

THE VALUE OF IDEALS TO CHURCH AND WORLD

Conceived in Sin, Misshapen In Iniquity.

Birthmarks — Hereditary Blemishes. How Counteracted—Mothery Ideals. Fatherly Ideals—Business Ideals—Social Ideals—Neighborly Ideals—Christian Ideals—How to Attain Them.



PASTOR RUSSELL

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 16.—Pastor Russell spoke here today on the text, "Shapen in iniquity, in sin did my mother conceive me." (Psalm 51:5) He said: "Be fruitful and multiply" was the Divine commission to our first parents before they sinned. The entrance of sin and its penalty, death, brought serious impairments, mental, moral and physical, to our race. It is no longer natural to us to do right, but contrary to our nature, as St. Paul declared, "We cannot do the things that we would." In other words, we are constitutionally defective, because of mental disloyalty to God. Yet the mind can rise to loftier heights than it is able to lift the body and its functions. "To will is present with me, but how to perform I know not"—Romans 7:14-25.

Many are grasping after this great truth, and attempting human uplift through eugenics, etc., but nevertheless imperfectly appreciate what they teach, failing to see the matter from the Bible standpoint. The mind, the will, the body, should be entirely submitted to the will of God. Thus only can the highest good be possible. This was God's requirement of our first parents. In this they failed; and in consequence mental, moral and physical impairment have come to us as a race. "All have sinned and come short" of the glorious standard which God established.

Best Ideals For Sinners

The Bible divides the world into two classes: the mass of sinners condemned by God and out of relationship with Him; and the few who have by covenant with the Lord, come back into relationship with Him through the merit of Christ. We shall first address the world of sinners, with the suggestion that, while they cannot hope to lift themselves up to perfection and everlasting life, they can do much toward the uplift of themselves and their children by conforming to certain Scriptural ideals. The world already recognizes this in considerable measure, but not sufficiently.

All should know, and do appreciate to some extent, the value of a good example, good training in the family. The child who continually hears coarse, rude expressions in the home will surely grow up not much better than those surroundings, if not worse. But while encouraging high ideals in the home—cleanliness, gentleness, kindness—we call special attention to the duty of parents toward their children before their birth. Few seem to realize that the general attitude of a mother's mind birthmarks her child either for good or for ill. With this fact recognized, surely every couple would feel their responsibility as creators of a family. If they realized that coarse, brutal, selfish words, acts and thoughts would be impressed upon their unborn child, surely they would strive to avoid these before their child's birth as well as after it. If they realized that noble words, conduct, thoughts and ideals, during the period of gestation, would be imprinted upon their child, how greatly would they strive to have children that would be not only beautiful in appearance, but noble in character!

Horsemen recognize this principle; and when a racing mare is in foal, her intelligent owner, desiring to breed a fine colt, will give the mother every attention. Her condition will be happy and comfortable. She will be led to the race track, there to see other horses running, trotting, etc., that their colt may be birthmarked for speed, etc. How much people will do for money, and how often they forget to do for their own families what they think to do for their horses! But the world is awakening. A New Dispensation is about to be ushered in, and its light has been streaming over the world during the past forty years, giving us increasing knowledge and higher ideals of the good, the true, the noble, the beautiful.

Our birthmarkists have already caught the fever of the New Age, and are presenting to us fruits and flowers that are marvelous. Our newspapers are giving us beautiful photographs. Art is becoming cheap. Every home should be well supplied, when the cost need be no more than the time to clip from the paper and to arrange neatly upon the wall. Ideal homes are everywhere being arranged, and even the poorest today have much in life to cheer and refresh. Let us lift our ideals and make the most of life, how ever cramped our financial condition may be. We will do what is needed; and where there is a will, there is a way.

Christian Ideals the Best. Therefore the Christian our Lord sets very highest ideals: "Be like unto

your Father in Heaven—not your Christians can be all that the Heavenly Father's character expresses, but that this is to be their ideal, or aim in life. Only God can know when they are doing their best, and He assures them that He will judge them, not according to their success, but according to their endeavor to live up to their ideals, and the sacrifices they make in order closely to attain those ideals.

