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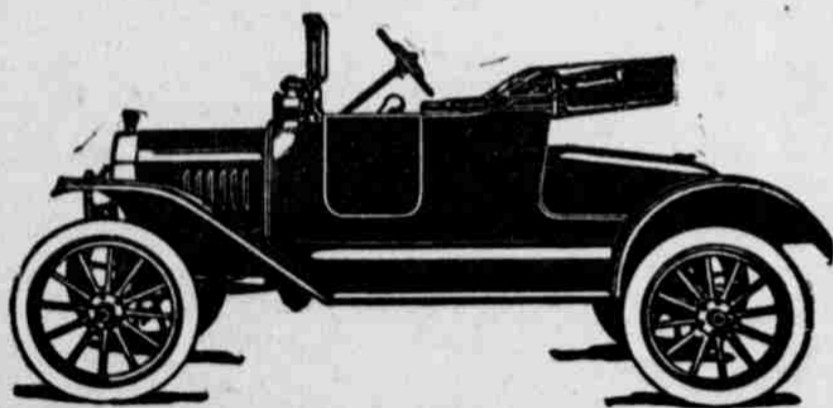


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LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 26

A LIVING SACRIFICE.

LESSON TEXT—Romans 12. GOLDEN TEXT—Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your spiritual service.—Rom. 12:1, 2.

The first 11 chapters of this letter teach and illustrate the great principles of the Christian life. Paul calls it "my Gospel." Its fundamental principle is that justification regenerates men, and nothing else. The second section is the practical application of these truths.

I. The Exhortation to Gratitude (vv. 1-2). "Therefore," because of the work of Christ on our behalf, we are to present our bodies as living sacrifices unto God, to be used for his glory and service. (See chapter 6:13, 16, 19). Paul urges, he beseeches; he is winsome, though he might command. To "present" technically means, "bring an offering to God." The body is the sum of all human faculties, physical and spiritual. It must not be defiled by being yielded as an instrument to sin, for it is the temple of God. (1 Cor. 3:16, 17). A "Living Offering," (not as the bodies of slain animals offered by Jews) is a consecration of the body, and not a destruction of life. The original means that this—the offering of ourselves as a living sacrifice—is a reasonable, rational service. God has the right of ownership of every member of our body, and there never was a day when there was greater need of insisting upon a Christianity that affects the bodies of men than today. Hands, lips, ears, eyes—every member should be constantly presented to him who purchased it by the blood of his own Son. (1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Pet. 1:18-19). This is a spiritual, religious service because it is our spirit which presents the offering of the body which he inhabits. Too many of us are "fashioned according to this age."

II. The Expression of Gratitude (vv. 3-8). Or the right use of the gifts of God. (1) Avoid "self-conceit" (vv. 3-5). These verses indicate how important this subject is. Conceit is entertaining an exaggerated opinion of one's own ability. The church has many members, and they do not all have the same office; there is a variety in the unity of the body. So in the church there are many "members in one body," each of which is important; all are essential. (2) "Prophecy" (v. 6), not necessarily foretelling, but the revelation of spiritual truth and experience according to the proportion of our faith (1's, 39:3), the living, spiritual experience of the presence of God within us. (3) "Ministry" (v. 7). The business side of the church, collecting of its money and the distribution to the poor. Some can best attend to such business. Many churches fall by not selecting wise leaders for this work. (4) "He that teacheth." The true pastor is a combined prophet, pastor and teacher. We are all teaching, whether we wish to or not. It is a privilege as well as an obligation.

III. Conduct Toward All Men (vv. 9-21). The renewed soul needs guidance, encouragement and instruction. (1) "In love" (v. 9). The hypocrite wears a mask. Notice the close connection of "abhor that which is evil" with "cleave to that which is good." The word for cleave means literally to glue it, so that nothing can separate you from love which is the supreme good. "In honor preferring one another" (v. 10). Let others carry the banner—few of us can stand this acid test. (3) "Diligent in business" (v. 11). Whatever your hands find to do, do it with your might, being fervent or boiling in spirit, the reverse of the previous exhortation, in that which we are thus to serve the Lord. Few need exhortation to be diligent in their own business, but all of us need this exhortation with regard to the "king's business." (4) "Rejoicing in hope" (v. 12). Triumphant over trials and difficulties in the way. Looking for that "blessed hope" (Titus 2:13). (5) Patience and tribulation (v. 12). The Latin "tribulum" was the threshing instrument or roller whereby the husbandman separated grain from the husk. Sorrow, distress and adversity are the means for separating men from the chaff of their lives. Sometimes small annoyances, long continued, become great tribulations. (See Joshua 24:12). (6) "Given to hospitality" (v. 13); literally, pursued it.

The word "condescend" is not strong enough—it should be literally "Borne away" from the living things along the line of the things that are humble. (8) Living peaceably with all men (v. 18); being ready for peace and to do more than your share of reconciliation. (9) Overcoming evil with good (vv. 19-21). The heaping of coals upon the enemy's head is not the object but the result of returning good for evil. (See Proverbs 25:21-22.)

The only real victory is, "Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

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THE AFTERMATH OF POLITICS

And again things are getting back to normal. Election bets have practically all been paid—the winners have spent theirs and the losers are again beginning to brighten up in countenance and in pocketbook. Everything is serene and the only thing missing is that message of congratulation from Hughes to Wilson.

Assessing candidates is the new sport. Of course it would not be good form to assess the losers, but the winners should pay and pay well—in the opinion of some of the "backrounders." It doesn't matter if the fortunate candidate was elected by the votes of the other party, or if he worked himself and his personal friends nearly to death in order to win out, the decree goes forth that he must dig and dig and dig in to the bottom of his jeans to help pay the "oxpoones" of the election. "Kept papers" and other things are naturally expensive, too, doncha know. But party leaders should not be made to tare their hare on account of lack of coin, so dig, darn you, dig, and cursed be he who cries "enuff, enuff."

Elections sometimes surprise those who think they are on the inside. This year it was one continual round of surprises to those who thought to predict, from president down, to precinct. The old-time mixers who had in the past worked so successfully by using all the old tricks found that the soup would not boil and that the keys to "combinations" would not work. Isn't it funny, Alphonse, that the voters sometimes vote as they wish and refuse to obey the edict to "cut and scratch."

Wouldn't it be nice, dearie, if the good old times were back again when things ran as smooth as a piece of ice down a lady's back or a big horse fly skating over the dome of a bald man's head, when the results of elections could be forecasted months ahead and when the "plans of mice and men" always came out just right. But it seems that the good old days are nearly gone and those who once thought themselves "the whole cheese" find that they are like the hole in the doughnut—just there and that's all.

The campaign just closed was a campaign of publicity. President Wilson owes his election to publicity and Governor Hughes his defeat to the same cause. The newspaper that is not controlled and supported by cliques or rings but that stands on its own feet is the paper that the people learn to look to for their information and guidance in political affairs. It is oftentimes a long, hard fight for a newspaper of this kind but in the end it pays the newspaper, it pays those who spend their days and nights at the desk, fighting and working to keep its light steadily burning, and it pays the community in which a newspaper of this kind is located. The Alliance Herald has received letters by the score and personal calls by the dozen since election, commending this paper on its manner of conducting itself during the campaign. And The Herald appreciates these letters and calls, it feels glad to know that its efforts for the common people are known and appreciated. True, it has had opportunities many times to throw the stinging light of merciless publicity on those who have sought to malign or intimidate it, and perhaps it would have been only just and right to show up happenings which have come to its notice, but out of kindness and pity it has refrained from doing so. However, its memory is long and it does not easily forget.

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