

good things to eat. May the Lord richly reward them for these things.

Yours in the work,

H. C. AND MRS. ARCHER

Dear Mr. Dow:—

Please change our address from 257 Charlotte to 53 St. Patrick Street. We enjoy reading the Highway very much and would not be without it.

Wishing you every success and thanking you, I am,

Yours sincerely,

MRS. A. E. MORRELL,  
Saint John, N. B.

#### GOD'S FIRST PLAN

Rev. E. E. Shelhamer

There are not very many people who are working out God's original plan for them. Yet they are going to Heaven, but going to Heaven a little like people go to California; some by airplane, some on a solid pullman train, others on a slower train, and still others by automobile, and finally by hiking it. They get there, but many are behind time.

I suppose St. Paul accomplished more than any other human being. Listen to his testimony! "But when it pleased God who called me by his grace, to reveal his son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood; neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days." (Gal. 1:15-18).

Let us notice from this short reading five significant words pertaining to Paul's experience.

First, REVELATION. It is a wonderful thing to get a revelation. I do not mean that you should be visionary. There are too many such people now in the world. But I do hope you will catch visions and live ahead of your generation. Only a few people have done this. Graham Bell invented the telephone. Many great statesmen laughed at him and said it would never work. Edison invented over a thousand electrical inventions. Robert Fulton invented the steam boat which was independent of wind and tide. Marconi invented the wireless telegraphy, and many others have caught visions which for the time being, made them a laughing stock, but now their names are immortal.

The same thing holds good on spiritual lines. We read that "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him but God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit." Here we have three avenues of knowledge; the eye, the ear, and revelation. I am sorry for any high brows and modernists who are shut up only to the eye and ear. Perhaps ninety per cent of all we know, we have learned through these two avenues. But we have forgotten many things we learned back there from the professor in college. I know I have forgotten much that I prized highly. But one thing I shall never forget—the revelation of Jesus Christ to my soul—how guilty and helpless I became; then how innocent and strong after hearing His pardoning voice.

Second, INSPIRATION. So surely as one has had a revelation he will immediately feel inspired. Many students who are poor and ignorant go out to become more dynamic and successful in soul winning than their superiors in

knowledge and beauty. Why? Simply because inspiration from the skies gives holy boldness and strength beyond gifts and eloquence. How wonderful to hear one sing, pray and preach while under inspiration. It seems that Heaven is opened above him and he is catching thoughts and sentences right from the throne of God.

Third, RENUNCIATION. Paul said in his testimony that after he had received his revelation immediately he conferred not with "flesh and blood". He did not dare go back home and ask an uncle or a relative what to do; he did not dare ask even Gamaliel at whose feet he sat during college days. He received his commission and then renounced all earthly comforts and immediately was an invincible missionary, ready to suffer shipwreck, and be beaten with rods, and go hungry, and be betrayed by "false brethren" and endure a lot of other things. His clear revelation and inspiration brought on renunciation of all earthly gain.

Fourth, TRANSFORMATION. This begins on the inside and may take some time to be stamped upon us outwardly. We read, "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." When God finds us, He finds us sensual, self-willed, and devilish; but if we will submit to His divine process He will transform us more and more into the image of His lovely Son. He says, "I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin." When this divine Refiner begins to turn His hand upon us and purge us he will likely skim off one layer of scum after another until we feel there will be nothing left; but when He quits, there will be a big pile of dross and tin and a little pile of gold, very valuable.

Fifth, VACILLATION. Revelation means inspiration, renunciation, transformation and finally there will be no vacillation. Oh, the multitudes of poor souls who mean well, but are up and down; easily elated, then as easily dejected. How few are so well saved that simply nothing can get them out of fix. "Great peace have they who love Thy law and nothing shall offend them." Yes, they will know when they are mistreated, but they are too magnanimous to pay any attention to it.

They can testify with David, "I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved." Do you hear? If the Lord is always before you, you need never stumble for *He* goes before. And if He is at your right hand this implies strength and progression. You become like the rock of Gibraltar, immovable. God grant that all my hearers today will be able to say with Saint Paul, "Oh, king, I was not *disobedient* unto the Heavenly vision."—Gospel Banner.

The latest statistics on the religious population of the world are as follows: Catholic, 19 per cent; Confucians, 16.4 per cent; Moslems, 13 per cent; Hindus, 12.1 per cent; Buddhists, 10.8 per cent; Protestants, 8.9 per cent; Schismatics, 7.1 per cent; Animists, 6.6 per cent; Atheists, 4.1 per cent; Jews, nine-tenths of 1 per cent.—Selected.

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