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## EDITORIAL

### FORGETTING GOD

The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God. Psalms 9:17.

This portion of scripture came forcibly to mind when we read of a resolution passed at the M. R. E. C. convention, held recently at Sackville, N. B. It reads: We accept the idea that it is one of the aims of Christian education to lift the whole life of the people so that the good life may be shared by all. We believe that this can be done, and is being done in some communities, not by bringing some outside agency into the community but by using the people themselves to discover and realize their own possibilities together. As this involves leadership and method, we suggest that in training of teachers for the public and high schools, attention be given to the preparation of persons who shall appreciate and understand the need of the people, and who shall be master of the technique of leading the people in meeting these needs. As this may involve a longer normal course and the adoption of a longer administration area for our school system we pledge our support to these changes.

The foregoing resolution reminds us of the old proverbial expression of a man trying to lift himself by his bootstraps. You will notice that no mention is made of God in this resolution or of praying to him for help or guidance of any kind, but the lifting of the people to the good life is to be done by the people themselves without any outside agency. Isn't that like trying to lift yourself by your bootstraps?

The tendency these days in religious circles seems to be to try to substitute mere human effort, so-called good works, and social service, for the power of God. The command of Jesus is wholly forgotten. When sending His disciples out to evangelize the world, He commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem but wait for the promise of the Father, which was, "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost." He said ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me, etc.

Our Lord surely knew the needs of men, and knew what to recommend as the greatest factor in the evangelization of the world, viz., the Holy Spirit. Now they are recommending instead of this, human leadership, more secular education, a longer normal course and a longer administration area for our school system, etc. What folly! What forgetting of God's commands, and methods: Like Israel of old, when they made their own gods of wood and

stone, and the calf of gold, the works of men's hands, and worshipped them, and said, "These be thy gods, oh, Israel, that brought thee up out of the land of Egypt."

When the religious leaders and churches forget God, and fail to preach Jesus as the only Saviour. The Atoning Blood as the only basis of justifying faith: then the world soon forgets God, and plunges deeper and deeper into sin, and nations go to war, strife and bloodshed, and are turned into hell. The reason that there is so much war today in the old world is because the Word of God, the message of peace is withheld from the common people. And agitators find it easy to stir the masses up to a state of excitement and war.

Dr. J. H. Jowett once said it is not leagues of nations or international councils or peace conferences, nor scraps of paper that can save this old world: But it is faith in the precious Blood of Jesus. And we say how can the world have any faith in the Blood of Jesus, if the church and preachers fail to preach and emphasize it: but are substituting a mere human gospel, and social service instead. Someone has very wisely said that if this generation fails to preach the truth, the next generation will not believe the truth. And to this agree the words of the apostle Paul, who said: "So we preached and so ye believed." He also wrote to Timothy: Preach the word, for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but will turn away their ears from the truth, etc. What think ye, has that time come?

### A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

Is prayer in public necessary for spiritual development? Oh, yes! Prayer behind the locked door, prayer in secret, prayer where only God's ear can hear, and God's eye can see, just as important for the spiritual life and hope. During the Revolutionary War, a Highland soldier was caught creeping into camp during the darkness of the night. He was charged with being a spy, and taken before the commanding general. Being asked why he had left the camp, the soldier replied, "I merely left in order to go out into the darkness of the woods and be alone with God, and have secret prayer." "Then down on your knees," thundered the officer. "Within twenty hours you shall be shot as a spy. You never needed to pray as much as you need to pray now." The soldier dropped on his knees, and offered such a simple, earnest prayer of faith and love, that the tears sprang from the commander's eyes. He turned to the guard and said: "Let that soldier go. He is telling the truth. He must have often been on his knees in prayer drill, or else he could not have prayed so well in public review." The great Heavenly Commander judges the sincerity of our public professions, by the earnestness and consecration of our private devotions.—Anon.

### THE REWARD OF FAITH

Faith knows that God has His moment, and in that moment everything yields to His will. Faith can wait. If she comes to a prison gate, she can stand without until God touches the bars, and it flies open. If the enemy hurls rocks from the battlement, she stands unmoved and unharmed. Faith knows some Jerichos need to be compassed fourteen times, and she carries with her the word of victory to give the final shout.—Selected.

## HOLINESS PREACHING

By Rev. E. C. Wills

In Obadiah 1:7 we read, "But upon Mount Zion shall be deliverance; and there shall be holiness."

In these modern days when many are heaping to themselves itching ears and are being turned away from the truth, there is great need of positive holiness preaching as held by the original Methodists and following in their train, the Free Methodists.

My observation in the last few years, while attending camp meetings and other meetings of so-called holiness churches, is that there is a very strong pull to preach on holiness in a general way. I have been in some testimony meetings where a number have testified to being saved and sanctified, and then in that same service, under the clear teaching and preaching of the Word by a Spirit-filled man, they have rushed to the altar crying out, "If this is holiness, I do not have it," gone down before God, died out to self and carnality, struck the Rock, the fire has fallen, and they have been cleansed from inbred sin and have risen shouting the glorious praises of our Lord.

1. To preach on holiness in just a general way tends to confuse the thinking of the people and keep them from intelligently seeking and obtaining the experience which crucifies self.
2. To preach on holiness in a general way tends to blind the eyes of the people, so they cannot see the necessity for the death of the old man.
3. To preach holiness in a general way never exposes the great danger of having carnality in the heart, nor does it show the attractive beauties of the experience and a holy heart.

James McMullin, reporting under the McClure Newspaper Syndicate, says: "The Nazi government takes half the German national income in taxes."

### HOW SHALL WE PREACH HOLINESS? PREACH IT AS

1. An absolute necessity.
2. As a second definite work of grace.
3. As an experience wrought by the Holy Ghost in the hearts of believers.
4. As accomplished instantaneously by the supernatural operation of the Spirit of God.
5. Preach it so scripturally that people will have to be infidels not to believe it.
6. Preach it so simply that one will have to be either an ignoramus or a fool not to see it.
7. Preach it so powerfully in the unction and power of the Holy Ghost that any believer who rejects it will backslide if he does not get sanctified wholly.
8. Preach it so strongly, reasonably and logically that no one can get around it by any manner or means.
9. Preach it in such sweetness and glorious beauty that heaven shines in it, the glory of God permeates it, and souls will abandon every good thing and sell their all that they may obtain this Pearl of greatest price.

—Free Methodist.

I find in all Christians who have passed through much tribulation, a certain quality of ripeness which I am of opinion can be formed in no other school. Just as a certain degree of solar heat is necessary to bring the finest fruits to perfection, so is fiery trial indispensable for ripening the inner man.—The Luck.