

# God's Wrath Revealed Against All Unrighteousness

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"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness." Rom. 1:18.

**T**HE GOVERNMENT of God is established upon righteousness. "Righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne." Ps. 97:2. *God never changes:* "Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness." Ps. 119:142. It is likewise true that with Him "there is no respect of persons." Col. 3:25. This gives us full assurance that God will deal impartially with all the children of men. It is very encouraging to know that each case will be decided upon its own merits. When sentence is pronounced it will be final. No one will have an excuse to offer, no one will dare to appeal.

It is because God Himself is righteous that He hates unrighteousness. "No unrighteousness is in Him." John 7:18. It cannot be otherwise, for even Paul, the apostle, declared: "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?" 2 Cor. 6:14. On the strength of God's word the answer must be, none whatever.

## A Serious Charge

Having established the fact that God is righteous; that He loves righteousness and hates unrighteousness; that He will never change; we can understand that He is justified in revealing His wrath "against all ungodliness and unrighteousness." His wrath may be mixed with mercy

against those who do not know of their condition of ungodliness and unrighteousness, but His wrath will be fully revealed against all "who hold the truth in unrighteousness." This is a serious charge indeed! It seems almost impossible that anyone would dare to do this, knowing full well that the wrath of God will be revealed against him. But sad indeed, there are many who commit this awful crime. This class is more vividly brought to view in the following scripture:

"Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator." Rom. 1:25.

The Bible bears record that it was Satan who, after his fall, "changed the truth of God into a lie," in that he said to the woman, "Ye shall not surely die." Gen. 3:4. Here is evidence that the devil "is a liar" and "a murderer from the beginning." John 8:44. By speaking this lie, Satan committed murder, because through believing his lie Adam and Eve were sentenced to death.

We are told in the Word that "all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." Rev. 21:8. Those who believe a lie shall likewise perish, "because they received not the love of the truth." 2 Thess. 2:10. This is fully justified because in order to believe a lie, we must first reject the truth. It is truth that is being changed into a lie. Who would not burn with holy indignation if he sees this awful crime committed? Yet many do not see the seriousness of this sin, because they "loved

darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." John 3:19.

While Satan is constantly at work to change "the truth of God into a lie," yet it is comforting for the child of God to know that *God never changes*. He declared: "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips." Ps. 89:34. We are assured that with Him there is "no shadow of turning." James 1:17. And again the Word declares: "It was impossible for God to lie." Heb. 6:18.

What a comfort indeed to have these blessed assurances. It is with confidence that we can put our trust in God, and if we do so unreservedly we shall never be disappointed. "All the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen." 2 Cor. 1:20. Do not put your trust in the arm of flesh, but put your trust in God, and it shall be well with thee.

### "What is Truth"

"Sanctify them through thy truth: *thy word is truth*." John 17:17.

The word of God is truth—everlasting truth. It is this word of truth that is being changed into a lie. Therefore all doctrines and theories must be tested by the word of God, and if they do not stand this test of investigation we should reject them. "*To the law and to the testimony*:" should be our watchword. The word of God has warned that "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life." Rev. 22:18, 19. Here is another evidence that the wrath of God will be revealed against all those who dare to tamper with the word of God. The Bible speaks of a power who shall "think to change times and laws." Dan. 7:25. We know that this scripture has been fulfilled by the papacy, and anyone who dares to touch the law of God is following Rome's example. Christ said: "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law." Matt. 5:18. It is not necessary to change the law as drastically as was done by the Roman church in order to be just as guilty, for if "one jot or one tittle" is changed, it is sufficient to bring the wrath of God upon the guilty. Instead of belittling the law, or try to change it somewhat to suit it to our own ideas or circumstances, let us follow the example of Christ and "*magnify the law, and make it honourable*." Isa. 42:21.

### "I Shall Not Be Moved"

Dear brother, dear sister, is this your determination? Are you fully convinced that you are building upon the eternal platform of truth?

If so, pray God that He may daily give you strength to stand firm in the truth, and you may be sure that He will grant you all the power that you need. We know by experience that the first, second, and third angel's messages, constitute the message of truth for this time. We are told by the Spirit of prophecy: "*This is the last message. There are no more to follow*." (*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, pp. 206, 207.) The wonderful principles of this message have been revealed to the people of God "by prayerful study of the Word and by revelation." Throughout the history of the church the danger was apparent that there might be a general departure from these principles, and to prevent such a course appropriate warnings were given. Note carefully the following testimony:

"Let none seek to tear away the foundations of our faith—the foundations that were laid at the beginning of our work, by prayerful study of the Word and by revelation. . . . In the past, many have undertaken to *build a new faith, to establish new principles*; but how long did their building stand? It soon fell; for it was not founded upon the Rock." — *Gospel Workers*, p. 307.

The foundation of this message is sure because it is established upon the word of God. Therefore we can say with confidence that we have the truth, that is, as long as we walk in the light that God has given us. This assurance was given us by the Servant of the Lord:

"It is as certain that we have the truth as that God lives; and Satan, with all his arts and hellish power, cannot change the truth of God into a lie. While the great adversary will try his utmost to make of none effect the word of God, truth must go forth as a lamp that burneth." — *Testimonies*, Vol. 4, p. 595.

We can say with the apostle Paul that we have not followed fables. The truth which we believe is everlasting truth, and those who have this firm conviction will not be "tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine." Eph. 4:14. Only when we stand squarely upon the platform of truth are we able to defend it. Says the inspired writer:

"Our only safety is in preserving the ancient landmarks. 'To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them'." — *Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 199.

The old landmarks must be maintained. Beware of anyone who dares to *change* the truth. We are told that such will arise, and we must be on our guard.

"The experience of the past will be repeated. In the future, Satan's superstitions will assume new forms. Errors will be presented in a pleas-

ing and flattering manner. False theories, clothed with garments of light, will be presented to God's people. Thus Satan will try to deceive, if possible, the very elect. Most seducing influences will be exerted; minds will be hypnotized."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, p. 293.

False theories will be presented clothed with garments of light, and only those whose eyes are anointed with eyesalve will be able to detect the deceptions of the enemy. Many will be deceived, because they have not made it a habit to study the Bible for themselves. Please notice the following words of warning:

"Perilous times are before us. Every one who has a knowledge of the truth should awake, and place himself, body, soul, and spirit, under the discipline of God. The enemy is on our track. We must put on the whole armour of God. We must follow the directions given through the Spirit of prophecy. We must *love* and *obey* the truth for this time. This will save us from accepting strong delusions."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, p. 298.

#### Characteristics of Unrighteousness

"Being filled with all *unrighteousness*, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, *inventors of evil things*, disobedient to parents. Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, *not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.*" Rom. 1:29-32.

