

From Africa's vast domains
Beyond the ocean wide,
The Lord of Harvests bids you
Go and tell them
The sweet, sad story of His Son
The Crucified;
From home and friends
The Lord has deigned to call you
To lay your life at Jesus feet
In foreign lands,
The strength and grace
He promises to give you
The favours purchased
By His bleeding heart and hands.

Dark, dark the mists
Of heathen superstition
Hang o'er the hearts and souls
Of those on Afric's sand,
But go, and may the Prince of Peace
Go with you
To bless your every effort
On that far off strand.
The Word of God
Removes the veil of darkness,
It brings relief to those distressed
In nature's night,
May heaven bless you, brother, sister,
As you go there,
To spread in that dark land
The Gospel light.

—Irwin L. Brown.

PRINCIPLES OF HOLY LIVING

John Thomas

There can be nothing so beautiful as a holy life, one which is in constant fellowship with God, whose garments are unspotted from sin and whose conscience is void of offence before God and man. Like Joseph of old, of whom even Pharaoh said, "Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?" The purpose of Christ's coming to the world was to redeem man and make him holy in heart and righteous in life.

The first principle of holy living is God's greater grace. "Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud but giveth grace unto the humble." We notice that in the margin of the revised Testament it is translated the "greater grace." The Almighty has nothing to offer the proud man. When the prodigal was leaving home he demanded all that was coming to him, but when he returned home all he received had to come by mercy's door.

In one of our camp meetings a woman came to the altar with others, presumably to pray. When she cried out, "Oh, I wouldn't have my pastor see me here for anything!" she got up and hurried away. It is only as we learn to rely on God's grace that we can live the life of holiness. However hard the trial may be, He giveth the greater grace.

The second principle of holy living is submission to the will of God. This is very hard for human nature, especially when obedience has not been taught. Jesus always did the thing that pleased the Father. There must be an absolute surrender of the will. You cannot retain communion with God and have your own way. When Joshua saw the man with the drawn sword, he surrendered the command of the army to the captain of the host of the Lord and fell on his face to the earth and did worship, and said unto Him, "What saith my Lord to his servant?" When the

human will is yielded there is no room for complaint or murmuring. When General Booth's daughter was imprisoned in Switzerland she sang:

"Blest Beloved of my soul,
I am here alone with Thee.
And my prison is a Heaven,
Since Thou sharest it with me."

The third principle of holy living is vigilance. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. To see the devil on a run is an experience which comes to very few. But how sad to see the servant of God running away from the devil. We remember a good sister earnestly praying for a mighty revival in her church and behold the revival came, but that very lady decided to visit her relatives at the very time when she was needed to pray with the seekers. We dare not resist the devil in our own name, but we can claim victory in the name of Jesus. "We triumph in His victory" (Psalm 20:5, R.V.) Never enter into an argument with Satan, because he is a clever trickster and has succeeded in robbing many a soul of peace and joy. Ever be on your guard against his subtle attacks.

The fourth principle of holy living is habitual prayer. "Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you." Some people live at a distance; they only come to the mercy seat in times of trial and difficulty; whereas there are others who have their stated times of prayer. General Gordon placed a white handkerchief outside his tent during the hour of prayer. Every one knew that he was alone with his God. It is impossible to live a holy life without habitual prayer. Daniel was a great statesman in Babylon; yet he prayed three times a day with his windows opened toward Jerusalem. When a man neglects to pray, he begins to backslide. It is only as we wait upon the Lord that our strength is renewed.

Another principle of holy living is daily meditation on the Word. The manna had to be gathered every morning. It is easy to read the Bible through in a year, but to meditate on a portion of the Word brings untold personal blessing; besides it is God's secret of success. "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein, for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

We need a revival of reading of the Holy Bible. The parents must insist that every member of the family attend morning devotion. What a change for the better would come upon our nation if we regarded the Bible as our guide, the church as the house of God, and the Sabbath as God's holy day.

The secret of this life of holiness is the abiding presence of the Holy Ghost. The twofold work of grace is clearly set forth in the double command, "Cleanse your hands, ye sinners"—that refers to outward conduct; and "purify your hearts, ye doubleminded"—that refers to the inward condition. The doubleminded man is unstable in all his ways; sometimes he is victorious and a joyful Christian, but at other times he is defeated and sad. There is only one cure for this doublemindedness. It is heart purity. It is the blood and fire cure. The blood cleanseth, and the fire of the Holy Ghost abides!—Selected.

TEMPERED TRUTHS

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"Ye believe in God, believe also in Me."
—John 14, 1.

Creation, intuition, and inspiration build into men that which made it possible for Christ to say, "Ye believe in God"! Belief in God is pretty much a universal thing. The statement, "I believe in God the Father, Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth", is a creed not for devout Christians only, but for men everywhere. The prophet sees the proof, the philosopher argues the need, and the agnostic admits the probability. The fool alone is left to say, "There is no God".

But Christ also says, "Believe in Me". While this is just as essential as the first, it is not so natural nor so common. Multitudes believe in God, but very few believe in Christ as Christ requires men here to believe in Him. This belief demands purpose, effort, action. It is just as important that we believe in Christ as that we believe in God. Christ gives some very good reasons why this is so.

Firstly, Belief in Christ is man's only way of knowing God. "If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also." There is to be found in the person of Jesus Christ a perfect blending of all the attributes of God. Jesus Christ doesn't make God any different, but He does make God knowable and approachable. He is "The Truth" or manifestation of God. "In Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily."

Secondly, it is necessary to believe in Christ in order for man to come to God. "No man cometh unto the Father but by Me." Unbelief here is tragic. Call Him what you may, think of Him as you will, but be assured of this: Into the presence of God, man shall never come in peace until he acknowledges Christ as his Saviour and Lord.

Thirdly, belief in Christ is necessary to spiritual life. "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth." In this same message, Jesus said again, "It is expedient for you that I go away. For if I go not away, the Comforter will not come." Here, Christ refers not only to His going but to the manner of His going; and the manner of His going is the world's basis for all spiritual life. All the ministries of the Spirit preceding and following man's conversion are dependent on the meritorious work of Christ in the plan of human redemption. Peter corroborated the claims of Christ when he said, referring to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, "Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear."

And fourthly, Belief in Christ is the only cure for troubled hearts. Belief in God alone is not enough. I will go further to say, that belief in God, without a corresponding belief in Jesus Christ, can but aggravate the trouble that already exists. David said, "I remembered God, and was troubled". Such are the feelings of every man who, remembering God, forgets the Christ of God. The following meditation is the cry of our race wherever the "Daysman" has not been discovered: "My days are swifter than a post; they flee away, they see no good. They are passed away as the swift ships, as the eagle that hasteth to

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