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### EDITORIAL

"A Chain is Only as Strong as Its Weakest Link."

For whosoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.— James 2-10.

One does not need to be a philosopher to understand the old saying about the chain: Everyone knows that a chain may have a hundred links, and 99 of them may be strong enough to hold up a ton weight, but if one link in the chain was so weak that it would only support ten lbs., then ten lbs. is the strength of the chain. And the apostle James seems to have had this thought in mind when he wrote the foregoing words in his epistle.

The Holy Spirit who inspired the Apostle to write knows the weaknesses of humanity. He knows that even professing Christians are likely to magnify their virtues or strong points of character, and minimize or ignore their weaknesses which are in reality like the weak link in the chain, the true test of our strength of character.

The apostle says in this epistle that God gave us all the commandments. See verse 11. The Holy Spirit is the author of all the Bible, therefore you cannot keep those commandments which you find easy to keep, and break or ignore other commands and be just before God: for if we break one command we become transgressors of the law; we have broken the chain.

Because of our constitutional differences, some things in life which have a strong appeal to some souls, are no temptation to others. Hence the weak link in the chain does not appear in the same place in all characters.

Now in this same chapter of his epistle, James has given us the criterion, the standard, or the rule, by which we can try all our acts. He calls it the Royal Law, see verse 8. If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scriptures, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," ye do well. That is if we apply that rule to all our thoughts, words and deeds and fulfill it, we will not break the chain, for we have kept all the laws of God which according to the words of Jesus is comprehended in the Golden Rule. For instance, here is a man who professes to be a Christian and is recognized by people as such; he meets his financial obligations with his creditors so that business men have confidence in him. He lives a clean moral life, attends church and Sunday school quite regularly, and seems to enjoy religious services,

perhaps holds an office, such as deacon, or Sunday school superintendent, or maybe a teacher of a class, and is a member of the church in good standing. But, he has a strong desire for money, so much so, that when he gets money he finds it exceedingly hard to part with it, especially when he is asked to give to the church to help to bear its financial burdens. Perhaps there are only a few members who are supporting the church, and some of them are very poor and are not nearly as able financially to give as our good friend of whom we speak. He knows that the church must be supported, but he is willing to let those who are much less able than he, to carry the burdens, and to pay a large part of what he ought to pay while he and his family enjoy equal privileges with others in the church, just because it is not compulsory for him to pay to the cause of God, like he would be compelled to pay one of his ordinary debts. He lets his poor brothers in the church pay his bills. How does this man look in the light of the Royal Law? Is he loving his neighbor, or brother as himself? Has he not broken the chain of commandments because his weak link was love of money, or lack of generosity? And according to James, because he has offended in one point, he is as surely condemned by the law of God, as if he had broken all the other commands, or were a liar or a thief.

Or, this good church-member may be a preacher, who is a good man, and has a good deal of ability in the pulpit; has many strong points of character, and has been quite successful in his calling for several years, for when he was young he was very zealous for the cause of the Lord; he worked hard, called a great deal and prayed in homes and encouraged the people in the community to come out to church, and gave himself to the study of the Word, and prayer. Hence was successful in building up the Church of Christ. He did not get much money for his services, yet was happy and contented in his service for his Lord. But, as he grew in favor with the people to whom he ministered, he received more money for his work, and as money increased, there also seemed to be an increase in his love for it, but a corresponding decline in his zeal and work to reach and save lost souls.

As he grew older he spent less time in Bible study and prayer, and depended more on his own ability and what he had learned than he did upon God for fresh anointing on his soul and fresh revelations on the Word. He spent more time in leisure, in fishing or hunting, or working at secular work to bring in a few more dollars. But he still demanded his church and people that they pay him a full time salary, notwithstanding he is not giving them nearly as much in service as he did in former years; and sometimes in demanding what he calls his rights in pay for his services, some others who are involved have to do without theirs. Now if his church members have to work all the time in order to meet their obligations and to support him, can that preacher meet the requirements of the Royal Law and do less? Can he take more than he gives and love his neighbor as himself? Remember if he does not treat other men as he would have them treat him in money matters, that a weak link in his chain has broken, which also brings to our attention again the warning of the apostle Paul written to Timothy. "The love of money is

the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." According to this warning, it seems as if a preacher's love for money can become so strong that he will lose his self-respect, pose as one in great need, when he really is not, take that for which he has not labored, and does not really need. It will grow stronger, while his zeal wanes, and the glory fades from his ministry. And the love of money may become the most potent factor in his downfall. "The root of all evil." Let us all beware! We may examine some other links in this chain in a later issue.

### REDEDICATION SERVICES

Sunday, June 7th, began a new chapter for our church at Killam's Mills, for it was the opening of the now completed church building. For years the congregation had worshipped in the unfinished building with its bare boards and rafters, not ideal surroundings to worship the God of all grace. It seemed impossible to complete the work because of the hard times and losses through death and backsliding. Now that is all past. Here stands a holiness church as neat and trim as can be found anywhere. The material used was Sheetrock finish and the color combination is white ceiling, buff walls and dark brown trim, floor light brown and stained woodwork.

The membership is not large, nor possessed of much earthly goods, but the thing that made this work possible was the determination and willingness of everyone to go ahead and finish the job. This is a good example of what faith and courage can do. The expense was more than estimated, due to increased cost of materials, the total cost being over three hundred and fifty dollars.

The committee in charge consisted of Brothers Taylor and Geo. Steeves. Their work was very satisfactory to the church. They and others contributing many days of labor which kept the cost down. Mrs. Noah Hicks left the church seventy-five dollars for this purpose which was a great help. Special mention should be made of the generosity of Mr. Henry Fawcett, son of Deacon Fawcett, who gave the paint for the floor and twenty dollars reduction on the lumber bill. Others responded well and the money came in. In all my experience I have never seen anything accomplished with such a total absence of fuss and trouble. Everything went through smoothly and without a hitch.

The opening services will never be forgotten by many of us. We were glad to have with us Brother Owens, our Alliance President, and Brother Cochrane and many from Salem, Head of Millstream, Moncton and other places. Overflowing crowds attended the afternoon and evening services. The dedicatory service was held at 2.30 p. m. Brother Owens preaching an inspiring sermon suitable to the occasion. Brother Cochrane offered the prayer of dedication. A goodly sum of money was raised which practically cleared up the remaining indebtedness. In the evening Brother Cochrane brought a stirring message followed by testimonies from many. Special singing was rendered by two trios, which were enjoyed by the large audiences. May we as holiness people keep the banner high and continue to march ahead confident that God, who has begun a good work in us will finish it. Amen!

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