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And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness—Isa. 35-8

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EXTREME AND HASTY OPINIONS

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Few have escaped the sorrow and heartache that follow as a result of extreme, hasty and changeable opinions. We suffer if we have been the target of such unfair opinions, we also are sure to suffer if we indulge in extreme and hasty opinions regarding someone else. In most cases the ones who are quick to change and express their exaggerated decisions are the ones who eventually are going to suffer the most. In the Bible we see illustrations of such hasty judgment. Perhaps no better example is given than where judgment was passed upon the Apostle Paul when he and Barnabas were at Lystra. Because God had used them in the healing of a cripple, the people declared the gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. Acts 14-11. Yet in the 19th verse of this same chapter we find the same people stoned the apostle and drew him out of the city supposing he had been dead.

The Lord keep us from being swung from one extreme to the other by some who are not content to persecute alone but are determined to persecute others. In the 28th chapter of Acts another instance is recorded where Paul was shipwrecked upon the Island of Melita. The people decided he was a murderer because a viper fastened itself on his hand. Saying no doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live. Acts 28-4. But they changed their minds when things did not work out as they thought they should, "They changed their minds and said that he was a god." Acts 28-6.

Most of us know there are some folk left yet who are hasty and exaggerate in their decisions, and with little thought of the results either praise or condemn folk unreasonably whom they know nothing about; declaring after hearing one sermon by some preacher, "He is a wonder, I never heard such a sermon before; surely he is the greatest preacher that has ever been in these parts," when in many cases some of these same folk who are so quick to extremely praise, are often among the first to want a change of preachers.

It is also true that some folk on hearing a man for the first time are not slow in letting people know that they think he has missed his calling. They will say, "Why he can't preach enough to keep himself warm, he is too dead," etc. Even in such cases sometimes a radical change takes place and the same one will declare, "He is the wonder of the age."

In the above mentioned case the Apostle Paul was neither guilty of the accusations nor worthy of the praise they gave him. Much of such exaggerated statements is merely the product of premature thought. This leads us to believe that we should not be greatly disturbed by people's hasty opinions of us; or as preachers we might think we are the greatest preacher that ever filled the pulpit we now occupy; or else feel we have missed our calling and are misfits entirely.

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We know of an instance where one family was about to leave a church if they could not have their pet preacher. They got him, but soon stopped going to church (because of the preacher they said). Another case we know of a family that moved several hundred miles to another community. When asked their reason for moving, they said they came because they wanted to attend a holiness church. In a little while these same folk declared nothing could be done there as the devil was behind the pulpit and hypocrites in high places. So they changed their minds and held opposition meetings in their own home.

In some cases preachers are guilty of hasty opinions. The enemy of their souls would make them think if they only had a certain church what a success they would be, but they soon change their mind when they get that church and the novelty wears off. Their disappointment is as great as that of the man who planned to steal a calf from a farmer. The farmer heard about it and prepared himself for the jolly event. The farmer had a tame bear, which he tied in the calf's place, then the farmer retired to the hayloft to await developments. In due time two men cautiously approached the door. One entered while the other stood on guard watching for the farmer. Finally the one on guard whispered loudly, "Have you got the calf?" From within came the moans of the other man in answer, "I don't know if I've got the calf or if the calf has got me."

So it is when one feels like Absalom of old. Oh that I were judge in his stead. Perhaps that fatted calf of a church may turn out to be a bear hungry from its winter fast. It's often difficult to tell by observation if the pastor is leading his church or if the church is leading him.

In conclusion, let us determine that we will not be greatly moved by hasty or extreme

opinions, but decide to measure ourselves by the revealed Word and our heart's attitude toward the will of God concerning us.

BRITISH SUNDAY: SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS FORCES WANT IT RESTORED

"The 'Continental Sunday,' which means no Sunday at all, as far as religious observances are concerned, has long been condemned by devout Britons and Scots. But the secularization of life, in Great Britain, as elsewhere, has gradually popularized the non-religious Sunday. More and more people have gone on week-end cycling or hiking 'holidays.' The American habit of playing golf or sleeping on Sundays has come in. And 'The Cotter's Saturday Night' has become nothing but a poem, whereas it used to be a description of the preparation that a large part of the population made for Sunday.

"In an effort to bring back the good old days that are not irretrievably gone, religious and social welfare groups have been attacking the problem. Their first victory was the passage of the Shops (Sunday Trading Restrictions) Act. A fine of £5 is imposed for the first violation and £20 for the second, although there are enough exemptions to care for all cases in which public necessity requires shops to remain open. Previously, conditions had become desperately bad. A member of Parliament, J. R. Leslie, declared that in certain sections of London seventy-five per cent of the shops remained open on Sunday. In Cardiff more than five hundred places in Swansea more than five hundred, and in Glasgow more than fifty-six hundred did not close their doors on Sunday. Another member of Parliament, Sir John Haslam, estimated that, on January 1, some three million people were at work on Sundays in Britain."

These paragraphs which are quoted from the weekly news items of the Christian Advocate, should serve to bring new encouragement to the citizens of America who have become increasingly alarmed over the invasion of the Sabbath day. In addition to such legal restrictions as are found to be reasonable and necessary, we hope there will be a revival of conscience in Sabbath-keeping. "Business as usual" on the Lord's Day means that many workers are deprived of their Sabbath, as well as being an expression of the worldly mind that ignores the Lord of the Sabbath.—Wesleyan Methodist.

A trouble either can be remedied, or it can not. If it can be, then set about it; if it can not be, dismiss it from your consciousness, or bear it bravely that it may become transfigured to a blessing.—Lillian Whiting.

Grace is glory begun, and glory is grace perfected.—Edwards.