

CLEAN HANDS AND PURE HEART

The Pictorial Language of the Bible Amazes Pastor Russell.

SIGNIFICANCE OF PICTURE.

What It Is to Ascend into the Holy Hill—What is Meant by Standing in the Holy Place—Who Have the Clean Hands—What is Signified by a Soul Lifted Up to Vanity—Who Are Those of the Text Who Swear Deceitfully. The Terms and Conditions of the Divine Rewards—Christ the Great Exemplar—To Him and to His Followers the Gates of Glory Lift.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Washington, D. C., October 5.—Pastor Russell addressed the Washington Temple Congregation this afternoon from the text, "Who shall ascend into the Hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His Holy Place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart." (Psalm 24:3, 4.) He said: "The pen pictures of the Bible abound us with their clearness and forcefulness, their crispness and pointedness. We are to remember that the Prophet David was not writing with ordinary poetic license, but was stating in poetic form grand truths which he himself could not fully appreciate. St. Peter tells us this was the case with all the Prophets. He said that holy men of God spoke as they were moved of the Holy Spirit; and that the things that they wrote were intended, not for themselves, but for the Church, during this Gospel Age.

Interpreting our text in harmony with other prophecies, we perceive that the words do not refer to the literal Hill of Zion, nor to the literal Holy Place of Israel's Tabernacle. Mt. Zion typically represented the Kingdom of Messiah, and the Holy Place represented the antitypical Temple of the future, which St. Peter tells us will be the Church in glory. Christ Jesus Himself being the Chief Corner Stone.

"He That Hath Clean Hands." Now comes the question, Who shall be accounted worthy of a place in that glorious Kingdom? Who shall be accounted worthy of membership in that true Temple? The answer evidently applies primarily to the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, as the succeeding verses show. "He that hath clean hands" would signify, he who is able and willing to keep the Divine Law perfectly; secondly, he that is pure in heart, in whom there is no admixture of disloyalty or selfishness or sin—the whose heart is loyal to the core to the great Jehovah.

The Prophet David could not claim such purity of heart or cleanness of hands; nor could any one, except the Son of God, who was holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners. He alone could and did keep the Divine Law, both in letter and in spirit. He alone, therefore, was qualified to be the great King in Zion and the great antitypical Priest. In Him alone the royalty of David's line and the Priesthood, typified through Aaron, would unite, and as foretold, would constitute the new Priesthood—a Royal Priesthood, a Priesthood associating in itself the qualities of mercy, instruction, power and authority. Thus it was prophesied of Jesus, "The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent: Thou art a Priest for the Age, after the order of Melchizedek"—a reigning Priest—a Priest upon His Throne.—Psalm 110:4.

Other Tests Were Necessary. The full keeping of the Law was not all that was requisite in the great Heir of the Abrahamic Covenant. All things written by the Prophets concerning Messiah must have fulfillment in Him. And in all those prophecies God had caused to be set forth matters which would indeed be tests of the humility and loyalty of the One who would perform them. Was it not written that Messiah must be led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep, dumb before the shearers, must not open His mouth in protest? He of whom it was written, "Never man spake like this man," used His eloquence in telling of the grace and mercy of God, but not to deliver Himself from the evil machinations of His enemies, of those bent upon crucifying Him.

Mighty exalted Him, and given Him a name above every name—the name of Messiah, the King of Glory—"that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, both of things in Heaven and things in earth." Thus was fulfilled in Him the promise of verse 5, "He shall receive the blessing from Jehovah, and righteousness from the God of His salvation."

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Gates." Succeeding verses of this Psalm picture the Redeemer entering into His glorious reward, saying, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in." The ushering of Messiah into the honor and glory of the Kingdom of God, to establish righteousness in the earth, to put down rebellion and sin, and to destroy the works of the Devil, is really the ushering in of Jehovah's Kingdom, for which we pray, "Thy Kingdom come."

