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EDITORIAL

THE NEED OF A JUDGMENT DAY

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ: that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done whether it be good or bad. II Cor. 5:10.

Several writers of the New Testament make mention of the fact that there will be a great judgment day when all men shall be judged. Jesus also in his teachings made reference to the same thing. And not only does the word of God declare the coming judgment but reason, and justice would seem to demand it. When we take into consideration the failure on the part of so many courts in this world of ours to administer justice to many of those who are being tried, every thinking and fair minded person can see a very good reason why we need a tribunal where an allwise, and impartial Judge will sit and administer justice to all men. Let us take for instance the case of that young man Nelson in Quebec, who a few months ago was arrested, charged with the crime of murdering his cousin, and confessed before officers of the law that he did commit the horrible deed. He was tried in court found guilty, and sentenced to be hanged: but his attorney appealed for a new trial which was granted, and at that trial Nelson's confession was not admitted as evidence against him, and he was acquitted by that court, and is now a free man. Yet without a doubt every one who is at all familiar with the case, who has read about it undoubtedly believes that Nelson was as he confessed, guilty of murdering those two young women. When a man can do as he has done and still be acquitted by our courts, there certainly is a great weakness in our administration of justice and this is not at all an unusual case as everyone knows, thousands of criminals are running at large who were acquitted by judges, and juries because they had money or influence to pervert justice, or who were never apprehended by the law. No wonder that crime is increasing especially among young people. Again when judges and juries do their best to administer justice, there is always the possibility that they may err in judgment because they can act only on the evidence given by witnesses in court who see only the outward acts of men's lives; but the apostle declares that "God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ". He knows their hearts, and the motives back of every act, and will judge men accordingly.

Let us note, that the judgment day is not to determine the destiny of souls, that is, not to de-

cide whether they go to Heaven or Hell, for that question is settled before they die. Our attitude towards Christ settles the question of our destiny. Jesus said, "He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten son of God". John 3:18. Again a man will be judged on the basis of his light, or knowledge of right and wrong. "This is the condemnation that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil". John 3:19. Jesus also said, he that knew his Lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required. Luke 12:47, 48. So because a man's deeds, whether good or bad, will live on after he is dead, even to the end of time; there is need as the Scriptures declare of a final judgment where men will receive rewards or punishments according to that they have done. The effect that thoughts of the judgment have on men's minds here, is determined, or depends upon what we are, and what we have done. Every unsaved or wicked man ought to fear greatly, and tremble at the thought of appearing before the Judge of all the earth. Felix trembled when Paul reasoned with him of a judgment to come. May God help us to so powerfully preach this truth, that men will not only tremble, but will seek mercy of the Lord and get saved. Those who are right with God, who have been born again, and sanctified wholly, and are doing his will, ought to rejoice at the thought of the coming judgment, because there, many humble souls who have not been recognized here, nor fully rewarded, but who perhaps have sacrificed, and suffered for Jesus' sake, will receive redress for their sufferings and rewards for their faithfulness. The apostle John says that perfect love casts out fear that we may have boldness in the day of judgment. Thank God! for a day, a time, where justice will be administered. And a judge who is allwise and just, and cannot err or be influenced to deviate one point from truth and equity. My soul rejoices at the thought.

It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. Heb. 9:27.

GETTING SANCTIFIED BY THE DEATH ROUTE

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very sanctimoniously religious but full of refined worldliness. Every earthly relationship comes up in this death. The person who loves the approval and praise of men, even those the nearest and dearest to him, can never go through and become established in the way of holiness. The great Dr. Fowler said that when he was dying out his wife came vividly before him as to what her attitude might be. When he went home and told her that he had "the blessing" she met his testimony with words of sarcasm and scorn that brought a flood of tears to his eyes but no compromise to his heart. Her own bitter words produced deep conviction in the heart of that wife. He kept so sweet that in a few days she was on her face calling upon God to take the awful carnal thing from her heart. Of course she asked her husband to forgive her. She humbled herself to go the death-route. The hardest thing she said was to be willing to see her husband, for whom she had great ambition in the ministry, go this way of reproach and shame and she compelled to go with him.

But she paid the price; said an everlasting yes to God; got the blessing and kept it all her days.

Jesus said: "I came not to bring peace but a sword." He told how that instead of always uniting a home his Gospel would disrupt and destroy the sweetest natural relations. Let a Roman Catholic get truly converted and those who were once closest to him in Church and home often turn upon him with implacable hatred and drive him out from them in scorn; while his only sin is, that he now loves Jesus, and all that hate him, with a divine love that forgives even when forgiveness is not asked. A Jew to get converted has to die out to loved ones who will bury him in effigy and put themselves under oath not to mention his name again.

Many evangelical Christians say that such a spirit seems impossible and intolerable. Yet this very same spirit exists more or less in the heart of every unsanctified person towards those who profess and enjoy the experience of holiness. Here is where the crucifixion comes in. Of course in the majority of evangelical churches genuine Conversion is not taught nor experienced today. The programme is largely that of catechetical instruction, ceremonial conformity, with no consciousness of an inward change. They say: "Take them into the church and they will get the experience of salvation as they engage in Christian service. One such might work for a hundred years and be farther from God than at the beginning for salvation is by faith in an atoning saviour and not of works. And strange that some who have been truly converted expect to be sanctified wholly, or made pure within by their works, or by their devotion to a so-called sacred vocation.

An evangelist saw a very pious looking lady sitting in a back seat while most of the people were around the altar (some seeking holiness and others helping them through), and he went back to her and respectfully asked, "Sister are you wholly sanctified?" She flashed a look at him of pious indignation and replied, "Do you think that a person could be a missionary in Africa for twenty years and not be sanctified?" "Why sister" replied the evangelist, "you could labor there for three times twenty years and still have that old carnal nature in you that is proud and haughty and scornful and unyielding to God. Your very religious work when trusted in may become a hindrance to your sanctification". "O that is as you see it," she replied, "but I have my own views about the matter."

Of course she had and so had an old deacon to whom a young sanctified person went and courteously asked if he had the blessing? The old man snapped out "Yes I had it long before you were born!" Now if that old man had really lost the "Old Man" he would have replied something like this, "Yes, praise the Lord I have this blessing brother, and it makes me glad to see one so young like you swinging into line for God's best. There is nothing like it. I am glad you asked me for my testimony."

As we make progress in this life, we more and more see that it is the death-route. We can die out and get the blessing and that attitude took in not only what we knew but also what we did not know and could not see. We do not have to die daily to carnality but we do have to keep dead to those people and conditions that continually oppose our onward way. To compromise means the loss of love, joy and finally the blessed experience. There is no discharge in this war. When I have seen those who once suffered for holiness and incurred the opposition and hostility of a worldly church, lose all desire for the people who are called holiness people, and love