

# 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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### THE IDEAL CHRISTIAN LIFE.

The ideal Christian life is clearly set forth by St. Paul in Rom. 12:1, as follows: "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Having been thus transformed, one is enabled to harmonize with the will of God in all things. "Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven."

*True Holiness distinguishes the ideal life.*—David says, "Holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, forever," (Psa. 93:5). Such a state involves conformity to the will and nature of God. Everything rightly related to God must be holy. As the "Lord is righteous in all His ways and holy in all His works," so the ideal life involves full consecration to the same end. No slackness, no negligence, but steady, active service.

*There is Beauty in Such a Life.*—It is written "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psa. 29:2). True beauty does not consist in outward demonstrations, nor in adornment of the body "in gold, or pearls, or costly array, but which becometh those professing godliness with good works." With the mature Christian the real beauty of holiness consists in the grand principles that underlie the true worship of God.

*The ideal life involves a conscientious devotion to the will of God.*—St. Paul says, "Herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God and toward men." Danie had such a conscience and he was ready to sacrifice his own life rather than violate his conscience. *True holiness regulates the conscience.* A conscience thus regulated will exercise itself in domestic, social, business, political affairs, and in every relation in life.

*The ideal Life Involves a State of Deep Spirituality.*—On the day of Pentecost the disciples gathered at Jerusalem and tarried until "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." A pentecostal baptism is the inheritance of the saints. A gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit which increases the power and vision of the church is the great need of the age.

"O for that flame of living fire,  
Which shone so bright in saints of old!  
Which bade their souls to heaven aspire,  
Calm in distress, in danger bold."

*The Ideal Life Produces a Benevolent Spirit.* "Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over," is the sacred promise. In the possession of the spiritual life it becomes a privilege to give one-tenth of one's income, and even more to the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ (See Mal. 3:10).

In this ideal state one has a definite calling. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14). *Holiness must be the theme.* To be holy

in every relation in life should be the aim of every professed follower of Jesus Christ, regardless of nationality or church relations. Sincere, earnest, untiring effort along spiritual lines is necessary to build up the church in righteousness and true holiness.

*Such a Life Will Insure Final Triumph.*—"Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. (Rev. 22:14). The faithful will hear the glad welcome, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Once in that celestial city the saints will be forever at rest. No more toil, no more sorrow, no more tribulation, but a state of eternal blessedness. "They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

"O how sweet it will be in that beautiful land,  
So free from all sorrow and pain,  
With songs on our lips, and with harps in our hand,  
To meet one another again."

Reader, can you say:

"The prospect, it is so transporting,  
And no danger I fear from the tide."

*If Not, Seek the Lord at Once.*—"Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

... —Burton R. Jones in *Free Meth.*

### HOLD FAST.

We are exhorted to "hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering." (Heb. 10:23). There are many things on every hand that would discourage the soul. Satan has his agencies at work to tear from us our confidence and unloose us from our moorings.

The onslaughts of unbelief are great. We need greatly to watch and pray.

Feelings change and emotions subside. We need to be careful that we do not pay more attention to our feelings than to our faith. We are saved and sanctified by faith, so must we walk by faith.

A sister once came to Amanda Smith, the blessedly saved and sanctified black woman whose preaching and singing helped thousands to God, and said: "I don't understand this. I feel so bad. I thought God had sanctified me, but I am afraid I am mistaken. All is darkness. Do you ever feel that way?"

"Yes," replied Amanda.

"What do you do when you feel that way?"

"Suppose you were dishing up dinner, and a cloud were to pass over the sun, what would you do?"

"Why," said she, "I would go right on dishing up the dinner, of course."

"That's just what I do," said Amanda.—Sel.

There must come sometime a survival of the fittest among the churches, and holiness will surely be on top. Sin and holiness are not in things, but in souls, and souls without sin make the church that will survive forever.

### PUT IT TO THE TEST.

If the light of a candle, brought into a dark room, and can instantly dispel the darkness; and if upon opening the shutters at noon, your gloomy apartment can be instantly filled with meridian light, why might not the instantaneous rending of the veil of unbelief, or the sudden and full opening of the eye of faith, instantly fill your soul with the light of truth, and the fire of love, supposing the Sun of Righteousness arise upon you with healing in His wings?

May not the Sanctifier descend upon your waiting soul as quickly as the Spirit descended upon your Lord at His baptism? Did it not descend as a dove, that is with the soft motion of a dove, which swiftly shoots down, and instantly alights! A good man said: "A mote is little when compared to the sun; but I am far less before God." Alluding to this comparison, I ask, if the sun could instantly kindle a mote, nay, if a burning-glass can in a moment calcine a bone, and turn a stone to lime; and if the dim flame of a candle can, in the twinkling of an eye destroy the flying insect which comes within its sphere, how unscriptural and irrational is it to suppose that when God fully baptizes a soul with His sanctifying spirit and with the celestial fire of His love, He can not in an instant destroy the man of sin, burn up the chaff of corruption, melt the heart of stone into a heart of flesh and kindle the believing soul into pure seraphic love.—Fletcher.

There is not the slightest doubt that heaven is a beautiful place. It is to be the eternal dwelling place of the saints. It is a prepared place for a prepared people. Earth is the dressing-room. Here we get the garments of salvation that fit us to enter the place of the holy above. Without this preparation we can not be admitted. "None but holy ones can enter through the pure celestial gates," we sing, and this is good theology.

If the streets are of pure gold, the walls of jasper and the gates of pearl, what must the mansion be! The Lord has exhausted the vocabulary of words we use to describe things valuable and beautiful to give us some faint conception of the grandeur of the surroundings of our house on high, and the best we can do is to let our imagination loose in the endeavor to picture the magnificence of the mansion that is so gloriously situated on the hills of glory. "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it; for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it."—Sel.

A victorious and satisfactory experience in the grace and love of God can no more be found apart from self-denial and cross-bearing than a satisfactory mansion can be built without a foundation. Self-denial and cross-bearing are the basal principles of everything in the divine life.

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