

THE BATTLE OF LIFE

DIVINE REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED AT THE CRITICAL PERIODS.

PROMISE OF THE LORD OF HOSTS

"As I Was With Moses, So I Will Be With Thee"—And Victory Is To Him Who Seizes Upon That Promise and Prayerfully Goes Forth To Do His Work Daily In The World.

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Chicago, Aug. 16.—In his sermon the preacher points out the key to a successful life and the secret whereby even seeming reverses may be transformed into triumphs. The text is Joshua 1, 5, "As I was with Moses so I will be with thee."

One of the greatest novels written, so considered by many of our best critics, is Victor Hugo's masterpiece, "Les Misérables." Amid all the art gallery of that treasured book—the most wonderful description is the word painting by which the denouncer of "Napoleon the Little" pictures the downfall of "Napoleon the Great" at the battle field of Waterloo. When this great master of literature topples over the French colossus, the earth trembles and the dead centuries come forth out of their dusty tombs and look on in perpetual wonderment.

In that marvelous recital you can hear the booming of the artillery's guns and the crack of the infantry's muskets and the groans of the dying and the cheers of the charging cavalry, and the tramp of the British lines forming themselves into the unbreakable squares against which the Old Guard flung itself in vain. In it you can see the flushed cheeks and the flashing eyes of a conquering host, and the pale, wan, haggard faces of a flying mob.

Yet after all in reading the thrilling story I am impressed not so much by what happened as what did not happen. For many hours the eagle of victory seemed undecided upon which standard to alight. She fluttered this way and that, as though awaiting some one's expected advent to help her to decide. Napoleon himself was waiting, anxiously waiting, for the same help. Every little while he would take his field glass and scan the surrounding hills and valleys. Every little while he would turn to his field officers and say: "Do you see him? Have you heard any news from Grouchy? We must have reinforcements or we are lost." In the meantime over the hills marched Marshal Blucher with his German reinforcements. That was the decisive event. Victory hesitated no longer. She flew to the standard of Wellington and perched there. The Napoleon star set in gloom to rise no more in this world. It was the lack of reinforcements at a critical moment which destroyed the French army. It is the lack of divine reinforcements which may destroy us in the battle of life.

The text tells us of another general who also needed reinforcements. "Joshua was committed the task of conquering a country held by warlike people. To him at the supreme moment came the assurance of the Lord of Hosts, 'I will be with thee. Now, my friends, the same kind of divine reinforcement which came to Joshua when he took command of the Israelite forces may also be given to us. When God gave him his commission he said, 'Joshua, if you will be true to me and fight under my standard I will be with thee as I was with thy predecessor.' That divine succor which God gave to Joshua he gave to our Christian fathers; that divine help he will give to us if we will trust him and believe in him, and live for him.

Therefore I would inspire every Christian to prayerfully go forth and do what God wants him to do. I would inspire all Christians to live and work with a brave heart, because the results of our future conflicts are as sure as God's promises are sure.

First, God will be with the Christian workers of this present generation. We fight under his glorious banner. David had proved it by experience when he wrote, "Thou hast

given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Under that banner the church of God has won victories in all ages. Solomon saw it on its march and pronounced it "terrible as an army with banners." He saw it later, triumphant over all evil, entering, like a bride into the home of a bridegroom and her lord leading her into the banquet hall and placing over her the banner of love. Now a banner is not merely a piece of a rag or a flaring bit of fluttering bunting or a dress parade endazement. The banner of God is a flag or a standard. It is the symbol of supernatural authority. Whoever therefore strikes at God's banners strikes at the divine heart. To-day, in symbol, God wraps about every Christian worker his banner. It is the symbol of omnipotence. It is the symbol of the atonement. It is the symbol of divine forgiveness. It is the symbol of a glorious and never ending life.

