

NO DANGER IN PREACHING HOLINESS.

We have never been able to appreciate the fear which some claim to feel about the danger of preaching holiness. There is infinitely more danger in not preaching it than in preaching it. By not preaching it we will incur the displeasure of God, who commands all people to be holy, and who calls and commissions His preachers to carry the glad message of the possibility to all His saved children. We quite agree with the late Mrs. General Booth, who says on this point:

You may overestimate the dangers of holiness preaching. The Wesleyans were a far more godly and spiritual people when this doctrine was faithfully preached and largely professed among them than they are now that it has almost gone out.

I judge doctrines largely as I do individuals—by their fruits. I can not but believe that a doctrine which sets all who receive it (not its caricature!) longing and crying for deliverance from sin, and to be filled with all the fulness of God, must be of God and from God.

What standard are we to put before the people if we are not to tell them to seek and to believe to be saved from all sin?

If it were a fact that no man has ever yet attained to it (though I doubt not, thousands have, glory be to the God of all grace!) yet, if I saw a provision and a promise of it in the Word of God I would follow it in the face of earth and hell. How do I know that man's faith has ever yet reached God's "uttermost?" How do I know what God would do if He were not hindered and limited by unbelief?—Herald of Holiness.

ABSTRACT OR INCARNATE HOLINESS.

We sometimes see beautiful things written and printed about holiness as an abstract ethereal something. Men can say very many beautiful things about holiness as a vague, intangible, remote, sentimental something, but such holiness or preaching amounts to nothing in the end. It is simply an unreality. Let it be understood by all, that holiness to be real, virile, and efficient, must be incarnated in a human personality. It must date its birth or origin in an act, supernaturally performed in a personal heart and shedding its fragrance and exerting its divine influence over the character and life of an individual. This originating act giving birth to holiness as a living, aggressive principle is what is termed properly, entire sanctification.

Being an act of God, this sanctification can not be a growth or the result of a growth. Acts are not grown. Acts are the result of volition and power, both volition and power being implied in the one acting, and the volition of the recipient also being implied who seeks and accepts the divine act from the doer, by meeting specified conditions.

It is absurd, therefore, to talk of growing into sanctification, because we can not grow into an act of God. This act of sanctification performed by God, brings us into a state or condition of holiness which state is susceptible of growth. Once sanctified or made holy we can grow in holiness as a life-principle, but we can not grow in-

to sanctification, because we can not grow into an act of God. This act of sanctification performed by God, brings us into a state or condition of holiness which state is susceptible of growth. Once sanctified or made holy we can grow in holiness as a life-principle, but we can not grow into holiness. We can thus perfect holiness in the fear of God, reaching a state of maturity in the grace; but we can not perfect ourselves into holiness. We can not grow into purity but we can grow into maturity, having been rid of the great hindrances to growth by the divine act of purifying our hearts by faith.

Writing or preaching about any other kind of holiness is profitless and can get us nowhere. Holiness must be a personal investment by a human being and a personal investiture of a human being.—Herald of Holiness.

Sister Keirstead writes: We were well remembered by our friends and old people and received many good wishes.

STRANGE BIBLE FACTS.

The learned Prince of Grauada, heir to the Spanish throne, imprisoned by order of the crown, for fear he should aspire to the throne, was kept in solitary confinement in the old prison at the palace of Skulls, Madrid. After thirty-three years in this living tomb death came to his release, and the following remarkable researches taken from the Bible and marked with an old nail on the rough walls of his cell, told how the brain sought employment through the weary years.

In the Bible the word Lord is found 1853 times. The word Jehovah 6,855 times, and the word reverend, but once, and that is in the 9th verse of the 111 psalm. Psalm 117:8 is the middle verse of the Bible. Esther 8:9 is the longest verse, and St. John 11:35 the shortest verse in the Bible. In the 107th Psalm four verses are alike, the 8, 15, 21 and 31. Each verse of the 136 Psalm ends alike. No name or word with more than six syllables are found in the Bible. The 37th chapter of Isaiah and the 19th chapter of II Kings are alike. The word girl occurs but once in the Bible and that is in Joel 3:3. There are found in both books of the Bible 3,586,483 letters, 773,693 words of 31,373 verses, 1,189 chapters and 66 books. The 26th chapter of Acts is the finest chapter to read, the most beautiful chapter the 23rd psalm. The four most inspiring promises are John 14:2, John 6:37, St. Matthew 11:28, and Psalm 37:4. Isaiah 60:1 is the one for the new convert. All who flatter themselves with vain boasting of their perfection should learn Luke 6 from 20th verse to its ending.—Sel.

Someone has recently said that the church today knows more about "organizing" than it does about "agonizing." It is sadly true.—Sel.

"Do not waste time by continually going back to measure the ground you have traveled over."

"Opportunity makes the man, but only when he knows what to do with it."

GEMS FROM CHAPEL TALKS.

"To be is forever more than to do. What we are daily counts for more than anything we may say or do."

"No victory is ever won without a battle."

"The Teacher of all teachers is the Holy Ghost. Let us magnify Him as never before."

"The man who does little things well is always ready to do the big thing better."

"The tragedy of money-making is that it becomes an end in itself instead of a means to an end. When a man begins to amass wealth, it is a question as to whether God is going to gain a fortune or lose a man."

"The secret of building beautiful character lies in the blessing of full salvation, and renunciation of every base temptation, before choice and action scatter their seeds into the soil of the soul."

"Have you ever noticed that Jesus never taught anybody to preach, but He did teach to pray"

"Prayer is the mightiest working force in the world today. Don't work first and then ask God to bless it: pray **First** for God's direction and blessing and then work."

"No preacher is fixed for the times into which we are entering unless he is fixed for a fight." —J.H. S.

"Let the word of God dwell in you richly."

"Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us."

"Let your light so shine."

"Let patience have her perfect work."

ARE YOU MISUNDERSTOOD?

Most of us are.

And the most of us have found that the best thing to do when misunderstood is to plod right on. There are rare times when one should make an humble attempt to make plain what one stands for and why one does certain things, but such times are exceedingly rare. If one is right and keeps right on there will come a sure day of revelation. And if one is wrong then the attitude of others will some day become a judgment day that will correct one's wrong.

And most of us have found that there is great strengthening of character in the deliberate quiet persistent attention to the task at hand even when others misunderstand one. We have observed that when one whines and tries to explain and justify one's self to all eyes it usually results in a cheapening of character and worse confusion all round.

And most of us sympathize with the one misunderstood even if he does not guess it. None of us live long without going through this kind of thing and we have learned that it is necessary to growth and is a real test of worth. So while we may wait to see how one comes through this bit of lonely misunderstanding we have a warm sympathetic fellow-feeling for him.

Stick to it. You will come out all right in the tomorrow.—Christian Witness.