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## EDITORIAL

### GOD'S PRICE FOR A REVIVAL

(Continued)

If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land. II. Chron. 7:14.

You will note that God puts the responsibility of a revival on His people, the church. He says: If my people, etc. The first thing he demands of His people is that they "humble themselves." This is not a pleasant thing for anyone to do perhaps, but it is a part of the price that God demands. We might suggest some things that some people would need to do if they humbled themselves. They might need to make some confessions regarding a lack in their spiritual condition. Perhaps some who once were interested in the cause of God and the salvation of souls, who carried a burden for others and were zealous of good works, have come to a time when they find it easy to absent themselves from the prayer-meeting and other spiritual services, because they say that they are so busy, etc. They have lost the spirit of sacrifice, which everyone possesses who loves God with all his heart. And although these folk who have seen better spiritual days, will not admit that they have lost ground, their friends and acquaintances can see very plainly that they have. These dear self-deceived folks will need to humble themselves, by confessing that they are back-slidden in heart in order to get back to God, and this would be the beginning of the revival.

Others who have been passing along as holiness people, and are members of so-called holiness churches would need to confess that while they have accepted the theory and doctrine of holiness, they have never enjoyed the heart experience, for they have never made a complete consecration of their all to God, and have not been crucified with Christ, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Hence they are formal and lukewarm in their devotions and service toward God. It would give great impetus to the Church of which they are members and to the work of God in general if these folk would confess their true condition, humble themselves, and pray through to sanctifying grace. Still others might need to confess that they have held hardness in their hearts against

some of God's children, which has dried up the streams of their soul, so that they no longer enjoy the promised "Seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." They need to pray through till their hearts melt and the hardness disappears. We think that these would be steps toward a real revival or paying part of the price which God demands. We may say more on this subject later.—H. S. D.

Jesus Christ is the condescension of Divinity and the exaltation of humanity.—Phillips Brooks.

Christ did not come into the world merely as a teacher, a lawgiver, or a reformer, but primarily as a Saviour, and we must never forget that the fact of man's redemption is wrapped up in Christ's Incarnation.—W. W. Bustard.

## A MESSAGE FOR TODAY

C. H. Spurgeon

"And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."—Isaiah 2:4.

Oh, that these happy times were come! At present the nations are heavily armed, and are inventing weapons more and more terrible, as if the chief end of man could only be answered by restoring myriads of his fellows. Yet peace will prevail one day; yes, and so prevail that the instruments of destruction shall be beaten into other shapes and used for better purposes. How will this come about—By trade? By civilization? By arbitration? We do not believe it. Past experience forbids our trusting to means so feeble. Lasting peace will be established only by the reign of the Prince of Peace. He must teach the people by His spirit, renew their hearts by His grace, and reign over them by His supreme power, and then will they cease to wound and kill. Man is a monster when once his blood is up, and only the Lord Jesus can turn this lion into a lamb. By changing man's heart, his blood-thirsty passions are removed. Let every reader of this book of promises offer special prayer today to the Lord and Giver of Peace, that He would speedily put an end to war, and establish concord over the whole world.

But what about the believer's inward experience? Jesus, our blessed Lord, is also our peace; let us repose in Him this day; and end our fears

That same God who rides upon the storm in days of tempest, will also rule the hurricane of our tribulations, and send us before for storms, of peace.

We shall have strength for storms, and songs for fair weather. Let us begin to sing at once unto God our strength and our peace. Away dark thoughts! Up, faith and hope!—Exchange.

When the best of men look at the Lord Jesus Christ, they are swift to realize that all their righteousness is as filthy rags. They can see that even their most notable achievements leave them in the state of unprofitable servants. Judged by His perfect life, their lives must be seen to come far short of the divine requirements. Consequently, any standard of comparison less than the holy standard of the sinless Son of God, must lead us to conclusions which, in every way, are unsound.—Life of Faith.

## THE UNEXPECTED IS HAPPENING

J. B. Chapman

There is no use for the average person to claim that he anticipated the happenings of the present moment in the history of the world. The only one who can claim this and be consistent is the one who never has said anything about the matter at all. I have read books and heard sermons and lectures on "The Signs of the Times" for around forty years now, and I have preached sermons and given lectures on this theme. But the unexpected is happening. According to my own view of the divine calendar, much of what is going on today should have come after the rapture of the saints at the Second Coming of the Lord—and many saints in lands less fortunate than our own must be yet more impressed by the seeming unseasonableness of the world-weather. And every indication is that we are in for yet more and more terrible tribulations—except His coming be indeed at the door.

This is no time for one to enlarge upon the trend of affairs among the nations. Wishful thinking has tremendous weight on the interpretations of patriots, and fear serves to unbalance the morbid and pessimistic. Any word about the outcome of the present world conflict is more likely to do harm than good. It is even well that we should keep in mind the high possibility that we can lose this war, and that many of the political gains of a thousand years can be swept away during the night. Our duty is to labor and to wait. Light optimism is just as likely to hurt as excessive casting of shadow. Even politicians urge a holiday on party politics. Preachers and church people do well to let the scope include national and international politics. I will be ready to do this when I have said just this one word: I do not believe any one knows how this world struggle is coming out and what we shall have in the way of a political and economic world when it is over: I yield to neither preacher, politician nor scientist on this subject—I do not believe any of them know.

But we still have the blessed, blessed Word of God upon which to rest our feet. The promise is that Jesus Christ will come back to this world again—that He shall come amidst tumbling thrones and breaking scepters. That promise is just as valid today as ever in the past, and its fulfillment is, in the nature of things, nearer now than ever before. Let all who are saved and cleansed from sin lift up their heads and know that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh, and that our final salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. "Maranatha! (1 Corinthians 16:22) The Lord cometh!"—Herald of Holiness.

## FIRST THINGS FIRST

We may rest fully assured of this: a man's influence in the world can be gauged not by his eloquence, or his zeal, or his energy, or his orthodoxy, but by his prayers.

We may work for Christ from the morn until night; we may spend much time in Bible study; we may be earnest and faithful and "acceptable" in our preaching and in our individual dealing—but none of these can be truly effective unless we are much in prayer. To be little with God in prayer is to be little for God in service. Much secret prayer means much public power. Yet it is not a fact that while our organizing is well-nigh perfect, our agonizing in prayer is well-nigh lost?—Sel.