

# 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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## I Will Tell You What I Will Do to My Vineyard.

"I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up."—Isa. 5-5.

No greater calamity can befall an individual christian, a church, or christian denomination than that spoken by the Prophet of the Israelites.

God disappointed with his people.

He gave his vineyard the best place.

1st, higher up—"My beloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill."

2nd, protected—"And he fenced it."

3rd gave it the best condition—"And gathered out the stones."

4th—Planted the choicest vine.

5th—Had a watchman—(Pastor)—"And built a watch tower in the midst of it."

6th—Provided refreshing—"And also built a winepress therein."

7th—His disappointment—He expected vineyard fruit, but there was no distinction between what it produced, and that which grew naturally, "Wild grapes."

"God expects vineyard-fruit from those that enjoy vineyard-privileges." "A bare profession, though ever so green, will not serve. There must be more than buds and blossoms."

The awful sentence, "I will take away the hedge thereof."

The divine protection and presence that distinguished the church from the unconverted and unregenerated world.

"And it shall be eaten up."

"When errors and corruptions (in doctrine) vice and immorality, go without check or control, no testimony borne against them, no rebuke given them or restraint put upon them, the vineyard is unpruned, is not dressed or ridded.

That which completes its woe is that the dews of heaven shall be withheld. He that has the key of the clouds will command them that they rain no rain upon it, and that alone is sufficient to turn it into a desert.

The sum of all is that those who would not bring forth good fruit should bring forth none. The curse of barrenness is the punishment of the sin of barrenness."—Matthew Henry.

When a church adopts a policy of expediency, to increase her popularity, and enlarge her congregations, and member-

ship, and to provide for her financial needs, thus adopting worldly methods, the world life flows in and spiritual life goes out.

Then follows speculative preaching and many things that divert the people's minds from the gospel of salvation. Paul foresaw this and said: **"For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears."**—Acts 20-29-30-31.

There never was a time when these dangers were greater than at the present.

Every pastor should be a watchman in the watchtower, and should watch with all diligence, his own pulpit that none be permitted to teach his people that which is erroneous, or perverse of the genuine doctrine of Christ crucified.

His people may go elsewhere and listen to lectures or sermons which will divert their minds away from the messages of salvation, and fill them with theories that have absolutely nothing to do with salvation, but he has the consciousness like Paul: of faithfulness even when he weeps over his people, and God will care for his faithful watchmen.

This is a day of disintegration, rebellion against law and order. The world is in a state of ferment. The church of Christ should be on her knees. These are perilous days doctrinally. There is a talk of union among religious denominations. Everything that is intended to absorb the minds of the people is exceedingly active. Organizations of every kind are multiplying. Beloved, to look about us we see confusion. Let us "look unto the hills from whence cometh our help."

"Evil habits, though like bands of steel, can be broken through the power of infinite grace."

"No soul is so bound but that Christ can make it free, if trustingly appealed to for deliverance."

### HOLINESS PEOPLE RELISH THE PREACHING OF HOLINESS

People want preaching placed at the standard where they live whether high, low or intermediate.

What people relish, or want is not always what they need. When they cry out for preaching that is soft and indefinite, and of the overly sympathetic type, would indicate they have sore spots that might be hurt.

Godly sorrow, because of the Holy Spirit's revelation of a defect or lack in our Christian experience, will be vastly more profitable to us than tears produced by an overdrawn touching incident. The former is a permanent good. The latter only transient mellowness.

The drastic circumcision of the heart, effected in an instant by the Holy Spirit accomplishes more good than the periodical penitential tears of a life time.

The only enjoyable meeting to a considerable number of professed Christians is when no searching portion of the Word of God has been presented.

People who "walk in the light" as "He is in the light" must of necessity have constantly increasing light to walk in, and those people always gladly welcome the light with delight, and can truly say, "I delight to do thy will, O God."

### TWELVE MISSIONARY NEEDS.

- More missionary facts.
- More missionary faith.
- More missionary prayers.
- More missionary sermons.
- More missionary intelligence.
- More missionary conviction.
- More missionary consistency.
- More missionary self-sacrifice.
- More missionary consecration.
- More missionary giving that will make the angels glad.
- More missionary volunteers with a Pauline faith and zeal.
- More missionary rejoicing over the wonderful conquests of the Cross.—Bishop Barry.