

## THE SIN OF BORROWING TROUBLE

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There are very few persons who some time or other have not borrowed trouble, crossed bridges before they came to them. There are two kinds of trouble in the world. One is real, the other is imaginary trouble; the latter kind is far the largest. Let us notice some reasons why it is sin to borrow trouble.

I. Borrowing trouble puts one on the dark gloomy side of Christianity and unfits him for the real battles of life. Trouble seems to paralyze all the religious life of the soul. Let a preacher go to the pulpit burdened over some wrong done him; the spirit droops and the sermon drags, the mind is confused and muddy and he is defeated before he begins his sermon.

II. Borrowing trouble reflects upon the love of God. If God is my Father and I am in the center of His will; then nothing can happen but what will be for my good and His glory. Why worry over some wrong done me or the mud of human hate flung at me? Christ will overrule it; and as to the mud, wait until it dries and it will fall off of itself.

III. We should not borrow trouble because of the effect trouble has upon one's health and bodily faculties. It is a known fact that hundreds are made sick, some are bed-fast; others are insane, because of brooding over trouble. The writer heard of a woman who was a nervous wreck because she believed her sweetheart was untrue to her. She broke her engagement and asked him never to speak to her again; and for a quarter of a century she went through life a miserable wreck because of her brooding over some imaginary trouble. Finally when she was made to see the foolishness of allowing her mind to dwell upon unpleasant things, and when she rejected those negative thoughts and began to look upon the bright, sunny side of life, in twenty-four hours she looked years younger. "It is well known that certain glands and secretions are markedly affected by any emotional discharge. Fright causes the saliva to cease to flow and the perspiration to start; sorrow causes the lachrymal glands to secrete tears; happiness favors digestion, unhappiness retards it. In general the pleasant emotions produce a physical effect opposite to that from unpleasant ones. Holy emotions are centric in origin, always welling up from the heart, the love center, and radiating outward, purifying every thing with which they come in contact in their peaceful course. Unholy emotions are veritable poison, polluting the streams of life and producing disease and death."

IV. Finally, "The habit of borrowing trouble is wrong because it is unbelief. God has promised to take care of us. The Bible blooms with assurances. Your hunger will be fed, your sickness will be alleviated, your sorrow will be healed, God will sandal your feet, and smooth your path. Our great Joshua will command, and above your soul the sun of prosperity will stand still. Bleak and wavestruck Patmos shall have apocalyptic vision and you shall hear the cry of the elders, and the sweep of wings, and trumpets of salvation and the voice of hallelujah unto God for ever."

Cheer up, weary pilgrim; there is victory for the soul that will believe.  
Greer, S. C.

## CHRISTIAN, BE LOYAL!

God hath redeemed you unto himself; you are his own peculiar possession. "Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price." That price was the very life-blood of the Son of God, "who loved us, and gave himself for us." "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins." Whatever comes, be true to him. Unflinching loyalty to your Lord at all times will cost you something, may cost you a great deal; but you cannot expect to receive anything of value without paying a price for it. As a rule, the more a thing is worth, the more it will cost. I would not give a cent for a religion that did not cost me something—it would be worth nothing. If Christ is worth anything to you he is worth your all.

If you could serve Christ your best forever, sacrifice your all to him, and suffer agony untold for his sake, you could not begin to pay him the debt of gratitude you owe him for saving your soul. Has he ever failed you? Never! Be careful to be as true to him as he has been to you. "Trust ye in the Lord Jehovah, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." Others may fail him, you cannot. You will find this true of many things that even good people do. Be loyal, be separate. You are not of this world any more. "Come out from among them, and be ye separate." You have been redeemed, "not with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ." Dare to be a Daniel. Be strong in the Lord.—Chas. M. Kelly.

## IN THE VALE!

How do you like to go down low in the vale, quite aside from the higher walks of men, and hide away in the shade to work? It is not pleasant to nature to be hidden away from the observations of the mighty and noble, is it? But with a sufficiency of grace, and led by the hand of the all-powerful and lowly Saviour, we may find it even pleasant to get down low—very low. And here, do we not only find the low, sunken and lost, but sometimes we find the underpinning of some great superstructure of error. And here, in lowly toil, unseen by the great and wise, in omnipotent strength, may we look away at the deep-laid foundations of error, till the loud cry is heard from above, The superstructure is fallen—fallen to rise no more! It matters not, as the note of victory ascends, that he who gave the successful blow is hidden away from human applause. Some shining name may have taken the praise. But it matters not. The lowly Saviour was present when the work was done. O, it is indeed good and pleasant to get down to pick up gems, and knock away underpinnings.—Pent. Herald.

"The man who perceives a superiority, or a capacity in a subordinate, and neither confesses nor assists it, is not merely the withholder of kindness, but the committer of an injury."

The Bible is to be lived, not merely believed. It is not sufficient to know its ideals; they have to be made part of one's life; they have to be prayed in and lived out. Prayer will impress them, and conduct must express them. Christianity is not, and never has been a philosophy of life; it is itself a life, a present fact, a vital force.—Sel.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Florenceville, N. B.

Dear Brother Trafton:

Some one has said better late than never, so I am sending my renewal for the Highway. I am so glad I can say I am enjoying this paper and it brings blessing to my soul as I read its spiritual pages. Praise the Lord for salvation that brings joy to the soul.

Yours in the Lord,

MRS. ROBERT LUNN

Marysville, N. B.

Dear Highway:

All of the descendants of Aaron and Hur are not yet dead it seems. It is quite evident that some of them live in Marysville. Because the people here in this place surely do know how to stand behind and hold up the hands of their pastor with their prayers, attendance, attention, appreciation and support financially. About the first thing I detected when coming here was this spirit of co-operation.

On the evening of the 19th Mrs. Mullen and I both were taken by surprise when the parsonage all at once was invaded by the brothers and sisters, Aaron and Hur and the young Aaron and Hurs, about a half a hundred in all. To be sure this was some surprise for me because I had not had the least hint of such a thing. The evening was spent in singing and in friendly conversation after which the good sisters began to reveal that they had not forgotten to bring along a large sample of their pastry dainties. So luncheon was served with all liberality.

But the end was not yet, for Deacon Cochran called the gathering to order and after quite a lengthy address donated Mrs. Mullen and I, in behalf of the Church and congregation with a purse of \$55.00. Words could not be thought of with which to convey to the cheerful donors our heartfelt gratitude. May God richly bless them all is our prayer. God is blessing too. Praise His dear name! One only has to attend a prayer meeting to learn that.

I feel I have much to praise the dear Lord for. He has seen fit to strengthen me in body again somewhat, and bless my soul each day. Praise His thrice Holy Name.

Yours for Holiness and Truth,

S. A. MULLEN

Dear Highway:

As Holiness people, are we in victory or defeat? We have a great many "false prophets" strutting around these days, ridiculing the holiness people and saying the Blessing of Sanctification must be discarded as an old fogie doctrine, that will not work true to form in this modern age; that we must have something more up-to-date, that God knew it was impossible to measure up to his command. "Be ye holy, for I am holy," and so we must keep on sinning and repenting until we die. Well, to be candid about it, I must say I tried that very thing, and all too soon found I was sinning a great deal more than repenting, and then in a short time it was all sin and no repent; but thanks be to God, I found the "more excellent way," and now am on the victory side. Hallelujah!

Now we have another class of "false prophets" cropping up who want to leave the path of holiness, which our fathers trod, and strange to say, they too say that people who are sanctified and live by faith are only petrified and are completely in the dark concerning the things of God, and so we have