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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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“Knowing this, that Our Old Man is Crucified with Him, that the Body of Sin Might be Destroyed, that Henceforth we Should Not Serve Sin. For he that is Dead is Freed from Sin.—6:6, 7.

The Bible speaks in an unmistakable way of “The body of sin” with which every person is born into the world. Forgiveness of the sins which we ourselves actually committed does not destroy the depraved nature within; but provision of grace has been made that, subsequent to regeneration, the very roots of sin in the heart may be destroyed. Thank God.

The purpose of this article is not so much to deal with the means of deliverance, but to shew forth various prominent traits of the Old Man. These carry in different individuals, one or two traits usually being more manifest in unsanctified souls. Perhaps the best way to deal with the subject at this time is to note the workings of this body of sin in various Bible characters and God's disapproval.

I. Unbelief as found in Abraham, the father of the faithful. Although having sufficient faith to arise and start for a country, he knew not where, according to the divine command, and later by finding God true to His own promises, having faith “Accounting that God was able to raise him (Isaac) up from the dead;” yet carnal unbelief arose in the matter of Ishmael. This brought division in the household, and also through whose lineage Mohammed, the false prophet, was born, thus deceiving and cursing millions.

Many souls remain in the bondage of sin because they do not believe it possible to have victory through the blood, and others enter not into the promised land through unbelief, as did the children of Israel. Unbelief has given rise to all the modern destructive criticism of the Bible. If faith in the Bible and the issues of life and death as set forth therein really gripped the hearts of men, all would flee the wrath to come. An evil heart of unbelief is a trait of the old man. Abraham's faith was perfected, but the record of his unbelief and its results has been left as a warning to all.

II. Murmuring as manifest in the children of Israel. All Bible readers will remember how the children of Israel murmured first about one thing and then

about another, although the Lord brought them out of Egypt with an outstretched arm in a marvelous way. After leaving Mt. Sinai, and even before, they murmured and complained. They said, “Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we know not what is become of him.” Exodus 32:1.

At Marah they murmured against Moses. When food failed, manna was given from heaven, but after awhile they said, “Our soul loatheth this light food. Give us meat to eat.” Again they said, “We do remember the leeks and onions of Egypt,” etc. Continually grumbling and complaining, with which God was so displeased, he would not suffer any of the entire congregation to enter into the promised land, except Caleb and Joshua. Complaining and murmuring against people or our lot, is a trait of the old man.

III. Anger. Many church members think there is no sin in losing the temper and getting angry as occasion may seem to arise, but the Bible says, “But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing ye have put off the old man with his deeds. Col. 3:8, 9. James records, “The wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.” In a time of stress, Moses spake unadvisedly with his lips, for which cause God would not permit him to enter the promised land. God's grace is sufficient to enable justified persons to control their temper and take away the roots of bitterness in the sanctified. “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee.” Isa. 26:3. Other manifestations of wrath are sullenness, drawing away in spirit from those with whom we do not see eye to eye, etc.

IV. Selfishness. Before his experience at the brook when Jacob prevailed with God and his name and character were changed, Jacob was not only selfish, but a scheming, long-headed wire puller, always looking out for and twisting things to benefit Jacob. Alas, too often some-

thing of this is manifest in unsanctified preachers, scheming to get the charges which pay best, etc., seeking for places of prominence in the Church. Even some professing entire sanctification are not guiltless, but these do not possess. A pure heart is unselfish and “seeketh not her own,” but is only desirous of serving its Master regardless of circumstances. Jesus was absolutely frank and open and absolutely unselfish. “For even Christ pleased not Himself.” Jacob met his match in Laban, who went the limit of deception when he gave Leah to wife rather than Rachel for whom he had served seven years. “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.”

V. Unholy Lust. David's weakness was this which not only led to the sin of adultery, but in an effort to cover up this sin Uriah the Hittite was slain. While David was active he did not fall into this sin, but left in Jerusalem while his army went to battle in an evil hour he fell. Under the light of the Spirit he prayed not only for forgiveness, but for a clean heart. “Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.” Psalm 51:7. His prayer was heard, but he also must suffer and his house, from which the sword has never departed. Shortly after his son Amnon was slain for his sin by Absalom, and then Absalom fell in battle when rebelling against the throne. Solomon's heart was led astray by “strange women.” “Can a man take fire in his bosom and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals and his feet not be burned?” Prov. 6:27, 28. “A wound and dishonor shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.” Pro. 6:33.

These dealings with the outbreaking of the old man of sin in people otherwise good may seem drastic, but God would teach us the subtilty of the old man and thus persuade and warn us to deliverance.

VI. Pride. Although King Saul was very humble when anointed king of Israel  
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