Jesus came not to glorify Himself, nor to do His own will, He declared, but to do the will of the Father in Heaven. All Messiah's victory will reflect glory upon Jehovah, the great Author of the wonderful Plan of Salvation; for, as St. Paul declares, all things are of the Father, and all things are by the Son.—I Corinthians 8:6.

Partakers of His Holiness. During this Gospel Age God has been selecting from amongst mankind a saintly class, energized by a similar spirit to that of the Redeemer. But, unlike the Redeemer, these are members of the sinner race. Our first thought would be that thus they would be effectually barred from participation with the Savior in His victories and coming glory. But behold the wonders of the Divine arrangement! As the Redeemer gave His life to be a Ransom-price for Adam's life and for all those who lost life through him, Divine Mercy has made a special provision whereby the followers of Jesus, who have His spirit, may be made acceptable with the Father at the present time.

This special provision for the Church is that if they consecrate their hearts, their wills, and all they possess, to do the Father's will, our Redeemer will appropriate to them the share of forgiveness and resurrection which otherwise would be theirs to enjoy and use during the Millennium. This the Scriptures designate "justification by faith"; and such, we are informed, are holy and acceptable to God.

Can They Keep the Law? From the time they are accepted of God these are treated as New Creatures, and no longer dealt with according to the flesh. With these the standards are the heart intentions, and not fleshly perfection. Of these, therefore, it is written, "The righteousness of the Law is fulfilled in us, who walk [live] not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."—Romans 8:4.

But have these the clean hands and pure hearts necessary for a place in the Kingdom? The Bible answers that these New Creatures are pure in heart—loyal to God. Otherwise they would not have been accepted of the Lord, nor begotten of the Holy Spirit. And as for their hands, their lives, the New Creature never had soiled hands of impurity and willful sin. The only imperfections these New Creatures can have are such as belong to the flesh—such as they may be unable to fully conquer. And these weaknesses and imperfections of the flesh are covered in advance, provision being made through the redeeming blood of Him who tasted death for every man—through Him "who gave Himself a Ransom for all."

What of Their Vanity? and Vows? Can it be said of the true followers of Jesus that they make such a covenant as Jesus made, and that they are able to keep it, and have not made it deceitfully? And can it be said of them that they lift not up their souls to vanity, to pride? It cannot be claimed that all who name the name of Christ, and have entered into covenant relationship with God through Him, keep their covenant faithfully. But it can be said that some do so, and such shall share with Jesus His glorious reward. These faithful ones, these overcomers, "more than conquerors," do not lift up their souls to vanity and the pride of life. They do not become followers of Satan, who said in his heart, "I will exalt myself"; but, contrariwise, they "follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth."

The Vow taken by all of the Lord's consecrated ones who receive the Holy Spirit is the same Vow which Jesus took, the same Covenant. The Master made a Covenant of Sacrifice with the Father by which He surrendered His own will, and that included everything of an earthly kind. Similarly, all whom He accepts as His sacrificers and joint-heirs enter into the same Covenant of Sacrifice, and present their bodies living sacrifices.

Alas, some, according to the Scriptures, will fail to gain the great prize, and will receive a lower blessing! Yet a sufficient number to complete the foreordained Plan has been found throughout this Gospel Age. As the Body of the Anointed One, under the Headship of the glorified Son of God, and as members of the Melchizedek order of Priesthood, those faithful to the end will receive the Divine acknowledgment and association with the Master in His Kingdom and glory. "To Him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My Throne, even as I overcame and am set down with My Father in His Throne." The promises to these, with and under their Master, include a participation in the Divine nature.—Revelation 3:21; 2 Peter 1:4.

The Principle a General One. The Divine Plan in many respects is like a telescope whose joints may be extended. We have seen how this Psalm applies primarily to our Lord

Jesus alone. We have seen the second joint in the telescope extending and making it applicable to the Church, which is the Body of Christ. Now let us extend it still further, and perceive that the principle holds in respect to humanity.