Here we have a number of characteristics by which those "who hold the truth in unrighteousness" are fully identified. Anyone of these characteristics will suffice in keeping us out of the kingdom of God. We are either filled with unrighteousness, or filled with righteousness. The value of a tree is still determined by the fruit it bears. Said the Saviour: "By their fruits ye shall know them." Matt. 7:20.

The sentence of death is pronounced upon those that are servants of unrighteousness, but not only upon such as commit these sins, but also upon those who "*have pleasure in them that do them.*" This is also set forth in the following testimony:

"If wrongs are apparent among His people, and if the servants of God pass on indifferent to them, they virtually sustain and justify the sinner, and are *alike guilty*, and will just as surely receive the displeasure of God; for they will be made responsible for the sins of the guilty."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, p. 266.

Truly, we can not tolerate open sin in the church. "Sin and sinners in the church must be

promptly dealt with, that others may not be contaminated." (*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 147.) Only by so doing can we expect God's favor to rest upon us. If this important work is neglected, the church will become indeed "a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." Rev. 18:2.

#### Characteristics of Righteousness

"Following after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness." "And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." 1 Tim. 6:11; James 3:18.

Righteousness is right doing. The law of God is the standard of righteousness. But the law cannot give us power to obtain this righteousness. This power is found only in Christ. If we accept Him as our personal Saviour, He will transform our life into His likeness. We shall be covered with His righteousness, and as a result genuine fruits of righteousness will appear in our life. While those who are "filled with all unrighteousness" actually display the characteristics of unrighteousness, so it is likewise true, that those who are filled with righteousness, will fully reveal the characteristics of righteousness. The works of the flesh will be supplanted by the fruits of the Spirit.

#### Truth Separates

Righteousness has no fellowship with unrighteousness. Truth must be distinctly separate from error. We are either entirely on the Lord's side, or entirely on the side of Satan. If we have accepted the love of the truth, we will be a peculiar people indeed. Truth will separate us from the world. We shall not participate in the spirit of worldly fashions, but instead will dress and act as true Christians. We shall not eat and drink to please our appetite, but rather eat and drink to the glory of God. We shall not participate in the spirit of demoralizing amusements, but rather rejoice in the Lord and in His wonderful works of nature. We shall not take part in the spirit of strife, rebellion and bloodshed, that is so apparent in our day, but will rather be lovers of peace. "Be ye separate" is the command of the Lord, and this call will be fully heeded by those who love truth and righteousness.

#### Truth Shall Triumph

"At last the victory was gained. The army following the banner with the inscription, 'The commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus,' was gloriously triumphant. The soldiers of Christ were close beside the gates of the city, and with joy the city received her King. The kingdom of peace and joy and everlasting righteousness was established." — *Testimonies*, Vol. 8, pp. 41; 42.

Dear reader, do you have your eyes fixed upon the truth? If so, you may be sure of victory. It is true that only a remnant will fight on the side of truth and righteousness, but their final triumph is assured. Be not deceived about the final outcome of this great battle. Do not join the opposing forces, for while they may

appear to be in the majority, yet their overthrow is certain. Join the army of the Lord. Fight the good fight of faith under the banner of Prince Emmanuel, and you will soon be crowned with the crown of righteousness, which the Lord shall give unto all them that love His appearing.

# THE FOUNDATION FIRM AND STRONG

By OTTO WELP

**D**O YOU desire to become a follower of Christ, yet know not how to begin? Are you in darkness, and know not how to find the light? Follow the light you have. Set your heart to obey what you do know of the word of God. His power, His very life, dwells in His word. As you receive the word in faith, it will give you power to obey. As you give heed to the light you have, greater light will come. You are building on God's word, and your character will be builded after the similitude of the character of Christ.

Christ, the true foundation, is a living stone; His life is imparted to all that are built upon Him. "Ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house." "Each several building, fitly framed together, groweth into a holy temple in the Lord." I Peter 2:5; Eph. 2:21, R. V. The stones become one with the foundation; for a common life dwells in all. That building no tempest can overthrow, for—

"That which shares the life of God  
With Him surviveth all."

But every building erected on other foundation than God's word will fall. He who, like the Jews in Christ's day, builds on the foundation of human ideas and opinions, of forms and ceremonies of man's invention, or on any works that he can do independently of the grace of Christ, is erecting his structure of character upon the shifting sand. The fierce tempests of temptation will sweep away the sandy foundation, and leave his house a wreck on the shores of time.

"Therefore, thus saith the Lord God . . . Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place." Isa. 28:16, 17.

## Mercy Still Pleading

But today mercy pleads with the sinner. "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in

the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways, for why will ye die?" Eze. 33:11. The voice that speaks to the impenitent today is the voice of Him who in heart-anguish exclaimed as He beheld the city of His love, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killeth the prophets, and stoneth them that are sent unto her! how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her own brood under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." Luke 13:34, 35, R. V.

In Jerusalem, Jesus beheld a symbol of the world that had rejected and despised His grace. He was weeping, O stubborn heart, for you. Even when Jesus' tears were shed upon the mount, Jerusalem might yet have repented, and escaped her doom. For a little space the gift of heaven still waited her acceptance. So, O heart, to you Christ is still speaking in accents of love. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." Rev. 3:20; 2 Cor. 6:2.

## Build on the Rock

You who are resting your hope on self, are building on the sand. But it is not yet too late to escape the impending ruin. Before the tempest breaks, flee to the sure foundation. "Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner-stone of sure foundation." "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth." "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness." "Ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end." Isa. 28:16, R. V.; 45:22; 41:10; 45:17.

OBEY—Acts 5:30

PRAY—Luke 11:13

TARRY—Luke 24:49

RECEIVE—Acts 2:4

## “RECEIVE YE THE HOLY GHOST”

“To us today, as verily as to the first disciples, the promise of the Spirit belongs.”—“Testimonies,” Vol. 8, page 20.

# OUR GREATEST NEED

By OSCAR KRAMER

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. . . . And the *Spirit of God* moved upon the face of the waters.” Gen. 1:1, 2.

**W**HEN nearly six thousand years ago our earth was founded, God's Spirit manifested itself mightily in creation. Wherever this Omnipotent Power is present, visible changes are affected.

“And God said, ‘Let there be light:’ and there was light.” Verse 3.

The first great achievement of the Spirit was the creation of light, dispelling the midnight darkness that existed everywhere. Where the Spirit is, there is light. And light, in turn, is the preliminary condition for the existence of life.

The age-long struggle of holiness with sin can well be condensed down to calling it the great controversy between light and darkness, or, better yet, between the Spirit-filled with the Spirit-void. And where the Spirit is, there is life; but without it, death occurs. We must, therefore, visualize that the possession of the Spirit is a life and death issue. With this power pervading our lives we may expect a triumphant entry into life eternal, while without it, we must perish forever.

