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EDITORIAL

THANKSGIVING.

The years pass so quickly that one hardly realizes that one milestone is passed before another appears. It is good, however, that these times are set for the nations to render thanksgiving to God. We are so liable to forget that every good and perfect gift cometh down from above, from he who in mercy makes his sun to shine on the evil and the good, and his rain to descend on the just and the unjust. This has been a bountiful year. The spring seemed late and cold, then on every side one would hear complaint of a cold, backward season, etc., etc., but did not God say there would be seed time and harvest, and so it has come true again. His word never fails. The individual that improved the opportunities to sow has reaped an abundant harvest. Other lands have been visited with great disasters from earthquakes, violent storms of wind and rain, until billions of money have been lost in property destroyed and hundreds of lives snuffed out. God speaks in these disasters to those who are giving all their time, in laying up treasures in this world. We are so apt to forget from whence cometh all our blessings, it is good for us to stop and consider, and render to God that which is his due, so we can claim his protection. It would seem that Thanksgiving Day should be a real special day among all holiness people. We should be truly thankful for all the temporal blessings. For the light given on all the moral questions.

For the light on full salvation, so that our faith claims that which Jesus provided for us in his death, resurrection and ascension. For the privilege of telling others and extending the kingdom of God along the lines of full salvation. We of all peoples should be thankful, for God hath chosen us in him (Jesus) before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. Eph. 1-4. Let us make our Thanksgiving practical in every way. Let us not forget the other fellow.

THE MARRIAGE SUPPER

"So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good; and the wedding was furnished with guests."—Matt. 22:10.

One of the most important events to transpire, and which is especially important to the Christian, will be the marriage supper of the Lamb. This will take place at the "Coming of the Lord" for His people. It will be the presentation of the Church which is the Bride of Christ to Himself.

Marriage is represented in the Scriptures as a type of this union. When Abraham's servant was sent forth to seek a bride for Isaac it was a type of the call and preparation of the Church for the return of our Lord.

There are no promises given in the Scriptures which are more precious and certain than the promise that our Lord will return again to this earth to receive His people. The promise was given to the first disciples when He was taken away that, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go to heaven," and "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (1. Thess. 4:16,7). Jesus said, "If I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." It is for this meeting that we need to concern ourselves. We cannot afford to miss being at the marriage supper of the Lamb, and if we take heed to the Word of God we will make our calling and election sure.

The parable from which our text is taken is that of a certain king which made a marriage for his son. Matt. 22:2-9.

First of all the preparation for the marriage supper was made, and second the invitation was sent out. Many who were invited did not accept the invitation, and made no preparation. The supper could not take place, although all preparations were made, until the wedding was furnished with guests. The servants were sent into the highways and other guests were invited. One would naturally suppose that those who were the king's special friends and who were of good standing in society, would be more likely to accept the invitation, seeing that it was in honor of the king's table at which the guests were to dine. The strangers, the poor, the halt, the maimed, and the blind, called from the highways, could scarcely be expected to be prepared to accept an invitation to enter so magnificent a place; but the preparations for the supper were made by the king himself; the wedding garments were furnished. Those who were rich and who were proud of their garments, would be humiliated and made to accept the garments provided by the king. They would have to come down to the same level with the poor to furnish his own garment. This is probably the reason that so many were loath to accept the invitation and to come, but the "wedding was furnished with guests."

The marriage of this certain king's son is likened unto the kingdom of heaven. There is a time coming when it will be said that "The marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready." As it was with the marriage of the king's son, so will it be with that of the King of Kings. All things are now ready.

The sacrifice has been made. Were it not that the price of our redemption had already been paid, and that for us there is a wedding garment prepared, the invitation would not be given us. Unless we are willing to accept the garment provided by the king, we cannot attend the marriage feast. If we are loath to accept the invitation, other guests will take our places, and we shall not be permitted to taste of the King's supper.

Again there is a great responsibility resting upon those who are called. There are a multitude of guests wanted at the great marriage feast. It is for all, and we, the servants of Christ, are given the work of inviting other guests. Did not Christ say, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"? And did He not say that "He that believeth shall be saved" and those that would not accept the invitation are to be left out? How important, then, that His servants should go to all to whom the Lord sends the invitation. We are told to say, "Come, all things are now ready." The Spirit and the Bride say, Come," and whosoever heareth hath a right to give the invitation to come to the marriage supper of the King's Son. No doubt that long ago supper would have taken place had it not been for the love of the King who caused the supper be delayed for the benefit of His guests. All have an invitation.

This is certainly the time of the midnight cry. It is growing late, and the guests must be furnished. Those who would do the King's pleasure at this hour must not go to those who have been often invited, and who have not accepted the invitations of the King, but like the marriage of the nobleman's son, the call at this time is certainly to those who have not heard, to those in the streets and lanes of the cities. There is a more ready response to the Gospel invitation on the part of those who are in the slums, in the prisons, in the byways and hedges, than there is on the part of those who have again and again heard the invitation.

The Heathen Are to Be Invited

This is a missionary age. Many who have heard the call have gone to the lands afar to preach the Gospel, because they are looking for the "Coming One." As servants of Christ, we are privileged to hear the last call. This is the midnight cry, and we are soon to hear the call, "Behold He cometh!" It is left to those who would be successful soul-winners to give the last invitation. The Gospel preached in prisons, in the slums, in the streets, by the way-side, and in the lands afar, is that which the Lord especially blesses at this time, because the time is at hand when soon it will be said, "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her it was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white; for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints."

Preparation

What manner of persons should we be in order to be prepared for the marriage feast? If we read the parable of the ten virgins (Matt. 25:1-10), we will find this same marriage is again represented, and those who were not found watching and waiting, and those who did not have oil in their vessels, and their lamps trimmed and burning were not prepared to meet the Bridegroom. Without holiness no man shall see the Lord. Do we have hope in Christ? "Every man that hath his hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and

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