

# 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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### KNOWING GOD

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There is an old proverb which says: "Familiarity breeds contempt." But that is not however, based upon the conditions of things as they should be. We all realize that a closer acquaintance with our true friends does not cause contempt but rather a stronger respect and love for them. On the other hand we have met people who at first sight have seemed just fine and pleased us very much but as we have come to know them better we have found, after all, that their principles were not in agreement with ours and that they saw things from a different viewpoint than we did and the friendship waned rather than becoming stronger, so in cases of that kind the proverb stated above is applicable.

It is hardly necessary to say the better we know our Heavenly Father the better we respect and love Him. In 1 St. John 17:3 we find these words: "And this is life eternal, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent". See also 1 John 5:20. We see then that to know God means eternal life, is not that a prize indeed! But to see the way a great many people live today would lead us to believe that they do not desire eternal life, nor even think of the fact that they will not live forever on this earth but must live somewhere throughout a long eternity. As we are reminded in Heb. 9:27. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment". That is one place where we will all have to appear, people may be avoided on this earth and some even evade the law courts of our country, but whether we like the thought or not, we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, there to receive for the deeds done in the body whether they be good or bad. One may know much about God by reading or hearing of Him; and not really know Him; as we learn about men before we know them. We must have a divine revelation of God in order to know Him. To know God means more than to believe that He exists. The apostle James said: "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well; the devils also believe and tremble." Jas. 2:19. And as someone has said, they still remain devils. In order to say that we know God we must have a personal experience of salvation. But someone says: "How much do we need to know Him?" To which we can answer readily; as much as possible. Of those who have heard very little of the gospel message little will be required but the people who have heard the full gospel message and heard it often will be responsible for all of it. Jesus told His disciples in Luke 12:47 and 48. "And that servant which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither 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." In other words, we must walk in the light as the Lord reveals it to our hearts in order to keep justified in His sight. We must know Him in His saving power to blot out our sins and forgive our actual transgressions and also in

His sanctifying power to cleanse our hearts from sin. The apostle Paul left us an excellent example in connection with this in Phil. 3:10. "That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering, being made conformable to His death". No doubt nearly everyone wants to know the power of His resurrection but not so many perhaps are anxious to experience the fellowship of His sufferings. But we must suffer with Him if we expect to reign with Him.

Obedience, also, is necessary if we are to sustain relationship with our God. Jesus said: "If any man will do His will he shall know of the doctrine". St. John 7:17. The Holy Spirit is our teacher and Jesus promised: "When He is come He will guide you into all truth." So if we are willing to learn and walk in the light and do as the Spirit bids us we may be sure of guidance in all the affairs of our lives for He Who numbers the hairs of our heads is interested in even the smallest details of our lives.

Many people have found, sometimes to their sorrow, that they were judged by the company they kept; and after indulging in low company they were just not given admittance to those associations which they desired. If we keep close communion with our Lord while here on earth we will not desire low company and He will admit us to that blood-washed throng when life here for us is ended, but if we are ashamed of Him here on earth, He will not recognize us before His Father and the holy angels. Our friendships also influence us to a large extent and contribute to the making or marring of our character. If we walk with our Savior He will not lead us to do anything dishonest or unfair in our dealings with our fellowmen. One of the great reproaches of the church today is: "Mr. So-and-so does that and he is a church member but I wouldn't do a thing like that and I don't profess to be good!" How careful we all should be not to lose our influence and bring reproach on the cause of Christ and by so doing add to His burdens.

As we look about us and see so many things that were considered solid and impregnable going down to ruin we should appreciate more and more our abiding Friend Who is the same yesterday and today and forever, on Whom we can depend. When we see nations like Germany breaking their word and repudiating the Treaty of Versailles which she solemnly promised to maintain, we should take greater care to see that our anchor is fastened to the Rock of Ages which will stand until time is no more and then be just as strong throughout the countless ages of eternity. Let us each one make sure that we have come to know God and not only that, but to seek each day to know Him better and to serve Him better.

There is a sense in which the glory of man is the glory of God, and by that I mean the glory of the man whose soul is at peace within him, and who is serene and strong because he has this peace of well-being in his soul.—Winston Churchill, M. P.

### HOME INFLUENCE

By Mrs. L. T. Sabine.

When we think of home we know of no better way to express it, than as one writer J. G. Holland has so beautifully put it, "The sweetest type of heaven is home—nay heaven is the home for whose acquisition we are to strive the most strongly. Home, in one form and another, is the great object of life. It stands at the end of every day's labor, and beckons us to its bosom; and life would be cheerless and meaningless, did we not discern across the river that divides us from life beyond, glimpses of the pleasant mansions prepared for us."

"It is to Jesus Christ we owe the truth, the tenderness, the purity, the warm affection, the holy aspiration, which go together in that endearing word—home for it is He who has made obedience so beautiful and affection so holy; it is He who has brought the Father's home so near, and has taught us that love is of God."—James Hamilton.

I believe that mother holds a very important place in the home where the greatest influence for good or evil holds sway. She must love her position and not chafe under its responsibility. For any person will do best that service which they best love.

A mother must be religious. Spiritual religion is the crown of life. Religion to be effective must be more than profession. It must be a ruling, dominant principle within.

Some are religious in church or away from home before strangers but the test of the genuine is in the home. This includes love for God and the things of God. "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness", is the command of Jesus.

As parents we are commanded to teach our children as was Timothy. Scripture study and prayer must be a part of the consistent Christian home.

A Christian Home! What an influence it is to the boy and girl as they go out from it to meet a cold, sinful world. How many times their young feet have been kept from slipping by the memory of precept and example of the home just left, and how fortunate are the young folk, who, as they leave such a home, are accommodated in like homes over the land. May their number be multiplied.

While it may be true that the early teaching is not always followed, yet the truth has been lodged in the heart and mind, and serves as an instrument in the hand of the spirit to bring the prodigal to the Father's house.

Furthermore, let us remember that while influence for good has its attendant blessings, that influence for evil is likewise productive of a bountiful harvest.

The unkind, critical, sneering abhorrence to the things that are honest, virtuous and of good report, holy and sacred, produce immediate and often lasting prejudice toward that which God has intended to be highly esteemed, and results in

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