“Wherever the need of the Holy Spirit is a matter little thought of, there is seen spiritual drought, spiritual darkness, spiritual declension and death.”—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 50.

We are now standing at the brink of eternity. Only a few more days of struggle and all will be finished. But a long-suffering God desires that all should be saved. Not one precious jewel must be lost. And thus in His mercy He sends a last and final warning to stir the inhabitants of the earth to action. This is symbolized by the “other angel” which is to follow the third, as outlined in Rev. 18:1.

“Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to the earth to unite his

voice with the third angel, and to give *power and force* to his message. Great *power and glory* was imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was *lightened* with his glory.”—*Early Writings*, p. 277.

The need of this message is obvious enough. The people who for the last century, have sounded the third angel's message, have themselves drifted into a backslidden condition, which diminished the power so sadly needed to convert sinners. This “other angel” adds new power and force to the weakening voice of the third angel, and thus alone it is that the work on earth will be finished.

“Since this is the means by which we are to receive power, why do we not *hunger and thirst* for the gift of the Spirit? Why do we not *talk* of it, *pray* for it, and *preach* concerning it? The Lord is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to those who serve Him than parents are to give good gifts to their children.”—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 50.

### Hunger and Thirst

God's blessings are pronounced upon those who hunger and thirst after righteousness. (Matt. 5:6.) “They shall be filled,” we are told. Do we then really hunger and thirst for the revelation of the Spirit? Remember, only then shall we be filled with it. If this hunger and thirst is not naturally present in our hearts, we must look for the cause of it. Is it not selfishness and kindred sins which have taken the place of the Spirit? Then let us empty our hearts of all selfish and earthly desires. In doing so we will be surprised to find the vacuum, thus created, filled with the Holy Spirit.

### Talk of It

We may find enough food for thought in meditating upon all other phases of the message,

without paying serious attention to the all-important subject of the Spirit. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." A heart, void of the Spirit, cannot produce words full of the longing desire to be embued with the Spirit. Our lips are a mirror to our inner life. Like as the daily events of our exited world today are in everybodys mouth—should it not be found a serious enough matter to speak daily of our great need for the Holy Spirit? Indeed, some of us have to be re-converted to see that they are actually void of this heavenly gift. In this, too, a great work must be done for the remnant people of God.

### Pray for It

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" Luke 11:13.

Here the condition is outlined by which we will receive the Heavenly Gift. It is by fervent prayer, by humbly asking our Heavenly Father, that He will open to us the rich treasures of His grace. Only that the amount which we will receive depends on the room we make for it. The more we are emptied of sin, the more space is created for the reception of the Spirit. If all sin is overcome, every defilement cleansed, we may expect to be baptized with the fulness of the Spirit as were the disciples of old. There we find them in the upper room, confessing and forsaking sin, making room for the Heavenly Guest whom they were daily inviting to come. And what a mighty revelation was theirs! In like manner, yes in an even greater measure, the work of God on earth will close after we have prayed unceasingly and have made room for the Holy Spirit to come down. Who, then, will lead out in this great work? Is it not the duty of every one of God's children today?

### Preach Concerning It

Ministers and Layworkers: the Lord is placing a burden upon you to weave into your daily discourses the urgent request for stirring prayers to be filled with the Spirit. Has not the time come that this all-important question should receive greater emphasis? As it were, we have but a few more moments to spend on this earth. Let us clear the King's highway today by confessing and forsaking of sin, and let the meetings for prayer, be conducted in such a manner as to make the Heavenly Gift an outstanding item of the greatest significance. Yes, preach concerning it. While you do it, the Heavenly Power will manifest itself already in your preaching. The dead formality of a cold orthodoxy will vanish away to make room for Spirit-filled meetings. Sinners will be converted, even the sick will be restored and spiritual vigor will enliven every phase

of the message. Then He, that shall come, will come and will not tarry. And oh, that glad moment, when the redeemed of all ages will gather on the glittering shores to sing praises to Him who, through His Holy Spirit, wrought so marvellously a salvation for all.

## The Power of Prayer

The Bible account of the power of prayer is the best we have, or can have.

Abraham's servant prays—Rebekah appears.

Jacob prays—the angel is conquered; Esau's revenge is changed to fraternal love.

Joseph prays—he is delivered from the prison of Egypt.

Moses prays—Amalek is discomfited; Israel triumphs.

Joshua prays—the sun stands still; victory is gained.

Hannah prays—the prophet Samuel is born.

David prays—Ahithophel goes out and hangs himself.

Asa prays—God turns away His anger and smiles.

Elijah prays—the little cloud appears; the rain descends upon the earth.

Elisha prays—the waters of Jordan are divided; a child is restored to life.

Isaiah prays—one hundred and eighty-four thousand Assyrians are dead.

Hezekiah prays—the sun-dial is turned back; his life is prolonged.

Mordecai prays—Haman is hanged; Israel is free.

Nehemiah prays—the kings heart is softened in a minute.

Ezra prays—the wall of Jerusalem begins to rise.

The church prays—the Holy Ghost is poured out.

The church prays again—Peter is delivered by an angel.

Paul and Silas pray—the prison shakes; the doors open; every man's hands are loosed.—Selected.

Anger is the most impotent passion that influences the mind of man; it effects nothing it undertakes, and hurts the man who is possessed by it, more than the object against which it is directed.

Whatever our place allotted to us by Providence, that, for us, is the post of honor and duty. God estimates us not by the position we are in, but by the way we fill it.—T. Edwards.

As the sun-dial cannot make known the hour when the sun does not shine upon it, so conscience is not a safe guide to duty unless heightened by God's word.

# True Reformation Not Revolution

By A. W. DOERSCHLER

"And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down. 1 Kings 18:30.

**U**PON Mount Carmel Elijah's exemplary character was brought to view in a most glorious manner. Mount Carmel represented the highest point in his prophetic life. Upon the heights of Carmel he revealed his greatest fidelity, courage and energy. There the lone, humble, trusting servant of God proved far more worthy than scores of false prophets. Despite his isolation and dangerous surroundings, he was without fear, since it was the grace of God that sustained him and worked through him.

Elijah was not an eye-server. Neither was he a prophet of high-sounding words; nor yet, one that enjoyed the favor of the king. He was, however, notwithstanding man's unbelief and disfavor, a Heaven-sent messenger—a restorer, a rebuildler, a true reformer.

Elijah appeared on the scene with the pointed quest on. "Is Baal God, or God the Lord?" Early in his mission in behalf of reform among a disobedient and backslidden people, he had raised this timely question. But it was upon Mount Carmel that it finally came to a decision. All Israel had flocked together. Four hundred and fifty priests of Baal were lined up on the one side, while Elijah, alone, occupied the other. Here were the many from the cult of the sun, and there a solitary, unassuming man in the service of Jehovah.

