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The Sower of the Flesh Always Reaps the Corruption of the Flesh—Though a Man May Repent of His Sin He Must Up to His Death Suffer for His Seeds.

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Chicago, June 15.—The inevitable results of wrongdoing are forcibly described in the following sermon by Rev. Frank De Witt Thalman, from the text, Galatians vi. 8, "He that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption."

Some familiar texts are like powerful tonics. They have a snap and strength which we do not always find in the water of life when it is held in strange and peculiarly labeled bottles. They are like the lullabies with which we were sung to sleep in childhood. They have been repeated over and over again by the lips of our departed loved ones, so that each word is made sacred by holy associations. Every time we speak them it seems as though these words were the ushers welcoming us into the vestibule of the church in which the service was held when we gave our hearts to God.

But though many great preachers have spoken from this text and though many holy associations gather around its words yet I would fain speak upon it for two reasons: First, because I am passionately fond of the country.

The second reason why I speak from this text to-day is because the spring-time of the year, when the American sower went forth to sow, is only a few weeks past. The plow only a short time ago had the rust of many months rubbed. The sharp noses of the harrow's teeth are yet white from chewing and breaking the sods. And the sower, with his bag of seed hanging upon one arm and his handful of seed swinging at the end of the other arm, only a short time ago, with measured tread, went across the fields, scattering the seeds to the right and to the left. May God help us to do right in the spring-time of the year.

The seeds of the flesh by the inexorable law of the fields can only produce the harvest of the flesh. This statement is an axiom, a self-evident fact.

As there is a spiritual law in the natural world so there is a natural law in the spiritual world. And the sower to the flesh has no more right to expect to reap the harvest of the sower to the spirit than a farmer has a right to expect to gather a crop of barley from wheat seeds or a crop of rice from cotton seeds or a crop of potatoes from musk-melon seeds. Any sinner who is trying to argue himself into a different spiritual belief is not only denying God, but making himself ridiculous.

Go where you will you will find that the sower to the flesh always reaps a harvest of corruption. Sit with the judge upon the bench, and he will tell you that the young man standing before him for sentence did not think that the seeds of sin which he planted in secret would ever take root and begin to sprout. He did not think that his sowing a few "wild oats" would ever cause his downfall. Yet God was watching him sow those seeds. His employers were watching him. And some day the young man who spent his Sundays at the races, the one whose companions were not what they ought to have been, they naturally came to that young man and put the hands of the law upon his shoulder, saying: "Come, young man. The convict's cell awaits you. Come!"

The physician in the sickroom will teach you that the sower of the flesh always reaps the corruption of the flesh. Upon the bed of suffering lies an invalid. He may pray, he may groan, he may promise to do right in the future, but the physician says: "No, my friend; good intentions do not eradicate the physical wrongs of the past. You must reap the seeds sown in the wine cup, the seeds of late hours, the seeds of the defiance of moral laws. Dying man, you must reap the harvest of the sins of the flesh which you have sown."

Stand with the minister in his pulpit, and he will teach you that though a man may repent of his sins he must still reap the harvest of the sins of the flesh which he sowed. God may forgive the sinner and all the results of the past evil may cease when the sinner robes himself in the white garments of the redeemed, but all through the remainder of the sinner's earthly career he must suffer for the evil which he has done. The minister will tell you that one of the saddest sights of Christian work is to see an old man who has been converted at the eleventh hour hobbling along upon his cane through the harvest of corruption which surrounded him everywhere. He stumbles through the harvest which have come from the seeds of his own planting.

