

## HOLINESS—ITS NECESSITY

It is necessary: **1. To meet God's ideal**—as shown in His command, "Be ye holy" (1 Pet. 1:16). The command to be holy is as binding as is the command to repent, and no amount of sacrifice or church activity will be accepted as a substitute for holiness. Man's plan is to "do" (good works). King Saul tried to substitute sacrifice for obedience and he is still paying a fearful price for his temerity.

**2. As shown in God's choice.** "According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love" (Eph. 1:4). God could not have consistently chosen anything less than holiness for me and I dare not choose less, for that is rebellion.

**3. As shown in His will.** "This is the will of God, even your sanctification" (1 Thess. 4:3). Not only has He chosen it for us, but provides the means to make us holy. We have an inheritance in Him, Eph. 1:11, and He has an inheritance in the saints, a mutual affair. Holiness is our legacy. Thank God. Let us enter upon our inheritance. Many sons and daughters of God today are not actually possessing their inheritance. A man must be a son before he can be an heir; he must know his legacy before he asks for it; he must voluntarily receive it before he possesses it.

**4. As shown in the provision made.** "Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood suffered without the gate" (Luke 1:74, 75). "Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it" (Eph. 5:25, 26.)

**5. As revealed in the prayer of the Spirit.** "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly" (1 Thess. 5:23). This is one of the many inspired prayers of the Bible, and while uttered by Paul, it voices the desire of the Holy Ghost.

**6. As revealed in the prayer of Jesus.** "Sanctify them through Thy truth (John 17:17). In Luke 23:34 is the prayer of Jesus for sinners, that they might be forgiven. But in John 17:17 the prayer is for the church; for those 'who are not of the world,' John 17:16, that they might be sanctified. So if the Holy Spirit and Jesus are praying that I might be sanctified, and I pray for it, the outlook is good that I will surely get the blessing. Amen!

**7. As shown in God's call.** "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness" (1 Thess. 4:7). There are various calls mentioned in the Bible, the sinner to repentance, the Christian to service, the call from the tir to meet Him, the call to judgment, etc. But in the above passage He calls to holiness.

## Holiness is necessary to efficiency.

Listen! They are having a testimony meeting in B. C. 758. Isaiah is testifying. He knew when it took place. "It was in the year that King Uzziah died." He tells us he got a vision of God's glory, and then as always happens, he got another vision. He saw the ground work of his own heart, the Old Man working there, and he cried, "Woe is me, because I am a man of unclean lips." If a man's words are not always clean and chaste, it is because his heart has uncleanness in it. Mark 7:21, 22.

When he made his confession the remedy was soon applied, his iniquity was taken away and his sin (nature) purged. Now we see how this qualified him to say, "Here am I, send me," when God called for volunteers. So essential are holiness and baptism with the Spirit that Jesus commanded the disciples, "Tarry ye in the City of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:29); and in Acts 15:8, 9, Peter tells us their hearts were purified by faith. Abrahams and Davids are needed today to recover the souls taken captive by the devil. Gen. 14:12 and 1 Sam. 30:1-19.

**Holiness is needed for complete union.** John 17:17-23. Three important things are spoken of in these verses: (1) "sanctify them," in order (2) "that they may be one," in order (3) "that the world might believe." The late war furnished the world a very comprehensive argument of the value of unity. When General Foch was placed in supreme command so that the Allied armies were welded into one great fighting machine, the war was soon won. If the church and conference are split up into factions, the devil can handle each faction with comparative ease. But when she is united on Bible lines, then she is terrible as "an army with banners," and the gates of hell shall not prevail against her. Neither organic union or church federation will answer. There are two ways of uniting two pieces of iron—one by bolts and rivets and the other by welding. Church federation is but bolts and bars and at best is faulty. The baptism with fire welds the church into a mighty army. Holiness unites, sin divides. When we are really united the world will take us seriously.

**Holiness is necessary for first resurrection honors.** "And he shall send His angels, \* \* \* and they shall gather together His elect" (Matt. 24:31). Here is a special class called the elect who are destined to glorious honors, being caught up in the air. 1 Thess. 4:17. The question is, who are the elect, and how are they elected? Originally, the elect referred to the Jew. But in the New Testament the scope widens. So let the Bible answer this question: "Elect \* \* \* through sanctification of the Spirit" (1 Pet. 1:2). So Jesus says He will send forth His angels and gather together the sanctified. Lord, help us to be in that happy host. This is in harmony with Rev. 20:5, 6. After mentioning the chaining of Satan, and the living and reigning of the martyrs, He says, "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection." So reader, seek the cleansing blood if you would be ready when Jesus comes.

