

The Unveiled Vision

Sermon preached at Christian church, Lord's day evening, July 30, 1905, Elder J. Cronenberger, minister.

Text—"Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." Psalms 119:18.

In the Dresden gallery of royal gems there is a silver egg; touch a spring, it opens, disclosing a crown studded with gems; touch the crown and it opens disclosing a magnificent ring. So it is with the Bible; as we study it, we touch successive springs disclosing exhaustless treasures.

This expression of the Psalmist means literally, "Unveil thou mine eyes." The "Law" here represents the Scriptures. To the unveiled vision of the believer the Word of God represents ever increasing revelations of beauty, richer than the gems from any royal gallery. The human mind delights in wondrous things. There certainly are wondrous things in God's Word, things challenging our highest admiration, things hard to be understood, things overawing us with sublimity, things unfathomable in love and grace. There are wonders of God, of His love, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth. There are wonders of man; of his ruin and his rescue. There are wonders of redemption; "Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out."

To these wonders the natural man is blinded.—It is not a lack of natural capacity, but sin and selfishness and carnality veil the vision. The eye exists but it sees not clearly. We are naturally blind to the true beauties of God and His Word and to the highest virtues of religion. Much that is in fact intellectually known by us is not spiritually apprehended or appreciated. We have read of a little boy that was born blind. An operation was performed, and the light let in slowly. One day his mother led him out into the yard and uncovered his eyes. For the first time he saw the earth, the flowers and the sky. "Oh mother!" he cried, "why didn't you tell me it was so beautiful?" she burst into tears, and said, "I tried to tell you dear, but you could not understand." So it is when we try to tell what is in the Bible, unless the spiritual vision is opened they cannot understand.

Some things that veil the eyes.—There are many who care nothing for God's Word. They see no beauty in it if they should desire it. And there are causes many times deliberately encouraged by them, that only aggravate their spiritual blindness.

One of these is neglect.—The fish in Mammoth cave lost their eyes by not using them. Some people so seldom look into God's Word that they lose all aptitude for seeing the beauty it contains.

Another cause is prejudice.—Some people are so prejudiced against God's Word that they never for one moment even give it candid attention. Their eyes are blinded by prejudice.

Another cause is intellectual pride.—The Bible can not reveal itself to the one who thinks he knows more than God does, and are not willing in a teachable spirit to hear Him speak. God hides these things from the self-thought, wise and prudent, and reveals them unto babes. Matt. 11:25.

Another cause is indulgence in sin.—Permitted sin gradually draws a veil over the eyes. The veil becomes darker and darker until all light is shut out. "How great is that darkness."

God Himself is the physician to whom we should appeal.—"Open thou mine eyes." He is the oculist to whom we should go. If our eyes be abnormal, or diseased of vision, we can not treat ourselves, for it takes the well eye to examine it and operate upon it. As the blind man

met Christ in the way he cried out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy upon us! Lord, that I may receive my sight!" So should we take up the prayer of the Psalmist and call out of our spiritual blindness, "Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

Some of the wondrous things to be seen.—To the unveiled vision what beauty there is to be seen in God's Word. To the heart in touch with God every page is a letter of love and beauty. We have read of a young lady who bought a book of beautiful binding; she read a few pages, but she was not interested in it. Some months after a young man came into the neighborhood and gave some lectures; a tender friendship sprang up, ripening into love and betrothal. He was the author; the book was no longer dull, but every page and line full of life and beauty. Every sentence had a charm for her heart. Love was the interpreter. That book can be said to be the Word of God; the Author Jesus by His Holy Spirit.

To those who do not know God, His Word may seem dry and uninteresting, but to those who know and love Him, every page becomes a casket of jewels. Like a letter of love, quickening the heart-throbs, and filling the soul with rapture and with fresh and holy resolve.

WIRELESS MESSAGES.

Every institution is either reputable or disreputable, according as people see it.

When a business man begins to complain about competition, it is time for his creditors to present their bills.

A millionaire is doubtless a powerful man in his way, but he cannot put brains where nature decreed there should be none.

One young fellow declared that the street fair was a flat failure because there were no Peanut Sisters with the company.

The street fair people do not own the only high dive on earth. From what we can learn, there are dives on the top floor of many a sky scraper along Stone street.

It is better to be the plain, ordinary, plug citizen of a town, than to be the mayor thereof and have the ordinary plug citizens making fun of you behind your back.

