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"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." Psalms 68:11.

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THE IMPOSSIBLE

by

James H. Taylor Sr.

In the January 1967 issue of the Reader's Digest there is an excellent article, "A Foolproof Formula for Success." Rightly the author affirms that integrity is the sure road to success. But its well-chosen illustrations ranged only within the sphere of human capabilities.

The Scriptures offer a greater challenge. They give those who believe and obey them a formula for certain success when they face tasks in the way of the Lord's leading which are far beyond unaided human powers. Success is promised to those who obey impossible commands. It is exciting to note how frequently in the Bible the Lord required and rewarded obedience when He commanded the obviously impossible. Faint hearts who timidly held back and looked for an easy way always failed. They robbed themselves.

Perhaps the most familiar illustration of all in the Bible is that of Jesus telling His disciples to feed the five thousand. Andrew's query, "What are five barley loaves and two small fishes among so many?" indicated both their utter inability and also their predicament. But the Lord did not withdraw His order! Still more noteworthy is the fact that they actually did what they were told! No nonsense at all. They fed the multitude. Jesus' presence and power accomplished the impossible. He worked with them. These

are our resources today, also. His presence and activity are with those who believe and dare to obey Him. When He tells us to do what we know we cannot do, we, too, must obey, for His command assures accomplishment.

We are very foolish when we confine our faith and obedience within the area of our capabilities. We dishonor Him when we excuse disobedience with the plea that we cannot do what He commands. This is no excuse. The Christian life from beginning to end is an exhibition of God's accomplishing in those who believe Him commands that are impossible. This is the essential difference between the Christian faith and all others.

Who can by himself be born again? God must give him birth. Who can by himself be holy? "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." Who can be perfect as his heavenly Father is perfect? Who shall be able to resurrect himself, or, defying the law of gravity, ascend to meet the Lord when He returns? By unbelief we limit the manifestation of God's power in us. What folly, then, lightly to excuse our disobedience because of acknowledged inability! When God orders, we should rather, with resolute faith in His Word, obey, and see Him do what we cannot.

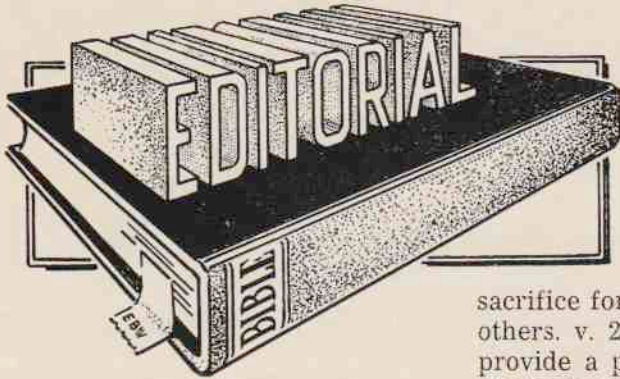
The realities of dismaying circumstances should never be allowed so to fill our vision that we lose

sight of the almighty power behind His beckoning eyes. It is easy but wrong to excuse disobedience because we do not see Him. All disobedience is rebellion against God. It tempts Him. Failure must follow, and also the unsatisfying and meaningless wandering in the wilderness which invariably is the cursed fruit of unbelief.

Early one spring Joshua was ordered without delay to lead Israel's multitude across the overflowing flood of Jordan's rushing torrent and to engage defiant enemies. On the Canaan side powerful and arrogant enemies in well-fortified cities were prepared to contest Israel's purpose to obey God and to dispossess them. Very clearly great trouble lay ahead for Israel! Joshua's faith did not waver. Nor by delay did he disobey. His courage outmatched the enemies'. When without hesitation he commanded the people to prepare food for an early crossing, Joshua manifested his daring faith. That faith was contagious.

Have you wondered what food they were to prepare? Manna normally would perish overnight. Food which would endure and sustain them while it also built faith and courage was that of which Jesus spoke at the time of His stern conflict with Satan. In addition to physical food they were by meditation and obedience to eat every word of God's unfailing promises. This food would strengthen them as they moved resolutely forward, believing God and boldly accepting the challenge of the evidently impossible. Joshua's faith encouraged the

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RESTORATION

In the book of Hebrews verses 7-28 we have a very wonderful passage of Scripture dealing with the Levitical priesthood, the Old Testament Law and Jesus Christ. The key-word of this scripture passage is perfection. The central purpose of God was to restore fallen man to a perfect relationship with Himself. This could be in itself, an hour long message. What all is involved in such a relationship, a perfect unmarred and personal relationship with God.

The second purpose of the Levitical priesthood was to bring the worshipper into a true and unbroken fellowship with the creator, righteous and holy. This could also be said of the New Covenant and of human existence itself.

We know that from the very beginning sin separated man from God. We know today that sin still separates man and God, therefore, only by a total removing of **sin**, both committed acts and inborn sin, can man be **perfectly** restored into this right relationship and true fellowship.

There was need, then, for a plan of redemption that could offer man a continuing highpriest, a permanent sacrifice for sin, that could adequately deal with the sin problem and provide a remedy. This the Old Testament Law could not do, neither could a lasting and unobstructed fellowship with God be maintained. As good as this system was intended to be it failed. Why?

I. It was founded upon sinful men, v. 35.

It was founded upon men, who like other men needed daily to offer

sacrifice for himself and the sins of others, v. 27. How could such men provide a permanent cure for sin? Example alone would disannul his message and works. They suffered from the same malady that other men suffered. Could sin atone for sin? No more than another wrong could atone for one wrong already committed. Upon these men no certain or permanent cure could be found.

II. The priesthood, itself, was founded upon the law of a carnal commandment, v. 16.

Verse 19 declares that the law was never designed to save men. It at best could only reveal mans need. Paul said, "I had not known sin but by the law. Where there was no law neither was there sin, but when the commandment came sin revived and I died". In plain words Paul was happy and uncondemned until he read the law then his happiness faded and he became guilty, he now knew his sin.