God is with living Christian workers in the continuity of service. He will never allow the gospel work of past generations to die. Christian work has immortality. Like the Government of England it goes on unintermittently from generation to generation. When King William IV. breathed his last the Archbishop of Canterbury immediately hurried to the home of a young girl. He knocked at the door of her palace until it was opened. Then he summoned this young girl to arise and come down and meet him. When she entered the parlor he bowed to her, saying: "The King is dead! Long live the Queen!" When that young girl, after she had grown to be an old woman of eighty-six, lay dying, her watchers stood anxiously about her bed. As soon as she had breathed

her last, and the attending physician pronounced her dead, her eldest son, Edward, was greeted with the acclamation, "Long live the King!" Rulers may come and rulers may go, but the Government goes on, no matter what human hand may grasp the sceptre. Like a true Government, the gospel work of the past generations shall never die. It must live on in the world. It is for us to continue it in the world of the future, and our Christian lives.

In the fourth chapter of Mark, Christ compares Christian work to a sower going forth to sow. Some of that seed will surely fall upon good ground, which will yield some thirty, some sixty, some hundred fold. It must reproduce itself multiplicatively in the human lives of the succeeding generations. When Dwight L. Moody died did his work die? Without doubt Mr. Moody was the greatest evangelist of the past century. His personality not only appealed to sinners but also to the greatest Christian workers of his day. His voice and pen raised vast sums of money for Christian work. He was a gospel messenger who stirred England and America on his evangelistic tours. He built the famous institutes at Northfield. He gathered among the Massachusetts hills college men as well as ministers in annual conference after conference. His personal influence was never doing better work than at the present time. And what is more, the very summer after Mr. Moody died the mightiest Northfield conference ever known up to that time was held, in spite of the fact that the most eloquent tongue and the best poised brain and the biggest heart Northfield ever produced were lying silent in the grave. Mr. Moody's gospel seed planting yielded forth some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred fold. It was God's work, and God's work alone.

When Charles H. Spurgeon died did his work die? Oh, no. God is still blessing the mission of the Metropolitan Tabernacle and of the London

pastors. He is still blessing the work of Charles H. Spurgeon because it was intrinsically inspired by the Holy Spirit. He is blessing it through Spurgeon's successors. God will raise us up as modern Joshuas if we only live for him. He will bless in our lives the work of the Christian men and women with whom we have come into contact in the past. He will make us an essential link in a great chain of Christian influences which shall reach through all eternity.

God will bless the lives of modern Christian workers even through the death of his servants. Death is often a spiritual pruning hook. It lops off certain branches of the great tree of the human race in order that other branches may better develop and grow. We are all ready to recognize the usefulness of a pruning hook in a temporal sense. Why can we not do this in a spiritual sense? God, I believe, often uses the sharp pruning hook of death to spiritually develop his undeveloped children. He takes away his Moses in order to throw the spiritual responsibilities upon his Joshuas. He says to us one and all: "It is not right for you, oh, young man, to learn to lean upon your father and mother's spiritual life. You must learn to lean upon my divine arm, and mine alone. And in the leaning I will protect thee and care for thee, as I did for your Christian parents."

God will bless the Christian workers of the present generation because Christ has emphatically and distinctly promised that by the weak things of this world God shall confound the mighty. That means that no child of God is too young to lead sinners to the cross, no Christian's arm is too weak to wield a sickle in God's harvest field, no lip is too dumb to utter a far-reaching prayer, if that lip only belongs to a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

We can prove this statement by recounting the history of the famous revival services held among the students of Edinburgh a few years ago. Henry Drummond of blessed memory! Henry Drummond, whose chief mission was given to the redemption for Christ of student life, gave an account of the movement on his last visit to this country. A couple of athletes of the University of Edinburgh were about to sail as foreign missionaries. Their classmates wanted to give them a big farewell. They hired one of the largest halls in the city. At seven o'clock they were about to go forth as missionaries they prepared a big religious service. After these young men had departed a few of the Christian students left in the college came together and decided that they ought to hold a religious service every week. These services were to be addressed for the most part by the students themselves. A committee was selected and arrangements made. Every student who was asked to address that meeting had to have two characteristics—the one, a pure, noble life; the other, he had to be a man of plain speech. The only bar to an invitation to address that meeting was eloquence. If a man was known to have the "silver tongue" of speech he was compelled to keep a "golden silence." What was the result of these series of meetings, held Sunday in old Edinburgh by plain, unassuming and, in most cases, by "one talent" students? Not only did crowds of students fill the hall, but scores and hundreds of young men were brought to confess Christ. The like of that religious influence had never before been seen in old Scotland, although Edinburgh had been blessed with pulpits whose names were famous all around the world.