The seeds of the flesh by the inexorable laws of the fields are expected to produce more of a harvest than the original seeds which have been sown. It would be folly for the farmer to sow 500 kernels of corn if he could only receive in return half a dozen ears of corn; to plant twenty or thirty peas if he could gather in return but a few pods, or to labor at all if for every planted seed there would come up only one kernel in return. But when the farmer has a small bag of wheat seed he says to himself: "Now, if I properly plow and harrow the ground and plant

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those seeds right I will be able to gather a whole field of golden grain. One of my seeds will be able to produce itself many, many times." Benjamin Franklin once said that the reproductive power, the prolificness of vegetable life, is simply inconceivable and without limit. We all remember Daniel De Foe's story of the shipwrecked sailor. He found half a dozen small wheat seeds. From those few seeds he was able to develop all the wheat he wanted both for himself and his negro servant.

It would be a happy solution to the sinner if when he sowed one evil seed he should get back only one evil result. But that is not the way the harvests of the flesh grow. One evil seed will become the parent of many evil seeds, the grandparent of a host of evil seeds, and the great-grandparent of a lifetime of evil harvests. A sower unto the flesh always reaps more corruption than he expected to gather.

And if the evil results of sowing are so awful in reference to our own lives how much more awful must be the results when we plant those seeds in the lives of other people against their neighbors once went to a priest for confession. After she told the priest the evil she had done her neighbors she asked him what she could do to undo the wrong. The priest gave her a handful of nettle seeds and bade her go and scatter those nettle seeds over a field and then come back to him. After the woman had done as she was told she came back to the priest. "Now," said the priest, "go and gather those nettle seeds up again." "Oh," said the woman, "I cannot." "Neither," answered the priest, "can you ever undo the wrongs which you have done against your neighbors." Awful must be the remorse when a converted man realizes that by his sin he has developed a harvest of corruption in the hearts of his neighbors. If he has planted there the evil seeds, some of them will come up. The moral and spiritual laws are the same.

The seeds of the flesh do not necessarily produce the harvests of the flesh instantly. A long time may intervene between the time of planting

year the farmer goes forth to sow. There is the spring planting. Then the rye, the barley, the oat seed is scattered. Then the corn seed is planted in the ground. Then the timothy seed is thrown over the field, so that the farm stock can have hay during the winter months. Hardly are the spring showers made the little tender sprouts come up. Then the fields everywhere are carpeted with green.

But there is a fall planting as well as a spring planting. Just before the summer birds migrate to the south in order to escape the blizzards and the howling of the winter storms the farmer goes forth and sows his wheat seed. These seeds lie dormant under the snows during the long December, January, February and March months. But when spring comes those wheat seeds which have lain dormant for so long are roused by the blast of the spring's resurrection. And a wonderful fact about nature's laws is that the deeper the snows, the longer the winter and the longer those wheat seeds lie dormant the stronger and more virile is the grain when it begins to grow.

So some of the tares or the sins of the flesh which we have shown in the past may seem to take a very long time in developing. We may think because we have sinned and never yet been punished and have kept on sinning five hundred, a thousand, ten thousand times that we never will be punished, that we never shall have to gather our harvest of corruption. But we will. As the Lord God Omnipotent liveth we will!

The parable of the tares explicitly states this fact. As the householder he bade his servants let the tares continue to grow by the side of the wheat, but when the reapers came they went and gathered the tares into bundles and destroyed them. Sinner, do not deceive yourself. God is not mocked. Do not think because the day of retribution has been postponed that the seeds of the flesh are dead when they are merely dormant. As the long delayed wheat harvest is the strongest harvest, so the longer the punishment of the sins of the flesh is postponed the greater and the more awful will be the harvests of corruption.

The seeds of the flesh always produce such great harvests that many pairs of hands instead of one pair, must be employed in the reaping. One man can plant in a day what it will take a score of men the same time to reap. The sower would be helpless if he himself had to gather the harvest of his sowing. So every farmer has to look ahead to prepare for the harvest time. And if he is the owner of a large farm, he hires laborers for the reaping. When the wheat is ripe it must be cut and carried into the barns right away, else the grain will fall off and the farmer will have no results from his planting but straw, which he uses for stall bedding. Six, seven, eight months of the year you may find unemployed men in the country. But during harvest time every healthy man can find work and big wages, if he is only willing to work and knows how to wield a scythe or how to tie up the sheaves of grain.