This carnal law could only deal with the effect and not the cause. No medicine is of lasting endurance that deals only with the effect and not the cause. With its law of offerings it could atone, on a daily basis, for the committed sins but had no way of dealing with the cause or, inbred sin. Consequently man continued in a broken fellowship sinning and offering sacrifice for sin. We find this condition in many cases today, but it is not necessary now. When this law failed, God disannulled it, v. 18.

III. It failed because it was transitory, v. 12.

There were no continuing highpriests. One lived and died and another took his place which due to human nature constituted many changes. Thus God saw the desper-

ate need for something permanent, A PERPETUAL PRIESTHOOD.

IV. Christ came to be that unfailing priesthood, v. 22.

He was of different stock. The Old Testament highpriest was of the tribe of Levi, Jesus Christ was a descendant of the tribe of Judah. John saw this, "a voice said the Lion of the tribe of Judah would prevail to open the book and when he looked he saw as it were a Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Rev. 5:5&6. Praise Him!

Whereas, the Old Testament

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DIRECTIONS FOR OBTAINING HOLINESS

The essential facts of personal salvation are knowable — they may be known by experience. One has said "experience should be the test of truth." Entire sanctification will, sooner, or later, afford the best solution of any difficulties we may have on this subject."

"If any man will do His will, he shall know the doctrine." Here is common ground, on which we may prove the power of Christ to save, and obtain freedom from doubts and uncertainty, in a conscious realization of personal salvation.

Christian holiness theoretically and experimentally, is no greater mystery than regeneration, neither is it removed any further from the laws of human thought, but is as plain as any other fact of consciousness. The provisions and the possibilities of grace in this regard are alike adapted to all, needed by all, and free to all. Christ, by the grace of God tasted death for every man, and every man may taste the joys and sweet delight of full salvation. There are three things that are distinct in this experience:

1. There is a consciousness of inbred sin and moral deficiency after conversion, the more devoted and faithful the justified soul, the clearer and stronger this conviction.

2. There is conviction, in the light of gospel provisions, of the duty and privilege of being "cleansed from all sin," and made "pure in heart."

3. It is prayerfully sought and experienced as an instantaneous cleansing by faith in the blood of Christ.

These three items of experimental knowledge will be found in every clear case of entire sanctification.

Directions Given to a Person Seeking Holiness

1. Endeavor to obtain a correct and distinct view of the blessing promised and needed. What is it? The extermination of indwelling sin — carnal nature from the soul. The destruction and removal of inbred sin, making the heart — the fountain of thought, affection, desire, and impulse pure.

2. Come to a firm and decided resolution to seek until you obtain a pure heart. It will require a resolution that will not cower when the knife is put to the heart to amputate its idols. Your purpose must be settled, decided, uncompromising, and unconquerable. None but an invincible resolution will answer. "The day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision."

3. Humble yourself under the hand of the Almighty. Spiritual poverty is the prelude to spiritual enlargement. "Blessed are the poor in spirit." Do not seek too easy a way. Be willing to die to sin. Endeavor to feel the deep, malignant, hateful nature of your depravity, and your need of purity.

If you have but little sense of need, you will make little progress. The feeling that is required is represented by the sensation of hunger and thirst. Jesus said: "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness." Your efforts in seeking holiness will be likely to

harmonize with the strength of your desires. The necessary feelings of penitence, self-abasement, and of strong desire for holiness, may be secured by prayer, searching the Scriptures, meditation, and self-examination.

4. Make an entire consecration of your self to God — your soul, body, time, talents, influence, and your all — a complete assignment of all to Christ. Search and surrender, and re-search and surrender again, until you get every mark of self upon the altar of consecration. There is no sanctification without entire consecration.

You must consecrate yourself in detail, and get every item upon the altar. In order to grasp the whole, you must take in the items. The consecration must be perfect before the offering will be received. God will have a thorough work, and purity will never be given or retained but on condition of entire, universal, unconditional abandonment of all sin, and acceptance and approval of all the will of God.

5. Faith is the immediate condition of Sanctification, and God always saves the moment true faith is exercised.

a. Believe that God has promised it in the Holy Scriptures.

b. Believe what God hath promised He is able to perform.

c. Appropriate the promises of God to your deep need now.

Mr. Wesley says: "The voice of God to your soul is, believe and be saved. Faith is the condition, and the only condition, of sanctification, exactly as it is in justification. No man is sanctified till he believes; every man when he believes is sanctified." Vol. ii.p. 224; Vol. i.p. 388.

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CHURCH NEWS

REVIVALS

Good News Tabernacle, Allentown, Penna. 822 S. 7th St. November 1-12, 1967, Nightly and Sundays. The Evangelist is Rev. Edward Shemelia.

The Pastor, Rev. E. P. Miller Jr. heartily welcomes you to these services.

Mahaffey, Penna. R.D.1. Services in the God's Missionary Church each evening at 7:45. Sunday a.m. Sunday School 10:00, Morning Worship 11:00; evening 7:30. The evangelist and singers are the Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Slozat of Franklin, Penna. The dates are November 9-19. The Pastor invites everyone to attend these services.

Shamokin Church Schedules Revival Services

Revival services will begin October 19 - 29 at the Shamokin God's Missionary Church in the Valley. The Reverend George Hawthorn will be the evangelist.

Rev. Hawthorn is a widely known evangelist and accomplished accordionist. His ministry is evangelistic and he carries a burden for the lost. Rev. Hawthorn is associated with the Barberton Rescue Mission of Barberton, Ohio, of which his son Bruce Hawthorn is president.

Rev. Hawthorn will present special music in each service. In addition to Rev. Hawthorn presenting special music, the radio staff of the Church in the Valley will provide special singing throughout the services. Miss Helen Miller, organist will present special music on the organ and chimes prior to the starting time of each service.

The evening services will begin at 7:30 p.m. Sunday services will be as follows: Brotherhood, 8:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., worship 10:45 a.m. The children's service in the evening at 6:45 p.m., Youth Service at 7 p.m. and the evangelistic service at 7:30 p.m.