Then the result of these meetings began to spread. In the next few months young men in batches of four and five were sent to other colleges and universities and also to villages and towns. These plain young men, by consecrated Christian lives, not only moved Edinburgh, but also all Scotland and all England. Wales and, to some extent, religious influence the whole world. Mark you, my brother, that religious influence was not started by a Jonathan Edwards or a Robert McChesney or a Frederick Robertson, but by plain, humble individuals, who were consecrating their lives to Jesus Christ. If God can and did bless those modern Joshuas will he not bless us as individuals if we here and now consecrate our lives to his service and pray and plead and work as we ought to pray and plead and work? He will, my Christian brother. He will, he will. He will, even though we may be physically and mentally weaklings. He will if we will only throw ourselves upon his divine and omnipotent strength. God will bless the old as well as the young. Oh, how often in religious work I have heard this excuse given: "I believe that I ought to give myself up to religious work, but the trouble is I am too old. I have wasted the best part of my life. I am too old to start life over again." Some people may think you are right in your decision; I do not. Even now there may be a glorious time for you, oh, man, oh, woman, if you will start in Christian work just at the present time. I do not believe it is too late for you to start to serve Jesus Christ; not too late even though for you the hour hand of the clock of time may be pointing to the twelfth hour and the minute hand to five minutes of 12 o'clock.

How old was Moses when he began to lead forth the children of Israel into the wilderness? Was he a young man? No. His hair must have been white. He had already passed his eightieth birthday. He had already lived eighty-eight years of life when he went forth to liberate the children of Israel from Egyptian slavery. How old was Joshua when the mantle of the dead Moses fell upon his shoulders? He had already passed his fourscore years and five. He was already pressing on toward his ninetieth milestone. So God has for you and me, if we only throw ourselves upon his mercy, a mission of Christian usefulness. He has it even though we may be old men and women.



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men, with many years of wasted opportunities to our discredit.

By an ex-member of my church I read today that God can bless a redeemed life which has been cursed by many years of sin. Some time ago a poor woman attended the services of the church of which I was pastor. She wished to join, but the members of the session were very much in doubt about letting her in. She had been for fifteen years, dissolute character. Her face was scarred and seamed with her past debaucheries. She had been a drunken child and a filthy dressed child, and at last decided to place her on probation for six months. At the end of six months she again wanted to join the church, and of course we admitted her. A short time after that woman moved away and left our church. A couple of years ago that woman called upon me. At first I did not know her. Not only had the grace of God cleansed her face, but the marks of dissipation had almost entirely left her countenance. Though she had not what the average artist might call a beautiful face, she certainly had a good, honest, noble, Holy Spirit inspired face. Her whole life was changed. It was now a Christian life of consecrated usefulness. Oh, my brother and sister, no matter how old you may be, and how many wasted years are behind, shall not God inspire you and lift you up as he changed that woman's life? Shall not the divine power guard your remaining days as Moses and Joshua's lives were protected?

Nearly every royal order has a royal insignia. In Germany one of the most honorable of orders was that started by King William called "the Order of the Iron Cross." Would that to-day the Heavenly King, instead of an earthly potentate, might place over your heart "the sign of the Iron Cross." May it prove that in his name you have worked and will continue to work divine wonders. Saved by grace, may you always continue to spiritually bless the lives of your fellow men.

Feeding Bull Calves. Covering the feeding of bull calves it is best to give them a ration that will produce growth giving them health and vigor rather than something that will produce too much fat. Especially is this true if the bull is intended for dairy purposes. A ration of bran or ground oats with a little oil well added will give good results when fed in connection with good timothy. It is better that all grain fed them should be ground and fed them lightly at the beginning and gradually increase the feed as they grow older and feed better. Allow him plenty of exercise, as this is one of the most important factors in the proper development of animals intended for breeding purposes.

Bottle Corks of Paper. One of the latest uses to which paper is put is in the making of corks. With the growing scarcity of cork bark, manufacturers cast about for a cheap but satisfactory substitute. A machine was invented, about the size of a sewing machine, which cut cork barks into strips, which are first reduced to pulp. This machine will make corks of any size, shape or color and stamp the name or trade mark of a firm upon every cork as it is made. It can turn out 300 finished corks with any sort of cork or not affected by any sort of oil or acid, and chemists pronounce them superior to the old style in every way.

