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EDITORIAL

OVER-EMPHASIZING THE POWER OF SATAN

In our work for the Lord it is a wise and right thing for us to try to properly estimate the power of the evil one. I think our Lord taught us that. He said, which of you intending to build a tower sitteth not down first and counteth the cost, etc. Or what king going to make war on another king sitteth not down first and consulteth whether he be able to meet him that cometh against him, etc. No doubt the enemy would like to have us under-estimate his power, so we would fail to make the necessary preparation to overcome him. On the other hand if we over-emphasize his power, we will probably minify the power of God and fail to exercise achieving or overcoming faith, and so become discouraged, and accomplish nothing. It seems to be possible for one to over-emphasize some phases of truth found in the inspired word, and so teach and dwell on them until we lose sight of other great statements made by the inspired writers, which are intended to be a great source of help to God's people. For instance, let us mention the Armenian doctrine which makes man's salvation dependent upon his own choice in the matter. That is, he can be saved if he chooses to, or be lost if he so determines, and no power in heaven, or earth, or hell can compel him to do otherwise. Is it not possible to emphasize this form of doctrine until in our thinking we greatly limit the power of God, and our power through prayer and faith, and thus throw off responsibility for the salvation of our fellowmen, which we ought to carry. It is true we want to see people saved, and we collectively make some effort to that end. We hold regular religious services, and often special evangelistic services, and many of our people are very regular in their attendance at church and Sunday school, and they also give liberally of their money to support the various phases of the work; but there seems to be a lack of individual effort on the part of so many. So few apparently have a burden of soul for the salvation of others, or make any effort to get others saved. Many of us seem to say: Well, God can't save the people against their wills, and there is nothing that I can do about it. Hence no soul burden or sense of responsibility on the part of so many. But, friends, is there not something that we can do about it? And does not God expect us to do something about it? And will he not hold us responsible in the great Judgment Day for the salvation

of our fellowmen. In our Lord's description of the great Judgment in Mat. 25, those who went from his left hand away into everlasting punishment were those who just did nothing to relieve the distress of others, while those whom he called from his right hand to enjoy the blessedness of the kingdom of his Father eternally, were those who were engaged in helping others, and in doing it unto others they did it unto Him. If we felt that we were really responsible for the salvation of others, perhaps we would have a greater concern, and soul burden for them, and would make more effort to get them saved. In spite of the fact that man is a free moral agent as we say. Is not God the Almighty One? Has He not promised us power above all the power of the evil one? Is our God not stronger than Satan? Can he not bring pressure to bear on the lives and hearts of unsaved men until they will yield and get saved?

What shall we say about all these promises that God has made to us? "If we ask anything according to his will he heareth us; and if we know that he hear us whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. Is it not according to His will that people get saved? Then shall we not pray in faith for them and expect God to save them according to His promise? True we do not know what measures God will be obliged to take to answer our prayers; but shall we not magnify His power instead of the power of man's will, and Satan's power? Let us encourage ourselves in the Lord, friends, and remember how Moses, "God's chosen" of old, stepped into the breach and by prayer and faith held back the sword of divine justice which was unsheathed against God's disobedient people anciently, and thus saved them. Let us remember how Elijah who "was a man subject to like passions as we are," sealed the heavens by his prayers so there was neither dew nor rain for the space of three years and six months: And he prayed again and the heavens gave rain.

Again we think of Jacob who as a prince had power with God and with men and prevailed. Shall we not prevail in prayer and faith in these trying times, and see many more souls, for whom Jesus died, saved?

"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."—Dan. 12-3.

TRYING TO CATCH FOWLS

Some weeks ago, Japanese soldiers came to Wang Tsun into a yard belonging to some of our Christians, trying to catch their fowls. They had caught three when an old man of over seventy took a copy of "God Hath Spoken" and gave it to one of the soldiers, who took the booklet. Having glanced at it he said, "Is this your belief?" The old man replied, "Yes." Without explanation the fowls were freed and the soldiers went away.

In the same yard lived a woman, who forbade her children to go to church. When she saw this incident, however, she cried out, "Now I know this is the God, for that little book has such power, and I want to learn it and become a Christian." That night she went to the missionaries with a broken heart and tears running down her face, pleading to God for forgiveness. For many days she was carefully watched, and everyone who was asked about her said her heart was completely changed.—Scripture Gft Mission Bulletin.

CORRESPONDENCE

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Dear Brother Dow:

Inclosed please find two dollars, one-fifty for the renewal of my Highway, fifty cents for the Highway Supplementary Fund. I enjoy having the Highway in my home very much. It is very helpful in life's journey and I value it next to my Bible. I like the missionary letters very much; they are very encouraging. The work in South Africa seems to be going on wonderfully. It would be very sad indeed in these troublesome times if we did not have a Heavenly Father in whom to trust. Our only hope, the Solid Rock of our Salvation.

Wishing you every success with your paper.

Your sister in Christ,

MRS. H. P. SHAMPIER

136 East Victoria St.,

Amherst,

Dear Friends:

After prayerful consideration I feel we should send our box to our missionaries by Elder Dempster Line and the boat leaving the end of March. So, in order to have all gifts in time, they should be sent to me, at the above address, to reach me not later than March 15th. Any money sent for freight will be very acceptable.

Grace will welcome any supplies that could be used in her hospital work such as gauze, bandages, etc.

Some of the friends have sent me material and I have made and am making shirts and dresses (out of used material mostly) for children from the infant to the child of five years. Any of such articles, and pneumonia jackets will be most useful.

Any gifts for missionaries must be compactly done up in paper only as boxes are too bulky.

MRS. H. C. SANDERS

THE BRING ONE MOVEMENT

By Rev. W. C. Reynolds

I was visiting with friends of former years who had become Christian Scientists. We had been talking but a short while when they began to witness to me of their faith. It was done so naturally, courteously, and even winsomely that one could not but be impressed.

Many people do not do personal work as they know they should not because they are timid or backward but simply because they do not know how to make a proper approach. The reason so many of the cultists are so bold is because they are trained in their art. They are perfectly familiar with their positions and proof texts. In short, they "know their stuff." So many of us are so very unprepared that we are at a loss how to begin or to carry on. The effective approach should be as natural as was the testimony of my Scientist friends. An abrupt, ill-timed, embarrassed introduction of the subject might do more harm than good. Certainly anything that offends or stirs up contention cannot win confidence and respect.

If we are wise and tactful and watch for natural openings it is not difficult to witness without strain or embarrassment. Are you talking about the war, unemployment, labor strikes, the Townsend Plan? It is not hard to show, before you are through, that Christ has the only real solution for real problems. Is there sorrow or trouble? Just a word about the comfort of your faith to you under such circumstances may be the key to unlock the door of some sad heart for the entrance of the Spirit of Christ.