We extend a cordial invitation to the Standard family to visit during these special services. The Parish

House adjacent to the church will be made available to individuals who wish to take in several days of the revival. The church and parish house is located on Bear Valley Avenue, Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

E. L. Deetz Jr., pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shamokin Church Needs

A saved and sanctified man and wife to act as janitor of the church. The responsibilities will include the cleaning of the church, shoveling of the snow from the pavements, mowing of the yard, filling the coal hopper each day and taking out the ashes. All this can easily be done in five or six hours each week. A home adjacent to the church will be provided rent free, completely furnished with new furniture. Coal to heat the home will also be provided. The telephone bill (less toll calls) will be paid by the church. Responsible and interested persons may apply by letter to Pastor Earl L. Deetz, 342 S. Diamond St., Shamokin, Pa. 17872. Any individuals having television need not apply.

Home Coming -- Mortgage Burning

Home Coming services are scheduled at the Shamokin God's Missionary Church (Church in the Valley) for November 10, 11, and 12th with the Rev. John F. White, former pastor of the Shamokin Church as the special speaker.

The services will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Sunday services are as follows: Brotherhood 8:30 a.m., Church School 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Mortgage burning of the parsonage will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Youth Service 7 p.m. and the Evangelistic service at 7:30 p.m. Rev. White who is now pastor of the Salunga, Pennsylvania God's Missionary Church will speak at all services during these Home Coming Days. Former members and friends who have moved out of the Shamokin area will receive special invitations to attend these services. There will be special music and singing presented at all services.

Rev. Earl L. Deetz Jr., pastor, extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

Milesburg Church

The Lebanon Valley Gospel Band played for two services in the Milesburg God's Missionary Church. The meetings were well attended, with a near capacity crowd. Above all other blessings the presence of the Lord was felt keenly in each service. In the morning service, Sunday School and throughout the day the Lord did come to bless. The Band played many, many good songs with a special pouring out of God's presence as they played the old stalwart hymn "Amazing Grace". Special vocal numbers were rendered and as usual there were not enough of these songs.

The special speaker spoke with tremendous clarity and his message of the afternoon was very timely. (This message will be printed at a later time in the Standard.)

Folk came from various churches including: Wolfs Store, Zerby, Pleasant View, Lewistown and Seven Stars, as well as a goodly number from other holiness denominations. Some traveled for quite a distance to be present. Folk came from Reading, Lancaster, Huntington, Altoona, Osciola Mills, Williamsport and many other places.

We now take this space and opportunity to thank all for coming and contributing to the success of the meeting. We conclude by giving all the Glory to God and praise Him.

Herman K. Noll, Pastor

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A PAGE FOR YOUTH

I Don't Want Your Money

Young John was a servant to a rich doctor in London. He wore a uniform with a row of bright silver buttons down the front of his coat. John's master loved the Lord Jesus Christ, and often had religious services in the large living room of his home. People would come from all parts of London to these services. John's duties were to open the front door when people knocked, and show them to the living room. After all the people had come, John would sit on a chair near the door and listen to all that was said.

At one of these meetings the doctor talked about the coming again of the Lord Jesus to take to heaven all those who believe in Him. He read verses from the Bible, to show that just any day Jesus could come to take away all whose sins are forgiven and are justified in His sight. Everyone else would be left behind!

John had never heard this truth before. He listened especially to the reading of the words of the angels that appeared to the followers of Jesus as they watched Him leave this earth and in a cloud return to His Father in heaven. The angels had said:

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven," (Acts 1:11).

John then listened when the doctor read from the Bible what the Apostle Paul had written about the Lord's return:

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess. 4:16, 17).

After the meeting was over and

all the people had gone, the doctor called his servant, and said:

"John, did you listen to the service tonight?"

"Yes, sir," answered John.

"Do you believe that God's Son is coming back to earth again?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, John, I just want to tell you that if He comes before I die, I shall no longer want the things I now have. He will take me away with Him, and then you may have my house, and all my money."

Such an offer took John by surprise. He could only stammer his thanks. He was quite amazed at such a promise by his master, whom he knew he could trust. As he went to bed, he tried to imagine himself the master of the large house and grounds. He lay awake wondering why his master had offered him all that wealth.

Suddenly he thought to himself, "Why should I want a house and furniture, a car, horses, and money after the Lord comes? How terrible it would be to be left behind, even if all my master's belongings were mine!"

Soon he could bear the thought no longer. He slipped out of bed, ran quickly down the hall to the room where his master slept, and knocked on the door.

"Why, John," asked the doctor, "what's the matter? What do you want?"

"Please, sir," answered John, "I don't want your house after the Lord comes."

"Oh, indeed, don't you?"

"No sir; and please, I don't want the car, the horses, or the money."

"Well, John, what do you want?"

"Oh, sir, I too want to be ready when the Lord comes to go with Him to heaven."

How glad the doctor was to hear this! He took his servant into his room and, sitting down with him, he carefully explained how God so loved each one of us that He sent His only begotten Son to die on the Cross to pay the penalty for our

sin. Because of this, God was now able to offer salvation to every one who would believe. Together they read in the Bible the passage where it says, "... as many as received him (the Lord Jesus Christ), to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (St. John 1:12).

John's eyes shone with joy at this wonderful news, and right there in the doctor's bedroom they knelt together and told the Lord Jesus what John wanted most. Before he rose from his knees, John was saved!

No, nothing else mattered, for he was ready for the coming of the Lord. He almost shouted, he was so happy.

How about YOU? Are you ready for the Lord if He should come back today? If not, you can be, if you will repent of your sins, and believe on the Lord Jesus as your Savior. John, the servant, did — so why don't you?

— Selected

CHOOSE FOR THYSELF

By Robert P. Shuler

Go with the tide, young man,
go with the tide;
Thousands will grip your hand,
walk by your side,
Smile at the wrongs that crush,
Wink at the lies, nor blush
When in the slime and slush
Virtue her face shall hide.

Stand ever right, young man,
stand ever right;
Lonely you'll be and sad in such
a fight;
Strike for the good and true,
March with the unbought few,
Clouds will hang over you
With not a star in sight.

