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EDITORIAL

GOD'S CALL TO HOLINESS

"For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness." 1 Thes. 4-7.

God has not only called us to holiness, but it is also His choice for His people. See Eph. 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." Notice please that holiness is not some new or quite modern doctrine which John Wesley or some other religious teacher thought out, but says the apostle Paul, it was God's choice before the foundation of the world.

It is also God's command, read again 1 Pet. 1-15-16, "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, (commanded), be ye holy for I am holy." Hence we see it is not optional with us to accept holiness or reject it. It is God's command, and he says further, "He therefore that despiseth, or rejecteth, despiseth not man, but God." We have reason to believe that man was created holy. The Word declares He was made in the image and likeness of God. And therefore reason tells us that if God could have His way in our hearts and lives, He would have all men to be holy. Holiness is not only a negative thing, it is not only being cleansed from sin, but it also comprehends being filled with the Spirit, and loving God with all our hearts, which is the first command. Holiness is perfect soul health by which one is able to live a normal Christian life. What physical health is to the body holiness is to the soul. It is not fanaticism or wild fire. It is sane, sound and scriptural, and appeals to every truly converted person when preached or taught according to the scriptures, and under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Therefore God has called us to preach holiness. It is by the continual preaching of the doctrine as well as the life of holiness that people are brought under conviction of their need of the experience. We must not take it for granted that because some people have heard the doctrine of holiness, and perhaps have given their assent to it, that that is all that is necessary for them to come into the experience of holiness. We must not think that by referring to, or alluding to the subject of holiness in our preaching sometimes, that we are preaching holiness. No, we must emphasize it as it is emphasized in the Word. It is God's will, it is God's choice, it is His call, His command, and without it no man shall see the Lord. As we listen to some men preach who are called

holiness preachers, we marvel that they say so little on the subject. They seem to have a very mild type of the experience themselves or they would preach it with greater zeal, and passion, and more souls would be convicted and see their need.

God has called men everywhere to go forward and obtain the experience, and brethren if our work is to be sustained, and prosper we will have to get our church members into the experience of holiness, otherwise our work will become formal, dwindle, and die. God has called His people to be witnesses to the truth of holiness. In the prayer and praise services the possessors of the grace of holiness should often testify definitely to the experience so that people will know what they mean. We have noticed that God blesses those who do.

God has also called us to support the work of holiness with our money, strength, and time. We will find abundant opportunity, I am sure, for our tithes and labor where we can further the interests of the great cause of holiness if we are looking for it.

In conclusion let me say again, the call is from God, not from John Wesley, Adam Clark, Joseph Benson, or any other great preacher or denomination of which there are so many preaching this great truth today. God is calling, what is your answer?

A PRAYER OF THE FIRST CENTURY

May God the Father and the Eternal High Priest build us up in faith, truth and love; and grant us our portion among the Saints and all those who believe in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We pray for all Saints, for Kings and Rulers, for the enemies of the cross of Christ; and for ourselves we pray that our fruit may abound, and that we may be made perfect in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(Martyr) Bishop Polycarp, 85 A.D.

I have hidden this prayer in my memory and in my heart. I pray this prayer often.

MRS. D. McLEOD

THE SIN THAT MOST PEOPLE COMMIT

By Rev. E. E. Shelhamer

John Wesley spoke of "the universal sin of the world"—evilspeaking. He said it was almost impossible to enter any home and converse half an hour without either hearing or saying something that reflected on an absent person. A sad fact! But back of this wicked thing is the cause—**prejudice**, pre-judging; judging before both sides have been heard. Few if any are wholly free from it. Our nationality, our early teaching, pride of opinion, yea, our religion itself, have biased our minds more or less against others. Of course it is right we should be orthodox, but this should not estrange us from those with whom we differ. Personally the writer confesses with shame that in the past he heard or read something about another, and as a result placed too low an estimate upon him. Later when we became better acquainted I found I had not only silently injured him, but myself as well. For in some respects he could have enlarged and enriched me but for the barrier I had unconsciously erected. We were both the poorer! What a pity!

Dear friend, is it possible that you are now secretly **prejudiced to your own hurt**, and yet unaware of it? Has your belief affected your attitude more or less toward another? So

that though you show courtesy **outwardly** yet **inwardly** you permit a coolness and reserve which retards true fellowship? Yes, the other party may hold strange views, and yet on some lines may honor God as much or more than you. Sad, then, that you should fail to **be**, or **receive**, a blessing. "Let none of you **imagine** evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath (report); for all these are things that I hate, saith the Lord."

Not only does prejudice exist between nations and creeds, but between the best of individuals. One speaker or singer is biased **against another**. Yea, sometimes the very one who is not fellowshiped might have been a greater blessing than the most esteemed friend. Thus we stunt our own growth because of this subtle, refined demon.

Akin to prejudice, perhaps its offspring, is sectarianism, and in return this begets bigotry. While it is right to be loyal to a church, there are but few who are big enough to recognize and fellowship "other sheep" which are not of their brand. I have known great and good men in various denominations who were mightily used of God. They should have been heard by multitudes far and near. How sad that they were unknown, except by their own little crowd. But sectarianism held them fast, narrowed their vision, curtailed their usefulness, and souls will be forever lost who might have been saved but for a false view of "loyalty."

If there could be such a thing as sadness in heaven, methinks I should feel sad if I were to meet one there against whom I had been prejudiced, or had dropped a word which biased others. As a result, doors were closed against him and the precious work of God retarded instead of advanced. And now I perceived he occupied a higher rank in heaven than myself. Yes, I should want to apologize. God help me, then, heartily to embrace all whom He does endorse, and exclude only such as would produce a discord in heaven. "I said, I will take heed to my ways that I sin not with my tongue; I will keep my mouth with a bridle."—Free Methodist.

FOES OF CHRISTIANITY

President Dodds of Princeton University defines Communism as "the gospel of economic materialism, dictating man's spiritual aspirations; and Fascism as a pagan religion, in which the worship of God gives way to the worship of might and blood of the nation as the supreme value." He states that these are the outstanding foes of Christianity today and that both religion and education are needed to save the world from subjugation by either of these two heresies.—Sel.

CIGARETTE FIRES

Several months ago in a large paint store in Seattle a man lighted a cigarette and dropped the burning match in a box of films. In a moment all was a blaze. The fire spread so quickly in the oils and paints that all the interior of the building was a furnace of fire in a few minutes. One young man suffocated before he could get out of the building; another young man, in trying to escape, fell from the fireman's ladder and was picked up dead. Damages, \$180,000! All because a man must have his cigarettes! If the tobacco companies want this to advertise their business, they are welcome to it.—Rev. L. W. Steele, in the Free Methodist.