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EDITORIAL

RADIO TALK BY THE EDITOR OVER STATION CKCW

Hosea 6-3

"Then shall we know if we follow on to know the Lord; his going forth is prepared as the morning. And He shall come unto us as the rain as the former and latter rain unto the earth."

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The subject of our last radio talk was "Knowing God", based on the words of the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Phillippians. That I may know Him. We made mention of the fact that to know God seemed to be the apostle's one objective in life and in order to attain his objective he was willing to suffer the loss of all things. We want to continue a little farther with this thought of knowing God, and this morning we will base our remarks on a text found in Hosea 6-3, "Then shall we know". In this chapter Hosea, God's prophet, is calling Israel who had backslidden and gone away from God to repentance and faith and thus back to God. In this text the prophet promised them two things: First he promised them a positive revelation or witness, "Then shall we know"; if they like Paul follow on to know God or make that their objective. The apostle wrote to the church at Rome. "The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God", a positive witness. We all need this witness for no one can build a strong Christian character without the witness of the Spirit that he is a child of God. Or this revelation, as Jesus suggested to Peter when He told him that God had revealed the fact to Peter, that Jesus is Christ the Son of God. And he said on this rock, viz.: "The revelation of God to men that Jesus is the Christ. I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

This revelation or witness the prophet declares is as sure to come to the penitent believing soul as the morning is sure to follow the night (see text) His going forth is prepared as the morning. What prepares the morning? God's beautiful sun that has its habitation like Jesus in the heavens, and comes speeding over the eastern hills at the rate of 186,300 miles per second and in an instant of time pours mighty floods of beautiful healthful golden sunshine on this old earth and chases away the darkness and the cold damp night and sends a thrill of gladness thru all nature. And millions of songsters of our forests pour from golden throats songs of praise to their creator while gorgeous tinted flowers shake the dew drops from their faces and open their

glad eyes to greet the morning sun. And all mankind goes forth to his work with joyful heart, and as the poet has said brushes with hasty step the dews away to meet the sun upon the upland lawn. The sun has prepared the morning and ushered in a new day.

So the prophet Malichi has said "Unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings." Yes what the natural sun is to the physical world Jesus is to the spiritual world, the light bearer the harbinger of day, the healer of our spiritual disease, which is sin. He said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness; he shall have the light of life." Second promise in the text is, "He shall come unto us as the rain. The former and the latter rain unto the earth." What rain is to vegetable or plant life the Holy Spirit is to the souls of men. Isaiah said, "Thus saith the Lord I will pour water on him that is thirsty and floods upon the dry ground. I will pour my spirit upon thy seed and my blessing upon thine offspring and they shall spring up as among the grass as wilows by the water courses." Notice the former and latter rain suggests two works of grace wrought in the hearts of men. In Palestine they had two rainy seasons called former and latter rain. The former rain fell in October which prepared the ground for vegetation. Without this rain no seed would grow; the ground would be dead and barren. Hence this is a type of the Holy Spirit's initial or first work of grace on the heart in regenerating or imparting life to the soul that was dead in trespasses and sins. Paul said, "You hath he quickened (made alive) who were dead in trespasses and sins."

The latter rain which fell in March brought the fruit and grains to perfection or full growth and prepared them for the harvest. Without this latter rain the fruits would be small dwarfed and the grains would be light and the harvest scanty. This latter rain is a wonderful symbol of the second work of grace wrought in the heart by the baptism of the Holy Spirit which cleanses the heart from all sin and brings the soul into that state of grace which John calls perfect love. "He that feareth is not made perfect in love". Perfect love casts out fear. The apostle Paul also calls it perfection. He wrote to Hebrews, "Let us go on unto perfection". He wrote also to Eph., "God gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry for the edifying of the body of Christ till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. That we be no more children." So you can see, beloved, God expects us to not only be born again and become children of God, but he also expects us by his grace to come to spiritual manhood and womanhood; or to return to the figure in our text again, to have not only some fruit but like a well watered garden bear much fruit and glorify God. This is what the prophet says we will do if we follow on to know the Lord.

A report on Protestant work in Brazil states that 1,000,000 of its 42,000,000 population are Protestants, and, while seventy per cent of the population can neither read or write, there are no illiterates among the Protestants. Protestantism, we are told, has been steadily growing in influence and power since the World Sunday School Convention was held in Rio de Janeiro in 1932.—Methodist Protestant Recorder.

WHO TOUCHED ME?

By Rev. R. H. Hamilton

She had been a great sufferer for about twelve years. Various physicians had been recommended to her and she had hopefully applied to many of them. It was all in vain. She had spent many things—yea, all that she had. She was at her end so far as human resources were concerned. All had failed. There was no prospect she would ever be better.

The villagers are standing in groups talking to each other. "Hast thou heard of the Prophet of Galilee? He has restored sight to the blind, the lame walk. 'Tis said He stilled a storm on the lake the other night when the boat was about to sink. He just commanded the storm to cease and the night wind went to sleep. He ministers to all without money. He pays respect to the poor."

A villager comes running down the street. He spreads a report. The Master is to pass through this village today. He is now but a short distance away. A great crowd is following Him. From the open door-way the poor sufferer catches the message. Hope revives. "If I may but touch His clothes," she said to those about her, "I shall be whole."

The street is filled with eager throngs, crowding about the Master. The poor woman presses her way through. Jesus is busy teaching and preaching. Reaching past half a dozen citizens she nearly reaches the object of her quest when her weak frame is forced back by others eager to hear and see. Again she presses forward and reaching eagerly "touches the hem of his garment." Jesus pauses. "Who touched me?" He asks. "Master, do you not realize that the masses are thronging Thee, and why dost Thou ask such a question?"

Friends, we now know something which the disciples did not then know, and which many in our day do not seem to understand. There is a difference between throngers and touchers. "Thy faith hath made thee whole," said the Master, and the woman was made whole from that very hour.

Thousands there are going with the multitudes to the house of God, engaging in ritualistic performances, social activities, and divers religious exercises, yea, and some professing to be sanctified who, we fear, do not know what it means to be a "toucher". They are not partakers of the divine nature. They are just "throngers."

Brantford, Ontario.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

A headline reads: "Milk sale drops 59,000,000 quarts second beer year."

The first bathtub in the United States was called a menace to health by doctors.—War Cry.

The number of languages in which the Bible or some part of it has been published now totals 972, according to an announcement issued by the American Bible Society.—Selected.

A German court recently sentenced a prominent Jewish doctor to eight months in a Nazi labor camp because he gave his own blood in an emergency transfusion operation to save the life of an "Aryan" who would have died if he had not been given the "Jewish blood."—Selected.