

The King's Highway.

An Advocate of Scriptural Holiness.

And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness.—Isa. 35-8

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A SAFE GUIDE.

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Jesus said of the Holy Ghost, "when he is come, He will guide you into all truth." The Holy Spirit is our only safe guide. St. John says: "Try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world." The quotation begins by saying, "Believe not every spirit." There is but one safe way by which we can try the spirits, and that is by the word of Truth, or word of inspiration. The Holy Spirit never leads one counter to the written word of God, but in every instance in harmony with the word, there is no exception to this rule. This is a day when the people are easily misled, for it is a condition that the apostle Paul said would obtain in the end of the age, and he gives us much warning on this point. If one has a splendid personality, a good education, and understands platform diplomacy, and is an elocutionist, and observes the laws of psychology; no matter the error that they teach, they will always find a following, for people seem to have lost absolute faith in the Word of God, and are willing to accept any theory, or doctrine, or interpretation of Scripture. There are false teachers many, and false Christs will arise, and get great followings, and as time goes by they will multiply, and we are warned to not go after them, but in the face of God's word many will "turn from the truth, and will turn unto fables." One should study their Bible closely, and be sure that there is plenty of scripture to buttress any truth, or doctrine that is being presented before they accept it. The Holy Spirit will not leave us in the dark in any matter that is of vital importance to us, or essential to our getting to heaven. "He (the Holy Ghost) will take the things of God and show them to us" (reveal them unto us), but he will not take anything that is not written, he will take the written word and interpret it to us, but His interpretations will be buttressed by a number of scriptures which he will bring to our mind, if he will but wait on him. When we think of Sandford, Dowie, and some present day leaders who have great followings who are unsound on their teachings, we wonder what will come next to deceive the people. A false spirit would have us to be wedded to some personality, and regardless of whether they are sound in teachings or not, would have us

lose sight of doctrines and cleave to personality.

A person who is wedded to personality, and imbibes false doctrine readily, will give their money quickly, and hilariously, and thus the leader is soon enriched, and becomes popular, and rides upon the wave of popularity, and continues to prosper for a time in spite of all their opposition. It is hardly thinkable to a thoughtful person that a follower of the lowly Christ who had not "where to lay his head," and who made his home with orphan children, who could not pay his tax without performing a miracle, who died in poverty, and who was buried in a borrowed tomb, and who said, "if any man will be my follower let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me," that his true follower, or followers could rise from poverty to a multimillionaire in a period of ten or less years, if ever, no matter how long they live. We can readily understand how one could receive large money if they were giving it to the poor, and worthy causes, thus advancing the kingdom of our Christ, and to spend, and be spent in his service, but to be the sole owner of property, and lay up great sums of money in banks, or to spend it in luxurious living, while a billion and more souls are dying without the knowledge of a Saviour who came to die in their stead, and to save them from an endless hell. Absolutely such a spirit is not compatible with the Spirit of Christ. If one will follow the safe guide, the Holy Spirit, his or her life will be a life of sacrifice, self denial, and of giving all the money that comes into their hands (after their living has been taken out) into the saving of poor lost souls. Mr. Wesley seems to have had the leading of the Spirit of God on the subject of money usage; he says, "make all you can, save all you can, and give all you can." Of course Mr. Wesley meant to make all you can legitimately. The danger of the holiness movement by whatever name it may be called, is to spend too much money in buildings, and place heavy burdens upon the people, involving them with debts, and make it impossible to evangelize the world as the Lord intended that we should, and thus hinder His soon coming back to earth again. We believe in plain, modest, comfortable places of worship, and large enough to take care of our congregations, but we are liable to follow the old-line churches in this respect to the hindrance

of our holy cause. The Spirit of God will guide us in this matter if we will listen to his voice. My beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord, there is but one safe guide, but thank God there is a safe guide—the Holy Spirit who will always guide us aright in every detail of private and public life if we are careful to obey his voice, and are willing to follow him. The Spirit always leads in harmony with God's written word, and never counter to it. Beloved reader, read your Bible daily, prayerfully, with a willing heart and mind to obey the leadings of the Spirit, and you will never be on unsafe grounds, nor will you live in the land of doubts, you will have a clear leading, a sweet experience, a consciousness of the presence of your safe guide, and you will not be led astray by false teachers, and false prophets. There is a safe guide. Amen!—J. B. M.

LET US TAKE TIME.

Let us take time for the good bye kiss. We shall go to the day's work with a sweeter spirit for it.

Let us take time to speak sweet, foolish words to those we love. By and by when they can no longer hear us our foolishness will seem more wise than our greatest wisdom.

Let us take time to read our Bible. Its treasures will last when we have ceased to care for the war of political parties, and rise and fall of stocks or the petty happenings of the day.

Let us take time to be present. The small courtesies which we often omit because they are small, will some day look larger to us than the wealth which we covet, or the fame for which we struggled.

Let us take time to get acquainted with our families. The wealth you are accumulating, burdened father, may be a doubtful blessing to the son who is a stranger to you. Your beautifully kept house, busy mother, can never be a home to the daughter whom you have no time to caress.—Exchange.

Many favors which God giveth us ravel out for want of hemming, through our own unthankfulness; for though prayer purchaseth blessings, giving praise doth keep the quiet possession of them.—Thomas Fuller.