## **PROFITABLE GODLINESS**

RELIGION BRINGS IN ITS TRAIN MATERIAL BLESSINGS.

APPEAL TO SELFISH MOTIVES

Spiritual Blessings Assured - Man's Interest, Both In This World and the Next, Are Served by a Godly Life-But Don't Forget That He Who Would Save His Life Must

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Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 10.-That godliness is profitable both in this world and the next and that religion brings in its train enduring success and material as well as spiritual blessing is shown in this sermon, for which the preacher has taken as his text the story of Joseph in Genesis xxxix., 2, he was a prosperous man."

"Did you ever stop to think how much God appeals to the selfish motives of the children of Israel in the Old Testament?" said an aged Christian some time ago. "I am nearly eighty years of age now, but am not to old to read the Bible. So a few weeks ago, with my daughter, I decided to start at the first cheater of Genesis and go straight through the Old Testament. Though have read the Bible many times be-ore, I was never struck with this fact so much as during the last reading. All through the Pentateuch and up to the time of Joshua and the Judges God keeps saying: Follow me, and I will increase your herds. Follow me, and I will give you land. Follow me, and I will make you a powerful people.' God seems to be appealing alentirely to man's self interest instead of to man's self interest in-stead of to man's duty to make sacri-fices for him." "Well," I said, "that is so. I never thought of that matter be-fore. I am going to look into it." When I went home I began to turn the teaves of my Bible, and I found what my good friend said was literally true. In that child age of the world God wood men as we woo children, to be good with promises of reward. And he kept his promises. When the children of Israel obeyed God, then God prospered them. And when they went to worshipping false idols and disobeyed God, then God sent them wars and pestilences and famines and trials of all sorts. He seemed to say, "Geor me and prosper," or, "Disobey me and suffer." He seemed to appeal to their selfish motives in order to make them good. And yet, as I sat in my study brooding over this thought, I said to myself, "Is it not possible to

find the cause of every man's actions and deeds in a selfish motive?" Abraham Lincoln said, "No man ever did anything in life unless it was with a selfish motive." One day when riding about on his Illinois circuit with a brother lawyer he argued this ques-tion by the way. At last as the two lawyers were passing a mud hole the future President saw a little pig struggling in the mud and about to be ed. Lincoln dismounted from his He waded through the mud picked up the little pig and placed it on the solid ground. Then he mounted his horse to ride on to the next county seat. "There," said the lawyer, "Lincola, you have disproved your own case. You say a man does nothing but with a seifish motive. What selfish metive did you have in saving that little pig?" "My motive was purely a selfish one," answered Lincoln. "I did twant one," answered Lincoln. "I did to the want to go into that puddle and get to clothes covered with mud any more in you did. But I said to myself, have, if you don't save that pig you will hear him squealing all night long, want of the pig and you won't get a calling for help, and you won't get a wlak of sleep.' I saved him in order to keep my conscience from bothering me." Like Abraham Lincoln are many of us. When we analyze our motives for doing some good deed we often find self interest at the bottom. It is not always pity for the sufferer that prempts the charitable gifts so much as fear of the self upbraiding we would have to endure if we refused to give. Of course that is a very low motive, but it is a very potent one with the majority of people. Now, I want to show you that even on that low plane religion has claims that no one can afford to ignore. Godliness is profitable for the life that now is as well as for that which is to come. Like Joseph, you want to become a prosperous man, and, like Joseph, we all want to make the best of our lives.

Every man, in the first place, wants to be financially prosperous. This does Of course that is a very low motive,



enough food to eat. Instead of my children running around half naked they now have clothes and can go to school. Every morning he kisses me good-bye before he goes to work. When the twilight sets in he always comes home to greet me with a smile and to pet the children. When Saturdey night comes home hims me home his wages and not mean that he necessarily wants to be a millionaire and have a private yacht and palaces scattered all over the country, like the Duke of Westminthrows the money into my lap as he says, "There, wife, is enough funds for rent and clothing and meat for the coming week." Then the wife, with ster, or a wardrobe crowded full of garments which he can never wear out, like the head of the German Empire, who has a different uniform to corre-spond with every regiment of his army coming week." Then the wife, with tears streaming down her cheeks, said, "Now, father, if finding Christ in the Waldensian church means all that to our home do you not believe I had better let my dear husband go and find Christ there a little longer?"