On this eventful day the true God was to be revealed—the one God whom Israel was enjoined to honor and serve. Jehovah, through his loyal servant, and Baal, through the four hundred and fifty priests, were in a very unusual and spectacular demonstration to prove to the people which should be revered and obeyed. First, the prophets of Baal were to employ their supposed efficacious arts in an endeavor to produce convincing evidences of the reality and power of their man-made God; and, in case of failure on their part, Elijah was then to pray for fire to fall from heaven and devour the sacrifice, thus proving the superior might and incontrovertible existence of the great God of the universe.

The four hundred and fifty heathen priests entreated, called, and shouted at the altar of

Baal. They executed divers kinds of weird and fanatical contortions, even cutting themselves "after their manner, with knives." But in spite of their frenzied efforts, no attention nor reply was given them by their false god, while Elijah, with majestic calmness and strong faith, patiently awaited the opportunity to act his part for the true God.

## "The Lord, He is the God!"

Quietness covers Mount Carmel. In throngs the people gather round the prophet, giving careful heed to his every movement. First of all, Elijah rebuilds the broken altar of the Lord. Upon Mount Carmel were the scattered remains of the once sacredly erected and solemnly dedicated place of holy sacrifice which had been broken down. The altar of Jehovah had fallen into decay through neglect and omission; or, worse yet, it had been both desecrated and demolished at the hands of the wicked priests of Baal. Those broken monuments of Israel's former fidelity and greatness were mute yet positive signs of the sore displeasure and forced withdrawal of Jehovah.

But now, Elijah appears—Elijah, the reformer, the Luther of his day. His first act is to rebuild the altar of the Lord. He heals. He steps forward as a true reformer—a rebuildler. He seeks out carefully, and brings together, the misused, scattered and neglected stones; and as soon as the altar is restored, the mighty God of heaven, in immediate recognition of His servant's faithfulness and trust, sets the sacrifice in flames. Thus Elijah rebuilt, and Jehovah honored, the sacred altar that had once been corrupted and demolished.

## Reformation vs. Revolution

All true reformers, in every age, have followed the methods of Elijah. Reformation invariably follows deformation. The true reformer rebuilds and honors the old; he builds up the true. Revolution breaks with rough hands all consisting things; it causes the old to be broken, to fall apart. Revolution makes of no effect the connecting link of the past and present. Reformation revives; revolution destroys. All this

was comprehended by Elijah, even though he was accused as being the trouble-maker of Israel. By many he was looked upon as a revolutionist, but it was he who had rebuilt the altar of the Lord. On his part there was no disrespect, dishonor, nor a casting away of the old. Elijah's powerful interference, under God, had brought a sure result.

There are those in our day, both within Laodicea and without who, through revolutionary rather than reformatory methods, profess to be

reviving power and reforming energy of the Spirit of God does not exist. Let all guard themselves against the revolutionist—the false reformer—and his methods. “By their fruits ye shall know them.”

### The Call for a Thorough Reformation

The rebuilding of the fallen altar is a glorious work. As the altar of the Lord, broken and defiled, was a token of the apostasy in olden days, thus it is also an unmistakable indication of the apostasy of our time. And restoration and purification—the need of thorough reformation—is as apparent, as urgent, today as it was thousands of years ago. Saith the Spirit of the Lord:

“The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place. . . . The Lord calls for a renewal of the straight testimony borne in years past. He calls for a renewal of spiritual life.”—*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, pp. 251, 297.

“In the work of reform to be carried forward today, there is need of men who will not palliate or excuse sin, nor shrink from vindicating the honor of God. Those upon whom rests the burden of this work, will not hold their peace when wrong is done, neither will they cover evil with a cloak of false charity. They will remember that God is no respecter of persons, and that severity to a few may prove mercy to many. They will remember also that in the one who rebukes evil, the spirit of Christ should ever be revealed.”—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 675.

Thus God calls for a thorough reformation, and He also clearly calls for true reformers—for men and women who will follow the inspiring example of Elijah. Let us, brethren and sisters, unhesitatingly heed the call, feeling joyful in our souls that we may have a part in such a glorious task. And in this God-given work, that of humbly, yet faithfully, rebuilding, let us often remind ourselves of the wonderful accomplishments of the great examplers of the past. Let us remember that the work of the true reformer will ever be that of healing. Thus it was with Elijah; and if we will in like manner whole-heartedly relate ourselves to the work of thorough reform, then we, too, shall bring forth much fruit to the glory of God. The sacred altar of eternal truth will once more be restored, and the blessed tokens of God's presence, approbation, and power will be revealed.

True reformation is not revolution. Reformation rebuilds; revolution destroys.

“God has His workmen in every age. The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man.”

## Revival Fire

The fire fell;  
Elijah's prayer prevailed:  
And the flame burned its way to Israel's soul!  
The backsliding Nation turned.  
A mightier fire than the one visible  
In their hearts burned.  
The cult of Baal had failed!  
“The Lord, He is the God!” Hark to the shout!  
As once again faith in God takes control—  
Ended the Night of Doubt.

Again the fire came  
In form of tongues upon disciples' heads;  
And they spake Words  
Which fell like fiery flakes upon the crowd.  
Again the heavenly flame  
Of that salvation spreads,  
Which only is the Lord's.  
Men cried aloud,  
And, as before, Doubt beat a swift retreat—  
Souls flocked to Jesus' feet.

Lord, send that fire once more!  
Let the world know  
Still on the Throne art Thou!  
And, as on Carmel and at Pentecost,  
Let the flame glow  
Till convinced souls implore  
Pardon, and at the Cross of Jesus bow.  
Let the blest Fire of true Revival burn—  
Thy Spirit lead from sin a ransomed host,  
Who shall to Jesus turn.

promoting a work of reformation. But it is clearly evident that the efforts of such must surely result unsuccessfully since the spirit of Elijah is not manifested among them. The falling asunder of the old truth is plainly to be seen, but the vitally necessary work of genuine rebuilding is left undone. Such reformers—so-styled—may dispute this, and protest much; but the great and certain marks of genuineness—the simplicity, humility, faith, thoroughness, zeal, and God-sent fire, characteristics of the reformation of Elijah—are missing. The



# Our Homes and Our Health

## Father And Family Worship

By E. J. STABEL

**H**A VE you ever been in a home where family worship was seldom conducted or perhaps entirely neglected? Or perhaps you have seen mother frequently reminding father that it is the children's bed-time and for him to please conduct worship. This no doubt has occurred at one time or another in all homes, however much more frequent in some than others. Maybe father, realizing his neglect, but retaliating for having been rebuked, replies, "Well, why don't you conduct it?" It is too bad that such a condition prevails in the Christian world in general, but how sad if so in the homes of Adventists professing to believe the last message. While it may be appropriate for mother to conduct worship at certain times, yet we have the following instruction from the Spirit of prophecy:

"The father, and, in his absence, the mother should conduct the worship, selecting a portion of scripture that is interesting and easily understood."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, p. 43.

