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EDITORIAL

A STARTLING DISCOVERY

"Because of your unbelief." That was the simple, searching answer the Master made to the question: "Why could not we cast him out." Not because of the difficult nature of the son's disease, not because of the weakness of the father's faith, but **because of your unbelief**. "For if ye have faith . . . ye shall speak and it shall be done, and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

By this word, Christ sweeps away the refuge in which the embarrassed disciples sought to take shelter. They sensed the weakness of their excuses when, in reply to the father's tearful plea, "If thou canst do anything . . . help us." Christ said with evident surprise, "If I can! Why everything is possible to him who believes!"—(Weymouth)

It is so human, and so easy to bow ourselves out of responsibility in respect to our failures in the Lord's work. There are so many plausible explanations for the meagre church attendance, the lack of glory and power in the regular meetings, the barren altars and lack of soul-saving miracles. If we are content with excuses we shall continue to multiply them while the godless perish. The turning point comes when we scrap humanistic explanations and accept the Bible indictment. It may be shocking at first, but the jar will arouse us to faith, action and victory.

The challenging message of the Gospel, the inspiring example of the pioneers of Christian endeavour is that however great the need we face, we have a God who is greater. Christ calls a group of common, unlettered men from the ordinary pursuits of life and lays on them the tremendous task of evangelizing the world. With no church buildings, no finances, no social and ecclesiastical prestige, they are entrusted with the launching of the greatest enterprise of history. And it is perfectly evident that they were expected to succeed. "Go ye . . . preach . . . baptize. The world will hate you, the church will persecute you, the agents of Satan will seek your life, to destroy it, but be of good cheer. I have overcome, so will you. Be not afraid, only believe." And they did succeed! With nothing in their favour by way of human advantage, and with everything against them, they dared to believe "what God had promised He was able also to perform." They were not ignorant of the difficulties they faced; they had opportunity to sense their awful reality at Calvary. An untoward generation, a hostile church, a

legion of demon powers were against them, but God was for them. That made the difference. That fact gave them faith that literally "laughed at impossibilities and cried 'It shall be done!'"

Every time a servant of God catches this vision, irresistible forces are set in motion. The seas become dry land, the deserts fountains of water. The mountains remove yonder and the armies of the alien are put to flight. Armed with the dynamic of a living faith, "inadequate men are always doing impossible things, and ordinary men achieve extraordinary results." "Believest thou this?" All things are possible!

THINKING RIGHT

By the Associate Editor

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Phil. 4-8.

Some one has said that what the door is to a building, the mind, or intellect is to the soul: The entrance way. Hence, when we would keep objectional things or persons out, we close or guard the door. The apostle Paul seems to agree with this idea. In the verse preceding our text, he writes: "And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep (guard) your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." So we conclude that in order for sin to get into our hearts, and to express itself in our words and actions, it must come through our minds or thoughts: We won't commit sin until first we think sin.

Perhaps few of us realize what an important part our thoughts play in the defeat or preservation of our souls. The wise man said: "As he thinketh in his heart so is he." Evidently the thoughts that we harbor and dwell upon will have much to do with our actions and moulding our characters.

Our Lord also taught that all the evils or sins that men are guilty of have their beginnings in their thoughts. See Mark 7. Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, etc. This also brings to our mind another old saying, viz., "Sow a thought and reap an act; sow an act and reap a habit; sow a habit, and reap a character; sow a character, and reap a destiny." There seems to be a difference between evil thoughts, and thoughts of evil. Thoughts of evil may come from things without, may be suggested to us by things we see, and hear which we are not responsible for. Hence, are not sinful in themselves, but evil thoughts are within us. We invite them in, harbor them, and dwell upon them, and look for chances to give expression to them in our actions, and words: These evil thoughts we sometimes call motives. And according to the teachings of Jesus we are judged by our motives. See Mat. 5:28. Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Now the apostle would have us know that if we would keep right, we must think right; we must keep our minds filled with good thoughts to keep evil thoughts out. Hence, the text, whatsoever things are true, and honest, and just and pure, and lovely, and of good report, and if there be any virtue, and any praise, think on these things. And in conclusion let us note, that reading good literature will furnish us food for good thoughts, or right thinking.—H. S. Dow.

LOVING TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MRS. S. A. BAKER (Continued from Page 8)

the Cross, a wonderful leader inspired by the power of God to great achievements. We have been in her home at times when she was called upon to go through deep sorrow—the dear ones whom she loved and reared taken from her in the noon-day of their lives, and then at last her companion, Rev. S. A. Baker, who on April 24th, his 70th birthday, said in the columns of *The King's Highway*: "It is certainly a mountain peak (not a valley) from which I might view the past, and with a joyful heart anticipate the future," saying in closing that he felt like sitting down and singing "The Last Mile of the Way." Now his loved one has gone the last mile of the way. She had Christ's joy that endured in the midst of sorrow—she could smile in affliction—she could sing in the midst of adversity—she knew the joy of the Lord as her strength. She has joined her loved ones and the numberless host—our own dear sainted mother having gone on before her. They have left to us precious and sacred memories of lives spent in His service, coming to the end of the road unafraid to go out to meet the God whom they have loved and whom they so faithfully served. "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

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FULL SALVATION

The blessing of holiness is a conscious experience. One cannot have it and not know it, any more than he can love or hate, suffer or enjoy, and not know it. The work wrought in the individual is deeper and often more apparent than in his own conversion, as is evident:

In the complete consecration; in the inward rest of the soul; in the permanent peace; in the greater joy; in the new liberty of service; in the sense of inward cleanliness; in the deeper measure of love.

In the love for all holiness people; in the closer communion with God; in the witness of the Holy Spirit to entire cleansing.

It is utterly beyond question for one to have such feelings and desires and aspirations and not to recognize them.

Holiness is an experience which more than any other satisfactorily enables one to use his condition, place and surroundings for God. One may be:

Peaceful in prosperity; at rest in adversity; victorious in persecution; rejoicing in sickness and suffering; earnest in living; and happy in dying.—War Cry.

THIS UTMOST SALVATION

Why should any man of reason and religion be either afraid of, or averse to salvation from all sin? Is not sin the greatest evil on this side of hell, and if so, does it not naturally follow that an entire deliverance from it is one of the greatest blessings on this side of heaven? How earnestly then should it be prayed for by all the children of God! By sin I mean a voluntary transgression of a known law. Are you averse to being delivered from this? Are you afraid of such a deliverance? Do you then love sin, that you are unwilling to part with it? Surely not. You do not love either the devil or his works. You rather wish to be totally delivered from them; to have sin rooted out of both your life and your heart. —John Wesley, in *Christian Perfection*.