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EDITORIAL

THE FAITH AND THE FAITHFUL

Faithfulness is a plain but precious virtue. There is nothing spectacular or glamorous about it, nothing that would attract attention or win acclaim, but it is a pearl of great price to those who have learned to evaluate accurately the finest qualities of Christian character and Christian service.

The faithful keep the work of God alive and progressive. Those who can be relied upon, those who are "always there." They may or may not possess special gifts and abilities but when the service begins they will be in their places to sing, pray, testify, or help in any way those who are "always there." They may or may not make the meeting a success. They neither "freeze up" in winter nor "dry up" in summer. When there's a "shout in the camp", you'll find them rejoicing in the Lord and giving praise for the victory, but when the battle waxes sore and the enemy presses, they'll be numbered with the Gideon band to fight with all their might till the foe is routed. Others may rise and fall, come and go, glow and wane, but these faithful ones will keep the lights burning and the work alive.

What some people fail to realize is that every time they absent themselves from a service when it is not absolutely necessary, they cast a vote to discontinue that service. What if everyone decided to stay at home on prayer meeting night when company arrived, or during "the busy season", or when they didn't feel up to par physically? You know what would happen—the prayer meeting would become a thing of the past. If the services of the church are to be maintained on a year round basis we must have people who plan to be there regardless of other interests and responsibilities.

The faithful reap the rich rewards of spiritual labour. Those who tirelessly plod along "the rutty roads of service" reach the lofty heights of blessing and spiritual increase. This is the acid test. Many make a good start and run well for a time, but when temptation or persecution, or just the taxing demands of day by day living and working, begin to bear down on them, they "wither away" or grow weary in well doing. The church and the pastor who rejoice together in the growth and progress of the work of the Lord will be "on the job" all the time. There will be times of discouragement and periods of arduous toil, but they will

keep at it believing that in due season they shall "reap if they faint not."

It is the faithful to whom God has promised eternal reward. When the servants to whom the talents had been entrusted reported their gains to the Master, they were both commended for their faithfulness in the work already done and commissioned to higher service. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things." The eternal joy which the faithful shall enter into results from the approval of the Lord for service rendered and the appointment by the Lord to a higher service.

Here then is a worthy objective for all those who desire to make the most helpful contribution to the work of the Lord and who aspire to heavenly happiness—"be thou faithful"!

EDITORIAL GLEANINGS

THE WORLD AT ITS WORST NEEDS— THE CHURCH AT ITS BEST

Such a statement few, if any, will question. To it might be added: when the world is at its worst the church may be at its best. God has made complete provision for this. Every believer may be filled with and consequently controlled by the Holy Spirit.

Needless to say, the world is indeed in a serious condition. Should anyone be inclined to question such a statement, the reports of our radio newscasters and the contents of our newspapers will suffice. Every day tells the same old heartbreaking story of tears and tragedy: Divorce, broken homes, delinquent children, murders, suicides, robberies, holdups, wars, strikes, lockouts, famine. Sickening tragedy is everywhere. Added to that which is seen is something far more subtle, a spirit, a tendency, a tone, a bias, an undertow, a current—call it what you will, but everybody feels the pull of it. John sums it up in the expression: "The whole world lieth in wickedness." Truly, wicked men are waxing worse and worse and that worsening will continue until the Man of Sin be revealed, the embodied climax of it all.

If evil has such tremendous power to influence men, should not grace have its corresponding development? If Satan can so possess men as to master their lives and direct their conduct, should not the Holy Spirit have the same right of way in the people of God? Surely God can do as much for His people as the devil can do for those who yield themselves to him. If in the children of wickedness sin abounds, then in the children of God grace should much more abound.

The Church at its best would be a formidable power against the forces of Satan. The fullness of the Holy Ghost in the individual life is the answer!—H. E. Jessop, Editor, "Heart and Life."

THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE CHURCH

What will it mean for a holiness church to come to judgment; judgment in the sense of giving an account of its stewardship? For there is a stewardship for a church. To the church has been entrusted the ministry of the gospel, the task of proclaiming the truth of salvation, and the privilege of administering the healing, preserving power of the spiritual and the good—the salt of the earth, the light of the world—to the evil and corrupt conditions of life. A holiness church has a special

stewardship. In addition to all the blessings entrusted to the average church, the holiness church has the message of full salvation, the proclamation of the truth of entire cleansing from all sin. The mission of the general church is world-wide; the ministry of the holiness church equally is world-wide, but it includes also a special ministry to all Christian people to bring to them the truth of entire sanctification as a second crisis experience of Christian life.

What a gracious ministry is entrusted to a holiness church! What grave responsibilities this trust carries with it. What a privilege it is to have the true light of God shining upon our hearts and minds, to know the true interpretation of His Word as the foundation of our ministry, and to have the great love and power of the Holy Spirit abiding upon our lives. What a great privilege it is to be in true spiritual Pentecostal succession, to partake of the fire and earnestness and enthusiasm which **moved the early Christian Church to great service and sacrifice**, to be empowered and filled with the same Spirit which made the ministry effective!—D. Shelby Corlett, Editor, "Herald of Holiness."

OUR GREAT SALVATION

Some one has said that it would be a good thing for some preachers to have to spend thirty minutes in Hell that they might come to realize that there is such a place. We are sure that if the modernist preacher who denies the existence of Hell could spend thirty minutes there, he would come out preaching with all the vigor that he has the horrors of fire and brimstone, "where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched." We are sure that, if the modernist could live but a short time amid the horrors of the lost, he would have a different conception of our great salvation. We are also sure that if the average believer could live but a few months in a heathen land and in heathen darkness, he would have a different conception of the meaning of the Gospel, for even unbelievers are the recipients day by day of a thousand blessings that flow from God's matchless grace. Even unbelievers do not like to live in a place where there are no preachers of the Gospel, no churches, no sermons, no songs, no prayer, no Christian moral conceptions. How blind are we not to recognize that all that is good comes from the loving hand of God and that every spark of light in this dark world is but a reflection of His glory.—Victor Glenn, Editor, "The Vanguard."

HE DID WHAT HE COULD

A young man accepted for the African missionary field reported at New York for "passage," but found on further examination that his wife could not stand the climate. He was heartbroken, but he prayerfully returned to his home and determined to make all the money he could, to be used in spreading the kingdom of God over the world. His father, a dentist, had started to make, on the side, an unfermented wine for the communion service. The young man took the business over and developed it until it assumed vast proportions—his name was "Welch," whose family still manufacture "grapejuice." He has given literally hundreds of thousands of dollars to the work of missions. Every job is missionary work when we interpret it by stewardship.—The Presbyterian Advance.