

GOD'S CALL TO ALL.

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God, he finds in fellowship with God the power to keep under the body, and to set his mind upon things above. Some think they have developed an intermediate condition. They reject with scorn the mastery of the flesh, but they know nothing of the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they make no attempt to walk with God. They claim to have disciplined and controlled their carnal affections by training and developing their intellectual and artistic tastes. They keep under the body not by yielding themselves up as the temple of the Holy Ghost, but by striving to occupy their minds with science, philosophy and art. *But the flesh cannot be subdued by the intellect.* He that soweth to his own flesh shall of his flesh reap corruption; that is one truth sadly and hideously corroborated by experience and history. *What is the converse?* "He that soweth to the Spirit"—i. e., to the Holy Ghost, not he that soweth to his own higher nature—"shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting;" and the harvest begins now in that knowledge of God and of His Son Jesus Christ, which is the purport and end of everlasting life. *So all three parts of man's being must be under Divine preservation and control.* The spirit must be quickened and renewed; the body, with all its members, must be yielded and kept; the soul—i. e., the mind or intellect—must in like manner be guided and governed. The things of God are spiritually discerned. There is a mood or temper of the intellect which is fatal to spiritual understanding. "Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein." The man in the street, flippant and careless, the philosopher in his study, self-sufficient in his wisdom and prudence, must first become the little child at the knees of the Great Father of all, or he will never know the things of God. These things are hidden from the wise and prudent, and are revealed unto babes. *An unsanctified intellect is as much a hindrance of fellowship with God as an undisciplined body is an unregenerate spirit.*

What, then, is to be our attitude in the face of such a statement as this? Shall we make objections and raise difficulties? Nay, *let our faith respond to God's faithfulness.* This is God's work, and He will carry it through. *Do not thwart Him by your unbelief.* Trust this faithful God, and whatever temptations or sufferings may beset you, commit the keeping of your soul unto Him. *He will never fail you.*—Heart and Life.

CONFLICT.

"For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and those are contrary the one to the other" (Gal. 5:17).

After the glorious victory of the children of Israel at Rephidim where the Lord supplied them with water out of the rock, they came in contact with another enemy. Amalek was not the first enemy that had opposed them since they left the land of Egypt. Unbelief was their greatest enemy and caused many of them to die in the "howling wilderness." Unbelief manifested itself in murmuring even before Israel met Amalek. They charged God and Moses with making a mistake in leading them away from the fleshpots of Egypt. And today it is amazing how much of this same disposition remains in the hearts of many who really want to follow the Lord. It is always dangerous to neglect

to go right through into the land of Canaan at the first invitation of the Spirit. The forty years' wandering in the wilderness came because they listened to false leaders. There are always discouraging reports, and Israel failed because ten men brought an evil report of the land and discouraged their hearts.

The Amalek conflict is really what we have before us today. Amalek was grandson of Esau. He was born after the flesh, and became the progenitor of the Amalekites, Israel's persistent enemy, and a type of the flesh (carnal nature). The Amalek nature in the heart is something every new-born child of God must meet sooner or later. In the New Testament he is known by many names, such as "Old Man," "Body of Sin," "Old Leaven," "Carnal Mind," "Evil heart of Unbelief," "Root of Bitterness," and "The Flesh." God's command to Israel was to utterly destroy the Amalekites. It was not enough to hold them in subjection and make them pay tribute. Popularity-loving Saul saved their nice cattle and sheep, and their king alive. But Samuel was willing to bear the reproach of dealing with him according to the Word of the Lord. It was hard for Abraham to dismiss the son born after the flesh, but he did it nevertheless, because it was God's command to him. The conflict had lasted long enough in the home, and Ishmael, the wild man, had to go.

When the children of Israel and the Children of Amalek met in battle, at first the tide was against Israel; but when Moses raised his hands to heaven, Amalek had to run. What a beautiful type is this of the conflict in the believer who has not yet reached his Pentecost! Walking behind light brings defeat, but walking in the light brings victory.

Dear ones, lift up your arms to God, and He will give you, not only a temporary victory over sin, but He will sanctify you wholly through the blood of the Lamb of God. Call in some of the saints if necessary. Like Moses accept their help that you may keep your arms up until the victory is won. Keep in mind that God's way through is utter destruction of the carnal nature. "Put off the old man with his deeds." "Crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts." "Knowing this that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed; that henceforth we should not serve sin." Deal with sin in God's way. Ask Him to put it on the outside where it belongs. Let the New Man Jesus Christ have complete right of way in your life. When Christ is born in our hearts at regeneration the conflict begins according to our text. When He cleanses our hearts from all sin this inward conflict with the carnal mind is finished. We have an all-sufficient Christ, a mighty Conqueror, who will not only save us and cleanse our hearts, but will give us the victory right through our lives as we trust Him. Sanctification does not end all conflict by any means, but it changes the nature of the conflict, and really prepares us to declare war on the powers of darkness and carry on a successful campaign against his kingdom while we are permitted to live in these mortal bodies.

Now if there is any doubt in your heart

A CALL TO PRAYER.

The executive have decided to ask our people everywhere, and all lovers of holiness, to unite in making June 3rd, 1926, a special day of Prayer and Supplication to Almighty God for his special manifestation in power upon our Alliance and Camp Meetings. If we humble ourselves, God will surely undertake for us. Don't forget the date.

DONATION AT SANFORD.

On Thursday evening, April 29th, at the close of our Prayer Meeting we were much surprised when the good people of Sanford presented us with a generous donation of groceries, eggs, butter and preserves. Again on Thursday evening, May 6th, more produce was added to our store by some of the friends who had not brought their gifts the previous Thursday evening. We are very grateful to these kind friends and to our Heavenly Father for the gifts and kindness of these people. We trust our labors among them may be blest of God and we may prove a help and blessing to them.

HARTLEY E. MULLEN.

MARRIED

Ramsey-Orr

A very pretty marriage took place at 4 o'clock on the 28th of April at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Markie, of Island Falls, Me., when Thomas M. Ramsey and Mrs. Edith Orr were united in marriage. The Rev. S. H. Clark, of Crystal, tied the nuptial knot in the presence of a few immediate friends.

In the evening a reception was held at the same home by the members of Mr. Ramsey's congregation. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all and all wish Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey a happy voyage through life.

S. H. CLARK.

NO "IF"

There was a knock at the door of Aunt Fanny's pleasant kitchen one morning, and on the steps stood a little girl with a basket on her arm.

"Don't you want to buy something?" she asked as she came in. "Here are some nice home-knit stockings."

"Surely you did not knit these yourself, little girl," said Aunt Fanny.

"No, ma'am; but grandma did. She is lame, and so she sits still and knits the things, and I am about to sell them. That's the way we get going. She says we are partners, and so I wrote out a sign and put it over the fireplace, 'Grandma and Maggie.'"

Aunt Fannie laughed, and bought the stockings, and as she counted out the money to pay for them, Maggie said: "This will buy the bread and butter for supper."

"You see, we prayed, 'Give us this day our daily bread,' and God has promised to hear when folks pray; so I guess there wasn't any 'if' about it. When He says things, they're sure and certain."—Selected.

as to whether the work is done, take the matter to God, and He will soon show you your needs and give you the victory. It is possible for us all to have the following passage fulfilled in our lives. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."—I. E. Dayhoff.