

DAY OF REJOICING

The Character of Our Sowing Determines the Quality of Our Reapings.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."—Ps. 126:5.

Harvest joy does not come from the tears which accompany our seedtime, but from the faithfulness with which we sow even in the midst of sorrow. Sheaves do not grow from tears but from seed.

It is important that we hold fast to the truth just stated, for we are prone to withhold our hands in the days of sorrow. Such days are frequent. Clouds are everywhere. It seems that the sun will never shine again. Hope of harvest has almost died away. "What's the use?" we say, and we are tempted to make no further effort. Blinded by discouragement, weakened by disappointment, we sit down and bemoan the fate that has befallen us. Thus we postpone or make impossible the joyful day which might be ours, the day of rejoicing in an abundant harvest which grew from faithful sowing.

The Day of Sorrow.
Not so the Jews in Babylon. Great was their sorrow and distress. Upon the willows by the rivers they hung their harps, those musical instruments by means of which they expressed their joy, for they could not sing their national hymns in a strange land; yet in their deep sorrow they began to sow seeds of desire, seeds of resolute purpose, seeds of righteousness, that they might be fit for communion with Jehovah in their own beloved land. In Babylon they remembered Zion and how their own willfulness and sin had been the means of sending them as exiles; but instead of giving up in despair they began to prepare for a new life as a restored people in a restored fatherland. So they made possible the jubilant songs of deliverance.

The Reason for Joy.
It was not the tears in Babylon which brought them their rejoicing. It was because they had turned from their folly and discovered the truth which had been stated to them so often, that "his salvation is nigh them that fear him." What blessings come out of these days of tears if only we make wise use of the sorrows that come to us! Headstrong and disregarding God in the pride of their own strength, calamity had come upon them; but we can almost see these sorrow-stricken people encouraging one another to turn again unto the Lord, teaching their children the truth which they had neglected to follow, and, as a consequence of such sowing, they were rejoiced to see that "truth springeth out of the earth; and righteousness hath looked down from heaven."

There is a sowing in joy—or that which is called joy—that yields a harvest of tears, a sowing to the wind that yields the whirlwind. But the sowing of right thoughts, right purposes, right desires, even though there is no joy at the time, always yields the peaceable fruits of righteousness and fills the mouth with laughter and the tongue with singing.—Rev. James E. Clark, D. D.

An Incident in France.
Two thousand men had paraded at one of our great base camps previous to going "up the line." The inspection was complete, and in a few minutes the order, "Quick March," to the railway station would be given. Just at that moment, while all stood at "attention," fully equipped, a voice began to sing.

Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With gladness fills my breast.

And like a wave of melody the song passed from rank to rank, until every man seemed to be singing. The hymn was sung right through to the last verse the officers, meantime, looking on in silence. How many of these men have already looked into the face of him of whom they sang? There was a Christian association but in that camp at which this hymn was a great favorite with the men—surely much better than the senseless "Tipperary."—D. J. Findlay in The Christian.

True Thanksgiving.
It is eminently desirable that we should emphasize the moral obligation which rests upon every child of God to cultivate the spirit of thanksgiving and to manifest that spirit in its full beauty and power in all the relations of life. The thankful spirit reveals itself in a broad and true sympathy with others who are less fortunate than ourselves. It delights to remember the widow and the orphan and strives to carry the message of joy and gladness into the homes of the sick and the sorrowing of Thanksgiving Day. It looks unto God as the author of every good and perfect gift, and insists on sharing the blessing which he has bestowed with those who are needy and in want.—American Messenger.

Our Life a Prayer.
If we can learn how to control our thoughts by trying to reflect God's thoughts, then our whole life will become a prayer, and by degrees the same mind will be in us that was also in Christ Jesus.—E. V. H.

Mens Sana in Corpore Sano.
Health is one of the results of right thinking—the knowing of the truth about God and man. Purification of thought is necessary to the right understanding of God and man.—Lillian De Waters.

Meet Trouble.
Rise above small things. The woman who lets small things worry her will be completely undone the first time she meets with a really big problem. It is disintegrating to your mental and nervous condition, not to mention your physical condition, to worry. You needn't be resigned to fate nor slip your troubles off as the old friend duck's back throws water. But you can meet troubles with a will to conquer them or adjust them—and, after that, "they should worry," but not you.—Exchange.

