



# The King's Highway

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"And an highway shall be there and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness."

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### PURITY AND POWER

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"Let thy garments be always white and let thy head lack no ointment".

(Eccles. 9:8)

Power is lacking in the church today because it has forgotten, or overlooked, or neglected the words of the Book, "Come ye out from among them and be ye separate and I will be your God and ye shall be my people." "If any man will be my disciple let him take up his cross daily and follow me." We are called to separation, and God's people from the time He called out Abram from the land of the Chaldeans down to the present time are a called-out people. The word Hebrews means, "the man from the other side." I doubt not this was given to Abram by the folks who knew he had come out.

Worldliness today is paralyzing the efforts of the church, and the church is acknowledging it by the desperate efforts it is making to find a substitute for the ways of God. Purity and power are the heritage of the church, and the great lack of the church today. The church is seeking power while ignoring the command, "Be ye holy." Where there is purity, there is power.

The Holy Spirit in His fullness comes only to a clean heart. No one can be a temple of the Holy Spirit who has not been made pure through the blood of Jesus. I have seen men down at the altar and going to them I have inquired, "What are you seeking?" And the answer has been, "I am seeking power." One can seek power until the day of doom, and never get it. Power must not be the object. Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power, the Holy Ghost coming upon you." First, purity, then power. While the church and the world are yoked up together there is not power to rise above the worldliness that is in the church. The lunch room in the church has taken the place of the class room; the supper room has taken the place of the "upper room." More people can be gotten out to a church social than to a prayer meeting, and all because there is an effort to please the world, and in so doing the truth of God is ignored. I know of two churches where the church and the moving picture-show were yoked up together, and the young people of the League were out on the streets selling tickets for the movie and the proceeds were divided between the show and the church. Can anyone dare to go to God in prayer and ask His blessing on such an arrangement?

Purity first, then power. These are inseparable. Jesus prayed, "Father, I pray not that

thou wilt take them out of the world, but that thou wilt keep them from the evil that is in the world." Purity means separation, and separation means power with God and man. I have known preachers and laymen who were prominent in lodge circles, but I never knew one of them that was active as a soul winner. No one can go through an ante-room where men are smoking and playing cards and telling smutty stories, one night, and the next night go to a prayer meeting or a preaching service and have any power with God. Come ye out—and it is the only come-out-ism that I know of that the Word calls for.

The church in its earlier days was first pure, poor and persecuted. John Wesley dreaded the day when the church would get rich. George Fox dreaded the time when the church would have steepled houses. Today we have both, and if Wesley and Fox were to come back to earth today, it is a question to be considered where could they go to worship. Persecutions spread the fire in Apostolic days—and in later days, too.

One day two men were arrested for holding a meeting on the street. As the jail was crowded they could not put them in separate cells, so they were together. Of course they began to pray, and soon were singing like Paul and Silas of olden days, and then they began to shout and the sheriff said, "Separate those two men." The order was obeyed and one of them was put in a cell with a half drunken man. He began to talk to the fellow about his soul, and soon he had him down on his knees praying. There was a new name written down in heaven, and then there were three of them shouting. The sheriff happening to come back (I think that God kept him away till the seeker got through), said to the jailed, "Didn't I tell you to separate those fellows?" "I did," said the jailer. "Well," said the sheriff, "separate them again." And back came the answer, "If you do they will all get it." Oh, yes; this thing is catching when you find the real thing.

Jesus knew what He was talking about when He said, "Ye are my witnesses." The trouble is, we are not hot enough today to spread the fire or to invite the world's persecutions. It will come if we are true. "Marvel not if the world hate you. It hated me before it hated you." The servant is not above his Lord, and the world today hates godliness. The carnal mind is enmity against God, not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. The church's business is to denounce sin. Jesus did it. The Apostles did it. The world, the flesh and the devil are the enemies of the church, to be opposed, not courted. The church might as well yoke up with the devil as with the world.

The average congregation today is as worldly in its dressing as the theatre goes in the city theaters. Joseph Cook of Boston once said in one of his lectures, "The church that has the grace and courage to take the whip of cords and drive the money changers out of the temple will take America for Christ when it has two hundred people to the square mile." But where is the church that will do it?

But let us get down a little closer. The church is made up of units. The individual is the unit, and to him must come home the truth. God demands holiness of heart, and where there is holiness of life there will be power—with God and men. God deals with us as individuals. I have never been foolish as to wait until the church was all right before I began revival work. Whatsoever any two of you shall agree upon touching any one thing, it shall be done for you. That means a revival anywhere this side of hell if two will agree. God wants it, the church needs it, and the only work of the ministry is to win souls for Christ—all other things must bend to this. "As the Father has sent me into the world, so have I sent you." "The Son of man came to seek and to save the lost." "Let him know that he which converteth a sinner from the error of his ways saveth a soul from death and hideth a multitude of sins." "The Spirit and the Bride say come, and let him that heareth say come." Oh, there is no evading it, the work of the individual and the church is to win souls for Christ.

—Pilgrim Holiness Advocate

### WHAT WOULD HE SAY

If He should come today

And find my hands so full  
Of future plans, however fair,  
In which my Savior has no share,  
What would He say?

If He should come today

And find my love so cold,  
My faith so very weak and dim,  
I had not even looked for Him,  
What would He say?

If He should come today

And find I had not told  
One soul about my Heavenly friend  
Whose blessings all my way attend,  
What would He say?

If He should come today

Would I be glad—quite glad?  
Remembering He had died for all  
And none, through me, had heard His call,  
What would I say?

—Selected.