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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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PERFECT LOVE CASTETH OUT FEAR

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Man as he left God's hand was holy. Man as we find him today is vile. To get back into fellowship with God, vile man must be regenerated, "created anew after God in righteousness and true holiness" (Eph. iv.24). This is past the comprehension of natural man, say nothing of his apprehending it.

Angels had the power of volition. So also had man. Angels misused this power. So did man. Both sinned against God. This ended probation for the angels; but, O marvellous mercy! for man a way was opened up out of the misery of his lost estate, the way of repentance, back to the highway of holiness.

When man fell, there was injected into his three-fold nature an ever-present, evil something; call it carnal mind, mind of the flesh, sin that dwelleth in me, original sin, body of death, old man, anything you wish; it is there. Man is totally depraved. His powers and faculties, given for noble ends, have been prostituted to base purposes. His mind is blinded; he cannot see the source of true happiness and satisfaction. His desires are all perverted. Every part, phase, and line in that once good nature has been so utterly depraved that every last legitimate thing in us has been misdirected by sin and developed to wrong proportions, inspired to a misguided activity, disrobed of its God-given attributes and imbued with a spirit which is "enmity against God."

The appetite, which ought to induce us to eat to live, has developed into sinful gluttony. Proper desire becomes intemperance with some, and lust with others. Desire for success enlarges to covetousness. Woman's God-ordained winsomeness, modesty and meekness, which appealed to the best in holy man and inspires him to love and protect her, gives way to immodesty, boldness and mere display of fleshly beauty, animal charms, which appeal to the worst in fallen man, a vile lustlessness which tramples woman under his feet into the mire of sin.

Self-respect is inflated to pride which "thinks more highly of itself than it ought to think," and manifests itself in a thousand ways. True temper, implanted by God to give stability of character and inspire moral backbone to defend the right, degenerated in the fall and shows sinful bent in bursts of anger, storms of wrath, senseless indulgence of mad passion, not against the wrong, but against the unfortunate doer of the wrong. True

temper is stable and strong; sinful temper is gusty and weak. Sense of obligation, duty, the noblest motive which can be aroused in holy man, is so subverted that it is ultimately selfish in its aim. Love, God-implanted to adore our Saviour, enfold our neighbor, and embrace our enemy, is so sin-polluted that it is idolatrous and self-centred. It hates the enemy who tried to wrong us; takes wrong advantage of our neighbor to advantage ourselves; turns away from God-control to grovel under the control of self and sin. The heart instead of radiating the fruit of Galatians v. 22:23, spues forth the troubled and dirty waters of Galatians v. 20:21. And the tongue, the heart-thermometer, the organ to be used in conveying manwards and Godwards expressions from a pure heart, is so set on fire of hell to backbite, whisper, gossip, blaspheme and curse, that it becomes a fire, a world of iniquity, defiling the whole body and setting on fire the course of nature, an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Holy man loved God and sought his fellowship. Fallen man loves not God and Adam-like tries to flee from his presence. God plans to destroy the works of the devil and to restore to the soul of man his proper, original balance. He wills to impart love anew and banish fear; so it is written, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment."

"There is no fear in love." Two of love's phases are joy and peace. "Fear hath torment." Peace and joy, and torment cannot abide at the same time in the same heart. "He that feareth is not made perfect in love." He that is made perfect in love does not fear; for "perfect love casteth out fear."

This "casting out" power of love is what Dr. Chalmers called "the expulsive power of a new affection." The new God-inspired love expels the old, carnal, self-centred, self-seeking, self-gratifying, unclean, impure, unholy, devil-and-beast nature. Jesus in the fulness of his love comes in and the old corruption of nature must get out. "The Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey him," drives out "the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." Blessed be God and the Lamb forever! "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy

Ghost given unto us" (Rom. v. 5)

"O for such love let rocks and hills
Their lasting silence break;
And all harmonious human tongues
Their Saviour's praises speak."

Marvellous Love! Wonderful Love! Divine

Love! "Love is of God," for "God is Love." And in spite of all the horrible results wrought by sin in the realm of man-soul, when the great God of love sheds abroad his pure love in our hearts by the Holy Ghost given unto us, He casts out fear that hath torment and every other spirit which is akin to fear, which opposes, or is not like, the Spirit of pure and perfect love. Hallelujah! Amen!

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A MAN WANTED

Away back in the time of Israel's bondage a man was wanted. The need conveyed in the above words is one that has often been expressed, and still more often felt in secret. We feel there was a great need in that day, and we know that the same need exists today, of righting the wrongs of this old world in which we live. All around us is the evidence of sin, suffering and despair. We have only to look around us to see many boys and some girls wreathed in a cloud of cigarette smoke; our young men being carried away by strong drink which the devil and his co-workers are selling in our fair land.

For hundreds of years our statesmen have been seeking a remedy to check the awful wave of crime that has been blighting our fair dominion, but in the twentieth century the world remains the same. The crying need of this world today is to find a man big enough, strong enough, great enough to meet the situation with which we are confronted every day of our lives.

The object of our writing at this time is to say that God has found a man. Yes, amen! A man big enough, strong enough, great enough to meet the mighty forces of the evil one, to loose the captives, break down the prison doors; yes, bless the Lord he can break every fetter and set the prisoner free. Praise His name, and bring in a rule of righteousness; love instead of hatred, peace instead of turmoil, unity instead of discord. Well! Who is he that we may see him. We are glad that it is gloriously possible for us to see him, and see him face to face some day. His name is Jesus, the Son of God. He now sits at the right hand of the Father making intercession for us. Probably you will read this and turn away in derision. Do not do it—don't dismiss it thus for at this very moment He is pleading with God for your very existence. Praise His name.

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