Neglect on the fathers part betrays a weakness in his Christian character, suggesting that his interests are not on eternal things. Perhaps business is pressing upon him or other cares and worries at times engross his attention. Yet is not his family the dearest, most precious of all earthly possessions, then should he not remember that failure to present all into the care of God may mean disaster or even eternal life for some?

This solemn responsibility was cherished by Abram long before his name was changed to "Abraham" or "father of a great multitude." No matter how few or many in his household, he felt his responsibility, the Word records.

"And there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him." Gen. 12:7. "Then Abram removed his tent and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the Lord." Gen. 13:18.

The Spirit of prophecy commenting on these thoughts says:

"The life of Abraham, the friend of God, was a life of prayer. Wherever he pitched his tent, close beside it was built an altar, upon which were offered the morning and the evening sacrifice. When his tent was removed, the altar remained. And the roving Canaanite, as he came to that altar, knew who had been there. When he had pitched his tent, he repaired the altar, and worshiped the living God.

So the homes of Christians should be lights in the world. From them, morning and evening, prayer should ascend to God as sweet incense. And as the morning dew, His mercies and blessings will descend upon the suppliants."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, p. 44.

Not always was an altar erected for their worship, but Jacob, early in the morning after his vision of ascending and descending angels, set up a stone and called on the name of the Lord. Likewise Samuel:

"Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." 1 Samuel 7:12.

Yes, "hitherto hath the Lord helped us." This, too, should be our expressed feeling. It is God alone that has kept us and will continue to do so. We must not forget to thank Him.

"How appropriate it is for parents to gather their children about them before the fast is broken, to thank the Heavenly Father for His protection during the night, and to ask Him for His help and guidance and watch-care during the day! How fitting, also, when evening comes, for parents and children to gather once more before Him, and thank Him for the blessings of the day that is past!" — *Testimonies*, Vol. 7, p. 43.

It is true that children will go astray in homes where worship is never neglected. We can surely conclude that Samuel was faithful in this respect, yet of his sons it is written:

"And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment." 1 Samuel 8:3. But in the majority of instances it will be found that children from homes where the parents have been lax in presenting the family to God, are more likely to depart from the truth than in homes where worship is faithfully conducted. If there are those who have neglected their duty and shuned the responsibility, may God help you, and all of us, to reform in this matter also.

"I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known Him that is from the beginning . . ." "I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth." 1 John 2:13, 21.

### Family Worship

"If ever there was a time when every house should be a house of prayer, it is now. Infidelity and skepticism prevail. Iniquity abounds. Corruption flows in the vital currents of the soul, and rebellion against God breaks out in the life. Enslaved by sin, the moral powers are under the tyranny of Satan. The soul is made the sport of his temptations; and unless some mighty arm is stretched out to rescue him, man goes where the arch-rebel leads the way.

"And yet, in this time of fearful peril, some who profess to be Christians have no family worship. They do not honor God in the home; they do not teach their children to love and fear Him. Many have separated themselves so far from Him that they feel under condemnation in approaching Him. They cannot 'come boldly unto the throne of grace,' 'lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.' Heb. 4:16; 1 Tim. 2:8. They have not a living connection with God. Theirs is a form of godliness without the power.

"The idea that prayer is not essential is one of Satan's most successful devices to ruin souls. Prayer is communion with God, the Fountain of wisdom, the Source of strength, and peace, and happiness. Jesus prayed to the Father 'with strong crying and tears.' Paul exhorts believers to 'pray without ceasing,' in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, making known their request to God. 'Pray one for another,' James says. 'The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.' Heb. 5:7; 1 Thess. 5:17; James 5:16.

"By sincere, earnest prayer parents should make a hedge about their children. They should pray with full faith that God will abide with them, and that holy angels will guard them and their children from Satan's cruel power."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, pp. 42, 43

"If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

## Gratitude for Health

"**H**OW OFTEN those who are in health forget the wonderful mercies that are continued to them day by day, year after year. They render no tribute of praise to God for all His benefits. But when sickness comes, God is remembered. The strong desire for recovery leads to earnest prayer; and this is right. God is our refuge in sickness as in health. But many do not leave their cases with Him; they encourage weakness and disease by worrying about themselves. If they would cease repining, and rise above depression and gloom, their recovery would be more sure. They should remember with gratitude how long they enjoyed the blessing of health; and should this precious boon be restored to them, they should not forget that they are under renewed obligations to their Creator. When the 10 lepers were healed, only one returned to find Jesus and give Him glory. Let us not be like the unthinking nine, whose hearts were untouched by the mercy of God."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 315.

## Ten Health Restorers

1. **DO NOT THINK TOO MUCH ABOUT YOURSELF.** Think of others whose burdens are heavy also. They may need your help. In helping and cheering others you will help yourself.

2. **DO NOT WORRY.** When troubles come upon you like a flood, when they grow to be like large mountains, and you cannot go forward or backward, then think of the children of Israel. There was a way made for them; there will be for you.

3. **DO NOT FEAR.** When you rise up in the morning, or when you go to bed at night, when you walk in the road, or when you ride in a car, when the nerves tell you that something dreadful is coming upon you, do not fear, for the Lord has said, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee."

4. **DO NOT THINK UNPLEASANT, UNHAPPY THOUGHTS.** Think not of all your troubles. You can find many pleasant and happy things to consider, if you will but search a little. If you will count the blessings, the blues will be banished shortly. If you can sing, even though the tears be flowing, sing on; you may be helped, and the tears will dry. It will not hurt you to laugh. Be not too serious, but cultivate a happy disposition.

5. DO NOT BE OVERSENSITIVE. If your friends hurt you, misunderstand or misjudge you, do not be depressed. There are many who care for you, and will stand by you. The Saviour was hurt, misjudged, and often abused. He understands, and will help you. Do the best you can, and leave the rest with Him. If you have made mistakes and have confessed your faults, then believe that they are forgiven, and you shall find peace.

6. DO NOT REMAIN INDOORS TOO CLOSELY. Rather be out and enjoy God's sunshine. Spend some time in this way every day if possible.

7. SLEEP WHEN YOU GO TO BED AT NIGHT. Think not of everything you have done during the day, and of the many things you have not done. Yesterday is past, and tomorrow has not come. Just forget yourself and all the world. If you have a tendency to worry, then remember the verse which says, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord." Just leave it with Him.

