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EDITORIAL

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE POOR

Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith? James 2-5.

In his epistle to the twelve tribes James reproves them for having respect to persons, for showing favors to the rich, and those who wear gay clothing, goodly apparel, and the gold ring; while they despise the poor or treat them with disrespect. He says in doing these things they commit sin. I am inclined to think that James's epistle might be timely or applicable to many religious societies today, or in other words the descendants of the twelve tribes whom James says were scattered abroad might be found in almost every religious congregation. There is so much attention given to fine clothes and show that many poor people who cannot dress as well as others feel embarrassed and many will not go to church. I have thought that those who are able to dress well or wear fine clothes ought to dress very plainly when attending the place of worship for the sake of the feelings of the poor, and to encourage them to come to church also. Of course when poor people get well saved they will attend church to worship God even though they must wear poor clothes; but unsaved people are often troubled with pride as well as their well-to-do neighbours, and because they lack grace that would help them to overcome their feelings, very often we cannot get them under the influence of the gospel.

Again the enemy of souls would often take advantage of poor people because of their lack of money, and tell them that whereas they cannot give much to support the Lord's work there is not anything that they can do, and consequently they are not of much use in the church. But James has a very encouraging message for the poor. First he says, "They are God's choice, see the text. "Hath not God chosen the poor." Some one has said, "God must love poor people or he would not have made so many of us." God has given special attention to the poor from the beginning, and sent encouraging messages to them by His prophets and apostles and also by His son Jesus; not because the poor were objects of charity, or needy, but rather because God had a place, a very important place for them to fill. The wise man said, "He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his maker."

It is interesting to note in the Old Testament how often God spoke in behalf of the poor, and warned His own people, and others of His judgments if they oppressed or ill-used them, and promised rich rewards and blessing to those who were considerate of them, and kind to them. Jesus also said, "When thou makest a feast call

not thy rich neighbours; but call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and thou shalt be blessed." He also said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." And when John who was in prison, sent his disciples to ask Jesus if He was the Christ, Jesus answered by calling their attention to the works He was doing, and said go show John these things and tell him "The poor have the gospel preached to them." The apostle Paul also assures us of the fact that God hath chosen, and can make use of those whom men would not choose. He writes to the Corinthians: "For ye see your calling brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many might, not many noble are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the mighty: And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in His presence."

James also calls the poor heirs of the kingdom which God hath promised to them that love Him. So we see that poverty alone will not keep a soul out of the kingdom; but the inference is I think that when men have not the wealth of this world to depend upon, they are more likely to look to Jesus for help, and depend on him for salvation.

But I would have you notice that men are not chosen by God because they are poor alone or have none of this world's goods: No Lazarus did not go to heaven when he died because he was poor; neither did the rich man go to hell because he was rich in worldly goods; but each went to his own place because of his attitude of heart toward God.

James says the poor whom God has chosen are rich in faith. That is why they are useable and are heirs of the kingdom. They have a faith which sustains them and causes them to triumph even in their distress and affliction. They believe like Paul that all things even poverty work together for good to them that love God. Their faith and triumphant spirit makes them an inspiration to others whom they come in contact with, especially when they meet with others in the place of worship. They don't talk unbelief or discouragement. They are optimistic because they are looking to Jesus and are running the race with patience.

So faithful, tried, soul don't let the enemy, or lack of money or anything else discourage you because God hath chosen such as you and has an important place for you to fill, and he also has need of some more poor folk who are rich in faith. If you meet any of them tell them that the Lord hath need of them.

BEST THOUGHTS

The greatest events of an age are its best thoughts. Thought finds its way into action.—Boice.

CONTENTMENT IS BEST

I am always content with what happens; for I know that what God chooses is better than what I choose.—Epictetus.

DOWNRIGHT FACTS

Generally downright fact may be told in a plain way; and we want downright facts at the present, more than anything else.

The greater men are, the humbler they are, because they conceive of a greatness beyond attainment.—Gibson.

OBITUARY

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.—Revelation 14-13.

Miss Grace Good

The home of Deacon A. G. and Mrs. Good, of Moncton, was plunged into sadness by the passing of their second daughter, Grace, on Sunday morning, Jan. 24th. She had not enjoyed good health for several years, but was able to be quite active and had been out Saturday evening with friends, and when she came in she complained of not feeling as well as usual, and before she retired for the night she became unconscious. The doctor was called and did all he could for her, but she did not regain consciousness again, and the end came Sunday about 10 a. m. It was surely a great shock to her family. Grace was such a bright, happy girl that she had many friends who also mourn her untimely death. She is survived by her parents and two sisters, Mabel (Mrs. R. H. MacRae) and Miss Nellie Good, R. N., and one brother, Cecil, all of Moncton. The funeral service was held from the home on Wednesday, in charge of Rev. Dr. J. A. Ramsay, assisted by Rev. H. S. Dow. The large number of friends present and the numerous floral tributes showed the high esteem in which Grace was held. To the sorrowing ones we extend sincere sympathy. H. S. D.

Mrs. Alice Steeves

The Moncton Church has lost another member in the passing of Mrs. Alice Steeves, widow of the late Hazen Steeves of Gummingsville, N.B., on Jan. 16th, aged 84. She was widely known and highly esteemed by all who knew her. She is survived by one adopted son, Charles, of Gummingsville, and one brother Ainsley, of New-town. The funeral service was held from Tuttle's funeral parlors on Sunday afternoon, and the remains were taken to Saint John on Monday for burial. Sister Steeves was faithful in her attendance, at our church as long as she was able to get there, and was also liberal in her support, and will be much missed. Her late husband predeceased her about three years. Our loss is her gain.—H. S. D.

Alice Ann Harris

Another of the saints of God has been taken from us. Mrs. Alice Ann Harris, relict of the late Jacob Harris, passed away peacefully from this life, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hugh C. Churchill, Porter St., Yarmouth, N. S., at the age of 88 years and 8 months. Sister Harris had been in failing health for several years, and had been an invalid at the home of her daughter for over three years, where she had been patiently and tenderly cared for.

She was converted early in life and hungered for the things of God. In the early days of the Holiness Movement in Nova Scotia, she accepted the doctrine and sought and found the experience of entire sanctification. From that time on her life and lips bore faithful testimony to the reality of the experience and the power of the blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse the heart from all sin.

Her home was a Bethel to the servants of her Lord, and she was a liberal supporter of the cause. She was twice married. Her first husband was Captain Jacob Durkee, who was drowned at sea. From this union there were three children born who survive her, Captain Irvine Durkee, of Oakland, Calif., George W. Durkee, of Watertown, Mass., and Mrs. Hugh C. Churchill of Yarmouth, N. S. Her second husband was Jacob