

# 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 DOUBLES OF THE BIBLE."

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2nd Cor. 1:15—"And in this confidence I was minded to come unto you that ye might have a second grace."

Some view it as exceptional that God should be pleased to perfect salvation by means of two distinct works of grace, but it should not be so when we consider that there were two epochs in the creation of the race. Adam was formed, then Eve. The two were required to complete the race. There are two comings of Christ in the redemption of man, first to save us from sin, the second to take us unto Himself, His bride. Two renovatings of the material earth, one was by water, the other by fire. Two distinct deliverances of Israel in founding the Hebrew nation in getting them out of Egypt and across the Red Sea, and by getting them over the Jordan into the promised land. Two distinct epochs in the personal experience of the patriarch Abraham, called from the land of Ur and twenty-four years later called to walk before God and be perfect. Jacob at Bethel and afterwards at Penial. Two main compartments in the Jewish tabernacle known as the outer court and the inner court. Two covenants in God's revelation to mankind spoken of as the old covenant and the new covenant given to us in two general installments. Two offerings that denoted approach to God, one had to do with sin, the other with consecration. Two kinds of feasts, one denoting beginnings and the other commemorating finalities.

It should not be viewed as exceptional when we consider that most of our blessings are twofold. There are two elements in nature known as nitrogen and oxygen; two elements in the water we drink; two elements in the air we breathe; two elements in the sun we enjoy; two lobes in the lungs; two ventricles in the heart and two works of grace for the soul. Hence you see if we follow nature, psychology and the Bible, we must believe in a second blessing. You ask some people if they believe in a second blessing and they will say, yes, but—and about all they have ever done touching the question is to "butt."

Salvation comes by installments or by degrees and there are, at least, three degrees in it, and permit me to say that God's first degree is very much better than the world's thirty-two degrees and can do a great deal more for you. The first degree of God's salvation is called justification. The second degree is called sanctification, and the third degree is called glorification. The first degree

will save you from your actual sins, the second degree saves us from our inbred sins while the third degree will save us from the effects of sin. Personally, I have taken the first two degrees and part of the third, for to be saved and sanctified is to be partially glorified.

There are five sets of doubles that I call your attention to—**First, the two calls of the Bible:** Mark 2:17 you will find the first call which is to the sinner, the call to repentance. Second, Thess. 4:7 you will find the second call it is to the church and the call is to holiness. Holiness is a trinity. It consists of three things — theory, experience and practice. Theory is to be believed by the intellect, experience is to be enjoyed by the sensibilities, while the practice is to be lived by the will. Theoretical holiness has to do with your head, experimental holiness has to do with your heart, while practical holiness has to do with your hand. Theory is a very important part of your salvation for it has to do with doctrine and doctrine is fundamental. Doctrine is the mainspring of our spiritual activities and the foundation of our spiritual building. Theory is just this important that you can't get an experience without it, for everybody goes into religion head first. The intellect must first be convinced before the heart can be converted. You must know about Jesus before you can love Jesus. Creed is important but experience is imperative. It is not enough to know about God, we must know God. Some people know all about religion except how it feels. Some know all about the seven great religions of the world and don't have any or either of them. Some know all about Christ yet do not know Christ.

Next comes the practice. Holiness is ethical as well as doctrinal. It is the practice that counts. It is not by our creeds the world is to know us but by our deeds. The church is strong enough in doctrine to save the world but weak enough in practice to become its laughing stock. Many of us are talking cream and living skimmed milk. Walking with God has two sides to it. It has an experimental side and a practical side, and you cannot be practically what you are not experimentally. You cannot be outwardly what you are not inwardly.

**Second, the two rests of the Bible:** Matt. 11:28 you will find the first rest. It is a given rest. In Matthew 11:29 you will find the second rest. It is a found rest. A given rest is not a found rest, nor is a found rest a given rest. They can't possibly be made to agree. A gift is one thing and something found is another.

The word in the 28th verse for rest is a verb while the word in the 29th verse for rest is a noun. There is a vast difference between a verb rest and a noun rest. A verb rest is a term that signifies moving on with a view of being transitory. A noun rest is a term that denotes a deep permanent repose that is undisturbed. It denotes durability and immovability. Between the verb rest and the noun rest there is a period. The old books we studied taught us when reading to stop at a period long enough to count four. So there is just a period between this given rest and found rest. How long a period? I would say it can't be reckoned by the calendar. It may be three days with some, three months with others, or three years for others.

**Third, the two loves:** In John 3:16 you will find the first love. Eph. 5:26 you will find the second love. In the first we have divine love worldward. In the second we have divine love churchward. That the world might not perish, saves us from our wrong doing. That the church might be sanctified, saves us from our wrong doing. God's standard is Holiness. There have been four great epochs in the world's history. The first was started by Adam, the next by Noah, the next by Abraham and the next by Jesus Christ, and I want you to note that God lifted his standard at the beginning of each epoch by starting it off with a perfect man.

Holiness is a Bible doctrine. The word HOLY occurs 600 times, the word PERFECTIION 120 times and SANCTIFICATION 130 times. In the new Testament alone there are sixteen commands to be holy, and eighteen inspired prayers that we might be made holy, and yet people tell us they don't take any stock in it. Whenever you find a person, whether a preacher or a layman, that tells you he does not take any stock in holiness, you can be sure of one thing that holiness hasn't taken any stock in him.

**Fourth, the two manifestations:** I. John 3:5 you will find the first manifestation; it is to take away our sins. In I. John 3:8 you will find the second manifestation; it is to destroy the works of the devil. Your sins and the works of the devil are not one and the same thing, and it doesn't take a very profound theologian to see it. Your sins are something you have done, while the works of the devil is something the devil has done. The works of the devil that Christ was manifested to destroy was not the booze joints, bad houses, movies, dance halls and gambling dens. I contend the greatest work the devil ever did

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