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"OUR WAY OF LIFE"

In 1917 a million youth of the United States left home, sweethearts, native land, and personal desires behind and sailed to Europe, there to suffer, bleed and die that "Our Way of Life" might be maintained.

In 1941 another million of our youth quit colleges, gave up lucrative positions and a promising future, bade good-bye to mother, to wife, to sweetheart to blister on the deserts of Africa, rot in the swamps of the Pacific Islands, and die on the beaches of Normandy that "our way of life" might be preserved.

Some of our boys will die today on the sides of mountains and in the marsh lands of Korea. They will die in a land they had no interest in, a profession they had no stomach for, and all the while wondering why they are there. Our boys are dying in Korea in order to maintain "our way of life."

What is our way of life? Are we to discover the answer to our inquiry from the front pages of the newspapers and from the Uniform Crime Report released by J. Edgar Hoover? Let us make an examination: Major crimes numbering 1,790,030 were committed in the United States during 1950. More persons were arrested and fingerprinted in 1950 than in any other year on record.

Hoodlums and racketeers have bought protection from our police while they gorged their greedy souls on funds filched from the public treasury. Is this the way of life we are attempting to maintain?

Dope peddlers are exploiting our children in our schools and on the streets of our cities. Are our boys dying to make this country safe for dope peddlers?

Bars and taverns are crowded from early evening until one to three o'clock in the morning, not with bums, pimps and gamblers, but with mothers, high school boys and girls who, enflamed with hard liquor and leud television shows, go out to commit unmentionable wickedness.

Are our boys dying in Korea to maintain this way of life?

It is not good business to quarrel over a barrel of rotten apples. Unless America can clean up her politics, restrain vicious wickedness, outlaw the greedy dispenser of liquor, and return to the way of righteousness, our way of life is not worth dying for.

Noble military men are not dying in the mountains of Korea in order that you and I may live in security next door to Sodom. These men are not giving their lives to preserve a way of life that stems from the gutter and the brothel.

The only way of life worth preserving is the way of honesty, purity, freedom and godliness.

We need the voice of a Jeremiah calling the Nation to repentance. We need the trumpet blasts of an Amos announcing the judgments and wrath of God against corruption, greed and lascivious wickedness. Unless we can cut from the body politic the cancer of corruption our way of life is not worth fighting for. Unless we can throttle crime, break affinity with the liquor traffic, and put a stop to the underworld racketeers it will be only a few years until all that is noble and worthy in our way of life will be but a memory.

We need to get down on our knees and ask God to forgive us for our willful indolence, and pledge our loyalty to truth and right living. Protest loudly! Speak out boldly. Cry out against crime! Expose corruption! "Lest God's fury break out like fire and there be none to quench it!"—Oliver G. Wilson.

GUARD WELL YOUR FAITH

(II Timothy 4:1)

The great Apostle to the Gentiles set out some flares indicating danger; a danger especially pertinent to the latter days. "Some shall depart from the faith." The danger is emphatically pointed out. The results are appealing and fatal.

In every age of the Christian Era apostasy has been present to blight and curse the Church, yet the last days are to be characterized by apostasy in different forms and with magic appeal.

Ease and plenty and idleness produce the soil from which false ideas of spiritual things spring.

"God's pampered people, whom debauched with ease,
No king could govern and no God could please."
—John Dryden

The great city which drowns all other voices into silence is the cry for security. It is not a question of the rightness and wrongness of the proposition, but will it guarantee security. Ethics and religion seem to have faded from the picture. "Give me security of job now and security in my old age and I will relinquish all my rights to think, to attempt. Initiative has been buried with liberty, and personal responsibility has gone in search of loyalty.

This condition is the dry rot of government, the paralysis of religion and the curse of the entire race.

There are some things worth suffering for. There are principles so sacred that to surrender them is to relinquish the right to manhood. Security is not the only consideration in human relationship; it may be purchased at too great a price.

Towering above all others is faith, faith in

God. Faith that God is ruling, and that because He rules, right is might, and right will ultimately triumph. He who surrenders his faith in God for a full dinner pail has relinquished permanent values for the fog banks of uncertainty.

Faith maintained brings solidity of character, and adds a focal point to life. Out and beyond the last hill, beyond the final sunset is a state of existence. Fortunate is the man who compels all things of time to contribute to strengthening his faith in the eternals. Robert Louis Stevenson wrote:

"Applaud us when we run: console us when we fall:

Cheer us when we recover; but let us press on—

For God's sake, let us press on."

Hold to your faith. Though the last earthly prop is rudely snatched away, and all your fond plans lie in ashes, hold to your faith. When every star is veiled from sight, and the ship is breaking up under the pressure of adverse winds, hold to your faith for you will come safely into "fair havens" at last.—Wesleyan Methodist.

HOLINESS AND PERSECUTION

Jesus said: "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:10). It is written of Moses that he esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward" (Heb. 11:26). Persecution and reproach are often a part of the holy war that God's children are engaged in. Certainly we should not seek opposition to the truth but neither should we seek an easier way just to avoid it. There is a reproach that goes with holiness for the world hates Jesus Christ and often vents its ill will on His people.

Years ago, Rev. Martin Wells Knapp wrote: "Holiness does not exempt from persecution. It did not exempt the prophets . . . nor the apostles, and it will not you. If you do not know what it is to be persecuted, you do not know what it is to have the experience of full-fledged New Testament holiness. Opposers of holiness will claim that their opposition is because of fanaticism, or indiscretion, or wild-fire connected with it, or because of the injudicious methods of its advocates . . . The real reason is because of the nature of holiness holiness workers in these days know, what itself, the disharmony of its opposers to it, and the condemnation which loyalty to it and its testimony of Jesus brings. He who opposes Bible holiness thus unwittingly and unavail-

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