Ah, but 'twere best, young man,
forever best,
Best to go down alone in such
a quest;
Best to be cursed, and lie
Bleeding while foes march by
Than that thy soul should die,
Treason-stained and distressed!

MOBIL OIL — — — And Alcohol

Editor's Note: The following is an article that I am printing by permission. I hope our readers will read it carefully. Note this is not some prohibition, but a gasoline Co. Let us as Christians help in this death and life struggle. Isn't it a shame that a Gasoline Co. and not the Church had to begin this work?

It took a little longer, but at last big business is awaking. Mobil Oil Company, in a series of safety ads, has finally stepped on the alcohol beverage companies' toes, and they don't like it. We have just seen Mobil's page ad in Life, Apr. 7 (opposite page 96), titled: "As Soon As I Get Behind the Wheel I Sober up."

There are the usual statistics — in California, 65 percent of drivers killed had been drinking, etc. Then the "ad" editorializes: "You don't have to feel drunk to be too drunk to drive. A single drink can dim your vision, slow your reflexes, and warp your judgement. But since this alcoholic undermining doesn't announce itself with drums and bugles, you usually don't notice it. And that's what kills you: the quiet treacherous effects of a drink or two."

"And three shots can make you 25 times more liable to cause an accident than if you were cold sober. (Now, you're finally considered drunk in most states.)"

In conclusion, Mobil says: "Contrary to popular belief, God doesn't necessarily protect fools and drunkards. And you're a fool if you think you will sober up when you get behind the wheel of your car. You may sweeten your breath to fool your wife and the state troopers. And you may sit up straight behind the wheel to fool yourself. But the coroner will know you've been drinking anyway."

"We at Mobil are in the gasoline

and oil business, and we welcome all the business we can get. Except the business of drivers who have no business on the road in the first place. They're bad business for everybody."

According to Bergen Birdsall, Executive Director of the California Council on Alcohol Problems, the liquor industry is turning the heat on Mobil Oil and its ad agency, Doyle, Dane and Berbach. Liquor executives and their journals say: "The ad did a distinct disservice to truth and the alcoholic beverage industry . . . We deplore these tactics against an industry that contributes more effort to eliminate drunken driving than anyone else. . . . Warped judgement . . . can sit behind a typewriter as well as a steering wheel." We understand that tavern owners are advising their patrons not to patronize Mobil.

We have been waiting for insurance companies, automobile manufacturers, and the traffic safety organizations to do something about this "slaughter" on the highways. Since our idealism is at such a low ebb, we have almost ceased to expect aid from our legislators. This is the first break in the dike, and we welcome it.

The Christian gospel is against anything that hurts the minds, spirits, and bodies of men, and alcohol hurts people. Now big business is beginning to see that what "hurts" people also "hurts" business. The non-drinker has more money to spend. He can travel. This means cars and gasoline. All the related tourist-travel industries would be smart to join the crusade for safe highways — and don't wait too long.

Meantime, those who care will write their approval to Mr. Elgin, Mobil Oil, 150 E. 42nd Street, New York 10017. Some may think of other ways to encourage this campaign.

WHAT CHEER?

A Christian worker who served among seamen tells the touching story of the home going of an old "tar".

When the missionary visited the old seaman, he asked him a simple question, not wishing to tire him. He asked, "What cheer?"

"All's cheer," he replied with a smile. "Heaven heaves in sight."

The next day the missionary found him weaker. Again he asked, "What cheer?"

"Rounding the cape," said he "in sight of Home, Pilot aboard."

On the third day the Christian worker found him sinking fast. Again he put the question to the old man, "What cheer?"

This time the old "tar" had strength only to whisper, but the whisper was clear and sweet, "Alongside of wharf — in Port — safe Home!"

And so he reached his heavenly Home of peace and joy and rest.

Friend, in view of death, judgement, and eternity — which must come — I would affectionately put the question to you, "What cheer?" Can you say with Paul: "Always confident, knowing that, whilst we are . . . in the body, we are absent from the Lord . . . and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord?"

"See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil . . . Therefore choose life."

— Selected

What Kind Are You?

Selected

Some people who profess to be Christians are like:

A wheelbarrow — they must be pushed and are easily upset.

A kitten — purr contentedly when petted.

A football — You never know where they'll bounce next.

A balloon — Full of air and ready to blow up.

A trailer — They must be pulled along.

A kite — They must be kept tied to a string or they will fly away.

While a few are like:

A watch — open faced, of pure gold, quietly busy and full of good works.

CHURCH NEWS

(More Church News on pages 4 and 11)

Salunga Church Report

The first Home Coming services of the God's Missionary Church of Salunga, Penna. are now history. But what a day we had in the Lord. On Sunday, September 3rd, God met with us in a most wonderful way. The morning service was conducted in the church building. The Saints shouted the victory, as the pastor preached on The Great Home coming day in Heaven, using as a text, "They shall come from the North, South, East and West and sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the Kingdom."

The afternoon and evening services were conducted on the Landisville Methodist camp grounds. The Lebanon Valley Gospel Band was with us for these two services. In the afternoon, over eleven hundred people gathered to the service. God blessed the band as it played and sang. The Holy Spirit settled down, and the great crowd began to weep aloud. This broke into an old fashion praise meeting. God was all about us. The band played sweetly the old hymns of the church and a small part of Heaven came down. As Brother John Bender sang "Some Golden Daybreak," the saints wept for joy.

The evening service was also well attended with over eight hundred present. This made a total of over two thousand people present for the day. To God be the Glory. The Pastor preached a short sermon on "Too Late" using as a scripture "The summer is ended, the harvest is past, and we are not saved." Again the Spirit came, but this time in old fashion conviction. It is hard to express the feeling of this service. God moved on the hearts of many.

This concluded our first home coming services, marking one year of the opening of the Salunga Church. The church organized on September 1st, with ten charter members as a full God's Missionary Church. Pray for us as we need the Holy Spirit in these last days.