Who are the reapers engaged beforehand to help the sower to the flesh gather in the greatest harvest, which is to be gathered at the brink of the open grave? They are the demonic reapers. They are Satan and his evil spirits. They are the demons that live in the impenetrable darkness of a lower world. They are the demons who will gather only the most corrupt of harvests. A man convicted of his past sins, "what am I to do? I fully realize my evil past. Must I die an eternal death? Is there no hope for me?" Yes, my brother, there is hope for you if you repent of your sins and throw yourself upon Christ's mercy, as wide as the forgiveness of God. I only quoted one-half of the verse from which my text was taken. The last half of the verse reads thus, "But he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting." The first half is a red light of warning, flashed far out over the troubled sea of sin. The second half is the harbor of peace.

First, my brother, you must get your heart right for the spiritual seed planting. In the far east, that ancient plot was made out of wood and not from iron. You must let the beam of the cross plow your sinful heart. Then, having prepared the ground for the spiritual seed planting, you must go to work for God with ten times, one hundred times—aye, with a thousand times—the zeal you have ever felt as a disciple of sin. You must enlist your self, body, mind and soul, for the gospel planting. As I said before, you cannot change the past. The past is dead. But, oh, by the power of the Holy Spirit, you can spiritualize the future! You can make your last earthly days honored days in heaven and on earth, because they have been lived for God and to help your sinful fellow men. "Whoever will, let him come and take of the water of life freely." That means you; that means me. We can all come.

"No," you answer, "I will not. I cannot. I dare not come to Christ now. I have had too black a past. I have sown too many evil seeds to the flesh. I feel a great deal like that young college boy who was dying from an accident in Edinburgh. When the chaplain knelt by his bedside and said, 'My lad, will you repent of your sins and look to Christ?' He answered: 'No, sir, I have served the devil all my life, and I have served him well, and now at this last moment I would not be so mean as to ask Christ to take my broken body and my wreck of a life. No, sir, I would not be so mean.'"

But, my sinful friend, even with your sinful past, is that right? Is that what Christ would have you do? If you had a wayward boy, and he had run away from home and trampled upon your bleeding heart for many years, would you want him to stay away and die hardened

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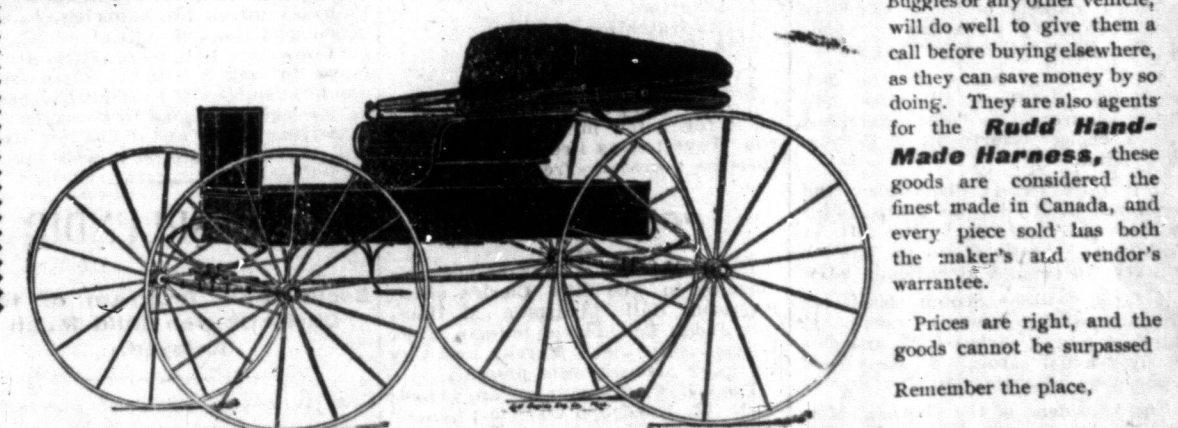


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