

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE EXPOSITOR:-

This epistle given to me, I write unto you, wheresoever you are scattered among the nations of the earth, and to those who are one with us, in spirit and in faith, and in baptism, greeting.

God has plans and purposes in all ages, which he is carrying out according to the counsel of his own will, spoiling principalities and the powers of this world, as they stand in the way of the accomplishment of his design, choosing the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and the weak things to confound the mighty.

So ye see your calling brethren, and though not many wise men after the flesh, not many noble are called, but unto them who are called, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Go with me down the ages and you see his called, his tried and faithful ones. Enoch, Elijah, Moses, Joshua, Gideon, David, Daniel, and all the line of prophets down to the man Jesus.

He was a man prepared by God the Father, to show forth salvation to all men, according to his own purpose, and promise made to Adam, "The seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head." He was the Lamb slain from before the foundations of the world, and in the fulness of time, the manifestation of the love of God was seen in him, as he died on the cross upon Calvary, the Redeemer of his brethren.

Since then, he has had his called ones, his chosen ones, those who love and obey him fully, working out his purposes through them. Each one in their own place, like cities set on a hill that cannot be hid; and while all lights in the solar system have the sun for their centre, so all who are shining for God, have for their centre the man God, Jesus Christ. We believe the Divine and the

human met when he was baptised with the Holy Ghost and certified to by the voice from God saying, "This is my beloved Son, hear ye him."

Those who lived before his time looked forward through the promise, and through the types and shadows of the Jewish sacrifices, to the manifestation of the love of God which would centre in a body prepared to serve his purpose, and in him dwelt all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, that we, his brethren after the flesh, might be made complete in him.

In his age, his word was the law, and men took their teaching from him as from God; but he in the Father's plan was to go away, that dispensation was to be done away, that he might establish a more glorious one, and on the day of Pentecost, the new dispensation was ushered in, and God came to dwell in the hearts and lives of every believer, to work out his will and purpose in every one who will let him. In this enlightened age, God is calling men and women to walk with him just as Enoch did, that they might have the same testimony, and live their lives in that restored Eden life, from which Adam by transgression fell, but which is brought back by Christ Jesus.

Human nature is just the same in all ages, and men are just as unbelieving and disobedient to the voice of God today, as were the children of Israel in their day, and God is calling men to stand in him, as redeemers of their brethren all along the line.

Look at Luther, Calvin, Knox, Wesley, and many more, these all fulfilled the will of God in their lives, and passed away.

God's order is always to go forward, "Search out all the land," but too many settle down on a portion of truth,