

throwing discredit on the one great sacrifice which needs no additions to it of human manufacture to enable it to put away sin. It is, indeed, a psychological mystery how a follower of Christ can receive and believe the doctrine of a human priestism.

GOING TO THE PEOPLE.

Of Dr. M. a little group of his friends, says the Chicago Interior, were speaking with some concern. He was looking haggard; they said his age and his hard work were evidently beginning to tell on him.

But when Dr. M. himself appeared, he was as sprightly as a boy. He had suddenly grown ten years younger. He had been out to the stockyards holding meetings among the workmen.

"Yes, it did take a pretty strong stomach where I was today," he said. "Yesterday there was an arrangement for the men to stop work while we held the meeting, but today the arrangement had not been made, and they told me to go ahead right there in the middle of the butchering room. There was quite a space in the centre of the room where a hundred or so gathered around me, but the floor was sticky with blood there and everywhere, and on both sides of me while I was talking, the cattle came sliding down to the slaughterers, and men were driving their long knives in the throats of the beasts, and the blood was spurting out in great streams. Every man in my audience wore red-stained clothes.

"But I preached, and I don't believe I ever had quite so good attention anywhere else. It was astonishing, considering the surroundings. I have done a good deal of street preaching in my time, and almost always in a street crowd one sees some faces that are defiant. They look as if they would like to say, 'What business anyhow have you got coming around here and talking to us?'"

"But in this packing house audience I didn't see a face that wasn't friendly. And nobody fidgeted around. They simply listened like men that want to hear. Afterwards they came up and got the 'Gospels of John' that I offered, and put them away in their pockets. Most of them probably couldn't read the book, but they all have children at home who can read English.

"Don't you know, I think there is something different in the air? I think the Lord is giving us a chance with these people; he is tuning them to be disposed to listen. It was splendid."

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Holland is, on the Continent, the only country loyal to the principle of Free-trade.

Japan proposes paying off the country's debt in 30 years at a rate of £11,000,000 a year.

It is estimated that there are in Russian jails at the present time 75,000 political prisoners.

China's latest reform scheme is to transform the historic examination halls in Peking into a military school.

Statistics show that 140,000 children in Belgium—over 13 per cent. of the population—are without any education.

New Zealand is doing well. The Government accounts for the present financial year will show a surplus of more than \$3,500,000.

In Paris on Burns' Night about 150 Scots and their friends met in the hall at 5 Rue du Colisee, under the auspices of the Church of Scotland, 17 Rue Bayard.

Rev. David Hall, Mossvale U. F. Church, Paisley, has been granted leave of absence from March till October to go to Cape Colony.

The schemes of the U. F. Church have received £2,000 from the estate of the late Mr. Wm. Meikle, Dalnabor, Crief.

DR. TORREY AS A "VOICE" TO GOD'S PEOPLE.

Isa. 40: 3-11—Dr. Torrey has been amongst us, "the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert an highway for our God." "In the afternoon meetings he certainly pressed this word upon God's people. He told us plainly that without this "highway" the Lord cannot come in His reviving power. Some of us are feeling keenly the human hopelessness of getting that highway really ready. We better study the six promises that follow the verse about the "highway," and take hold of them in prayer, and then God's strength will be perfected in our utter weakness, and the "highway" will be got ready, and used as well; for these six promises are doubly signed by Him whose word they are, that they may be forever trusted with the most exuberant confidence.

1—"Every valley shall be exalted." The great yawning chasms that keep even God's real people apart shall be filled up. Amen.

2—"Every mountain and hill shall be made low. The obstacles and mountain impossibilities shall 'skip like rams and leap like lambs' out of the road. Amen. It is "the Presence of the Lord" that does this. Psa. 114.5, 7.

3—"The crooked things shall be made straight." There are "crooked things," grievously crooked things, amongst us, along with which the Lord can neither walk nor work. But the third promise sings out, "These shall be made straight." Amen.

4—"The rough ways shall be made smooth." Luke 3:4. There are rough selfish, thoughtless, hurtful ways amongst us whereby we hurt one another, and that "oneness" that means a "highway" is hopelessly marred. But this glorious promise reads, "These shall be made smooth." Amen and amen. Shorter Catechism. Answer 107.

