

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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MAN'S WAYS ARE NOT ALWAYS GOD'S WAYS

By the Editor.

As a solution for the problem of unemployed preachers, of which there are many thousands in the United States and Canada, one writer has suggested that the churches engage only educated or university trained men, and let all other preachers seek employment in some other calling. In fact he says that the churches are largely to blame for so many preachers being out of work, because during the depression they tried to cut down church expenses and in doing so, they would often engage an uneducated man to be their pastor, whom they could employ for a much smaller salary than they could one who had expended a large sum of money on education and thus had fully prepared himself for the gospel ministry. Without a doubt, there is a great deal of truth in the above statement, and the writer's solution of the problem might work well, if all preachers were men called, or self appointed, or were simply seeking a means of livelihood, like other professional men such as doctors and lawyers etc. For these men must acquire a certain standard of education which is set by our governments before they are permitted to practise in their several callings. But the preacher's calling is different. He is called of God and feels upon him, the "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel". And God calls him to deal especially with man's spiritual or soul needs, other men can specialize on man's mental and physical needs, but the preacher must be a soul specialist. God sometimes calls uneducated men to do this work. When I say uneducated, I mean as the world in general speaks of them, men without a seminary or university training, without several letters after their names, but who are nevertheless, God qualified and trained and able to preach His gospel. And there always has been and probably always will be a place in the gospel ministry for the so-called uneducated man. And there is perhaps just one reason why God calls such a man to this service, and that is, because the educated men are not meeting God's standard or requirement of training or experience, and hence are not meeting the needs of the people. Perhaps if God could always get educated men to do his work, He would never call any other kind to the ministry of the gospel. He puts no premium on ignorance. And it is only reasonable to believe that God can use an educated man to greater advantage in reaching all classes of men than he can an uneducated one providing that their spiritual attainments and natural endowments are the same.

In the person of the apostle Paul, who is the inspired author of a large portion of the New Testament, we have an example of an educated man who was qualified to stand before kings, and made them tremble by his logical and scriptural preaching, because he possessed a well trained mind and also a heart that was filled and fired with the mighty Holy Ghost. John Wesley and many others of modern times have wrought

mightily for God because they were also thus equipped. Hence the reason is very clear, why, "Not many wise men after the flesh and not many mighty, not many noble are called." I Cor. 1:26, because while they might have well trained minds, they lack the fitness which Jesus commanded his primitive preachers to tarry for at Jerusalem, viz., the baptism with the Holy Ghost, without which they were not and men are not now qualified to do the work of a gospel preacher. One reason why there are so many educated preachers idle while so many uneducated are receiving calls from churches and finding work to do, is because, that very many good people are starving for soul food and spiritual culture which they do not receive under the preaching of many of the so called highly educated ministers, but which men with less in their heads, and more in their hearts, are able to give them. So a part at least, of the blame for so many preachers being out of work, may be placed upon the preachers themselves because of their lack of heart experience. So I would say to all men whom God has called to the gospel ministry. Be sure to give your mind all the training and education that it is legitimately possible for you to get, for you will need it, in these days when so much emphasis is placed on education. And also be sure to keep your soul in vital contact with the powers above, and to have the great teacher, which Jesus promised, viz., the Holy Spirit, abiding in your heart, and keep His anointing on your soul continually.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth."

ANOTHER SUGGESTION HOW WE CAN IMPROVE THE HIGHWAY

I have had some complaints about wasting valuable space in our paper, because the quarterly meeting reports, and some obituaries and weddings and donation reports, are too long. Therefore we would suggest the following:

When writing to the Highway, remember that hundreds of subscribers are paying in their money to support the paper, and they all deserve consideration, and thousands are reading it who are strangers to the persons, the events, or things, that we are writing about, hence, what we are writing about will not be interesting nor particularly helpful to any, except a very few who are relatives or friends or ones immediately concerned. For these reasons let us make our reports on the above mentioned subjects very brief. One of the marks of a good writer or speaker is that he can say much in a few words, hence, think first when you want to say and govern yourself accordingly. Don't repeat, that wastes space. Very few of our readers, apart from those who were present at the services are concerned about what hymns were sung at the funeral, or who the pallbearers were, or what color the bride's shoes and hat were, that she wore, or who the bridesmaid or best man were. And very few outside of those

who attended the quarterly meetings are interested in all that was said and done there. So let us all cooperate and try to make the Highway more helpful and interesting to all. And, don't forget your renewal. We need it, in order to carry on. Thanks.

EDITOR.

MARKS OF A GOOD PREACHER'S WIFE

A good preacher's wife is almost, if not altogether as necessary to the success of a church in any community, as a good preacher. Her work may not be so apparent as that of her husband, but it is none the less effective. We once knew a preacher's wife who declared that she married a farmer and not a preacher and when her husband later entered the ministerial ranks the wife felt she could not qualify for the position.

However, she did her best. A good preacher's wife will feel the burden and responsibility of the work which her husband has undertaken. She will be interested in every department of the church and will do her share toward bringing success.

No trivial excuse will keep her from attendance at the services while her husband preaches. She is found in a front pew in an interested prayerful attitude. When testimonies are called for, she is ready to respond. Although she may not be a leader she is as least ready to take an active part in the church's program.

A good preacher's wife is a good "keeper at home." Her house is well cared for. An untidy parsonage reflects seriously upon both church and preacher. We have known good preachers whose influence has been seriously hindered because of this.

"Cleanliness is next to godliness" may not be a Bible quotation, but "Cleanse yourself from all filthiness of the flesh" certainly is. A good preacher's wife not only sees to it that her house is ready for visitors at any hour of the day or night, but is also careful about the personal appearance of herself and family. One cannot always avoid being poor, but neatness and cleanliness are within the reach of all.

A good patch or darn is nothing to be ashamed of. We have known preachers' families who rarely had new clothes, but who always turned out handsomely in made-overs.

A good preacher's wife takes care of her children and sees that they are not a nuisance to others and a discredit to the church. To do this she must sometimes stay at home while her husband makes pastoral calls. In fact, there are times when it is advantageous to the success of the call that he go alone. A pastor who cannot visit without his wife has something yet to learn.

A good preacher's wife will not keep her husband so busy in the kitchen that he has no time to spend in his study: "First things first" should be the parsonage rule and obviously the first things are those of the kingdom.

A good preacher's wife is cheerful and contented. She knows both how to be abased and

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