

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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That My Joy Might Remain in You--- And That Your Joy Might be Full.

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

OUR LORD'S JOY PERPETUATED.

The christian's spiritual joy full. This is the view given by Dr. Adam Clarke: "That the joy which I now feel on account of your steady, affectionate attachment to me, may be lasting; and your joy filled up, as a vessel full to the brim. The religion of Christ expels all misery from the hearts of those who receive it in its fulness. It was to drive wretchedness out of the world that Jesus came into it." How rich and blessed the christian's life may be, if sought, and found, and lived, as given by our Lord in this blessed chapter.

Its divine origin, a mysterious, and yet very conscious and happy union, the vine and the branch. Fruit—Love, joy, peace—the fruit of the spirit, an all important condition of acceptance. The work of the husbandman, pruning and cleansing, remov-

ing the fruitless branches. Then keeping the connection between the vine and the branch is the point of vital importance, and Fruit—more fruit, much fruit is a natural consequence.

The responsibility of abiding in Christ is placed upon man, "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered." Note the great privileges and the conditions of verse 7—Ye shall ask what ye will. This reveals several most wonderful things to us.

1st. True Christianity is to be in vital connection with Christ.

2nd. This connection is absolutely essential to spiritual fruit bearing.

3rd. Fruit bearing is vitally essential to abiding in him. "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, He taketh away."

4th. That the responsibility of abiding in Christ is laid upon man.

5th. That continuous and increasing

fruitage is the normal result of an unbroken abiding in Christ.

6th. The privilege of unlimited answers to prayer if the conditions are met. Verse 7.

7th. That the Lord Jesus Christ has joy in his true and faithful people.

8th. That the child of God can have fulness of joy in this present life.

The life, the fruitage, the privileges, and the joy here revealed are not dependent on any earthly conditions, but on him who created all things and is before all things, and will still remain after all things else have passed away.

The life emanating from Christ is an abiding vitality, if the contract is maintained. This certainly ensures all that goes with it as abiding. An abiding fellowship with Christ, an abiding and increasing spiritual fruitage.

And an abiding fulness of spiritual joy. Thus the Christian life is victorious and predominating over all earthly conditions.

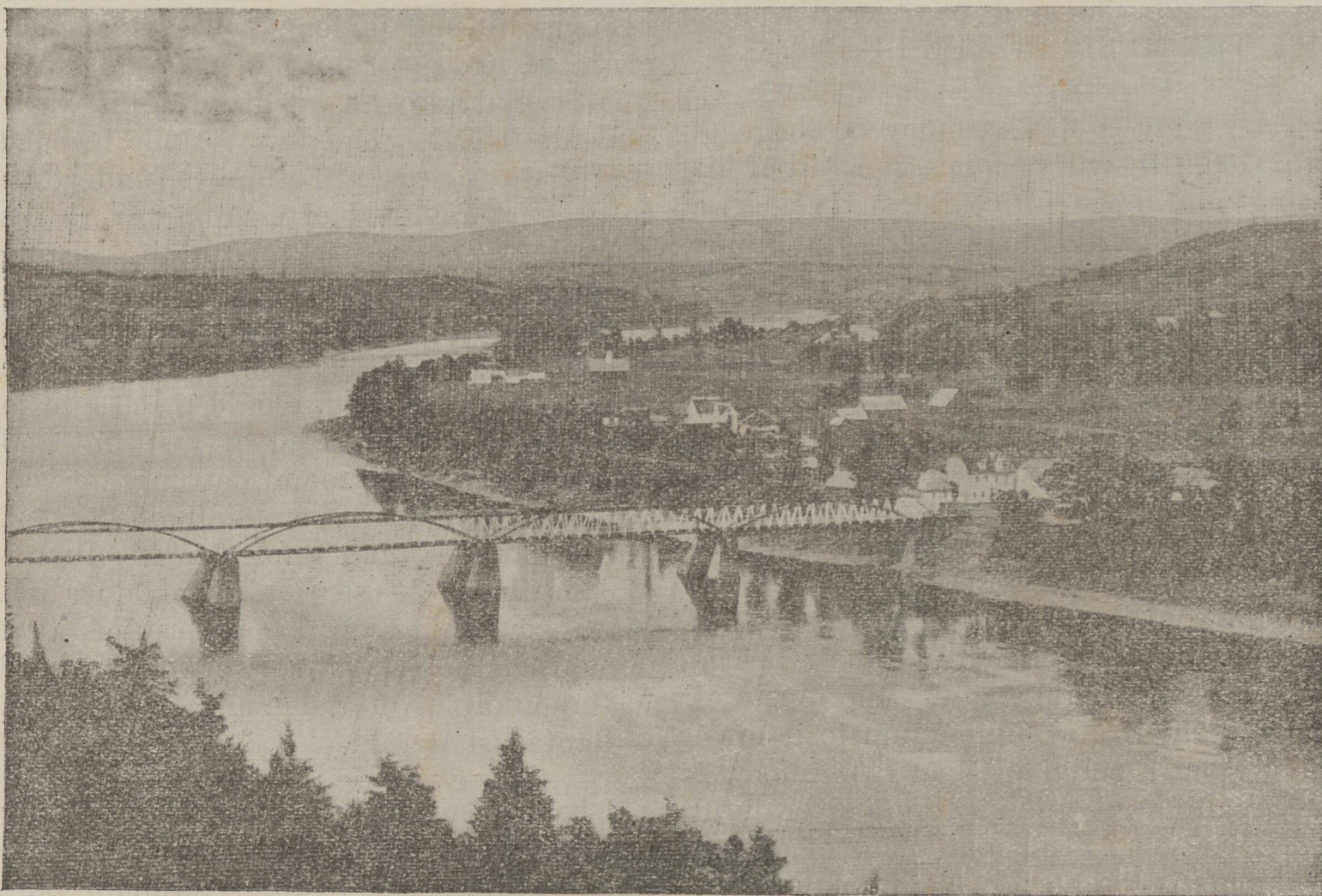
The fulness of joy spoken of here is not spasmodic nor transient bursts of ecstasy. Although there may be times when the fire of holy joy will break through or holy gladness may flow over the bounds of earthly propriety, and shock the nominal Christian professor, for a full vessel may easily slop over. It rejoices and becomes exceeding glad under persecution. Matt. 5-12—They may shout with the voice of triumph in times of special victory.

And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.—1 John 1-4.

We can learn the secret of obtaining the fulness of joy in the 15th chapter of the gospel of John, or in the first epistle of John.

GLADSTONE'S REMEDY.

When Mr. Gladstone was once asked for a remedy for life's troubles, he said: "I must point to something which, in a well known hymn, is called 'The old, old story', told of in an old, old Book, and taught with an old, old teaching, which is the greatest and best gift ever given to mankind."



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