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Notice to Creditors.

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, in the matter of the Estate of Jacob Nofsgaard deceased.

It is ordered by the court that the time limit for creditors to file claims against said Estate is sixteen days from the date of July 15, 1905, and all claims not filed in this court, duly verified, on or before said last named date, will be forever barred. Ordered further that all claims filed against said Estate, which are not filed in this court, in the county court room, in the court house in Falls City, in said county, September 15th, November 15th, 1905, and January 15th, 1906.

By order of the court dated July 15, 1905.
J. R. WILSON,
Judge.

WHY OPALS ARE COSTLY.

Perfect Gems Must Be Bright and Without Streaks or Spots—Cutting Is Important.

Veins of opals are usually met with in soft formations, where nothing above ground indicates their presence. The search for them, therefore, often requires considerable time. But it is not extremely difficult, for opals are generally found near the surface. Indeed, it was thought for a long time that they were not to be found as deep as 12 feet below the surface. This opinion has, however, given way in the light of evidence, because opals of great value have been discovered at a depth of 50 feet, says the Jeweler's Circular.

The value of opals depends upon several considerations, of which the principal one is the color. It is important that they should be bright and not present streaks or spots alternating with uncolored substance. The most valuable are those which have red fires or mixtures of red, yellow, blue and green. Opals of a single tint are of little value, unless the tint is particularly striking and the figure beautiful. Indeed, one of the essential qualities of the opal is the arrangement of the figure, which sets off strikingly the hue of the stone.

When the figure is quite regular and distinct it is the more valuable, much less so when the grain is quite small and irregular. Sometimes the color appears as a single blaze or with figures irregularly spaced. It may then be of a fine ruby red and is much sought after, but oftenest the uniform tint is only green or reddish, and has but little brilliancy to speak of.

The cutting is important for the opal; thus a thick stone will be much less beautiful than a thin one, which, on losing part of its volume, loses also the figure. The foundation tint contributes much to the beauty. It ought to be transparent, slightly milky, and harmonize fully with the different reflections of the opal, which when it is really beautiful, presents a variety of hues infinitely pleasing to the eye.

ANCIENT ROME VS. PARIS.

When the Eternal City Was the World's Art Center—Necessity to Education.

There was a time when Rome was the world's art center. No artist's education was considered complete unless he spent some time in that city, declares Century. There was always to be found there a coterie of strong men, many of them famous, in whose society the tyro might mingle and gain much by the companionship. That day has gone by, however, and a change has taken place. Paris has usurped the prerogative of the old city, and it is to her that the world now turns for new ideas of art. The Italian galleries remain, the masterpieces hang in their accustomed places, the sky is as blue, the air as soft, and the outlook as lovely; but the glory of Roman art life has departed. The humanity that gave the art impetus, the interest to the student, has taken it self from the Seven Hills to the peaceful Seine, where it flourishes in the wilder, more luxuriant growth, nurtured by the hothouse forcing of fin-de-siecle ideas, untrammeled by convention or tradition. For good or bad—and the judgment must be left to the reader—the fact remains that to-day Paris is the hub about which the wheel of art revolves.

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He Didn't Make a Sale.

Lady (in shoe store) — Show me some slippers, please.

New Clerk—Yes, ma'am. What number?

"Two."

"Yes, I know you want two of them; but what size—sixes or sevens?"—Chicago Daily News.

Salem Interstate Chautauqua

AUGUST 12 to 20, 1905

DeWITT MILLER

That reliable old time favorite, Dr. Jehu Dewit Miller will lecture at the Salem Assembly the opening Sunday, August 13th, at 2:30 P. M. Subject: "Self-Sufficiency of the Republic." Again on Monday August 14th at 2:30 P. M. Subject: "The Reveries of a Bachelor." Dr. Miller never fails to please and always gives the most profound something to think about.

DR. MATT S. HUGHES

Dr. Matt S. Hughes will give one of his polished lectures Saturday August 19 at 2:30 P. M. Subject: "The Evolution of Woman" On the closing Sunday, August 20, at 2:30 P. M. his subject will be: "The Dimensions of Life." It is unnecessary to tell those who heard him two years ago at our Assembly, that Dr. Hughes is unsurpassed as a public speaker.

