

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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THE TWO WORKS OF DIVINE GRACE

DEMONSTRATED IN THE EXPERIENCE OF ABRAHAM.

“For He Looked for a City Which Hath Foundations, Whose Builder and Maker Is God.”

The events in the life of Abraham, and their spiritual significance is a rich mine of wealth to the spiritually minded.

Demonstrating the life of faith in God, and illustrating the Christian life, in its journey from sin to holiness, and on to the beautiful, eternal city of God situated in the “Kingdom which cannot be moved.” See Heb. 11-8 to 19 and Heb. 12-28.

And we note the strange record that Abraham's departure from Haran was in the year of 1921 B. C. and we in this generation have just closed the year 1921 A. D.

Abraham's departure for Canaan is very suggestive of the departure which people who begin the life of faith, or Christian experience. 1st, others begin the journey with them, but stop to rest (at Haran) just beyond the outer edge of their old life. Here some die and others decide to go no further. But Abraham had started for Canaan. And God revealed to him, 1st, he must get out of the country he had lived in. The old life with its associations must be abandoned. 2nd, he must get away from his kindred. Jesus said, “A man's foes were of his own household.” 3rd, he must leave his father's house. Jesus said: “He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.” 4th, to go to a strange land. “Unto a land I will show thee.”

So with every true Christian, led by the divine guide, through different situations are testings of various kinds, but all will reveal a Father's care and the providing and protecting hand of God. But must not lose sight of the great promises made by God to Abraham and to us before the journey is really begun. 1st “I will make thee a great nation,” 2nd “And I will bless thee, and make thy name great;” 3rd “And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee, and in thee shall all the families of the earth be

blessed.” “So Abraham departed as the Lord had spoken unto him.”

“They went forth to go into the land of Canaan,” a good land (says Dr. Adam Clarke) possessed by a bad people, who for their iniquities were to be expelled.” See Lev. 18-25. And this land was made a type of the kingdom of God.

Probably the whole transaction may have a farther meaning than that which appears in the letter. As Abraham left his own country, father's house and kindred, took, at the command of God, a journey to this promised land, nor ceased till he arrived in it; so should we cast aside every weight, come out from among the workers of iniquity, set out for the kingdom of God, nor ever rest till we reach the heavenly country.

How many set out for the kingdom of heaven, make good progress for a time in their journey, but halt before the race is finished.

Not so Abraham; he went forth to go into the land of Canaan and into the land of Canaan he came.”

It will be noticed that wherever Abraham pitched his tent, he built an altar unto the Lord. “And the Lord appeared unto Abraham,” who was the man to whom God is said to have shown himself, or appeared. See Acts 7-2.

The house in which the worship of God is not established, cannot be considered as under Divine protection. It is not remarkable that few dwellings of truly religious people have ever been burnt down.—Dr. Adam Clarke..

There were many events, and testings during the twenty-four years from Abram's starting out on his journey of faith, but in the midst of his several testings, or immediately afterwards, God reassured him. Ten years on the journey. The Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Fear not Abram, I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.”

THE SECOND EPOCH.

This wonderful event with its greater promises, from being the federal head of a great nation. His name is changed to Abraham, which occurred in the 99th year of his age. Gen. 17-1 to 8. Beginning with this announcement, “I am the Almighty God, walk before me, and be thou perfect, and I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abram fell on his face; and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.”

Dr. Adam Clarke gives us the following comment: “I am God all-sufficient; I am that God who pours on blessings, who gives them richly, abundantly, continually. Set thyself to walk—be firmly purposed, thoroughly determined to obey—before me—for my eye is ever on thee, therefore ever consider that God seeth thee. Be thou perfect, i. e., altogether perfect; be just such as the Holy God would have thee be, as the Almighty God can make thee, and live as the all-sufficient God shall support thee; for he alone who makes the soul holy can preserve it in holiness.”

There are no events more worthy of our careful study, none richer in suggestiveness of real faith in God, independent of earthly conditions for the support of faith, for Abraham had absolutely nothing earthly to lean upon; in fact all earthly conditions in his case were utterly opposed to the fulfilment of “these great and precious promises.” Yet Abraham believed God. This would be a great faith developer to people who will study with a view to spiritual growth in faith that is real and would

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