

alley with a knife between his shoulder blades?

I was told by a Russian refugee in Canada some months ago that Bibles were passed around between people and ten pages at a time torn out and distributed. One man said he would give his right arm and everything he owned to hear the Gospel. The man who told me those facts was given ten years in Siberia for having ten pages of the Bible on his person . . . a year for each page! He escaped and now is in Canada, but his body still bears the marks of the beatings he took.

Look at the world with me. In America—64 million people never darken the door of a church. We have a great mission field right here. The Indians in New Mexico to the 2,000,000 in Brooklyn present challenging appeals.

Europe—in Great Britain, that hub of revivals, less than two per cent of the people darken the door of a church. Those statistics come from the Church of England book on "The Conversion of England."

France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, I could name them all. Europe, the fountainhead of foreign missions, now is a great unreached mission field itself.

Deliver Us . . .

Need I say more? South America, Africa, the islands of the sea, India, Japan, Alaska and all the rest! The world awaits the Gospel. What are we going to do about it? The Time is so Short.

Many of you reading this will not live out your lifetime if the hydrogen bombs fall.

What is your answer as we look on the whitened fields . . . hear the words to "pray ye the Lord of the harvest . . . Go ye into all the world and preach."

If He is Lord, there is but one answer we can honestly make, "Here am I, Lord, send me, take me, use me as Thou shalt choose."

—(From the Wesleyan Methodist)

THE BEATITUDES

(Continued from last issue)

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The Persons Described

The pure in heart: "Heart" in the text no doubt stands for the person. "Sin that dwelleth in me," said Paul in Romans 7:17; but later the same man said, "Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:20). The "me" is the place or seat of sin or purity as the case may be.

"In opposition to the Pharisees," says Dr. Adam Clarke, "who affected outward purity, while their hearts were full of corruption and defilement. A principal part of the Jewish religion consisted in outward washings; on this ground they expected to see God, to enjoy eternal glory; but Christ here shows that a purification of the heart, from vile affections and desires, is essentially requisite in order to enter into the kingdom of God. He whose soul is not delivered from all sin, through the blood of the covenant, can have no scriptural hope of ever being with God."

Dr. Wakefield, quoting from Origin, says: "God has no body, and therefore is invisible: but men of contemplation can discern Him with the heart of understanding . . . a defiled heart cannot see God: but he must be pure who wishes to enjoy a proper view of a pure Being."

The pure in heart are those whose inner being has been purified through the merits of

the atoning blood of the Lamb of God; administered by the Holy Ghost in response to the appropriating faith of a believer. They are as a result made pure in heart. Their motive then is pure, but their method may not be the best. Their purpose is all right, but their performance may be quite human and perhaps sometimes out of order. Their passion is now pure, but may be perverted unless guarded. Their affections are pure, for they love God with all their powers.

Oh, for a heart to praise my God

A heart from sin set free,

A heart that always feels Thy blood,

So freely spilt for me!

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,

My great Redeemer's throne,

Where only Christ is heard to speak,

Where Jesus reigns alone.

Oh, for a lowly, contrite heart,

Believing, true, and clean,

Which neither life nor death can part

From Him that dwells within!

A heart in ev'ry tho't renewed,

And full of love divine;

Perfect, and right, and pure, and good—

A copy, Lord, of Thine.

—Charles Wesley

The Promise Designated

(1) The pure in heart are blessed because of the fact of purity within: "I will dwell in them, and walk in them." The Holy Trinity dwelling in the human temple thus purified!

(2) The pure in heart are blessed because they are single-minded. "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways," says James (1:8); undecided, unsettled; a mind for the Lord and a mind for the world. Purity removes the doubleness and gives singleness of heart.

They are a fixed people. "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise," cried the Psalmist (57:7). A fixed heart, then, is a singing heart, a praising heart. They are no longer "tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine" (Eph. 4:14). They are fixed in their Christian purpose, fixed in their purpose to be God's forever, to serve Him in righteousness and true holiness all the days of their lives.

(3) The pure in heart are blessed because of their standing in God. They "stand perfect and complete in all the will of God" (Col. 4:12). This standing place in the will of God enables them to stand fully assured and impartial in all His will. How blessed to will what God wills, when He wills it, and how He wills it! God's will for us is always the best for us.

Sweet will of God, still folds me closer,
Till I am wholly lost in Thee!

(4) The pure in heart are blessed because they see God; to see the "Pure Being" is to enjoy Him. Jacob saw God in the night when he wrestled with the angel (See Gen. 32:24-30). Isaiah saw God the year that King Ussiah died (Isa. 6:1). Job saw God, and said, "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee" (42:5).

The pure in heart see God in a specific sense in His creative work. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handywork" (Psalms 19:1). They see God in His Son: "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). They see God in His

Word, which is a revelation from God and of God. They see God in His providence. William Cowper, in that grand old hymn, put this truth in a wonderful way:

God moves in a mysterious way

His wonders to perform;

He plants His footsteps in the sea,

And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines

Of never-failing skill,

He treasures up His bright designs

And works His sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take:

The clouds ye so much dread

Are big with mercy, and shall break

In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,

But trust Him for His grace;

Behind a frowning providence

He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,

Unfolding every hour;

The bud may have a bitter taste,

But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,

And scan His work in vain;

God is His own Interpreter,

And He will make it plain.

The pure in heart, then, see God in the storm as well as in the calm; in the night as well as in the day; in the tunnel as well as in the open; in the valley as well as on the mountaintop. They see Him in His Fatherly affection and compassion, and they see Him in His almightiness, the "mighty to save and strong to deliver."

The pure in heart are blessed because they shall see God eternally. They not only see Him now and enjoy Him now, but they shall see and enjoy Him eternally:

Forever with the Lord.

Amen, so let it be.

Life from the dead is in that word;

Tis immortality.

BE WITH ME, LORD!

Through every minute of this day,

Be with me, Lord!

Through every day of all this week,

Be with me, Lord!

Through every week of all this year,

Be with me, Lord!

Through all the years of all this life,

Be with me, Lord!

So shall the days and weeks and years

Be threaded on a golden cord,

And all draw on with sweet accord

Unto thy fulness, Lord;

That so, when time is past,

By grace I may at last,

Be with Thee, Lord.—Oxenham

HORSE SENSE

A horse can't pull while kicking

This fact we merely mention,

And he can't kick while pulling,

Which is our chief contention.

Let's imitate the good horse!

And lead a life that's fitting;

Just pull an honest load, and then