness in the day of judgment]. Freedom of speech, and liberty of access; seeing in the person of our Judge, Him who has died for us, regenerated our hearts, and who Himself fills them.

[As he is]. Pure, holy, and loving; So are we in this world; being saved from our sins, and made like to Himself in righteousness and true holiness. No man can contemplate the day of judgment with any comfort or satisfaction but on this ground, that the blood of Christ hath cleansed him from all sin; and that he is kept by the power of God, through faith, unto Salvation. This will give him boldness in the day of judgment.

18. [There is no fear in love.] The man who feels believes God with all his heart, can never dread Him as his Judge. As he is now made a partaker of His Spirit, and carries a sense of the Divine approbation in his conscience; he has nothing of that fear that produces terror, or brings torment. The perfect love that fulness of love which He has received, casteth out fear; removes all terror relative to this day of judgment; for it is of this that the apostle particularly speaks. And as it is inconsistent with the gracious design of God to have His followers miserable, and as he cannot be unhappy whose heart is full of the love of his God, this love must necessarily exclude this fear or terror; because that brings torment, and hence is consistent with that happiness which a man must have who continually enjoys the approbation of his God.

[He that feareth]. He who is still uncertain concerning his interest in Christ; who, although he has many heavenly drawings, and often sits with Christ some moments, on a throne of love, yet feels from the evils of his heart a dread of the day of judgment, is not made perfect in love; has not yet received the abiding witness of the Spirit that he is begotten of God; nor that fulness of love to God and man, which excludes the enmity of the carnal mind, and which it is his privilege to receive. But is the case of such a man desperate? No, it is neither desperate nor deplorable; he is in the way of salvation, and not far from the kingdom of Heaven. Let us earnestly seek, and fervently believe on the Son of God: and He will soon give them another baptism of His Spirit, will purge out all the old leaven, and fill their whole souls with that love which is the fulfilling of the law. He who is not yet perfect in love may speedily become so, because God can say in a moment, I will, be thou clean; and immediately his leprosy will depart. Among men we find some that have neither love nor fear; others, that have fear without love; others that have love and fear; and others, that love without fear.

1. Proligates, and worldly men in general, have neither the fear nor love of God.

2. Deeply awakened and distressed penitents have the fear or terror of God without His love.

3. Babes in Christ, or young converts, have often distressing fear mixed with their love.

4. Adult Christians have love without this fear; because fear hath torment; and they are ever happy, being filled with God.—See Mr. Wesley's note on this place.

1. We must not suppose that the love of God shed abroad in his heart is ever imperfect in itself; it is only so in degree. There may be a less or greater degree of what is perfect in itself; so it is with respect to the love which the followers of God hath: they may have measures or degrees of perfect love without its fulness. There is nothing imperfect in the love of God, whether it be considered as existing in Himself, or as communicated to His followers.

2. We are not to suppose that the love of God casts out every kind of fear from the soul; it only casts out that which has torment.—A filial fear is consistent with the highest degrees of love; and even necessary to the preservation of that grace. This is properly its guardian; and, without this, love would soon degenerate into listlessness, or presumptive boldness. 2. Nor does it cast out that fear which is so necessary to the preservation of life; that fear which leads a man to flee from danger, lest his life should be destroyed. 3. Nor does it cast out that fear which may be engendered by sudden alarm. All these are necessary to our well-being: but it destroys. 1—The fear of want. 2, The fear of death; and, 3 The fear or terror of judgment. All these fears bring torment, and are inconsistent with this perfect love.

COTTAGES AT BEULAH.

If any persons wish to sell their cottages at Beulah Camp Ground, please give the editor information as to price, as people make enquiries of him. One person wishes information at the present time.

GOOD WORDS FOR BEULAH.

Any one wishing a holiday desirable in every way, I would recommend Beulah camp ground. It is a beautiful spot, and every one is so kind and anxious to make all happy and comfortable. Mr. and Mrs. Trafton have taken a fatherly and motherly interest in us all, and make each one feel that they have an individual interest in them, both bodily and spiritually. I have greatly enjoyed the meetings in the Tabernacle, but most of all Mr. Trafton's wonderful sermons, which have been a power for good to us all, and which I shall never forget, and which shall be a great source of comfort to me while life shall last.

ELIZABETH H. WILLIAMS.

HOME MISSIONS.

Our home mission work on holiness lines is very important, and we can use a lot of money profitably in the home work, and we trust it will receive liberal support. Brethren: pray, work and give, to build up and strengthen the work in the home fields.

OUR FOREIGN MISSION.

We will forward our missionary's salary and the salary of the native workers about the 20th of October. We would like all who are supporting these workers to have their money in our hands by that date so I can send it all at once and save extra expense.

S. A. BAKER, Treas.

We should attend the service not for the good we can do alone, but for the good God can do us.