

### GEORGE MULLER'S PLAN FOR ASCERTAINING THE WILL OF GOD.

1. I seek at the beginning to get my heart into such a state that it has no will of its own in regard to a given matter. Nine-tenths of the difficulties are overcome when our hearts are ready to do the Lord's will, whatever it may be. When one is truly in this state, it is usually but a little way to the knowledge of what his will is.

2. Having done this, I do not leave the result to feeling or simple impression. If so, I lay myself liable to great delusions.

3. I seek the will of the Spirit of God through, or in connection with, the word of God. The Spirit and the word must be combined. If I look to the Spirit alone without the word, I lay myself open to great delusions also. If the Holy Ghost guides us at all, He will do it according to the Scriptures, and never contrary to them.

4. Next I take into account providential circumstances. These often plainly indicate his will in connection with his word and Spirit.

5. I ask God in prayer to reveal his will to me aright.

6. Thus, through prayer to God, the study of the word, and reflection, I come to a deliberate judgment according to the best of my ability and knowledge, and then, if my mind is at peace, and continues so after two or three more petitions, I go ahead accordingly. In trivial matters, and in transactions involving most important issues, I have found this method always effective.

### SIN BLOTTED OUT.

A little boy was once much puzzled about sins being blotted out, and said: "I cannot think what becomes of all the sins that God forgives, mother."

"Why, Charley, can you not tell me where all the figures are that you wrote on your slate yesterday?"

"I washed them all out, mother."

"And where are they then?"

"Why, they are nowhere; they are gone," said Charley.

"Just so it is with the believer's sins; they are gone—blotted out—remembered no more."

"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." (Psa. 103.12)—Sel.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

We have learned that those who write to our missionaries in Africa have not been informed of the increase in postage required to send letters there, and by so doing cause our beloved missionaries to pay double postage. Beloved, remember that the postage to British South Africa is **four cents** (not three) for the first ounce, and three cents for each additional ounce. An ordinary letter generally weighs about an ounce or less.

**Please see that you put on the right amount.**

"More than half the people of the world have not yet heard the Gospel story."

### A MISSIONARY HONORED.

Dr. Judson, the great pioneer missionary of Burmah, had able assistance in Mr. Ingalls and his wife, who left a nice comfortable home in New England, U. S. A., to bury themselves in the jungles of Burmah.

After years of rough, and faithful service, the Lord called Mr. Ingalls to his reward, and his faithful little wife was left to battle alone. Broken in health and weary from years of incessant toil, she at last boarded the great steamer that was to carry her to England on her way home.

On board that steamer were a crowd of fashionable military officers with their wives and families. Among this gay crowd was this little old-fashioned, out-of-date lady, just straight from her jungle home. And the fashionable ladies would put up their eyeglasses, and in a sort of derision look her over from head to foot, and make some remarks about her coming out of the ark.

Calcutta was at last reached, and the steamer cast anchor. She was not timed to stay here, but the captain had received a signal from the Government House to detain the steamer. There was a general flutter among the passengers. What could it possibly mean? Yes, there is the Governor's boat approaching. He surely must want something with some of those rich, stylish gentry on board. Soon the gangway is lowered, the boat pulled up alongside, and an official note is passed up to the captain with these words on it: "Lord Lawrence desires the presence of Mrs. Ingalls, the Missionary, at Government House."

And so the little worn-out, out-of-date Missionary, "just out of the Ark," was handed down the gangway of the great steamer to the Governor's boat. The Lord Lawrence, Governor General of India, knew and appreciated the worth of that pioneer missionary, and though it meant detaining a great steamer and her freight of fashionable passengers for twenty-four hours, he would not miss the opportunity to entertain her, and show his interest in her work.

### "PA'S PRAYERS."

An incident is related of a company of people who gathered to pray for a family who were in great financial straits. While one of the deacons was offering a fervent prayer for blessing upon the family, there was a loud knock at the door. The door opened and there stood a sturdy farmer's boy.

"What do you want, boy?" asked one of the elders.

"Pa couldn't come, so I brought his prayers in the wagon," replied the boy.

"What do you mean?" asked the astonished elder.

"Yes, I've brought his prayers; just come out and help me, please, and we'll bring them in."

In reaching the wagon the fact was disclosed that pa's prayers consisted of potatoes, flour, beef, oatmeal, turnips, apples, jellies and clothing. It is said that the prayer meeting adjourned on short notice.—Selected.

### THE DEVIL ROUTED.

When two forces meet, the weaker gives way to the stronger. Every temptation is a test case. Either the tempter or the tempted will be victor. By the grace of God every tempted soul may be victorious and the devil put to flight in every battle. Jesus Christ is more than a match for the devil. No soul was ever tempted beyond that which it was able to bear by the help of God.—Robert L. Selle.

### POINTS ON WHICH TO INSIST.

Once more we repeat it. Will all concerned please make a note of it? We have repeatedly affirmed and insisted:

1. We grow in conviction, in repentance, in reformation, in retribution, but God converts the soul.

2. We grow in regeneration. Faith and every other grace sometimes grow rapidly and continuously and exceedingly in regeneration. But God sanctifies us wholly.

3. We grow in entire sanctification till we die. But God glorifies us.

4. We grow forever in heaven. So we grow always.—Rev. E. I. D. Pepper.

When we reach the end of our earthly life's journey, and things of time and sense have passed away, and we realize that we are in the midst of eternal realities, and have to do with them only, we shall know that the meat that endures unto everlasting life has boundless importance to us.

It is now our privilege to labor for this meat, our God-given privilege, and we should improve it, and make ourselves rich toward God, laying up priceless treasures in heaven that shall be ours forever, and that shall glitter and glisten in the eternal ages.

"O Church of God, press close to His heart and learn more fully the secret of prayer and the art of soul-winning. All His love, pity, compassionate entreaty and undying justice may be thine as required. Pentecost universally received by the church, preached, lived and sanely held would be a successful counter attraction against all that is luring the world to sin."

A woman being once asked as to her state, replied that she was a believer, but her joy ebbed and flowed. There are many souls like this, and one great reason is because they live too near the world. A river ebbs and flows at its mouth, near the sea, but never at its source. And if we live near Christ, drawing all from Him, He will be the source of our continued and unbounded joy. But if we live near the sea of this world, no wonder that our joy ebbs and flows.

A little child was asked to give a definition of faith. She replied, "Faith is doing God's will, and asking no questions." I wish we might think about this and make it a part of our lives. May our faith become more child-like.

"An arrow may fly through the air, and leave no trace; but an ill thought leaves a trail like a serpent."