Rev. John F. White, Pastor

The Impossible

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people's confidence in God, and, nourishing themselves with this vitamin-packed food, they were strengthened. They saw the impossible accomplished. Dry-shod they crossed the Jordan in time of flood, and Jericho's apparently impregnable stronghold was overthrown!

Success was theirs only because they dared to obey an impossible command. They stepped out in the face of torrential waters and the menacing opposition beyond the river. The formula was a simple one. One step at a time. And they kept on stepping. The key to our realizing God's promised success when we face the impossible is to be found in daily, trustful meditation and in sustained, stepping-on-God's-Word obedience.

This success formula is seen again in the first Psalm. It was one of Hudson Taylor's favorite Bible passages and a guiding principle of his successful service for God in opening up inland China a century ago.

Prayerfully use this formula, and you cannot fail.

Report From Foreign Missionary Board

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to keep to ourselves. The Subject was "Do not seek a religion of Convenience".

a. Convictions that hold you and impressions that stay with you are the need of the hour.

b. To be successful today in the eyes of the world, you just need profess religion.

c. The need of the hour is to carry our convictions.

d. There is a vast difference between the encouragement of the Spirit and the Witness of the Spirit.

Bro. Wise and Bro. Crock will travel to Florida to take care of this

business transaction. We are praying for a safe trip. More will be reported after their return. This report comes in humility and with glory to God as a matter of information. Pray for this important board and its work.

CHRIST MY SAVIOR

By Paul T. Tarbert

He's a Friend that will stand by you;

Other friends may prove untrue.
He is One who will not fail you;
Trust Him all your journey thru.

Christ stands by to help and comfort,

Lean sad one upon His heart —
Jesus Christ the burden bearer —
Strength and grace He will impart.

Christ is One who can go with you
Where no other friend can go;
Come to Christ, and He will save you

From a life of sin and woe.

Come to Christ, to Him confiding,
Tell Him all that troubles you;
Bring to Him your pains and sorrows

He's the Great Physician true.

In the times of bitter trouble
Jesus Christ will be your stay;
Go to Him with all your sorrow,
He will bear it all away.

Jesus Christ is real perfection,
Jesus Christ makes no mistakes;
He is wise above our wisdom:
Jesus Christ who ne'er forsakes.

With His Blood He gives you cleansing

From the awful stain of sin —
Washes, cleanses and delivers
From the evil power within.

Christ has given us friends to love us:

Those who love thru thick and thin;
But there's One above all others —
Christ who died my soul to win.

Christ is coming soon to take us
To His home beyond the sky;
Haste, oh, dear one, to be ready,
Christ our Savior draweth nigh.



Foreign Missionary Service

Another foreign missionary service was conducted in the God's Missionary Church at Shamokin, September 13th. What a service it was! Rev. Russel Herr and this writer arrived receiving a wonderfully warm reception.

The Rev. Earl Deetz Jr., Pastor of the Church, opened the service with a good song service. The trio from Shamokin sang, "So Send I You". Following the financial report, Bro. Herr spoke from the subject, "No Man Careth for My Soul". Following are some of the high points of the message: The suffering of the physical of man is a light thing when compared to the suffering of the soul. Some instances of his experience were given including the extreme joy of caring for another's soul. He told of one who used his car hood for an altar; of another who came to his home early in the morning and after asking for prayer was allowed to crawl through the upper window to gain access to his home, for he had already climbed upon the roof to awaken the sleeping Rev. Herr. The man had been drinking and said, "The Lord told him to go to such and such a house and ask that man to pray for him, affording him hope of eternal life." No one seemed to care for him and he had no such hope of life, thus early morning found this soul in Rev. Herr's room. Bro. Herr said it was the first time he had ever prayed a man through while attired in his night wear. This brought forth shouts of praise as the folk were impressed with the importance of the message. The Lord really met with us and did prove His love to our hearts. It was a tremendous master-piece, Bro. Herr is a capable preacher.

After the message three persons

came to re-dedicate their lives to the Lord to labor where He would send them, and to be a better witness for the Lord.

Bro. Deetz felt it good to receive a march offering at the close of the service. The offering plates were placed on the altar and the congregation marched around the Church placing their gifts to foreign missions in the plates. After the offering, folk under the leadership of the Holy Ghost continued to march around the church with shouts and praises punctuated by a testimony here and there. The meeting went far beyond the regular closing time. When God comes all else is forgotten, but we can never forget this outstanding meeting.

There was approximately \$125.00 in this offering.

Rev. Herman K. Noll - Reporter

REPORT FROM THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD

Herman K. Noll, Reporter

The Foreign Missionary Board of the God's Missionary Church has been privileged to see the mighty moving of the Lord we serve. As some may have already heard, we have been in the process of purchasing a new church building in the state of Florida. The initial down payment on the building was \$10,000.00 and this to be paid by the 15th of September. The Lord helping the Shuey family, our missionaries to the Cuban people in Miami, about \$4000.00 of this amount was raised in a few days. Because some of the churches were faithful with their Missionary offerings, the Board of Foreign Missions was able to put a considerable sum to this amount. At the close of camp, to make a long story short, 2 or 3 thousand dollars still was needed to make this payment.

The Foreign Missionary Board felt it upon their hearts to go out visiting the various churches trying

to raise this yet needed amount. It has proved to be a real blessing as Rev. Marlin Crock, Treas., and Rev. Truman Wise, Supt., and Rev. Noll, Sec., have been visiting these churches. Our last meeting was at the Mahaffey Church and the fellowship at this church was wonderful. There was a goodly number present and also the presence of the Lord was keenly felt in the service, hearts were melted to tears. The offering received in this meeting was an even \$200.00. Praise the Lord!

Since we have started, we have been privileged to have the Lord with us in every service, there has not been one dry missionary service. The second meeting was at Pleasant View. This was another good service with the Lord again blessing the hearts of His people. The offering here totaled \$57.00. In comparison with the size of the church this was also a very good offering. It also served to strengthen the ties between the brethren.

