

# The King's Highway

## An Advocate of Scriptural Holiness

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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### SIX SNARES TO THE SANCTIFIED

"Ye therefore beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness." (II. Peter 3:17).

While God has placed a premium upon a sanctified soul, satan has also placed a bounty on him, and would rather snare, shoot down, or cripple him than a whole regiment of babes in Christ. Snaring is his most effective method against the sanctified, and the following are only a few of the many snares that satan uses.

1. Getting them to make this experience the end of their faith, rather than the beginning of its most powerful operations. Paul said "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

New attainments must be continually made "in Christ" or there will be no attainments made "for Christ." It is said that old age begins when we begin to look back at what we have done, rather than forward to what we are going to do. A sanctified man is not a superman, but a holy man from which all evil has been removed and the principle of righteousness placed therein. Purity is the potency of maturity and not maturity itself. In this a soul is obliged to be at his best for God, and at his best is the only place where he can become better, and the best can always be enlarged. Many a preacher has been snared by this lack of spiritual development to superannuate and it has caused many a layman to stagnate.

2. Failing to endure temptation. Jesus began His earthly ministry after the Spirit came on Him, by being led into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil, and he ended it by staggering under the load of the cross. It is said that palm trees grow better under a weight. Paul did his best work while in jail. The peak of John Bunyan's life work was accomplished while he was isolated from society and family in Bedford jail. Abraham brought his best to God while under temptation and received God's best for his soul. Saints always have flourished best when crushed. Brother Seth C. Rees said that the church never prospered better than when fought and opposed by backslidden holiness on every hand. Job was perfect in his generation, but God allowed satan to assail him with strong temptations. He resisted the snare, "Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God and die." And the last end of Job was better than the beginning.

3. By using their liberty as an occasion to the flesh. This experience of freedom is not a license to sin but a prohibition against sin, and temperance in all things. Happy are we

when we can see that temperance prohibits some things. When the flesh is crucified, a soul is baptized into that body of which Christ is the head, and when one member suffers, all suffer with it. This snare of intemperance comes to those who are able to have things better and to ministers who are able to command better positions and they use it to self advantage. The missionary program is hindered by this. The most capable ministers are kept in the most prominent places instead of getting to the most needy places. As a result the home missionary work is kept in the hands of the novice.

4. By failing to deny self. Self-denial is not a forced restraint but the choice of a willing mind. Moses chose rather to suffer the afflictions of God's people. David said, "Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing." We will become complacent and self-satisfied if we are caught by this snare, but if we would know Him in the fellowship of His sufferings, there is an increased vigilance in self-denial.

5. Failing to depend upon God. This amounts to formality. This snares comes when folk humanly learn how to pray, preach, and testify. They accumulate a lot of stock sayings, and they are now beguiled to do without the unction that comes from prayer. As knowledge increases the leadings of God are not sought, and a sophisticated, corrupt, reasoning trend is noticed. There is an increasing dependence in the soul who goes on with God. He is a holy cripple in the hands of God. The devil tempts folks to get patent rights on what the Holy Ghost has done, and then they go on in their own names.

6. Failing in that obedience that insists on knowing all of God's will for the soul. When soul is justified he surrenders himself from rebelling against God. He comes out from his hiding, quits being an outlaw, and begins to obey God. When he gets sanctified he renders obedience to God by not hiding the outlaw, the carnal nature, in his house, but exposes him to the penalty of the law of crucifixion. Then he is free to be married to another, Jesus Christ. The Holy Ghost comes in and seals this union with His baptism of fire, and he is one with Him, and walks in obedience similar to that of a husband and wife. He then insists on the will of God being done in his life. He prays, "Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." He is not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is. To fully know His will means travail of soul, anguish of mind, and searching with all the heart. The snare of the devil comes in trying to get a soul to anticipate the will of God rather than to search it out. "The Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." It is not enough to say, "I did obey the Lord and He witnessed to my heart." Are you now obeying God in seeking and doing all of His mind, and is He now witnessing to your heart? Are you

mind. earthly things, or are you keeping your body under? Are you bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ? Are you missing high things, cultured religion, or are you condescending to men of low estate?—R. E. Brown.

### SO YOU WERE MISTREATED

Some years ago a pastor was being attacked and mistreated by a man who seemed intent upon doing him harm. The wronged man talked the situation over with his district elder, who could only advise patience and that the pastor himself do no wrong in return.

But when conference time had arrived the man who had been so wronged came to his elder saying: "Well, he provoked me so much that I said and did what I should not. It will not do for me to be sent back to M. Send me somewhere else."

It was too bad that the pastor should be wronged, but this was a small matter compared with the evil which came to his own heart and bad result to the work by the personal failure.

While one is lamenting the bad treatment he receives let him rejoice if his own hands and heart are clean and if he has held his tongue in the times of temptation.

To do wrong is just ten times as bad as to suffer wrong. Have we not read, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord?" Can we not leave something to Him?—Free Methodist.

### TO MAKE A CHURCH PROSPER

Why should there be a decaying Church in the world? There is a sure way of prosperity. It has never failed and never can. A few simple rules observed by all the members of any church will insure good days. If the church is decaying, the decay will soon be arrested. If it is standing still, it will soon begin to grow. If it is already flourishing, it will grow more rapidly.

1. Attend all the services regularly.
2. If it rains or snows, make a special effort to go.
3. Never miss a prayer meeting needlessly.
4. Invite some one else to go every week.
5. Take part in the meetings. Be ready always to give a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear, and to speak well of Christ and the church.
6. Think of the services through the week, speak of them to others, and pray that they may be attended with the divine blessing.—Selected.

Americans spent more for tobacco last year than they gave to all churches and other welfare institutions. They gave \$551,000,000 to the churches, and also spent \$850,000,000 for narcotics and drinks, and \$890,000,000 for amusements.—Religious Digest.

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