

# The King's Highway.

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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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## Turning Promises Into Facts

Our Christianity is still-born if it is not practical, if it does not profoundly and continually influence life and conduct. For Christianity is a life rather than a mere profession—a life to be lived in Christ by the power of the Holy Ghost. But if it is to really yield “the peaceable fruit of righteousness” there is a certain definite reaction of the soul which must be realized and constantly practised. I refer to the habit of daily definite acts of faith, so needful throughout the believer's life.

Yet, consciously or unconsciously, many Christians have two gospels; a gospel of faith for conversion, to be followed by a gospel of works, or of self-effort, for sanctification in after-life. With some indeed, this is deliberate. They must perforce yield, and leave the heavenly future in God's hands, when they become children of God by faith, but they are often unwilling to surrender the earthly present into those same wonderful hands. To such I would say, it is terribly possible to have a saved soul, and yet to have a lost,

### AN ENTIRELY LOST LIFE.

Thus, though salvation depends entirely on Christ and His finished work, our enjoyment of that salvation depends largely on ourselves and on our daily yielding and appropriating His fulness. To the carnal soul who will not yield, who disdains to “walk by faith,” there can be no real enjoyment of Christ.

But there are many who are not consciously rebellious, who pray much, but who are yet really living lives of self-effort, and are only too conscious of powerlessness and defeat. To such, “Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect in the flesh?” (Gal. 3: 3), is God's searching question of this which is literally a gospel of works, by which men, justified by a definite saving act of faith in the Son of God, are yet really seeking to be

### SANCTIFIED BY A PROCESS

of their own efforts.

Yet we are warned of God: “The just shall live by faith” (not merely believe and be saved by faith). So, though “try” must be the believer's best motto if he does not walk by faith, yet “trust” must continually be his method if he is to harness and appropriate the resources, the power of God. It may be humbling to the flesh, but it is one of God's certainties that the great wonderland of grace and of glory and of God, can only be possessed by a life of faith. And a “life of faith” implies a series of conscious definite repeated daily acts of faith by which we take God at His word, believe His promises, claim them for our own

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Do you know Him? Does He walk up and down the road with you, and you read it, do you feel Somebody is every time you open the Book and looking over your shoulder, and with such reality that you turn round and say, “Lord Jesus, what does that mean for me? Please tell me.”

The Holy Spirit wrote the Book from cover to cover, and it is written for my regeneration from start to finish, and the Blessed Saviour is mine, and the Spirit is mine, to bring all of Jesus that He can back into me for this life and for the next.

—Rev. Douglas Brown

in spite of feelings of appearances, and so turn them into present blessed facts. So holiness by faith is the only logical sequence of justification by faith.

It has been beautifully said that every true believer walks continually through life upon a pathway literally

### PAVED WITH THE PROMISES OF GOD.

And these promises are the most far-reaching and particular and comprehensive it is possible to imagine, so that wondrous possibilities are open to each of God's pilgrims. Now from time immemorial the foot, the human foot, has been the most ancient and significant standard of measurement. And for us wayfarers who today walk the Celestial Pathway, the believer's foot may be just as definite a measure of spiritual things.

It is said of William Penn, that his integrity so won the confidence of the Indians that they offered to give him all the land his foot could cover in a day. So he set off one day and walked nearly 30 miles, encircling and so gaining possession of the whole area that Philadelphia now occupies. One of the Indians shrewdly said to him, “The paleface has made a very long walk today!”

And God? Why God has promised to each of us the very same! Shall we not take Him at His word? He says, “Every place (and so every promise) that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto thee” (Joshua 13). So a human foot, measuring, taking possession of God's promises by faith, has possibilities, which are quite incalculable. Yet in spite of this spiritual pathway of promises, many true believers continue to be literally

### “SPIRITUAL PAUPERS”

to the scorn, the derision of the world. “All things are yours” is so clearly, so tragically untrue for them.

They pathetically remind one of the original owners of Mount Morgan, in Queensland, who toiled for years on its barren slopes, eking out a miserable living, never knowing that underfoot was one of the richest mountains of gold the world has known. Here was wealth, vast, unimagined, yet unrealized, unappropriated. Yet every believer has, in the wealth of God's promises, a spiritual Mount Morgan under his very feet, only waiting to be recognized and claimed and so appropriated.

The heart of the matter may be best explained by the old illustration of walking on two feet. In all our spiritual progress there are two elements in each act of faith, first asking, and then taking from God. Thus if a child asks me for a present, and I hold out a shilling, it is no use for the child to go on asking any more. The shilling is already proffered; it must now take in order to possess it. Even so, many believers are good at asking, but fail to take, to appropriate. They go on praying, and praying, and praying for some blessing God is trying to get them to receive. They are, as it were, hopping round on one foot, praying, and praying, and praying. But hopping is a laborious mode of progress, never intended by God, and so is such praying.

For, strange is it may seem,

### THERE IS A TIME NOT TO PRAY,

a time when prayer can do no more. And that is when it is time to act. “Get thee up; wherefore liest thou upon thy face?” was God's command to Joshua when he was praying to Him for guidance and help (Joshua 7:10). What! Not pray? No, not when it is time to act. For as God's intended way of progress for man was walking on two feet, first the one foot and then the other, even so it is in spiritual things. We must ask and then take, and so we shall advance joyfully and continuously in the normal appointed way. But, taking, appropriating, must always be the sequel to asking, just as the left foot follows the right. To, literally, we shall learn to “walk and not faint,” and so acquire the blessed habit of “obtaining promises.” Are you daily walking on two feet spiritually? Have you learned the happy art of asking and then taking the treasures of God is longing to pour out? If so, then you really know how to turn His promises into present facts.

It is recorded of Hudson Taylor that on a day of deep depression, in his daily reading he came across God's significant statement of the believer, “My cup runneth over.” “Yes,

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