The third time found us making a trip to the Wolf's Store church. As Bro. Wise spoke on the subject "The worth of a Soul" the Lord made Himself known to all present and the church went on her knees while a broken spirit and a sense of our own unworthiness prevailed. We again received a good offering to the amount of \$50.00.

We then traveled to our church at Roaring Spring, Penna. After a few preliminaries, Bro. Crock gave a financial report declaring that we have gone over the top in our project. I must add that Bro. Crock has not given a dull report yet and everyone senses and feels his spirit of enthusiasm as he relays to us the Lord's workings. This service too was one of great blessing. Here once again Rev. Wise brought a tremendous message. With his permission I give some of the high points of this message, they are too good

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PENN VIEWS

by Rev. George Stepp

Pres. Penn View Bible Institute

In the life of every one certain days stand out in vivid memorial recollection. Certain things transpire, certain people come to visit, some new experience is ours, and any number of other things sometimes indelibly imprint the activities of a given day upon the sensitive plate of human memory. This is one of the beauties of passing years — pleasant memories.

One such day will no doubt be relived again and again in the minds of many of us here at Penn View Bible Institute. It was Registration Day for the new school year, August 28, 1967. On this memorable morning the Lord, favoring us as always, gave us a beautifully pleasant morning. Old Sol "rose" in all his splendor to faithfully traverse his appointed course. The atmosphere was near perfect; the weather was fine. Everything was conducive to a perfect Pennsylvania day.

In keeping with this generally favorable aura, there was among the people an atmosphere of anticipation, slightly mixed of course with at least a small measure of apprehension. "Will we be able to answer all the questions?" "Are our various forms all in order?" "Who will look after this?" "Who will see to that?" Such were some of the many queries resident in the minds of all of us who are trying to administer the work here. However, when the fine group of children (in many instances accompanied by understanding parents) and young people converged upon the campground campus, we became so engrossed in our work that we forgot the fears — registration was under way. Happily, there was splendid cooperation on the part of all the instructors. The new principal, Bro. David Fuller, assisted by Miss Burton, Miss Stark, Miss Pecht, and Brother Hoch were largely responsible for the registration of the elementary and secondary departments. Although two days, August 28 and 29 were designated as regis-

tration days, the greater part of the new student body had gone through the registration line by nightfall on the 28th. When the registration process was finished, we noted that God, in His good Providence, had sent 132 students this way. We are, of course, triply glad for this fine group. Along with our exultation in connection with this rapid growth as compared with last year's enrollment, we are solemnly reminded of the awesome responsibility that rests upon us in the training of these young lives. Christian Education, you know, involves more than the enlightenment of the minds of students. This is only a part of the total picture. The development of personality and the molding of character are also vital aspects of the complete program. In fact, since the hour is so late, our greatest emphasis must be upon the development of real Christian character. Too often this has been minimized to our own hurt. We accept this tremendous challenge realistically. We cannot succeed without the help of the entire constituency of God's Missionary Church to say nothing of the help that will no doubt be forthcoming from all of God's people everywhere who are cognizant of our efforts here at Penn View. We must have your prayer support, your charitable consideration, and your financial assistance. Failure in any one of these areas will tie our hands and stymie our progress. Let us all take these things to heart. One hundred and thirty-two young lives entrusted to us is no small matter. What can you contribute toward this great work?

Bear Insult and Injuries

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of mind, no man can be happy here or hereafter; as he that avenges himself must lose the mind of Christ, and in such case will suffer an injury ten thousand times greater than he can ever receive from man.

If we follow the example of Jesus, we shall pray, "Lord, forgive them, they know not what they do." — and exercise the "Love" that "suffereth long and is kind,"

"that is not easily provoked," that "rejoiceth not in iniquity" but "beareth all things."

The grace of non-resistance does not live in the natural unrenewed heart, but is a grace of heavenly implantation; and the most thorough work of God in the heart is requisite to the exercise of this lovely and holy temper toward those who abuse us, or do violence to our feelings and interests.

He that can meet a person kindly, who is seeking his hurt, who can speak well of one who is perpetually slandering and cursing him, that can pray for a man who abuses and injures and wounds him, and that can seek salvation for him that wishes his damnation, is in the way to heaven. That man has God in him, and is a Christian.

The non-resistance and spirit which God requires — the meek, quiet and patient spirit — will convince those who injure us, of their wrong, much more readily than any unkind words or acts of retaliation on our part.

The giving of reproof in such cases requires much Christian meekness, prudence, and delicate discretion. It is not with a hasty, rash, and rough exposure of failings that we must correct those who wrong us. This course (so common) does more harm than good. Let us learn to speak gently — "be pitiful, be courteous." Dear reader, learn the wisdom of being silent under provocation.

Tobacco and Beer

Did you know that 70 million Americans use tobacco — three out of every five men, and one in every three women. Last year Americans smoked 523 billion cigarettes. This is 120 billion more than seven years ago. The tobacco industry has an estimated payroll of 379 million dollars per year. "In 1961 only one team out of both the American and National Leagues was not sponsored by a beer company. Baseball is recognized as America's national pastime, and beer is the product that most sports fans see and hear advertised over and over again on radio and TV. The brewing industry is making a desperate attempt to brainwash sports fans into believing that beer and baseball belong together."

Holiness Teachings

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"In regard to the nature of the faith necessary to obtain perfect purity," says Rev. J. S. Inskip, "it will be found to be essentially the same as that which we exercised when we sought and found pardon." — *Methods of Promoting Perfect Love*, p. 13.

Saving faith is conditional: faith or confidence in God cannot coexist with voluntary transgression; the one will destroy the other. "If our hearts condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God." Our hearts approve us when we wholly submit to God. "Confidence in God" is a necessary sequence of heart approval. At the point of complete renunciation of sin and entire submission to God, faith comes naturally, according to the laws of mind and the divine adjustment and grace of God. When the heart wholly yields to God, it can rest nowhere else but in God.