It would not be true to say that humanity will ever be offered a share with Christ and the Church on the Heavenly plane of glory. It would not be true to say that mankind in general will ever have the opportunity of entering into the same kind of Covenant that Christ and the Church now enter into—a Covenant of self-sacrifice. But it is quite true that there is to be an earthly Kingdom; and that mankind will be privileged to attain to full membership in it on conditions not very dissimilar to those terms upon which the Church become joint-heirs in the Heavenly Kingdom with their Lord.

Earthly Kingdom For Adam and His Children.

The earthly kingdom will be the kingdom which Adam lost when he became a transgressor and came under the sentence of death. This earthly kingdom, as well as the king, Adam, and all of his family, Jesus redeemed, purchased back from death and desolation. He purchased it not for Himself, for He already had the Father's promise of a better and higher, a Heavenly Kingdom. The earthly kingdom was purchased for the very purpose of restoring it to Adam and his race—to as many of them as would avail themselves of the mercy of God, to be extended to them by the Messianic Kingdom, during the thousand years when Satan will be bound, and when Christ and the Church will reign until every enemy shall be put under their feet.

As it did not please God to allow the fallen Adam to continue to be the king of earth, living in sin and degradation, a dishonor to the Creator's Empire, so it will not be pleasing to God that any shall come back into rulership under Messiah's Kingdom except such as shall have learned fully the lesson of the exceeding sinfulness of sin and the love and mercy of God in their redemption, and such as will then love righteousness and hate iniquity. All others will be destroyed as "cumberers of the ground"—as "natural brute beasts" will they be destroyed.

The Earthly Kingdom and Holy Place.

The thousand years of Messiah's Reign, then, will be for the purpose of giving to every member of the human race a full opportunity to return to God. All will be made to understand, from the least to the greatest, that by the close of Messiah's Kingdom an earthly kingdom will be established under the whole heavens, and that none may be sharers in that kingdom except such as have clean hands and pure hearts, such as will humble themselves and learn the great lessons to be learned, and not lift up their souls to pride, vanity and self-sufficiency.

All will be taught that if they would enter into that kingdom they must take upon themselves vows of obedience to the Lord. All will learn that the thousand-year period is for the testing of their faithfulness to those vows and those lessons which the glorious Messiah will bring to their attention, making them conditions of acceptance and worthiness of everlasting life as human beings in a world-wide Eden. They shall receive the blessing of Jehovah, intended from the very beginning for His earthly children. Given to Adam, but lost by him and redeemed by Jesus, this blessing will be given again to those who shall demonstrate their worthiness by their loyalty during Messiah's Kingdom. But the evil-doer, the lover of evil, the proud, the haughty and the deceitful—Covenant-breakers—will be destroyed from amongst the people.—Acts 3:23.

Clean-Handed, Pure-Hearted.

In closing, I feel inclined to press the two special features of our text, "clean hands and a pure heart." We have already admitted that as fallen, imperfect beings it is impossible for us to be absolutely clean, right, just. All the more must we strive for such a condition. The New Creature must be on the alert to scan all of life's affairs and to measure all things in life with the Golden Rule—Is it right? Is it just? Is it doing to others as I would that they should do to me? We make progress in proportion as we strive for this cleanness of hands, cleanness of conduct, righteousness. To be slack, to be indifferent, not to strive, would mean to the Lord that we were half-hearted in our love for righteousness and hatred for iniquity.

Purity of heart we have already noticed as signifying purity of intention and of motive. But the Lord has made a special provision whereby His people may indeed maintain the purity of heart and cleanness of hands in His sight, whereby they are continually reminded of the imperfection of the flesh and the need of the cleansing blood of the Savior.

