

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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THE NEED OF CARE IN BUILDING

By The Editor.

In I Cor. 3:10 we read the following words of warning to preachers, written by the great apostle: "According to the grace of God which is given unto me as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation and another buildeth thereon. But, let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon."

You will notice that the apostle mentions two kinds of material that men might use in their buildings or superstructures, one kind represented by gold, silver, precious stones, is indestructible and the other represented by wood, hay, stubble, is inflammable and easily destroyed. See verse 12.

He says further in verse 13: "The fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is". Now of course the apostle knew that every preacher wants to make as good a showing as possible in his work, and whereas wood, hay, and stubble, are much cheaper materials, and easier to procure, the builder would be tempted to use the cheaper materials and build larger and thus make a better showing in his work. Hence, the above warning.

The word of God makes a great distinction between saved and unsaved men. The unsaved are represented as fragile easily destroyed and consigned to destruction, by fire. Peter says "All flesh, (speaking of the unsaved), is as grass and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withereth", etc., but speaks of those who are "born again, of incorruptible seed, which liveth and abideth forever". I Peter 1:23-24. Hence, if a preacher builds up his church or society with unsaved members he is building with wood, hay, stubble. Again in Malachi we read: "For behold the day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly shall be as stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts". An unsaved man said to me a few days ago. "I believe your teaching and doctrine, I believe it is scriptural, but, there is one mistake that many preachers are making, a thing which is wrong, and that is taking members into the churches, who are not converted". I said, Sir, if preachers are doing that, they are surely doing wrong. I could have told him that I know many preachers who are doing that thing continually, and are counting those unsaved church members as Christians. Let me ask, Are they not building with wood, hay, stubble? The apostle declares, "As a wise master-builder I have laid the foundation". And again "The foundation of God standeth sure." But the builder who builds on this foundation, wood, hay, stubble, will suffer loss, because the fire will try every man's work, and his will be destroyed. How unspeakably sad and disappointing it will be to the preacher, who has spent all the days of his ministry, in building a society by getting church joiners and counting heads, and then in "that day" to see his work that he had boasted so much about, all consumed by the fire. "If any man's work abide which he

hath built thereupon he shall receive a reward." verse 14. "If any man's work shall be burnt, he shall suffer loss but he himself shall be saved: yet so as by fire". verse 15. How sad. Like a man who scrambles out of his burning house in the night time and barely escapes in his night clothes leaving all his family and goods to perish in the flames, what a loss indeed that would be!

Brethren we would better build with the better materials, gold, silver, precious stones. Of course we cannot build so large or make such a big showing here if we use these materials, but, our house will stand the test of fire in "that day" and we will receive a reward. The precious and costly things: Gold, silver, precious stones, used figuratively here by the apostle are used in other places to represent Christian experience of heart purity. Note in Malachi 3:1. "And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver and he shall purify the sons of Levi and purge them as gold and silver. Again in verse 17, "and they shall be mine that day when I shall make up my jewels (precious stones). And again in Rev. 3:18. "I counsel Thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire" etc. viz. costly christian experience wrought by the purifying baptism with the Holy Spirit which alone will stand the test of the great judgment day. You cannot build a large work with this kind of material because it is too scarce and costly; not many folks going after heart holiness these days. But, when folk really go through and obtain the experience, Thank God, they will stand the tests of fiery trials here, and shine for God, and John says, have boldness in the day of judgment.

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

"O Thou, whose bounty fills my cup
With every blessing meet!

I give Thee thanks for every drop—
The bitter and the sweet.

"I praise Thee for the desert road,
And for the riverside;

For all Thy goodness hath bestowed,
And all Thy grace denied.

"I bless Thee for the glad increase,
And for the waning joy;

And for this strange, this settled peace,
Which nothing can destroy."

—Author Unknown.

PRAISE YE THE LORD

No, there is nothing that should hinder the praises of God's sons and daughters on Thanksgiving Day. We are much too prone to sadness; not over-serious, but over-melancholy. In the Talmud we are told of a stringed instrument that hung over King David's bed in such a position that when the pleasant north winds blew in the night it sounded sweetly of itself; and he forthwith arose and occupied himself with the law until he saw the pillars of the dawn. Our lives are environed with God's goodness. We sleep in the midst of untouched harps of blessing. Let us arise and sweep their strings on this Thanksgiving Day.—Dr. Burrell.

LET US MAKE THE HIGHWAY BETTER

We received a letter from a good brother this week who is much interested in our work, and who offers some suggestions as a means of improving our paper. We were very glad to receive them and also to pass them along to our readers for their consideration and action on the same. First, he says: "It would be nice if more of our ministers and laymen would contribute articles." And to this I say a hearty Amen. We have many who can do so nicely. Second, he says: "It might be well for you to write and ask other people to write and tell you (the editor) what things they would like most to see printed in the Highway". So this is my enquiry to our readers. Please let me know what kind of articles you like best. Third, he says; "I would like to see a question box conducted through the Highway, such as that in the Christian Witness, where Dr. Joseph H. Smith answers the questions. What do you think of that readers? The first question that would be asked in the box, I am thinking, would be, Who will answer the questions? Well, no doubt this would prove interesting and helpful also, for I suppose there are many people who have questions in their minds concerning Scripture or Christian experience or some problem confronting them which they feel that they are not able to solve, and would like some help on. If such there be write your questions to the King's Highway, 237 Weldon Street, Moncton, N. B., and we will see what we can do about getting some one to answer them. Of course we will not print your name in connection with the question, but only the question and answer.

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By B. F. M. Sours

I sing of winds, of April showers,
I sing of May and blooming flowers,
I sing of autumn and its glow,
I sing the gleam of snulit snow.

I sing of voices far away,
I sing of home and love today,
I sing—O mother! joy to be
At home this side the parting sea.

I sing of One—O Christ, who died,
For my transgressions crucified—
I sing His love; His heaven is mine,
And I am kept by arms divine.

And so I sing my happy lay
On this glad, fair Thanksgiving Day,
And hark to that far, holy throng
In heaven's great Thanksgiving song.
Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Our neighbors of the great United States are observing Thursday, Nov. 30th as their national Thanksgiving Day. Let us join them in offering thanks to Almighty God, the giver of every good and perfect gift, for past mercies and present blessings.—Ed.