

## PREACH THE WHOLE GOSPEL.

Let us hark back to the periods of revival and ingatherings and greater growth. How we need it! What was antecedent to those historic seasons? Several things. One thing invariably. The ministry tendered its testimony about sin and death as well as redemption and life. Hell as well as heaven was preached. Men are dying with a profound conviction. The Word of God that stated the fact was firmly believed. Soul-saving was the preoccupying and absorbing thought. There was earnestness and energy directed towards the task of rescuing perishing human brothers. The work was naturally exciting and all engrossing. The zeal and pointed efforts of self-denying men had a great influence upon the world. It went far toward leading men to stop, think, and hear the words of life. Yes, there is a loud call to the church to get back earnestly to the work that has always been crowned with success—the pre-eminent work of saving souls. Let the appeal in this behalf be caught up all along the line until once again great numbers shall be added to the church of such as shall be saved.

We have substituted zeal, energy and money in the exaltation of machinery for this one pre-eminent thing, saving souls. It is said that our preaching needs conversion. A sense of sin has been lost in our time by faulty preaching, teaching in Sunday schools and everywhere. The "Fatherhood of God" has come to be heralded in such a way as to work a large part of this great evil. The justice and holiness of God has been subordinated, and His goodness and holiness exalted. Now, at last, in many places where such preaching is done, God has come to be, not a sovereign to be obeyed, but a Father to be loved. And men are recognized not as subjects of law, but as children. Sin is thereby reduced to nothing more than filial disobedience. God is not strict to mark iniquity is emphasized at the same time, and he passes by many of the sins of His children unnoticed.

The preaching of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Peter, of Paul, of John Calvin, of John Knox, of John Wesley, of the Puritans, and of Jonathan Edwards, had God for its view-point. Now it has come to be, too much, man as a view-point. The preaching now is degenerated more to answering the question what is best for man, rather than what will most glorify God. The demands of the world settle conspicuously what is preached or what is not preached, and what is allowed or disallowed in the church. Once more let it be said, our teachers and pulpits must ring clear and loud with faithful expositions of sin, with sermons on repentance, the doom of the sinner, the justice of God, and a judgment to come. How can the ministry expect to see the lost saved, as was true in aforesaid times, or be able to say, like Paul, about his ministry at Ephesus to the Elders come to Miletus to say farewell to him: "I have not shunned to declare unto you the whole counsel of God."—Presbyterian Standard.

## TEMPER RULED BY LOVE.

Let your temper be under the rule of the love of Jesus. He can not only curb it—he can make us gentle and patient. Let the gentleness which refuses to take offence, which is always ready to excuse, to think and hope the best, mark our intercourse with all. Let our life be one of self-sacrifice, always studying the welfare of others, finding our highest joy in blessing others. And let us, in studying the divine art of doing good, yield ourselves as obedient learners of the guidance of the Holy Spirit. By His grace, the most commonplace life can be transfigured with the brightness of a heavenly beauty as the infinite love of a divine nature shines out through our frail humanity.—Andrew Murray.

## THE BIBLE AS A MISSIONARY.

There is one missionary that is never silenced or discouraged; that knows no disease or weakness or death; that utters no unwise words or false doctrine; that takes no wrong steps, makes no foolish compromises; never takes a falsehood, or is laid aside because of incapacity. This missionary never gives way to anger or foolishness, but ever speaks boldly and lovingly the message of God; is not intimidated by threats or persecution, nor silenced by opposition or indifference. Truly self-forgetful, and speaking with the sole aim of leading men to know God, an indispensable helper of all other Christian workers—this missionary is the Bible.

Beroea's experience has been repeated many times in the history of Christ's church. "If I were a missionary," said a Brahman graduate of Madras University, "I should never argue, but would simply give men the Bible, and say, 'Read that.'" It is Bible translation and distribution that has made possible the modern miracles of missionary progress.

Many of the incidents of conversion, due to this missionary, read like romances. It was the reading of Stanley's Bible that led Mtesa, King of Uganda, to ask for missionaries. A Bible picked up in Nagasaki Harbor led to the conversion of Murat, whose name stands first on the roll of the Protestant Christians in Japan. Pitcairn Island was evangelized through a Bible and prayer-book saved from the "Bounty," a vessel whose mutinous crew had landed on the island, where they lived lives of dissipation and lawlessness. A Japanese senator read a portion of the Bible, and was convinced of the beauty of Christian teachings. He became dissatisfied with his own life, and when traveling on a vessel with a lady missionary watched her to see if her life corresponded with the teachings of Christ. Her conduct so impressed him that he turned to Christ, joined a church, and became an active Christian worker.—S.S. Times.

