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HOLINESS

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Our first article revealed the fore-thought of God in reference to this great subject. We are to emphasize in this article the command and demand of God to his people. The church of God is made up of individuals, and if the church is to be holy of necessity the individual must be. God having provided holiness for the church, naturally makes his demand and gives his command concerning it. The following from Cruden's concordance is very good. "True holiness consists in a conformity to the nature and will of God, whereby a Saint is distinguished from the unrenowned world, and is not actuated by their principles and precepts, nor governed by their maxims and customs." This is what God has demanded in every dispensation. Because Cain did not measure up to God's demand, he rose up and slew his brother, the man that did.

God made this demand upon Abram; "And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect." Abram was obedient to the call of God, so that God changed his name to Abraham. It is said of Enoch; he walked with God three hundred years, and he was not for God took him but before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Israel is a type of the church in this dispensation. God brought them out of Egypt by the hand of Moses and then he demanded of them holiness. "For I am the Lord that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God; ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy." Lev. 11-45. "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy; for I am the Lord your God". Lev. 20-7. This then was the demand of God upon his people, the priests must be holy and wear holy garments, the prophets were holy men, and lived such lives. God intended that all of his people should be holy, but as it was then so it is now, only a few met the demand of God, but the others did not escape his judgment because of their failure to obey.

The Apostle Peter emphasizes this demand; "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 am holy.'" 1 Peter 1-15, 16.

Then we have the command of Jesus given to His disciples, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your father which is in heaven is perfect".

Matt. 5-48. "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God". 2 Cor. 7-1. The demand of God is upon us, we must measure up or stand condemned.

JESUS IS ABLE

By Rev. J. Franklin Fisher

Nearly 2,000 years ago, from a family of little consequences and a city disreputable, an obscure young peasant, without education, wealth or standing appeared suddenly in old Jerusalem, gathered around Him a few rude fishermen and laid claim to a kingdom. It was to be no ordinary kingdom, He proclaimed. It was to be greater in dominion and longer in duration than any other kingdom; in fact, it was to supplant every other kingdom.

And His plan of conquest, strange to relate, was on a principle never before tried. How ill-suited, how foolish, how impossible His plan seemed. To accomplish the monumental task before Him He was to bring into use neither the wealth of an Abraham nor the cunning of a Jacob. Nor was it to be Moses' statesmanship, nor Solomon's wisdom, nor Jeroboam's intrigue, nor Isaiah's eloquence, nor Daniel's political favor. His program, unique, unlikely, unheard of, was love. His words were "God so loved," "Love the Lord, thy God," "Love thy neighbor," "Love thine enemy."

Today men of every clime and culture bow in glad submission to the man of Nazareth and delight to acclaim Him King. Through Him civilizations have been made, nations refined, the arts and sciences encouraged, womanhood ennobled, labor dignified, morals elevated and life given meaning and hope. Through Him saints have been made, and the gates of heaven opened to the weary pilgrim.

Jesus is able to save. So the angels announced it. So He himself has assured us. Beginning with the thief on the cross, He has for twenty centuries undertaken the cases made hardest by Satan. He transformed the life of self-righteous Saul, grasping Zacchaeus, wealthy Joseph, of Arimathea, and demon-possessed Mary Magdalene. "Wherefore He is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him."

Jesus is able to cleanse. Heathen religions have winked at immoralities and moral uncleanness, but Jesus says, "Blessed are the pure in heart," and of Him the last Old Testament prophet foretold, "He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness."—The Free Methodist.

FAMILY PRAYER

The family altar is one of the oldest and best institutions in the world, and blessed is that family where such is established. It is better to live in a cot or cabin, with an altar, than in a palace without one.

It makes the Lord a welcome guest, and a member of the family, and it is very comforting to know that we can confer and fellowship with Him, as the Man of our counsel.

It is a sad thing to be without God in the home. It is like being in a tempest-tossed ship without a compass or rudder.

Samson became weak as other men, and an easy prey to his enemies, when the Lord left him. So it will be to all those who discard the family

altar. The altar is as much needed in the home as a fire on a cold day, or a lamp on a dark night.

No home is complete, no matter how elegantly adorned, without an altar of prayer. Minus this, it is like a watch without a main-spring.

As parents are interested in the mental education of their children, so they should be in the spiritual culture of the heart.

The family altar is a connecting link between our earthly and our heavenly home, and if it was more generally established, there would be fewer drunkards, divorces, and suicides than there are.

The Lord says, "Them that honor Me, I will honor," so if we honor Him by worship at home He will bless us openly. "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it," and if the Lord is not in the house, there is a great lack; it would be like a house without windows.

As the builders of the tower of Babel got into confusion and failure, so will they who try to make a home without religion. Look at the families where divorce has crept in and split the home asunder, and where the children have been wicked, and brought disgrace to their parents.

Let us have a revival of family prayer and Bible reading everywhere, and witness the great transformation that will follow.—Author Unknown. *The Way of Holiness.*

"If it were revealed to me from heaven by the arch-angel Gabriel that God had given me the certainty of ten years of life and that as a condition of my eternal salvation I must win a thousand souls to Christ in that time, and if it were further conditioned to this end that I might preach every day for the ten years but might not personally appeal to the unconverted outside the pulpit, or that I might not enter the pulpit during those ten years but might exclusively appeal to individuals, I would not hesitate one moment to accept the choice of personal effort as the sole means to be used in securing the conversion of ten thousand souls as the condition of my salvation."—J. Q. Peck in "Pastoral Evangelism."

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB

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as the great sign of God's sanctifying grace.

I used to wonder why Jacob had such a prominent place in Genesis. I understand it a little better now. Genealogies sometimes show that the members that have given the church the greatest amount of trouble are the most often mentioned.

"Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated." Esau was a profane man, that means—outside the sanctuary. Jacob had a sanctuary, a trysting place between his soul and God. Esau had no sanctuary. To have a sanctuary is ever the secret of getting things from God. Though we may battle with tendencies we have inherited, nevertheless if we seek the face of God, God will succeed with us as he succeeds with Jacob. "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations."

Jesus said: "God is not the God of the dead but of the living." Abraham and Isaac and Jacob are enjoying God and God is enjoying their company. If you find God, you have the promise of a blissful eternity. To know God is the beginning of eternal life.—Heart and Life.