

## CARNAL OR SPIRITUAL—WHICH?

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surrendered ones can do the second. The "flesh" can help in many things, but it's only "the flesh" after all, and not the Spirit of God. "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh." Only fully surrendered lives can do that. Carnality shows itself in an unsundered walk, an unsundered mind, an unsundered tongue, an unsundered will; and consequently unbelief in, and disobedience to, the revealed will and word of God, figure largely in such a life.

## WHAT IT IS TO BE SPIRITUAL

Now think what it is to be Spiritual, with its evidences so clear. It means to be and live under the power or control of the SPIRIT, that Holy Spirit of God who dwells within every child of God.... for, says the apostle, "If any man have not the Spirit of God, he is none of His" (Rom. 8:9). To "possess the Spirit" is one thing; but to be "possessed by the Spirit" is yet another. In the one case He indwells, but is largely an unrecognized guest (I. Cor. 3:16; 6:19). In the other. He is fully and ever recognized and yielded to in all His promptings and leadings; relied upon for counsel and guidance, strength and grace, light and life, continually and entirely. He elevates the views and affections, reveals the Lord Jesus and His word as bright and blessed realities; produces a hunger and thirst for things holy and heavenly, spiritual and eternal; fills the heart with an abiding satisfaction in and with the things of God; weans the taste and desires from the "fleshly" and the merely "religious," and occupies us with the Lord Jesus.

There comes a growing distaste of and dissatisfaction with things that are not centered in God, His word, His house, His people, His service and His fellowship. God truly separates from all and any thing that may not be even harmful, yet is doubtful; because in the end it may be opposed to the will of God, and not please Him. The Bible becomes an understood and enjoyed book; prayer becomes the delight of the soul, and prayer meetings are among the most frequented gatherings; the Lord's Supper becomes a much-sought after feast of the soul; telling others of Jesus and His love becomes a blessed occupation, for His Name grows sweeter all the while; longing to be a soul-winner leads to personal effort to do so; giving of time and money becomes a thing of pleasure and joy continually; while the sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving are ever ascending to God.

These are the things which are in evidence in the person who is spiritual, and they will increase as the measure of spirituality increases; and the individual does not in the least suffer embarrassment when brought into the presence and company of those whose delight is in these things, but is really "at home" because the atmosphere is spiritual. Thus the spiritual person is above and beyond the carnal, walking on "higher ground" altogether.

## THE LOSER

To be carnal is to be a loser indeed, both now and at "the judgment seat of Christ." Such have "built upon the foundation. . . . wood, hay and stubble;" religious activities never called for or required by God in His service; and though they bulk largely here in the eyes of men, will all be burned up in "that day." They must and will "suffer loss," though they themselves will be "saved, yet so as through the fire" (I. Cor. 3:12-15).

## THE GAINER

To be spiritual is to be a gainer, now and at "the judgment seat of Christ;" having "built upon the foundation, gold, silver, precious stones;" things done in obedience to the Spirit's prompting, and according to the word of God; all of which will stand the test of "the fire," and will "abide" throughout eternity (I. Cor. 3:12-15).

Now then, dear one, What is it? and Which is it? Are you Carnal or Self-controlled? or are you Spiritual or Spirit-controlled? Says the apostle, "To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." Said Jesus your Lord, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." This message is presented not as a criticism, nor with censure, but for the help and health of the soul. What will you do with it? The dear Lord who loves you awaits your decision and both yourself and others will be blest or unblest accordingly. Carnal or Spiritual, Which? "Choose ye this day." My sincere prayer is that you will fear no man, nor stop to think of consequences or cost, but at once "Yield yourself unto God" as one that is "alive unto God," to be henceforth filled with and controlled by the SPIRIT, the Holy Spirit of God, the indwelling Comforter and Lord. May I ask you to PRAY about it now?—Evangelical Christian.

