

# 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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## THE SECRET OF TRUE REVIVAL.

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The Death Route is the Road to Victory.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."—Jesus (John xii.24).

JESUS' great concern was to get his soul-winning gospel to the world, to get it before the world in a convincing way. And so throughout John's Gospel the little refrain, "THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW," keeps ringing and ringing, now couched in this form, now in that, yet ever there.

"He that believeth on me, out of him shall flow rivers of living water. This spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive."—John vii.37-39. There you have it. The well-curb is full of blessing for the owner, and running over in flowing streams to the blessing of others. "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another. By this shall all men know that ye love my disciples if ye have love one to another." John xiii.34-35. There it is. Your loving one another will be a world-convincer. "Every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that may bring forth more fruit." John xv.2. There it is; a purging to greater efficiency in living men. "But when the Comforter is come, he shall testify of me: and ye also shall bear witness." John xv.26-27. There it is again. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." "Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father (at that day) in my name, he will give it you." John xiv.13. How evident here! "Father, sanctify them through thy truth; that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou hast given me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one; that they may believe that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." John xvii.17-23. "That the world may believe... that the world may know!" Yes, it is there, that same refrain.

With this burden on his heart, we are not surprised when Jesus says, "But that the world may know that I love the Father; and the Father gave me commandment, even so I do."—John xiv.31.

What commandment is this?

"Therefore doth my Father love me, because I have laid down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power (exousia—Greek—authority) to lay it down, and I have power (exousia) to take it again. THIS COM-

MANDMENT HAVE I RECEIVED OF MY FATHER."—John x.17-18.

"But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. This commandment have I received of my Father, that I lay down my life of myself, and that I take it again. I have authority from my father to lay it down, and I have authority to take it again."—Combining John xiv.31 and x.17:18.

But, in what way will this let the world know his love for the Father? In more than one way. His submission in Gethsemane will reveal it. His silent suffering in Pilate's hall will reveal it. His bowing his neck to the death-stroke on Calvary will reveal it. But in another way—and shall I say—more potent way, He will reveal this to the world. He will lay down his life in death; die to be buried; be buried to rise again; rise again to ascend; ascend to be glorified at the right hand of the Father; be glorified at the Father's right hand to receive from the Father "the Promise of the Holy Ghost;" and receive this from the Father in order to pour out upon his church the Gift of the Holy Ghost in order that believers may "receive power when the Holy Ghost is come upon them;" that they may "be witnesses unto Him both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." This grand and glorious sequence was what Jesus had in mind when He said, "But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do." He would willingly die, according to the authority and commandment received from his Father, in order to rise, ascend, be glorified, receive the Gift of the Spirit from his Father; pour this out in a mighty baptism upon the church, and empower his disciples to the great task of evangelizing the nations.

What a work was to be thus accomplished! "Shall bear witness;" "Shall convince the world;" "Shall love one another, and all men shall know;" "That all may be one, and that the world may know;" "Whatsoever ye shall ask (at that day) in my name, Father will give it you." Such terms are used by the Christ as he foretells the prospects and ultimate success of their mission.

But all this awaited one grand event. What was that? "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of him shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: FOR THE HOLY GHOST WAS NOT YET GIVEN; BECAUSE THAT JESUS WAS NOT YET GLORIFIED." Their empowerment awaited the outpouring

of the Spirit; the outpouring of the Spirit awaited the glorification of Jesus, which could not be until, according to his Father's commandment. He laid down his life, took it again in resurrection power, and ascended to the Father's right hand.

What a marvel have we here! During his ministry on earth, Jesus had power to preach his gospel, heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils and raise the dead. He had more. He had power to empower his disciples to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils and preach the gospel. He had more power than that. He had power to exorcise some devils that were too strongly entrenched for the disciples to cast out. This He had because the Father "anointed Him with the Holy Ghost and power."—Acts x.38. And yet, with all the power possessed in the days of his earthly ministry, the Blessed Christ did not have that fulness of power out of which to bestow upon his church the mighty baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire. That fulness was only his when, having laid down his life, He took it again, ascended to heaven, was glorified at the Father's right hand, and from the Father received "the promise of the Holy Ghost." Then He poured forth abundantly upon the waiting ones in the Upper Room that mighty effusion of the Holy Spirit, as related in Acts 2nd chapter.

He had power for his own ministry. He had power to enable them for that first evangelistic itinerary. But before He could be that great blessing He must needs be to fulfill all his Father's will, JESUS HAD TO DIE. For Him indeed THE DEATH ROUTE WAS THE ROAD TO POWER, VICTORY, SUPREMEST SUCCESS. No wonder that He said unto them, "It is expedient for you that I go away." How well He knew whereof He spake, when He said to his followers, "The hour is come that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

And now, let us look at that great evangelist of our Lord's gospel, Saint Paul.

If ever a man was a prejudiced bigot, Saul was. Zealous to a degree, persecuting the Christians, his gospel was, "Except ye be circumcised, ye cannot be saved." He saw no hope, nor sought any, for anyone outside of the pale of the Jewish Church. Bitter, bitter, bitter was the war of extermination which he waged against the New Way, which, according to his notion, threatened the very exist-

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