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EDITORIAL

THE LEADERSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the question of leadership is a very important one. One to which, we ought to give very serious consideration. We hear much these days about training young people to be leaders in various walks of life: but that is not what we are considering in trying to write this article. No! We are thinking of spiritual leadership as suggested by the caption of this epistle.

Someone has said that we are led by one of three spirits, namely, by the evil spirit, or our own spirit, or by the Holy Spirit. Of course every thoughtful person will say that Christian people should be led by the Holy Spirit, for that is what the Word teaches us. In fact, the apostle Paul, makes that the test of our spiritual sonship, he says, As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Rom. 8:14.

While Jesus was still upon earth he talked to his disciples about the Holy Spirit, and promised to send him unto them when he went away, and said, when he is come he will guide you into all truth. John 16:13. He did come on the day of Pentecost and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost: And as we read the Acts of the Apostles we are impressed with the very prominent place that the Holy Spirit held in the early church, as their leader. He inspired their messages when they preached, Paul and Timothy were forbidden by the Holy Ghost to preach the Word in Asia on one occasion. He sent Paul and Barnabas out as missionaries. He spoke to Philip, told him to go join himself to the chariot in which the eunuch rode, who was converted and baptized by Philip. The Holy Spirit led Peter out of prison and also John and Peter and Paul and Silas were delivered from prison at midnight by his power. And the early church thrived under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. And from that day until the present, whenever the work of God has prospered and has enjoyed great revivals, it has been because the workers honored the Holy Spirit, and depended on him to lead. He moved men to pray mightily in intercession for the lost and God heard and (2) answered prayer.

Our Lord in the parable of the shepherd and his sheep, in the 10th chapter of John, put great emphasis upon his followers being divinely led. In this parable He sets forth a very intimate relationship between him and

his people. He calls himself the good shepherd, and says he calls his own sheep by name, and they hear him, they know his voice, he goes before them, and they follow him, and he leads them out.

Jesus is certainly stressing the importance of the leadership of the Holy Spirit in this parable, and he leaves us without any excuse for going astray into forbidden paths. Listen to his words again, He calls his own sheep, they know his voice, he goes before them, they follow him, and he leads them out. What more do we need to keep us in paths of righteousness?

"He leads us out." Out of what? Out where? First, let us say, he always leads us in harmony with what is taught and commanded in the word of God, the Bible, for he is the author of that book. Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, saith Peter.

He will lead us out of sin and worldliness, for He wrote, come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you. II Cor. 6:17. He will lead us out of the shallow waters of doubts and fears into a life of faith, and spiritual strength and victory for he has said be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. He will lead us to consecrate our all to God, for he wrote, Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God. Rom. 12:2.

He will lead us into the experience of holiness, for in all his epistles, Paul emphasizes this truth. To the Corinthians he wrote, God hath called us unto holiness. To the Thessalonians he wrote, And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly. To the Ephesians he wrote, God hath chosen us in him (Jesus) before the foundation of the world that we should be holy. To the Hebrews he wrote, Let us go on unto perfection, and follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.

And Peter wrote, as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy, because it is written be ye holy for I am holy.

He will lead us to a life of self denial, sacrifice, and crucifixion of the old man, for so it is written. But through all this he will lead us into great peace, victory and rest of soul, as the Psalmist says, He leadeth me beside the still waters, and maketh me to lie down in green pastures. Praise and honor and glory be to the matchless name of Jesus our good Shepherd.

And my soul sings,

"I will follow where he leadeth,
I will pasture where he feedeth,
I will follow all the way Lord,
I will follow Jesus every day."

—H. S. D.

HOLINESS AND PERSECUTION

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ably advertises that there is something in his heart and in his life that is not right."

Brother Knapp, who was one of the founders of the movement that is now known as the Pilgrim Holiness Church, was not a man to mince words. And he knew, as few of the holiness workers in these days know, what persecution for the holiness testimony meant. Had not a backslidden church movement driven Knapp and others like him out of the fold because of their advocacy of a second work of grace there would have been no new movement.

A ringing testimony to holiness and clear-cut preaching on the urgent need of a holy

heart will often raise opposition, particularly among religious formalists. But the message will also reach those with teachable, hungry hearts.

In a sermon entitled, "Abounding Grace," Rev. Seth C. Rees, who like Knapp was one of the founders of the church and suffered much for the truth, wrote: "You folks that want us to preach something else besides holiness! We will wait until you furnish us something that turns out better goods than ours! There may be a little reproach connected with this gospel; but we will share it, and we are glad to be identified with a kind of truth that will enter a man's home, and enter his heart, and enter his life, and reconstruct him, and make him an angel instead of a devil. And that is what our gospel does; that is what holiness does."

Our generation needs to know of the saving grace and sanctifying power of the Lord Jesus Christ. Nothing less than clear-cut witnessing and red-hot preaching will meet the need of the hour!

MOTHER LOVE

The sweetest flower that ever grew
Is mother love, so kind and true;
Conceived in God's infinite mind,
Placed in the breast of woman kind.
It buds in morning rich and rare,
At noon-day blooms divinely fair;
When evening skies are red and gold
Its true magnificence doth unfold.

When wintry skies are chill and gray
It blooms as sweetly as in May.
'Tis found in every race and clime,
Its beauty is a thing sublime.
It blooms in sickness and in health,
And thrives in poverty and wealth.
It is the light of every home,
The light that scatters all the gloom.

No sky so threatening above
That it would daunt true mother-love;
No wintry blast has ever blown
That made such love forsake its own,
No night too long, or shadows deep,
For her to silent vigil keep
At the maternal shrine, despite
The silent watches of the night.

Its fragrance fills the earth and skies,
It may be crushed but never dies,
The sweetest flower that ever grew
Is mother-love, so kind and true.

—Selected

IN THE HUSH OF THE SOUL

It is because thy life is so hurried: thou dost not take time enough for meditation and prayer; the Spirit of God within thee cannot be discovered while the senses are occupied with pleasure, or the pulse beats quickly, or the brain is filled with many thoughts. It is when the water stands still that it becomes pellucid and reveals the pebbly beach below. Be still and know that God is within thee and around. In the hush of the soul the unseen becomes visible, and the eternal real. The eyes dazzled by the sun cannot detect the beauties of its perihelion till it has had time to rid itself of the glare. Let no day pass without its season of silent waiting before God.—F. B. Meyer.