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"SPIRITUAL OLD AGE"

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Everyone shudders at the thought of getting old. We dread to think of the time when we must be laid aside from our usual duties, and daily tasks. The thought of becoming stooped, wrinkled and grey, horrifies us. As a rule, folk who have it rather hard to make "ends meet," often wonder how it will fare with them when they get older, and who will care for them when they are so they cannot care for themselves.

There are exceptions to every rule of course, but usually one's old age depends largely upon their young life. Many an old person suffers day and night, because of the vices, sins, and dissipation of youth. Some are irritable, hard to please, and difficult to care for, because they have lived narrow and selfishly, while others are happy, contented, and easy to get along with, because they have in youth, and throughout life, learned the lesson of thoughtfulness and self-control. We are all headed toward the western hill, and while we journey thusward let us say with a certain writer, "Let me grow lovely growing old."

Physical old age is inevitable. Just as the candle on the mantle burns away until entirely gone, so we are burning out our lives, and soon the youngest of us will be gone and forgotten. But while we cannot avoid growing old in years, and infirm in body and mind, we need never grow old spiritually. Thank God, that new life that Jesus alone imparts, need never become feeble nor lose its zest and glow.

We recall to memory some, who though bent with the toil of years, whose hands were shaky and whose steps were unsteady, but yet were full of spiritual vigor, and whose faces shone with that "peculiar something" that never grows old. Contrawise we know of those, and in fact meet with some every day, who, although young in years, whose bodies are strong, and whose faces are radiant with good health, yet they have grown old spiritually. To the writer, this is indeed a sad state of affairs. How visible are the marks of old age upon them! They no longer get out so frequently to church, as they cannot stand the exertion. Evidence of failing memory reveals itself in the fact that they have forgotten to do as God commanded them. Spiritual rheumatism has gripped them, and they cannot kneel to pray. Instead of a hearty hand shake, there is the mere extending of two or three fingers. The voice has become weak and trembly, and they no longer sing and shout God's praises. The appetite has waned, and they have lost their relish for the "strong meat of the Word". The nerves are shaky, and "certain folk" annoy them terribly. The eyesight is dimmed, and they often speak of "seeing things in a different way." They have become dull of hearing, for the Spirit's voice is seldom heard. The step is faltering, and easily turned out of the way. In fact a general breaking up occurs, which proves that they are about through and will soon be leaving this scene of action. Do you get the application?

I repeat again, we cannot avoid getting old in years, but we must not allow ourselves to grow old Spiritually.

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RADIO BROADCAST FROM PRESQUE ISLE, ME., BY REV. F. A. WATSON, ON AUG. 14TH, 1935.

We would call your attention this morning to a text found in Paul's second letter to the church at Thessalonica, the third chapter, the fifth verse, "And the Lord direct your hearts unto the love of God."

The natural haven for the heart of man is in the loving heart of God. No other environment satisfies him. He is restless, dissatisfied, ever will bring happiness. He was created for better things. He has soul capacities, it is impossible for him to be at peace until he is at peace with God. No other harbour is safe. No other love is worthy.

Now the text suggests that the human heart needs direction into the love of God. The Lord has brought many influences to bear upon him to bring him to God.

There is the law of God, like a stern schoolmaster to bring him to Christ. He sees its beauty, He recognizes its reasonableness, He may desire to live according to its precepts, but he finds another law within Him, that is in opposition to God's perfect law, a law which brings him into bondage. Until he cries out with Paul, "Oh wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Then the law having done its work in bringing Him to a sense of His need. He can look to Jesus and find in Him a mighty deliverer. There is the gospel of Christ revealing Jesus as the great sin bearing Savior, "The Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." The gospel, with its invitation as broad as the whosoever will and as deep as the ocean of God's love. There is the influence of godly friends and relatives. Yes, there are untold influences like sign posts along life's road all directing us to Jesus, and into the love of God.

There is another sense in which the Lord would direct our hearts into His love. He desires to lead every believer into the experience of perfect love. Into a sacred secret place with Him where all that is contrary to his perfect will is purged from the heart and the soul finds full delight in Him. He would lead us away, always farther away from the world and its allurements and distractions and always deeper into his own great heart of love. What precious secrets he delights to reveal to them who will follow him? What glorious revelations of Himself! What precious experiences known only to his heart and ours!

But there is another truth here and that is that if He is to direct, we must follow. The secret of blessing is in utter yieldedness, in implicit obedience, in such complete abandonment to the will of God that our will is lost in His. As he

directs, so we obey and in that glad obedience we discover blessing

Friend if you are a sinner or a wanderer from God this morning will you not come to Him just now? He loved you and gave himself for you. He wants to save you. "Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thought and let Him return unto the Lord for He will have mercy upon Him and to our God for He will abundantly pardon?"

And if you do know the joy of sins forgiven and yet in your heart there is knowledge of deep need, will you not allow that realized lack to bring you to the fount of blessing?

And the Lord direct your heart into His love. Amen.

RADIO BROADCAST FROM PRESQUE ISLE, ME., ON AUGUST 17TH, BY REV. H. L. ROBERTSON

THE SUCCESS OF THE AGES

Many enterprises have been undertaken in the different fields. Some have been futile, a large number have been successful.

The invention of the steam-power has proven a wonderful success. Mechanical devices as a whole have been a great industrial success. We might mention several forms of government that have been a political success. The result has been that the lives of heroic millions have been successfully directed and protected socially and materially. Let us notice that these have all been successful in their own field and sphere and for the intended purpose.

Let us consider our text. Psalms 32:1-2. "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile". This we consider to be the success of the ages. No invention, has been as powerful as that required for this achievement. No discovery has suggested the riches of this state.

Man desires more wealth, more pleasure and more power. The greatest wealth is divine riches; the greatest pleasure is the joy of the Lord; the greatest power is to have power with God. This we have when we are given power to become the sons of God, a member of God's family.

There are degrees of success in any field: invention, discovery or national government. So there is a walk with God that is successful; a perfect success. The machine must be that which is perfected and practical if it is to be real and successful. Similarly man as a follower of God, must do more and be more, than mere idealists or theorists if he is to be a success. The guilty past must be confessed and forgiven. The text says, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven". He must have his SIN covered by the blood of Jesus. "Whose sin is covered". There must be a perfected work in the heart of the believer. The

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