

# 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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## Christian Testimony

Christian testimony to what God does for us, is a benefit to others. "Many shall hear it and fear it and trust in the Lord." This is never doubted in regard to justification, why should it be in regard to our complete cleansing? Bishop Jesse T. Peck says: "This testimony humbly and faithfully given will move the hearts of others as nothing else can." Millions of sinners have been led to seek Christ through the testimony of saints regarding their justification, and many, many thousands of partially sanctified believers have been encouraged to seek a fulness in Jesus by a clear testimony of those who have experienced this fulness themselves. Let us not forget: "That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus." "The humble shall hear thereof and be glad."

Gratitude to God, and love to perishing men should lead to a faithful testimony to the pardoning and cleansing power of Christ. The possession of personal salvation, of either pardon or purity, and a desire for its diffusion are inseparable, and the desire prompts to its profession. If a man is sick and finds a remedy he will publish it to all his neighbors, and does not hesitate to proclaim his cure; and why should he in the much greater and more important work of personal salvation? The world everywhere needs positive Christian testimony, and not wrangling disputations. Bishop Gilbert Haven said: "Experience is worth a thousand theories."

Satan hates positive testimony for Jesus more than anything else, and is continually stirring up opposition to it. Hence the opposition so prevalent to the profession of any religious experience. This opposition has led to the most bitter and cruel persecutions Christians have ever suffered, because of their positive testimony for Christ. John, the lovely and sweet spirited apostle, was banished to the isle of Patmos, "for the word of the Lord and the

testimony of Jesus Christ." When Stephen, filled with the blessed Holy Spirit, gave his testimony and stated what he saw and heard, the Jews could not endure it, but "cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears and ran upon him with one accord, and cast him out of the city, and stoned him." If the apostles and martyrs had only held their peace, kept quiet and lived their religion only, they might have saved their heads. Madam Guyon was shut up in the French Bastille four years because she taught the experience of justification and sanctification by faith. It is not strange that Satan should oppose Christian testimony, for St. John says: this great accuser of the brethren is overcome "by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony."

The most useful and deeply devoted Christians in all ages have been witnesses for Christ, and have confessed him, and have given their testimony to their experience, both as to their conversion and sanctification. I will close this article with a few of their testimonies.

"I will confess him to all the world: and I will declare unto you, in the presence of the Holy Trinity, I am now 'dead indeed unto sin.'"—Rev. John Fletcher.

"My soul was all wonder, love and praise. I then declared to the people what God had done for my soul, and I have done so on every suitable occasion ever since, believing it to be my duty."—Rev. William Branwell.

"And immediately I declared to all, 'We are saved from sin, we are made holy by faith. This I testified in private, in public, in print, and God confirmed it by a thousand witnesses.'"—Rev. John Wesley.

"Some I expect are disaffected to think I profess the doctrine of perfect love. I am ready to testify to the world that the Lord has blest my soul beyond my highest expectations. People may call this blessing what they please; 'faith of assurance,'

'holiness,' 'perfect love,' 'sanctification'."—Rev. James Brainard Taylor.

"I was emptied of self and sin, and filled with God and received the full witness of the spirit that the blood of Jesus has cleansed me from all sin."—William Carvosso.

"I live in patience, in purity, and in the perfect love of God. . . I think we ought moderately to tell what we feel to the fullest."—Bishop Asbury.

Suddenly I was stripped of all but love."—Bishop Whatcoat.

"I sunk down motionless being unable to sustain the weight of his glorious presence, and fulness of his love."—Mrs. Hester Ann Rogers.

"I was then redeemed by a mighty power, and filled with the blessing of perfect love."—Prof. Upham.

"The deep of God's love swallowed me up, all its waves and billows rolled over me."—Bishop Hamline.

"I rejoiced in the assurance that I was wholly sanctified throughout body, soul and spirit."—Mrs. Phoebe Palmer.

"He so strengthened my faith, as to perfectly banish all my doubts and fears and filled me with humble peaceful love. O what a change God hath wrought in me. Glory be to God."—Rev. Joseph Benson.

"O the precious blood, the precious blood, Alfred Cookman, washed in the blood of the Lamb. My testimony is, I am washed in the blood of the Lamb."—Alfred Cookman.

Many thousands of such testimonies might be given; but I will close the subject by saying Methodism originated in a revival of religious experience, and for more than a hundred years has been a witnessing Church. When her piety, the base of testimony, has waned, her testimony has been ambiguous and often been a failure, and the opposite of this has been true when her piety has revived, when she has "professed a good profession before many witnesses."—Rev. J. A. Wood.

OUR ANNUAL CAMP MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT BEULAH CAMP GROUND, N. B., ON THE ST. JOHN RIVER, 20 MILES FROM ST. JOHN, FROM JUNE 29TH TILL JULY 8TH. THE EVANGELIST THIS YEAR WILL BE REV. A. P. GOUTHEY, D.D., OF SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

OUR OTHER ANNUAL CAMP MEETING AT RIVERSIDE CAMP GROUND, NEAR ROBINSON, MAINE, WILL BE HELD FROM AUG. 3RD TILL 12TH. REV. A. L. WHITCOMB, OF UNIVERSITY PARK, IOWA, WILL BE THE EVANGELIST.

WE TRUST THAT MUCH EARNEST PRAYER WILL BE OFFERED THAT OUR SEASONS OF GREAT BLESSING SPIRITUALLY.

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