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

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SANCTIFICATION

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"Sanctify them through thy Truth. Thy Word is Truth."—John 17-17.

The Sanctification set forth in the scriptures embraces the entire being: Spirit, soul and body. Paul writes to believers: "I beseech you therefore, Brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God."—Rom. 12-1.

In the time of Ancient Israel every offering brought as a sacrifice to God was carefully examined to see if there was any defect, and if so, it was refused, because God ordered that all animals offered were to be without blemish. Now in order that Christians present their body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God all their powers must be preserved in the best possible condition. Every practice that weakens the physical or mental strength unfits man for the service of his Creator, and he will not be pleased for anything less than the very best we can offer. Our Saviour said, "Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart," and those who do love their God, as commanded, will endeavor with the help of God, to give him the best services of their life. They will not, by the indulgence of appetite or passion, enfeeble or defile the offerings they present to their Creator. Peter says in I. Peter 2-11, to abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul; and Paul writes in 2 Cor. 7-1: "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord;" and in Gal. 5:22-23, "The fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Long-suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance." Notwithstanding these inspired declarations, how many professed Christians of today are enfeebling their powers in the pursuit of gain and fashions? How many are debasing their God-like manhood by gluttoning, wine drinking and forbidden pleasures, and some of the churches instead of rebuking them, often encourage them by appealing to appetite and love for pleasure; by holding festivals, suppers and parties in order to replenish their treasury; not leaning on the everlasting arms of our God to supply all her needs. The Apostle James declares "that the wisdom from God is pure." Had he seen today those who take the precious name of Jesus upon their lips stained with tobacco and their breath contaminated by its foul odor, even polluting the air and forcing all about them to inhale the poison it contains, would he not have denounced it as earthly sensual and devilish? Why, the idea of men claiming the blessing of God and talk of their hope of heaven, and them slaves of tobacco and other ungodly habits, when it is plainly written, Rev. 21-27, "that they shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie; but they that are written in the lamb's book of life." Also I. Cor. 6:19-20:

"Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God and ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's. Now according to this, if our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and belongs to God we will not enslave them by wicked habits for our powers belong to Christ who has bought them with the price of his blood. Not only our bodies and powers, but all of our property and all we possess; therefore how can we squander his entrusted capital? Professed Christians spend immense sums every year in wrong indulgence while souls are perishing for the "Bread of Life."

ishing for the "Bread of Life." God is robbed in tithes and offerings while they squander on their evil desires and worldly lusts far more than they give to relieve the poor or the support of the Gospel. If all who profess to be followers of Christ were truly sanctified, their means would be turned into the Lord's treasury instead of being spent in hurtful indulgences, and if Christians would set an example of self-denial and self-sacrifice and temperance in all things they would be the light of the world. We are told "to come out from among them and be ye separate and touch not the unclean." Now ,in the light of God's Word I feel justified to say, that sanctification cannot be genuine which does not work this utter renunciation of the sinful pursuits and gratifications of the world. We have a great promise for those who comply with the conditions. "Come out from among them and touch not the unclean thing." God's promise is, 2 Cor. 6:17-18: "I will receive you and be a Father unto you and ye shall be my sons and daughters," saith the Lord Almighty. It is the privilege of every Christian to have a rich and abundant experience in the things of God. "I am the Light of the World," said Jesus, and "he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" and the graces of his spirit, the purity and holiness of his character will be manifest in his children. It is the privilege of everyone so to live that God will approve and bless him. It is not the will of our Heavenly Father that we should ever be under condemnation and darkness. There is no need for us to go around with our head bowed down and our heart filled with thoughts of self, for we may go to Jesus and be cleansed, and stand before the law without shame or remorse. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit." Through Jesus, our Saviour, the fallen sons of Adam have become the sons of God. "Both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one for which cause he is not ashamed to call them Brethren." The Christian's life should be one of Faith, of victory and joy in God, for whosoever is born of God overcometh the world, and the joy of the Lord is our strength. "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say

rejoice." "Rejoice vermore, pray without ceasing and to everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Such are the fruits of scriptural conversion, and sanctification.

A TESTIMONY TO FULL SALVATION

I often heard of Jesus,
The story often told,
By preachers of the Gospel,
To sheep outside the fold.

I listened to the story,
It filled my heart with cheer,
To think of such a Saviour,
Who held His people dear.

So touching was the story,
So vivid was the scene,
So holy was the Offering,
Made for my soul unclean:

I knelt down there before Him, Confessing all my sin, And gave myself up to Him, A new life to begin.

My sins, He then did parden,
My guilt, He washed away,
And in my loving Saviour
I rejoice both night and day.

But still, God's pure eye searching,
Discovered in my soul,
The Adam nature lurking,
And asked: "Wilt thou he whole?".

My answer to my Saviour
Was: "Yes, with all my soul,
Perfect Thy work within me.
My life shalt Thou control."

Now pressing ever upward,
And onward in the way;
My path still growing brighter;
Unto the perfect day.
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SHADOWS OF THE ALMIGHTY

"There are ferns in the garden of the soul, as well as flowers. The flowers grow best in the sunshine; the ferns grow best in the shade."

"There is the fern of Patience, and the fern of Long Suffering, and the fern of Meekness. And the great Gardener of the soul delights in the ferns, and purposes to save them from destruction by the garish day.

"And so He takes us into the shade—the shade of disappointment, or the shade of sorrow, or the shade of sickness and pain. But it is a very blessed shadow, for it is the 'Shadow of the Almighty.' And here the ferns flourish and the cloudy day makes the garden beautiful."

—J. H. Jowett.