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EDITORIAL

WHEN DISAPPOINTMENT IS HIS APPOINTMENT

He is not here: for He is risen.—Matt. 28-6.
The empty tomb was the second great disappointment which the followers of Jesus suffered concerning Him. His crucifixion was indeed a great disappointment and grief to them. They loved him so much, and had seen so many demonstrations of His goodness, and also of His miraculous power, that they thought it was impossible that one so good and powerful could ever suffer so, or come to what to them seemed to be such an untimely end. So when they saw him taken by wicked men and nailed to the cruel cross to die, their faith suffered an eclipse. "Their sun went down at noon." Hope within them died, for they did not yet understand God's plan of redemption. His disciples became discouraged, and many of them whom He had called away from their former avocations to be His followers, went back to their nets and fishing boats.

Note the words of discouragement from the two whom He met on the road to Emmaus, when they did not recognize Jesus, and were telling Him of His death. They said, "We trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel." But the foundation of their hope and trust gave way with His death, and despair took possession of them: because they did not recognize His crucifixion as God's appointment. Their human love for Jesus would have defeated God's plan of redemption, and sent us all to eternal despair. When our Lord told His disciples of His approaching death on the cross, Peter rebuked Him and said: "Be it far from thee to suffer such things." Then Jesus rebuked Peter, and said, "Get thee behind me Satan." Because, interfering with God's plan, Peter would have become the agent of Satan.

Again, the women were greatly disappointed and wept when they went to the sepulchre with sweet spices to embalm His body on that resurrection morning; and found the tomb empty. They said they have taken away my Lord and I know not where they have laid Him. Poor Mary! She did not realize that the cause of her disappointment was the greatest cause for joy and gladness that this poor old troubled world has ever known: Namely, the resurrection of Jesus our Lord. We, with them, have been rejoicing ever since over their disappointment. Think how this world has been enriched by the preaching and writings on the Resurrection, by such men as Paul, who made the Roman governors tremble, and of Chrysostom called the "golden

mouthed." Luther, the great reformer; Wesley, Whitfield, Christian Evans, Spurgeon, Jonathan Edwards, and Moody, with thousands of others. How unspeakably poor and wretched we would have been if those disciples who visited the tomb of Joseph of Aremathea that morning had found the body of Jesus there as they expected, and had had the privilege of tenderly and lovingly embalming it. How unspeakably sad it would have been for us all.

Hear how the Apostle Paul emphasizes the Resurrection: "If Christ be not risen then there is no resurrection of the dead. If Christ be not risen then our preaching is vain, and your faith is vain. Ye are yet in your sins. And they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished."—I. Cor. 15.

He makes our present salvation and future happiness dependent upon the Resurrection, which is the greatest fact of history.

Read again His glorious adversitive: "But"—"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." Thank God He came back the mighty conqueror. Yes; disappointments are common to all men, and God's people have many of them. We plan, work, and pray to accomplish things which we believe will be for the glory of God, and for the good of all concerned: But how often our plans miscarry. Our best efforts fail, things seem to work against us. We seem to be defeated. Perhaps those of our own families whom we loved, and tried to help, came far short of our expectations. Oh, how disappointed we are; how we are tempted to great discouragement, and sometimes to lose faith in God's goodness, and promises to answer prayer. It is then that we begin to ask, "Why?" Why did God permit this awful sorrow or trouble to come to me. "We wonder why the test when we try to do our best."

It is in times like these that we need to remember that our disappointments may be His appointments: That the things which we grieve over, that seem to break our hearts, may be God's way of answering our prayers. Let us hold steady, beloved, suffering ones, and refuse to doubt God's infinite love and wisdom, which are always working for the best good of all His creatures—even though we cannot understand His dealings now. Our cherished hopes have perished perhaps. So they had with Mary, and the devout followers of Jesus: But the Resurrection came and explained it all, and dried their tears. And so it will come to all the faithful, if our faith fail not. "In due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not." And we shall see that our disappointments were His appointments.

ANGELIC IMPERATIVES

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this the message, the order, the method and the gospel for this age, even for today?

At this joyous Easter season may we most earnestly desire that God shall give us such simple faith and such genuine experience as will prompt us to witness eagerly and gladly by personal work, by preached word, by printed page, by missionary support, by ether waves, by any and every means at our command: for millions, yes hundreds of millions, have never yet heard the message of the risen Christ from those who themselves have experienced the power of His resurrection.

F. A. DAW

If you wish to please people you must begin by understanding them.—Charles Reade.

Most pleasures, like flowers, die when they are gathered.—Young.

HOW TO HELP THE PREACHER

If you want to make the best preacher that ever lived, try some of the things listed below:

- Regularly attend prayer meeting.
- Always attend Sunday evening service.
- Sacrifice to be at the morning service.
- Habitually be on time at the services.
- Consider the church service your most important engagement.
- Show yourself friendly to all present.
- Be cordial with your pastor.
- Call often at the parsonage.
- Sometimes thank the pastor for the sermon.
- Tell him you appreciate his efforts.
- Offer to help him.
- Let him feel that you enjoy his sermons as well as others you hear.
- Make him feel that you appreciate his being your pastor.
- Speak well of him to strangers and outsiders.
- Speak well of him before your child.
- Make him welcome when he calls.
- Invite him if he doesn't call often enough.
- Don't criticize him and his family's dress.
- Don't criticize his wife for not mixing in everything.
- Don't tell folks his wife is trying to run things.
- Take your Sunday company to church.
- Let him know when you are sick.
- Pay as much as you can.
- Love him and pray for him.—Sel.

THE HIGH COST OF PRAYER

"I want you to spend fifteen minutes every day praying for foreign missions," said the pastor to some young people in his congregation. "But beware how you pray, for I warn you that it is a very costly experiment." "Costly?" they asked in surprise. "Aye, costly," he cried. "When Carey began to pray for the conversion of the world it cost him himself, and it cost those who prayed with him very much. Brainerd prayed for the dark-skinned savages, and after two years of blessed work it cost him his life. Be sure it is a dangerous thing to pray in earnest for this work; you will find that you cannot pray and withhold your labor, or pray and withhold your money; nay, that your very life will no longer be your own when your prayers begin to be answered."

It is always a costly thing to give oneself wholly over to the Lord, to be used as He wills in His service.

It cost Elijah much persecution, for he was hounded by that woman Jezebel, who eagerly sought his life (I Kings 19:2). It cost John the Baptist his head (Matt. 14:3-10). It cost Paul and Silas pain and imprisonment (Acts 16:23). It cost Stephen his life (Acts 7:60). It cost the Apostle John banishment to the Isle of Patmos (Rev. 1:19). It cost Paul desertion (2 Tim. 4:16). It cost Christ the cross (Phil. 2:8).—The Christian Standard.

A WELCOME TO MARCH

Ah! passing few are they who speak,
Wild, stormy month, in praise of thee!
Yet, though thy winds are loud and bleak,
Thou art a welcome month to me.
—Bryant