

It Certainly Pays

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TEXT I. Tim. 4-8. "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is and of that which to come."

Let us continue our meditation on the above text.

We have been discussing the profit to be gained from living God's way, and refusing to live the Devil's way.

The profit of being God's man, and not a tool of the devil.

This was brought home to me one day as I was calling, and the man of the house called his family together with this statement, — "the man of God is going to read the word of God and Pray." It startled me for a moment, and then the Spirit said to me, "Well, what are you?" And somewhere, from my innermost spirit, there came a fervent "THANK GOD."

IN THE HOME

The home is no stronger than the virtues that underlie it.

What Grace is bestowed upon that home when the fruits of the Spirit of God are in constant evidence, LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONGSUFFERING, TENDERNESS, GENTLENESS, etc. what an atmosphere for contentment, for harmony, for security, both spiritual and marital, the love of children; the nearest approach to that condition spoken of in THE WORD, "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my Holy Mountain."

A drunkard's wife, and all his unsaved relatives would surely rejoice, when that man was saved from drink, tobacco, etc. But this man became out and out for God and Holiness, and oft-times his friends would say, "it was nice for him to get his life cleaned up but he is in danger of becoming a fanatic." I am sure, if his wife and family were questioned, concerning the same, after having a sober husband, and a happy home, with God's blessing on their lives, they would say, "Thank God. May he never go back."

The sinner is a burden to his home, his community, and to society in general, for his sinfulness makes necessary jails, prisons, institutions for the criminally insane; and hell the asylum of the universe.

AND OF THAT WHICH IS YET TO COME.

The man that fears, loves, and serves God, has God's blessing all through life, and extracts the uttermost good out of life itself; and through the Divine blessing, acquires a full preparation here below, for an eternal life of glory above. Thus Godliness has the promise of blessings of both worlds. Here, and the here-after, are both God's.

In Rev. Chapters 21-22, we read the description of the Holy City, its situation, its substance, its accessibility, four square, gates of pearl, open, no night, the gates shall not be shut at all by day, GLORY!

"And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of earth do bring their glory and honor into it.

And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

"I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you

The King's Highway

NEWS

FROM

NATIONAL HOLINESS ASSOCIATION

The 95th Annual Convention of the National Holiness Association will be held April 16-18, 1963 in the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Program arrangements are now complete.

The convention theme is "Charged To Communicate." The keynote message will be brought by Rev. Richard Humble of the Churches of Christ in Christian Union. This first address to be heard at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 16 will be followed by the Convention Personnel Luncheon which will feature the annual address of the N. H. A. President, Dr. Kenneth E. Geiger.

The Tuesday and Wednesday evening speakers, respectively, will be Dr. Hardy C. Powers, General Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene, and Dr. C. P. Haggard, President, Azusa College, Azusa, California. These evening public rallies will begin at 7:15 and will feature sacred concerts by the A Capella Choirs of Greenville College and Olivet College respectively.

The nine speakers in the several public meetings of the convention represent as many different holiness denominations. Other outstanding leaders, in addition to those already named, who will bring convention messages are: Dr. Paul M. Thomas, Bishop E. C. John, Colonel Milton S. Agnew, Dr. B. H. Phaup, and Dr. Arthur Climenhaga.

Rev. Earl Bray of South Bend, Indiana will serve as convention musician. His stirring solo numbers will be supplemented by musical groups from several colleges and the Chicago area.

Six Seminars or Workshops will each have three sessions during the Convention under the general leadership of Rev. Merne Harris. Following is a list of these seminars with their leaders: Camp Meetings, Bishop Henry Ginder; Doctrine, Dr. Leo Cox; Education, Dr. J. S. Logan; Evangelism, Dr. Robert Coleman, Holiness Preaching, Dr. Richard Taylor; Spiritual Life, Dr. J. C. McPheeters.

Dr. C. D. Ewell is serving as Chairman of the Convention Host Committee. Rev. A. E. Bray and Lt. Colonel Bramwell Tripp are serving as Vice-Chairman and Secretary respectively.

Additional information concerning the convention program, hotel reservations, etc. may be obtained by writing the National Holiness Association, 1819 South Main Street, Elkhart, Indiana.

SIGNS OF A SANCTIFIED HEART

Here are some signs of a sanctified heart:

- A spiritual wide-awakeness.
- A warmness of spirit towards all people and to the means of grace.
- A simple honesty in testimony.
- A relating of goodness of God instead of aches and pains.
- A sweet disposition, not a disgruntled one.
- Always looking up, out, and forward.
- A gentle spirit, quick to encourage, slow to condemn.
- A readiness to put the best construction upon all things.—Selected.

these things in the churches. I am the root and offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the spirit and the Bride say, Come, And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."