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EDITORIAL

THE DEVIL OF TODAY (Continued)

Whom resist steadfast in the faith.—I Pet. 5-9.

There is another method that satan seems to be using in trying to defeat God's people these days. He is trying to undermine their faith and thus discourage them, and a discouraged soul is a defeated soul. He knows Scripture, sometimes quotes portions of it, and by a wrong application of the same, he tries to deceive us, as he tried to deceive our Lord in the time of his temptation, and thus get us to take a wrong attitude, or do the wrong thing.

Satan knows that God has promised His people great and mighty things if we have faith in God. Hence his reason for trying to undermine our faith. In doing this he would have us believe that he is greater in power than he really is. It is well for us to recognize the fact that he is powerful, subtle, and a wily foe. If we underestimate his ability, we won't make the necessary effort to overcome him, and he will easily defeat us. On the other hand, if we overestimate his power, which thing he would like to have us do, he will discourage us, and I think that is one way that he is working today. There is so much evil in the world, war among so many nations, which is destroying so many lives, and so much property; the manufacture and sale of beer and strong drink (by our own so-called Christian nations) which is the cause of a great deal of crime of every kind, and is making drunkards of so many of our young people; the loss of spiritual power, with formality, and social service as a substitute in many religious societies; these are all evidences of the devil's power working among us. All these things tend to depress God's people. No true child of God can think long on war and all its attendant evils without being greatly distressed in mind and soul.

And we believe that the enemy would keep us thinking on all these evils, and magnifying them, until we lose sight of Jesus and His power. He would have us thinking that this present evil world is so bad, that it is beyond redemption, that there is no remedy, and so discourage us, and undermine our faith in a great and good God.

I am persuaded that these are days when God's people need to look up, exercise a vital and living faith in God, and remember that,

while satan is mighty, God is Almighty; that satan is a defeated foe, and cannot go beyond the permission of our God. This fact was demonstrated in his dealings with Job. He could not afflict Job without God's permission. We need to remember also that this poor old world has seen some very dark times before, but when a few people who had faith in God, humbled themselves, and cried unto Him, He heard and sent deliverance. There was a time when God's great prophet of old, Elijah, thought that the cause of righteousness was lost, and all God's people were either dead or backslidden, and he became so discouraged that he ran away into a wilderness, lay down under a juniper tree and requested that he might die. But God in mercy came, fed him and encouraged his over-worked, weary servant, with the good news that the cause was not lost, for he had seven thousand left who had not bowed the knee to Baal.

I have discovered that people are likely to judge world conditions by local conditions, so if the cause of righteousness and true holiness is not prospering, and the spiritual tide is at low ebb where we live, the enemy would make us believe that it is so everywhere. It might serve as an inspiration to God's people and a tonic for their faith to remember that God has a great many devout, faithful souls who are holding on to Him in prayer and believing him for better days. If all the people of the various holiness groups the world over were brought together in one great company, and if we could see the thousands of preachers who are preaching the doctrines of full salvation and deliverance from sin, and hear the tens of thousands of voices singing the praises of God for victory over sin, no doubt we would forget, for a time at least, all this war, crime and evil, and think that the millennium had come. But though God's faithful and true people are scattered over the whole face of the earth (like men scatter salt over food to preserve it) and in many instances are far apart, yet He knows where they all are, His eye is upon them, and His ears are opened to their cries for peace and better days. One of these days, in answer to the prayers of the faithful, "God will make wars to cease unto the end of the earth, He will break the bow, and cut the spear in sunder, and burn the chariot in the fire." And I believe if "we are not weary in well doing, in due season we shall reap if we faint not," and we will see a great revival of salvation again that will turn many to righteousness before Jesus comes to take the Judgment Throne.

We cannot understand yet why God permits wars to rage, and crime and evil to continue so long; but we must remember that He is still on the throne. If we look up, and still declare our faith in His wisdom, goodness, and power, and praise Him that, while earthly kingdoms are tottering and falling, "We have received a kingdom which cannot be moved." And as the apostle says, "let us have grace whereby we may serve Him acceptably with reverence and godly fear, for our God is a consuming fire." We will find, I think, that it will help us much, and others also, to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering. Let us talk faith, and thus magnify the power of God. In conclusion let us say:

"Have faith in God," and "pray without ceasing."—H. S. D.

Trials, temptations, disappointments, all these—are helps instead of hindrances, if one uses them rightly.

"TELL ALL AMERICA TO GO TO ITS KNEES!"

The above are the words of a young lieutenant "in the United States Army on some far-off battle-front" to his sister in Pennsylvania. The letter is headed "The Wilds of Nowhere, the Land of Death and Destruction." It was received September 3rd, 1942.

Omitting parts of the letter, and with slight changes in some of the sentences (but in no way taking from the message) the following is the story of "A Lieutenant's Miraculous Escape from Death."

When he knew he was going over, he said he was going armed with his Bible. It was of small size, and he kept it in his breast pocket. He writes:

"My buddy and I were sent out in the work I told you before was our job. We had just received important information. When the enemy discovered us, I gave my buddy the information, told him to 'beat it,' and turned to face them. It was the first time I had been faced with the necessity of pointing my gun at a man. I thought fast, then prayed, 'Lord, it's your responsibility now.' My buddy had not obeyed my order. As I reached for my carbine, a shot from one of them struck me in the breast and blasted me down. Thinking I was dead my pal jumped and grabbed my carbine as well as his own, stood astride my body, blasting away with both guns. He received three bullet wounds in his knees; but when he finished, there was not one of them left. He was amazed when I rolled over, and tried to get up. The force of that bullet had only stunned me. Dazed, wondering why, I pulled my Bible out of my pocket, and in utter muteness, looked at the ugly hole in the cover. It had ripped through Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, on through the other books—and kept going. Where do you think it stopped? In the middle of the 91st Psalm, pointing like a finger to this verse:

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

"Sis, when I read that verse, it raised me three feet off the ground! I did not know such a verse was in the Bible. I had read mostly in the New Testament. I read the rest of that Psalm, and in utter humility I said, 'Thank you, precious God,' and felt like a little boy that had escaped from the mouth of an enemy of prey.

"When I got my buddy back to the post, he said, 'I've had enough. This convinces me. Come on—I want to get right with God, starting now.'"

Then he tells how his buddy said, "Nothing matters now but this," and refused to let them tend his wounds, but stayed on his knees until he was saved. Then he said he jumped over bunks, and even ran outside and shouted it to the whole camp. Continuing, we quote in part:

"Since I've given my heart to God I talk, pray and hold meetings with the boys, and God has given me twenty-five souls who have prayed through and come out for Him. God led me to go after my General, and I stuck until he was grounded, and he came through! It took a long time. He was so dignified. The Spirit of God hovered over that tent with a glimmering, golden haze. I tell you, Sis, prayer is going to win this war—not guns alone—fervent, agonizing prayer! God is bringing them in one by one. Think of it—one hundred twenty men and one General in one regiment! When that happens, this unit will be uncon-