

HOW WILL JESUS MANIFEST HIMSELF

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fore our conversion, there stands out vividly in our memory some meetings during that time that were unlike ordinary meetings we attended. We recall that the people's faces seemed to shine with a heavenly light. They looked so happy in the singing or praying or preaching, there seemed to be something unexplainable that moved us to feel our sinful, lost state and attracted us to God. Both our spirit and our hard heart seemed crushed. There was something pulling at our heart strings beyond words of the preacher or words they were singing. We have come to appreciate it now. It was the manifest presence of God in that meeting that spoke in no uncertain terms to our conscience. It seemed at such times we could hear God speaking to us.

A friend of Mr. Wesley's was asked by a neighbor if he was going to hear Mr. Wesley preach that night. He said, "No. I'm going to Mr. Wesley's Church to hear God tonight!"

May we as God's people cut loose and let go of everything that would hinder Christ from manifesting His presence to us and through us.

And in conclusion we might ask with Judas, "How is it, Lord, thou wilt manifest Thyself unto Us?" And Jesus answers in these words which are repeated three times for the sake of emphasis, "Love me and keep My words."

If there is a lack, an absence of the manifest presence of Christ in our lives, may we not find the reason here in these searching words of the Son of God, "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him?"—The Wesleyan Methodist.

TRANSFORMED THROUGH.

We have often thought that a higher sentiment would have been expressed if the motto had said, "Prayer changes us," rather than "Prayer changes things," for God does a greater miracle when, by His grace, He transforms persons than when, by His providence, He alters things.

There are a few instances in the Scripture in which rain was brought or the heavens were stopped by prayer. There are a few instances in which food was obtained, enemies were turned into friends and physical immunities were given in answer to prayer. But still the highest attainment is not described in terms of decreased want. "I have learned," says the triumphant apostle, "in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

Perhaps we have chafed because the weather did not change to suit our wishes or because fortune did not smile upon our desires, or because health did not return to reward our wooing, or because foes did not become friends when we so earnestly prayed. But if through prayer we found grace to bear the inclemency of the elements, to endure the inconveniences of poverty, to rest in the presence of pain and to love when our love was not required, then indeed, the higher answer came. For it is greater that prayer should change us than that it should change only our passing circumstances.

We have rejoiced in the sentiment that "He

tempers the winds to the shorn lamb." But do we not remember that this is but a light passing blessing designed to meet the exigencies of a belated season? Rather, as the means for meeting winter's chilling blasts, He clothes the lamb with a thick coat of wool, and lets the winds blow uninterrupted. And, with us, we can recall times when He assuaged our sorrows by changing the environ. But in the end He will let age and weakness and death and the grave come on apace, like untempered winds. But just as He does not forget to provide the lamb with a blanket of wool, in view of the coming winter, so He will make tribulation minister unto our patience, and He will so clothe us with faith and love and hope that we can walk through the valley unafraid, face the grim monster undismayed and shout triumphantly in the face of earthly disaster, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"—Selected.

COMPLETE SALVATION

While tempting an eminent saint, Satan charged him with being guilty of every sin in the calendar. He replied, "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth from all sin." This is the Magna Charta of our liberty; this is God's counter attack against the enemy of all righteousness. Jesus' blood represents His life and power. He gave life to the uttermost that we might have life to the uttermost. The plaster is as wide as the wound." A minister prays thus: "Lord, make us as clean as the blood of Jesus can make us; and that will be clean enough." "Can an ocean not wash a pebble" asks another answering the argument that the doctrine of full salvation had been greatly abused Wesley said, "So has that of Justification by faith." Satan has caricatured every revealed truth of God; and would have overthrown Jesus by misrepresenting the Scriptures he quoted. Wesley said: "The doctrine of full salvation is what the devil especially hates. Therefore he is continually stirring up his own children and the weak children of God against it. He further declared that where this great salvation was proclaimed the work of God prospered in all its branches. Brethren, if we discard all the truths that are caricatured we shall have to go out of business. A great religious wave may be followed by heat or cold. The tares are sown among the wheat. Churches like that at Ephesus leave their first love. God can save us from all fevered zeal and relapses. Christ is the bridegroom and the church his bride. We must take Him for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, forevermore. We can enjoy God's uttermost salvation though "men (and women) of our own selves arise speaking perverse things." The genuine dollar goes on its way in spite of the counterfeit. The virtuous live in spite of the unchaste. Job lived when "there was none like him in all the earth."

"Jesus blood through earth and skies Boundless, free boundless mercy cries."

Pray for it, receive it, live it, and preach it to saints and sinners. "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." What a millenium of joy there must be when many turn to God. Brethren, this is not a hopeless hour with all of Heaven's resources at our command. Penitent

sinner lament a lost past. Some lament the future as lost. To such Whittier says:

"Ye see the curse that overbroods

A world of pain and loss;

I hear our Lord's beautitudes

And prayer upon the Cross."

"Love never faileth," even in these trying hours. Dear Church of God, I believe in thine immortal possibilities to conquer through the power of the blood. Love found me. It can find others equally hopeless and helpless. Thank God! Knox said, "Lord, give me Scotland or I die," and when we are unitedly prayer burdened the future will be charged with expectancy and many will move Godward. Prayer, mighty prayer, unceasing intercession is the key to Pentecost, power and revivals. We have talked much of past revivals. Let us talk of the one that is to be. Heaven's windows opened, blessings poured out, overflowing the soul's capacity. How we bless others when our religion overflows. "Rivers of living water," said Jesus. I see a long line of radiant faces that I have met in the past; and I expect to see sin marred lives redeemed and made joyous in the future. Aaron's rod badded. So does God's promises when we unitedly claim them by faith. Amen!

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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and careless, or busy attending dances and beer drinks.

What would Jesus do? Would he turn them away naked, cold and hungry? He was moved with compassion. It hurt Him to see people suffer. He saw that they were like sheep without a shepherd and needed some one to go about among them doing good and healing the oppressed and broken hearted. This is what you are doing by your gifts to foreign missions. Without your help we could not say, "None ever ask here in vain."

Your fellow-worker,

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