To repose confidence (faith) in God, while the heart is in rebellion against Him, is impossible, as it excludes the vital point that makes trust possible. So long as our heart reproaches us with rebellion, faith is impossible. Christ said, "how can ye believe, which receive honor one of another?" That is seeking the applause of men and not the honor of God. Hence an approving conscience, and a heart that does not condemn us for its voluntary attitude toward God, is indispensable to faith in God. Faith for full salvation can be exercised only in connection with full submission.

The chief hindrance to the exercise of faith that brings the hearts desire, when it is fully submitted to God is governed by our feelings, or a desire to possess the fruits of faith before we believe. The heart must take that last step of faith before it can realize the answer to its need of purity. Feelings are the direct result of true faith. Purest faith is exercised in the absence of

all feeling. We are to take God at His word, and rely upon His truth, and give it the same confidence as though it were proclaimed from heaven by God Himself, in a voice of thunder.

The soul must repose on the fullness and efficacy of the atoning blood. It is leaning there, singly, exclusively there, that brings the cleansing power. True faith takes the promise, and rests on the infinite merit upon which the promise is based. In view of the fact that life is uncertain, and the coming of the Lord may be soon, "Now is the accepted time." And Jesus said: "blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Heart purity or Scriptural holiness is essential for one to see God.

In the Apostle Paul's letter: I Thessalonians, chapter 5, "The day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." He admonishes them, not to sleep as do others, but let us watch and be sober. And he further says: "Warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God concerning you". If a soul is to comply with the rugged apostle's inspired letter and live in the spirit of the same: Bible Holiness must be the order of the day. The way of holiness is the only life that makes the heart of the redeemed "more than conqueror." Rom. 8:37.

There never was a greater day in the life of the Church's history in which to lift the banner of holiness, and reveal to the teeming millions that Jesus is the light of the world, "Man's all and in all". And the Spirit filled Church can cry out as the Apostle Peter did on the Day of Pentecost: "This is that."

The Church is diseased now: as Rev. A. M. Hills writes in his book "Holiness and Power". But Christ, Who is the same — "Yesterday, and today, and forever." He is still the great Physician. His healing virtue is still available, Amen.

RESTORATION (Editorial)

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priesthood was transitory, Christ is eternal, v. 24. He died to purge sin once and for all then, sat down at the right hand of the Father to be our continuing highpriest. The Old Testament priest saw and felt like a man but Jesus Christ sees like God, for He is God, and He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities.

V. Finally; In Him the perpetual offering was fulfilled, v. 27.

"Calvary covers it all

My past with its guilt and stain
My sin and despair, Jesus took on
Him there

And Calvary covers it all."

When Jesus said, "It is finished" He meant that everything necessary for man's perfect restoration was now provided. We need no earthly priests or animal sacrifices, all is in Him.

A. He is able to save to the uttermost by Grace, v. 27.

This is not "Sovereign Grace" in that man has no part in his redemption, true the price has been paid, but man must repent and forsake sin and believe this Word. The Lord does not say, as some preach, there goes Paul Miller, I will save him today, irregardless of my desire and attitudes. No, No! I must believe, confess and forsake sin. But if after He convinces and convicts me I meet the above requirements, I can be saved, and will be.

B. He is further able to remove, through the death of ones self and a total abandonment to the Holy Ghost, the carnal nature. He suffered without the Gate that He might sanctify His people. Here again it is contingent upon my desire, will and actions. If I will acknowledge my inner corrupt nature, confess it and do what Christ commands He can and will cleanse from all unrighteousness and sin, affording a perfect restoration.

C. To deny this is to limit the power and ability of God, denies the Word, and makes both covenants a failure. But Jesus Christ has prevailed. Praise His Name! Let us have this perfect present cleansing and be restored perfectly in His image.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Milesburg God's Missionary Church is planning the following services in the month of October. Revival the 5th through the 15th. Rev. and Mrs. Barry Arnold will be singing and preaching. Others will also be helping in the special singing. Pray with us for a great revival and an unusual outpouring of the blessings of the Lord.

A young peoples service will be held on Saturday night the 28th with the Pilgrim Echos from the Sunbury Church. Come and help us in this great service. There will be special singing and a special speaker. Future dates to keep in mind are November 17th, and the 8th, 9th and 10th of December. Other information concerning these services will be forth coming.

The I. H. C. convention under the direction of Rev. Harold Schmul, is planning to hold a youth convention in either Salem or Canton, Ohio, the right place to be announced later. Date for this congress is December 27 and 28th, during the Christmas Holidays. It is the desire of the leader to have a fine delegation of young people there and further that they who can play an instrument and is saved to bring it along. Any one interested in going to this Youth Congress should write to

Rev. Herman Noll
P. O. Box 137
Milesburg, Penna. 16853

Room and Board will be cared for while there and transportation will also be provided. Any Christian desiring to go please write to Rev. Noll for further and all information.

The October General Youth Rally will be conducted on Friday night the 27th in the Wolf's Store Church. The youth from the Mahafey Church will provide the special music and singing and The Rev. Truman Motter, Pastor of Roaring Spring God's Missionary Church will be the speaker.

Don't forget the project this

year, help the youth board purchase the dishwasher for the Penns Creek Camp kitchen. Anyone desiring to send a gift for this worthy cause should mail it to

Rev. Marlin Stahl
1473 (Rear) Broadway Ext.
Hanover, Penna.

The November General Youth Rally will be at the Helfenstein Church where Bro. Charles Wolfgang is the worthy Pastor. The date is Nov. the 10th at 7:30. The Wolf's Store Church will provide the special music and singing, the Rev. Marlin Stahl will be the speaker. In future rallies the youth from The Penn View Bible Institute will be doing much of the singing.

REPORTS

Visitors at the God's Missionary Church in Milesburg recently have been from a wide area. Some we feel worthy of mentioning; New York City, Buffalo, N. Y.; Alliance, Ohio; Sarasota, Fla.; and not too long ago a couple, Mr. and Mrs. Hoffstetter from the Messiah Home in Harrisburg, Pa., spent their honeymoon here. Bro. Hoffstetter preached for us and we saw a number of victories around the altar.

