



# 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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### HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD

"God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the spirit."

2 Thess. 2:13

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There is a growth of the soul which we know little about—a spiritual maturity far beyond what we usually see. There is a tenderness of conscience, a strength of holy purpose, a singleness of eye, a degree of devotion, a oneness with Christ, a victory over the world and a holiness of heart possible to God's people which few Christians attain to.

It is a state of rest in Jesus, a union with Him, in which the "old man" is crucified, and sin loses its power to charm, and the victory of faith is complete, because the life is hid with Christ in God. In Scripture language it is called "holiness unto the Lord."

Andrew Murray writes. "The believer must be convicted and brought to confession of his being in the carnal state. Before a sinner can be converted, he must be convicted of sin. He must know and confess his transgressions and his lost estate. Just so, believers must see they are in a wrong state. Before they can get into the spiritual life they must be brought under conviction of the shame and evil of this carnal state. 1 Cor. 3:1-3.

"It is most needful that the believer seeking holiness of heart be fully convicted of two things—the utter impotence of the flesh to do any good, and the mighty power of the flesh to work evil. The flesh is ruling him. It is the seventh of Romans: 'I am struggling to do right and I can not.' It is when a man is brought under the conviction of the utter impotence of the flesh to do good that he will understand why he lost his temper, and why pride comes up, and why he speaks wrong words. The Holy Spirit convicts of pride as being of the flesh; unloving thoughts toward wife or servant or friend or foe; self-pleasing before God and man. And so he needs an entire deliverance from that. At conversion he was delivered from the curse of sin; now he wants deliverance from the power of sin."

#### Conviction of Need

In his testimony David B. Updegraff writes: "I hated pride, ambition, evil tempers, and vain thoughts but I had them for all that, and they were a part of me. Not as acts, to be repented of and forgiven, but as dispositions lying behind acts, natural to the "old man" and inseparable from his presence in my being.

"I began to ask the Lord with a measure of faith to 'cast him out.' Along with this desire

there came a GREAT HUNGER AND THIRST TO BE 'FILLED WITH ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD.' I longed for a clean heart and a contrite spirit . . . I went upon my knees with the resolute purpose of 'presenting my body a living sacrifice to God.'

"There passed quickly before me the obstacles in the way, and the things to be suffered for Jesus' sake—the misapprehensions, suspicions and revilings of carnal professors, as well as the conflicts with the world, the flesh and the devil. Selfishness, pride and prejudice, joined forces and rose in rebellion, while the 'old man' pleaded for his life. But I could not, would not draw back. 'Vile affections' were resolutely nailed to the cross and those things that 'were gain to me'—denominational standing, friends, family, business possessions, time, talent and reputation—were irrevocably committed to the SOVEREIGN CONTROL and disposal of my Almighty Saviour.

"With my all upon the altar, I had no sooner reckoned myself 'dead indeed unto sin and alive unto God,' than the Holy Ghost fell upon me. Instantly I felt the melting and refining fire of God permeating my whole being. I had entered into rest."

#### Is Everything on the Altar?

Dr. Carradine states this condition thus: "I wanted to be able to turn upon sin and the world the eye and ear and heart of a dead-man. I wanted the Holy Spirit to shed abroad in my heart the love of God and I wanted the rest of faith in my soul. This 'dark something' that prevented this life—I laid on the altar and asked God to consume it as by fire. I had pardon for sin but it was holiness I wanted . . .

"After the battle of consecration came the battle of faith. Consecration is vain without faith to secure the blessing. Men may be perfectly consecrated all their lives and never know the blessings of holiness. . . .

"Here are the words of the Lord that provided a foundation for my faith: 'Every devoted thing is most holy unto the Lord.'—Lev. 27:28. 'The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.' Still again: 'The altar sanctifieth the gift.'—Matt. 23:19; Ex. 29:37.

"In this last statement there is a great fact. The altar is greater than the gift. Whatsoever is laid on the altar in faith becomes sanctified and holy unto the Lord. It is the altar that does the work. The question arises: Who and what is the altar? In Heb. 13:10-12 we have the answer: 'We have an altar . . . Wherefore Jesus also that He might sanctify the people through His blood, suffered without the gate.' The altar here mentioned is Jesus Christ. In

Christ's wondrous Person 'is embraced the Priest, the Lamb and the Altar. He did the whole work. There was no one to help.

#### Christ All and In All

"As the victim He died. As the Priest He offered Himself. His divine nature was the altar upon which the sacrifice was made. The Saviour, then is the believer's altar. Upon Him I lay myself in faith. The altar sanctifies the gift. The blood cleanses from all sin.

"Will I believe this? Unbelief will shut me out of the blessing as certainly as belief shuts me in. THE INSTANT WE ADD PERFECT FAITH TO PERFECT CONSECRATION THE WORK IS DONE AND THE BLESSING DESCENDS. As Paul says, 'We which have believed do enter into rest.'—Heb. 4:3." All this happened to the writer. For three days he lived in a constant state of faith and prayer. He believed God. He believed the work was done according to God's Word before the witness was given. On the morning of the third day his reckoning on the Word of God was made a fact in his experience and the witness was given.

#### Christ Made unto me Sanctification

Hannah Whitehall Smith, author of "Secrets of a Happy Christian Life" writes of her experience: "I began to long after holiness. I began to groan under the bondage of sin in which I was still held. My whole heart panted after entire conformity to the will of God and unhindered communion with Him. . . . About this time I met a people whose experience was different from mine. They told me they had discovered the secret of abiding peace and how to live 'more than conquerors' through the Lord Jesus Christ. I asked them their secret and they replied, 'It is simply ceasing from all efforts of our own and in trusting the Lord to make us holy. The Lord does it all. We give ourselves to Him. We do not try and live our own lives. We abide in Him and He lives in us. He works in us to will and to do of His good pleasure, and we hold our peace.'

"Like a revelation the glorious possibilities of a life such as this flashed upon me. I saw clearly that I was nothing; that I needed the Lord for my daily living as I had needed Him to give me life. I discovered that I was as unable to govern my temper or my tongue for five minutes, as I had been to convert my soul. The Lord then showed Himself to me as a perfect and complete and present Saviour and I gave my whole self to His care. I trusted Him utterly and entirely. I took Him by a definite act of faith as my Saviour from the daily power of sin with as naked faith as I once took Him for my Saviour from its guilt. The Lord

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