

HOLINESS AND THE LORD'S HOLY DAY

The likeness or relation of holiness to the Sabbath day is found in the idea of rest. Also, both holiness and the Sabbath are things that are set apart and are sacred, and both come from God. The rest that we have in holiness may be termed the "rest of faith." Other names for it are, full salvation, sanctification and perfect love, and it is obtained by believers when they make a full consecration and take hold of God for it. Then it is that the carnal nature is destroyed. At that time there is "soul rest," when there is nothing inside the heart to disturb the peace of God.

The comparison of the rest of the soul with that of the Sabbath rest is given in Hebrews, fourth chapter. We read in the ninth verse: "There remaineth therefore a rest (marginal reading, *Or, keeping of a Sabbath*) to the people of God." It is then that we are kept in perfect peace. "For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His." (Heb. 4:10). How restful, how sweet this abiding in the Lord is, when the heart is cleansed from impurity. The struggle with "inbred sin" is gone. This is a work that God does for us.

When we consider the Sabbath day, can there not be something that unnecessarily disturbs the rest and quiet and holiness of the Sabbath? The Lord gave to the children of Israel a commandment which gives light on the question of doing urgent work on the Sabbath as follows: "Six days thou shalt work; but on the seventh thou shalt rest; in earing time (meaning *time of plowing*) and in harvest thou shalt rest." (Exodus 34:21).

Public worship or resting in the Lord and adoring Him, is very appropriate and fitting on the day of rest. The word of the Lord in Leviticus 19:30 and 26:2 is: "Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary; I am the Lord." Is not the state or deepness of one's piety shown by the way in which the Sabbath is kept? Should not the Sabbath of this age mean as much to Christians as it did to the children of Israel? We read: "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you." (Exodus 31:12, 13.)

How dreary, how monotonous it must be without any day of rest for the tired body, or without spiritual light for the soul. Great is the reward for the holy keeping of the Lord's rest day.

Righteous and holiness are very closely related. Righteousness is the natural outcome of holiness. A holy heart brings forth righteous acts. "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever." (Isaiah 32:17).

Let us cease from our own works, our self-righteousness, and obtain the rest, the joy and the peace that the Lord has for his people.—*Alfred C. Spencer.*

We cannot make up for lack of prayers by excess of working; working without praying leaves out God. It is the prayer that prepares for work.—Dr. A. T. Pierson.

LIVING EPISTLES

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and yon with much bleating. They are always thin and undernourished. Just so it is in the flock of the Great Shepherd. For such the pastor can often do little except to hold them before the Throne constantly and to make his gospel ring so true they will want to settle down in the rich pastures provided for them.

However if the shepherd is careless and does not lead them into rich green pastures and beside the living waters some bold hungry spirits are certain to venture beyond his leading and find that which does satisfy. Their contented feeding will attract others of the flock and they will quickly follow and may perhaps be separated from the rest of the flock. The wise shepherd realizing what has happened will not mistreat the straying ones but will eventually lead all his flock to where they can enjoy the same rich pasturage these have found. Pastors, are we feeding our flocks as we should? If some of our sheep are wandering let us look around us and within us. Perhaps we are growing cold and lean ourselves. Ostensibly living as victoriously as before, but down, deep in our hearts in honesty before God realizing that we are listless and fruitless with no real vitality to present to the people, no fire in the pulpit, no power with God and with men. We grant you that not all depends upon the pastor, but it is as true today as when first uttered "Like pastor, like people." Can we expect our churches to be spiritually alive when we ourselves are lifeless and indifferent? Can we import to others the true knowledge of Him who is the Resurrection and the Life when we are not really alive ourselves?

If the Spirit reveals to us such a condition we ought to cry out with David, "Lo, I have sinned and done wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? Let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me."

Paul in writing to the Corinthians, having asked the question, "Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you?" answers "ye are our epistle, written in our heart, known and read of all men. Forasmuch as ye manifestly declared to be the epistle ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the Living God, not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart." Such epistles are we, such an epistle is every member of the body of Christ. In these days men are reading such epistles more than they read the Sacred Book; therefore if we would have our church a strong vigorously growing member of the Bride of Christ let us examine ourselves momentarily and strive ever by the aid of the Holy Spirit to make our epistle a true one.

Marion College, Marion, Ind.

Wood Island, N. B.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed my renewal for The King's Highway. I would miss its visits, but why discontinue the Tempeance column when there is so little temperance teaching in the churches and the Province is flooded with booze.

Yours truly, MRS. W. A. GUPTILL

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Christian Friend:

I am enclosing amount for the subscription to The Highway. I surely appreciate your Christian newspaper, for its square teaching and its testimony. It is worthy to enter every home, and it has my best wishes for its future success.

Yours truly,

JOHN BAKER

Jamestown, N. D.

Dear Brother Trafton:

Received a letter from you before college closed. I was glad to hear from you and to learn that you were contemplating a trip west next fall. I will be real glad to see you.

As you will see by the heading, I am at Jamestown, attending the Holiness Camp Meeting here. It is sponsored by the International Holiness Association. The fellow I came up with has a part in the work here so we are resting a bit before going to work. We have work and expect to start Monday or Tuesday.

God is blessing at this camp. Rev. C. W. Ruth and Dr. Butler, of Cleveland Bible Institute, are the two main preachers. They are a fine team. Last evening there were only about six in the audience that were not saved at least.

Brother and Sister Haldor Lellanas, the hym writers, and their daughter, are here. They are a great blessing in song—nothing showy or out of place with them; they sing more in the spirit than any other couple I have heard.

God gave us a safe trip up here by car, and we had no trouble for over fifteen hundred miles except an old break in the spring.

I find these people to be a very responsive people, a fine class of people. God has had his hand here for several years. There are many Norwegians here and they are a whole-souled people.

I was pretty tired when college closed, so I tried to take it easy for a while. I carried seven subjects this semester.

It was a real surprise to receive another check from the Students' Fund to the amount of \$13.40. I trust and pray that there may be a great awakening in the hearts of His people and especially those who so generously give of their means.

It would have been a great joy to have gone to N. B. this summer but I feared for the expenses for next year.

I believe God is going to help me this summer and go with me back to Asbury. I believe Him for all of that. He is more to me than I have asked of Him. I will be in prayer for our Camp Meeting at Beulah.

His blood is my hope and plea.

Yours in Him,

HOWARD ROBERTSON

How does our will become sanctified? By conforming itself unreservedly to that of God.—Fenelon.

That Book, sir, is the rock on which our republic rests.—Andrew Jackson.

It is better to suffer wrong than to do it, and happier to be sometimes cheated than not to trust.—Johnson.

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