

THE TWO WAYS.

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Chapter XI.

(Continued)

"Further resolved that, to prepare for our banner in the more conservative countries, and where the light of the cross shines brightest, we must work more cautiously. First, we will amend the divorce laws and undermine discipline. Modern amusements, including the moving picture shows, and dancing classes must be under our control; until perilous times shall come, when children will be heady, high minded and disobedient to parents.

"Resolved that, to prepare the way for our honoured flag to wave over the earth, we send our emissaries to teach lawlessness, beginning principally with the lowest strata of the people of each country. These, being ignorant, are sure to yield to our wiles. They shall be promised equality in wealth and social standing with the highest aristocracy, banishing education and refinement by bloody revolution under our blood red flag.

"Think of the good times ahead, when every knee shall bow to our coming prince, the Man of Sin; take the oath of allegiance and receive the mark in his right hand or in his forehead. Thus united, we should overcome even Prince Emanuel. So three cheers for the red banner of "the scarlet beast."

By means of His omniscient intelligence system, our Captain was aware of all these happenings. In fact, He has, from the beginning, foreknown all the moves of our enemy, and has never once been taken unawares or off His guard. On the other hand, the enemy is always being surprised and defeated because of his inferior strength, generalship and prophetic foresight. To counteract the oncoming flood of iniquity, it has been planned to shorten the time of the enemy's power. The marriage of our Captain, and the setting up of His sovereignty over all the kingdoms of this world, will be consummated just in time to prevent the final triumph of evil. Thus, just as iniquity abounds and perilous times are upon this world, He will come, whose right it is to reign, and sit on the throne of His maternal ancestor David.

At the time our Captain first came to this world He found the enemy in such power that demon possession was too common to be thought strange. One woman had seven cast out of her, while a certain unfortunate man was the abode of a legion. It was by Calvary victory that the enemy was forced to abandon such tactics; and also to relinquish his hold on the Key of Death and Hades.

Ever since Calvary there has been a through train running from the River of Death, called Jordan, to the Celestial City. Between the cross and the resurrection, our heroic Captain descended to this enemy stronghold, called Hades, overpowered the guard, and, single-handed, wrested the Key from the enemy who had held it since the time of Adam.

This was one of the greatest surprises events leading to the cross. It was by his Satanic Majesty that had negotiated the events leading to the cross. It was by his

strategy that the betrayal was accomplished; for we read that he "entered into" Judas, enabling him to commit the most dastardly crime of the ages. It seems that the enemy overestimated his own power and authority over death. For since the time of Eden he had held the key of this Customs Station, not permitting trains a through run to Glory.

(1) A clear and Biblical exposition of this important truth is given by J. A. Seiss, D.D., in his "Apocalypse;" Vol. III. Pgs. 270-277. He is accepted in the evangelical churches of today, as among the best interpreters of the Book of Revelation.

Another forceable exposition of this subject is set forth in a tract, "The Victory of Christ," by the well known, and highly esteemed Dr. Godby.

It might be mentioned that there was one special that got through in spite of all the odds. This feat was accomplished under martial law, when the chief of police, Michael, disputed with the enemy about the body of Moses. All the others, however, were permitted to remain there until our Captain arrived upon the scene, like a mighty Sampson, who could not be held by chains and bolts, nor death itself. After a brief struggle the enemy was surprised to find himself unable to hold our Captain a prisoner. And further surprised when the Key itself was wrested from his strong grasp, and Hades opened. Our Captain triumphantly proclaimed deliverance, and led forth a multitude of captive saints to the station platform, where Michael was waiting with his legions of angels to escort this first through train to glory.

From that day, all faithful soldiers take through tickets and depart to be with Christ. In fact they are always met by angel bands, and may even see the Captain, Himself, as they board the train. The martyr, Stephen, saw Him and said, "Lord, Jesus, receive my spirit."

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ONE THING THOU LACKEST

The rich young ruler thought, as he knew all the commandments and kept them that he was very good, but Christ said, "One thing thou lackest, sell all thou hast and give to the poor and thou shalt have treasure in Heaven." But he went away sorrowful: We see by this what it was he lacked. He lacked the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us. If we lack that, we lack all, for Paul says, if we have faith so that we could remove a mountain, and have not this love, we are nothing. Or if we give our body to be burned, and have not love, we are nothing, and if we leave home, friends and everything that we hold dear to go to teach the heathen and have not love it is useless, or if we leave everything and go and preach in our land, not knowing if we shall get any compensation or not, and have not love, it profiteth nothing. Oh, may God awake us up to the fact that only the Divine Love of God shed abroad in our hearts, will ever bring results in the work of the Lord.

If we lack this we lack zeal for souls. We lack that burning love that goes out for them, no matter what may be in the

way.

"There are four distinct things in salvation, and they apply equally to justification and to sanctification. Two of them are on the human side and two on the Divine side. In seeking justification there must be on the human side repentance and faith, and on the Divine side there must be pardon and the witness to it. In seeking sanctification there must be first perfect submission of self to God, then perfect faith in Jesus, on the side of the seeker: and on the Divine side there will be entire cleansing from sin followed by the witness to it."

WHO MADE IT?

Sir Isaac Newton had a friend who, like himself, was a great scientist; but he was an infidel, while Newton was a devout believer, and they often locked horns over this question, though their mutual interest in science drew them much together. Newton had a skilful mechanic make him a replica of our solar system in miniature. In the centre was a large gilded ball representing the sun, and revolving around this were smaller balls fixed on the ends of arms of varying lengths, representing Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, in their proper order. These balls were so geared together by cogs and belts as to

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by turning the crank. One day, as Newton sat reading in his study with this mechanism on a large table near him, his infidel friend stepped in. He was scientist enough to recognize at a glance what was before him. Stepping up to it he slowly turned the crank, and with undisguised admiration watched the heavenly bodies all move in their relative speed in their orbits. Standing off a few feet, he exclaimed, "My! What an exquisite thing this is!"

Who made it?"

Without looking up from his book Newton answered, "Nobody!" Quickly turning to Newton the infidel said: "Evidently you did not understand my question. I asked who made this thing?" Looking up now, Newton solemnly assured him that nobody made it but that the aggregation of matter so much admired had just happened to assume the form it was in. But the astonished infidel replied with some heat, "You must think I'm a fool! Of course

Somebody Made it,

and he is a genius, and I'd like to know who he is."

Laying his book aside, Newton arose and laid a hand on his friend's shoulder and said: "This thing is but a puny imitation of a much grander system whose laws you know, and I am not able to convince you that this mere toy is without a designer and maker; yet you profess to believe that the great original from which the design is taken has come into being without either designer or maker! Now tell me by what sort of reasoning do you reach such incongruous conclusions?" The infidel was at once convinced and became a firm believer that "Jehovah, He is the God" (2 Kings 18:39).—Sel.