

CHRIST HONORED.

What more natural place than heaven to look for that name to be duly honored. In Rev. Ch. 5, we see the elders falling down before Him and near their "new song" of praise. Then the angelic host, ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, join them in ascribing "Blessing and honor and glory and power," equally unto the Father and the son.

In reading this whole chapter, one is impressed with the greatness of the honor given to our Saviour. Then we notice that this is in connection with His unique work of redemption. As a "lion," he triumphed in the conflict. "Of the tribe of Juda," His humanity is emphasized. "The root of David" speaks of His kingdom of which there shall be no end." And yet, most striking of all, is the "Lamb as it had been slain." This is the great issue. Christ is exalted for services rendered. He is honored for His deeds of valour: "Wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation."

In a dream, last night, I was preaching to a good sized audience on this theme. The Holy Spirit was helping my infirmities so I could clearly see and present the truth. But there were present a few who scoffed at the "blood." To them the cross had no glory, and they could never join in that song: "Thou hast redeemed us to God by thy blood." They were well dressed, intelligent, but "modernists," and knew not the Christ.

A star guided the three representative wise men from the East, to our new born king; while angelic hosts announced his birth to the devout shepherds. He was introduced to Simeon and Anna by the Holy Spirit; and by Him also to as many as were willing to receive Him. To such as did receive Him was given power to become the sons of God (Jno. 1:12), even to them that believe on His name. To those believing ones the Holy Spirit waits to reveal Jesus still more fully, for "He shall not speak of Himself," but take of the things of Christ and reveal them unto the sons of God. Christ thus made real to the soul gives joy; "Whom having not seen we love; in Whom, though now we see Him not, yet believing, we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." We are of them who gladly join the heavenly hosts giving rightful glory to Him who "hast redeemed us to God" by His blood.

To the others, that know Him not, He stands at the heart's door and knocks. The Holy Spirit has come to make effectual the blood of the "Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." He, the Spirit, convicts the world of sin, "because they believe not on Me." This is the damning son: rejection of the atonement of Calvary.

About this stratagaeic point rages the war on the ages. "He that hath the Son, hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life, but the wrath of God abideth on him."

In Rev. 5: no other man could be found able to open the book of the world's destiny. Christ prevailed to open it, not because "without Him was not anything

made that was made." (Jno. 1:3, but because He had prevailed to redeem His own creation. Redemption, through vicarious sacrifice, won greater merit than the forming of worlds.

This truth is very practical. Through this atonement we become heirs of all things. Notice in prayer, "Whatsoever ye ask the Father in my name He will give it to you. "In My name shall ye cast out demons." "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." "Is any sick among you? . . . anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. . . . and the Lord shall raise him up." The Holy Spirit "Whom the Father will send in My name."

In Christ is the only place of safety, as represented by Noah's ark. For there is "on condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus." Jacob's ladder is but a figure of him who is "the life, the truth and the (only) way; no man cometh unto the Father but by" Him. For "there is no other name under heaven, given among men whereby we must be saved." No wonder then that the Prince of darkness will allow much that is good in order to deceive them that believe not. He blinds their minds to this vital, pivotal truth, on which revolves God's scheme and plan for the world's salvation.

The question, "What will you do with Jesus?" is still in force. Accept him, and you have life, are in the ark, are ascending the ladder that leads to heaven. Reject Him and you have cast away your only hope of eternal joy, and have robbed Christ of that for which He suffered and died. He "knocks" at the heart's door, awaiting admission. He "seeks" to reveal Himself to every heart. But He will not cast "pearls before swine," meaning that He reveals Himself only where He sees that the heart is open to appreciate and receive God's "unspeakable gift," with thanks. When he hears, "Who is He, Lord, that I might believe?" Then His quick response is, "Thou hast both seen Him and He it is that speaketh unto thee." Or when the heart hunger is manifest, as at Jacob's well, we hear His gracious words, "I, that speak unto thee, am He." To many, Christ revealed Himself, while the majority remained in ignorance. And ye, He said, "If any man will do My will, he shall know of the doctrine." Thus answering all excuses.

The same conditions hold good today. Whosoever will may come, but God hath hidden these eternal and glorious realities from the worldly "wise and prudent, and has revealed them" unto the willing ones, unto whom, "it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom." Thus our Modernists may be very intellectual, and well read, and yet be in utter darkness. "For the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ . . . should shine unto them." And God, Himself, because they reject the truth, shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie."

Our Prince of Wales relates an experience of his in Australia, which reveals his wit and appreciation of the humorous. Riding out alone one morning, he was accosted by a man, asking who he was. He replied, "I am the Prince

of Wales." The rejoinder showed the other to be a doubter, as he said, "and I am his father." A few days later, at a gathering, the Prince, seeing this same man, stepped up to him with outstretched hand, saying, "Glad to see you, Dad." The other was too confused to utter his apologies. He illustrates our Modernists, who will fail to recognise our Prince, Emmanuel, until they meet him at the assembled universe, where He shall sit to reward every man according to his works.

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GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Monday evening, Dec. 8th, 1924. Mr. and Mrs. Sandford Richardson, of Castalia, Grand Manan, N. B., celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. Mr. Richardson is 71 years of age, while Mrs. Richardson is 67 years old. They were married by Rev. W. S. Covert, with Judson Richardson and Thomas Martin as witnesses. At their golden wedding Miss Maude Dalzell played the wedding march as the bride and groom entered the room and stood with nine of their sons who were present, while Dr. J. F. Macauley extended to the happy couple heartfelt felicitations and congratulations. Mrs. John Titus and Mrs. Harley Richardson served the refreshments of ice cream, cake, fruit and candy. They were the recipients of gifts of money, linen and China. They thanked their friends for their kind wishes, remembrances and gifts. Mrs. Harley Richardson and Mrs. George Mitchell entertained the company with music, and the rest of the evening was spent in singing and social chat.

Those present were Dr. and Mrs. Macauley and son Herbert; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dalzell; Mr. and Mrs. John Titus; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Guptill; Mrs. Mary Dalzell, Miss Maude Dalzell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Richardson, Mr. Chesley Richardson, Gerald Richardson, C. W. Richardson, Arnold Richardson, G. C. Richardson, Hollis Richardson, Gladstone Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Richardson and four children; Malcolm, Farrel Miles and Miss Arden, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Small, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Winchester, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McBride, Mr. and Mrs. John Graham and daughter Lorena; Mrs. Edward Lock and son Gilbert; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Smith and daughter Madeline, Mr. Wilfred Richardson, and Mrs. Clara Huntley.

There are eleven son living, Chelsea and Arthur of Castalia; Percy of Woodward's Cove; Cleveland of Woodstock; Arnold and C. Willard of Millville; Hollis, Wilfred and Gladstone at home; Harry of New York; Tynard of Melrose, and one daughter, Mrs. Cora M. Oliver, of Scowhegan, Me. They also have twenty-two grandchildren. The Highway extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson.

We consider it blasphemy to call the pope "King of kings and lord of lords."

"That man is truly rich who in the hour of trouble, has strong faith in the mercy of God."