## A REMARKABLE CAMP MEETING.

Marion Camp Meeting, Marion, Mass., Cape Cod, closed Sunday night, August 28th. Although the weather was most unfavorable for the entire ten days, yet we had a meeting of considerable blessing and power. Nearly every day was either cold or stormy, making it quite uncomfortable in the old tent, which had done camp meeting service for about twenty years and was far from being waterproof. On two different days we were compelled to hold all services in the dining-hall.

Needless to say such conditions seriously affected the attendance. Never did we have a big crowd, yet in spite of all the drawbacks, we had a good meeting and everybody seemed to be full of joy and faith. It was God's weather, God's meeting and we were God's people, then what was the need of fret or worry.

Rev. Gordon Edwards, pastor of the First Evangelical Church, East Wareham, Mass., was the guiding spirit of the encampment. He has been pastor of his church for more than fourteen years, and is better appreciated by his church and community today than ever before. He is an optimist and a psychologist of the first rank. He is a great leader of men, and a wizard at finance. All through the cold stormy days he was cheerful and full of hope. The financial responsibility of the meeting rested wholly upon him, and with the small attendance, it looked like a big deficiency to meet.

The writer preached fifteen times, and must confess that seldom ever had he a better time preaching than at the Marion camp. The small crowd and the old leaky tent were forgotten in the blessing that came to our soul and which rested upon the people. We enjoyed the ministry of Rev. Nelson Davis, of Tremont Temple, Boston, who gave us several messages true to the doctrine of sin-killing holiness. Rev. C. S. Hilyard, formerly of Fort Fairfield, Maine, but now of North Attleboro, Mass., was present one day with

his wife and four children. He brought a characteristic message that stirred things. Revs. Gilbert Laite, C. W. Corey and Leader Edwards himself, each preached twice to the edification of all. Dr. Hydon, of Pawtucket, R. I., preached once—a great sermon.

The seekers did not come in droves, but we had a splendid band of young people present, and many who were far advanced in years, yet young in spirit. They grow them old down on Cape Cod. Here are a few names and their respective ages: Mrs. Dean, 91; Mr. Aylesworth, 87; Mrs. Harlow, 85; Mrs. Rider, 84; Mr. Galt, 79, and his wife 76. There were others in the seventies, most of them enjoying full salvation. Thank God for the happy old people we see in the holiness ranks.

We had all hoped for a fine day the last Sunday, but the morning broke dark and lowering. Fair attendance at the morning love feast and preaching service. At noon the sun almost appeared, but the rain came pouring down when the audience had assembled for the afternoon service. From the 150 people present, Brother Edwards asked for \$400.00. In a few minutes he had cash and pledges that exceeded that amount. The people gave hilariously and sacrificially. The total receipts for the meeting exceeded six hundred dollars. Sunday evening the last service closed with seekers at the altar and when we were about to dismiss, the rain began to fall in torrents. Exit from the tent was impossible and so the people marched and sang and shouted while the lightning flashed and the thunder rolled. It was a cloud-burst of rain on the outside and a cloud-burst of glory within, with considerable water added.

The leader advertised a "Cyclone" for next year, an evangelist with that reputation. Well, we took them cold and wind and rain and tempest. It will require a "cyclone" to beat it. But in spite of all the drawbacks, we did have a good time at Marion Camp.

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## IF TOMORROW?

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If tomorrow Jesus did appear,  
What would the next day's head lines bear?  
All babies and children disappear!  
Clothing all found! But no traces! Where?  
A poor, despised church hath every member gone!  
But the community center and the club hath every one!  
Can it be that the Bible is true,  
Jesus appeared and His own withdrew?  
Howarden, Ia.

The Church should always have a more distinct opinion than the world. There should be no difficulty whatever in distinguishing between the man who has been a long time intimate with Christ, and any man who is simply looking upon His history from an outside standpoint.—Joseph Parker.

"When the vessel is made, the potter impresses upon it his mark. The Apostle says, 'I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.' Two kinds of marks are mentioned in God's Word—the mark for God, and the mark of the beast. The mark directs inquirers where the product may be procured. No Christian should be ashamed to bear before the world the marks of the Lord Jesus, but ought to consider it an honor to point the world to Him."—Good Tidings.