

Young People's Column

ANCHORS THAT HOLD THE SOUL

There are three outstanding facts that link us up with God and which holds us in the storms of life when the battering forces of hell knock against our souls. The Apostle Peter speaks of these in I. Peter 1:8, "Whom having not seen, ye love, in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." The links are briefly expressed in these three words: Love, faith, joy. Friends, we are in love with somebody whom we have never seen. We have not seen him with our actual sight but we have seen Him with our spiritual eye and touched him with our spiritual heart, and come in contact with Him with our spiritual vision, and we are in love with Him!

Nothing draws us in spirit like the marvelous love of the Son of God. His love lifts us up and empowers us. If you have never found that secret of the love of Christ there is a wonderful sensation for you—that love that gives wings to your spirit, that gives beauty to your countenance and glory to your soul.

When we find God we will not only be in love with Him, but we will have a changed way and a changed manner. We will have a carefulness about our tongue; we will have a beauty upon our face, and a wholesomeness in our conversation. It will help us to live a holy life from day to day. So I believe today if we could get our souls baptized with His love and well saturated with His love we would not see so many folks unsettled; we would be willing to suffer a little bit for Jesus.

Another link God puts in our soul is faith. What holds you in the storms of life, when the battering forces of hell are knocking against your soul? It is this invisible anchor that holds you to God. Storms may blow; the wind may come, and beating upon you, may seem to engulf you, but when the storm is over, you straighten up and say, "Glory to God! It was a hard storm, but I love Him better than ever!"

Not only do we love Him and have faith in Him, but we rejoice with joy that is unspeakable and full of glory. It comes into your soul, sweeps your spirit with an invisible power, when God floods you with His glory!

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Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Prov. 3, 5-6.

Most people trust in something, but we fear too many do not fulfill this verse in trusting God. Let us consider some things that people are trusting in these days to get them to Heaven:

(1) Past experiences: There are many people that one time confessed their sins and enjoyed God's smile upon their lives, but failed to walk in the light; they still have a profession, but have no glory, no zeal and none of God's love and Spirit in their lives. Titus 1, 16 speaks of this class.

(2) Good works: How many people there

are that place their trust here; how busy they are working for the Lord. They have no experience in their heart, but they trust that God will honour their works and give them an entrance into Heaven. In I. Cor. 13th chapter we read that charity (God's love in our heart) is the all important thing.

(3) Social standing: We all like to be thought well of, but when we have to let down and modernize our religious principles, we far overstep the mark and soon will be trusting in the good will of people. Jesus tells us, Luke 6, 26: "Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you." And in St. John 15, 20: "The servant is not greater than his Lord. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you." We insist that our preachers stand against the evils around us; our responsibility is so great in the stand we take. People will not like us when we stand against their pet sins.

(4) Money or possessions: It seems foolish to place trust here, it being so uncertain, but there are many that do. The thoughts of these people are to make or save money regardless of what it means to others. When finances are adverse they are downcast and discouraged. In Luke 18, 18-25, we read about a rich young ruler that came to Jesus asking what he should do to inherit eternal life, and saying he had kept the ten commandments from youth up. Jesus, knowing his heart, tells him that he must sell all that he has and give to the poor. His trouble was not so much that he had money and possessions, but that he trusted in them. The word tells us he went away sorrowful. If we are not willing to give our all to Him we also will go away sorrowful.

(5) "Morality:" It is fine to be morally good and clean, but as good as this is, it is not enough to merit us an entrance into Heaven. In Eccles. 12, 13, we read, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Also St. John 15:10, I. John 3, 24, I. John 2, 4. It tells us that the keeping of his commandments is that which will give us an entrance. Let us note a few: Col. 3, 2: "Set your affections on things above, not things on the earth." Jas. 4, 8. "Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you, cleanse your hands, ye sinners, and purify your hearts, ye doubleminded."

Heb. 12, 14: "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." I. Pet. 1, 15, "As he which has called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation." I. Pet. 3, 10: "He that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile." II. Pet. 3, 14. "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless." And there are many others, but there are enough in these verses to show us that it is not all needed to be, and have good morals. Some hold that his commandments cannot be kept. But, I'm glad that when we walk in the light and trust Him that He has grace sufficient to enable us to be victor over every trial and temptation.

Our verse at the heading tells us to "trust with all thine heart." It is not enough to put some trust in God, and how little it is that some professed Christians really put in God. When we trust in God with all our heart we will not be putting our trust in other things,

and we will learn to trust the promises, namely, Rom. 8:28.

"We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4, 19, Jesus tells us to take no thought for the morrow. Mat. 6: 25. It is not His will that we worry over what might happen. Let us trust God and be content with such things as we have. Heb. 13, 5.

"And lean not unto thine own understanding." How many times God has been grieved by our taking our own head for things. Afterwards we realize that some hard things we have are a result of our failure to trust God. We need to practice the words of Jesus, "Not my will but thine be done," and seek to learn His will for us and walk in it.

"In all thy ways acknowledge him." This is not only a Sunday religion; in business, in our home, in our leisure we should acknowledge Him. No time here to run errands for the devil; no time to exalt the faults of others. We should acknowledge him by our conversation, by the attitude we take, by the wisdom we use in dealing with our fellow men. Jas. 1, 5.

Lest we have the promise. "He shall direct thy paths." I'm glad we can have one to direct us that can successfully do it. A path is a beaten trail, not a place where no one has been. He wants to lead us in the beaten trail and not be wandering in the wilderness of sin or wandering around trying modern ideas. Let us stick to the old Book and practice its precepts in our lives that He may direct us to a safe landing.

GORDON SYMONDS

OBITUARY

Henry N. Forsey

The death of Henry N. Forsey took place at Victoria Public Hospital, Fredericton, N. B., Tuesday morning, Dec. 13th, 1932, after several months' illness, at the age of 75 years.

He was born at Grand Banks, Newfoundland. He came to Kingsclear, York Co., when 11 years of age and 32 years ago took up his residence in Fredericton, where he had lived an honorable and industrious life, until the time of his fatal illness. He was a member of Wilmot United Church and a friend of all God's people. His last attendance at public worship was at the Reformed Baptist Church. He was a regular attendant at Beulah Camp Meeting for the last 16 years, coming for the last four days of the meeting, and was much interested and received great help.

He leaves to mourn besides his wife, who was Miss Emma Woodsworth, of Kingsclear, four daughters, Mrs. H. R. Horncastle, Edmundston; Mrs. Charles N. Crewdson, Mrs. Allen Horncastle, and Mrs. Hugh Andrews, Fredericton; one brother, Joseph R. Forsey, Grand Banks, Newfoundland, and two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Patten, Grand Banks and Mrs. Mary Poore, of Marysville, besides many other relatives and a host of friends.

The funeral took place from his late home on Smythe St., Wednesday at 2.30 p. m., Rev. J. W. Bartlett, of the Wilmot United Church, officiating, assisted by Rev. F. A. Watson, Reformed Baptist. There were numerous floral tributes, tokens of love, sympathy and esteem. Interment was in Rural Cemetery extension. To the sorrowing ones we extend our deepest sympathy.

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