What we have said of the homes and ideals of sinners—of those who have not come into relationship with God through the Lord Jesus Christ—is still more true of real Christians, begotten of the Holy Spirit and adopted into the family of God. Ideal homes, ideal children, ideal relationships every way, are pre-eminently their privilege and duty; and they have much advantage over others in respect to this matter. Have they not received the begetting of the Spirit? Have they not become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ? Have they not been taught in the School of Christ? (Romans 8:14) Have they not knowledge to understand that the Spirit of Christ manifests itself in meekness, gentleness, patience, long-suffering, brotherly kindness, love? Have they not learned that any other spirit than this—such as anger, malice, hatred, envy and strife, works of the flesh and the devil—is contrary to the Spirit of Christ? Have they not resolved to put away all these and to put on the fruits of the Spirit of Christ? They have adopted these ideals and are working along this line.

True, some of them by nature may be very delicate, very degraded; but because God is no respecter of persons, He accepts all who come to Him through Christ. Those naturally deficient, those naturally much fallen, may have the more difficulty approximating their ideals, but they will surely be making progress; and those who have known them before will take note of them, that they have been with Jesus and learned of Him. God will perceive the thoughts and intents of their hearts; and they will have His blessing in proportion as they are striving to be Godlike.

The children of Christians should be pre-eminently beautiful, both in feature and in character; for Christians have the highest ideals, and should, more than others, put these into practice. Moreover, they have Divine assistance, through the Scriptures and through God's providential direction in their affairs, that they might know, appreciate and use the things freely given to them of God as His children.

Let Us Awake to the True Situation.

But alas! Many are Christians only in name, having never entered into a covenant with the Lord. They have neither part nor lot in the Kingdom of God. Others, who have truly given up themselves to the Lord, have been sadly neglected as respects lessons in the School of Christ. The great religious institutions of the world are not teaching the highest ideals, but instead are separating the people from those highest ideals by misrepresentations of the Divine character and the Divine Plan.

Let us awake to the true situation, awake to our privileges as children of God, awake to the true teaching of the Bible. These direct not only that our conduct toward men shall be in harmony with the Golden Rule, but that we shall go beyond this and have a love which will delight in doing good unto all men as we have opportunity, especially unto the Household of Faith. It will go further, and take hold upon the very thoughts and intents of the heart. The Christian is under direct obligation to the Lord to do His will; and that will, he is informed, takes notice not merely of his actions and words, but of his very thoughts as well.—Philippians 4:8.

Happy the child who has such a parentage, and especially so if the parents have been guided by an appreciation of the fact that the mother's mind during the period of gestation will mark the child for life! Happy the child who has a mother thus fully committed to God, intent upon doing His will and appreciative of His high ideals! Happy the child who has a father similarly devoted to God and nobler ideals, who will help his wife at this, the most critical time of her experience as a mother, not only by providing for her comfort of body and rest of mind, but by assisting her to noble sentiments of justice, mercy, love, kindness, and by drawing her attention to things beautiful, lovely, happy! Oh, what a beautiful character might not such a child have! What a blessing to be born with such a heritage, and then to be consecrated to God and His service!

"Forbidding to Marry."

St. Paul calls attention to the fact that some, getting out of harmony with the Divine arrangement, will forbid marriage. Such should remember that God originally said, "Be fruitful and multiply"; but we may well urge upon them the importance of seeing that the children they bring into the world will come into it with as much blessing as possible—as free from the curse of sin as possible.

Be it remembered, however, that St. Paul pointed out that the Church of Christ has a different mission in the world from others. Her mission is not the propagation of the human species, but co-operation with God in the work of the present time; namely, the development of the New Creation. The coming Age will be the time for Christ and the Church, as the Heavenly Bridegroom and the Heavenly Bride, to take over the world of mankind by resurrection, regeneration. Now, as the Apostle suggests, is the time in which the Church is to make her own calling and election sure to the Divine nature, that she may become "the Bride, the Lamb's Wife." It is her privilege also to carry the Message of this High Calling to those who now

ACTIONS SPEAK MUCH LOUDER THAN SARCASM

True American Shows His Patriotism by Supporting American Measures and Not by Sarcasm.

