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And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness—Isa. 35

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GROOMED GOATS AND SCRUBBED PIGS

Most people have seen goats hitched to little carts, or wagons, pulling a child along as nicely as horses do wagons. Not so many of us have witnessed scrubbed pigs, (i.e. four-legged pigs) but have heard that such has been tried for the purpose of making pigs fit for better environments.

But, goats may be curried, have their whiskers braided or curled, fitted out with bright harness and even do some work, but alas, they are still goats. Their goat natures will crop out in spite of all the combing, curling and decorating. The same it is with pigs. From birth they can be trained, washed and bragged on, but to the mud puddle they migrate regardless of soap, scented powder and blue ribbons. Such is true humanity. Unless that goat nature is completely cured, or the pig nature annihilated, the goat nature will knock and bruise and the pig nature will try to hog for self in everything.

In one of Mr. Wesley's matchless sermons, he tries to show humanity the difference between religiously inclined folks being groomed for service and hungry souls being prepared for Eternity. Blind leaders of the blind feel elated when successful in getting goat-natured folks groomed well enough to teach a Sunday School class, to get up a successful entertainment, plan a picnic, or by getting the hog-natured trained to divide up the spoils until comforting grunts assure that the flattering back-scratching has worked. Such work is no deeper than what Mr. Wesley describes as follows: "The religion of the world implies three things: (1) The doing no harm, the abstaining from outward sin; at least from such as is scandalous, as robbery, theft, common swearing, drunkenness. (2) The doing good, the relieving of the poor; the being charitable, as it is called. (3) The using of the means of grace; at least the going to church and to the Lord's Supper. He in whom these three marks are found, is termed by the world a religious man." Mr. Wesley continues, "But will this satisfy him who hungers after God? No; it is not food for the soul. He wants a religion of a nobler kind, a religion higher and deeper than this. He can no more feed on this poor, shallow, formal thing than he can 'fill his belly with the east wind.'

"True, he is careful to abstain from the very appearance of evil; he is zealous of good works . . . but all this is not what he longs for. This is only the outside of that religion, which he insatiably hungers after. The knowledge of God in Christ Jesus; 'The life which is hid with Christ in God'; the being 'Joined unto the Lord in one Spirit'; the having 'Fellowship with the Father and the Son'; the 'Walking in the light as God is in the light'; the being 'Purified even as He is pure';—this is the religion, the righteousness, he thirsts after: Nor can he rest, till he thus rests in God."

But, how can the shallow type ministry ever bring souls to that hunger which refuses to ease up until Divinely satisfied even though such

workers overwork to make them what Mr. Wesley calls the world's type of religious people? Somehow, the hallucination that getting right with God is as simple as grooming a goat for service or scrubbing a pig for the show must be exposed or religious folks will continue plunging into hell over the greased plank of reformation for conversion, presumption for faith, devotion for regeneration and religious works for Divine fellowship.

Oh! for prevailers who refuse to give up until Divine intervention reveals to hungry souls the difference in the world's idea of Christians and that depth of Grace which spoils souls for the cheap radio-crazed, fiction-reading, worldly-minded churchanity which is being palmed off on holiness folks. Hear Mr. Wesley again, "Whosoever then thou art, to whom God hath given to 'hunger and thirst after righteousness', cry unto him that thou mayest never lose that inestimable gift—that this divine appetite may never cease. If many rebuke thee, and bid thee hold thy peace, regard them not; yea, cry so much the more." How different all this advice is to the sickening ideas that young folks must be entertained, etc., to hold them. Unless genuine hunger seizes the young and old, there is nothing to do but to continue pouring on truth until an awakening comes.—R. G. Finch—Immanuel Missionary.

"WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS"

War is so horrible and so destructive of life's values that we may well seek by all fair means to bring it to an end. Yet, because it is contradictory, not only to facts but to the prophecies of the sacred scriptures, it seems to us that many church workers are deceiving themselves and those whom they lead when they promise a warless world by the evolution of mankind and the improving of the processes of law. The Bible reader who looks for light on the entire course of this age will not fail to see that so long as sin is with us war will be with us, and nothing can remove sin from the world but the power of God.

In the twenty-fourth chapter of Saint Matthew's Gospel, Jesus spoke at length of the manner by which the nations of the world will pursue their various careers until the end of this dispensation, and plainly says, "There shall be wars and rumors of wars."

We are impressed with the emphasis placed on the expression "rumors of wars." Travelers and tourists recently returning from abroad all seem to agree that the fear of wars in Europe and in Asia are gripping the great nations there, and that they are in a feverish haste to arm. Rumors of wars seem to be back of much of this dangerous race, with newspapers, cables, telegraph wires and radios all working night and day to spread the reports of what nations are doing to carry the world to the verge of another great conflict. In the past age there were formalities concerning these great national conflicts that allowed time to solve many difficulties. Messengers must have time to travel from capi-

tal to capital; meanwhile tempers cooled down, and while awaiting the formal declaration of war, a chance was given to friendly powers to intervene with their good offices, and often the remedy was found even for great difficulties. But now nations through their systems of spies and general information watch each other jealously, and continue the mad race of armament that can end in nothing but war and almost universal destruction.

Is there not a warning in the Scriptures of Satanic hatred and a diabolical spirit of destruction possessing men in the last days? Satan, it seems, will at some time awake to the signs of the times, and will have great wrath, when he sees that his days are getting short. In a recent address in Royal Albert Hall in London, the honorable David Lloyd George is reported as saying: "The world today is nearer to the brink of an abyss than I care to think. Wrong is bold, daring, reckless, efficient and unfortunately triumphant; right is timorous, faint-hearted, fearful, inept, beaten. The devil is tireless."—Wesleyan Methodist.

OUT ON THE MAIN LINE

You have perhaps in your journeys frequently traveled on a slow schedule from a country place to the junction point where you boarded a main line train. Then with a straightaway and good trains you were hastened on in good time to your destination. The way of holiness, it seems to us, is such a main line highway for the people of God. In fact we do not know of any other matter so important in this life as to enter upon this good way as an actual experience and to keep on to the journey's end.

We make no apology for God's call to holiness, and for our profound respect and reverence for the utterances of God's word on this subject. It is fundamental both to the nature of God's kingdom and to human nature. What will it profit a man if he should succeed in gaining great honor and in holding high positions in the church or in the gift of the world if he should in the end miss heaven? Holiness embraces the essentials of salvation in its fullest meaning, and includes that blessed cleansing of the heart that enables the pure in heart to see God.

Speaking of the importance of working out these principles in the form of a holy life, Brigadier Brengle says:

"To keep in the middle of the way, to walk in a blaze of light without becoming critical and harsh, and spiritually proud and overbearing, and in fulness of love without being soft and weak, and fearful of offending, is the problem every sanctified soul must solve, to keep the blessing and be increasingly useful."—Wesleyan Methodist.

What degenerates a religious society so much faster as it ages, is that the worldlings pull so hard to get more of their kind into the society while the halfbaked holiness fighters do their best to get rid of all the genuinely sanctified that they cannot get hog tied.—Sel.

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