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## EDITORIAL

### "THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL . . ."

In the life of the Christian, from the earliest days of experience to the last triumphant hour of the last day of development in the maturity of holy character, the will of God should always be the high guiding principle of choice and action.

The perfect adjustment of the attitude of our will to the will of God in the renouncing of sinful pleasures and practices, paves the way for the receiving into our hearts of the sweet peace of justifying grace; a complete abandonment of our will to Him in the renunciation of self, makes possible our receiving of the gracious experience of sanctifying fullness; and the maintaining of our relationship of peace with God, and the retaining in our hearts of the peace of God, as well as progress and growth in spiritual life after we have "left these principles," are constantly dependent on our possessing the spirit of obedience which cries, "Thy will be done."

The demands of His will are not always pleasant in their prospect, but the results of our obedience to the Divine requirements invariably cause us to respect the wisdom and revere the kindness of Him "who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will." The forsaking of the pleasures that endure for a season seems to the penitent to involve great cost, but the rewards of peace with God and sonship in the family of heaven soon cause us to count the things of the world but dross; death to self is a painful process, but the richer, fuller life that is the glorious possession of all who are truly sanctified, makes us to be thankful that we were willing to say the "nevertheless" and go the way of the cross. Consequently, the knowledge of the unerring goodness of His leadings gained through the enlightening influence of the initial experiences in grace, enables us to face life with a new and most beautiful confidence. Our lives are no longer governed by chance but by choice; the incidents that effect us and our personal interests are no more accidental but providential; choices and providences that are regulated by One who seeks to blend the various experiences of life into one triumphant and harmonious whole.

Let us apply this knowledge of the excellent

and unfailing wisdom of the sovereign will of our Father in all life's changes, and especially in those instances and experiences when the "why" of present circumstances is so hard to discover. By this confidence erase those ugly and annoying question marks that haunt you and seek to turn you aside from the pathway of full submission. If your own wisdom would prompt you to make choices that would take you in a different path than that to which He has lead you, engage you in some task other than that which He has chosen for you, or perhaps enable you to escape some affliction that He has permitted to come to you, forget not to consider the operation in your behalf of a wisdom that is infinitely higher and kinder than your own can be. If the hand of God seems heavy upon you, be patient in the heart-assurance of His unchanging goodness and the bearing of this heavy cross will make you stronger in faith and more appreciative of the love of Him who is ever near to share life's burdens with us. Fret not, but trust; doubt not, only believe; for within the shadows of your present, and probably puzzling circumstances, standeth the One who is moulding your destiny, and His face is aglow with love as He "guides you by the skilfulness of His hands."

### EDITORIAL GLEANINGS

#### WE MUST "GO FORWARD"

"The hour has struck!" We are challenged as never before to lift up our eyes and see new areas into which we are to venture in the name of Christ. Shall we boldly go forth to meet the foe, or shall we cringe in fear? That is the issue. Some are so tied to traditional forms that they would prefer adherence to outmoded forms to reaching the masses with the original gospel message. Let us face the facts. The world expects something of the Church. It does not wish the distinction between it and the Church to be obliterated. If it is, it sees nothing in the Church that it does not find elsewhere. But it does expect that if the message of the Church is vital to life today that the methods of the Church shall keep pace with life today — Editor, Wesleyan Methodist.

#### THE SAVING MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

The proneness of any group, especially a church, to become self-satisfied and to settle down to enjoy the fruitage of the sacrifices of others must be guarded against with utmost care. Nothing is quite so impotent, so much of an abnormality as is a self-satisfied church; yet there are hundreds of churches in just that situation today—and they are not all within the ranks of the other denominations.

One writer describes this situation and the tragedy of it in these words; "The besetting sin of organized religion, of every church, is introversion. It haunted the Jewish Church, and called forth the repeated protest and denunciation of the Prophets. It has haunted the Christian Church almost from the first day to this. Introversion is that perversion of the truth which leads men to think that the Church exists for the sake of those who are in it, instead of for the sake of those who are outside it."—Editor, Herald of Holiness.

### GIVE GOD TIME

Patience is one of the cardinal virtues of the Christian life, and one we all may rightly envy. So many Christians are impatient to see results immediately, and some even hold a grudge against God because He delays to answer prayer or to vindicate Himself. Always there have been people like that, puzzled to understand the ways of God and impatient at what they consider the Divine delays. But God is never late by a fraction of a second, and if He withholds His answers it is always for the wisest purpose and the highest good. That delightful writer, Rev. F. W. Boreham, has a pertinent comment on the subject that we would like to pass on to our readers, assured that someone will find in it a message of help.

The late Dr. Jowett said that he was once in a most pitiful perplexity, and consulted Dr. Berry, of Wolverhampton. "What would you do if you were in my place?" he entreated. "I don't know, Jowett. I am not there, and you are not there yet. When do you have to act?" "On Friday," Dr. Jowett replied. "Then you will find your way perfectly clear on Friday. The Lord will not fail you," answered Berry. And, sure enough, on Friday all was plain—Editor, Evangelical Christian.

### THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

#### FOR NATIONAL REVIVAL

About mid-October of 1945, representatives of some twenty evangelical organizations, nationwide in scope, met in Washington, D. C., to consider ways and means of promoting a spiritual awakening in America. Out of this meeting was born what is known as "The National Fellowship for Spiritual Awakening," an organization committed to the task of leading the way in a national revival. Government representatives, including a delegation from the White House, met with a committee of this new movement, to consider the commitment of the President in regard to special meetings in the capital during the month of January.

Dr. C. I. Armstrong, who represented the National Holiness Association at the Washington meeting writes: "There was a real sense of the presence of God felt from the very outset of the meeting. Men lost sight of themselves, wept and prayed, and pleaded the promises of God and the blood of Christ as our only hope. One great passion dominated the spirit of the meeting, a spiritual awakening for our nation." "A sound of going" prophesies that we may yet see a large ingathering of souls before the return of our Lord and Saviour.

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#### CHURCHES DISCUSS UNION

For the past two or three years a Joint Commission representing the Free Methodist and Wesleyan Methodist Churches have been meeting at appointed times to discuss union of the two bodies and to formulate plans to that end. A realistic and wise course has been pursued by the Committee. Instead of seeking to press a hasty organic affiliation, recommendations have been made and accepted that have brought the peoples of the two Groups together in interdenominational fellowship through the exchange of evangelists, union