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EDITORIAL

WHY GOOD MEN MAKE MISTAKES

(Continued from last Issue)

For man looketh on the outward appearance: But the Lord looketh on the heart. 1 Sam. 16:7.

And, why does the Lord look on the heart? Because man is, what he is in his heart, and not necessarily what he appears to be outwardly. The Apostle Paul said, For he is not a Jew (Christian) which is one outwardly—But he is a Jew (Christian) which is one inwardly—whose praise is not of men, but of God. Rom. 2—28:29.

Our Lord told the scribes and Pharisees that they appeared righteous, and beautiful outwardly unto men, but inwardly they were full of iniquity and hypocrisy. Mat. 23. If you and I had been there we doubtless would have called those scribes and Pharisees good people because we would have judged them by their outward lives, and Jesus admitted that their outward lives were above reproach. He said you have made clean the outside of the cup and platter, etc. People may be moral and respectable and may do a lot of commendable things, such as good works; they may be generous with their money and goods, and yet not measure up to God's requirement. The Apostle wrote, and though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing.

I am sure, that if we had neighbors who were as generous to the poor as that, we would think that they were all that could be desired by God or man; and yet, our Lord said, except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

According to the teaching of the scriptures, God will determine men's fitness for heaven, not by their works of righteousness, but by the condition of their hearts. Jesus said, many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? And in Thy name have cast out devils? And in Thy name have done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity. Mat. 7:22:23.

The foregoing words of our Lord ought to give every Christian cause for serious thought, especially preachers of the gospel, for Jesus seems to be referring to them, when He said,

they will say, we have prophesied in Thy name. In consulting Dr. Strong's Greek dictionary I see that word prophesy, has two meanings; it means to predict or foretell, and also to speak under inspiration which could mean preaching as we know it today. Hence, the question naturally arises, will many good people as we know them, called Christians, perhaps preachers and teachers, very actively engaged in what they think are wonderful religious works, be rejected by our Lord, when he takes the Judgment seat? Will they be called workers of iniquity, and told to depart?

The fact that the Lord looks on the heart, and judges people by what He sees there, and not by their works, should also bring encouragement to some good people, for there are those who love God with all their hearts and sincerely long to do a great service for Him, but because of limitations in health, money, or time, they feel that they have not done anything to prove their love for Jesus, and the enemy tries to discourage these faithful souls.

But the Lord who looks on the heart, and sees their good desires, and knows what they would do, if they were able, will reward them accordingly. Note, He commended the poor widow, for casting two mites into the treasury, and declared that she gave more than all the rich, because her offering though small in the eyes of men, was a gift of love which is large in God's sight.

This thought also explains another parable on service which Jesus spake, viz. the one where a man who laboured only one hour received the same pay as those who toiled all day. When asked by the one who hired him, why he stood there idle all day, he replied, because no man hath hired me. He would have served longer and more, but had no opportunity. Hence, received pay according to the desire of his heart.

In their religious lives men may do many good and wonderful works, but do them with wrong motives, perhaps to be seen of men or for selfish reasons. Hence no reward from God. The service which is big in God's sight and receives His reward, is prompted by sincere love for Him. Therefore we can see why we not only need to be converted, to be able to render acceptable service to God, but we also need to have our hearts cleansed from all unrighteousness and selfishness by the baptism with the Holy Spirit and filled with divine love, that the motives of our hearts, which only God can see, may be right and pure in His sight and we will thus be rewarded "In that Day."

Furthermore we believe that our God who knoweth the hearts, and knows the end from the beginning, will also deal with many of the heathen, who have never heard of Jesus, on the basis of what they would do if they had heard the gospel. But many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down in the kingdom of heaven, but the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Mat. 8:11:12.

BRING EVERYTHING TO GOD

It is not simply great matters we are to bring to God, not simply small matters, but everything, therefore let us bring all our affairs, temporal and spiritual, before God. For life is made up of little things. If we attempt to stand in our own strength under little trials, we shall fail which is dishonoring to God. We have not a particle of strength to

carry any burden, little or great, and therefore, we must bring them all to God. If we attempt to carry them we shall find that they will increase in weight. I cannot carry the burden. Well, our heavenly Father is ready to do this for us. He has told us to roll all our cares on Him. Therefore it is so deeply important. In everything by prayer and supplication to let our request be made known. With prayer, and not only with prayer, but supplication, that is with earnestness and entreaty just as the beggars sometimes act. They follow you still asking until they obtain the alms they desire. Now this is what we have to do, not simply to mention our request before God, but to go on asking again and again, with earnest prayer and supplication until we receive. Just as the beggar would do and will not our heavenly Father give it to us seeing He has bestowed His greatest gift, even His Son upon us.—Geo. Muller.

RECESSIONAL

God of our fathers known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle line
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget.

The tumult and the shouting dies
The Captains and the Kings depart.
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget.

Far-called our navies melt away
On dune and headland sinks the fire.
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre.
Judge of the nations, spare us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget.

If drunk with sight of power we loose
Wild tongues that have not thee in awe
Such boastings as the Gentiles use,
Or lesser breeds without the Law.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget.

For heathen heart that puts her trust
In reeking tube and iron shard
All valiant dust that builds on dust,
And guarding calls not Thee to guard.
For frantic boast and foolish word,
Thy Mercy on thy people, Lord.

—Rudyard Kipling

THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER PDUS

A dispatch from Vienna states that the Communist-dominated Government of Czechoslovakia is offering Christmas bonuses this year to all "loyal" clergymen who are "devoting their lives to the building of Communism." The amount of the bonus these clerical servants of Stalin are receiving is 1,200 crowns, or \$24.00 in U. S. money.

Comments ALLIANCE WEEKLY: "Judas was paid thirty pieces of silver for betraying his Lord. In U. S. money that amounts to about \$18.00. It would appear that the price for betrayal in Czechoslovakia is slightly higher than it was in Jerusalem!"