

it means a pure heart; it means a kind, loving disposition; it means humility and charity; it means a generous appreciation of others, and a modest opinion of self.—Thackeray.

PROVERBS ON PRAYER

"Life in prayer brings death to care." Fretting never goes with faith.

"Strength is better than length in prayer."

"You cannot wrestle with God and wrangle with your neighbor."

"See the face of God before you see the face of man." A mere formal sentence or two of hurried supplication is not seeing the face of God.

"Empty your bucket before you draw from the well." God fills the empty. Most people are too full of self to get much from the Lord.

"Prayer should be pillared on promises and pinnacled with praises." —Christian Standard.

One chaplain in a certain area of the army found that only one soldier out of every twenty could recite the Lord's Prayer.

The actions of men are the best interpreters of their thoughts.—Locke.

Laziness travels so slowly that poverty soon overtakes him.—Benjamin Franklin.

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THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

THE WORD OF HUMAN CARE

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Text: John 19:26-27: "Woman behold thy son." "Behold thy mother."

It is drawing near to Good Friday and the hour that we commemorate the crucifixion and death of our Lord. While hanging on the Cross, He spoke the words of our text.

We note that these words had to do especially with Jesus, His mother and John the Beloved.

It is the picture of One in great pain and anguish of body and soul, and of another in great anguish of heart and mind.

Jesus was in great pain and one would think it enough for Him to be taken up with His own sufferings, but His life had been one of continuous thoughtfulness of others. It was said of Him that "He went everywhere doing good."

Now while one great support was being removed from His mother, we find that Love, both in Jesus and John, raised up another. "Woman, behold thy son." "Behold thy mother."

Jesus knew the heart pangs his mother was enduring, but He who is the author of grace, proved to her that His grace was sufficient for her, even in this trial. Mary bore this hour, with its trial and sorrow, with true Christian fortitude, being supported by her Lord.

Now this scene is made possible because of true soul foundation work, not only in Jesus, but in Mary and John. What other philosophy has ever produced such moral and spiritual qualities as we see exhibited here? Hate, or the spirit of anti-Christ, could never and has never produced such qualities as these.

If we will, we can learn a lesson from the results of the teaching of hate that dominates the youth of Germany and others today.

You must reckon that while love is a

mighty force in the life of one, hate, the exact opposite, is the passion of unregenerate hearts and has the power to bend to its command, all the mental and physical possibilities of men, making them inhuman monsters, who delight in inflicting pain, and is able, with small compunction, to turn them from their own parents.

Paul in speaking to Timothy (2 Tim. 3:1-8) gives a description of the product of the anti-Christ philosophy. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemous, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God," etc.

You need only to read of the ragings of these, to realize anew, to what depths of sin man is able to fall. Satan has discovered, to human hearts all over the world, fresh depths of iniquity whereby to defile them. How his purposes need to be defeated now and strong spiritual forces brought to bear upon the object of his hate, **man**, until he is defeated on the battle-field of the human heart.

Satan brings sorrow and woe to every heart whose way of life is wrong, and whoever is deceived by his false teachings is in the greatest misery.

A while ago I read of a naturalized Italian, living in Chicago, who sent his son abroad for post graduate work. After his son had been away a year the tone of his letters changed and the parents became concerned over Anthony's welfare. The father went to visit his son, but couldn't find him. Instead of a courteous young man, he found an overbearing, discourteous young whelp who delighted in walking along the streets pushing and jostling old folks, talking insultingly to young women. The father was able to get his son to accompany him back home, but he said he didn't get his real son back until three months passed, when through right home influences and Christian teaching, Anthony became Anthony again.

The teaching of the philosophy of hate will produce this same result no matter in what land or clime it is taught.

I was conducting revival services one time and one of the deacons of that church told me this story:

An elderly gentleman, because of circumstances, had to live in his son's home. The time had come when he could no longer earn his living and had to depend on his son. His son's wife was irked by this extra burden and scolded and sputtered at her husband until he told his dad he would have to go to the poor-house. It wasn't so far away, so they started to walk. The old gentleman's strength failed and he stopped and rested on a flat rock by the side of the road. In a few moments he began to cry and sob. His son thinking he dreaded going to the poor farm, tried to tell him it wouldn't be so bad. His dad looked up and between sobs said: "Son, I was just thinking that 40 years ago I led my dad along this road to the poor-house and he rested on this same rock." The lesson got home to the young man and he straightway took his father back home and saw to his care and well-being.

It is a wonderful thing that when men and women let Christ come into their hearts and live by his teachings they are able to meet

the moral, the spiritual, as well as the financial obligations of life.

Jesus, by his divine power in the heart of John, provided for His own mother in a far better way than if he had left her talents of gold and silver, for John had love to offer. Though the cattle on a thousand hills were His and the gold in mines was His, He had no earthly wealth to leave His mother. Judas had gone with the money bag. His garments had been divided among the soldiers and they even at this time were casting lots for his cloak. Lord of all and yet leaving nothing for his mother, by way of earthly goods. Nothing, did I say? Ah, no, Christ had provided well for her, for John had heart-room for her! Not only was John remembering the letter of the commandment, of honoring thy father and thy mother, but from his heart came the welcome home, where love reigned supreme.

The world is reeling under the sledge hammer blows of hate, envy and strife. May we in this crucible and trial emulate the Master and make possible the sending of food-stuffs and clothing to the countries that have millions destitute of the necessities of life: "for if we seeing our brother have need and shut up our bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in us?"

And with this same open-handedness, let us tell the story again of Jesus and His love, showing His power to change the lives of men, so they can live to be a "Praise to Him in the earth."

Oh, let us under the inspiration of this scene, as we look upon our Lord's sufferings for us, seeing His love and thoughtfulness for His mother in the hour of His great trial, determine to "live by the faith of the Son of God who loved us and gave Himself for us." Let us then speak the considerate word, hush our voices if prone to belittle, lend the helping hand and live in the glory of this hour all the days of our life.

Shall we do it, God helping us?

Let us ask the Holy Ghost to purge away the dross of carnality, that we may live nobly in His sight, and in our occupying till He comes again, that we at the close of life's day may hear Him say: "You have been loving, kind and considerate to the least of these my brethren," you have honored my sufferings for you, the Holy Ghost has applied the **double cure** to your soul's deep need, therefore "Come then ye blessed of my Father, enter into the joys of your Lord."

The Word and Work of Human Care. Let us show forth the fruits of the Spirit, that men may know we have been with our Lord.

Let the strong help the weak and not crush them. Amen!

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SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

v What a needy age we live in! Let us note some figures. We are told that eighty per cent of the world is involved in war; eight per cent of our American folk go to church in the morning; about two per cent go at night; still a smaller number go to prayer meeting. About 70,000,000 in our own United States are not connected with any body of religious people, Protestant, Catholic, nor Jew.

Could not the 60,000,000 church members, so-called, in America bring about a religious revolution if they would do so? One hundred twenty did something on the day of Pentecost. Are we less responsible than they were in their age?—A. C. W.