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## EDITORIAL.

**"Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully."**—Ps. 24: 3-4.

If we would come into the presence of God to worship him we must be clean.

Under the Mosaic dispensation there was a laver placed before the door of the Tabernacle, at which the priests were to wash their hands and feet before they offered a sacrifice; implying that they must be clean to present an offering to God. No unclean person was permitted to come near God's sanctuary. No unclean animals were to be offered in sacrifice to God—nor to be eaten by the true Israelite. All that had to do with the worship or sanctuary of God was to be clean. "Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence; be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord."

God demands as much of the worshipper under the Christian dispensation, as Paul repeats the above in his letter to the Corinthians and says—"Come out from among them, and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; and I will receive you." So David says that if we would ascend into the hill of the Lord, or stand in His holy place to worship God, we must have "clean hands" and a "pure heart." There is no place for the thief, or dishonest trader, or fighter, or unclean person in the Temple of God. For all such Jesus has the scourge of cords.

The Lord demands, that we should not only have clean hands but also a pure heart. Many think that if they do not defile themselves outwardly they are sure of standing in God's holy place—in heaven, at last. But David says we must have clean hearts as well as clean hands. We must be thoroughly clean, within and without. The Pharisees made clean the outside, but within they were full of extortion and excess and wickedness. But says Jesus to them, "Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse FIRST that which is within, that the outside may be clean also."

The word of God makes it very plain, that if we aim at being acceptable to God, here and hereafter, we MUST be pure and right in heart and life. We must be honest in purpose and act. We must live, as in the sight of God constantly—ready to let Him examine into the deepest and most secret recesses of our hearts and minds, and judge of all our motives and acts. Do we thus live? Do you dear, reader? There is no chance for sin here. All sin must be put away. We must be cleansed from all unrighteousness. This can only be accomplished through the blood of Christ that cleanses from all sin. Not by works of our righteousness but by faith in the precious blood of the Lamb.

O, for a lowly, contrite heart,  
Relieving, true and clean;  
Which neither life nor death can part  
From him that dwells within.

A heart in every thought renew'd,  
And full of love Divine;  
Perfect and right, and pure and good,  
A copy, Lord, of thine."

Our Annual Camp Meeting will take place at Beulah Camp Grounds, N. B., from June 29th till July 8th. The evangelist this year will be Rev. A. P. Gouthey, D.D., of Portland, Oregon.

Our Annual Camp Meeting at Riverside, Maine, will be held from August 3rd till 12th. Rev. A. L. Whitcomb, of University Park, Iowa, will be the special evangelist.

We trust that much prayer will be offered that our Camp Meetings this year may be seasons of great blessing.

## COMMUNION WITH GOD.

Prayer has its secret sessions and its open rewards. Jesus said: "When thou prayest enter into thy closet and pray to Thy Father which is in secret, and Thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. The secrecy that we enjoy when in God's presence brings daylight rewards. The place where we meet with God is "the house of God and gate of heaven." Prayer turned the Philippian jail into a house of worship and revival centre. Communion with God made Bedford jail the headquarters of a great missionary enterprise. The place where you live may be the starting point of a work of grace somewhere. "The desert may rejoice and blossom as the rose" in answer to prayer. In due season ye shall reap (prayer's harvest) if ye faint not." Jesus says: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Soul winning is God's art. After Pentecost the disciples had the key to the world's heart as never before because they had learned more fully the way to God's heart. We must not let "the Christian's native air" become polluted. The mouth and heart are so close to each other that the condition of one effects the other." Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. "Smut-and-smoke" pollutes prayer's atmosphere. "Cleanliness (in the mouth) is next to godliness" (in the heart). When our

whole being is given to God we cannot lease any department of it for unrighteous purposes. God owns the ground floor, the top story, and all that comes between. Paul says, "Yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." Prayer draws the supplies from a clean heaven and flows out in a clean life. We need many things in the church, but we need a widespread prayer wave most of all as a prelude to a soul converting wave. Jesus who said, "Father thou hearest me always," can teach us how to pray. The art of unlocking heaven is not necessarily confined to a few. Prayer's secrets are hidden from "wise and prudent" self-sufficient souls and are "revealed unto babes." Let God appoint your zone of prayer and time of answering your petitions. The Bible is ablaze with promises to those who truly pray. Each promise is a stepping stone to God. Lay hold of God's promises, plead for their fulfilment through Jesus Christ, and when heaven's answer comes winging its way to you, you will exclaim, "Behold the morning cometh."

## THREE SCORE YEARS AND TEN.

We ask pardon for a personal note. There seems to be nothing more unpleasant to some than one to relate personal experience, or give personal testimony. Paul notes it thus: "Let no man think me a fool; if otherwise, yet as a fool receive (or suffer) me, that I may boast myself a little. For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise." 2 Cor. 11-16-19.

Many people seem to be ashamed of their age, and keep it as a secret, but the writer feels quite elated over the fact that the blessed Lord has permitted him to live so long that he wants to call his friends' attention to it, viz., that on April 24th (if he lives to see it) he will reach his 70th birthday, which he has looked forward to, wondering if he would live to see it, and celebrate it with thanksgiving.

It is certainly a mountain peak (not a valley) from which we may view the past, and with a joyful heart anticipate the future.

"For the days of our years are three score and ten."—Psa. 90-10.

We feel like sitting down and singing:

"If I walk in the pathway of duty,  
If I work to the close of the day;  
I shall see the great King in his beauty  
When I've gone the last mile of the way.

When I've gone the last mile of the way,  
I will rest at the close of the day,  
For I know there are joys that await me,  
When I've gone the last mile of the way."

We just send this out as a greeting to the dear readers of the Highway who bore with us so long, so patiently, and we looked upon them as our circuit, and paid semi-monthly visits to their homes. From this grand viewpoint I greet you in the name of my blessed Lord and Saviour.

S. A. BAKER.

"Victory in the every day things of life prepares for victory in the unusual and the unexpected"