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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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## FREEDOM FROM SIN!

“But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness; and the end everlasting life.”

—Rom. 6:22

We ask ourselves the question, What is sin? and then turn to the Scriptures, the source of all knowledge, and find the answer. “Sin is the transgression of the law.” Therefore disobedience to the law of God is sin, and the end of sin is eternal death. Sins are of two kinds, positive and negative, thou shalt and thou shalt not; the man who refuses or neglects to do what God commands him to do is just as guilty as the man who does what God commands him not to do. “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.”

Then again some think that if they do the best they can in their natural, carnal state and acknowledge that they sin every day in thought, word and deed (the devil's experience) but do not commit any heinous sins, that they will be all right; but God says, “Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.” Perfect obedience to the whole law of God is the only path that leads into the kingdom of heaven; “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.” Jesus told us to pray, “Thy will be done in earth as it is done in heaven.” Not on earth, but in our earthly, mortal bodies, as the saints do in heaven; and they are all free from sin here, and were made free from sin here, for we are told in the Scriptures that “There are they which have come up out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and have made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

God made man for His own glory and therefore made him after His own image, free from sin, pure and holy, and gave him instructions or commands by the keeping of which man would keep pure and free from sin. Man yielded to the temptations of the devil, disobeyed God's commands, committed sin which separated him from God and is keeping men and women separated from Him and will forever unless that sin is removed from them in this world. But God has opened a fountain to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and uncleanness.

We will now turn to the text for further information. The first thing that strikes us is the time to be made free from sin. “Now,” not tomorrow, nor any time in the future, for this may be our last day on earth. God's time is now. “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation.” John said, “Behold, now are we the sons of God,” which is an evidence that it can be done now, for the sons of God are free from sin.

Some think that death will make us free from sin, but death will make no change in our immortal souls, for they that are unjust and filthy will remain so, and they that are righteous and holy will remain so. Death only changes the body, not the soul.

“Being made free from sin.” This implies that in our natural, unregenerate state we are not free from sin, we are born in sin, we inherit the sin principle from our parents. David said, “Behold I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.” It also implies that we cannot free ourselves from sin. It is our nature to sin and that nature must be changed and we cannot change ourselves from sin.

“Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.” Our own works nor the works of others for us, will not free us from sin. We may keep all the church ordinances and sacraments and imitate the works of a Christian, but these things will not free us from sin. “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision (outward ordinances) availeth anything nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.”

But, thank God, there is one who can change our nature and free us from all sin, and He is the only One. “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works.” Then if we walk in the light of God we have fellowship with Him, as Adam and Eve had in the garden of Eden while they were free from sin, “And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from

all sin.” We like that word ALL, it includes and covers all kinds of sin, even original or inbred sin, but only while we obey God.

“And become servants to God.”

In our sinful state we obey sin, and “his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness.” While we are sinners we are the servants of sin, or of the devil, and free from righteousness, we cannot mix the two; but being made free from sin we become servants to God.

Then it is just as natural for a wholly sanctified person to serve God and obey Him as it is for a sinner to live in sin. “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon,” yet multitudes are trying to do it.

“Ye have your fruit unto holiness.”

It is not the leaves nor the bloom of a tree that denote the quality of that tree, but the fruit it bears. It is not the profession, the good works, the long prayers, the loud shouting, or the much giving—these things denote very little; it is the life we live, in our home, in the world, in our business and in the church. Some use their religion as a covering for their iniquity and to drive a sharp bargain for financial gain. We sometimes wonder how many there are in this age of selfishness who live up to the Golden Rule that Jesus gave us. “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.” This is the fruit that is relished among men and most palatable in heaven. This is the fruit that Paul boasted of, “And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God and men.”

“And the end everlasting life.”

The Christian has a great fight before him. Paul said when he came near the end of this life, “I have fought a good fight.” He also said, “I have fought with beasts at Ephesus.” And “we wrestle against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world,

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