It was also a privilege to have Rev. and Mrs. William Lutz, Pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Sarasota, Fla. with us. They testified and sang several numbers in song. We keenly felt the Lord's Presence in this service.

It was also a real treat to have the Rev. and Mrs. Donald Hicks from Indiana with us for a few weeks. We enjoyed the best of fellowship with these wonderful folk. Bro. Hicks ministered the word to us Sept. 3rd and Sister Hicks sang a number of special songs. All were enjoyed by the congregation. We praise the Lord for His goodness to us at the Milesburg Church.

There was an old fashioned baptismal service held at the Church at Milesburg, Sunday afternoon, Aug. 27th at 2:30. It was raining, yet, we did not feel of the Lord to

cancel the service. The Devil was not going to have the victory if it rained all day. The folk came and about 2:25 the rain ceased. The meeting began in the church and then to Bald Eagle Creek immediately back of the Church. Twelve applicants were baptised in a very wonderful service. After the service was over, my how the rain did come down!

It was a real privilege to have Rev. William Rachau to assist us in this service. He preached a wonderful message on the subject, "The outward signs of an inward work of Grace". He also assisted in the actual baptismal service. One newly converted Bro. did not come prepared, yet he felt compelled to be baptized. Folk from Zerby, Wolf's Store, Pleasant View, Seven Stars, Milesburg and the Bald Eagle Prayer Band were present for this service.

The following list of applicants were baptized:

Margie Bennet, Wolf's Store,
Mable Heaten, Pleasant View,
Shirley Wade, Seven Stars,
Naman Wade, Seven Stars,

and from Milesburg the following:

Caroline Dreese,
Joseph Hicks Jr.,
Stephen Hicks,
Pamela Hicks,
Susan Hicks,
Charlotte Tressler,
Thomas Neff.

There were over 100 attending this service despite the weather and all agreed it was a wonderful service crowned with the Glory of God.

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SALVATION IN A VERSE

"All we like sheep." (Isa. 53:6). An eager young man ran hurriedly to speak to the evangelist who was mounting the platform of his departing train. "Tell me how I may become a Christian," shouted the youth in despair. Not having time for an explanation, the evangelist answered, "Believe Isaiah 53:6; Go in at the first 'all' and come out at the last 'all'." The story of redemption is told here.

Brain-washed For Hell

by

Rev. Marlin Moore

2nd Tim. 3; Amplified New Testament. But understand this, that in the last days there will set in perilous times of great stress and trouble — hard to deal with and hard to bear. For people will be lovers of self and utterly self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate greedy desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive blasphemous scoffers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane. They will be without natural human affection, callous and inhuman, relentless, admitting of no truce or appeasement. They will be slanderers — false accusers, trouble makers; intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good. They will be treacherous betrayers, rash and inflated with self-conceit. They will be lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God. For although they hold a form of piety, true religion, they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it — their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession. Avoid all such people — turn away from them. For among them are those who worm their way into homes and captivate silly and weak natured and spiritually dwarfed women, loaded down with the burden of their sins, and easily swayed and led away by various evil desires and seductive impulses. These weak women will listen to anybody who will teach them; they are forever inquiring and getting information, but are never able to arrive at a recognition and knowledge of the Truth. Now just as Jannes and Jambres were hostile to and resisted Moses, so these men also are hostile to and oppose the Truth. They have depraved and distorted minds, and are reprobate and counterfeit and to be rejected as far as the faith is concerned. (End of 8th verse).

This is a picture of the type of

men, (majority) that are in authority in our nation today — but woe be to our youth when they are at the head of our educational system. We just lately learned that the movies for adults only are now to be put on TV for all to see. How long will God suffer such filth and slop to be paraded before our youth. And how long will parents, professors of righteousness, allow this furniture of hell to occupy a place in your house? As it was in the days of Noah, and as it was in the days of Lot, so is it now in the end time of the Great Society of the American Nation. Sex filled minds of both men and women is the order of the day. Eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin. Filthy dreamers, who cannot think a clean thought. "All flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth". "Every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually". Please note that this is not the world, but as Paul writes to Timothy, this is the Religionists and many so called Holiness professors who make up this filthy mess. Pharisees — hypocrites, said Jesus, as He walked away from their place of worship — your house (temple) is left unto you desolate. Oh how long, Lord, shall we await the sound of your return. Pray Saints, for His soon coming. It is our only hope for ourselves, and our precious children. Let me comfort your hearts — He IS coming. Hold on, pray on, suffer on, look up, and keep true.

Bear Insult and Injuries Without Retaliation

J. A. Wood

Our world is full of moral evil. Among these evils, and by no means the latest is a total disregard for the rights of another. These rights are often trampled upon. The unregenerate mind naturally repels an insult or an undeserved injury.

Christianity teaches its disciples a higher morality, a better rule of life — the law of non-retaliation; the law of suffering wrongfully; the law of blessing for cursing; of doing good to those who do evil and spitefully use us and persecute us; of heaping coals of fire on the heads

of our enemies; in a word — the law of Christian Love.

For this is thankworthy if a man for conscience toward God endure grief suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? But if when ye do well, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well-doing than for evil doing."

In non-retaliation, we are to be like our Savior. It is written of Him, "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow in his steps, who, when he was reviled, reviled not again, when he suffered, he threatened not, but committed himself to him who judgeth righteously."

As this duty is so difficult, so important, and so imperative, I will give a number of inspired commands enjoining it. Our great Teacher says, "I say unto you, that ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." Again, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you, that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven." "Recompense to no man evil for evil." "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath; for it is written, vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord."

How clear it is, that God requires us to patiently suffer the abuse and injuries of men. There can be no blessings to that soul who retaliates, or seeks to avenge himself. It will never do to give blow for blow, railing for railing, or curse (or cursing for cursing) for curse.

Of course, our Savior has no reference to judicial rule; but to private revenge, or retaliation. Private conduct is to be regulated religiously, on different principles from public justice.

The way to improve, and use the abuses and injustices of man to our own advantage, is to exercise under it meekness, gentleness, and long-suffering, without which disposition

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