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EDITORIAL

GREAT TRIALS MAY BE A FORE-RUNNER OF GREAT REVELATIONS

"In the year that King Uzziah died I saw also the Lord," Isaiah 6-1.

The words of Isaiah the prophet suggest to us a great truth which we find expressed in the experiences of many Bible characters as well as in the lives of men of modern times.

Uzziah was one of Judah's good kings who reigned 52 years. And because he was a good Godfearing king he was a friend of Isaiah, the young prophet of the Lord. Isaiah no doubt had learned to love, and trust this godly king; hence, his death would be a great cause of sorrow to him, but God turned it into a means of great blessing, for it was at that time, "in the year that King Uzziah died" that Isaiah declares that he saw the Lord, and received that wonderful vision of God's holiness, and his own uncleanness of heart and lips, also the unclean condition of the people with whom he dwelt. He saw his lack of fitness to come into the presence of God, or to render acceptable service to such a high and holy and glorious Being. That one before whom angels fell with veiled faces and cried "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory." That vision made the prophet cry out, "Woe is me! for I am undone." It was at this time that Isaiah received that beautiful symbolic vision of heart-cleansing, when one of the seraphims flew unto him with a live coal which he had taken from off the altar, and laid it on the prophet's mouth and said, "Lo, this hath touched thy lips: and thy iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged." And so, in this time of great grief, because the prophet humbled himself, confessed his true condition, and looked to God for help, he found great blessing.

We read of many other Bible characters who, because of heart breaking sorrows which came to them, received greater revelations and were brought into a more intimate relationship with God, and were able also, to render better service to God and man. Abraham when he was tried, offered up Isaac, and was called the friend of God and the father of the faithful. Moses was appointed leader of God's people and became the mighty lawgiver, because he was willing to suffer affliction with the people of God, rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Joseph ascended to great honor under God in the house of Pharaoh from the Egyptian prison where he was persecuted for righteousness sake. Daniel went up by the way of the Lion's den because he would pray to the true God, although forbidden by the king of Babylon.

The three Hebrew worthies passed through

the fiery furnace on their way to great honor, and service to their God. Job, Jeremiah, John the Baptist, Paul the Apostle, John the Revelator, and a host of others "had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea moreover of bonds and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sown asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins: being destitute, afflicted, tormented: Of whom the world was not worthy." But they endured, because in the midst of their trials they saw Him who is invisible, and proved to the world that His grace is sufficient.

We read of those of more modern times such as Martin Luther, John Wesley, David Brainard, George Matheson, Fanny J. Crosby, Frances Ridley Havergal, who in the midst of much persecution, or physical weakness, which seemed to be a great handicap, got a clearer vision of God's will concerning them, and by His grace made stepping-stones of their afflictions and rose to higher heights of service than they could have, had the road they travelled been strewn with roses, or had they taken the way of least resistance, "The old ship Zion". The church, has had pretty smooth sailing for several generations past. And we fear that she has not made the progress that she should have made under such favorable conditions. Not many have suffered much for their faith in the Lord Jesus, and their devotion to Him. Multitudes of professing Christians have lived about as the world lives, and have not denied themselves of much that the world enjoys for the sake of Jesus and His cause. We all spend much money for things which we could do without if we had more interest in the spread of the gospel. We have our automobiles, radios, finely furnished homes, nice clothes, all for our comfort and pleasure; and much nice tasting rich food which we eat sometimes to our discomfort and distress. And most of us seem to have lost, if we ever had it, the vision of perishing souls, the spirit of sacrifice, and intercessory prayer. Not much burden of the soul these days, or many tears are being shed for the lost ones. "Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion." Our God has been very patient with us all, and has dealt with us in great mercy. But He declares that He will not keep His anger forever. And it seems as if we are drawing near to a great change of some kind. Before this terrible war is over we may get something that will send a lukewarm formal church, as well as a godless world to their knees. When governments will take the grain which should be used to feed the hungry millions and make it into drink and sell it to curse their subjects by making drunkards of young men and women with all the associate evils that go with drinking, they are surely courting trouble, and disaster which will come in due time. God says, "To me belongeth vengeance and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste." Deut. 32-35.

Who knows but this awful war is the throes of a dying civilization. It seems as if the Almighty has lifted His restraining hand and is letting the nations see what they can do without Him. Or, the coming of Jesus may be nearer than we think. Will the people of God in this time of trial and sorrow humble themselves, draw nearer to Him, and receive a clearer revelation of our sin of selfishness, formality and worldiness? Will we give ourselves up to prayer and fasting as we never have in the past, until we can hear His voice saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it"? Who knows but our God wants to send us a great revival before Jesus comes back to earth again. A revival that will turn

multitudes from sin to righteousness. This war may be a means to that end that we may see such a revival before "the great and terrible day of the Lord come." "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" I Pet. 4:17-18. Let us pray.

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justified. Yes, in the holiness churches we find so many who don't know whether they are coming or going. They get warmed up a little by the fire of others. They get a little in their cup if the other fellow has an overflow. But they have never really died out to take the way of reproach and suffering for Jesus, to get a furnace of their own that will warm them when they are alone, or to change the figure, to get the well of water that springs up into everlasting life.

Then finally, there is the vacillation in outward life. In the last analysis we cannot be better on the outside than we are within. But that outward Holy life is far more than a good disposition. There are some people who think they are wholly sanctified because they never get mad, to show it, and are quite smooth and good to get along with. But they have no real glory and carry no burden for souls. They are goody, goody, but not deeply spiritual. I know a woman who, in her community was a noble example of even and placid deportment. She lived with two of her in-laws till they died of old age. Always ready to help care for the sick, never mixed up in neighborhood gossip or squabbles, a model of industry and goodwill, and yet I never knew that woman to do anything more than rise for prayers in a public service, and on her deathbed, I asked her about her trust in Christ. It was a feeble "I hope so." I held that lady in the highest esteem. I knew her from the time I was a child. O the many good things we could say about her, but in her home it was a hard place for me to pray.

O you who can carry yourself so nicely and behave so graciously, is that the result of grace or of your natural disposition! You may have a pride that is deep as hell itself. If you are trusting in anything less than the blood of Jesus; if you have never been searched through and through to see the hideous character of your own evil heart, then no wonder you have no praise, or shout, or definite testimony. If you were to get these you might not be so agreeable to get along with, for you would reprove those who had not the blessing.

Two Opinions: We know of a brother who has written a book on "Holiness true and false." He denounces the doctrine of the eradication of all sin, although he once preached and professed that grace. There are so many who believe in holiness—but when they feel good and blessed they may think that it is eradication and when they lose the victory they doubt the blessing. They want those books that cannot be read for the glory of God, to have some of the world's pleasures tacked on. The world won't love you if you go this way; those of the world will not love you like they love their own. They may repudiate your experience. This is the way of Joy but it is the way of suf-