"Ah, yes," I said to myseif when I heard that story, "true gospel consecration means more than spiritual salvation beyond the grave. True gospel consecration means emancipation from sin, and emancipation from sin means dresses for our babies and food for our dining-rooms and books for our library and a different uniform for every for eign regiment and navy of which he is an honorary colonel or admiral. That does not mean that he wants to go on hoarding up his gold until his wealth becomes so great that he does not know where to invest his surplus capital. But it does mean that every man wishes to be financially independent. He wants to have a home over his bead. He wants to be able to pay his butcher and baker and clothler's bills. He wants to be able to buy books. When he for live stolk to want to be the support of the control of the c dresses for our babies and food for our dining-rooms and books for our library shelves and carpets for our floors and beds in which to sleep. When Joseph gave himself in loyal service to God he got all these. And, my friends, if you consecrate your life to Jesus Christ you will get all these also. Do not talk to me about Christianity being a financial failure. The most expensive altar at which a man ever worshipped is the altar of sin. May God help us, in Christ's name, to be his true and faithful servants, sincerely desirous of doing his When his family is sick he wants to be able to hire a physician and a nurse and to have the proper medicines and delicacies for them. Now all these financial blessings are associated with the consecrated Christian life. As God cared for Joseph and clothed him and cared for Joseph and clothed him and fed him and made it possible for him to care for his loved ones, so God will clothe and feed us and care for us if we trust him and, like Joseph, do our best. And yet to hear some cynics vants, sincerely desirous of doing his

will in all circumstances, and then we shall be blessed, whether we are in ad-versity or financially prosperous, as talk you would suppose that great spir versity or f was Joseph. itual consecration inevitably goes hand in hand with financial bankruptcy. If a disciple of Jesus Christ is to be strictly honest they think he must dress in rags and have no roof which he can claim as his own. Yet the direct oppo-A step further in the analysis of "a prosperous life," we find Joseph not only rich enough to meet his financial obligations, but we also find him enor-mously rich in the affections of his site of this supposition is true. God has promised that those who seek first friends. He never seems to come near to any one but at once he binds them the kingdom of heaven shall not lack any good thing.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. How did God deal with his disciples of old? Does Abraham come before us dressed in ragsy Was Joseph a bankrupt? Did Job have to beg his bread after he had remained true to God and forgiven his three miserable friends? Did Joseph always remain a 'hireling, a slave and an outto any one but at once he binds them to him with links of steel. His employer loves him.—His fellow servants love him. His old father dotes on him. Even his jealous brothers, who at first did everything to destroy him, are led

to reverence him, And, though you to-day may praise Joseph, the interpreter of dreams; Joseph, the far-sighted statesman; Joseph, the wonderful man-ager of Potiphar's household, I praise main a hireling, a slave and an outcast? Was David a perpetual refugee in King Achish's court? Did Mordecai always have to bend the knee to the eph, the lovable friend, for without the love of the associates with whon we are surrounded every worldly success is "as sounding brass or a tinkling wicked Haman? Were only the bad men of the Bible garmented in silks and the good men clothed in rags; Nay. King Solomon once wrote, "Seest thou a man diligent in his business, he It is only by loving others that others learn to love us. Some years ago a steamer was wrecked on Lake Pontchartrain. Among the passengers was a family of six children, besides the

shall stand before kings, he shall not stand before obscure men." That state-ment applies just as much to God's dis-ciples as to any one else. If a man is a true follower of God, as was Joseph, and, like him, faithful and diligent, he father and mother. The father was a powerful swimmer. First he took his wife in his arms and swam toward shore. Then he came back five different times and took off a child each time. But now his strength was almost gone. Only one child remained. Only one, and yet the question was, Could he save him? The father swam out to the ship and called to his youngest boy: "Jimmie, jump! It is papa, jump!" The boy jumped into the sea. All that the father then could do was to clasp his last child in his arms, and both sank together into a watery grave. You say "a sad story." Yes, but to me a beautiful story. It is the story of family devotion. It is the story of ent times and took off a child each will not be kept from success by his religion. There are cases in which God, caring for the best interests on his child, sends adversity upon him, as he permitted it to fall upon Job, that his faith may be increased; but, taken as a rule, we may rely upon it that the godly business man enjoys the blessing of God on his enterprises. Religion, curing men of dissipation and improvidence, promotes their prosperity. Many years ago I heard this fact illustrated in a powerful way. The head of the famous Waldensian church of Italy was speaking in the Philadelphia church of which I was then assistant earlier. me a beautiful story. It is the story of family devotion. It is the story of a father loving his way into the hearts of his children and of children giving back their love to the father. Such is Joseph's life to me. Wherever I turn he seems to be loving his way into the hearts of his available. pina church of which I was then as sistant pastor. The Waldensian church of Italy is really the Protestant church of Victor's kingdom. It mostly represents the peasant classes. One day a humble Italian heard that if he would attend a Waldensian church he would be paid for doing so. He went, expecting to get money, but he found something better than silver and gold He found Jesus Christ. He accepted him as his Saviour. Though he had never been a good Catholic he nominally had given his allegiance to the Church of Rome. No sooner did the priest of his town hear what the man was doing than he went to the man's wife. He told the woman her husband must leave the Waldenstan church or he would be spiritually destroyed. The wife said, "Father, I have something I would like to tel thee." The priest answered, "Say on." "Father, you say my husband will go to hell if he continues to go to the Waldensian church. istant pastor. The Waldensian churc nearts of his associates. seems to his associates. His heart seems to be so big that it can forgive every enemy and love every one, and almost very one was compelled to love him. My friends, are you like Joseph, rich in the world's affections? Do you love people? Do people love you?

