

God Will Be God For All That

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Text.—Thus did God render the wickedness of Abimelech—and all the evil of men of Shechem & God render upon their heads.—Judges 9:25, 26.

Our text reads, "Thus did God render the wickedness of Abimelech—and all the evil of men of Shechem did God render upon their heads."

"The mills of the gods grind slow but they grind exceedingly small." History keeps on repeating this truth. Back of all the mystery of human deeds is the ruling of a mighty hand. Abimelech learned this to his sorrow. He had gained his throne by murder and ruled with hands dyed in blood. But evil hunts for the wicked to overthrow him. One of his own number conspired for his ruin and the story of his fall by a stone hurled from a woman's hand is graphically told in this chapter. Our text merely gives the reason why: "God will be God for all that," is here sounded forth in words that can not die.

Let us learn first that God rules over all and no wrong shall ever go unpunished. All dealings with men have also their deal with God. There are three parties to every transaction, God, myself and my brother man and none can be left out. In wronging my brother I wrong God and the wrong shall not go unrequited. History repeats this story over and over. "Be sure your sin will find you out." Abimelech was no exception. The blood of his seventy brethren was crying out for vengeance. His fall was inevitable. This truth needs added emphasis today. Many are amassing wealth by means foul or fair, regardless of law either that of man or God. But there shall surely come a day of reckoning, not only from men, but God Himself shall set right every wrong. Vengeance may be slow, but it is nevertheless sure.

The crime of murder is fast on the increase. Statistics show that a large per cent of the guilty go free. But there is yet a sterner Judge from whose law no guilty one shall escape.

Then again our text shows how men reap what they sow. Abimelech had gained his throne by murdering all who stood in his way and now he falls by a murderer's hand. "He that sows to the wind shall reap the whirlwind." A life of sin must end in a life of shame. A man's conduct always comes back to him. Jacob deceived his father and in his old age he reaps the sorrow of deceit and falsehood at the hands of his eleven sons. The man who swindles to make his fortune will most surely reap loss and ruin at the swindler's hand.

Note also that God carries on His purpose despite the sin of those entrusted with power. God will still be God after all, and He is the last one with whom we must reckon. We shall not be able to foil His purpose nor thwart His plan. Our resistance shall only become our ruin. Abimelech found it so. Might could not make right and error shall not stand. That man or nation that persists in wrongdoing God shall set aside and it shall fall. We call ours a great nation and it is, but we have some grievous sins laid to our charge. Our civilization is fast leaving God out and has little regard for His eternal law. We often weigh with a false weight and sell with a false measure. Right is often changed to suit the occasion while men in high places set up false standards. Let us be sure that all this graft and greed and wrong shall become our undoing for we are dealing with God as well as with man. If we continue to resist and break His law He shall cause the destroyer to rise up in our midst, and though we fall His purpose shall go evenly on.

Then, again, I think this text clearly teaches that God will most surely care for His own. Those who trust Him shall never be forsaken. In the end our cause shall triumph because it is God's cause. Not so much it is because God is on our side, but rather because we are on the side that God upholds and makes to triumph. He will care for us though all else shall fall. Though, like Elijah, we seem all alone, God's tender care shall be our constant stay. While we trust and obey Him the cause of oil shall not fall nor shall the bread be exhausted. He shall ever keep us in the hollow of His hand.

Church Attendance.

The best preparation for life any young man can have who, from college or high school, or otherwise, enters the wider arena of the world's life is a church-going habit. Such a habit is a steady force in the young man's life, and brings him periodically into contact with the uplifting forces and sweeter influences, disseminated through the church, which go to make existence intellectually intelligible and morally worth while. Few young men will go utterly to the bad who keep up the church-going habit.—Congregationalist.

Worlds to Conquer.

Let us not be satisfied with the petty little provinces of pleasure and sin. Let us not spend our time dreaming of better things outside, but let us by faith act on noble principles and live for highest ideals. This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.—Bishop F. S. Spalding, Salt Lake City.

For the Winter



HANDSOME long coat of plush or fur, finished with shawl collar and deep cuffs of fur, leaves nothing to be desired from the point of style or comfort. It is surmounted by a round turban of satin with a velvet coronet, on which a Persian band, embroidered with gold cord and studded with mock jewels, is mounted about the crown and across the brim. When the latter shows an indentation over the left eye a stiff algrette is placed. These turbans set down over the head and are worn at a dashing and sometimes a little rakish angle, by the more youthful devotees of fashion.

Equally full of style, more adaptable to individual wearers and the perfection of comfort and convenience, is to be found in the soft velvet hats

and turbans (which might as properly be called hoods) and can only be accurately named as turban-hoods. They are not made over a frame but are supported by an interlining of some sort, warm and soft. They are lined with silk and worn far down on the head. A little fringe of curls about the forehead and neck is about all the hair that is visible with them.

