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The Man Who Gets His Gain by Iniquity Will Soon Lose It.

SOME PLAIN QUESTIONS ASKED

Fascinations Which Are Thrown Around Different Styles of Crime-As God Punished Nebuchadnezzar for His Crime, So Will He Mete Out Strict Justice to Others, Whether High or Low.

Washington, July 21 .- In this discourse Dr. Talmage shows that there is a tendency to excuse brilliant faults because they are brilliant, when the same law of right and wrong ought to be applied to high places and low; text, Daniel iv, 33, "The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar, and he was driven from men and did eat grass as

Here is the mightiest of the Babylonish kings. Look at him. He did more for the grandeur of the capital than did all his predecessors or suc-Hanging gardens, reservoirs, aqueducts, palaces, all of his own planning. The bricks that are brought up to-day from the ruins of Babylon have his name on them, Nebuchadnezzar, son of Nabopolassor, king of Babylon." He was great conqueror. He stretched forth his spear toward a nation, and it-surrendered. But he plundered the temple of the true God. He lifted an Bel Merodach, and compelled the people to bow down before it, and if they refused they must go through the redhot furnace or be through the redhot furnace or crunched by lion or lioness. So God

was smitten with what physicians call lycanthropy and fancied he was a wild beast, and he out and pastured amid the God did not excuse him behe had committed the sin in high places or because the transgression was wide resounding. He measured Nebuchadnezzar in high places just as he would measure the hum-

blest captive. But in our time, you know as well as I, that there is a disposition to put a halo around iniquity if it is committed in conspicuous place and if it is wide resounding and of large proportions. Ever and anon there been an epidemic of crime in high places, and there is not a state and hardly a village which tounding forgery or an absconding. bank cashier or president or the mortgages. I propose in carrying are caught who are only in the pro-out the suggestion of my text, as far as I can, to statter the fascinwasting of trust fund or swindling ations around iniquity and show you that sin is sin and wrong is wrong whether in high place or low place and that it will be dealt with by God who dealt with impalaced

of sermons are necessary, the one on It is plague struck, and it blasts the the faith of the gospel, the other on nation. I thank God when it goes All who preach feel that two kinds the morality of the gospel, and the into such a wreck it can never one is just as important as the other, for you know that in this land to-day there are hundreds of men hiding behind the communion tables and in churches of Jesus Christ who have no business to be there as professors of religion. They expect to be all right with God, although they are all wrong with man. And, while want you to understand that by the deeds of the law no flesh living can be justified and a mere honest life cannot enter us into heaven. I want you as plainly to understand that unless the life is right the heart is not right. Grace in the heart and grace in the life; so we must preach sometimes the faith of the gospeland sometimes the morality of the

It seems to me there has not been a time in the last 50 years when this latter truth needed more thoroughly to be presented in the Ameri-It needs to be pre-

Now, look abroad and see the fascinations that are thrown around different styles of crime. The ques-tion that every man and woman has been asked has been, Should crime be excused because it is on a large scale? Is iniquity guilty and to be pursued of the law in proportion as it is on a small scale? Shall we have the penitentiary for the man who steals an overcoat from a hatrack and all Canada for a man to range in if he have robbed the pub-

lic of millions? Look upon all the fascinations thrown around fraud in this country, You know for years men have been made heroes of and pictorialized and in various ways, presented to the public as though sometimes they were worthy of admiration if they have scattered the funds of banks or swallowed great estates that did not belong to them. Our young men have been dazed with this quick ac-cumulation. They have said: "That's of our plodding on with small wages of our plodding on with small wages or insignificant salary when we may go into business life and with some stratagem achieve such a fortune as that man has achieved?" A different measure has been applied to the crime of Wall Street from that which has been applied to the spoils which the man carries up Rat alley.

There has been an irresistible impression going abroad among youngmen that the poorest way to get

men that the poorest way to get money is to earn it. The young man of flaunting cravat says to the young man of humble apparel: young man of humble apparel:
"What, you only get \$1,800 a
year? Why, that wouldn't keep me
in pin money. Why, I spend \$5,000.
a year." "Where do you get it?"
asks the plain young man.
"Oh,
stocks, enterprises — all that sort
of thing you know." The plain
young man has hardly enough money young man has hardly enough money to pay his board and has to wear clothes after they are out of fashion and deny himself all luxuries. After awhile he gets tired of his plodding, and he goes to the man who has achieved suddenly large estate, and



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he says, "Just show me how it is done." And he is shown. He soon learns how, and, although he almost all the time idle now has resigned his position in the bank or the factory or the store, he has more money than he ever had, trades off his old silver watch for a gold one with a flashing chain, sets his hat a little further over on the side of his head than he ever did, smokes better cigars and more of them. He has his hand in! Now, if he can escape the penitentiary for three four years he will get into political circles, and he will get political jobs and will have something to do with harbors and pavements and docks. Now he has got so far along

he is safe for perdition.

