

decadent church, has miserably failed. The policy of appeasement and compromise employed with care and skill by modern religious leaders, has produced a sickening sight of spiritual decline and impotence in the face of a challenge of unparalleled magnitude.

The message of the Gospel in its original purity is a message of righteousness. The Saviour of the Gospel in His original role is One Who is mighty to save. Truth written and living unite in open conflict with sin and dig in for a fight-to-the-finish struggle. There are no terms of surrender. Death alone can settle the issue, the death of sin, or the death of the sinful.

Christ calls for heralds of His Gospel who will "speak in righteousness", denouncing sin in all forms and places. Voices must be raised against the black and blatant sins of the day. And those who speak must echo the message of salvation as proclaimed by the "mighty to save". Righteousness and redemption must be given balanced emphasis if our declarations are to produce the desired effect.

We must face sin with a challenge—the challenge of a decisive victory won by a Divine Redeemer. We must issue that challenge to evil in the hearts of men and evil in the house of men. Sin can be removed from the heart and will be removed from the world. This is the only heartening message for the people of our time.

Once more, in a pre-Easter emphasis, the attention of the multitudes is directed to the Calvary Cross "towering o'er the wrecks of time". Sermons on the meaning and message of that Cross will be preached by thousands of Gospel ministers. But our great need is not to make pilgrimage to the Cross of Christ, but to have the Christ of the Cross come in power to us.

Oh to see the form, hear the words, feel the power, of the "Conqueror from Calvary!" May it happen to us as a new and electrifying experience in these days of world crisis!

THE CROSS WAS HIS OWN

They borrowed a bed to pillow His head
When Christ the Lord came down;
They borrowed the ass in the mountain pass
For him to ride to town;
But the Crown He wore and the Cross that He bore
Were His own, the Cross was His own.

He borrowed the bread when the crowd was fed
On the grassy mountain side;
He borrowed the dish of broken fish
With which He satisfied;
But the Crown that He wore and the Cross that He bore
Were His own, the Cross was His own.

He borrowed the ship in which to sit
And talk to the multitude;
He borrowed the nest in which to rest,
He had never a home so crude;
But the Crown that He wore and the Cross that He bore
Were His own, the Cross was His own.

He borrowed a room on His way to the tomb,
The Passover Lamb to eat;
They borrowed a cave for Him a grave,
They borrowed a winding sheet;
But the Crown that He wore and the Cross that He bore
Were His own, the Cross was His own.

The thorns on His head were worn in my stead,
For me the Saviour died;
For the guilt of my sin, the nails drove in
When Him they crucified;
Though the Crown that He wore and the Cross that He bore
Were His own, the Cross was His own.

—Selected.

The King's Highway

Cheerful Givers

by George Muller

I have been for fifty years, by God's grace, acting on the principle of Christian giving according to the Scriptures, and I cannot tell you the abundance of spiritual blessings I have received to my own soul through acting thus; that is, seeking to be a cheerful giver; seeking to give as God has been pleased to prosper me.

I began when I had comparatively little, very little, to spare; but as I gave, God increased my ability to give more and more until at last God has been pleased, in the riches of His grace, to condescend to use a poor worthless worm like me, and has entrusted me year by year with very large sums to expend. Many beloved saints are depriving themselves of wondrous spiritual blessing by not giving as stewards what is entrusted to them. They act as if it were all their own, as if all belonged to them, as if already they were in possession of the inheritance incorruptible and undefiled; forgetting that they have nothing whatever which is their own, that they are bought by the precious blood of Christ, and all they possess: their bodily strength, their time, their talents, their business, their professions, their eyes, their hands, their feet, all belong to the Lord Jesus, because He has bought them with His precious blood.

Therefore may I affectionately beseech and entreat my beloved Christian friends to take this to heart, and consider that hitherto they have been depriving themselves of vast spiritual blessings, because they have not followed the principles of giving systematically, and giving as God prospers them, and according to His plan; not merely according to impulse — not just as they are moved by a missionary or charity sermon, but systematically and habitually giving on principle, as God enables them. If He entrusts to them one pound, to give accordingly a proportion; if they are left a legacy of a thousand pounds, to give accordingly; if He entrusts them with ten thousand pounds, or whatever it may be, to give accordingly. Oh, my brethren, I believe if we realized the blessing, we would give thus on principle; and, if so, we should give a hundred times more than we do now.

Just as we are constrained by the love of Christ, so God condescends to use us; and as we give, He is pleased to entrust to us more and more. It is impossible for us to say to what amount God may entrust us, or how largely He may give unto us the joy and honor, the precious privilege, of communicating (giving) to others.

And here allow me to refer to my own experience. The first year I began giving, God entrusted me with about fifty pounds; but this afterwards increased until now He has entrusted me with about two thousand pounds (about \$10,000) a year. The poor man George Muller, known by everybody as a poor man, who is to this very day as a poor man, and yet by the grace of God has been enabled to give about forty thousand pounds sterling — that is altogether since I began giving.

Life is a seed-time for eternity.—J. A. James

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