

- Editorial -

Let Us Not Lose Our Ability— TO BE AMAZED

It was often the experience of Christ's followers to be amazed at the words which he spoke (or did not speak!) or at the wondrous miracles which he performed. On one occasion the disciples of Jesus were "exceedingly amazed" (Matt. 19:25). On another occasion "They were all amazed and glorified God" (Mark 2:12); again "The people were greatly amazed" (Mark 9:15); at another time "They were amazed and were afraid" (Mark 10:32); and again, "They were all amazed at the power of God" (Luke 9:43).

Unless we are careful we are going to lose our ability to be amazed or impressed, until when God performs a miracle before our very eyes we shall fail to recognize it as such and, of more serious consequence, fail to give Him the glory and the praise for it.

There is some justification for this error on our part. We live when the "unusual" has become the "usual" and we have learned to expect something radically new every day. Satellites, space flights, atomic submarines— all these and more—are items now with little news value, not really worthy as topics of conversation, and have become the common facts of everyday living.

But though, generally, we have ceased to be amazed at anything, we ought to guard against total immunity to the miraculous. Existence is going to become very monotonous when we lose our ability to respond to life with marvel and amazement. Certain events, by their very nature, justify awe and wonder. It would be well, then, for us to be amazed—

WHEN GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

This is not amazement at God's ability to answer prayer, but rather at His willingness to hear our cry and to involve Himself in our personal needs and burdens. We ought to be amazed when God—The Infinite, Sovereign One—dispatches grace, from Eternity to Time, in answer to our prayer.

WHEN GOD GIVES STRENGTH BEYOND OUR SUPPOSED ENDURANCE

The Song Writer expressed it well:
He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater.
He sendeth more strength when the labours increase.
To added affliction, He addeth His mercy.
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.
Should we not be amazed when God's sustaining grace does its work in our lives?

WHEN WE REALIZE HOW WE ARE A PART OF GOD'S PLAN

Even as Joseph, Moses, Daniel, and Paul were used to fill crucial roles in the unfolding plan of God for His people, so we—possibly in lesser roles than those giants of Bible History—are a part of God's present plan for this hour and generation. Is this not reason for amazement—that God needs YOU—for His work of redeeming mankind?

WHEN A MOMENT OF INSIGHT REVEALS GOD

While the Psalmist mused, the fire burned! (Psalm 39:3) What a precious, unforgettable moment when in the midst of the darkest hour, the curtain pulls away and there we behold the Eternal. With unrestrained amazement we cry, "O Glory to God!"

How long has it been since we were amazed? Since our heart burned within us, while He talked with us in the way? Since we were overwhelmed with the Glory of the Lord? Since our heart exploded, in amazement, at the power of the Lord?

A MORNING PRAYER

Mildred M. Tokley

Blessed Master, for this I pray;
Grace to live for You today,
Strength to walk in the way You plan,
Courage to do what You command,
Patience when everything seems to go wrong,
Faith to believe and keep going on,
Hope in the One who guides my way,
Love that covers throughout the day.

This is the prayer I pray to One
Who rules the world and guides the Sun.
One who answers believing prayer,
And keeps His child in His loving care.

HERE I STAND

"God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world" (Gal. 6:14).

I suppose I am something like Mr. Cecil when he was a boy. His father once told him to wait in a gateway till he came back, and the father, being very busy, went about the city, and amid his numerous cases and engagements forgot the boy. Night came on, and at last, when the father reached home, there was a great inquiry as to where Richard was. The father said, "Dear me! I left him in the morning standing under such and such a gateway, and I told him to stay there till I came for him. I should not wonder but that he is there now." So they went, and there they found him. Such an example of simple, childish faithfulness is no disgrace to emulate.

I received, some years ago, orders from my Master to stand at the foot of the cross till He came. He has not come yet, but I mean to stand there till He does. If I should disobey His orders, and leave those simple truths which have been the means of the conversion of souls, I know not how I could expect a blessing. Here, then, I stand at the foot of the cross, and tell out the old, old story still, stale though it sounds to itching ears, and worn thread-bare as critics may deem it. It is of Christ I love to speak—of Christ who loved, and lived, and died, the substitute for sinners, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God.—Charles H. Spurgeon.

The King's Highway

An Advocate of Scriptural Holiness

— THE ORGAN OF THE —
REFORMED BAPTIST ALLIANCE

Published Semi-Monthly at Moncton, N. B.

L. K. Mullen, Editor and Business Manager

W. E. Green, Editor Y. P. Page

All subscriptions and renewals should be sent to Rev. L. K. Mullen, Box 723, Woodstock, N. B.

All material, except notices, must reach the editor by the 15th and the 30th of each month.

— SUBSCRIPTION PRICE —

Per year, in advance \$3.00
United States Subscribers 3.00

Printed by Moncton Publishing Co., Ltd.

Printers and Publishers, Moncton, N. B.

AUTHORIZED AS SECOND CLASS MAIL
BY THE POST OFFICE DEPT. OTTAWA
AND FOR PAYMENT OF POSTAGE IN CASH

MONCTON, N. B., OCTOBER 15, 1962

The King's Highway