

WRONG JUDGING.

Judge not, that ye be not judged.

For with what judgment ye judge ye shall be judged.—Matt. 7:1-2.

This is a text we seldom or ever hear preached from, and yet Jesus seemed to think it very important when preaching that marvellous sermon on the mount.

He knew the people to whom he was speaking, there were the self-righteous Pharisees, who looked down with contempt on those who did not see as he saw, they could see the "mote" in their brother's eye and could not discern the "beam" in their own eye, in other words they could magnify a slight fault in others and minify greater ones in themselves. Hence he denounced them as hypocrites.

I take it that this includes unjust criticism as well. Human nature is the same everywhere, for after two thousand years, people are doing the same thing.

It is so easy to see the faults in others rather than their virtues.

This is not confined to the unsaved either, but some professing a high experience, many times err in this one thing.

I notice there was no distinction made between the teacher and the people.

This admonition is for us as Christian workers as well as for others.

We may think our position gives us liberty of passing judgment on the people in the pew, and say hard and cutting things to them and even unchristianize them sometimes, at the same time convince ourselves it was all from the Lord, when an advantage was taken to club the people, which is unjust.

This might have been a God-given opportunity of leading some one into the Kingdom, had we used different methods.

Beloved, let us take careful observations, and if we have been guilty along this line in the past, resolve this New Year to live up to this text, for to me it is a serious admonition.

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May we each keep this in view. Personally I have caught a new vision of its meaning and mean to live up to it.

May we become greater workers for the Master this year, wield a greater influence among the people and have real fruit from our labors.

This we covet for His name's sake.

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THE WILL OF GOD.

Good is the will of the Lord. It means much to be so given up to God's will that we really love it. What a sacred nearness is implied in the language of the Psalmist, "I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart." When a person obtains such an experience as this it is comparatively easy to live religion. The soul is lost to the attractions of the world and to the allurements of sinful pleasure. Even in tribulation that soul can rejoice, for he realizes that his is a part of God's plan concerning him and he rebels not against it, however severe it may be. The Sunday School Times has the following true thoughts on this subject:

Resisting God invariably means post-

poning or preventing great blessing to the one who is resisting. Yet somehow Satan is able so often to persuade us that the very opposite is true; we are resisting, he tells us, in order to keep hardship and loss away from our life. A New York woman, once recognized as among the very foremost of the ball-room belles of the great city, but now for many years occupying a place of real preeminence as a bond-servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, was telling a group of friends recently of some of her early experiences in getting acquainted with the Lord. When still a young woman, after having turned her back upon everything that the world offered, there came to her a strong impression to ask the Lord that she might fellowship in His sufferings. She rather shrank from such a prayer, and refused to put it into words. But the impression deepened and was evidently from the Lord. She resisted, but finding no peace she finally asked the Lord that she might know the fellowship of His sufferings. The obedience resulted in rest of mind, and she was not concerned about the matter further. But soon after, one morning in her prayer time, there came to her such joy in fellowship with the Lord as she had never known. "Why, how is this?" she asked the Lord, in surprise. "I have prayed for fellowship in Thy sufferings, and here I am having such joy as I never knew." In answer there came to her mind the words of Paul in 2 Corinthians 6:9: "As dying, and behold, we live." The tribulation was not absent in the years that followed, but she learned that His choice for her, whether sorrow or gladness, was always the path of joy because always there was Himself.—Sel.

AN AGED ONE'S PRAYER.

Be with me, Lord! My home is growing still,

As one by one the guests go out the door:
And they who helped me once to do Thy will,

Behold and praise Thee on the heavenly shore.

Uphold my strength! My task is not yet done,

Nor let me at my labor cease to sing;
But from the rising to the setting sun
Each faithful hour do service to my King.

Show me Thy light! Let not my wearied eyes

Mis the fresh joy of the passing day;
But keep the light of morn—the sweet surprise

Of each new blessing that attends my way.

And for the crowning grace!—O Lord, renew

The best of gifts Thy best of saints have had;

With the great joy of Christ my heart endure,

To share the whole world's tears, and still be glad.

—The Christian Century.

No divorces where they have a family altar.—Rev. C. N. Church.

PRETTY GOOD ESTIMATE.

The following is from the Business Chronicle of the Pacific Northwest of a recent date. We suggest that this is pretty good for a secular paper and indicates that the writer thereof has been connected in some way with old-time Methodism. His language gives him away.

"Spiritually bankrupt and financially insolvent. That about expresses the condition of the world after its emotional debauch. Drunk on the wine of economic fallacies, the new day that was to usher in the glad era of no work wherein all men are brothers brings but a headache. Elijah's ravens have quit the job, and a befuddled and befuddled mankind is facing the distressing alternative of starving or going to work. The silk shirt period has passed, and no longer is the fatted calf being killed for returning prodigals who strut and fume and complain of the service. People who bought flivers and forgot to pay the grocer are lambasting the government, or the capitalists, or what not, but they haven't yet had to walk far enough or go hungry long enough to be brought to a realization that their trouble lies largely within themselves. The wrong viewpoint. Too much listening to the mischief makers who were educated in a lopsided way and who look with disfavor upon the general scheme of things as it was laid out by the Almighty. Too much jazz, and too little prayer; a full belly, and an empty head.

"What a sick world needs just now is an old-fashioned religious revival and a baptism of pentecostal fire. A little more regard for the sacredness of contract, and then a lot of self-denial and intelligent expenditure of both time and money."

YOU WILL NEVER BE SORRY

For telling the truth.

For living a pure life.

For confessing your sins.

For your faith in Christ.

For doing your very best.

For thinking before acting.

For forgiving your enemies.

For hearing before judging.

For helping a fallen brother.

For being honest in business.

For thinking before speaking.

For being loyal to your church.

For stopping your ears to gossip.

For bridling a slanderous tongue.

For harboring only pure thoughts.

For being courteous and kind to all.

For money given to the Lord's cause.

For faithfulness in keeping your promises.

For asking pardon when you have done wrong.—Presbyterian Banner.

It shows the weakness, of the experience, of the man, who thinks he can present holiness in such a manner as to arouse no opposition. If he did, he would improve on the methods of Jesus Christ and the apostles. As long as the carnal mind is "enmity against God," it will resist that preaching that aims at its destruction. Any preaching that does not mean destruction of carnality is not the preaching of holiness.—Christian Witness.