

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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JESUS THE SAME TO-DAY

The abiding of the Holy Ghost in one's heart saves him from the bondage to times, places and circumstances. This experience makes Jerusalem right where we are. No need of pilgrimage to far-off land to awaken in one's heart the sense of God, and those who go to Palestine expecting that the seeing of the places told of in the Bible story will give them an experience of the divine, are doomed to disappointment. The desolation of that once holy land, and the poverty and superstition that oppress the people there, may be a cold blanket rather than an inspiration to faith. How many have gone to the Holy Land to see the places made sacred by the presence of Jesus long ago, and have come back still to oppose the only experience that can make Jesus real to the inner consciousness—the abiding of the Holy Ghost!

No longer need we wish that we had lived with Paul, Wesley or others in the long ago, and by contact with such examples of faith have had our faith made perfect towards Jesus. We must remember that Demas forsook Paul and so did many others. Many of Wesley's followers proved untrue. The conditions of real Christian character were the same then as now! The price had to be paid. And those who meet the conditions today have the same heart knowledge and satisfaction that the saints of old had.

And we see the power of Jesus as truly manifested. If we do not see as sweeping and as glorious revivals, yet we see enough to encourage our hearts and convince us that God is still on the throne, convicting, saving, sanctifying and keeping those who trust in him. The days of miracles have not gone by, and the raising of a soul from the death of sin to the life of righteousness is the supreme miracle, alongside of which the healing of the body is of small importance. The enabling of a soul to triumph over the power of an insidious disease, that is gradually sapping the life, and dragging down to the grave, while shouts of praise fill the mouth and a halo of glory rests upon the countenance, is to my mind the same kind of faith that made the martyrs shout on the rack and at the stake. We wish briefly to record two examples recently met that prove Jesus to be the same today:

The first case is that of a prosperous man of the world, whose mother died about four years ago, leaving a glorious testimony as to her personal trust in Jesus, and declaring that she had received the assurance that her son, George, would be saved. But he for these years continued his usual course, prospering,

with a great corporation until he has more than five hundred under him. But a few weeks ago George became wretchedly uneasy. There came an unexplainable pressure upon his soul. He bore it alone as long as he could, and then he sought the counsel of two sanctified sisters and unburdened his heart to them. They knew that their mother's prayers were being answered, and took hold on God for their brother. He became a diligent seeker of the Lord. He was a great slave to tobacco and a constant reader of the Sunday paper. One day he found himself reading the Bible with his pipe in his mouth. Something said within him, "This is not consistent," and immediately he threw the pipe away and from that time the taste of tobacco became obnoxious to him. When he took the Sunday paper, the same protest was made within, and he threw it aside. Right in the process of conviction, this man got enough light and grace to give up some things that preachers of many years' experience still cling to. Needless to say, God was leading him on, and one night in his sister's home (she is the wife of the presiding Elder of the Evangelical Church, New England District) the burden rolled away, and this seeking soul came gloriously into the light. The Bible has become everything to him, and he accepts all it says with child-like simplicity and faith. He heard a sermon on tithing and immediately accepted that principle in the matter of his large income. He has come in contact with God through Jesus Christ and old things have passed away, all things have become new. He will soon have the hunger for the baptism of the Holy Ghost, for one who is so honest and sincere will want his full inheritance.

Another case I cite is that of an old lady from Newfoundland, eighty years of age, who for a number of months has been dying with the insidious disease of cancer. She lived many years in Newfoundland, where she reared a family of eleven sons. She saw some days of hardship but early in life she had found Jesus and later was sanctified wholly. She was in health a woman full of praise and love, and in all these weeks of physical decline praise and love are the dominant aspects of her experience. When I first called on her she was strong enough to raise her hands and shout aloud. She would say, "Brother Smith, shout with me! Shout with me! I am soon going home to see Jesus!" Now she is so wasted and weak she can only whisper her praise, and raise her eyes in adoration to him whom her soul loves. Not a murmur or a complaint. "God will take me

in his own good time," she whispers. Once I asked: "Mother Crowley, how do you regard holiness and sanctification now?" "Holiness and sanctification," she replied. "There is no real gospel without holiness. I am so glad that I was sanctified long ago and the blessed Holy Ghost abides."

Yesterday another preacher and I visited the dying saint in her son's home in Chelsea, Mass. We sang and praised the Lord, and the old saint smiled and once lifted her poor wasted hand in testimony of her victory. Beloved, these things are what I call "Christian Evidences." I like to read books on Christian Evidences, Comparative Religions and about the Historical Faith, but here we have the proof of the matter. We have something that works. It is what philosophers call pragmatic—it gets results.

Wesley said: "Our people die well." The early Methodists left a glorious testimony of triumph over death, hell and the grave. God's true saints leave the same positive testimony today. But they have the background of Holy Ghost conviction, genuine repentance, a radical conversion, a complete consecration and the glorious realization of the incoming of the Holy Ghost, sanctifying and infilling. Glory to God! This experience is not obsolete, and never shall be, so long as there are hungry hearts who will die to the world and sin and take Jesus as their all.

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THE STRIDES OF THE LIQUOR TRADE UNDER GOVERNMENT SALE.

There seems to be no end to the advances of the liquor traffic in Canada's wet provinces, and no end to the expense of its administration. At first Ontario's supplies of beer were entirely through the Government stores, but a few months saw the change of buying direct from the breweries, and this means the employment of officers of the Liquor Commission at all the breweries.

Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.—Psa. 22-4.

"Death worketh in us, but life in you." "And I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls, though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved." "Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His body's sake, which is the Church." "Yea, and if I be poured out as a drink-offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I enjoy and rejoice with you all."—Paul.