

This is a word that holy people fear. Many devout people are troubled to find them in their experience. We must learn to think out the things that annoy us; for that purpose God gave us a mind to think. For lack of thought many dear people surrender hope and experience, and thus lose out. How kind and patient is our Heavenly Father with poor human nature! How much we have to learn about these earthen vessels, these decaying bodies! How our enemy takes advantage of weak nerves, weak physical life and our high ideal of holiness, to mock and accuse falsely Gods elect, seeking thus to obscure Jesus by an excess of self-consciousness. Young blood and physical vigor of youth never know how the Divine was aided by physical conditions until the latter changes.

A good woman poured out her heart to us with a disappointed voice. She told of a glowing one-time experience of holiness. Years of unfaltering evenness of temperament, but alas, now so susceptible to off moods, liability to impatience and fears. However, she did consistently maintain duties for God. Poor woman! We noted the pale, nervous condition of her face. Weight of years and sorrowful burdens had borne her down. We probed for her relation to God. Soon a holy glow flamed up as she enthusiastically told of her love for Him. In the midst she stopped and said, but, but—oh, those buts. She didn't feel as she once felt. Very likely cares of motherhood, over sixty years, had crushed the physical man. Beloved, you may be sanctified and still suffer depression. Cultivate Christ-consciousness as the only hope against despair.—Sel.

“Unto Him that loveth us, and hath washed us from our sins in his own blood. . . . to Him be glory” (Rev. 1:5-6)

In one of his sermons, Dr. Phillips Brooks deals with the unnaturalness of sin, and says that which is unnatural cannot possibly be permanent. The struggle of all nature is against sin, to dislodge it and cast it out. It is going on in every tree, in every cloud, in every star, in every stone. When the soul of man comes under the quickening touch of God's Spirit, he takes up this protest against sin, and he cries, “Pardon me!” “Wash me!” “Cleanse me!” “Deliver me!” “Create in me a clean heart, O God!” Sin is always regarded in the Word of God as an unnatural thing. It is a disease, a cancer, a parasite, an intrusion of hell. It is not necessary to human nature, for Adam was created without it, and Jesus Christ lived without it; and some day we shall stand before God without a trace or fleck of sin.—J. G. M. in Wes. Meth.

I was about to say I wonder what Paul's attitude would be to certain prominent preachers who deny the Virgin Birth of Christ, the miracles of Christ, the vicarious sufferings of Christ, and question the Resurrection of Christ, but I shall not say it. I know what Paul's attitude would be. He would condemn them in plain and severe language. He would denounce them boldly as the enemies of Christ, the destroyers of the faith, as it is in Jesus.

A Sabbath school teacher once remarked that he who buys truth makes a good bargain, and inquired if any scholar recollected an instance in Scripture of any one making a bad bargain.

“I do,” replied a boy. “Esau made a bad bargain when he sold his birthright for a mess of pottage.”

A second said, “Judas made a bad bargain when he sold his Lord for thirty pieces of silver.”

A third replied, “Ananias and Sapphira made a bad bargain when they sold their land and then told Peter falsehood about it.”

A fourth observed, “Our Lord tells us that he makes a bad bargain who, to gain the whole world loses his own soul.—Selected.

FORWARD!

“We have not encouraged marching in beaten paths, but our cry has been “Forward,” and our prayer that we might go from strength to strength and from glory to glory, and we look to God in gratitude for advancement in the knowledge of His will and in Christian living. There is much land yet to be possessed, and we realize that we need the ‘pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night’ to insure a safe journey along the **unknown**, untried way ahead.

There are new lessons to be learned, other mountains to be taken, and there is yet much of ‘the hill country’ unexplored. Surely “the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad,” and in the name of the Captain of the Lord's host, let us go forward to new conquests.

Evangelical may mean truth on ice.

Evangelistic means truth on fire.

Evangelical may mean bomb-proof for defence.

Evangelistic means an army on the march with every face to the foe.

Evangelical sings “Hold the Fort, For I am coming.”

Evangelistic sings, “Storm the fort, for God is leading.”

The need of the church is not evangelism as a thing to fight for, but an evangelism as a force to fight with. Evangelical creeds merely held and defended become a fossil but the evangelistic life which is founded upon evangelical truth is a force against which the gates of hell cannot prevail.—Sel.

Twelve children, belonging to a village in southwest Africa, walked over twenty miles to find a missionary, and then worked hard at the mission, carrying loads of sand upon their heads to pay for a copy piece of the New Testament.

The Testament at that time was not fully translated into their language, and would not be printed for at least a year, but they wanted their names on the list for copies though it was only the waiting list.”

The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans but men of prayer.

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The pastor is really the greatest man in the church for without him we could not make the church go and could not support foreign or home missions, or the District and General Superintendents, or any other of the general interests of the church. The pastor is the hub of the wheel and if the hub fails the wheel is ruined.

It is, therefore, of great importance that the pastor should be properly and regularly supported. And no church should ever think of allowing the pastor to come to the end of the year and pass on with a portion of his salary unpaid. We have known the pastor to have to begin his new year, perhaps in a new place, hampered by debt. Some say, “God will take care of him;” no doubt He will, but what about the church that sent him away unpaid?

While the pastor is raising the finances for the other interests of the church, it should be seen to that he is not neglected. There are few places where a pastor with a family to support can get along on less than \$1200 per year and in most places it should be more in order that he may even get a living.

God has not called us to build great institutions and fine churches and “settle down,” but He has called us to go out and get the people converted and sanctified and then to preserve the work which is raised up, and it will take good pastors to do these things. Let us not forget the pastor.—Herald of Holiness.

GOD AND MAN

The key to holiness, the secret of happiness, the power of victory, are all to be found in the union of God and man. Neither, without the other, can effect the high purpose of the one or the true interest of the other. These can only be reached by a partnership by both.

Salvation depends upon co-operation. “I can do all things,” says Paul, “through Christ that strengtheneth me.”

And what is true of our whole life in God is true of the acts and experiences which go to make it up. How large a part temptation plays among these experiences every true son of God knows.

And if we are to resist temptation, it must be by that same co-operation. It is we who are to struggle and fight and conquer, and yet it is God himself who is to fight and struggle and conquer in us. Do you enjoy such a blessed union?

“Doubting is a habit which may be cultivated until it lands the doubter in an abyss of darkness. A man of God once said: “If we arm ourselves with what we know, we shall go forth girded with sufficient truth to withstand any attack that doubt may make.”

Emphasize your beliefs rather than your doubts. The world has doubts enough as it is. It wants to hear from a man who believes something, and believes it with all his heart.

Build a wall of positive belief round your soul; you may add to this daily if you obey God and walk with Him and prove His promises.—Sel.