## TAKE TIME.

Take time to breathe a morning prayer, asking God to keep you from evil, and use you for His glory during the day.

Take time to read a few verses from God's Word each day.

Take time to be pleasant. A bright smile or a pleasant word falls like sunbeams upon the hearts of those around us.

Take time to be polite. A gentle "I thank you," "If you please," "Excuse me," etc., even to an inferior, is no compromise of dignity, and you know. "True politeness is to say

The kindest things in the kindest way."

Take time to be patient with children. Patience and kindness will open a way for good influence over almost any child.

Take time to be thoughtful about the aged. Respect grey hairs, even if they crown the head of a beggar.

## A CHILD'S PRAYER.

Gentle Saviour hear my prayer.  
Ere my eyes shall close in sleep.  
May Thy tender, loving care  
From all harm my spirit keep.

Through the darkness of the night  
Be Thou ever near to me.  
And when morning brings the light  
I will wake to live for Thee.

"The merely worldly man interred amid mean cares, doubts the majestic truths of religion, simply from their sublimity and vastness, which render them incommensurable with his poor fraction of a mind; let him go and do a few noble deeds, and elevate the proportions of his nature, and it is wonderful what mighty things seem to become possible. Dearly is near and even present at once, and immortality not improbable."

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By Robert E. Speer.

The valley of humiliation and self-reproach is a necessary valley for the soul to pass through. One difficulty of our day is our desire to move along a smooth level. Anything that disturbs our regularity we dislike. Accordingly it is deemed ill-bred to stir up true emotion. False emotion is all right, and men go to the theatre and pay for that—but true emotion is common and distasteful. So preachers are desired not to be harrowing, and the deep experiences of life which confront us with the fundamental mysteries and challenges of the soul are got over as soon as possible. But all this is nothing but an effort to float on the surface of life and think that we are living when we are only pretending to live.

Life has valleys in it, deep valleys of realization of our own weakness and littleness, of our ignorance and foolishness, of our disobedience and sin. It is up out of these valleys that we come mounting, mounting to the high hills of God. What we have been through chastens us, reveals our need to us, and opens to us the larger riches of God.

There are valleys of silence in life in which we learn the secrets of the soul and come to the richer companionship.

"Don't ask me the place of the

Valley  
Ye hearts that are burdened with

care!  
It lieth afar between mountains  
And God and his angels are there.  
And one is the dark Mount of Sorrow  
And one the bright Mountain of Prayer."

Some of life's valleys, deep though they are, are sunlit as we pass through them. The great crags and music-filled forests on either side are bright and beautiful in warmth and radiance. We are indeed in a valley, seeing on either side only mountain walls, and before and behind is nothing but our tortuous way, and we are able only to look up into the sky, but we are able to look up and to see the lightened heavens. These are the valleys of the short and the intelligible sorrows.

But there are valleys dark with shadows. As we pass through it is in deadly stillness. The crag, jut out over our heads. The sky is veiled and overcast, and the night comes down heavily. We stumble as we move and are afraid. Yet even here is God. If it is the valley of the greatest sorrow still God is here and we can trust him. And even if it is the valley of the shadow of dark sin, God is near and will hear. We need not be afraid to throw ourselves upon him. He is the God of all valleys, either to lead us safely through them if they are his ordered experiences for us, or to save us from them if they are foolishly chosen experiences for ourselves.

There is a valley in which we were not meant ever to be found. That is the valley of despair. If we go there it is because we will not go with God. He is the God of hope and joy, and his children are meant to walk in love and peace and the sunlight of his presence. He will save us from all that binds and darkens. He can forgive us everything but our despair.

"There'll be no dark valley when Jesus comes" is the refrain in one of our gospel songs. He is the leveler of the hills and the filler in of the valleys. The prophet foresaw that when the Messiah comes again, every valley is exalted.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Mon.—Humbled by God (Exod. 5: 15-24).  
Tues.—Facing the foe (Jas. 4: 6-10).  
Wed.—The sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6: 10-13).  
Thurs.—The great shadow (Jer. 2: 6; Rom. 8: 30-32).  
Fri.—Turning back (Heb. 3: 12-19).  
Sat.—The daybreak (1 John 2: 8-11).

\* Y. P. Topic, Sunday, August 15, 1909:  
Two valleys (Psa. 22: 1-3; Mic. 7: 7, 8; Rom. 8: 35-39).