

# 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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### SAVED BY HOPE

"For we are saved by hope." Romans 8:24.

Doctors who minister to our physical ailments inform us that there is a much greater chance for the recovery of a patient when that patient is hopeful and confident of recovery.

The student who meets his examinations with good hopes has a far greater chance of making good than the one who is fearful and despondent. Business also finds its inspiration in hope. If, therefore, hope is so very important in these material things, how much more so in the realm of the spiritual or unseen. I believe the reason Paul places such emphasis on hope in the text is because he knows that when hope has fled the soul is left with no incentive or motivating power by which faith becomes operative.

The plan of Redemption is made up of many links forming, as it were, a great endless chain of which one of the links is hope. Hence, when hope is missing, the entire chain lies a helpless mass as far as the individual is concerned from whom hope has departed.

If I am correct in my reasoning there is little wonder that we meet everywhere those who have lost or are losing this motivating power out of their life since Satan naturally would make his most insistent attacks at this point.

The devil has many ways by which he may steal hope from the soul. A few of the following may be the most common amongst the many.

First. By pointing the soul to a wicked and deplorable past.

Men begin a life of sin with little or no thought of its effects upon the inner life. Evil habits, bad business, social sins, injuries to others etc., play a large part in bringing a soul into a condition where hope staggers under the thought of the black past, the restitution that may be necessary, the sense of shame that must accompany some confessions, etc., and the devil has succeeded before the soul is even aware of it in making them a part of a past so wicked that hope dies in the soul at the very thought of it.

Again Satan watches carefully the failures and defeats of those who seek the way of salvation. Opposing them at every step, accusing them falsely with imaginary sins, branding them with supposed guilt, he magnifies their failures until heart-broken and discouraged they feel that there is no use trying any more and give up in despair.

Many, no doubt, will lose their souls because when one more honest attempt would have brought them into a place of victory they lost hope and gave up the fight.

Again, I am convinced that Satan has destroyed hope in many a heart by misconstruing God's truth, and forcing a wrong application of the same.

For example, while I believe there is a very great danger of committing the "sin unto death" or, it is often put, "crossing the dead-line", I fear Satan has taken advantage of this truth and made many souls believe that this is their condition when in reality, at the very moment of their deepest despair, God was nearer than they knew. But hope, the nerve of faith, had been killed by a

wrong placement of truth, and faith was rendered powerless to act.

There is no faculty of the soul that men should guard with more vigilance than the faculty of hope. Satan is sure to make his subtle attacks at this point. Therefore we need to take a decided stand against any thought that would quench the fires of hope.

Let us consider now a few blessed statements in this 8th chapter of Romans that are calculated to inspire hope.

First, in the 31st verse Paul declares that "God is for us". The devil is constantly arguing the opposite. In the very presence of God's manifested goodness, as in the garden of Eden, he suggests to the soul that God is not only opposed to man's highest good but is spying upon his every move, seeking to find cause whereby He may damn his soul in hell. Paul would have us to see God in very different light. He argues God's great love for us on the grounds that "He spared not His own son, but delivered Him up for us all" adding to this the strength of that well known law viz, the lesser is always included in the greater, (see verse 32) that the soul may hope for every necessary good from Him in securing their final salvation.

Again, because God is for us, Paul declares that God has chosen for our judge not an enemy but the same loving, compassionate Christ who died for us. Therefore in our judge we have grounds for hope since we may expect the most possible kindness and consideration. (See verse 34.)

Again, because God is for us. He has given for our instruction, sanctification, and assistance, the mighty Holy Ghost. Verse 26.

As far as I can learn it appears that during this present dispensation the one and supreme work of the Holy Spirit is to convict men of sin, lead them to God, sanctify wholly, establish them in the truth, perfect them in holiness, comfort and sustain them in the hour of testing and eventually escort their redeemed spirits into the Paradise of God.

The Apostle, while meditating on these things, seemed to have reached the climax of his strongest hopes and assurance in God's marvellous grace, hence he flung out that most daring challenge while yet some distance from his journey's end: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? Nay, in ALL these things we are MORE than conquerors through Him that loved us."

If any who reads these lines find their hopes are burned down to a mere smouldering ember, I pray you may feel a sweet refreshing breeze from these reasonings of the Apostle that will fan your dying hopes into a living flame enabling you to arise and through faith lay hold of your glorious privileges in God.

Let no demon of the pit blast your soul with despair until you have pled before the mercy-seat every promise of God to man and have given God a chance to help you out of every difficulty of life.

"And now unto Him who is able to keep

you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power both now and ever. Amen."

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### CATCH THE FISH TOMORROW

Not long ago a right-eyed lad,  
After some hours of wishing,  
Contrary to his father's rule  
On Sabbath day went fishing;  
And while his father boxed his ears,  
He said, 'midst sobs of sorrow:  
"I only saw if they would bite,  
I'll catch the fish tomorrow."

No, no, the deacon would not sell  
Or measure grain on Sunday;  
T'would never do, he surely would  
Attend to that on Monday.  
But he would visit neighbor Jenks,  
His empty sacks to borrow,  
And get the going price on grain,  
And catch the fish tomorrow.

The farmer would not plant his corn,  
Nor cut and draw his clover;  
On Sabbath day hitch up his team  
And plow his field all over,  
But he would slyly lay his plans,  
Get out his plow and harrow,  
Put them in shape for an early start  
To catch the fish tomorrow.

The lady would not go and buy  
Herself a brand new bonnet  
On Sabbath day and wear it home,  
You may depend upon it.  
But should she meet the milliner,  
Who knows the way is narrow,  
She'd ask about the style and price,  
And catch the fish tomorrow.

With some it's plain this Sabbath rest  
Is not a pleasing caller.  
They'd work, but know the righteous law  
Would take them by the collar.  
So as its sacred moments pass,  
They of't express their sorrow,  
And spend their time in baiting hooks  
To catch the fish tomorrow.

This bending business will not do,  
It finally leads to breaking,  
They who are careless of God's law  
Are soon His law forsaking.  
The word of God, that two-edged sword,  
It pierces joint and marrow,  
And it condemns this baiting hooks  
To catch the fish tomorrow.

—S. K. Wheatlake.

I used to say "I'll trust to luck,"  
'Twas but the tempter's prod,  
I mustered up a little pluck  
And put my trust in God.

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