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PRACTICAL EVIDENCES OF CHRISTIANITY

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Let us now consider Christianity in another aspect. ITS EXQUISITE ADAPTATION TO THE HUMAN HEART

That the human heart has needs no one can deny. The soul was made for God, and it cannot be satisfied apart from Him. The plan of salvation was devised by the Almighty God, for this very purpose—that it might suit the needs of the human heart. In other words, salvation is what it is, because your heart is what it is. It is marvellously true that God's salvation is perfectly adapted to the needs of the human heart. I have remarked many times that seeing that we have the needs that we do, if there never had been any such salvation, there should have been.

One of the very first evidences that the seeker after God has found what he sought, is the inward consciousness of satisfaction. This is a part of the witness to our acceptance by the Lord. It is a rest within, a ceasing from struggle, a quiet reliance upon the promises of God.

This idea of adaptation is worth pondering well. Everywhere in God's creation we can behold wise adaptation. Study the bird on the wing; note the perfect adaptability to its environment. Look at a fish. Note its adaptation to the water — its build, its balance, its logically placed fins. Note the adaptability of the human hand. Could anything be more wonderful in its adaptation? We could go on and on and note thousands of things. Men build machines adapted for different purposes; make tools of all kinds with peculiar and special adaptation.

Now what is true in the natural realm is just as true in the spiritual. As we have already noted, the grace of God, the work of the Holy Spirit within, is perfectly adapted to the fallen needs of the human heart. The provision suits the need like a cover to a box. We could think of it as a great design. God understood beforehand just what your heart and my heart would need, so he planned, and made available to our faith, a salvation that just exactly fits our need. The good boat builder visualizes beforehand the kind of boat he wants to build, so he draws his design, then he builds with this ultimate design in view. He is not satisfied till he sees his boat finished to specifications. Thus it is with the Lord. He made the design, and He is not satisfied until He sees us brought into full conformity to His preconceived specifications.

CHRISTIANITY IS UNIQUE IN ITS ADAPTATION TO ALL RACES OF MEN

Regardless of climate or circumstances, the Gospel produces the same reactions. How wonderful it really is! It has the same transforming effect, gives the same heart satisfaction, whether it be the native of New Guinea, the Zulu of South Africa or the fur-clad Eskimo of the far North. Their testimony is the same. Christianity-salvation-is perfectly adapted to their needs. It satisfies their hearts.

Nothing but a divine work of grace could do this. If

Our Biggest Problem?

What is the biggest problem of the holiness movement today?" Dr. Frank Stanger, of Asbury Seminary, was recently asked the question in a seminar sponsored by the National Holiness Association. His reply was, "Relevancy." By which he meant we are not succeeding as we should in making forgiveness, grace, and holiness relevant today. It is not enough to talk only to ourselves — we must talk to the man of the world of his actual moral and social needs in language he can understand.

DIVINE GUIDANCE

The quiet restfulness of God's unhurried presence acts as a solace to fretful and anxious hearts; moreover, in such an atmosphere the human spirit is made sensitive to the movements of the Divine Spirit, and confidence that He will not fail is engendered. It is those who thus wait, who find strength to continue waiting for His moment, which assuredly will come.—Thomas Fitch.

GOD'S PAVILION

In a world where there is so much to sadden and depress, how blessed the communion with Him in whom is the one true source and fountain of all true gladness and abiding joy! In a world where so much is ever seeking to unhallow our spirits, to render them common and profane, how high the privilege of consecrating them anew in prayer to holiness and to God.

Archbishop Trench.

it were something devised by human brain, or something of Satanic origin, it would never do this. No heathen system has ever done it. No heathen religion has anything that can compare with it.

CHRISTIANITY IS ADAPTED TO ALL CLASSES AND ALL AGES

Not only is Christianity adapted to all races, but it is perfect in its adaptation to all conditions of mankind. The rich and the poor find consolation and blessing. The aged as well as the young find that which fully satisfies. Even little children of tender age can know the Lord in a satisfying experience of saving grace. They have been known to come to a knowledge of the Lord at five years old or even younger. I knew well two men, in fact I baptized them, who found the Lord when past eighty.

Let no one be alarmed, thinking his case is a difficult one which cannot be suited. There are no cases too hard for the Lord. He has grace and salvation to fit exactly every individual case. Have you found heart satisfaction in your way of living? If not, why not try Christianity? If you have a profession but it does not give satisfaction, keep on seeking, for there is an experience that will perfectly meet your need.