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EDITORIAL

THE COST OF FRUITFUL SERVICE

"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." (John 12:24.)

The first application of that statement was doubtless to Jesus. He spoke the words concerning Himself. The expressed desire of the "certain Greeks" to see Him, moved Him to acknowledge and announce the nearness of the hour of His crucifixion and death, and to prophesy the abundant harvest—spiritual and eternal—His sacrifice would produce.

But the two verses immediately following Christ's statement, and connected with it, clearly indicate a wider application of its message. The three verses together present Christ's call to men for an uttermost consecration to Him, through identification with Him in His great redemptive mission.

In the first two verses Christ states, or enunciates a principle, or way of fruitfulness, applicable to both Himself and us, and having stated it, He continues with, "If any man will serve me, let Him follow me." Thus He declares to Himself, to His listeners then, and to us now, the only way of fruitful service. It is the cost to us we wish you to prayerfully consider, and then to pay.

The "much fruit" is doubtless the desire of us all. We long for a time of spiritual harvesting. But before the harvest can be gathered it must be produced, and the principle and price of producing the fruit are plainly presented in Christ's words. The principle is that of life out of death. The cost is falling into the ground to die. In other words, self-denying, selfless, sacrificial service in some part of God's great field, the world. That is more than much of the so called service rendered today. It leaves the "corn of wheat" above the surface of the soil, much on display, but abiding alone. "Death worketh in us, but life in you," wrote Paul. "I wanted to wear out my life for Him," declared David Brainerd. "Now let me burn out for God," cried Henry Martyn. Theirs was selfless and sacrificial service, and it was abundantly fruitful.

We are all represented by the "grain of wheat", either abiding alone because of self-love, or divinely planted, having yielded up the right to oneself to make possible a glorious harvest. By which are we represented?

—E. W. T.

"MINISTERS AND CHURCHES"

From time to time we receive word from some of our subscribers and readers, telling us that they miss the "Ministers and Churches" column, usually seen on Page 8, in the top corner, in other days. We are sorry for the loss evidently felt, for we do desire to please every "Highway" reader.

We would assure our friends that all the news concerning ministers and churches coming to the editor's desk is published in The Highway, usually if not always, on Page 7. The editor himself often wishes he had more news to report. Perhaps our pastors and evangelists could assist the editor in this matter.

E. W. T.

OUR FINAL APPEAL

This will probably be our final appeal to many whose subscription to the "Highway" has expired. The greatly increased cost of publication makes it impossible for us to keep on our mailing list the names of those whose renewal is long overdue. Yet we do not wish to lose one subscriber. We need you all and feel you need the "Highway." We appreciate your past support. Your subscriptions have helped us greatly. Will you not check the date on the yellow label of your last paper and write immediately if your renewal is due? We hope to hear from you.

THIS UTTERMOST SALVATION . . .

Why should any man of reason and religion be either afraid of, or averse to, salvation from all sin? Is not sin the greatest evil on this side of hell? And if so, does it not naturally follow that an entire deliverance from it is one of the greatest blessings this side of heaven? How earnestly, then, should it be prayed for by all. By sin I mean a voluntary transgression of a known law. Are you averse to being delivered from this? Are you afraid of such a deliverance? Do you so love sin that you are unwilling to part with it? Surely not. You do not love either the devil or his works; you rather wish to be totally delivered from them—to have sin rooted out of both your life and your heart.—J. Wesley.

HOW TO FIND HELP FROM BIBLE READING

Read slowly and prayerfully. "Not snap shots but time exposures" should be the rule.

Read keenly and thoughtfully. Imagine the scenes.

Read obediently. Search for the personal message each day's passage has for YOU.

Your inner response to God's message is vital. When He condemns, bow, penitently; when He offers help, place your hope on that assurance; when He guides, follow.

Underline passages which strike fire. Copy them and repeat them aloud.

Memorize one key verse daily.

Set aside and keep a definite daily time for reading.

Make it a habit; become a daily reader of the Bible.—American Bible Society.

A MOCKERY

In our Twentieth Century Evangelism . . . men are urged to be saved before they know they are lost, to believe without being convicted of their need. The fruit is picked before it is ripe and of course the work is bound to come undone. If we are to get Holy Spirit Fruit, God must prepare the ground: the Holy Spirit must convict of sin before men can truly believe. It is right to tell people to believe when God has done His work in their hearts, but first they must feel their need.

Let us wait until the Spirit of God has done His part before we say: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Let us first see the signs of conviction as in the case of the Philippian jailer. And when their anguish is so deep that they are forced to cry aloud: "What must I do to be saved?" Then we will know that they are ready to be exhorted to trust and exercise faith in Christ, but not until then . . .

This "accepting Christ" theory without conviction, a head belief, but no New Birth, no "Born Again" experience—what a mockery it is!—Oswald Smith.

NEEDED—

Prophets—Not Clowns

By A. W. Tozer

No one with an ounce of sincerity wants to trust his or her soul to a religious clown.

Imagine, if you can, a newspaper ad written by one of the snappy gospeleers of our day announcing a meeting by Charles G. Finney. It would in all likelihood run something after this fashion:

HERE'S WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!

Presenting Charles G. (Chuck) Finney
Amazing Revival Star

Sharp at 8:00 "Chuck" will give out with some thrilling talk.

He preaches—but good.

Also featured will be Rev. Daniel "Dan" Nash. Old "Bent-Knee" Nash in person. Positively the keenest intercessor to appear before an American audience. He once prayed with a president.

The nervous desire for "contacts" found everywhere in religious circles is another symptom of the same abject poverty of life. The lonely solitudes seldom hear now the cry of a Moses or an Elijah.

The Church of God needs prophets, the kind of prophets that are bred of the silence and the long contemplations. Such prophets will not be easy companions; they will not be jolly fellows with a "testimony for Jesus."

They will be serious men whose eyes look afar; and though they may be meek and lowly as the Lord whom they adore, there will be about them a suggestion of royalty, a noble reserve of bearing that cannot be mistaken. And if there is hope for the Church before Christ returns, that hope will lie with such men as these.