

# 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 SECOND MILE.

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The Lord always had a reason for everything he did; and that reason was for our highest good and welfare. His Sermon on the Mount was but the expression of teachings which were meant for our greatest good; and while they may seem to lift up high standards the obedience to these standards will mean the uplifting of our lives and truest happiness while in this world and the world to come.

We must remember, however, that the commands and admonitions given in this Sermon are not given to persons who are unacquainted with God; but to those who have become acquainted with him through repentance and faith in his Son, and after having his love shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Ghost.

Jesus does not command nor demand the impossible. His commands are his enablings, and whatever he requests us to do is for our good and the enlargement of our God-given faculties. In this Sermon Jesus tells us that if we get entangled in lawsuits where we are not to blame, we are not only to grant what they ask but *more* than they ask. That is, we are not to rebel against unjust treatment, but show a willingness to give more than is required. And why is this advice given to us? Simply because if we are of that disposition to suffer rather than to make suffer the spiritual blessings we receive will more than compensate us for what we have lost in a material way.

Then, we are told that if some one seeks to take advantage of us in making us do more than our share, we are not to grumble nor complain, but manifest a spirit of happy willingness to go beyond what would naturally be expected of us from a human standpoint; but the commands of this sermon are for those who are promised supernatural help.

We are told in the 41st verse of Matt. 5, that 'Whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.' This is but another way of stressing the emphasis upon the above scriptures. The natural disposition is to bristle up when anything goes wrong with us, to manifest the disposition to 'get even' with the other fellow; but not so with that one who has been changed inwardly, who has a 'new heart' within his or her breast. We are to be like the Master who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; who when buffeted and spit upon, and accused of things entirely untrue, answered not a word.

The whole teaching of this Sermon is to show what spirit we should manifest toward those who would despitefully use us, and in so doing, we show that we have really 'passed from death unto life,' and have become 'new creatures in Christ Jesus.' If we fail to manifest that love that beareth all things, that thinketh no evil, that suffereth long and is kind, we bring a reproach upon our Master whose spirit we profess to have and whose teachings we claim to follow.

Let us remember, dear reader, that to go the 'second mile' we must have *divine strength* and that love which comes from the Father heart of God. We can no more love our enemies, bless them who curse us, and pray for them that des-

pitefully use us and persecute us, with the natural, depraved heart than we can get to heaven without being born from above. The natural heart cannot do unnatural—supernatural—things. In order for the life to be in harmony with God's will and Spirit we must have the indwelling of that Spirit to control and actuate us in every detail of our lives. Then, we shall be able to meet the command with which this chapter closes: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

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### THE WORTH OF CHRISTIAN RELIGION

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If the system of religion taught in the Bible is worthless, the world would be better without it, but it has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt that there has been no system that has been equal to it.

If the religion of Jesus were not true it would be a kind of veiled mysticism that would rather perplex and mystify instead of sending forth spiritual light, raising the standard of morals and aiding in the advancement of the world's progress and civilization.

One way by which we may ascertain something of the value of the religion of Jesus is to note the difference in conditions that prevail where it has gone and where it has not.

It is beyond dispute that the religion of the Bible has been the greatest factor in the transformation of nations from heathenism to civilization. Our own great land of free America would be in a state of barbarism today were it not for the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Wherever the Christian religion penetrates the dark interior of heathenism, civilization invariably follows in its trail, driving before it ignorance and superstition, and brings light and liberty, art and agriculture, science and education, churches, schools, and institutions of learning. It transforms the howling wilderness into a cultivated garden, transforms the shiftless savage into an upright, intelligent citizen, and opens the channels of commerce with all the civilized world.

Science, art, and philosophy have an important part in the world's progress and civilization, but it may be truly said the Christian religion is greater than them all.

No other system, philosophy, or code of morals has made such a record. They have all gone down in defeat, but the Christian religion has stood the test of the ages and shines as brightly today as ever in the world's history, and has innumerable witnesses who are ready to testify that this religion brings more comfort and consolation than all other systems and creeds combined.

Cicero, Plato and many other great philosophers, with their systems of philosophy have gone down almost into oblivion. Only a few who are familiar with ancient history know anything of their lives or systems; but not so with Christ. The fame of Christ grows more as time rolls on.

He is better known today than He was nineteen hundred years ago.

Many of the greatest characters who have lived to bless the world have been faithful adherents of the Christian religion, and their lives of holiness and usefulness were promoted and influenced by it.

Through the ages past skeptics, infidels, and heretics have been the avowed enemies of the Christian religion, yet they have failed to overthrow it as they had hoped to do, or trample its emblem—a blood-stained cross—in the dust.

Sometimes in the past it seemed that true religion would be defeated and that Satan would gain a final and ultimate victory, but God would not permit it. During the dark ages which hang like a pall at night over the world's history, when Satan tried to shut out spiritual light and spread superstition and false religion over the world, the Christian religion which seemed feeble and almost dethroned, arose, asserted itself and stood up in majesty and power, shedding light into all the earth, driving darkness before it and bringing joy and gladness in its stead.

Why do infidels and those who are the avowed enemies of Jesus Christ want to locate in communities that have churches, where the gospel is promulgated and where friendship, fellowship, and the fruits of true religion prevail among men? It is because they are aware of the fact that Christianity leads toward the highest type of morals and civilization, while the trend of infidelity is toward anarchy, barbarism and savagery.

Thousands are ready to testify as living witnesses to the fact that the holy Christianity of the Man of Calvary has so transformed their lives that they are now new creatures, loving the service of God, and that the fear of death, eternity, and hell has been removed from them.

The religion of Jesus has been the stay of many in times of poverty, distress and sorrow. It helps men to be quiet, patient and gentle through a life of adversity, and thus prepares and polishes them for eternity.

It is worth more in death than all the wealth, fame, or highest honors the world can bestow. When a soldier of the cross is passing through the "valley of the shadow," and the death chill is on his brow, he can look across the river and see the Holy City and the holy angels that come to waft him from life's battle field to his eternal home. To the dying saint true religion, which changes and affects his entire life, stamps the image of Christ upon his soul, giving him the witness of the Holy Spirit, and writes his name down in the Lamb's Book of Life, is to him the most valuable thing in all the universe.

True religion has landed her thousands in heaven and will land her thousands more. Patriarchs, prophets, martyrs and saints of all ages and nations have made the landing and have joined in singing redemption songs, where Jesus will lead them by fountains of living water, and wipe all tears from their eyes. Through the long eternity the redeemed hosts will join in praising God for the memory and the influence of the Christian religion in the world.

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