It is quite a long road sometimes for a man to travel before he gets the romance of crime. Those into alone a little while they would, steal as well as anybody. They might not be able to steal a whole railroad, but they could master a load of pig

Now, I always thank God when find an estate like that go to smash. athered up again. I want it to become so loathsome and such an insufferable stench that honest young men will take warning. If God should put into money or its representative the capacity to go to its lawful owner, there would not be a bank or a safety deposit in the United States whose walls would not be blown out and mortgages would rip and parchments would rend and gold would shoot and beggars would

get on horseback and stock gamblers would go to the almshouse.

How many dishonesties in the making out of invoices and in the plastering of false labels and in the filching of customers of rival houses and in the making and breaking of contracts! Young men are indoctrin ated in the idea that the sooner they get money the better, and the getting of it on a larger scale only proves to them their greater ingen There is a glitter thrown uity. around about all these things. Young men have got to find out that God looks upon sin in a very different

And remember that the man who gets his gain by iniquity will soon lose it all. One moment a ter his de-parture from life he will not own an opera house, he will not own a cer-tificate of stock, he will not own one dollar of government securities,

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the street with a penny m his pock-et; looking at the funeral procession of the dead cheat as it goes by, will have more money than that man who one week previous boasted that ohe controlled the money market.

Oh, there is such a fearful fascination in this day about the use of trust funds. It has got to be popular to take the funds of others and

speculate with them. are practismany who ing that iniquity. Almost every man in the course of his life has the property of others put in his care. He has administered, perhaps, for a dead friend; he is an attorney, and money passes from debtor creditor through his ands; or he in a commercial establishment gets a salary for the discharge of his responsibilities; or he is treasurer of a philanthropic institution, and monfor the suffering goes through his hands; or he has some office in city or state or nation, and taxes and subsidies and supplies and salaries are in his hands. Now, that is a trust. That is as sacred a trust as God can give a man. It is the concentration of confidence. Now, when that man takes that money, the money of others, and goes to speculating with it for his own purposes, he is guilty of theft, falsehood. perfury and in the most intense sense of the word is a miscreant. There are families to-day-widows and orphans - with nothing between them and starvation but a sewing machine, or kept out of the vortex by the thread of a needle red with

the blood of their hearts, who were by father or husband left a compeby father tency. You read the story in the newspaper of those who have lost by a bank defalcation, and it is only one line, the name of a woman you never heard of, and just one or two figures telling the amount of stock she had, the number of shares. It is a very short line in a newspaper, but it is a line of agony long as time; it is story long as eternity.

Now, do not come under the fascin-

ation which induces men to employ trust funds for purposes of their own speculation. Cultivate old-fashion-ed honesty. Remember the example of Wellington, who, when he was leading the British army over the French frontier and his army was very hungry and there was plenty of plunder on the French frontier and some of the men wanted to take it, "Soldiers, do not touch that. said: God will take care of us. He will take care of the English army. Plenty of plunder, I know, all around, but do not take it." He told the story afterward himself, how that the French people brought to him their valuables to keep-he supposed to be their enemy-brought him their valuables to keep, and then, he said, at a time when the creditors of the army were calling for money and for pay all the time and they had so much all around about, he did not feel it right for him to take it or for the army to take it. An author beautifully wrote in regard to it can be grander or more "Nothing noble and original than this admission. This old soldier, after 30 years of service, this iron man and victorious general, established in an enemy's country, at the head of an immense army, is afraid of his credi-tors. This is a kind of fear that has seldom troubled conquerors and vic-

this sublime simplicity.' Oh, that God would scatter these fascinations about fraud and let us all understand that if I steal from you one dollar I am a thief and if I steal from you \$500,000 I am 500,-

war present anything comparable to

and I doubt if the annals of

000 times more of a thief!
So there has been a great deal of fascination thrown around libertinism. Society is very severe upon the impurity that lurks around the alleys and low haunts of the town. The law pursues it, smites it, incarcerates it, tries to destroy it. You know as well as I that society becomes lenient in proportion as impurity becomes affluent or is in elevated circles, and finally society is silent or disposed to palliate. Where judge, the jury, the police officer that dare arraign the wealthy libertine? He walks the streets, he rides the parks, he flaunts his iniquity in the eyes of the pure. The hag of uncleanness looks out of the tapestried window. Where is the law that dares take the brazen wretches and put their faces in an fron frame of a state prison win-

We want about 10,000 pulpits in America to thunder, "All adulterers and whoremongers shall have their place in the hell that burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the sec-ond death," It is hell on earth and hell forever. Whether it has canopied couch of eider down or dwells amid the putridity of a low tenement house, God is after it in his vengeance. Yet the pulpit of the vengeance. Yet the pulpit of the Christian church has been so cowed down on this subject that it hardly dares to speak, and men are almost apologetic when they read the Ten

