

The King's Highway.

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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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"ALL THE LORD'S"

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I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service. Rom. 12:1.

Christ also suffered for us, leaving an example that we should follow His steps. I Peter 1:21.

The words of Peter indicate that Christ not only abandoned His will to the Father through His early life and public ministry, but in death He gave all He had to give—His life's blood for the redemption of the race.

Shall we not follow His steps in consecration? If we fail in this we will come short in everything essential. "Love so amazing, so divine," as that revealed by Christ on the Cross, in the resurrection, ascension and the giving of the Holy Spirit, for our Sanctification and empowerment for service, "demands my soul, my life, my all."

What is included in giving Jesus our all? The Poet has it: "All my being's ransomed powers, all my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours."

You say your mind is your own, given you by nature, cultivated by your own persistent effort. Oh, no! It is the Lord's to think His thoughts and plan His work.

Do you say your will belongs to yourself? You have tried to build it up. No, it has been redeemed from its dwarfed condition and belongs to the One who said: "My meat is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work."

But the power of speech is my own. No, indeed, it is given by God and may not be used in murmuring, faultfinding, or in sharp and unnecessary criticism. "Sound speech which cannot be condemned."

My affections are my own, you say, and here I may walk according to my own wisdom and centre them upon what or whom I will. No! Our redeemed and cleansed affections are married unto the Lord and must be directed by Him. "Love not the World, neither the things that are in the world."

My feet are my own and may walk in the paths of my own choosing. No! "Enter not into the path of the wicked and go not in the way of evil men." Prov. 4:14. "In all thy way acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths."

A collection plate was once passed to an Indian. He said, put it down lower. When it was lowered, he said a little lower still, a little lower still, until it was upon the floor. Then he stepped into it. That was his way of saying, all he was, had or ever hoped to have should be wholly the Lord's.

Shall we allow an Indian just emerging from heathenism to get ahead of us in our devotion to God?

An old West African negress had a bad tempered heathen husband and many diffi-

culties in her life. A missionary asked her if she was ever tempted to deny her Lord. Oh, yes, she answered, "I be, but den ye see, I be de Lord's property. So when de temptation comes along, I just looks up quick and says, great Massa, dis property of yours is in danger, and den He comes and looks after His own property His own self."

About twelve years ago a Christian Chinaman, moved with compassion for the coolies in South American mines, sold himself for a slave for five years in order that he might carry the gospel to his countrymen there! Is our consecration as practical and far-reaching as these examples given? If so, the Lord will attest the completeness of our consecration by accepting and cleansing the whole being thus presented to Him, and the Holy Spirit will come in to occupy the temple cleansed, through the virtue of His blood.

Then whether we eat or drink or whatsoever we do, will be all "done to the glory of God."

OVERFLOWING GRACE

The Psalmist said, "My cup runneth over." He that believeth in me out of his inmost life shall flow rivers of living water." It is said that a salesman upon reaching a city could not make sales because he had forgotten his samples. God has not forgotten His samples. Enoch "walked with God." Job was "a perfect and an upright man."

We digress here to say it seems an injustice has been done Mrs. Job by the translation. "Curse God and die." It seems unthinkable that a mother of ten children who evidently had aided her husband in training them for God could have fallen so far as to wish her husband to die cursing God. It is not recorded that Mrs. Job uttered a single word of complaint when children and property were swept away. Would we suffer the entire loss of property and children without complaint? God knows, when asked what he would do under very trying conditions the Quaker said: "I pray that I be not thus tempted." Rev. Dr. Adam Clark says that it seems Job had leprosy which caused itching, and that Job scraped himself to ease the itching. Leprosy was often fatal in the East. Mrs. Job saw a crowning affliction that threatened her husband's life, and yet he blessed God. Her faith wavered; and she said "Bless on and die." Dr. Clark says that the word from which the word "Curse" is translated often translated bless; so it seems Mrs. Job in a moment of haste said bless on and die of leprosy. It was in the Psalmist's haste he said "All men are liars."

Habakkuk says, "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines, the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls. Yet I will rejoice in the Lord. I will joy in the God of my salvation."

That is overflowing grace. Would that all sang a like doxology in the present economic distress."

Paul said "Thanks be unto God who always causeth us to triumph in every place." Paul in another sample of overflowing grace. You may possess it.

For what purpose does God bestow this grace? For His own glory. To save all believing souls and cause them to be instrumental in saving others. Bunyan met "Little Faith." We will meet such souls. Our overflowing grace must be used to aid them to become possessors of this precious overflow. Love abounding; joy overflowing.

Speaking personally I can say that the radiant presence of Christ illuminates and overflows life.

"Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom. Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom."

Yet the unfailing and everlasting Christ supports me. Hallelujah! Surrender to Him, trust Him till your heart overflows and not a cloud comes between you and God. Amen!

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"Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?"—Job 11:7.

It is impossible any longer for a scientist to ridicule the mysteries of religion, or refuse to believe in Christianity because there are Christian doctrines which he can not understand. What if the Bible had declared that Elijah had talked into a little box and his words had been heard in a similar little box down in Egypt?

Chesterton says that "the Trinity is easier to understand than the electron." The scientists would now have us believe that all matter consists of infinitely small universes of electric force, planetary systems of these whirling forces within other planetary systems, so that if you hold up your finger before your eyes you must see with the vision of scientific faith a cosmos as endless and majestic as "the starry firmament on high." Compared with that, the revealed three-fold personality in unity of the Godhead is simplicity itself.

We can not by searching find Thee out, O Thou Almighty, unto perfection; but we can discover Thee by receiving Thee, as we discover Thy universe by receiving it. Lo, Thou dost stand at the door, and knock.—*Christian Herald*.

A PREVENTIVE OF BLINDNESS

A stranger, passing some mines in Pennsylvania, asked a little boy why the field was so full of mules.

"These mules are worked in the mine during the week," replied the boy, "and are brought up into the light on Sunday to keep them from going blind."

The application is apparent. Do not allow yourself to go spiritually blind. Come to church on Sunday and let the light of God's Word shine into your heart.—*Church Bulletin*.