you?

But Joseph was rich also in his opportunities of doing good to others.

When a child he dreamed strange When a child he dreamed strange dreams. He had his brothers' sheaves bowing down to worship his sheaf and his brothers' stars doing obelsance to his, star. When he became a man those dreams were literally fulfilled. What happened when he became prosperous? Did he strut around the room and say: "Think of what I have accomplished! Think of how men are cringing the knee to me!" Nay. He practically made the same prayer of thanksgiving which Jenny Lind, the Swedish nightingale, made when she first found out which Jenny Lind, the Swedish manu-ingale, made when she first found out she had a throat filled with golder notes of perfect musical harmonies. He said: "Oh. God, I thank thee for the prosperity with which thou hast bless ed me. With my talents may I hono-

the by serving my fellow men." And did he not honor God by noble, sellosacrificing service?

Picture him down in Egypt as the Prime Minister of Pharach. He could have made millions upon millions of dollars for himself during the sever years of plenty. Did he do tt? New Years of plenty. Did he do tt? New Years of plenty. have made millions upon millions odollars for himself during the sever years of plenty. Did he do it? Nay He gathered together the corn. He stacked it up in granaries. Then when the sever years of want came and the starving people began to cry: "Bread bread! Give us bread!" Joseph opened the granaries and said: Here, friends come and buy corn. Here is enough bread for all and to spare." Out or your seven years of plenty are you helping to care for any who are struggiling in the seven years of want? You fold me only the other day that you made more money last year than any three years of your previous life. An awer me now this question: During at the months of last year how many hunsing mouths did you feed which did not belong to your own family? Fiften? The? Five? Two? Not one one! My God! Can it be that we have selfish Dives, caring not for help of Lagrange starving upon out and intro the royal court and intro the royal court and intro a place of the selfish Dives, caring not for help of the selfish Dives, caring not for help of Lagrange and the grand finite the great Prime Minis and the selfish Dives, caring not for help of Lagrange and the grand finite the great Prime Minis and the court and intro the royal court and intro a place of the great Prime Minis and the other brother hims but shepherds. With a they were nomads. Of all

## to work long enough to make a fittle money. Then it would all go for drink. We had no home, except a hovel. Then he would come to that hovel when he was drunk and beat me and knock me down. Often, both by night and by day, I have heard my children crying with hunger, and I had no bread. But since my husband found Christ in the Waldensian church we do not live in a hovel, but in a house. We have a carpet upon the floor. We have enough food to eat. Instead of my children running around half naked they

I want to tell you what our home was before he went there and found Christ. My husband was a drunkard. He used

to work long enough to make a little noney. Then it would all go for drink.

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classes in Egypt the shepherd fire was despised the most. Yet when Joseph went up in the world and made a suc-cess he did not despise his family be cause they were living an humble life He said, "If I prosper my family must prosper." He brought Jacob down te Memphis just as he was. He said to the king; "Pharaoh, my father has come, If you honor me I know you will honor him also and let him share with me my prospective." Ah it is a noble me my prosperity." Ah, it is a noble sight for a successful lawyer or doctor or merchant prince not to be ashamed of his father or mother because they are country folks. When Joseph went up in life he used his success as a glorious means to lift all of his family. My friends, are you and I willing to do the same?