5—"The glory of the 'highway' is ready there is no trouble about the Royal Coming of the King. The glory of Jehovah shall be revealed. "It shall be so revealed to His now waiting and expectant people that they shall see it. Then "he that is feeble amongst us shall be like David, and the house of David as God." Fancy what sort of a church that will be when the feeble amongst us shall be like David going out to meet Goliath, just because we have "seen the glory of our God." That was the sole secret of the giant looking so small to the stripling. As soon as the "highway" is ready, this will be.

6—"Something else will happen then. "All flesh shall see it together." Sinners cannot help seeing the glory of the Lord when His People are full of it. But how can a Christian whose daily complaints is that he cannot see it himself be greatly used in showing it to another? When the glory of our Divine Lord and of His Divine Word are "revealed" to His waiting and expectant people, then, and not till then, will it become visible to the great groaning world, whose salvation must wait until Christ's people "see the glory of their King." Take notice, the special "glory" that will shine out first will be His absolute faithfulness to His published Word. He "magnifies His Word above all His name," even as any honorable man does. When His people see that, then the world will see Him.

Do we now see "the glory of the Lord" so shining out of these six promises that we can go to work with good cheer "preparing" this "highway" depending on that Divine faithfulness for their glorious fulfilment? If these promises are the foundation of our courage, we may work expecting supernatural supplies according to these seven great promises.

1—Supplies according to the values of the blood of Christ in the sight of His Father. Does not expectation consciously grow as we look at that?

2—Supplies according to the volume of love in the heart of the Father Who "spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all." Think of that.

3—Supplies according to the power of the Holy Ghost, the Holy One of Israel the Zeal of the Lord of hosts to work in and by us all what Jesus Christ has wrought out for us. What shall we expect as we look at that?

4—Here is another sort of measure, not infinite, but very great. Supplies according to our need in His sight.

5—Supplies according to the need of the cause and honor of Jesus Christ. How much will satisfy us as we think of that?

6—Supplies according to the needs of the perishing multitudes in Christian and in heathen lands. These six promises meet all that need.

7—And this is the top rung of the ladder. Supplies according to the three Covenant promises given to us as the fruit of the death of Christ. The New Testament, the dying bequest of His love, to which we felt heir at the first Communion Feast. 1 Cor. 11: 25: 15-17. Compare Heb. 8:6. The three Covenant Promises to which we so felt heir are to be found Heb. 8:10-12.

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert an highway for our God." Then "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Amen and amen.

The great coming revival will begin by God's people singly and in groups, becoming "prepared" and expectant "highways" along which the glory of the Lord shall come, and shine out upon others.

Pentecost could not come until there was a company of "prepared" believers, all with one accord in one place," praying, expecting, rejoicing in the sure hope of the promised "Coming." That expectant company was the "highway" along which "the Lord God came with strong hand" to do His mighty work. Without that "prepared" highway, He could not have come.

Dr. Torrey's message to us all is "Prepare ye an highway for our God."

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LOYALTY TO YOUR CHURCH.

Loyalty to one's church is more rare than it should be. It is so easy to stay away if the music or the sermon or the members or any one of a dozen things do not suit our fancy. Some young people wander from one church to another till they lose the home feeling entirely. The minister can not suit every one and it may be your ideas are all wrong anyway, so why expect him to cut his sermons according to your pattern? Blessed be the faithful men and women who loyally stand by their church through evil as well as good report, and are ever ready to do what they can for their Master! If there are squabbles in the choir, they do not enjoy spreading the dirt news abroad, and if some one happens to say an unkind thing about them, their feelings are never ruffled to the degree that they demand a letter so they can enter another church.

Every congregation has members who might be improved, but "all we like sheep have gone astray," and it is well to remember that before running to the minister to tell our troubles. Form the habit of being in your place every Sunday and always being ready to speak a good word for the church and its work. Ruskin says if you steadily do your duty you will come to enjoy even the hard things before long, and that is the way with going to church where everything does not exactly suit. Little things that annoy are soon lost in the greater benefits derived from the worship, and you will speedily find yourself wondering why you ever made any objections.