A soft hat and muff of beaver cloth in mustard color, trimmed with dark brown fox fur, is shown in the second figure. The fur is bordered with old gold lace and the turban finished with two standing plumes in brown and green. This set is from the atelier of the renowned Carlier of Paris. By such clever effects the French rightly earn and keep their prestige.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

FANCY BLOUSE.



Worn with a serge or cloth skirt of the same color this blouse would look very well. It has a yoke of silk and lace ornamented with fancy buttons and loops of cord; the velveteen is arranged in flat pleats that are carried from yoke to waist; the sleeve to below elbow is of velveteen with cuff of silk, the under-sleeves of lace to match the yoke.

Materials required: 2 1/2 yards velveteen 24 inches wide, 3/4 yard silk, 3/4 yard lace.

Suede and Steel.

A gray suede bag shaped like a fleur-de-lis is most attractive in its unique cut. Its mounting is steel, plain in design, which does not interfere with the outlines of the bag, and the banding differs from that usually seen in that it is done with large instead of small beads.

They measure about an eighth of an inch in diameter and are of fine cut steel. They are used to bring out a pattern on the bag and also to outline its edges, and at the same time to sew the two sides of the bag together.

Life of Underskirts.

When making or buying a petticoat, have it two inches longer than the required length. Put in a one-inch tuck above the hem, which takes up the two inches.

When the bottom ruffle or the hem of the skirt wears, let down the tuck, cut off the ruffle or hem and hem up, and you will have a nice clean skirt again, as the bottom always wears first.

BLUE AND BROWN ARE SMART

These Are the Year's Popular Colors, the Latter Especially in its Darker Shades.

Certain colors never go out of fashion and others are doomed to a short life by the very quality that makes them popular. Navy blue is one of the colors whose popularity never seems to fluctuate from season to season, probably because it is so universally becoming. The browns are more variable, but this year they are considered extremely smart, especially in their darker shades—Kaffir, nutmeg, seal and walnut.

In fact, all the new colors are perceptibly darker. Black is the smartest color of the season, but its effect is far from being sober or somber, because it is always relieved by white or by some vivid color. It has had its effect on other colors; the smart blues are almost black, the new greens are the deep shades of tea-leaf and wintergreen; and prune is the most popular shade of purple. Black used to be kept almost entirely for older women, but dressmakers are beginning to appreciate the fact that it is not becoming unless a woman has youth, health and a good color. Even then it has to be broken with blue, green, gold, etc., to give it the life it needs.—Delinquent.

Diet and Beauty.

Diet has much to do with the condition of the pores of the face.

If food is not suited to the individual and is too rich, the system may try to throw it off by an exudation of oil through the pores. It is this which causes oily complexion, and the first step, of course, is to change the diet.

Such foods should be adopted as are nutritious, easily digested, and lacking in grease.

The list includes milk, eggs, fish, rare meats, rich apricots, beans and the like.

Thick soups, pastries and elaborate desserts should be banished, and plenty of fruit eaten.

Fresh air and careful washing of the face are, of course, necessary accompaniments of the treatment.

Carry Few Toilet Articles.

Women frequently carry many more toilet accessories than are needed. It is perfectly fair to assume that the hostess will have a dressing table equipped, or that she will possess enough pieces for the wants of her guests. Every woman wishes to carry her own brush and comb, but a hand mirror is heavy, and it is expected that one will be provided.

MADE HIS APOLOGY AMPLE

Irish Legislator Even Withdrew the Words That He Was About to Utter.

There is in congress a western representative of Celtic origin who has more than once "stirred up the animals" by his propensity to bait the opposition.

On one occasion he rose to denounce the statements made in a speech that had been delivered by a member of the other party. His impetuosity led him to phrase his remarks rather strongly.

"Order, order!" exclaimed the speaker, pounding with his gavel.

Again, in a minute or two, did the son of Erin return to his charge of wilful misstatement. Again was he called to "order."

It was a critical moment. His colleague, for motives of policy, did not wish him to be put out of the debate, so they hinted so by tugging vigorously at his coat tails.

Now, it's a very dangerous matter to trifle with the tails of an Irishman's coat, save in the cause of friendship. Nevertheless, the indignant yet good-natured member recognized the command of his party and sat down after delivering this Parthian dart:

"I obey the ruling of the house, and I beg to retract what I was about to observe!"

That one touch of Irish oratory took the whole house by storm.—Lippincott's.

HER LITTLE JOKE.



Mr. Tellitt Wright—Just then a squall came up and our boat sail was torn to ribbons.

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Easy Marks.

"Talk about yore easy marks," said Uncle Silas Gehwah, who had been passing a week in the city, "us rubes ain't in it with them air toewn chaps."

"Did yew sell 'em enny gold bricks, Silas?" queried old Daddy Squash-neck.

"Now, I didn't," answered Uncle Silas, "but I seed a feller peddin' artificial ice—hed th' sign right on his wagon—an' blamed of th' chumps didn't buy it for th' real thing, by grass!"

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