Commandments. Then look at the fascinations thrown around assassination. There are in all communities men who have taken the lives of others unlawfully, not as executioners of the law, and they got scot free. You say they had their provocations. God gave life, and he alone has a right to take it, and he may take it by visitation of Providence or by an executioner of the law, who is his messenger. But when a man assumes that divine pre-rogative he touches the lowest depth

of crime.
Society is alert for certain kinds of murder. If a citizen going along the road at night is waylaid and slain by a robber, we all want the villain arrested and executed. For all garroting, for all beating out of life by a club or an ax or a slung-shot, the law has quick spring and heavy stroke; but you know that when men get affluent and high pos-ition and they avenge their wrongs by taking the lives of others great by taking the lives of others, great sympathy is excited, lawyers plead, ladies weep, judge halts, jury is bribed and the man goes free. If the verdict happen to be against him, a new trial is called on through some technicality, and they adjourn for witnesses that never come, and ed-

munity has forgotten all about it,

and then the prison door opens and the murderer goes free.

Now, if capital punishment is right, I say let the life of the polished murderer go with the life of the vulgar assassin. Let us have no partiality of gallows, no aristocracy of electrocution chair. Do not let us float back to barbarism, when every man was his own judge, jury and executioner, and that man had the supremacy who had the sharpest knife and the strongest arm and the quickest step and the stealthiest revenge. He who willfully and in hatred takes the life of another is a murderer, I care not what the provo cation or the circumstances. He may be cleared by an enthusiastic courtroom, he may be sent by the Government of the United States as minister to some foreign court, or mod-ern literature may polish the crime until it looks like heroism; but in the sight of God murder is murder, and the judgment day will so reveal

There are hundreds of young men who have good blood. Shall I ask three or four plain questions? Are your habits as good as when you left your father's house? Have you a pool ticket in your pocket? Have you a fraudulent document? you been experimenting to see how. accurate an imitation you could make of your employer's signature? Oh, you have good blood. Remember your father's prayers. Remembe your mother's example. Turn not in an evil way. Have you been going astray? Come back. Have you ventured out too far? As I stand in pulpits looking over

audiences sometimes my heart fails me. There are so many tragedies present, so many who have sacrific ed their integrity, so many far away from God. Why, my brother, there have been too many prayers offered for you to have you go everboard. And there are those venturing down into sin, and my heart aches to call

them back.
"Oh," you say, "you don't know where I came from; you don't know what my history has been; you don't know what iniquity I have plotted. I have gone through the whole cata-logue of sin." My brother, I do not know the story, but I tell you this - the door of mercy is wide "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Though you have been polluted with the worst of crimes, though you have been smitten with the worst of leprosies, though you have been fired with all evil passions, this moment on your brow, hot with iniquitous indulgence, may be set the flashing coronet of Saviour's forgiveness.

Pleased with the news, the saints In songs their tongues employ: Beyond the sky the tidings go,

And heaven is filled with joy. Nor angels can their joy contain. But kindle with new fire; The sinner lost, is found, they sing And strike the sounding lyre.

"Have you fastened the windows, dear?" she asked, as they were about to retire for the night.

the last dollar I had to buy new winter hat, and we needn't fear burglars."
"But they might sit down on the

hat, you know!"

Tiger's Make Belleve Eyes. Mr. Beddard of the London Zoological society calls attention to a peculiarity of the ears of tigers which he thinks may be classed under the head of "protective markings." On the back of each ear is a very bright white spot, and when the ears are directed forward these spots are conspicuous from the front. Mr. Beddard suggests that when the tiger is sleeping in the dim light of a cave or thicket the spots on its ears may appear to an enemy, looking in, as the gleam of its watchful eyes, and thus save the sleeper from an unexpected attack.

Taxation In Italy.

What annoyances Italians are subjected to by the taxgatherers is shown by a recent scandalous case in the courts. General Cosenz, one of the heroes of the liberation of Italy, Garibaldi's chief of staff in the conquest of the two Sicilies and later chief of the general staff of the Italian army, dled some time ago, leaving the military decorations he had won to his heirs. The treasury department demanded death duties on these and fixed the amount of the tax at \$16.80. The heirs refused to pay, and the civil court at Rome has just decided that "decorations and medals are part of the historical and patriotic patrimony of the country and are therefore not subject to the inheritance tax."

A Substitute For Wool. Artificial wool made from turf fibers is now employed at Dusseldorf, Germany, for manufacturing cloth, bandages, hats, rugs, etc. Ten years have elapsed since the first attempts to make turf wool, and it is averred that recent improvements in the processes have resulted in the production of a soft fibrous material which can be spun as readily as sheep's wool and which, besides possessing excellent absorbent properties, is capable of being bleached and colored for use in various textile industries.

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