

the nations." "*Righteousness exalteth a nation; sin is a reproach to any people.*"

The history of Continental Europe, during the last twelve hundred years, furnishes many a painful illustration of the sad results of a national policy that ignores the claims of Christ, and His Word, and His Church. During that lengthened period, the European nations have been in league with the "Man of sin," devoting their national resources to the advancement of his interests, and, of course, in opposition to Christ "the Prince of the kings of the earth." There has been no national acknowledgment of the enthroned Mediator, as King of nations; no national acknowledgment of the Bible, as the standard of legislation; no national acknowledgment of the Church, which, during the reign of Anti-Christ, is represented as a woman in the wilderness, shut out of view, desolate and forgotten. Well, what has been the history of Europe, during those years, but the narrative of its commotions, revolutions, and wars? Take away from the history of Europe the record of its convulsions and bloodshed, its oppression on the one hand and its struggles for freedom on the other, its wars and rumours of wars, and its social and commercial disasters consequent thereon; and little more than a blank will remain. But, when that great revolution will take place, which inspired prophecy foretells, when Anti-Christ shall fall, and all the obstinate supporters of that system—when the great principles of "the testimony of Jesus Christ" shall triumph—when the Redeemer shall be universally acknowledged as "King in Zion" and "Prince of the kings of the earth"—when "the kingdoms of this world" shall "become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ"—then, glorious and blessed will be the results. "The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, *by righteousness.*" Wars shall cease to the ends of the earth. "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks," and there shall be an "abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth." There will be enlarged and enduring prosperity. "For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron." "The earth shall yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us." Then, there will be a very glorious and universal exemplification of the great Bible truth: *Righteousness exalteth a nation.*

There is no wilderness so dreary but that Christ's love can illuminate it; no desolation so desolate but that He can sweeten it. I know what I am saying. It is no delusion. I believe that the highest, purest happiness is known only to those who have learned Christ in sick-rooms, in poverty, in racking suspense and anxiety, amid hardships and at the open grave.—*Mrs. E. Prentiss.*

None will have their residence in heaven hereafter who have not their conversation in heaven here. None will be with the Lord forever, but those that find it their happiness for the Lord to be with them now,—*Wm. Jay.*

A prayerless soul is a Christless soul, and a Christless soul is a helpless soul.

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