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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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HOLINESS!

Sometime ago we laid down four propositions regarding holiness that of themselves were instructive and suggestive of thought without further comment. They were (1) whatever is necessary to enter heaven should be plainly set forth in the Word of the Lord; (2) Whatever is necessary to enter heaven should be within the reach of all men; (3) Whatever is necessary to enter heaven should be possessed by all men all the time; (4) Whatever is necessary to enter heaven should be the burden of all our preaching. The first two of these has been noticed. We wish to notice the third now.

Let us refresh our minds first with the fact that God said for us to "follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Also to the statement of the Master, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." It follows, then, that no man shall see the Lord without holiness, or heart purity. Our third proposition is that, since this is necessary, it should be possessed by all men all the time. This is a self-evident truth, from the fact that we may be called from the stage of action in this world to the realities of the next at any moment of the day or night by the route of death. Men are falling on the right and left, and going into eternity to live with Jesus and

the angels of glory in peace and happiness, or dropping into Hades to be companions of the devils and demons held there under chain to be delivered into everlasting hell fire and damnation at the end of the age when the judgment shall set. See Rev. 20:11-15. It is also necessary from the fact that we are just now at the end of this age when the Son of Man shall come in the clouds with power and great glory, and those who have rejected the light of holiness and fought against God and His truth will be left here to pass into the castigatory trials and judgments of the awful tribulation period.

Our second discussion showed that this blessing of holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord, is in the reach of all men, and should be possessed by all men, what excuse can be offered for not obtaining it? The Master gave an account of a wedding supper where one of the guests came without the ordinary wedding garment that was customarily worn by every one bidden. No reason is assigned why he should thus presume upon the lord of the feast. Wedding garments there were plenty. They were within his reach. It was the customary robe at the feast. It was more; it was the necessary robe to be worn. When the master of ceremonies appeared, he beheld this man without the wedding garment. He asked how he hap-

pened in there without it. To his question the man was speechless.

The garment of full salvation has been provided by the Lord of the marriage supper of the skies. Not only will all the guests be glad to have one on, but it will be impossible to get in there without it. The gentleman above mentioned had his reasons for not putting on the wedding garment; but when the test came, he was speechless. You may offer a dozen reasons for not getting the blessing of holiness; but when the test comes, you will be as speechless as he. He may have thought it unnecessary, or too difficult to obtain, or less expensive and showy than his own. But whatever his reason, or reasons, when the lord of the supper came, he was speechless. You may feel like the price is too great, or there is too much persecution, or that you cannot live it, or that you may get it just before you die, or that you can get along very well without it, but when the test comes, you will have no further answer than the man at the supper mentioned above. You will be speechless without the garment of holiness. Reader, if you do not have this spotless robe on now, you had better obtain one at once at the courts of high heaven, and thus be ready for the day and the hour when the Lord shall call you to the reckoning in the skies.—G. H. S. in Holiness Banner.

HOLINESS A REALITY.

Our God loves to hear and answer prayer. The grand old experience of heart purity is finding a place in many hearts of his children. Holiness is more than doctrine—it is a reality. It is the standard of the Bible: "Without holiness no man shall see the Lord." It is the will of God: "This is the will of God, even your sanctification." Thess. 4:3. It is the call of God, for "God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. Thess. 4:7. Then it is God's appointment, for "God hath not appointed us unto wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." Jesus died to sanctify the Church: "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered with the gate." It is the power of God: "Ye

shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." It is the blessing of God: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

It is religion made easy; the only thing that will prepare us for his coming, as he admonished his Church to be without "spot or wrinkle, or any such thing." It will be the Bride of Christ that will meet him when the trump shall sound and the Lord appears in mid air. Let's be sure the Holy Ghost abides and the victory is ours.—P. F. Elliott.

"We cannot stand still in our Christian experience; either we are growing or withering."

Christ is more than "a pattern" for the Christian. He is his life.

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