But amid all his opportunities for do-ing good Joseph was rich in God's grace, which helped him resist one of the darkest temptations which could the darkest temptations which could ever enter a man's life. You have read the legend of the temptation of St. An-thony? Well, Joseph's temptations were even worse. David upon the housetop watching Bathsheba at the pool was not in as great a moral dan-ger from a human standpoint as was the hero of my text. Let me describe to you the scene.

We are in the great capital of Mem-

We are in the great capital of Memphis We are standing under the shadows of mighty obelisks and temples and pyramids which these men we see about us have built and are building. Yonder are the great harvest fields where they grow the richest grain in the world. Here are the slaves at the world. Here are the slaves at the program of th the world. Here are the slaves at work Joseph, the poor slave boy, has worked his way up until to-day he is the right hand man of one of the chief potentates of Pharaoh's court. But as he has gone up in life until he has become manager of his master's estate he has kept all his rugged northern Hebrew beauty. In this country of lasciviousness the wife of Potiphar wishes to do with him as Cleopatra did with her paramours. When this did with her paramours. When this evil woman cast her eyes upon this youth he either had to yield or in dis-grace leave the master's house and be encaged in a dungeon. From affluence he was to go to poverty. From honor to disgrace. From a position of power to wear a convict's garb. Aye, the temptation was awful. But it came. And when it came Joseph's God was the God of his strength. My young friend, but are convicting to the convergence of friend, just as certain as you go up in the world awful temptation will come wooing you. Her smile will be the the world awful temptation will come wooling you. Her smile will be the smile of the enchantress, but her hand will be the claw of a demon. You will be face to face with seeming annihila-tion. And you must choose. Will the

God of Joseph be your God in that awful day? Thus, my friends, I feel that I am speaking to some Joseph now in Poti-phar's house. I know not what may be the temptation which is imminent It is black for you, awfully black. But be of good courage. Remember, the God of Joseph will be your God. You may seem to be defeated and destroyed if you do the right now. But wrong will not triumph in the end. Put your trust in Jesus. Keep close to him. He will help you bear that temptation. Though for a little while from Potiphar's house you may be cast into prison, yet you shall again prosper.

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Black is to be much worn, and the smart woman aspires to at least three black gowns-a tailored one, a dinner

such as apricot, peach and banana, are in favor for fancy waists in silk and chiffon trimmed with a touch of black and dyed lace. A charming blouse to wear with a

tailored suit is of pale gray cashmere trimmed with narrow white silk sou Most of the senarate blouses when

not of wash material are made on a fitted, boned lining worn over the skirt and finished with a belt of the goods. The new fur boas are not as long as they were last winter.

Buckles of peacock blue and green

are a millinery novelty, as are also



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most square and very large. A smart black velvet hat has a wide, upturned, rolling brim and a high crown. The trimming consists of quantity of white ostrich feathers. The winter linen stocks are made of

heavy material embroidered in small designs with heavy effects. In most instances the edges are scalloped. Stole effects are still popular.

The gown pictured is of gray plaid broadcloth. The upper part of the skirt and tight fitting hip length coat are trimmed with braid and tiny bullet

shaped buttons. JUDIC CHOLLET.

SARTORIAL NOTES.

Frimmings That Maké the Winter Hats Things of Beauty. Coque feathers, rosettes of satin, velvet and lace, fur bands and flowers all

figure conspicuously on the winter hats, and in this list should also be included chiffon and malines, which make the most expensive flowers and draperies. Very high crowned hats are trimmed with birds of paradise and a loose fold

of soft satin around the brim. Some of the new hats have soft vel vet crowns in the "tam" shape, and many of the smart millinery creations have crowns of fur, usually mink This is an effective means of using up pieces of fur that as neck pieces have ecome de mode.

A pretty model for a girl's school hat in palest tan smooth felt simply trimmed with brown velvet ribbon and



CASHMERE WAIST.

two natural quills. Though simple, the arrangement of the loops was very striking, running in and out of slits in the dome shaped crown and the ends caught up into more loops on the left

Albatross makes many of the dain-tiest morning shirt waists of the win-ter. The new collar to wear with tai-lored shirt waists is a plain linen turn-down affair embroidered in the cor-ners. With these an luch wide silk tie is worn tied perfectly flat and straight across the collar.

across the collar.

The waist pictured is of almond green cashmere. The embroidery out-lining vest, collar and cuffs is a fancy buttonhole design effected with tones of green and dull pinks. The vest is of white mousseline and the yoke of cro-chet lace JUDIC CHOILET.

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