If you want a program or a tent, write to

W. P. Shildneck, Secy.,

Salem, Neb.

State Fair News.

The educational exhibit at the State Fair, September 4th to 8th, will occupy three times the space heretofore allotted to the schools of the state. Five times the usual amount is offered in prizes, eight hundred and twenty dollars worth of prizes and ninety two diplomas being offered. Of the total 721 prizes, twenty-six are general two hundred and nineteen are for town and city schools and four hundred and seventy-six are exclusively for rural schools. Colleges also come in for prizes, and individual work has not been overlooked.

The schools have a gardening department which show school and home gardening by pupils of the public schools, gardening by teachers in the summer normal schools. An exhibit will be made from the five junior normal schools.

SPECIAL FEATURES.

A model rural school will occupy the center space opposite the south entrance. This will be up-to-date in seating, lighting, heating, blackboards, map charts, libraries, wall finishing, decoration, desks, etc. Work of pupils will be on exhibition as in an ideal rural school, and in charge of the room will be a model teacher, who will explain to visitors any features exhibited.

A school teacher made of Rock county grasses will be in position to keep an eye on all who enter, and a school boy made of York county corn products will be present every day.

Box Butte county will illustrate her products of horses, cattle and potatoes by figures made of potatoes, and Perkins county will be on hand with the "stag of life" represented by the cactus plant as trained in the west to furnish food for hogs, cattle and horses.

The Lincoln city schools will have in operation a section of their cooking school, where pupils will be instructed in and perform the regular work of the school.

The following countries have to date reserved space for a county exhibit: Boone, Box Butte, Buffalo



Corn Plasters

Price, 10c.

THE KING PHARMACY

be School Day. A speaker of national reputation will give an address. Plans will be made to entertain and care for school children. Excursions will be run from all localities where a sufficient number of persons become interested.

It is urged that the schools do not commence until Monday, September 11th, in order that both teachers and children who desire may attend the fair and take advantage of the educational exhibit.

Deputy Superintendent E. C. Bishop, State House, Lincoln, will have charge of the exhibit arrangements. Write to him for any desired information.

Ruth, the daughter of E. N. Dewey, of Agnewville, Va., was seriously ill of cholera infantum last summer. "We gave her up and did not expect her to live from one hour to another," he says. "I happened to think of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and got a bottle of it from the store. In five hours I saw a change for the better. We kept on giving it and before she had taken the half of one small bottle she was well." This remedy is for sale at Kerr's drug store.

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Burlington Route**TIME TABLE**

Falls City, Neb.

Lincoln Omaha Chicago St. Joseph Kansas City St. Louis and all points east and south San Francisco and all points west.

TRAIN LEAVE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 42. Portland St. Louis Special, St. Joseph, Kansas City, St. Louis and all points east and south..... 7:20 p m

No. 13. Vestibuled express, daily, Denver and all points west and northwest..... 1:25 a m

No. 14. Vestibuled express, daily, St. Joe, Kansas City, St. Louis and all points east and south..... 7:45 a m

No. 15. Vestibuled express, daily, Denver, and all points west and northwest..... 1:28 p m

No. 16. Vestibuled express daily, St. Joe, Kansas City, St. Louis and points east and south..... 4:25 p m

No. 20. Local express daily Atchison and points south and west.... 4:35 p m

No. 41. St. Louis-Portland Special, Lincoln, Helena, Tacoma and Portland without change..... 10:07 p m

No. 115. Local accommodation, daily except Sunday, Salem, Nemaha and Nebraska City..... 11:15 p m

Sleeping, dining and reclining chair cars (seats free) on through trains. Tickets sold and baggage checked to any point in the States or Canada. For information, time tables, maps and tickets, call on or write to G. Stewart, Agent, Falls City, Neb., or J. Francis, G. P. & T. A., Omaha.

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Time Table, Falls City, Neb.**NORTH**

No. 105 Omaha and Lincoln Express..... A 1:57 a m

No. 103 Omaha and Lincoln passenger..... A 1:00 p m

No. 191 Local Freight, Auburn..... A 1:00 p m

SOUTH

No. 106 Kansas City and St. Louis and Denver..... A 3:10 a m

No. 108 Kansas City and St. Louis and Denver..... A 1:25 p m

No. 192 Local, Atchison..... 10:30 a m

No. 164 Stock Freight, Hiawatha..... A 10:20 p m

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