

TEMPERED TRUTHS

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"But we all with open face, beholding as in a glass the Glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

Through this "glass," God's Word, we have been "beholding" the "Glory of the Lord." Beholding the glory of the Trinity, the glory of united effort and purpose in Creation, in Salvation, and in ultimate Redemption. We have beheld God as Spirit, and God as Love. In this article we see Him as the God of Holiness. Taking but two scriptures, one from the Old Testament and one from the New, we are afforded a grand revelation of the holiness of God. One is that mystical vision of the Prophet recorded in Isaiah, chapter 6. "I saw also the Lord, sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims; each one had six wings. With twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. Ane one cried unto another and said Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory."

In the New Testament we have a record very similar to that of the Old. In Revelation 4:8-11 we read: "And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to Him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, the four and twenty elders fall down before Him that sat on the throne, and worship Him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created."

Joining these records and adding to their meaning is a vast sea of inspired truths from Genesis to Revelation, all acclaiming the great fact that God is Glorious in Holiness! This holiness of God we understand to be underrived and absolute. Pope says: "That absolute perfection which belongs to God in His eternal essence is, in His moral relations with creatures in whom sin is possible or present, who are to be kept from sin or saved from it, Holiness. His nature is the sum and the standard of all goodness, and it is eternally before heard anything like it. Some of the preachers and church members of the town got cross, and talked against the meetings, and the preacher, said he ought to be driven out of town. But God was mightily working."

The scenes that followed are better imagined than told. The weeping and crying for mercy by the unsaved, and many who were already converted seeking and finding holiness, the shouts of victory when souls prayed through at the altars. There must have been several hundreds who sought and claimed victory. I don't think they counted heads in those days. That was surely a revival prayed down, and God sent an evangelist and a man-called preacher: Several years after that great meeting, and after some changes had come, the people of that church thought they would like to have evangelistic meetings again. And naturally thought they would like to have that same evangelist, Mr. W., to be the preacher; so they wrote him, and he consented, and

came. We were present again, and expected to see a repetition of the services we had witnessed and enjoyed a few years previous.

But how can we describe the disappointment that awaited us. A different pastor was in the pulpit, a different spirit seemed to be on the church members, not much prayer or soul-burden, and the evangelist was surely a different man. The first time he came he was sent of God, and came in the spirit of David with his simple powerful gospel message, like David's sling and stone, and with faith in a great God for victory. He spent much time in prayer and fasting and preached under the mighty anointing of the Spirit. The second time he came in answer to the call of the people, in the spirit of Saul as a big evangelist with a special singer and with some musical instruments, a stenographer to take down his sermons which he was writing into a book. As soon as we heard him it was very obvious that the man had changed, something was clearly missing in his preaching. His passion for lost souls was gone, and a great desire for money had taken its place, so much so that after a time he got no calls to evangelistic work, and quit preaching for a time, but finally we heard that he repented of his backsliding, got back to God, and a few years ago died in victory. Let us note that the last meeting held by that evangelist in the above mentioned church was a failure so far as visible results in the salvation of souls was concerned.

Is there not a cause?—H. S. Dow.
(To be continued)

I SHALL NOT PASS

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men."—Gal. 6:10.

"To do good and to communicate forget not."—Heb. 13:16.

"The bread that giveth strength I wan to give;

The waters pure that bid the thirsty live;
I want to help the fainting day by day—
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way!

"I want to give the oil of joy for tears;
The faith to conquer cruel doubts and fears.
Beauty for ashes may I give away—
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way!

"I want to give good measure running o'er,
And into hungry hearts I want to pour
The answer soft that turneth wrath away!
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way!

"I want to give to others hope and faith;
I want to do all that the Master saith;
I want to live aright from day to day—
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way."

DAILY STRENGTH

"Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be" (Deut. 33:25).

"As thy days thy strength shall be," hear the Father say to thee.

Days when clouds are hanging low; and the sun is hid from view;

Days of body-racking pain; aching heart and weary brain;

Hear thy Father say to thee, "As thy days thy strength shall be."

"As thy days thy strength shall be," hear the Father say to thee.

Days of famine, scanty store, hunger knocking at the door;

Days when death has come to bide, when your dear one leaves your side;

Then thy Father speaks to thee, "As thy days thy strength shall be."

—Good Tidings

"Ye shall be holy; for I the Lord your God am holy."

The New Testament makes it plain that holiness of life is not an afterthought but something which is included in the purpose and sovereign will of God. It is an essential characteristic of the Christian life. In the first place we do well to remember that we were chosen "in him (Christ) before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." God's sovereign choice of us was with a view to holiness of life, and to that experience of close communion with Him which guarantees that the obedient soul is well pleasing to Him. In His love and mercy we were chosen to "salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." Such an emphasis is of the highest importance if we are to understand what is included in the far-reaching possibilities of Christian life and service. In his letter to the Ephesians Saint Paul gives utterance to a truth which emphasizes this sovereign choice of God and its result in our individual lives. "We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained (prepared) that we should walk in them." There are some believers who are inclined to postpone until the final glory some of these exceedingly great and precious promises . . . in our present experience God is waiting to perform that which He has promised.—Selected.

OBITUARY

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Gerald Hanson, aged 29, died recently at the Community Hospital, Fort Fairfield, Me.,

Although he had been in failing health since August, his death came as a shock to his family and friends.

Besides his parents, he leaves to mourn, his wife and daughter, Ruby Jean; six brothers and four sisters.

Brother Hanson died in the hope of "seeing Him who is invisible", and gave definite testimony that Christ had forgiven and cleansed him from his sins.

Prayers were offered at his home by Rev. Mr. Pringle, after which the remains were taken to the R. B. Church, Perth, where the funeral was conducted by Lic. Mered M. Grant, assisted by Rev. Mr. Pringle and Rev. Mr. Hawks, pastor of the Anglican Church, Andover.

"Will The Circle Be Unbroken", "We Are Going Down The Valley", were sung by members of the Reformed Baptist Church, assisted by Paul Mullen, who also sang very effectively, "This World Is Not My Home".

To the sorrowing ones, we extend our sincere sympathy.

What is in the well of your heart is bound to come up in the bucket of your speech.