

THOUGHTS ON HOLINESS

(Continued)

Text: Matt. 5:48

Glorifying the Father

Why do not the words stir us and inflame us? To serve Him were much; but we are called to more than that. To please Him were blessed; but ours is to be a higher life than that. So living that men shall Glorify Him.

A lofty work indeed—indeed the highest and grandest conceivable. Say, then, is it not the saddest proof of our blind, deaf, dead souls—that we can think of it so coldly, so unmoved! It is the fullest proof of His great salvation, that we should be called to such a high state and made capable of so sublime a service. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.

And yet, though it is so high and noble a work, this Holiness is to reach down to all the lowliest round of life. It gives light to all that are in the house. Holiness shines within as well as without. It brightens every room in the house—the kitchen, the nursery, the dining room, upstairs as well as down. It cannot be hid.

The Highway of Holiness

Where is it? Cheer up, sad heart, cheer up. The Highway of Holiness is along the commonest road of life—along your very way. In wind and rain, no matter how it beats—only, it is going hand in hand with Him. Hand in hand with Him, all that He has is ours. We walk in the light as He is in the light; we have fellowship one with another; and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. The crucified Christ is ours most fully when we walk and talk with the risen, the living, the present Christ,—more than conquerors through Him that loved us. I do know that hand in hand with Him I can overcome sin. I do know that without Him I am tht helpless slave of sin. What more need any know?

The Highway of Holiness leads down into the market place, amidst the many words of those that buy and sell—the beating up, the beating down. It goes still hand in hand with Him, and so finds rest, strength and grace to be quiet.

The Highway of Holiness goes down into the midst of enemies who injure and defraud. But still hand-in-hand with Him, He teaches and strengthens us neither to resent nor to avenge such injuries; but in all things to be governed by a noble charity,—a charity which has its penalties and prisons it is true, but uses them neither in malice nor anger, for charity is sister to justice.

This is Holiness—yielding ourselves to the Saviour for the fulfillment in us of His high purposes; receiving Him, and thus having authority to become the sons of God, and true brothers to all men.

One does not need to use a gun to kill another; just fiery blasts from a carnal and wicked tongue will do it.

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—Ed.

ONLY ONE

"I am only one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do.

And what I ought to do, by God's grace, I will do."—Anon.

THIS I KNOW

I may not know what next may come

Across my pilgrim's way;

I do not know tomorrow's road;

Nor see beyond today;

But this I know—my Saviour knows

The path I cannot see,

And I can trust His wounded hand

To guide and care for me.

I do not know what may befall

Of sunshine or of rain;

I do not know what may be mine

Of pleasure or of pain;

But this I know—my Saviour knows

And whatso'er it be,

Still I can trust His love to give

What will be best for me.

I do not know what may await,

Or what the morrow brings;

But with the glad salute of faith

I'll hail its opening wings!

For this I know—that in my Lord

Shall all my needs be met,

And I can trust the heart of Him

Who has not failed me yet.

—Charles A. Brown

THINGS TO REMEMBER THIS YEAR

"Taking a day off is easy—putting it back is hard."

"Gossip travels fastest over a sour grapevine."

"It is not what we eat, but what we digest that makes us strong; not what we gain, but what we save that makes us rich; not what we read, but what we remember that makes us learned, and not what we profess but what we practice that makes us good Christians."

"'Tis better to be alone than in bad company."

"January is the month for making high resolves—and also the month to begin breaking them."—Selected.

THRESHING

The first description John the Baptist gives of Jesus is that of a Divine Husbandman at work in His threshing-floor. (Matt. 3:12). When corn is stored in the granary we are apt to think it is the end, but it is only the beginning. Sanctification is a reaping, and end, but also a beginning. Standing corn has to be cut down and go through the processes of reaping, threshing, grinding, mixing and baking before it is good for food; and sanctified souls must be told that their only use is to be reaped for God and made into bread for others. It is time we got away from our shallow thinking about sanctification. The majority who are introduced into an experience of sanctification remain at the gateway, "saved and sanctified"; they are perfectly honest, but they do not know how to go on, consequently they begin to stagnate. We need to learn that God has a lot to do with a saint after sanctification; our perplexities come because this is not realized. We have to see that as right dividers of the word of truth, we bring this before people.

Beware of being guided by mental, moral and spiritual affinities, let God mix you as He sees fit. Peter thought he knew better than God, but God had to mix Peter with the Gentiles before he became good bread. (Acts 10:9-16).—Oswald Chambers.

THE TEMPERATURE OF THE CHURCH

The Temperature of the Church and that of the world are too much alike. God never intended His Church to be a refrigerator in which to preserve perishable piety, but rather an incubator in which to hatch out young converts. You should have thought a refrigerator would be the last piece of furniture any church would install. A poker and a pair of bellows would have been more appropriate.

The ideal, with some people of superficial culture and timid nature, is that a Christian should be a bit of ice devoid of emotion. We are living in an age that aims to rob religion of its inflammatory touch. We need God's lightning to kindle a flame. We have tried we have tried programs, and they have kind-religious education, but it has brought no fire; we have tried philosophy but it doesn't burn; led no enthusiasm. Let us try Pentecost—it will bring the fire. God set the Church at Jerusalem on fire, and the whole city turned out to see it burn.—F. Lincicome.

REASONS FOR GOING TO CHURCH

Some go to church to take a walk;
Some go there to laugh and talk;
Some go there to meet a friend;
Some go there, their time to spend;
Some go there to meet a lover;
Some go there a fault to cover;
Some go there for speculation;
Some go there for observation;
Some go there to doze and nod;
The wise go there to worship God.