



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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The Pastor's Message

HEART PURITY

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Text: "The end of the Commandment is love out of a pure heart." I. Tim. 1:5.

This verse focalizes all the commandments of the Bible, and con-substantiates them in this abbreviated statement. It is one of the most complete texts in all the Scripture and contains so much truth that one speaks of it as being "the whole Bible in a nutshell."

There are many commandments in the Bible. Ten Commandments given on Mt. Sinai. Ex. 20. The eleventh or new Commandment, given by Jesus when he said, "A new Commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another."

Matthew brings two others to our notice. Matt. 22:35-40.

Our text suggests four aspects of truth to us:

I. Importance of having the heart right—
In Prov. 4:23 we read: "Keep the heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life." The heart is the seat of the desires and affections of the life. It is the treasury of good or evil. A Holy life outwardly must spring from a pure heart within. In the language of our Lord one cannot gather grapes from thorns or figs from thistles. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. When man who gets into a rage, curses, swears and fights, there is something wrong with his heart. The Christian who is conscious of inward stirrings of anger, malice, hatred, envy, jealousy and pride is in this condition because his heart is not right. Man looketh on the outward appearance. But God looketh on the heart.

Ps. 51:10: "Create in me a clean heart, O God."

Ps. 57:7: "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed."

A fixed heart is what mankind needs.

Matt. 5:8: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

The Psalmist cries out: "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His holy place?"

The answer comes ringing back: "He that hath clean hands," representing the outward life. "And a pure heart," representing the inward life.

We sing about a heart felt religion. Thank God, that is the only kind he offers to us.

II. The negative and positive aspects—
The negative is what we have taken from our hearts. The blood cleanseth from all sin. I. John 1:7.

Purity is a negative state—the idea is getting rid of that which is not pure. "Original Sin" is that which is faulty or corrupt of the nature of mankind, whereby he is far gone from "Original Righteousness." When "Original Sin" is eradicated the soul is pure, cleansed from all sin.

Perfect Love is a positive state—the spirit comes in, in all His fullness giving soul health, making one morally well and sound, that is free from the disease of sin.

III. No higher experience to which we can attain in this life—Love out of a pure heart is the end of the fulfillment of all the Commandments. "God is Love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in Him." I. John 4:16. What caused man to be cast out of Eden and banished from the presence of God? It was sin. Man lost holiness of heart and life, the glory of God and became naked morally, therefore mankind meets restoration through purity of heart. The average person running after the spectacular these days, needs to tarry before God, have sin eradicated, the heart purified. Sin closed the door of heaven against man and nothing but holiness will ever open the door and let man into a holy heaven to spend eternity in fellowship with a holy Godhead and heavenly hosts.

IV. God's method of Making us Pure—
"And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live." Deut. 10:6. This speaks of the spiritual surgery of God, to cut away the "Carnality" which prevents love and invites enmity. Why did God use the figure of circumcision to convey this truth to our hearts? There are two answers. **First**, circumcision always follows birth and entire sanctification always follows regeneration. **Second**, circumcision denotes a removal. In regeneration, you get new heart, in entire sanctification, the stony heart is taken out of you. Ezek. 36:25-27. In regeneration, you get something you never had. In entire sanctification you lose something you always had. **Note:** Rom. 2:28-29.

To have removed from our hearts, to have cleansed away all sin and dross prepares us for life here and hereafter with Christ.

THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

MORE ABOUT CHURCH UNION

In our last writing we referred to a movement designed to bring the Free and Wesleyan Methodist Churches together in organic affiliation. Church union is being discussed by a number of present day denominations. The Baptists and Christians (Disciples) of the U. S. A., are seeking to formulate plans to merge both bodies into one denomination. In Canada the United Church of Canada and the Anglican Church seem moving toward union, while in England Presbyterian and Congregationalists will consider the formation of a United Church when the two bodies meet in annual conference next May.

PROTESTANTISM IN GERMANY

A delegation of American churchmen, officially representing the Protestant churches of U. S. A., recently conducted an extensive survey of religious conditions in Germany. The purpose of the survey was to ascertain the present status of Protestant churches in this country ravaged by war, to discuss the relationships of German churches with those of the U. S. A., and the problems of relief and rehabilitation. The committee found Protestantism very much alive in a nation-wide fellowship. Church attendance is on the increase and an aggressive spirit of faith and hope is prevalent among church leaders and members of the laity.

A WELL-DESERVED REBUKE

When Rev. Charles P. Cressman, pastor of the Lutheran Church of Redemption, Philadelphia, suggested that churches hold Sunday night dances to provide "wholesome" recreation for young people, he received the following rebuke from an eighteen-year-old freshman of Swarthmore College:

"The church has its own proper function, and the young people expect it to live up to that, without offering recreational facilities as a bribe."

AN EVENING PRAYER

Blessed be Thy name that I have lain down and slept and am awake in safety. It is because Thou, Lord, hast sustained me. Let Thy fatherly love be with me through the day, and the week, which by Thy mercy I have now began in Thy Holy fear, and calling upon thy holy name. Let no harm come nigh my body, and keep my soul from all sin, the source of every sorrow.-- Selected.