Plattsmouth, Neb., May 17, 1915. Editor Plattsmouth Journal:

Dear Sir—Kindly permit me space in your paper for the following communication, if you think it is of any interest to the public: During the present European crisis, and especially the last week, I have read a great many editorials either for or against the stand President Wilson is taking at this critical time, but none attracted my attention so much as the following, published by a friend of mine, and one of the oldest and most successful editors in the state, Mr. W. W. Haskell, of the Ord Quill:

"It begins to look to us that Germany really wants the United States to get into the game. If sinking our ships, sailing in the open sea under our flag, and murdering our citizens who entrust their lives to the fate of a British ship is not enough to bring us into war, what in the name of God would do it? Are we cowards?" I am a great admirer of that little paper and in most cases agreed with the editor, as he is a good, honest, businesslike man, and never doubted his veracity, but in the above article I am obliged to, until he proves his sincerity. I therefore ask your good paper to submit to the editor the following pledge, gotten up by the New York Sun, just for such advocates, and if he does sign same, I will pledge myself forever to agree with my friend, whether it would be to clean out Germany, tear Wilson to pieces or to vote against municipal ownership of gas plants.

I know Mr. Haskell as a man of wealth, and should he agree to turn it over to the government, it would nearly buy a good-sized submarine. The pledge: "In common justice to the president the following form or pledge or promise is proposed by the Sun for the serious consideration of all concerned: "In case war between the United States and Germany and her allies should result from the course now taken by President Wilson's administration with regard to the German massacre of non-combatant American passengers on the British ship Lusitania, I, _____, an American citizen by birth (or naturalization), pledge my entire fortune, if required, and my life, if needed, for the prosecution of hostilities, I promise, on my honor, to put my person at the disposition of the United States government for military or naval service immediately after the declaration of a state of war thus induced.

"We maintain that any citizen willing to back his sentiments with a pledge of this character is entitled to demand of the president immediate action leading to war. He is qualified to urge the administration to lose not an instant in swinging wide open the doors of the Temple of Janus. No better evidence of the good faith of his advice would be expected of him. The man in the street, the newspaper proprietor or editor, the former official, the politician, the partisan sympathizer with the cause of this or that one of the present belligerents, who himself is ready to enlist and is not merely demanding a war which other men are to fight and for which other men are to pay, has at this time the first claim upon the president's respectful attention. The advice and ideas of others may be useful and desirable to the administration, but something is lacking when the certificate of this personal pledge is not there."

Yours Truly, H. Simons.

WILL RICHARDSON Writes Insurance for the Farmer's Mutual and Springfield Fire and Marine for fire, lightning, tornado and hail. Please call phone No. 2411, and I will come at once and write you up.

Senation of the season—Auto Polo game. Don't miss it. May 23-24, Plattsmouth, Neb.

M. Tritsch, refracting optician, at Gering & Co.'s Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Examination free.

On post-card request I will loan my readers a book on "Practical Eugenics." Address me Brooklyn, N. Y.

Local News

From Friday's Daily.

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A. F. Nickels of near Murray was here today for a few hours looking after some matters of business.

Adam Stoehr of Cedar Creek was among the visitors in the city Saturday for a few hours, looking after some matters of business.

Ray Smith and wife of the vicinity of Weeping Water were here over Sunday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Smith, the parents of Mr. Smith.

Mark White and wife were in the city Saturday from their home near Rock Bluffs, attending to some trading and visiting with their friends.

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Miss Marie Kaufmann motored out to Cedar Creek yesterday afternoon, where she attended the services held there at the German church and visited for the day with friends.