However pure in our hearts, we may find weaknesses of the flesh arousing in us anger, malice, hatred, strife. These the pure in heart are to resist, remembering that these are the works of the flesh and of the Devil; and if, peradventure, in an unguarded moment any of these devilish qualities should attach themselves to us ever so briefly, we should realize that they have left a stain. It would be for us to make right with others whatever of injustice we have done, and then to go to the Lord in prayer, that we might obtain mercy and find grace to help for future times of need. Thus may the Lord's people maintain their purity of heart and cleanness of hands. Thus may they abide in the Father's Love. Thus may they fulfill the Covenant of Sacrifice. Thus may they become "meet for the inheritance of the saints in light."

REV. F. M. DULINGER NEW PASTOR AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

From Saturday's Daily. The Rev. Frank M. Durliner, who has recently been appointed to the pastorate of the First Methodist church, is a native of Indiana. He received his education for the ministry at Highland Park Theological school, and filled his first appointment as pastor in the Norfolk District of Nebraska Conference. He has remained in this district for fifteen years, having served four different churches in that time. Rev. Durliner is a man of very pleasing personality and will doubtless prove a most efficient pastor and preacher. He attributes much of his past success in the ministry to the sympathy and assistance of his wife, who, with their four sons and two daughters compose his family. Their home will be in the Methodist parsonage on South Eighth street.



Rev. F. M. Durliner.

Rev. Durliner was around yesterday meeting the business men and all who were on Main street, and wherever he visited he was received most warmly and made a very pleasant impression upon all whom he met, as he is a gentleman of very pleasing personality and charming manner with whom it is easy to become acquainted, and he will be received here with much pleasure by all citizens, regardless of creed.

OLD LADY DIES AT THE MASONIC HOME EARLY THIS MORNING

From Saturday's Daily. This morning at 5 o'clock at the Masonic Home in this city occurred the death of Mrs. Flora Goode, an aged lady, who has been making her home here since November, 1911. Mrs. Goode has been in quite poor health for some months and her death was not unexpected, as she was in quite feeble condition. She was 60 years of age and formerly resided at Indianapolis, Indiana, up to the time of her coming to Nebraska to enter the Home here, as her husband had been a member of the Masonic order in this state. The husband passed away some years ago, and after his death the widow decided to come to this city to make her home. She leaves a mother and a brother and sister residing at Indianapolis. If the relatives in the east do not desire to make other arrangements, the funeral will be held at the Home tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock and the interment made in Oak Hill cemetery.

Dance at the K. S. Hall.

There will be another pleasant social dance given at the K. S. hall on Saturday evening, October 11. The music for the occasion will be furnished by a band of "Weary Willies," who will give the most delightful strains of music for the dancers to trip the light fantastic to. A genuine good time is assured to all who attend the dance, and anyone missing it will be the loser.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to return our heartfelt thanks for the assistance shown us during the sickness of our beloved husband and father, and for the deep sympathy of our many friends in his death. Such actions of help and sympathy can never be fully repaid, but we trust that our friends will receive the same kindly treatment in their hour of grief. Mrs. S. D. Cecil and Family.

Starts on Hunting Trip.

From Saturday's Daily. E. P. Stewart, the genial and pleasant cashier at the Burlington depot, departed this morning for his vacation trip. He goes from here to Hamburg, Iowa, for a short visit and will then leave for the northwest to enjoy a short hunting trip. We can expect some very startling stories of the big game killed on the arrival home of Mr. Stewart, and a number of his friends are preparing to enjoy bear meat and other trophies of the hunt when he gets back from the wild and woolly northwest.

