



# The King's Highway

## An Advocate of Scriptural Holiness

"And an highway shall be there and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness."

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### TEMPERED TRUTHS

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"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, . . . ungodly men."

The above paragraph came from the pen of Jude. Much more fellows in his epistle of twenty-five verses which relates the seriousness of conditions faced by the Church of his day. Today, I read a statement from a Commission of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. I quote from the Bangor Daily News, March 6th: "The collapse of political faiths and the let-down after the war effort, have produced a vast vacuum in the spirit of man which only faith in the gospel can adequately fill. We must face up to the realities of our national situation. We have the largest church membership in history and yet we have the worst record of delinquency, insanity, divorce, gambling, drinking and social disorder in our history".

I presume the greater part of this quotation will go for present conditions the world over. I wonder if any man realizes the seriousness of the hour. Do we believe that this present world disorder will right itself? That will happen when water runs uphill, when streams flow backward.

The two cases we have mentioned—the world of Jude's day, and the present setup are but two of many like periods in the world's history. We are grateful for what Jude has written since it gives us something authentic regarding the causes that bring on these days of peril, and the possible solution of the same.

We are not a little surprised, however, when we look for the cause. We find it where we least expect it — in the heart of the Church. "For there are certain men crept in unawares, ungodly men." This is the story behind all the "dark" days, in this world's history. "And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And God saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy man, whom I have created, from the face of the earth." "And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days." This was God's answer, when the sons of God "became ungodly", four thousand years

ago. "And he (Abraham) said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet this once, Preadventure ten shall be found there; and He said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake." Too bad. But if Abraham had narrowed the number to half ten he would have missed by four. "Then the Lord rained upon Sodom brimstone." This is the story behind dark days. A lack of righteous men where righteous men ought to be found.

What was the condition of the Church during that period in the world's history spoken of as "The Dark Ages?" What was the condition of the church in England during England's dark days?

Historians refer to the clergy, and high officials in ecclesiastical circles, as "notorious for naught but idleness, drunkenness and gluttony." Coincident with every moral decline in the world's history is a revival of loose-living, free-thinking, and deistic ideas on the part of the church.

Jude has it—"Certain men have crept in unawares, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ". This condition in the Church always brings on a moral crisis in the world, a moral crisis that will either be corrected by the Church's return to God, or precipitate Divine judgment. This was the cause for threatening judgment in Jude's day; this was back of all former judgments, and this is what has brought the world of our day to the threshold of the most catastrophic possibilities since the flood. "This new weapon," (the atomic bomb) says Robert L. Calhoun, professor of historical theology at Yale University, "has opened before us all the prospect of swift ruin for civilization, and even the possibility of a speedy end to man's life on earth." One year ago, such a statement would only have impressed a few scientists, but today, while the few hover around the "new weapon", to conceal their secret from prying eyes, even the common folk can appreciate the possibility. Add to this the world's suffering millions; the unsettled state of governments; the treachery practised between international powers; the strikes, that paralyze industry; the crime wave that is universal, and you have part of the picture. Quoting from the Christian Science Monitor, Attorney General, Tom E. Clark, has this to say, "Juvenile delinquency is No. 1 crime problem of the country today. Seventeen year old youths are committing more crime than any other age group. Arrests of boys under 18 have increased 58 per cent for homicide, 70 per cent for rape, 39 per cent for robbery, 72 per cent for assault, 55 per cent for auto thefts, 101 per cent for drunkenness and driving while intoxicated." Mr. Clark goes on to say, "This shocking rise in juvenile delinquency is not con-

finied to boys. Arrests of girls under 18 years of age have increased 198 per cent since 1939."

This is where we have arrived at. I wonder what the end shall be? I wonder how long God will suffer it to continue!

In my next article I want to deal with the cause, and its possible cure.

### MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Dr. Cyril Garrbut, Archbishop of York, had some very pointed and pertinent things to say recently on the subject of the Church's part in the rebuilding of home life when he addressed the York Diocesan Conference. The distinguished prelate uttered a solemn warning on the alarming increase of divorces, while at the same time recognizing the difficulties under which many married couples are laboring in seeking to perpetuate a union that might better be dissolved. What he pleaded for most was an appreciation of the parties concerned for a realization that it was a life-long union into which they were entering, and he urged all clergymen to emphasize this solemn fact before performing the ceremony.

The whole subject of marriage and divorce is something that is coming to be a major problem of all civilized peoples in the not-far-distant future.

That it will have a tremendous effect on the future stability of the nations there can be no manner of doubt. The foundation of any nation is in the homes of its people, and when homes are broken, by just that much is the nation weakened. The worst effect of divorce is on the lives of the children of the marriage, who are so often deprived of parental care and discipline just when they need it most. In the United States, according to a recent article in a widely read magazine, there was a divorce in one out of every five marriages, and if the present trend should continue twenty years, half of all the marriages in the United States would end in legal dissolution. The same trend is manifest in Canada. What is the remedy? There is none that we can see except in a revival of faith in God and a reinstatement of His Word in the life of our people. We have reached a time in history of general lawlessness as a result of a false system of education which sprang from a repudiation of some of the most solemn warnings of the Scripture and an acceptance of the false theory of evolution. A generation has grown and is growing to majority that has been taught there is no law higher than that of its own desires. Divorce is one of the fruits of that evil tree. It can be corrected only as men and women stand in the old ways and ask for the old paths. —The Evangelical Christian.