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EDITORIAL

MEDITATION

This is a part of the programme of a righteous man. In the first Psalm it declares: "But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night." This is necessary to growth and fulness.

Too few folk take time to meditate on God. How can folk be really thankful unless they think on His goodness, mercy and love.

How few people at this season are dwelling on the forty days temptation in the wilderness. The loneliness of it, the fierceness of the onslaught of Satan, the suffering for lack of nourishment. He suffered being tempted. We think of His submission to the will of His Father, so that He might be able to understand fully the fiercest temptation that His true children would pass through, so that He would know exactly the need, and so provide for every emergency.

We fear many times we do not meditate enough on the sacrifice and hardships he endured, because of His love for a fallen race. We are sure that folk would go farther than giving up a few worldly pleasures or something pleasing to the eye or satisfying the craving of a natural or acquired appetite.

Do you think any sacrifice too great for us when we contemplate His love. It seems to us that there would be a yielding up of lives to Him on the part of the unsaved and a complete consecration on the part of His children, that the Holy Ghost might come in and purify the heart so that the individual could be filled with all the fulness of God.

Then, too, it would bring great joy to those who ponder on the glories that are to be revealed to us. One cannot help but get to the shouting point when they think on the things that God has prepared for them that love Him. Glory to God! "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. Glory! Glory! Glory!"

Fret and worry will not help us on to God, nor make us a blessing to others, but as we meditate on His law, we will become more and more like Him, and in consequence will be a blessing to others.

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they had witnessed the marvellous miracles and wonder-working power of God, could not be left by their leader Moses for forty days without erecting a calf, as a standard to their depraved and immoral desires. Not only is it so in the early history of God's people, but it has been a sin that has weakened the church down through the centuries. Paul said that in the latter times men would depart from the faith and give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Paul told Timothy that the time would come when folk would not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves, teachers having itching ears. He said that men would turn away their ears from the truth, and would turn them into fables. It was God's plan that the church should be as bright as the sun, as fair as the moon, and as terrible as an army with banners. The church is but a ghost of its former self. We are told that there are twenty-five thousand vacant churches in America. A statistical report showed that in four of our leading denominations, there were eleven thousand churches that did not lead a soul to Christ during one whole year. Eleven thousand preachers, with deacons, committees and with church boards. Eleven thousand Sunday school superintendents; with thousands of teachers, and the expenditure of a vast amount of money, all organized for one whole year without any visible results. Do we wonder that the Sunday morale is being broken, and that the mass is clamouring for Sunday sports. That out of every six to seven marriages there is a divorce, or that the crimes today are not by bearded men, but by youths between fourteen and twenty-two years of age. Do we wonder that politicians will break their word and betray their trust. Or that men will lay aside their priestly robes, disgrace the sacred and holy cause of Christ by heading the rum traffic. Do we wonder that men can disregard the sacredness of marriage, which was instituted by God, and advocate companionate marriage. Any individual with an average intelligence must confess that there is something radically wrong with the present trend of things. We have been crying, "Peace! Peace!" when there is no peace. It is true that the nightmare of war that gripped our world from 1914 to 1918 is passed. It is evident that for the past ten years many of the leading nations have been advocating peace. They have talked World Court. They have organized a League of Nations. They are having their disarmament conference. Yet, while we so contentedly watched and listened to peace, two great enemies have invaded our land, and have their guns set against us. One enemy is the unrest and dissatisfaction of labor; while the other is the wide spread of impatience with our existing moral standards. There are thousands today milling our streets unemployed. Leaders both in the political and business realms are doing much thinking as to how this problem can be solved. There is a great battle on between the leaders of prohibition and the leaders of anti-prohibition. It is an outstanding issue both in Canada and in the United States. We feel many times like the prophet Jeremiah when he said, "Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? Why, then, is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?" There is a remedy for the ills, that is to get the mass back to the proper standard of living.

A religious or a Christian standard is for the molding and the shaping of a life. As a stream can rise no higher than its fountain-head, so a

life can rise no higher or become greater than the pattern or standard by which it is shaped. If the people are to have holy aspirations, high Christian ideals, and reach greater achievements along spiritual lines, they must have a high Christian standard set before them. Amid the millions of books, the thousands of creeds and dogmas, and the multitude of voices, all clamouring for audience, there is but one that has the right to say what standard is required to produce the proper Christian life. That one is Jesus Christ. He alone had power to say, "I am the way, the truth and the life. I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead yet he shall live. I and the Father are one." It was Christ who created worlds, formed planets, and swung into space a functioning universe. It was Christ who spoke and nature obeyed Him; seas calmed, winds ceased, water became an unyielding surface that bore His tired feet, or by His touch became wine fit to grace a marriage feast. It was Christ, moved with compassion, who fed the five thousand. It was Christ who unlocked the secret chambers of death and gave Lazarus back to his sisters, and the young man to his widowed mother. Christ gave sight to the blind, healed the deaf ear, and gave speech to the dumb. It was He who sent the leper back to his home, friends, and society. It was Christ who rebuked the devils, and clothed the young man in his right mind. It was Christ who sweat blood in the garden, writhed in agony upon the cross, and went down in the bowels of hell to set the prisoner free. Hell could not put a stain upon His sinless life. The grave could not hold Him; He arose and came forth the first-born among the dead. Prophets foretold His coming. Angels welcomed His birth. At His death the sun hid its face, the universe draped herself in darkness as a garment of mourning; and the earth reeled, staggered, and trembled like a drunken man. There is but one hope for the church, and but one remedy for the ills of this old world, that is to get back to the standard of Jesus Christ.

The great ecclesiastical organizations, as far as forms and church machinery goes, was never better equipped for the extension of Christ's kingdom than it is at the present time. She has her beautifully equipped edifices. For educated ministry, her deacons, committees, and her church boards. She has the C.E., Y.M.C.A., Y.M.C.U., Y.W.C.A., W.C.T.U., W.B.M., W.F.M.S., W.C.A., W.H.M.A., W.N.C.T.U. Yet with all this organized talent, it is like a mill equipped with all modern machinery, yet has no power to accomplish its work. The church is devising how she might gain prestige in her city. How she might meet her financial obligations; how she might attract her young folk; how she might enlarge her attendance and membership. She has her suppers, rummage sales, games of chance, church fairs; and men of financial standing, regardless of how the money was made, are given a prominent place in the church. Moving pictures, and other means of entertainment are being introduced into the modern church as a means to hold and attract the young. She has her decision day, when there is a big drive for church members. The church, instead of it being a place of life has become a tomb of the dead. A church cannot, or apparently will not rise higher than its leaders. To get the church back to the proper place of holy living, her leaders must get back, both in living and in teaching, to the standard of holy living. The great standard of Christ starts with a changed heart which brings a changed life. If the stream is to be pure the fountain must be pure. Purity of Christian life must come