8. EAT FOR STRENGTH AND HEALTH, not merely for pleasure or taste. Do not eat between meals or eat too much rich food. Chew your food thoroughly, and be as cheerful as possible while eating. A wise Creator has planned a good menu for you—fruits, grains, nuts, and vegetables.

9. SECURE PLENTY OF FRESH AIR, when you are sleeping and when you are awake. Remember to breathe deeply, so that all the good air goes to the extremity of the air cells.

10. TRUST IN THE LORD. Even though the way seems hard and rough, and the path steep and long, and you are ready to give up, remember to ask God to help you. Has He not said, "Ask, and it shall be given you;" "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest?"—*The Oriental Watchman and Herald of Health*.

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Stars may be seen from the bottom of a deep well, when they cannot be discerned from the top of a mountain. So are many things learned in adversity which the prosperous man dreams not of.

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In character, in manners, in style, in all things, the supreme excellence is simplicity.—Longfellow.

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**BRIEF NEWS OF THE REFORM**  
**AND THE REFORMERS**  
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## Report From the Northwest

**F**ROM the commencement of the work here in the Northwest, until now, we can truly say the Lord has richly blessed us. The obstacles we encounter only serve to stimulate the interest. We can then better understand the words of the Spirit of prophecy: "In all the history of the church, no reformation has been carried forward without encountering serious obstacles." *Great Controversy*, p. 396. This is just another evidence that the movement is of God. Just as sharply as Satan presents opposition, so surely God will provide the necessary strength to overcome.

There is no reason to be discouraged brethren and sisters. God is at the helm and He will safely guide His ship into the haven of rest. Shall not we remain faithful and help bring the ship to the harbor? Remember the precious words: "Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:32.

New evidences of divine leadership again have presented themselves, during our work here. The greatest evidence is that the Holy Spirit is arousing the hearts of men and women. Everywhere souls are preparing to take their stand with God's remnant people. Not only is this true in cities but even in the remotest sections of the region. Again we have the experiences of every reformation repeated. As in 1914 this work commenced by believers in many sections of Europe, so today we see a continuation of that divine characteristic. Souls unknown to each other, from far and near, take hold and help move on this car of reform. We have but a faint taste of heavens great gift, what will be the glorious result of the final pouring out of God's Spirit in full measure. Dear brethren and sisters, let us be praying and preparing for that eventful day, which cannot be far distant in the future. God is depending on us; on our faith, unity and perseverance. What are you doing to help finish the work? Let us all with renewed courage press onward and upward.

In the state of Oregon, several dear souls have taken their stand and others are preparing for it. New interests are springing up and we have every reason to believe that this will be a fruitful field.

Recently, while the brethren from Denver were here, we could see the mighty movings of the Spirit in the meetings. We were very sorry that Elder Welp was called away due to the death of a dear brother in Oklahoma. Nevertheless, we feel that God gave Elder Doerschler special power and wisdom to carry on during the week-end meetings and in answering the many questions presented. For weeks some of the interested ones had looked forward to seeing living witnesses of the experiences in Europe. Now that this had become a reality, they lost no time in presenting their many questions. It seemed the meetings could have no end as the interest continued to grow. But even the best things must have an end in this world, and so bidding farewell to the dear ones we continued to Seattle, Washington. In this city we were privileged to make wonderful contacts, and it is our prayer that in the near future we can have a report from there.

The week-end of March 5th and 6th, we were in Troy, Idaho. Some weeks before I had the privilege of laboring there. The Lord had been good to us, blessing us with His good Spirit. Several souls had taken their stand for the truth, and through their earnest effort and the Lord's leading, the seed was sown for greater blessings and more souls for the Kingdom.

Now again, while Elder Doerschler was with us, we felt the nearness of the Master. During the meetings three brethren from Spokane, Washington, and one dear sister from Troy, Idaho, united with God's remnant people. Three ministers from Laodicea, with their families, attended the afternoon meeting. It is our earnest prayer that during the hours of discussion that followed, they may have been moved to come closer to this work and see the real need of a thorough reformation.

May this joyful message spread to the far ends of the earth, that ere long the work can close and we can go home with the Master is our prayer.

E. J. STABEL.

## General Report

**J**RULY, every one who reads the columns of "The Sabbath Watchman" is interested to know how the work of reform is progressing. We all realize that in this age of wide-spread apostasy no work is harder than that of reform. Therefore, whenever we see new evidences that this work is making progress, our hearts are made glad. The Lord is today gathering His children one by one. All those who accept and

obey the counsel of the True and Faithful Witness, will exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth.

As long as we are active in the cause of God on earth, and work faithfully for the salvation of souls, we will be found happy and of good courage in the Lord. David proclaims: "The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly." Ps. 118:15. This rejoicing will only be seen in the "tabernacles of the righteous" who live and testify for the truth. But on the other hand let us see what the fate will be of those who are careless and slothful in the work of God.

"Those who are not interested in the cause of God on earth, can never sing the song of redeeming love above."—*Early Writings*, p. 50.

Those who are not interested in the progress of God's cause on earth will never enter the pearly gates. Let us therefore labor earnestly while it is still day, for soon the night will come where no man can labor.

Since Elder Stabel has written the report about the progress of the work in the Northwest, we have received additional reports about the workings of the Holy Spirit. Just recently a goodly number of souls were added to the ranks of the believers in Oregon and Idaho. We are especially thankful to God that our dear brother and sister Lee, also their daughter Virginia, have been so faithful in witnessing for this precious truth. They were the first ones in Idaho who accepted the reform message, and have been instrumental in bringing this truth to others. The work in Oregon is also making steady progress. We have also received encouraging reports from California. The Lord has blessed Elder Kramer in the work there, and a few dear souls have been accepted into church fellowship. Elder Kramer will now leave for North Dakota, where he will labor for a while in the interest of the cause.

Elder Doerschler had also the privilege to visit the believers in St. Louis. The Lord came very near in all the meetings that were held, and he found all the believers of good courage in this blessed truth. One dear sister was baptized. Let us also remember her in our prayer.

Elder Doerschler has left again for California and the northwest, and we pray that the Lord may bless him abundantly. Other souls are deeply interested in this message, and we trust that these too will soon take their stand with us. May God continue to work through the Holy Spirit on the hearts of those who love truth and righteousness.

The Lord has also blessed us here in Denver with four new souls. It makes us always very happy when we see new souls taking their stand with us. We are longing for the glad day when

the last honest soul has been gathered, and the work can be finished on earth in righteousness.

May the Lord help us all to consecrate our life for His service. May He help us to be faithful to Him in every detail, so that at last we shall find an abundant entrance into His kingdom.

