

# 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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### HOLINESS MAKES FOR HAPPINESS HERE

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With no change in our circumstances it is quite possible for us to be happy in this "vale of tears." "The curse" that is on the ground for the sinfulness of the race is not yet lifted for us during this era of probation. And yet we may be blest while we grapple with its thorns and thistles and get our bread by "the sweat of our brow." The sentence of death standing against fallen man is not suspended for us who are Christians, but as others, "dying, we do die." Nevertheless, the well of water within us keeps springing up with joy of a life that can never die; and the hope of our resurrection hereafter delivers us from the fear of dying here.

Consequences, if not penalties, of our own and others' sins, may distress us with poverty, pain, and perplexity: for "We, also, ourselves, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves, waiting for the redemption of our bodies," and yet in all these things we are more than conquerors. For (1) they do not reach the hidden source of our inmost life; (2) they are but for a season, and (3) they are themselves harnessed to God's plan of Redemption for us, so that they "work together for good to us that love God." So as James bids us, we put even our trials in the "Joy" column of our assets, and with Paul, "we glory in tribulation also."

This "Joy" of the kingdom is as essential as the "Righteousness and Peace." Happiness is a feature of Holiness. We will be glad if we are good. Much emphasis is laid upon this in Scripture. We are enjoined, "though sorrowful to be always rejoicing;" commanded to "rejoice in the Lord always"; and this mandate is strengthened thus: "Again I say rejoice!" And together with our "praying without ceasing," and our "giving thanks in everything," we find there is nestled in the pleasure and privilege of "rejoicing evermore." On the Highway of Holiness, as shown in Isaiah 35, the ransomed of the Lord are seen to come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads, and to obtain "joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing will flee away."

God is cleared of all the infidel's charges against Him for allowing suffering, and misery among His creatures here, if it can be shown that in spite of all the suffering and sorrows that exist, He has made it possible for man to be happy here.

If such a master in science as Edison has "never been able to find a happy man," and confesses to his own ignorance of anything about immortality; and if Christians of all ages, at martyr's stakes and in prison cells, as well as in the common hum-drum of life with the afflictions that are common to man, have demonstrat-

ed the possibility of a happy, joyous, and triumphant life, and this, too, in full view of their own mortality, and in a well grounded hope of their resurrection, then it follows that faith outstrips science or philosophy in solving the problems of human life. Saints have proven that there is happiness in Holiness.

There is a counting room, or laboratory, or demonstration chamber somewhere, in which the man of faith, though groaning in his earthly tabernacle, is able to weigh his affliction as "light," and time them as "but for a moment," and demonstrate that it "worketh a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." At last three apostles concur in this reckoning and estimate of trials and sorrows—James (1:2, 3) bids us "count it all joy," for "the trying of your faith worketh patience." Peter (in 1 Peter 1:6, 7) tells us "that the heavy trial is that our faith might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ," and Paul (Romans 5: 3-5) witnesses that "tribulation worketh patience and experience and hope," and all this is sustained by the "love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost." Even the chastening rod in our heavenly Father's hand advances our souls in what we love most and live for.

And besides this triumph over the afflictions that are common to man, and the trials that are peculiar to Christians, the truly sanctified Christian has *abiding sources of happiness here to which other men are strangers.* And this quest of pleasure which vents itself in joy rides, moving picture shows, dance halls, reveling, drunkenness, and other indulgencies, as well as in wealth and world-round touring and a hundred other dismally disappointing pursuits, is but the cry of man's soul for a happiness of which only human nature is capable, and which Christianity alone can supply—*happiness in God.*

We were made for God. And as a flower can not bloom but in the light, and fruit ripens only in the sunshine, and as a bird cannot be happy but in the air, or a fish but in the water, so neither can a man or woman be happy but in God.

There are three elements of positive happiness here which the experience of Holiness affords.

*First, it is the Happiness of Harmony.*

*Second, it is the Happiness of Fellowship.*

*Third, it is the Happiness of Anticipation.*

Holiness results in acquiescence in God's permissive will, and obedience to His required will; and thus rids the life of all friction, and harmonizes us with our lot, so that we are in agreement with providences, and in accord with righteousness. This ends the distress of discord.

Again, as the law of adhesion will draw polished surfaces together when every atom of dust is removed, so when all sin is cleansed from the soul, God and that soul come together into

an indissoluble union, and a resultant fellowship. Thus the social nature of man meets its highest completion and satisfaction. And this is bliss—of which marital felicity is but a figure.

And to piece out the shortage of earth's satisfaction, and to supply joy unspeakable in the midst of life's vexations, HOPE is the borrowing faculty of the soul. And hope is fully assured in the state of perfect holiness: the hope of eternal life and immortality, the hope of beholding God, the hope of reunion with loved ones gone before, and with saints of all ages.

We repeat that the experience of Holiness assures such happiness here. This is the "Joy of the Lord," and "the joy of the Lord is our strength."

Let us who confess Holiness, **INSIST ON BEING HAPPY!**—*Heart and Life Bulletin.*

### "QUIET IN THE LAND."

By Mrs. Penn Lewis

We are to be "the quiet in the land," Ps. 35:20. To enter into God's chamber, and hide there, and be still. Then God will call us "The Quiet in the Land." Have this stamp upon you. Hide deeper into God. Be quiet outside—you will then be quiet inside. *Be quiet in spirit.*

Have you prayed for a quiet spirit? To have the Mountain Vision, you must depart from soul activities. Get the vision from God's outlook. Now we must learn to die with Christ. He is bringing His children to-day into conformity to His death, and preparing us for Translation. Beware of soul activities. The dross must be burned out. *Every choice vase is being put in the furnace,* and remember the furnace is always the finishing touch. Be careful of too much talk. Throw yourself absolutely upon God. We must get back to God only, cease to see the human instruments. He must be real—more and more real. He must be greater than War, Patriotism, or anything else. *Hide with Christ in God at the Throne,* be at the spring of things. Everything is big in the eyes of God, for He is dealing with affairs of the Kingdom. Men are baffled. All we can do is to cast ourselves upon God. Be willing to be a martyr, for you will have to undergo persecution as never before if you are true to God.

*Set yourself to move everything through God.* Don't go to So and So. Be determined to go direct to God. Stop measuring spirit, soul, and body. God says—"Hands off—move all things through Me." Abide in Him, and learn how to move, but only in Him. *Every step with God gives you absolute Victory over Hell.* The moment you are out of step with God, the enemy can harm you; he watches his opportunity to gain an inch of ground, when you are off your guard, or "out of step." God must be greater than Satan, and greater than everything, and every one else; give Him, therefore, His right place in your heart and life!

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