

## PRESERVED BLAMELESS

I. Thess. v. 23, 24: I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved entire . . . Faithful is he that called you who also will do it."

Num. vi. 24: "The Lord bless thee and keep thee."

I. Sam. ii. 9: "He will keep the feet of his saints."

Psalms xci. 11: "He shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways."

Psalms cxxi. 3: "He that keepeth thee will not slumber."

Isa. xxvi. 3, 4: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength."

John xvii. 11: "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me."

I. Pet. i. 5: "Kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation."

Jude 1: 24: "Sanctified by God the Father and preserved in Jesus Christ . . . who is able to guard you from stumbling and set you before the presence of his glory without blemish."

If we would be preserved blameless we must preserve ceaseless communion with God and abide in the spirit of prayer and fellowship through the Holy Spirit, for thus alone shall we be led out into the steppings of His will and kept blameless and fully obedient.

"When temptation came," said Hannah Whitall Smith, I did not try to conquer it myself, but at once handed it over to Him, saying, 'Lord Jesus save me from this sin. I cannot save myself, but thou canst and wilt, and I trust thee.'"

Frances Ridley Havergal wrote: "I would say that it is only as, and while, kept by the power of God Himself that we are not sinning against Him. One instant of standing alone is certain fall!"

"Not that we are Sufficient of Ourselves to Think Anything"

"Never before did I know the meaning of humility," wrote Phoebe Palmer. "I saw that I was not sufficient of myself to think a good thought, much less to perform a righteous action. From the depths of my soul I cried out, 'Every moment, Lord, I need the merit of thy death.'"

## Moment by Moment

If we would be preserved blameless we must live, not by long intervals, but by the breath and by the moment. Each instant must be dedicated and presented to God, a ceaseless sacrifice, and each breath be poured into His bosom and received back from His being.

We must also learn to recover instantly from failure by frank confession and prompt faith and recommitment. It is possible to catch ourselves before we have really fallen, and God does not count it a fall if we do not yield to it. Unseen hands are ever near to bear us up when we dash our foot against a stone.

Acquire the habit of living by the moment. Let it not be supposed that you are not to act for the future, but act by the minute. Take care of this moment now, while you have it, and the next when it comes; you will not then neglect any. This moment can be lived without sin. By the help of God, do it then! When each successive moment comes do likewise. Days

are made up of minutes. If each one is blameless the day will be so.

Nothing is easier than living in the moment. Nothing is more wise. Live then by the moment. Trust God now. Do God's will now. Love now with all your heart. If you will observe this simple rule you will not fail.

## We Have a Now God With a Now Blessing

A great merchant in New York City with several thousand clerks and doing an immense amount of business was always joyful in the Lord. Some thought him a hypocrite on the ground that no one could do so much business and yet live so near Jesus as he appeared to do.

In order to find some fault with him, a number of people went to his place of business to watch him. When the clock struck he said to those in his office, "Excuse me a moment." He went into a private office and then after a bit returned to his business. The clock struck again and this was repeated. Finally he was asked what it meant and he told them he adjourned to the room to pray, "I thank Thee, O God, that thou hast kept me from falling another hour. Now grant unto thy servant grace for the next hour." That constant keeping of Christ, that constant "abiding in Him," made his life and work acceptable to God,—and kept his mind and heart in the peace of God that passeth understanding.

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."—Jude 24-25.—Sel.

## OUR VOWS

Vows may be made under several circumstances:

1. They may be made when one is joining his church, or when being baptized, or by parents during the baptism of their children.

These vows have been worded by others—usually devout men—who thoughtfully put into words pledges which if kept will conduce to Christian living and usefulness.

2. They may be made in times of trouble or sorrow or danger or fear. Self-examination at such a time may cause one to be conscious of his rebellion, neglect or failure, and he may vow that if he gets out of this trouble he will begin to serve the Lord, be more faithful, or right some wrong.

3. They may be made under the influence of faithful preaching or in a class meeting or in a revival where the Spirit of the Lord is working.

What a wonderful world this would be if all these vows were kept! What wonderful churches and homes we would have!

Alas, many of these pledges are broken.

What is the remedy? To take no vows?

The vows are taken when the vision of responsibility and possibility and of right and of God is unusually clear. To take no vows is to give over to the sensual and hellward pull upon life. These promises made in public or in the secret of our own hearts pull toward righteousness and God and heaven.

So the remedy is not in refusal to take the vow. The remedy is to keep the vows which are made in the best moments of our lives.

Let us promise our own hearts, the church, God. Let us then arise to do the thing.

## LETTERS FROM OUR PASTORS

Port Maitland, N. S.

Dear Highway:

Greetings in the name of Him Who has made Christmas possible. Once again we are reminded that time slips by very fast. We are closing up another year to enter a new one. We thank God for 1947 with all of its blessings. God has been very near and good to us, for which we praise Him.

Our people on this circuit have proven their love for the work of God and their appreciation of their pastor by standing by with their presence, prayers, and means.

Each one of our churches here have remembered us again at this Christmas time in a very tangible way with their gifts of money, besides other very nice things.

We cannot thank them enough. We take this opportunity to thank all who have so kindly remembered us at this Christmas season with cards and letters and gifts. We do appreciate everything so much. May God bless every one with His own richest blessings. Again we say, thank you.

As we enter the New Year we enter revival services at Sandford with the evangelistic team, Rev. N. E. Trafton and Randolph Nicholson. We covet your prayers for this meeting that a gracious revival may sweep over this section of the country. In February we launch another campaign at Port Maitland for four Sundays having with us again as our evangelist, Rev. N. M. Israelson, Th.B. Again we say, pray for us that the revival begun here last winter might continue on only in a greater way and we may see many souls saved, redeemed and sanctified holy.

Yours for Full Salvation with no side issues.

H. S. and MRS. MULLEN.

Also SON PAUL and WIFE.

P. S. We wish our Editor and all "Highway" readers a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## SOCIETY REMINDERS

Have you talked it over to decide whether or not you are going to invite the Denominational Rally to your Church this spring? Better send your invitation immediately to Lic. B. M. Hicks, Westchester, N. S., as the decision as to its location is to be made the first of the year.

Our Self-Denial pledges were lower this year than in previous years. Are you campaigning Self-Denial Treasures to bring the total in your society above its mark in previous years? This money goes to a worthy cause. We should do our best!

Societies, is your General Fund what it should be? Remember it was passed at Beulah that societies should send in more than the basic rate laid down, if at all possible, in order to do some definite work in the restoration of lost beauty at Beulah Camp Grounds.

## WEDDINGS

Nelson—Wilson

At the Reformed Baptist Parsonage in Seal Cove, N. B., on December 6th, George Nelson and Geraldine Wilson, both of Seal Cove, were united in marriage by Rev. Ronald T. Sabine.