

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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'Come thou with us and we will do thee good'

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"Come thou with us and we will do thee good," Num. 10:29. We are going to Beulah camp-meeting at Browns Flats, Kings Co., N. B., beginning June 29 to July 8. Rev. Dr. W. Butler will preach twice daily. Let all those who know the Lord pray for a special manifestation of God's presence among us this year. And come with a special anointing on your hearts for a great camp-meeting. Those coming from Fredericton by boat can buy a return ticket for \$1.50, and from St. John for \$2.00.—H.S.D.

ADD TO YOUR FAITH . . .

And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. II Peter 1: 5-7.

Peter did not lead his followers to believe that they had graduated in their Christian experience when their hearts had been made pure and cleansed from sin, for in writing to a people that had obtained like precious faith with him through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" and were "partakers of the divine nature" he admonishes them to ADD. Because in our holiness churches and holiness literature so much more has been said on how to obtain sanctification, than on "what after sanctification" or how to retain it that there is a strong tendency on the part of many to feel that, since they have graduated, there is nothing more in view. And as a consequence of having no further goal they lose what they have by failing to establish themselves.

There are other distinct facts in Christian experience, namely:—spiritual life, moral purity, and Christian maturity. Spiritual life is received in regeneration, moral purity in sanctification, and Christian maturity is the result of growth and development.

Let us clearly distinguish between purity and maturity. Purity is moral cleanliness, while maturity is moral stature. A normal child of four years is real, it is alive, but compare that stage of his life with what he will be at forty. Development of mind and body has enabled him to take his place, no longer among dependent children, but among the useful. He now can successfully deal with problems and difficult circumstances that would have completely overwhelmed him at four. The change has not been instantaneous, but the result of days and years of adding. The strong desire he possessed to become a useful citizen inspired him to surmount every obstacle and to utilize the experiences of each day to that end.

Purity is foundation of character; maturity is formation of character. While a builder realises his building cannot stand the storm, however beautiful it may be, unless it has a good

foundation, neither is he satisfied with only the foundation however firm. He adds until the superstructure is complete. So purity is both a crisis and a process. Parents do not educate their children to be doctors and lawyers expecting them to make no further progress after receiving their diplomas, they expect them to practise their professions, and by thus adding to their experience, be of greater use in the professional world. By God's divine workings the children of Israel were enabled to enter Canaan, but they possessed the land only as they coupled their efforts and faith with God's part. More helped to shout down the walls of Jericho than requested Joshua, like Caleb, to give them Hebron that they might drive off the Anakims. In no realm are we more likely to live in the past tense than in the realm of religion. Many will testify to what God did for them twenty years ago, but they have no later news, they have lost the present tense. But as the farmer and producer can only get profit from that fruit and produce that is mature and marketable so God is looking for fruit bearing Christians.

What things are necessary then to the proper making up of Christian character and the Christian life?

Faith is pre-supposed for the Christian must have a daily faith and trust in God. "Add to faith virtue" or as the revised version has it, "With your faith supply virtue." We associate purity and chastity with the term virtue but in Pagan ages virtue meant valour and courage. And as soldiers must possess this spirit of heroism and determination to fight for their country in face of the strongest foe, so Christians need the same spirit to combat the enemy of their souls who will try every method of overcoming God's people. Since the beginning of the Christian church Satan has tried this method and that in his untiring efforts to defeat the cause of God. In the early ages he worked through the rulers and leaders of the country in such a way that souls professing Christ were in immediate danger of martyrdom. Satan was not satisfied with this method, for while he was torturing the body the soul was being released to flee beyond his domain, never to be tempted or affected by satanic influences again. And the fires of Christendom spread. If Satan always came as a roaring lion he would find more opposition but coming as an angel of light, working through false teachers and heretics he has been able to overcome and lead many astray. It would seem that Satan's methods of warfare today must be most satisfactory to him, since they are so successful. While he has his thousands which he has influenced into rejecting the fundamental truths of the Bible, he has a hundred and one cunning traps laid for those who are determined to walk in the paths of righteousness, for it matters little to him how a soul is defeated so long as its influence is turned

against the cause of God. Many converts today have such a strong faith in God that they would face the stake rather than deny that faith, yet Satan will so cleverly manage to work through the different circumstances of their life until he has their firm hold on God undermined, then it takes very little more effort for him to gain the final victory. But be courageous, no battle or attack will be too strong with God on our side. He is able to keep, Paul said "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

"Add to virtue knowledge." How important it is that we have knowledge with our courage, for the bravest soldier lacking knowledge will make moves that will bring disaster to his country. Apostles never exaggerate the importance of mere head knowledge but they do urge that intelligent apprehension of revealed truth. We admire those of every profession who take advantage of those scientific facts that will enable them to be more successful in their work. How necessary, then, for children of God to seek that wisdom that comes from above, that insight into Divine truth that will establish and make them efficient soul savers. Godby says, "You cannot keep sanctified and remain ignorant. Salvation is for fools, but you cannot keep it and remain fools." Sometimes there is a tendency for us to worry about what we would do if placed in certain circumstances (which may never come to us) or for us to spend precious time in trying to manage someone else's affairs, which we could use to better advantage in seeking divine help and wisdom for managing our own lives today. "Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding." Prov. 2:3-6.

"And to knowledge temperance." Not the mere abstention from any thing, drink or lust, but the wise management of self so that there never shall be any excess. Christ's followers today are not living in seclusion, shut off from all contact with the world, as have some in the past, hence, there is more scope for the practice of temperance. Jesus prayed, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil." Sanctification gives experimental holiness but to this we must add practical holiness. Be well balanced.

"And to temperance patience," not an easy-going attitude of letting things slide as they will, but bearing a burden, patiently waiting, possessing a spirit of endurance that keeps faith strong when things are not working out (Continued on Page Four)