**Holiness is the indispensable passport into heaven.** "Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14). A German brother once told me that this word "follow" in the German Bible is "yawget," and means to follow in a hurry, like a man would go for the doctor if his child had the croup. There will be no getting into heaven without holiness. So reader, whatever your views on holiness may be make certain you have the experience,

and be in a hurry about it. Aman's theory is apt to affect his experience, so if his theory is wrong his experience is likely and be in a hurry about it. A man's theory to miss heaven, just for the empty honor of defending a wrong theory. So be careful. God bless you.—T. D. Day, in Christian Conservator.

## POISON IN THE MILK?

The great responsibility of preaching the Word of God is looked upon lightly much of the time, too lightly. Chas. G. Finney said in his day that he met many preachers who went into the pulpit with much less preparation than the lawyer's brief received in the most trivial cases. Not only is there lack of preparation, but there is also great fault in the manner and matter of the sermon and the soul that goes to the service hungry, comes away in much worse condition than when it went. We quote from an article by E. W. Frazee, in the Pentecostal Herald.

A French doctor reported he had performed a very critical operation on the brain, a very unusual number of times. When asked how many of his patients lived, he answered, "Oh, they all died, but it was a splendid operation." A splendid operation in the pulpit, but the people die! Maladministration in a public officer is a punishable offence. Malpractice in a physician, trifles with human life and is punished. It brings disgrace and bitter penalties on the transgressor. He is driven out of the profession, damages are collected, and heavy punishment inflicted upon him by the laws of our country. He is punished as a criminal. Maladministration of the kingdom of heaven has no name of horror and guilt sufficient to describe it. Malpractice in the pulpit is "performing abortion on the human soul. I wonder what proper damages a congregation would be entitled to, from a preacher who mixes arsenic, strychnine and carbolic acid with 'the sincere milk of the Word.' And if it could proceed to collect those damages, what a spectacle would the pulpit of the 20th Century present to the world!—Ex.

The pure in heart see God in the darkness, when the storm howls the loudest and in the fitful gleams of sunshine, in unending guidance. What gives to the pure in heart this sight? Why, surely faith. Are there promises to rest upon? "The Lord shall guide thee continually." No spasmodic display to cause sensation, but quiet continuance.

"I will guide thee with my mine eye." What intimacy that involves! We cannot be guided by the eye of a stranger whom we do not understand. Guidance by the eye means quick apprehension of the other's desire, a deep knowledge and sharp watchfulness.

We must surely all know some dear one who has no need of speech to convey their thought or desire to us—a glance is enough. So God wants His communion to be with us, on this intimate footing.

"When sin is tolerated as a guest, it will not be long when it will be master of the life."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Rollingdam, N. B.

Dear Mr. Trafton:

Find enclosed postal note for renewal for Highway.

We enjoy the Highway. We read it all, then send it to a neighbor, an old woman who says it teaches the old fashioned religion. She is Methodist.

Sincerely yours,

SAMUEL GREENLAW.

Sandford

Mr. P. J. Trafton:

Dear Brother: Please find remittance for Highway for 1926. Often while reading its pages I think of the early fathers or promoters of the Highway, most of whom have passed on. And we love the ones who have taken up the mantle and are pushing the battle.

Yours truly,

HOWARD THURSTON.

Westport, N. S.

Dear Brother Trafton:

Enclosed please find my renewal for the Highway. It is a welcome visitor in our home. I am still trusting in Jesus, and praise him for victory all along the way.

Yours truly,

MRS. GEORGE O. MORRELL.

West Jonesport, Maine.

Dear Highway Readers:

We read in II. Sam. 11:1, "And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle that David sent Jacob and his servants with him and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon."

As I read the paper I noticed some of the brethren had received a call to remain as pastor of the church for the ensuing year and others gave notice they were in the field for a pastorate. This reminded me that the year was, about expired and it was time to go forth to battle again.

I am ready for battle against sin and worldliness. I never felt more like buckling on still tighter the whole armour of God and pitching battle in the enemies' ranks, if by the grace of God I might rescue some at least from the snares and clutches of the enemy of man's never dying soul.

Again we read "While men slept the enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way." We cannot afford to go to sleep on this job. If we do the enemy (the devil) will sow wild seeds and tares which will bring forth an abundant harvest of half hearted, lukewarm, careless, prayerless worldlings and shirkers instead of workers. God wake us up! God keep us from going to sleep because the old enemy never tires.

I want to say that I am open for a call to some little corner of God's vineyard this coming year. If you are in need of a pastor pray over it and if God leads you to give me a call write me at West Jonesport, Maine.

I try to preach the rugged old fashioned doctrines of full salvation that saves a man through and through from all the desires of sin and worldliness and gives him victory 365 days per year. I know this isn't popular and many people, and

even holiness professors don't like it, they will frown, cringe, wiggle and draw back and say you are too rigid and narrow. But it's the only way to real victory, righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost."

Yours for a clean life and church,

STILLMAN A. MULLEN.

Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Brother Trafton:

Please find enclosed a postal order to the Highway. I do appreciate it so much this winter as I am not able to get to Church. I praise the Lord for his saving and keeping power.

Yours in Christian love,

MRS. CHAS. CREWDSON.

Lubec, Maine

Dear Brother Trafton:

Enclosed you will find a postal note for the Highway Supplementary Fund. I am enjoying the Highway very much this winter, so many nice letters besides other good things. This has been a very rough winter here on the coast and we need some things to cheer up and help us to look forward to that sun-bright clime where the rough winds will not blow any more. This is a pleasant place to live, or I have found it so so far. I think some say they or their parents were Reformed Baptist lingering around that makes it more pleasant to me. I often hear people say they or their parents were Reformed Baptist, and they don't say it as people often do, as if we are sort of freaks, so of course there is no jar then. I have the privilege of sharing my Highway with dear old Brother Ellison and he enjoys it so much. I suppose he got out of the way taking it as other things came up. He needs our prayers, he and his wife are true. He is eighty-three years old. He was a member of this church R. B. The brethren that used to come here will remember Bert Robinson, as his friends call him. His parents were Reformed Baptists; he is not a Christian, but he does enjoy to talk about the Reformed Baptist. He has told me of the meetings in the Church, of Brother Colpitts' prayers and others.

On the 14th their pastor in the Bible Class told them she would preach on the Blood in the evening. He went out and gathered up the choir and he selected the Hymns, all on the Blood, beginning with "There is a fountain." We were surprised and they sang three old pieces. It seemed as if I was in an old Reformed Baptist meeting before the meeting was over. Who knows but that man may yet be brought to Jesus through the influence of those prayers that went to the throne for him in the old days when so many of the old brethren met in his parents' home. Can not you imagine the prayers that went up for him. Praise God for a salvation that is able to keep and lasts all down through the ages.

MRS. JAS. W. GREENLAW.

St. John, N. B.

Dear Highway:

We began special meetings here on Monday, March 8th. Rev. H. S. Dow, of Marysville, N. B., and Miss Hazel Mullen, of Hassetts, N. S., were our helpers. The Spirit of the Lord was manifest. Brother

Dow proved a true yoke-fellow, preaching the word in power, exposing error, but magnifying the power of God's grace. The crowds were not large at any time, and the apparent results were not what we hoped for, but our people got settled and some got real victory. Praise the Lord. Brother Dow left us on the 18th, but Sister Mullen remained with us over the 21st. Our sister was a great blessing and inspiration. She preached some. Well, we are united to push holiness as a second definite blessing. The finances came easily. We are looking to God for his continued guidance. Keep on praying. P. J. TRAFTON.

## HOW TO USE THE BIBLE

When in sorrow,  
Read John 14.  
When men fail you,  
Read Psalm 27.  
When you have sinned,  
Read Psalm 51.  
When you worry,  
Read Matthew 6:19-34.  
Before Church service,  
Read Psalm 84.  
When you are in danger,  
Read Psalm 91.  
When you have the blues,  
Read Psalm 34.  
When God seems far away,  
Read Psalm 139.  
When you are discouraged,  
Read Isaiah 40.  
If you want to be fruitful,  
Read John 15.  
When doubts come upon you,  
Try John 7:17.  
When you are lonely or fearful,  
Read Psalm 23.  
When you forget your blessings,  
Read Psalm 103.  
For Jesus' idea of a Christian,  
Read Matthew 5.  
For James' idea of religion,  
Read James 1:19-27.  
When your faith needs stirring,  
Read Hebrews 11.  
When you feel down and out,  
Read Romans 8:31-39.  
When you want courage for your task,  
Read Joshua 1.  
When the world seems bigger than God,  
Read Psalm 90.  
When you want rest and peace,  
Read Matthew 11:25-30.  
When you want Christian assurance,  
Read Rom. 8:1-30.  
For Paul's secret of happiness,  
Read Col. 3:12-17.  
When you leave home for labor or travel,  
Read Psalm 121.  
When you grow bitter or critical,  
Read I. Corinthians 13.  
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish,  
Read Psalm 67.  
For Paul's idea of Christianity,  
Read 2 Cor. 5:15-19.  
For Paul's rules on how to get along with men,  
Read Rom. 12.  
When you think of investments and returns,  
Read Mark 10:17-31.  
For a great invitation and a great opportunity,  
Read Isa. 55.  
For Jesus' idea of prayer,  
Read Luke 11:1-13, Matt. 6:5-15.  
For the prophet's picture of worship that counts  
Read Isa. 58:1-22.  
For the prophet's idea of religion,  
Read Isa. 1:10-18, Mic. 6:6-8.

Tract

"To love God supremely, to honor men, to live righteously, to know sympathy, to be true to home and loved ones, to be humble and brave, these things represent and suggest the biggest values in life."—Selected.