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A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land: The prophets prophesy falsely and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so. Jeremiah 5:30-31.

By the Editor

What an awful indictment was this that God brought against his people anciently. One wonders how a people who had known so much of God's will concerning them, and had enjoyed so much of his blessing and protection through his miracle working power in past days, could ever forget him and go so far into sin, that it was necessary for God to bring a charge like this against them. Of course the change from righteousness to sin on the part of God's people did not take place suddenly, but as it always does, whether in a nation or individual, by a gradual process. And the cause of this horrible thing as God calls it, is suggested in the above Scripture, viz. the unfaithfulness of his prophets "who prophesied falsely". Great responsibility rested on those men whom God called to be prophets. They stood at the head of the nation and were watchmen on the walls of Zion. They were God's messengers by whom he spake to the people in general. See God's charge to Ezekiel. "So thou O son of man I have set thee a watchmen unto the house of Israel, therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man thou shalt surely die. If thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand". Ezekiel 33. A very similar responsibility rests on every man whom God calls to the gospel ministry today. He is God's messenger called and sent to warn men of the dangers of living in sin and of the need of repentance, and turning to God, lest they go to a devil's hell. I often wonder what men are thinking about who profess to be called of God to preach the gospel, but have never been known to mention hell or preach against sin, or proclaim the gospel message, "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish". But they are spending their time putting on their programs and merely socializing and lecturing on subjects that are not vital to the salvation of men's souls. And many of them use tobacco, play cards, and go to the movies with their church members, and preach that the world is getting better and there is nothing to get excited or alarmed about. And furthermore they deny the Deity of Jesus and make light of the virgin birth, and the blood atonement, and laugh at the miracles recorded in the Bible, and try to explain them away. And by prophesying falsely they have destroyed the faith of many people, especially of the younger generation who doubt that the Bible is the Word of God. And what God said about the people anciently seems to be true of them today viz. "They love to have it so". For many people who have known God in the past and are still active church-members, keep on paying in their money to support a ministry like that described above. It is no wonder

that conditions are so unsettled in economic life, social life, and the religious life of our country. Because the modern prophets have failed in their duty in declaring the whole counsel of God, but are saying "peace, peace when there is no peace" as they did anciently.

There is no fear of God on people generally, and we are reaping the harvest from this kind of sowing already, coveteousness, fear and distrust among the nations-enlarging their armies and navies, getting ready for war, while they try to hold peace conferences. The breaking up of the home life, and increase of divorce cases in our law courts, and the horrible murders and crimes committed by the teen age youth of our land are some of the results that we should expect and do obtain when people have no fear of God, because if they are not faithfully warned by the preaching of God's word, they will follow the sinful tendency of their own depraved heart which God says "Is deceitful above all things and is desperately wicked". It would be well indeed for the preachers of this country to remember what God has said viz. "If they fail to warn the wicked: and they die in their iniquity, their blood will I require at the watchman's hand". And again, "Behold I will bring evil upon this people even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words nor to my law but have rejected it." Has God changed? If he punished his people anciently for their disobedience and sin, will he not do so today?

WHERE HELL IS

A young man converted during special evangelistic meetings held in a mining village, desirous of doing something for God, bought some tracts.

A SCIENTIST TAKES TO THE PULPIT

Dr. Robert A. Millikan is probably America's greatest scientist. He is also an active Christian, a member of the Congregational Church in Pasadena, California. A short time ago, en route one of his experiment stations, Dr. Millikan pped in Winnipeg long enough to preach in of the pulpits of that Canadian city. He de 2 1, among other things, that science was antirelation On the contrary, he cited a long list of scient who gave a place in their scheme of things & divine force: Maxwell, Faraday, Gali-leo, Ne , Einstein, Jeans, and Eddington. He denied, also, that science was getting less religion. Quite the contrary seems to be the case-if church-membership is any indication. An examination of "Who's Who in America" revealed that of the oldest one-fourth of the scientists listed there, 12 per cent were church-members. But of the youngest one-fourth, 44 per cent were church-members.-Christian Herald.

"God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform; He plants His footsteps on the sea

And rides upon the storm.

"Deep in unfathomable mines Of never-failing skill, He treasures up His bright designs And works His sovereign will.

"Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take: The clouds ye so much dread Are big with mercy, and shall break In blessings on your head.

He was distributing these one day when he met some of his old companions, who derided him as he spoke to them of Jesus.

"Here," said one of his old companions, "can you tell me where hell is?"

After a moment's hesitation, the young man looked up and said: "Yes, it's at the end of a Christless life."—Selected.

PREACHING MUST BE IN THE HOLY GHOST

Men may learn to preach the truth. The study of theology will enable them to do that. But there is one thing that no school can teach. And this is the essential to success in all preaching. This is to preach in the Holy Ghost. A preacher may get warmed up with his subject; he may have strong social qualities, and be able to touch the sympathies of others. This may draw his hearers to himself; but it will not draw them to the Cross. It may make them his partisans; but it will not make them saints. To get souls saved you must have the baptism of the Holy Ghost. This will set your words on fire. Those who hear you will be pricked to the heart. One and another will cry out, "What must I do to be saved?"—B. T. Roberts.

"Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, But trust Him for His grace; Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face."

SEVEN WAYS OF GIVING

1. The careless way: To give something to every cause that is presented without enquiring into its merits.

2. The impulsive giving: To give from impulse as much and as often as love, pity and sensibility prompt.

3. The lazy way: To make special efforts to earn money for benevolent objects by fairs, festivals. etc.

4. The self-denying way: To save the cost of luxuries and apply them to purposes of religion and charity.

5. The systematic way: To lay aside as an offering to God a definite portion of our gain, one-tenth, one-fifth, one-third or one-half. This is adapted to all, whether poor or rich, and gifts would be largely increased if it were generally practiced.

6. The equal way: To give to God and the needy just as much as we spend on ourselves, balancing our expenditures by our gifts.

7. The heroic way: To limit our own expenditures to a certain sum and give away all the rest of our income.—*Selected*.