CAUSED BY THE HEAT. A Rash on Baby's Skin That Often Alarms Careful Mothers. During the summer months a rash often appears on the face, neck and body of babies and small children which is liable to alarm the mother. It is due to the excessive heat, and while not dangerous, is the cause of much suffering. Immediate relief is given by dusting the eruption liberally with Baby's Own Powder, which may be had at any druggist's, but to cure the trouble a medicine must be given that will cool the blood of the little sufferer. Baby's Own Tablets will be found a positive blessing in such cases and will soon restore the clearness and beauty of baby's skin. Mrs. Clifton Cuyler, of Kincardine, Ont., says: "My baby had a rash break out on her face and over her body. I gave her medicine, but the eruption never left her until I gave her Baby's Own Tablets, and after using them a short time the rash entirely disappeared. I have also given her the Tablets for constipation with the best of results; they act gently but promptly, and always make baby quiet and restful. I think the Tablets a splendid medicine for young children." Baby's Own Tablets may be had from all druggists at 25 cents per box, and Baby's Own Tablets by the same price. If you prefer to order direct they will be sent post paid on receipt of price by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Brockville, Ont.

The character that made law to men is hardly worth darning. They who have no desire for holiness will find no delight in heaven.

BRIGHTER TINTS WORN.

Yellow, Scarlets and Pinks Modish The Latest Cape Collars.

The wide collar is a boon to amateur dressmakers, for it covers up a multitude of sins. Chalks in quaint pompadour designs make up charmingly and are very useful for cool evenings.

The parol of the moment is most attractive, with its long handle a la Pompadour, very often encrusted with gems and its chine silk inserted with medallions of lace. The simplest parol of all has a plain silk cover with rows of ribbon woven in black on a light ground in graduated widths and a long, plain-colored handle.

Foulard, the old fashioned fabric, has given way to voiles and a still softer



WALKING COSTUME.

make of silk. For dull days cloths trimmed with taffeta as well as a firmer make of canvas and spotted voiles are greatly to the fore.

There is a growing tendency toward brighter tints, especially in a soft make of cloth. Scarlet still carries the day, and yellows, pinks and brilliant blues are all tremendously in request.

A wrinkle now resorted to by all the leading house specialists is a chiffon veiling to silk underslips, not the costly and hot taffetas of heretofore, but good washing quality, the chiffon lending a soft appearance to any lace that may be inset, while it enhances to an immense extent the value of a muslin blouse.

The picture shows a walking costume of gray. The hat is of white with a scarlet feather.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

MILLINERY MODES.

The Indispensable French Sailor. Some Dainty Hats.

The French sailor is indispensable to the smart woman's wardrobe. The prettiest this year is of rough yellow straw trimmed simply with a wreath of foliage or velvet balls.

Hats of ecor straw are often simply trimmed with an application of coarse lace with ends hanging on one side.

The new tailor made hat tilts up in front and fits closely at the back and sides. It is trimmed only with loops and knots of ribbon.

For dressy wear nothing can equal a hat of white tulle trimmed with a single ostrich plume, although rough straw also looks well for the same purpose.

The ever useful toque of black straw is relieved by the pompon or aigret



A SAILOR HAT.

of black and white and black rough straw. French sailors are tastefully trimmed with blackberries and their shaded foliage.

The transparent hat of lace is not seen so much this year, and the stiff shapes of straw seem to have the preference over millinery made of more fancy materials.

The advent of colored hosiery cannot fail to have been remarked, several shades of dark blue and some amazing, pretty reds, spotted and checked with black, predominating. There is a rumor that these will be worn with white shoes. White shoes at best are a doubtful acquisition, their one saving grace being found in white silk or lace hosiery. The colored fancy, though, is reasonable when the walking skirt, provided they are privileged to find completion in neat black French kid or patent leather shoes. Nor is the notion at all unpleasing of colored hosiery worn with white socks, these perennials repeating the tone of some pretty skirt and hat.

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