J. P. Schroeder of Cedar Creek was attending to business matters in this city today, and while here called at this office and had his subscription extended for another year.

Justus Lillie and wife and Mrs. Eliza Kaufmann and daughter, Miss Marie Kaufmann, motored out to Cedar Creek yesterday, where they visited for the day with friends.

C. M. Chrisweiser of Nehawka motored to this city Saturday to attend to some business matters and visit with relatives for a short time. Mr. Chrisweiser was a pleasant caller at this office.

Charles Peacock and family and J. H. Becker and wife motored out to Alvo yesterday afternoon to visit for a few hours with relatives there, driving out in the fine, new Hudson car belonging to Mr. Peacock.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Foster and children of Union motored to this city Saturday afternoon to attend to some business matters and for a short visit at the home of Mrs. Foster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Larson.

Philip E. Meisinger, who came down Saturday from his home, returned yesterday, accompanied by his wife and children, who had been here for several days, and departed for the early Burlington train for Benson.

Mrs. R. E. Lloyd of Vernon, Texas, who has been visiting relatives in the west part of the state, is here enjoying a short visit of a few days with her son, R. E. Lloyd and wife, and expects to leave Wednesday for her home in the south.

J. M. Palmer, wife and family, of Nehawka, were visitors in this city yesterday as guests at the home of Mrs. Palmer's brother, Sheriff Quinton and family. Mr. Palmer was a passenger this morning for Omaha, where he visited for the day.

Sam Long, one of the prominent residents of South Bend, who has been in Omaha for some time taking treatment for rheumatism, came down this morning to visit for a few hours, returning this afternoon to the metropolis. He expects to later go to Hot Springs, South Dakota, to take treatment at that place. While here Mr. Long was a caller at the Journal office.

Philip Heil, one of the prosperous farmers of near Cedar Creek, was in the city Saturday for a few hours

looking after some trading, and while in the city was a caller at the Journal office, where he enrolled his name for the Evening Journal for a year and will hereafter receive this paper at his home.

POTTED PLANTS.

Special prices on potted Geraniums Tuesday, May 18th, only—3 for 25c. Also fine large Pansies at 35c per dozen. Watch for our Hanging Basket sale. Stenner Bros., at Soennichsen's Store.

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Social Dance.

There will be a social dance given at the K. S. hall on Saturday evening, May 22, under the auspices of the Bohemian brass band. You are cordially invited to attend.

ELMWOOD. Leader-Echo.

Joy Weichel visited the home folks Sunday. Joy is working for his uncle, S. O. Cole, of near Plattsmouth.

Miss Hannah Dettman of College View was a visitor over Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. J. Jeary.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy McFadden are the happy parents of a fine nine-pound baby girl which arrived at their home Tuesday.

Miss Kittie Fae Worley of Omaha was an over Sunday visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Worley, coming down to attend the dedication of the new M. E. church.

Otto Stege lost a valuable mule several days ago, and now has a good work horse which he will undoubtedly lose. The horse seems to be afflicted with the same disease that killed the mule.

J. J. Meyer and family of Weeping Water came up Sunday to see his mother, who is now staying at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Olsen. Grandma Meyer is quite poorly.

Sunday guests at the A. N. McCrory home were: Oscar Allen and family of Omaha, Frank Buell and family, Verner Perry and family and Ralph Dorr and family of Wabash, and Mr. and Mrs. Marian McCrory and little daughter, city.

Twin babies were born to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Turner Monday morning at the home of Mrs. Turner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild, in Lincoln. It seems that Mr. and Mrs. Turner were destined to forego the joys of parenthood now, as the tiny forms were lifeless soon after birth.

Mrs. Bina Kitzel and son, Bert; Mrs. Ed Stone and son, La Verne; Mrs. Ethel Cole, son, Roy, and daughter, Opal, and Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Kahler and daughter, Ella, all of Alvo, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cole and daughter, Lois, of near Plattsmouth, were entertained Sunday at the A. H. Welch home, being here to attend the new M. E. church dedicatory exercises.

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