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### EDITORIAL

#### WHY WE SHOULD EMPHASIZE HOLINESS

When we say emphasize, we mean to make prominent, to stress, in our preaching, in our living, and in testimony, so that those with whom we come in contact in any of these ways will be able to locate us religiously.

It is reported that Bud Robinson said that if a preacher is going to spread scriptural holiness, he ought to spread it so thick that we would be able to track him.

Now, we should emphasize holiness because doctrinally, it is scriptural. Let us note several scriptures stressing this truth. First, it is God's choice. Eph. 1-4. According as He hath chosen us in Jesus, before the foundation of the world, that we should be Holy, and without blame before him in love. Second: It is his call. I. Thess. 4-7: For God hath called us unto Holiness. Third: It is God's command. I. Pet. 1-15. For as He which hath called you is Holy so be ye Holy in all manner of conversation: Because it is written, Be ye Holy, for I am Holy. It is also necessary to fit us for heaven. Heb. 12-14. Follow peace with all men, and Holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Again, Holiness is God's great objective in the sacrifice of His Son in the plan of redemption. See Col. 1-21, "And you that were sometime alienated by wicked works yet now hath he reconciled, in the body of his flesh through death, to present you Holy, and unblamable and unreprouvable in his sight: See also Eph. 5-25. Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it: that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be Holy and without blemish. The Apostle also wrote to the Corinthian church: The Temple of God is Holy, which temple ye are.

Another reason why WE should emphasize Holiness is, because our own church as well as a score of others that have been used of God to keep spiritual life in religious societies, and to see many souls saved, was founded upon the teaching of Scriptural Holiness, and was organized especially to disseminate and keep alive this great truth.

It was the emphasis of the doctrine of holiness that started us out with God's blessing upon us, and it will require the same emphasis to keep His blessing, and keep us going strong. We have observed that where

the doctrine of entire sanctification or holiness is not stressed in our churches, that the glory fades, and we become like Sampson of old, who not only lost his locks but was also shorn of his strength and because he wist not that the Spirit had departed from him, he went out and shook himself as aforetime; but that was all he could do, his power was gone: So may we keep on shaking ourselves, but without Holiness there is no power to convict or save souls. But someone says, where shall we begin to emphasize this truth?

Well, in as much as the preacher is the key man to success in our churches, it would seem that it must begin with him. Paul said, so we preached and so ye believed. I fear that we have had preachers in the holiness movement which have not only been useless as builders, but have been a positive hindrance to those who were preaching holiness.

We have known those who did accept the doctrine, or theory of Holiness of heart and life, who never seemed to give evidence of having obtained the experience of Holiness after they were converted. And because they did not enjoy the experience, they never could preach it with a power and enthusiasm that was necessary to make others see their need or get hungry for the Blessing. Hence, no one was ever known to obtain the experience under their ministry. And these folk who accept the theory and never get the Blessing are not all confined to the ministry, for we have hundreds I fear of lay members in our churches who are in the same class.

Some of them often say: I believe in living the life of holiness and if we do this we won't need to say much about it. It is true we need to emphasize this truth in our living, and unless we do practice the truth of holiness, our testimony and preaching will not be very forceful. We want to say also that one cannot live the life of holiness, without the heart experience. You may live a morally respectable life, and come far short of holiness. Our Lord told the Scribes and Pharisees that they had that: He said you are like whited sepulchres; you appear beautiful in the eyes of men: but inwardly you are full of rottenness, and all uncleanness.

Jesus called them hypocrites, although he admitted that their outward life was above reproach. He said, you have made clean the outside of the cup and platter, but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness. Luke 11-39.

And we are sometimes made to think that these Pharisaical good folk who boast of their righteous living while they speak slightly of or ignore the doctrine of heart holiness, haven't got so much to boast about either. For when you displease them they will show very definite symptoms of sin, or depravity in their hearts, which sometimes breaks out on them, in manifestations of carnal anger, jealousy, and back-biting. They need the very thing that they are rejecting—Holiness.

We need to emphasize holiness in our preaching and testimony as well as in our living, because very few will go beyond, in experience, what they hear in preaching and testimony. Of course we need to preach it with a humble, kindly spirit. It is a shame, and a hindrance to preach the experience of perfect love or holiness with a harsh spirit. So in conclusion, let me say, if a preacher is getting his bread and butter, and shelter from a so-called holiness body, in order to be strictly honest he should not simply refer to, but earn-

estly preach and emphasize the doctrines and tenets of that church. If he cannot do so with freedom and blessing on his own soul, then he should confess his need, pray through and get the Blessing, or, do something else. Let all the people say, Amen!

### IN CHINA

Japan hasn't "a Chinaman's chance" to win its war with China, in the opinion of Dr. Lin Yutang, noted Chinese author, who recently returned to this country after a long stay in Chungking, capital of Free China. Dr. Yutang declares that if the United States will give his country only a small fraction of what it is spending on rearmament, "we will finish off Japan for you." He said that an unspectacular and unpublicized "all front" war is being fought by China and that it is having disastrous effects on Japan's campaign. According to his own "conservative estimate," the Japanese are suffering 40,000 casualties a month. "Japan has definitely reached exhaustion in man power," he declared. "We are fighting reservists of over forty now." The Chinese military leaders call the present situation a "technical stalemate," but Dr. Yutang says it is a costly stalemate for the Japanese, "and so advantageous for us that you hear of mediation offers and peace moves." The factors contributing to Chinese success, he explained, are "absolute solidarity" of the people at the rear, with good soldiers at the front who "just don't think anything of the Japanese;" good leaders who have the implicit faith of the people; four successive years of "wonderful crops," while in the last year all of Japanese-occupied China has faced famine; and, lastly, the corruption and lack of discipline of the Japanese soldiers, particularly the officers. Dr. Yutang went to China to see if it deserved the pennies of poor Chinese laundrymen here, but testifies that he came back "thrilled and inspired. proud of my nation."—Methodist Recorder.

### MODERN FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE

China is the greatest buyer of the Holy Scriptures of any country on earth. Last year she bought 8,705,616 volumes, and in spite of the war her purchases of the whole Bibles were the largest in her history. When it was found impossible, in the fall of 1937, to get the books through the lines west of Shanghai where the most of the publishing was done, printing was begun at Hangkow. When Hangkow fell, the American Bible Society began to publish away out in Chungking.

Where are the Gilbert Islands? A good one for "Information Please." They are 1,000 miles south of Hawaii. Eighty years ago, missionaries settled among the savage people of these far-off coral reefs where today half of the 35,000 people are Christians, and everyone lives on the higher moral and social levels of what we call Christian civilization. Only two boats stop at the Gilbert Islands each year, so it saves six months to order Bibles by radio. The Gilbertese must have their Bibles.

The Bible is one of the great facts of life, like the sun and moon. It originated in antiquity, and yet it is the best seller in England, America, China, Brazil and in many other countries. There are localities in the world where it is virtually the only book obtainable, and everywhere it is loved.—American Bible Society.