

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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HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME
HATH EVERLASTING LIFE,
I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE.

If Any Man Eat of This Bread, He Shall Live Forever.

Except Ye Eat the Flesh of the Son of Man, and Drink His Blood
Ye Have No Life in You.

He That Eateth of This Bread Shall Live Forever (John 6-26-67.)

This discourse of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ should settle forever the question of what constitutes true Christianity.

It ought to end every human device now in practice of card signing, shaking hands with the evangelist, and every other outward thing that so far falls short of this most wonderful, divine life imparting, regenerating, transformation as given by our Lord, which no possible outward work or works, human or divine, could possibly substitute.

Dr. Adam Clarke says—"It is one of the weightiest, and one of the truest and most important sayings in the Book of God."

"The wicked word of a lying world is in general better received than the holy word of the God of truth."—Dr. Adam Clarke.

"Tell me whether thou wouldst that I should speak unto thee a soft lie, or the harsh truth."

This teaching of our Lord's is the basis of eternal unity of all who obtain eternal life. It is the soul of unity of all the true children of God despite all creedal differences of opinions.

This goes deeper than creeds. Creeds are of the mind. This is a soul transformed, a soul redeemed, a soul made new. The Bread of Life—partaken of and assimilated by faith. The old life abandoned, the new life installed.

Christian service is a service of love—The new life in action. The commandments of God cease to be grievous.

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not grievous.—John 5-3.

These were statements of truth, pure truth, and yet they were offensive to those who were disciples of Christ.

This great discourse reveals exceedingly serious things:

1st That eternal life comes alone through Jesus Christ, and is from God the great fountain head.

"As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: So he that eateth me, even he shall live by me." (V. 57).

2nd That men got offended by the message of life delivered by Christ himself, and preferred the creed of their fathers. He said, "This is that bread which came down from heaven; not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead; he that eateth this bread shall live forever." This was the breaking point.

3rd The unchangeable truth. Our Lord asked them two questions:

"Doth this offend you?"

"What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?"

4th These had a form of Godliness but denied the power of God. We are shocked at the very thought that men dared to contend with Christ himself.

5th The rejection of truth means to go back. The statement is that "From that time many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him." (V. 66)

This is an exceedingly sad picture. Gave up their privilege of eternal life. Gave up their only chance of salvation, and forsook their great Saviour, and he did not call them back.

This is a most deliberate rejection of Christ by his followers.

The curtain dropped and they are lost to sight.

And we know of no record of them coming back, but the statement remains on record, and walked no more with him.

If I be asked why these could not believe I should immediately answer, because they would not—St. Augustine.

But what shall we do?

Let us say with those to whom the Lord delivered this message, "Lord, evermore give us this bread."

"And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: He that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."—John 6-35.

CHRISTIAN COURAGE.

Workman of God, Oh lose not heart,
But learn what God is like;
And in the darkest battle field,
Thou shalt know where to strike.

Thrice blest is he, to whom is given
The instinct that can tell
That God is on the field, when He
Is most invisible.

Blest too is he who can divine
Where real Right doth lie;
And dares to take the side that seems
Wrong to man's blindfold eye.

Then learn to scorn the praise of men,
An learn to lose with God;
For Jesus won this world through shame,
And beckons thee His road.

—Faber.

Faith is taking God at His word, relying unwaveringly upon His truth.—Phoebe Palmer.