YOUNG MAN KICKED IN THE FACE BY A HORSE WITH FEARFUL RESULTS

From Saturday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon while Wayne Tipton, a young man employed at the farm of Philip A. Horn, southwest of this city, was driving one of the horses into the barnyard, he was kicked by the animal, and the full force of the blow received on the left side of the boy's face and the left eye entirely destroyed. The wound received by the young man was something terrible, and the face was badly torn and it required considerable work on the part of the surgeon to close the wound. He was brought to this city this morning and taken to Omaha, where he will be examined by Dr. Gifford in the hope that possibly his eye may be saved, but in the opinion of the attending physicians the sight had been entirely destroyed, but they and the friends of the lad did not have the heart to tell him that he was to lose that member, and it was left to the Omaha specialist to break the news to him. He was accompanied to Omaha by Mr. Horn and his brother, Lee Tipton, who is employed on the farm of F. J. Hennings, near the Horn farm, where the accident occurred. The two boys have been employed here about a month, and came from Knoxville, Tennessee. The accident was a most grievous one and the young man is to be pitied that he must go through life without the use of one of his eyes.

THE Q. Z. SOCIETY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MEETS AT C. C. PARMELE'S

From Friday's Daily. The Q. Z. society of the Presbyterian church held a very pleasant and profitable business meeting last evening at the home of Miss Hallie Parmele, which was attended by a large number of the membership, and a most interesting program was outlined for the coming year's work, when the society will take up the study of sociology. It had been the intention to elect the officers for the year at this meeting, but it was decided to postpone this until the next regular meeting.

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IMPROVEMENTS AT THE HOME OF THOMAS WILES

From Saturday's Daily. Another of the Plattsmouth citizens who is getting in the procession of the improvement of his property is Thomas Wiles, residing on West Locust street, who is having his residence repapered and painted throughout and the exterior has also received the touch of the painter's brush and the home further improved by the addition of a fine porch, which runs across the entire north part of the residence, and with these improvements Mr. Wiles will have one of the handsomest homes in the west part of the city, and here he and his wife can enjoy themselves with pleasure and comfort with a home that will be an object of beauty, not only to themselves, but that part of the city. Mr. Wiles is one of the most progressive of the retired farmers who have moved to this city and is constantly on the outlook for anything that will add to the section of the city where he lives.

STATE MILITIA TO BE HERE NEXT MONDAY FOR ONE WEEK SHOOT

From Friday's Daily. The preparations for the opening of the state rifle camp at the range north of this city will be started tomorrow, as Major J. M. Birker of Lincoln, who was here yesterday for a few hours, will return from the state capital and bring a number of men with him to assist in putting the range in shape for the reception of the men, who will arrive here Monday to take part in the week's shoot at the range. Major Birker will have charge of the camp and will remain here until the close of the meet a week from tomorrow.

The adjutant general was much impressed with the appearance of the range on his visit to this city last spring, and while it was impossible, on account of the work being done on the range at that time, to hold the encampment here, it was figured out by General Hall that the state rifle practice could be held here, as it is without doubt the best range in the state. The range here, which has had

extensive improvements made upon it during the past spring and summer, is situated in an ideal spot for work of this kind and the state militia will find that it is the finest range they have ever practiced over. With the Mexican situation requiring the presence of most of the troops of the Department of the Missouri along the Texas border, it is not likely the government will be able to use the range this season, but it is thought that the troops will be back here in time for practice on the range next summer.

MR. AND MRS. NOEL B. RAWLS OF BOISE, ARRIVE IN THE CITY

From Friday's Daily. Last evening Noel B. Rawls and wife and their little daughter arrived in this city from their home at Boise, Idaho, and will be here for a time visiting at the home of Mr. Rawls' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rawls. This is the first visit of Mr. Rawls back to the old home since his marriage and his host of friends were delighted to meet him and his charming wife, as well as the little Miss Rawls. Noel is at present engaged in the book and stationery business at Boise and has been very successful in his business ventures and at present has the largest establishment of its kind in the prosperous, growing city of the west, all of which will be most pleasing news to his many friends here, and there is no limit to them, as Noel is a most genial and courteous gentleman and to meet him is to be numbered among his friends. Prior to his removal to Idaho Mr. Rawls was connected with the Journal as reporter and occupied the same position on the Boise Capital-News for some time before starting into business for himself, and was most successful in this line of work.

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