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EDITORIAL

THE FIRST CAMP-MEETING

In those days came John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness of Judaea Matt. 3:1.

In many respects the work of John the Baptist was similar to our camp-meeting work of today.

First he went away from the cities to the country, away from the noise and rush of business life to a quiet place, and many who were interested in spiritual things followed him there, and found salvation, and much blessing by listening to John's gracious words.

Again the nature of his preaching was very similar to that of camp-meeting preachers of our day. It was peculiarly evangelistic. John preached: repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. His objective was not to obtain followers but to get men saved from sin. John also insisted on thoroughness in his work with the souls of men and he was not afraid to condemn sin everywhere, whether in the king on his throne, like he condemned Herod for taking his brother's wife and living in adultery, or in the common people such as the Pharisees and Sadducees, whom he called a generation of vipers, and of whom he demanded fruits meet for repentances, before he would baptize them, when they came out to his baptism.

We preachers would do well to follow more closely perhaps, John's manner of preaching and dealing with souls.

John also preached two works of grace. He said: I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but he that cometh after me is mightier than I: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire.

Note John preached two baptisms, water baptism for the truly penitent, believing soul, and the baptism with the Holy Ghost to cleanse the believer's heart from all sin.

Now this same doctrine of the double cure for sin, is being preached all around the world, and hundreds of camp-meetings will be held this summer throughout Canada and the United States where these great evangelistic truths will be preached by men with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, and a great many souls will hear and be converted and sanctified wholly as in past years. They will come from cities, towns, country places, and be saved and blessed and go back to live and testify in their homes and churches and thus be a blessing to others in helping to spread these great gospel truths. Be sure to come to Beulah Camp-meeting this year and hear this glorious gospel preached and sung by Holy Ghost filled people.

WILL GOD GET HIS OWN?

The above question grows out of recent observations concerning the large amount of monies lost by holiness people, or left to unconsecrated, oftentimes irreligious, relatives. Every one must admit that our finances are a part of the "all things" involved in our consecration when seeking the blessing of a full salvation. I think all will agree that entire consecration includes an acknowledgment of God's ownership of all that we may possess, and our stewardship of all that He trusts to our hands. Have we any right to turn over our Lord's goods to other than Christian stewards for Christian ends—be the recipient a relative or an institution or cause? I do not believe so. Once the Lord's, always the Lord's is the only sane principle of stewardship. Even the money we spend on ourselves must be spent the better to help us fulfill our mission and His service, or in such bestowments as shall make for human happiness and not human selfishness or vain indulgence. I know of one small community where God's children who profess holiness and have much of the grace of it, have invested in worthless stocks to the amount of over \$200,000.00. They have received no returns and it is quite probable they never will. Did God or Satan get the better of that deal? I know a family where they have been liberal with their means and love the Lord, but \$50,000.00 or more have been lost to God's cause. Another godly brother lost \$70,000.00 in a bank failure. Ungodly men got it and it is lost to God's cause. Another lost perhaps \$100,000.00 by business partners who had not the fear of God before their eyes. Another left his property largely by will to those who do not foster the cause that he loved, and because of which he was able through righteousness and thrift to accumulate. Another wrote me sometime before he died, "Holiness is everything to me", but he left an estate of at least \$750,000.00 and not a dollar to holiness work as far as we have ever heard, and no one who received this large estate is sympathetic to holiness. Another dear man is now close to the crossing, but his relatives and others are waiting to seize his considerable estate and none of the bulk of his estate will be used for God's glory. Is God getting His own, or does the carelessness of mismanagement of His stewards give Satan the benefit of God's own consecrated money? Under my own immediate knowledge over one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars of the money of professedly sanctified people have been lost in unwise and unsound investment or left to those who will never spend a dollar of it for the extension of holiness in any way whatsoever. Who is getting the benefit of consecrated money—God or Satan? It is a fearful question to ask now. The fact of it will be, I fear, an awful thing to face in the judgment. My observation and knowledge of the extent of this fearful distribution of God's money is limited, but without doubt this extends to many millions of dollars, and yet we have often been criticised by some of these heavy losers and fatal leavers for attempting to enlarge a holiness college and its glorious fruitage and endeavouring to pay teachers a living salary. I am endeavouring to be a faithful steward, but God's work is hindered and the devil is victorious when we are either an unjust or unwise steward. I believe it is safe to say that the holiness people have lost more in this nation in some such fashion as indicated above than they have given for all purposes for ten years. I believe that it is one of the great

strokes of the devil to get this into other than holiness hands or channels and thus cripple the work of God while the carnal pour their millions into the treasury of schools and institutions, publishing houses, etc. that seek only to foster modernism and a bloodless morality and an unspiritual religion. Sad to say some of our holiness people give of their consecrated means to church schools and church programs that would put out of business, if they could, every holiness camp meeting, college, school and publication that spreads holiness and silence every evangelist that proclaims it. To whom shall we give account in the judgement, the program maker or God whose we are and who claims and owns all that over which we have been appointed stewards. "It is expected of a steward that he be found faithful." Rabbi Stephen Wise, speaking a few days ago on selfishness, and the willing and leaving all our property to our family, gave utterance to these stinging but perfectly appropriate words, "I would respect a man who had courage to proclaim in his will, 'I leave every cent to my wife and children—let the rest of the world go to hell.'" May God awake us to the responsibility of money and save us from that form of stewardship that never bestows the Lord's goods on any worthy enterprise, and who turn them loose only when death relaxes their hands so that they can no longer hold them. Dear reader, though I speak plainly, I speak in love. Let us not increase the list of those who by unwise use of, or fatal neglect to bestow, God's goods, cast them forever beyond God's power to use them for His glory and the spread of holiness.—John L. Basher in John Fletcher College Bulletin.

A WORD IN SEASON

Is there anything more beautiful and helpful than the kindly word of testimony and encouragement of a devout Christian spoken on the many occasions when a word fitly spoken is like good news from a far country! A Christian woman once found herself seated on a bench at an American summer resort with a young girl. She lifted her heart to God in prayer for a token of the Lord that the girl herself might begin the conversation, which she did by a commonplace remark about the weather. The conversation guided by the loving interest of the Christian woman revealed that the girl was in deep distress, and as she said in parting, was considering suicide by drowning in the ocean that very night. God blessed the testimony of the Christian worker, the girl was saved and in the providence of God entered on a life of Christian service. The incident also records that another girl went from the same seaside park to her death that night. How important it is for Christian people to be prayerful and sincere in their opportunities to speak for their Lord!—Wesleyan Methodist.

Only three-fourths of one per cent of each dollar spent by Americans goes for religion, a survey of all churches in the country by the Golden Foundation has revealed. This compares with forty-four per cent of each dollar spent on luxury, crime and waste. It is estimated that only thirty-seven per cent of the American people profess any religion, but that seems too low an estimate.—Selected.

It is estimated that there are 16,000,000 Jews in the world. Only 175,000 of these live in Palestine, while 1,765,000 live in New York City.—Forward.