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EDITORIAL

Error—the Fruit of Unbelief. When we “draw back” from truth we expose ourselves to the danger of imbibing error. “If only man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God . . .” Here knowledge and spiritual understanding are linked with obedience. The contrary implication of this Scripture is that if we fail to do His will we may be unable to discriminate properly between doctrines of God and those of men.

It is significant that the “eternal security” error is most generally embraced and most zealously propagated by the individuals and groups which most staunchly and consistently denounce the doctrine of heart holiness. The “fundamentalist” wing of the church, the group which has gone “all out” for the Calvinistic “once in grace always in grace” theory are as ardent in their denial of the possibility of sin being removed from the heart as they are in espousing the teaching that once saved we cannot be lost. It is something of a strong mixture of doctrines to zealously preach that if one is saved they cannot “fall from grace” and in the next breath declare that we cannot expect to be kept from falling into sin.

If we reject truth, we shall embrace error. It may take time for the great Deceiver to carry us from the negative to the positive, but the process is inevitable. We cannot be neutral or indifferent toward any scriptural truth without peril, and if we are wilfully rejectful the acceptance of some erroneous teaching is all but certain.

In our times, with so many “isms” and unscriptural emphasis abroad, we will do well to heed the injunction of the inspired writer, “but the truth and sell it not.” A host of people are being deluded into the “salvation in sin” doctrine of modern day Calvinists, and are erecting a false refuge for themselves which shall collapse and be swept away when “the rains descend and the floods come.”
May the Spirit guide us into all truth.

WEeping OVER LOST SOULS

By Seth C. Rees

“Rivers of waters run down mine eyes because they keep not thy law.”—Psa. 119:136.
This passage sets forth a condition of in-

tensity of spirit and passion of soul seldom known in the religious world. There is no condition so obnoxious to God as lukewarmness in religion. If a man is cold and dead, he is helpless; and hopelessness always appeals to God. A raw sinner has nothing, professes nothing, and knows not the way. God pities him, follows him, hedges him about, woos him and has mercy upon him. But the lukewarm professor He spews out of His mouth. God loves and pities the cold sinner out on the mountains of sin, but He cannot endure a lukewarm professor.

I. First attention is called to the fact that lukewarmness and indifference are the Christian's greatest enemies. You say, “I thought the devil was the Christian's greatest foe.” When he gets indifference and lukewarmness to work on you, Brother, he can give attention to another job. When Satan is after you with the clatter of hoofs and horns, you are not in nearly the danger that you are when lukewarmness comes round and says, “Now there is a reason in all things. You have other duties, as a business man, or as a neighbor, and you cannot afford to give so much time to prayer, your Bible, and religious activity. You can't afford to make yourself offensive. If you do not use a little tact and sanctified common sense, you will lose your hold on men.” That is the devil talking through his nose. Lukewarmness is more to be dreaded than the heaviest artillery of hell. It steals upon you as noiselessly as the serpent's tread. It gives no warning, excites no fear, and causes no reproach. Open opposition and malicious designing persecution is wholesome compared with a grain of sugar-coated lukewarmness. It does not bring the reproach that open transgression would. It rather lifts you up in the estimation of the worldly. Apostate church members will receive you into their fellowship. Some member of a secret order or lodge may suggest that you join for the strength it will be to your business. When you seek the favor of the world you are backslidden, and when you are cold enough to obtain it you are almost helpless. One thing sure: when you are tame enough for the world to receive you, God will vomit you out of His mouth. When you have proved yourself a harlot by unholy connection with this world, He will have nothing more to do with you until you repent in sackcloth and ashes. You can be wholly backslidden in heart without there being anything noticeably wrong in your life.

II. The only sacrifice that He accepts is a broken and contrite heart, and the only worship is that of a boiling spirit. Man will look with admiration upon a display of pride in religious service, but it is an abomination unto God.

III. Notice the passion of this passage is expressed in Jer. 9:1. “Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people.” I am aware that there are men who can weep as a profession, and make their way with tears: but this is no excuse for a tearless religion. If you suppress tears and draw back into the cold twilight of religion you lose the favor of God. His favor, His divine impress upon us and upon ours is worth more than a thousand worlds. This mechanical, conventional religion is of the devil. A reliable brother speaking of his holiness pastor in Southern

California, said, “The only time I have ever seen him weep was when he wanted a raise in his salary.” We need some weeping prophets.

IV. No metaphor is more frequently used in the Bible than water: water wells, water springs, water fountains, rivers of water, living water, flowing water. The Psalmist says: “Rivers of waters run down mine eyes.” Your tearless and passionless life gives every evidence of your being cooled off. We have altogether too few loud “Amens,” and “Hallelujahs.” It is not the order of Heaven for a few people to do all the shouting and weeping over sinners. You say, “I know a man who shouts and does not live right at home.” So do I, but the best way to smother a bogus shout, is to bury it a mile deep with genuine shouts. I know those who testify who are as empty as a conch shell; but do you suppose that I am going to close up like a clam because some old hypocrite rattles his dry bones? Will you throw away your confidence because you see the dust fly every time some old gossip opens her mouth?

V. Why did he weep? “Because they keep not thy law.” He loved the law of God, and all that violated its sacred precepts brought tears to his eyes and suffering to his heart. There are those who often weep, but it is not over sin. To break down and weep when you are talking about your trials is not weeping over souls. To shed tears in self-pity is not weeping over the lost.

It is no credit to you to weep when you are persecuted. You have that wrong; that is when you are to leap, not weep. We are to weep twice. First, over the lost; second, when they are saved, we weep for joy. There is nothing to weep over when people lie about you. The time to weep is when what they tell on you is true. Repent with tears. If you want to stay hot, keep a safe distance from worldliness, live on your knees, witness every time you have an opportunity, and see that you are tender in your spirit.—Sel

HOLINESS

It breathes in the prophecy
Thunders in the law
Murmurs in the narrative
Whispers in the promises
Supplicates in the prayers
Resounds in the songs
Sparkles in the poetry
Shines in the types
Glow in the imagery
And burns in the whole scheme
From its Alpha to its Omega
Its beginning to its end.
HOLINESS
Holiness needed!
Holiness required!
Holiness offered!
Holiness attainable!
Holiness a present duty
Holiness a present privilege
Holiness a present enjoyment
Is the progress and completeness
Of its wondrous theme.
It is the truth glowing all over
Voicing all through revelation;
Singing and shouting in all its history
And biography, and poetry and prophecy
And precept and promise and prayer
The great central truth of the system.
—Bishop Randolph S. Foster