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EDITORIAL

THANKSGIVING

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name." (Psalm 100:4). That is the Psalmist's exhortation and it is a fitting word to us all as we draw near to the annual day of Thanksgiving. While the giving of thanks to God is always in order, for His endless blessings call for our unceasing praise, it is most fitting that we should have a Thanksgiving Day, set apart for personal and national acknowledgement of God's faithfulness and love, and to render Him due praise.

The whole of the 100th Psalm is a strong appeal for thanksgiving. It is a demand for the fullest possible expression of gratitude to God. The 4th verse suggests THE PLACE OF THANKSGIVING. "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise." It also speaks of THE PRACTICE OF THANKSGIVING. "Be thankful." That is the inner experience of praise. "And bless His name." That is the outward expression of praise. The first expresses itself in the second, and without the first the second is a mere profession.

How shall we express our thanks to God? First, in Christian worship. "Come before His presence with singing." (v. 2). "Enter into His courts with praise." (v. 4). Then, our thanks must be expressed in Christian work. "Serve the Lord with gladness." (v. 2). "Enter into His gates with a thank offering." (v. 4, margin). Not just with lip praise, but with practical and costly service.

God's enduring faithfulness and unending mercy since last Thanksgiving call for our heartfelt and practical gratitude. Let us then, "Enter into His gates with a thank offering, and into His courts with praise."—E. W. T.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

The Home Mission reports in this issue of The Highway call for abundant thanksgiving to God and the appeals present to us a great challenge. Truly "the Lord hath done great things for us," and He is deserving of our sincerest praise.

But the new work begun during the summer months must be continued. The new churches must be supported and established, and the many open doors must be entered. Without a doubt God has given to us an im-

portant work. He is depending on us. We dare not fail Him, or the many to whom we should give the message of full salvation. What God has done is but a token of what He desires to do for us and through us.

We need to "continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving." That is important. But it is not enough to pray: we must also pay. "God loves a hilarious giver." Let us make Home Mission Sunday a day of liberal and cheerful giving to the Lord, to make possible the holding and establishing of our present gains, and a pressing forward to new triumphs for God and holiness. Let us all contribute our best.—E. W. T.

THE CALL TO HOLINESS

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ing. The holy have their fruit unto holiness. The branch in the vine is cleansed, that it may bring forth more fruit; the call to holiness is a call to a holy life. It is a tragedy when "holiness" people are not holy people.

The act of God in sanctification is followed by the word of God in holiness of character and life. "The Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: to the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints." (1 Thess. 3:12, 13).

Nothing surprised nor distressed John Wesley so much, as the number of those who entered into the blessing of entire sanctification and lost it. The same disastrous experience is with us. The moral failures are largely responsible for the unbelief that despises the blessing. The strain of trying to live the holy life is intolerable if the life itself declines. It is only possible with God, and the conditions of life and growth are constant and uncompromising.

The Walk With God

If the experience is not to end in disappointment and dishonour, there must be the work of God that establishes in holiness. The garden of God can suffer no neglect. Holiness involves diligence in cultivation, watchfulness in discipline, attention to nourishment, and exercise in Godlikeness. The perfect must go on unto perfection, and the sanctified must perfect holiness in the fear of the Lord. The God that sanctifies can keep, and His keeping is as complete as His sanctifying. He keeps the spirit holy. He keeps the soul unspotted. He keeps the body sanctified, as becomes the temple of the Indwelling God.

This whole subject is hopeless until it is approached from the God-ward side. Man cannot make himself holy. He cannot keep himself holy. God can sanctify. God can keep. "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

"Jesus, the First and Last,
On Thee my soul is cast;
Thou didst Thy work begin
By blotting out my sin;
Thou wilt the root remove,
And perfect me in love.

"Yet when the work is done,
The work is but begun;
Partaker of Thy grace,
I long to see Thy face;
The first I prove below;
The last I die to know."

HELPING SOULS FIND CHRIST

One famous army chaplain said, "All that you cannot tell a dying soldier in five minutes is unnecessary in the art of soul winning." Whether you accept this as an accurate and final standard or not is beside the point, every Christian should be able to help a troubled soul to Christ in a positive scriptural manner. If you cannot do this, it should become an immediate and consuming duty to prepare yourself for such an emergency. Before sundown Saturday night you may stand at the side of the road where a man, badly injured in a car-crash, is dying, and is calling for someone to help him find Christ. How would you go about it to help that soul?

Meet his every inquiry with Bible statements. Your opinions will carry little if any weight, but a "Thus saith the Lord" will sink into the soul with faith-stimulating power. At such an hour the sacraments will be unimportant. The rules and standards of the Church will be useless. But the Bible was given for such times. Through the Word of God runs the "scarlet thread" which the floundering soul may grasp and hold when the tides of eternity are rolling in.

Or perhaps the man in need of salvation with whom you are to deal is not bleeding his life away at the side of the highway, he may be full of selfish pride, and eagerly anticipating long years of gainful occupation, nevertheless he is just as desperately in need of Christ as the man at the side of the road. Men can no more get along without Christ in the hours of life than they can in the hours of death.

Different types must be met and won to Christ. There will be the Philippian jailer type—thoroughly aroused; the Nicodemus type—intellectual difficulties; the Ethiopian type—lost in endless forms and ceremonies; the Felix type—procrastinator; the Simon Magus type—personal advantage. The Holy Spirit will effectively use the yielded and prepared soul. Do not withhold thyself, but let Him make you effective in service. — O. G. Wilson — Wesleyan Methodist.

STRANGE PEOPLE

People who talk about prayer, but never pray.

People who say tithing is right, but never tithed.

People who wish to belong to the church, but never attend or support the church programme.

People who say the Bible is God's Word to man, yet never read it.

People who say that eternity is more important than time, but who live for the present life.

People who criticize others for things they do themselves.

People who stay from church for trivial reasons, and then sing, "Oh, how I love Jesus!"

People who follow the devil all their lives, but expect to go to heaven.—The Expositor.

"The fields are white to harvest,
But the labourers are few;
Do not idle, do not loiter by the way;
Lo, the Master calls for reapers,
Go, labour in my harvest field today!"

—Sel.