W. O. WELP.

## A Cheerful Spirit Honors God

By Mrs. E. G. WHITE

**T**HE CHRISTIAN should live so near to God that he may approve things that are excellent, "being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God." His heart should be attuned to gratitude and praise. He should be ever ready to acknowledge the blessings he is receiving, remembering who it is that has said, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me."

Many professed Christians dwell too much on the dark side of life, when they might rejoice in the sunshine; they repine when they should be glad; they talk of trials when they should offer praise for the rich blessings they enjoy. They look at the unpleasant things, hoard up the disappointments and sigh over the griefs and, as a consequence, grow heavy-hearted and sad, when, should they count up their blessings, they would find them so numerous that they would forget to mention their annoyances. If they would every day take note of the favors that are done them; if they would store their minds with the precious memory of kindness received, how much occasion they would find to render thanks and praise to the Giver of all good.

Some Christian wives who have unconverted husbands and children make this a cause of despondency and gloom. They manifest so much more anxiety for their friends than trust in God, that they forfeit the blessings of peace, and joy, and a thankful spirit, which might be theirs. *I have heard some say that they did not even care to be saved unless their husbands and children were saved with them. They feel that Heaven would not be Heaven to them without the presence of these who are so dear.* But have they an eye single to the glory of God when they cherish this feeling? *Oh, no! Such expressions are not pleasing to God for they place the creature before the Creator.* But they are just what Satan delights in, for he can use the evident sadness and discouragement of spirit that

grow out of this feeling to make the Christian religion appear unattractive.

Dear Christian sisters, the best thing you can do for your loved ones who are out of Christ is to live before them a life of peace and joy, to show them that in Jesus you find a helper who gives you strength according to your day. Make home happy. In the home circle exercise Christian courtesy, forbearance, and love; but the sadness, the tears, the distress for your unconverted friends, should be reserved for the closet. Jesus will meet you there, and you may roll all your burdens upon Him, the Burden-bearer. Our precious Saviour is the friend of man. He died for these souls: He is waiting to bless and save them. He has claims upon their service, for He has bought them with an infinite price; and He is grieved with their resistance of His claims, their rejection of His offers of mercy, more deeply grieved than you can possibly be.

God has given you too, a work to do; and because your husband and children refuse to do their duty, will you relax your efforts in His cause? Should not the very fact that these who are so dear to you are ignoring His just claims upon them arouse you to greater diligence, that, so far as possible, you may supply their deficiency?

Wives, mothers, cultivate trust in God. He does not want you to carry a constant load of anxiety and care. Rise above your trials; look away from them to the blessing you are receiving. Fix the mind upon the mansions Jesus has gone to prepare for those that love Him. Cultivate clear perceptions of truth, unselfish purposes, and a desire to do others good and make them happy.

"I am persuaded," says Paul, "that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Again he says: "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but for the things which are not seen for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

As you read these strong, brave words from one who suffered so much for his faith in Christ, and yet counted his severest trials as light afflictions, enduring but for a moment, will you not resolve to possess your soul in patience amid the petty annoyances of every day life, that are often so irritating and so hard to bear? Will you not resolve that these things shall not interrupt your communion with God and separate you from His love?

Do not allow the perplexities and worries of every-day life to fret your mind and cloud your brow. If you do, you will always have something to vex and annoy. Life is what we make it, and we shall find what we look for. If we look for sadness and trouble, if we are in a frame of mind to magnify little difficulties, we shall find plenty of them to engross our thoughts and our conversation. But if we look on the bright side of things, we shall find enough to make us cheerful and happy. If we give smiles, they will be returned to us; if we speak pleasant, cheerful words, they will be spoken to us again.

When Christians appear as gloomy and depressed as though they thought themselves friendless, they give a wrong impression of religion. In some cases the idea has been entertained that cheerfulness is inconsistent with the dignity of the Christian character; but this is a mistake. Heaven is all joy; and if we gather to our souls the joys of Heaven, and as far as possible express them in our words and deportment, we shall be more pleasing to our Heavenly Father than if we were gloomy and sad.

It is the duty of every one to cultivate cheerfulness instead of brooding over sorrow and troubles. Many not only make themselves wretched in this way, but they sacrifice health and happiness to a morbid imagination. There are things in their surroundings that are not agreeable, and their countenances wear a continual frown that, more plainly than words, express discontent. These depressing emotions are a great injury to them healthwise; for by hindering the process of digestion, they interfere with nutrition. While grief and anxiety cannot remedy a single evil, they can do great harm; but cheerfulness and hope, while they brighten the pathway of others, "are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh."

Christ came to restore to its original loveliness, a world ruined by sin. The work of the fall will be undone. All that was lost in Adam's transgression will be regained through the sufferings and death of Christ. In the new earth there will be no sin or disease. All blemishes and deformity will be left in the grave, and the body will be restored to its original perfection. We shall wear the spotless image of our Lord, for "He shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body."

The development of Christian character, tending toward this state of perfection, is a growth toward beauty. The character is expressed in the countenance. The evil that is in the heart hangs out its sign, and we read at a glance coarseness, unrest, selfishness, cunning, deceit, lust, falsehood, envy, pride, and malice. As the heart becomes transformed by the renewing of the mind, the graces of the Spirit leave their

impress on the face, and it expresses the refinement, delicacy, peace, benevolence, and pure and tender love, that reign in the heart, and constitute the inward "adorning," which is in the sight of God of "great price."

The apostle Paul exhorts: "Rejoice evermore; pray without ceasing." "Give thanks always for all things unto God," "singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."

## A REFUGE FROM THE STORM

**H**E THAT dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

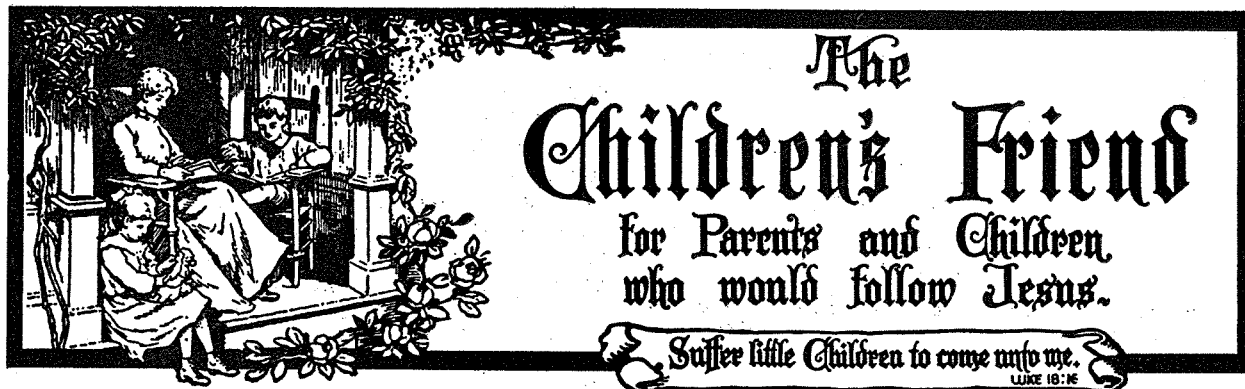
I will say of the Lord. He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust.

Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation: there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble: I will deliver him, and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him My salvation. Ps. 91.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all they that do His commandments."



# The Children's Friend

for Parents and Children  
who would follow Jesus.

Suffer little Children to come unto me.

LUKE 10:16

## The Mother's Victory

"MARY, dear, will you go up to my room and bring down the china pitcher that stands on the table, near the window?" said Mrs. James to her little daughter, that was busy at play with her large, new doll.

"Oh yes, mamma; I am glad I can do something to help you." And the child cheerfully laid aside her playthings, and started with a light, happy heart to do her mother's bidding; but unfortunately, while returning, and only half way down stairs, her foot slipped, and she was precipitated to the bottom.

On hearing the noise, her mother ran into the hall, and seeing the fragments of her beautiful new pitcher scattered on the floor, exclaimed, very impatiently—

"Oh, dear! what a careless girl you are, Mary! What does make you so clumsy? Just see what you've done; you've broken to atoms my nice pitcher I bought only a week ago." Then, without inquiring whether the child was injured by the fall, added in a harsh tone: "Now pick up every piece and carry them away. Come, work spry."

Just at this moment Mrs. Worth, a sister-in-law of Mrs. James, came into the hall, and learning the nature of the accident, inquired in a very affectionate manner—

"Did you hurt yourself much, darling? Let me gather up the fragments."

"No, sister, Bidly can do that; but I wanted to teach Mary to be more careful."

Aunt Julia took the hand of the little girl, who stood trembling, while the large scalding tears chased each other down her cheeks, and carried her to her own room near by, and tried to sooth her troubled mind, and ascertain more about her injury. She soon found the little child was suffering from several severe bruises; but the

harsh words of her mother had added a deeper pang. By the kind attentions, and gentle affectionate words and manner of Mrs. Worth, her sufferings were in a measure alleviated; but it was long after her usual hour of retiring before she could obtain any quiet rest that night. Several times she would start up from an unquiet slumber, and exclaim in an agonizing tone: "Oh, ma, don't! don't talk so, you hurt me. Oh, you hurt me so! I did not mean to break it." Then again would rouse up, grasp the hand of her aunt, and say imploringly: "Oh my good aunty, don't leave Mary!" This was heartrending to Mrs. James, who was constantly in the room, but could do nothing to quiet her darling child; and bitter, indeed, was the reflection to her that her own injustice and unkind treatment had occasioned so much mental suffering to her child, that had always endured any physical pain like a martyr.

Great was the joy of all when at length she sank into a quiet slumber, and especially to her mother. And it is but justice to her to remark that usually she was a kind and devoted parent, and loved her children dearly, but when excited would occasionally use language which, in her moments of reflection, often caused her sorrow of heart. She had never learned to govern her temper. That conquest, which of all others, is the most sublime and ennobling, she had never gained. Two or three hours had elapsed, and Mary continued to sleep quietly, and Mrs. James inquired—

"Had you not better retire, sister, and try and get some rest? I think Mary will sleep well now."

"Oh no; I dare not leave her a moment. If she should awake, I must be close by; so much will depend on keeping her quiet." So saying, the skillful nurse applied another wet cloth to the temples of the sleeping child. "Oh how grateful I am for your untiring care! I can never repay you for your kindness. I am sure this will be a lesson to me as long as I live. Yes, Julia, I will govern myself in future, and not give way to my excitable disposition. I have

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one source of trial I am sure you never had, and I often wish I could possess your equanimity, for I sometimes speak harshly to my children, for which I feel rebuke. Oh how gladly would I recall what I said to Mary this afternoon, if it were in my power! But I did not think at the time that she would lay it to heart as she did. I am sure Ellen or Kate would not have minded it near as much, if I had said the same to either of them."

"You must be aware that Mary's disposition is entirely different from that of the other girl's; with her remarkable sensitive nature, which renders her susceptible of intense mental suffering, and then, so affectionate as she is, one word of censure, if she is not blame-worthy, from one she loves, must cut like a blade of steel. Whenever I meet with children of her temperament, my sympathies are always enlisted for them, and I tremble to think of what they must endure, as parents and teachers usually exercise so little discrimination in regard to the different dispositions of those under their care. They should make it their study, for the discipline which might be proper and even necessary for one child would be entirely wrong for another possessing a different temperament. You will pardon me, sister, if I speak plainly on this subject. I always find that when a mother unites gentleness with firmness, she can, with any child, much more effectually correct a foible and maintain parental authority by mild, persuasive measures than by harsh censure. I make it a rule never to correct one of my children when I am excited, for I must own that I am naturally passionate, although you may

have judged me differently. But I have long endeavored to control myself, and not give way to my hasty temper, and if I have succeeded in any measure in this self-conquest, it is owing to Divine aid."

Mrs. James, who was in a state of mind to receive admonition, replied: "Oh that I might be able to overcome my besetting sin! for I realize wherein I have erred;" then, going to the couch of her daughter, and gazing fondly upon her beautiful features, added, with emotion: "Better to have broken all my new and expensive chinaware than to break the spirit of such a lovely and loving girl!" Then turning to her friend: "Most cordially do I thank you for your kind and profitable suggestions and timely counsel, and will try to practice accordingly."

The next morning the little invalid awoke much invigorated by quiet rest, and before many hours was able to walk about the room, although her countenance still looked pale and sad; but, thanks to the judicious management and singular tact of her aunt, who was still her constant companion, her mind was diverted as much as possible from the recent troubles, and occupied with something pleasant and cheerful.

One week later, and Mary, having nearly recovered her usual health, was permitted to accompany Mrs. Worth to her delightful home, a few miles distant.

It was not long after the occurrence just related before the family of Mrs. James observed quite a change in her deportment, and which became more and more apparent. Not only had she resolved on an amendment, but had carried her resolutions into practice, trusting in Him who has said, "My grace is sufficient for thee." But this conquest was not accomplished at once or without many severe struggles; having to wage war, not only with her natural disposition, but with the tyrannical power, confirmed habit. At length the lovely virtues, patience and forbearance, flourished in perennial beauty. Now that mother no longer casts a dark shadow athwart the path of some loved one, but her entire household shares in the genial rays which prelude her own soul, casting a cheerful, inspiring influence on all around.                      SELECTED.

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