

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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"GIVE HIM NO REST."

Isaiah 62:6-7

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The Apostle James says, that "Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed in his prayer." V. 17, margin. O God, give us men and women who pray when they pray. Amen.

To too great an extent we are fast becoming a prayerless, prayer-saying people. We are too rushed, too busy, even in His service, to take the time necessary for praying prevailingly. Consequently the work we do is accomplished more in our own strength than in His, and is, therefore, but poorly done. When increase of legitimate duties handicapped the apostles, they advised the appointment of the deacons. This division of labor permitted them to "give themselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the word. * * * And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied exceedingly." The plan was a good one; it succeeded.

On numbers of fields today there are situations trying indeed to any pastor. Death and removals, with few accessions for many years, have reduced membership almost to a minimum. Many such fields have been abandoned. More will be, unless something takes place. Shall these be allowed to die? Shall they live by taking unsaved ones into the membership, as some churches do? Or shall we have a mighty revival and see these put on their feet for the glory of God?

Programs, big drives, extensive advertising, high-pressure evangelism will not bring the needed solution. Such means leave the field in worse condition than ever, as many a pastor has learned to his sorrow, when the evangelist leaves town with the money, the hearts, and the religion (?) of the converts (?).

We do believe that the apostolic route offers a solution. Let us take it. Ye ministers of His who pray, pray on; give yourselves to the ministry of the word and to prayer; pray mightily; prevail in the all-prevailing Name. Ye who have lost this art, oh, repent, repent, lest God be forced to remove you as He did the house of Eli, and "raise Him up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in God's heart and mind." If we have no burden, we ought to have one. We can get one if we will. Let us flee to the

secret place. Let us confess there our apathetic, burdenless, prayerless state. God will hear. He will have mercy. "Let us weep between the porch and the altar, crying, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach." "Who knoweth if He will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind Him?" Put Him to the test and see if, even today, the word of God will not increase and the number of disciples be multiplied exceedingly.

"Why, is this God's set time to favor Zion?"

Beloved, God's time to favor Zion is whenever Zion is ready to be favored. He is always ready; "more willing is He to give than we are to receive."

We need a mighty awakening such as seized upon Ireland in 1859 and upon Wales in 1904, one that will turn the hearts of men and women from movies, sports, fashions, and money-making for a little while at least, and centre them upon the Lord and His sanctuary.

"O Lord, call a halt! In this mad rush worldwards and hellwards, once more call a halt. Amen."

Revival is promised us upon certain conditions. If the conditions are met, we will have a revival. The Lord will bless His people; He will call a halt in the affairs of men and bid them for a time think upon eternal things seriously, soberly, righteously. Revival will come as far and as fully as the conditions are met. Let the individual meet them; he will have a revival in his own heart. Groups of individuals compose families. Let a family meet the conditions; that family shall have a revival. Groups of families compose a society. Let a Society meet the conditions; that society shall have a revival. Societies involve churches; churches influence and involve communities; communities go to the making of the nation. Where shall the blessed influence end? Nay, rather, where shall it begin? Oh, let us get down to meeting the conditions. Let us meet them ourselves.

"Hoping and wishing count for naught here;
Scanning the sky will bring nothing near;
Meet the conditions, trust and obey;
God keeps His promise, hears when you pray.

"Let all my people, called by my name,
Humble and pray, confessing their shame,
Then will I hear and purge every stain,
Healing their land with showers of rain.

"God of revivals, cleanse us from sin!
Meet for thy dwelling make us within!

Pour out Thy Spirit on us we pray!
God of revivals, send Him today!"

"Ye that are the Lord's remembrancers, keep not silence, and give Him no rest till He establish, and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth."—Isa. 62:6-7.

"Keep on believing, trust and obey;
A mighty revival is sweeping this way."

TEN BIBLE REASONS FOR PREACHING HOLINESS

Christ died to make men holy. "Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate." (Heb. 13:12).

Christian people are commanded to be holy, and they need to have this duty explained and made clear. "But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, 'Be ye holy, for I (the Lord your God) am holy.'" (I. Peter 1:15-16).

Holiness is necessary as a preparation to meet God. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." (Heb. 12:14).

The Lord Jesus commends and commands Christian perfection as a standard for His followers. "Be ye therefore perfect (Teleios—complete in moral character, of full age), even as your Father in heaven is perfect." (Matt. 5:48).

The people need to hear a full gospel. "How shall they call on Him in whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Rom. 10:14).

Holiness is the standard to which Christ directed His followers in founding the New Testament church. "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." (Luke 24:49).—Wesleyan Methodist.

WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT

John Wesley thus defined "the witness of the Spirit." "By the testimony of the Spirit I mean an inward impression on the soul whereby the Spirit of God immediately and directly witnesses to my spirit that I am a child of God, that all my sins are blotted out, and I—even I—am reconciled to God." Later he said, "After twenty years' further consideration I see no cause to retract any part of this." May we all have this "witness of Spirit" continually.