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"BE YE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY"

I. Pet. 1:16.

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The words of Jesus: "I will Be Thou Clean," came with no greater joy to the pleading leper than the words of our text comes to a fully converted believer who has been awakened to the awful sense of inbred sin in his heart. Understand, I am not speaking of men who have never taken their religion seriously—men who only belong to "first church" because it is good policy to do so, but I refer to twice-born men, Christian men, who have found in the gospel the true standards for Christian living, and like Isaiah, have had a vision of the holiness of God. To all such, the words of God, "Be ye holy," bespeaks to their awakened spirits the glorious possibility of such an experience.

Holiness has always been the thought of God for His people.

Paul writes in Ephesians 1:4, "According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love," and neither the fall of man in Eden nor the unfaithfulness of God's chosen people, Israel, could swerve God from His original purpose. Hear Him in Isaiah 1:18: "Come now and let us reason together saith the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

When Jesus, the One by whom this great grace would be made possible, was presented to Zacharias, the old prophet cried out, "The oath that He swore to our father Abraham that He would grant unto us that we being delivered from the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life." Again in that high priestly prayer of Jesus, as He dedicated Himself to the task of human redemption, we hear Him say, "And for this cause I sanctify Myself that they all may be sanctified through the truth."

Holiness, indeed, has been the unaltered plan of God for His people.

Holiness is one of the most reasonable revelations of God to man.

We can no more conceive of God delighting Himself in the fellowship of unholy men than we can conceive of Satan delighting in the fellowship of saints. The very nature of God, as revealed in the Word, demands holiness on the part of those He associates with. Hence, the command of our text, "Be ye holy, for I am holy."

Man lost his original holiness back in the Garden of Eden, and since that time every soul, born into the world by natural generation, has been born hopelessly sinful and very far removed from original purity. Man can no more effect a condition of holiness in his own heart than he can lift himself by his own

boot-straps. If holiness is ever restored it must come through divine interference. And here, bless God, comes in the glad news of the Gospel. The Atonement offers to every son of Adam's race Divine forgiveness for every sin of commission and entire sanctification, instantaneous and complete, for the cleansing of the heart from the inbeing of sin. Thus, and thus only, making possible the fulfillment of the command, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." For mark you the text does not say, Act holy (which of course is implied) but, "Be holy."

The testimony of New Testament characters, as well as those of more recent times, witness to the reality of this glorious truth. Listen to Peter: "And God that knoweth the heart bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost as He died unto us at the beginning and put no difference between us and them purifying their hearts by faith."

Paul says: "Knowing this that our old man is crucified with Christ that the body of sin might be destroyed that henceforth we should not serve sin." And to prove this experience practical and workable he continues by saying, "And now, being made free from sin and become servants to God ye have your fruit unto holiness and the end everlasting life."

Jude writes to them, "who ARE sanctified by God the Father and preserved in Jesus Christ and called." John says, "If we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from ALL sin."

Toplady sang, "Be of sin the double cure, Save from wrath and make me pure." John Wesley wrote, "Are we your enemies because we look for a full deliverance from the carnal mind which is enmity against God?" Nay, we are your brethren. Yea, we do believe that He will in this world so cleanse the thoughts of our hearts that we shall perfectly love Him and worthily magnify His holy name."

Doctor Stanley Jones, writing his book, "Christ at the Round Table," speaks definitely of an experience of cleansing received subsequent to his conversion. He puts it as follows: "Now what must I do, Lord?" And the voice replied: Will you give Me your all? I answered, without hesitation, why, yes, Lord. Then the voice very softly said, Then take My all. I did. I arose from that hour with a sense of inward refining and of the fulness of the Divine that I never knew before."

There are thousands on earth today who can witness to a like experience for which they ascribe to God all the glory.

Remember, my friends, Divine commands are always backed by Calvary purchased possibilities.

May we ever "follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

"PLANNING" RELIGION IN AMERICA

Under the title "Mr. Rockefeller as Ecclesiastic," "The Presbyterian" in a recent issue says: "Speaking under Methodist auspices on a nation-wide hook-up, together with Dr. E. Stanley Jones, Mr. John D. Rockefeller decried denominationalism and proposed an ecclesiastical holding company with subsidiaries. He named a thoroughly liberal creed, 'God's love and Christ's living spirit,' as sufficient theological foundation for this enterprise. Strangely enough, the argument was made by Dr. Jones that this proposal would offset fascism, which seems to be feared far more by these liberal brethren than communism. These are not new statements. Re-Thinking Missions and its aftermath was the gift of Mr. Rockefeller. Dr. Jones has been the chief speaker on the National Preaching Mission. The other day, Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo, of New York, voiced the opinion (repeated from Dr. Ivan Lee Holt), that President Roosevelt ought to call a conference of two or three hundred "leading" churchmen and plan a nation-wide attitude toward religion. Why do these men think these steps will tend to keep off either fascism or communism? This is exactly the kind of totalitarian state-controlled incubus that other nations are burdened with. Let evangelicals realize that the time is soon coming when they must stand persecution for their convictions."—Wesleyan Methodist.

FUNERAL EXPENSES

The "Herald of Holiness" says: "A business that nets an annual income of \$280,000,000 is being attacked by eastern clergymen. It is the business of funeral directors. The clergymen claim that there is such a 'lavish outlay of money' that the service has been robbed of its simplicity and sacredness. The clergymen call it "profiteering in grief" and urge less expensive funerals and the elimination of flowers, asking that such money should go to relief sources. One of the contentions of the clergymen is well founded, in that they feel that two rituals should be done away with when the deceased is a member of some fraternity and only the church ritual should be used. We quote part of the opening paragraph of their pronouncement: 'It is our general opinion that the disposal of the dead should be accomplished in as quiet a manner and as dignified as possible, without ostentation . . . unnecessary lacerations of the grief of those involved, and without a crushing burden of financial expense.'—Wesleyan Methodist.

MONEY

A London newspaper offered a prize for the best definition of "money". Here is the prize-winner: "Money is an article which may be used as a universal passport to everywhere except heaven, and as a universal provider of everything except happiness."

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