Boys Drowned, Cat Escaped.
The tables were turned in a tragic manner at Port Elizabeth, South Africa, recently when two young boys who attempted to drown a cat—at the request of the animal's owner—were themselves drowned in a small bay about three miles from the city. The cat struggled when the lads tried to hold its head under the waves and before the boys realized their danger they were swept out to sea by the outgoing tide. The cat escaped from the water and returned to its old home.

Utilizing Rice Hulls.
Experiments have been made with rice hulls in combination with different binding agents, but while the resulting briquets gave every satisfaction from the standpoint of heating, yet the initial cost of the various binding agents made their cost too high for practical purposes. The experiments, however, are being continued, and it is hoped that in the future a briquet can be manufactured that will be satisfactory from an economic standpoint.

A Leaking Faucet.
When the faucets in the bathroom or kitchen leak or do not allow the water to flow freely they need a new washer, and the washers cost five cents each. To put on the washer, turn off the water, the rod is usually under the sink or in the basement, and unscrew the faucet; take off the worn-out washer and slip on a new one and turn your water on again and presto! the work is done and no repair bill to pay.

Make Windows by Hand.
In making stained-glass windows every bit of the work is done by hand, and it is amazing to realize how many times each piece of glass must be handled. An operator tells of counting up one day and finding that no less than twelve times were necessary. All the leadwork is done by hand too, even the opening of the little slots into which the glass is fastened.

Record Floods in China.
The Celestial kingdom has been the scene of some of the most terrible floods on record, observes London Tit-Bits. In 1801 the Yellow river overflowed and destroyed nearly 2,000 villages and towns and 5,000,000 people. Two years later there were great inundations in Mongolia, caused by typhoons, resulting in a death roll of 6,000.

Do Your Work Properly.
Make up your mind that you will do what you have to do the very best you know how. There is very little work that is really difficult. But all good work is painstaking. If you put your whole soul into your work, you will learn to enjoy it, and you will become constantly better and more worth while.

Cupid Makes Early Call.
An American professor who has spent his life investigating and has collected the evidence of 1,703 young people, declares that both sexes start being wounded by Cupid's darts at the age of three and that a woman's love reaches maturity at twenty-two and a man's at twenty-four.

Velvet-Making.
Velvet was developed and originated from fur in China. Thence velvet-making was introduced into India, and in the fourteenth century into Italy, where that sort of fabric especially appealed, and where the art of velvet-making reached its height.

The Potato.
The potato was first introduced into Spain by Hieronymus Cardan, a monk, in 1553; into England by Sir John Hawkins and Sir Francis Drake in 1563, and into Ireland by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1590.

Fertile Land Untouched.
The mountain regions of Cuba include many ridges and valleys of extremely fertile land, nearly all untouched, and existing practically as they did before the time of the Spaniards.

As the World Moves.
"Love makes the world go round," quoted the Parlor Philosopher. "Yes, but marriage generally squares things," added the Mere Man.—Town Topics.

Worth Consideration.
Pleasure comes through toil and not by self-indulgence and indolence. When one gets to love work, his life is a happy one.—Ruskin.

Sir Oliver Lodge's Faith.
"I will not believe that it is given to man to have thoughts higher and nobler than the real truth of things."

WALKING WITH GOD

Only Those Redeemed by the Blood of Christ Can Enjoy That Privilege.

This has been the uppermost topic in my mind, and my constant meditation, and the theme of several Bible studies, during these past summer days, and I can think of nothing so glorious while we sojourn in these mortal bodies. Such a life is the privilege of every true believer, and gives a foretaste of heaven even here on earth. We cannot begin this walk, this heavenly life, till we are redeemed from the spirit through Micah, when he exhorts to do justly, love mercy and humble ourselves to walk with God, is speaking to those who had been redeemed, Micah 6:4, 8. It is impossible for those who are not redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, as Israel was saved from death by the blood of the Passover lamb in Egypt, to walk one step with God. It is the height of folly and unbelief to think or talk of serving God, or worshipping him, or holding communion with him, unless we have been born from above and become children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. The sad thing is that so few of his redeemed ones seem to want to walk with him, for it is so costly, and the way is so narrow, yet he is ever looking and longing for such, that he may show himself strong on their behalf, and be glorified in them, II Chron. 16:9. It is written of Enoch, Noah and Levi, that they walked with God, Genesis 5:24; 6:9; Mal. 2:3; but if we consider the cost of it to each of them, and that the whole world still lieth in the evil one, the prince and god of this world, and that fellowship with the world means enmity with God (I John 5:19, R. V.; John 14:30; II Cor. 4:4; James 4:4), it may help us to understand why, though many are called, few are willing to be his choice ones. It means constant living with him, walking as he walked, walking in love, much study of his purpose as revealed through the prophets, full agreement with him about everything and every detail of his plans, no will of our own about anything, sincere and continual abandonment of our whole being to him, that he may work in us to will and to do all his good pleasure, and that we desire in all things and at all times only his approval (I Thess. 5:10; I John 2:3; Eph. 5:1; Luke 24:25; Amos 3:3, 7; John 6:38; 8:50; Romans 7:1, 2; Phil. 2:13; I Thess. 2:4). It implies patient continuance in well-doing till absent from the body or caught up to meet him in the air, not thinking of any set time on which he may come, but wholly occupied with himself, and ready to fill any appointment of service or suffering if only he may be glorified in us.—Rev. D. M. Stearns in Kingdom Tidings.

HOW TO LOVE IN GOD'S WAY
The Infinite Everlasting Never Failing Love of God is Our Perfect Pattern.

Love that depends on circumstances is not love. Love that grows deeper and better under the loved one's response is not love. Perfect love, so perfect that it cannot be improved upon, alone is real love. God loves us with that unimprovable perfect love; and we can love others with the same love. To have God's own actual life as our literal life is the secret; and God's perfect love offers to us his only son Christ, who is God, to be not only our Savior but our life and our love. When we accept God's gift in entire faith in him, then "God abideth in us, and his love is perfected in us" (I John 4:12). H. G. Guinness has described this perfect and perfected love: "There is therefore a love which is infinite in its measure! There is a love which is everlasting in its duration; which is omnipotent in its power, which is unchangeable in its character, which is all pervading in its presence, which passeth knowledge! There is a love which has creation for its theater, earth for its footstool, Heaven for its chief abode, its everlasting home! Of all created love it is the source, and of all blessings it is the giver!" And it is with exactly this supernatural love that God asks and enables us to love others.—"because as he is, even so are we in this world" (I John 4:17).—S. S. Times.

Harmony.
If I must force myself to do a thing, then I am only partly adjusted to my true self. The ultimate will or law of the universe is harmony. There is a way of thinking, a way of doing and being, which will spare us the friction of life—an easiest, happiest way. . . . But, just because it is the easiest and simplest way, it is the hardest to find, and the one which man is slowest to adopt; for it calls upon each individual soul to do the hardest possible deed; namely, to conquer self, to let go, to trust, to become receptive.—Horatio W. Dresser.

The Spiritual Attitude.
Nothing is so important as the formation of spiritual habits. Practice daily and hourly the presence of God, so that you can at all times hear his voice speaking to you and through you.—E. V. H.

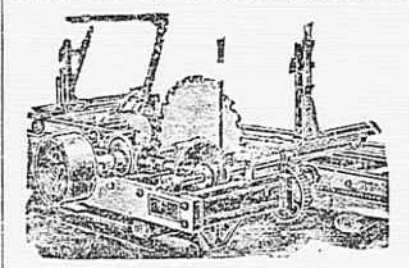
Momentum of Power.
Only those who are lifted up from the earth draw men unto them. The world is possessed by those who are not possessed by it. The momentum of love is the source of power.—Francis G. Peabody.

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All male citizens between the ages of 21 and 60 years except those exempt by law are deemed taxable polls. The 50 per cent penalty will be added for failure to make returns.
For the convenience of tax payers, I or my representative will be at the following appointed places on the dates mentioned to receive tax returns.
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Meriwether, (at Joe Thurmond's Store), Tuesday, Jan. 15th, 1918.
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W. R. E. Winn's Store, Friday, Jan. 18th, 1918.
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