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SOME REASONS WHY ONE SHOULD BE SANCTIFIED
By Elbert Dodd

It seems that holy people should be able to give "a reason of the hope that is in you," especially when the unsanctified ask for Bible reasons pointing to the experience. Surely then, we should be ready to give a sensible answer, and the most sensible answers that I have found are found in the Bible. We are living in a time when, if we are not careful, we as holiness people and also preachers will take for granted that people know all about why one should be sanctified, and we will fail to tell them in our printed pages and in our testimonies. It should be the central theme of every holiness preacher's messages, and so today I want to give to you some scriptural reasons why one should be sanctified wholly by the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire.

This experience is called a clean heart, a pure heart, perfect love, Baptism with the Holy Spirit, indwelling of the Spirit, the second benefit, holiness, and sanctification. Scripture identifying many of these names can properly be used in presenting the facts of sanctification.

First of all, one should be sanctified because God commands it. "Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." (I Peter 1:16) While in Ephesians 5:18 and II Corinthians 7:1 we are commanded to have it. In Ephesians 5:18, "And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." II Corinthians 7:1, "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the: fear of God." And then in I Thessalonians 4:7 it reads, "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness." In Hebrews 12:14 Paul tells us in plain language, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

Again, one should be sanctified because Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." in John 17:17, and in I Thessalonians 5:23 Paul lifted up his voice in prayer, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly."

Again, one must be sanctified if he is to have eternal happiness: Hebrews 12:14, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Matthew 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Psalms 24:3-5, "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; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation."

And then one must be sanctified if he is going to be ready at the coming of the Lord back to this world again. In I Thessalonians 5:3, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." Thank God, He has promised us that He will sanctify us and make us ready for the coming of the Lord. Then if we will read the 25th chapter of Matthew and the parable of the virgins we will find that the wise virgins took oil in their vessels with their lamps. This oil is a type of the Holy Ghost and is a type of holiness; therefore, we must have oil in our vessels with our lamp when the shout is made, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh," if we expect to go out to meet him. And if you will read the 22nd chapter of Matthew beginning at the 11th verse, "And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment." This wedding garment of course is holiness. "And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping, and gnashing of teeth." This scripture plainly teaches us that one should be sanctified if he expects to make it into the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

Then, last, one should be sanctified if he is going to live the right kind of a life here in this world on this celestial globe. It will take holiness to keep us from sin. Holiness will keep one from sin; holiness will purify the heart; clean the mind, set one's feet on the solid rock, fill him with divine love, and make him happy. Why shouldn't we sing it and shout it and testify to it? Why shouldn't we tell our neighbors and friends that this is the only way, the only hope, and the only door into Heaven? Thank God today for holiness! Holiness is God's way to Heaven, the only way to Heaven, and we must not only, if we have the experience, stay on this way ourselves; but let's do all in our power to get others on this way.

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THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

By Lowell L. Foster

Some have asked why the Bible Missionary Church does not use the International Sunday School Outlines. The answer is, We do not want any connection with the National Council of Churches or the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. This version (perversion) is copyrighted by the National (Federal) , Council of Churches. If you are familiar with the copyright laws, you

understand that all who use this Bible in Sunday School Quarterly, or in any way, are paying a royalty into the coffers of the modernistic National Council of Churches. Under copyright law, they can sue a person at any time for using portions without their permission. So now we have reached a time when a Church Council controls a Bible translation, and before you use it, you must pay tribute to that Council!

If you are in doubt as to what this Council is and always has been, we give you some information from the following reports: May 5, 1927 a report of the Military Intelligences Association, to its membership, in which charges were made and information given concerning the Federal (National) Council's support of the Communist Movement in China, etc. includes the followings: "We charge that the Federal (National) Council of Churches of Christ in America, meddles loosely in international questions and that it plays either wittingly or unwittingly, squarely into the hands of the Communist Internationale -- The World Revolutionist." In 1935 the U. S. Naval Intelligence cited the Federal (National) Council of Churches in America as "A large, radical, pacifist organization." It reported that "It probably represents twenty millions of Protestants in the U. S. A. However, its leadership consists of a small, radical group which dictates its policies. It is always extremely active in any matters against national defense." (Congressional Record, August 17, 1935). Is the NCC behind "Ban the Bomb?"

The purposes and practices of the Council became unacceptable to 176 of the 200 Protestant denominations in the U. S. A. about 1940. But powerful leaders kept most from actually severing relations, and in time, "good old gullible American Joe" swallowed hard and accepted it.

Thirty-four Protestant and Orthodox denominations belong to the National Council of Churches. There are forty other denominations who "partly belong" or are "half-members" of the Council. I was curious about the "Status Quo" of these forty, so I wrote to the National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. I have an answer dated, June 29, 1961. Following is one of the two main paragraphs.

"Specifically answering your question as to the 40 other denominations may I state that these 40 while not holding membership in our PLENARY or GOVERNING BODY DO HOLD ONE OR MORE MEMBERSHIPS IN OUR SEVERAL DIVISIONS AND MAJOR DEPARTMENTS." (The next paragraph cites several examples of these "Fence-Straddlers.") Then the letter lists the Divisions and Major Departments. "Division of Christian Education; Division of Christian Life and Work; Division of Foreign Missions; Division of Home Missions; General Department of United Church Men and of Women; Department of Evangelism; Church World Service and Broadcasting and Film Commission. "A list of the denominations related to the National Council of Churches OFFICIALLY THROUGH MAJOR UNITS is attached. In the years ahead many of these communions will take full membership in our plenary body if present unit relations continue and grow normally."

Included in this list of "Officially Related Denominations" are the following Holiness Churches: Church of God, Anderson, Ind., Church of the Nazarene; Friends; Mennonite Brethren Church; Free Methodist Church; Wesleyan Methodist; and the Salvation Army.

How is this Council financed? 61% contributed by denominations, 12% in form of gifts by individuals, 1% from investments, 26% from sales of Council materials. (This means every Revised Standard Version you buy, every quote in Sunday School Quarterly from the R. S. V. you use and any service from any of the different departments that your church may use, you are helping to enlarge the treasury of this "radical pacifist organization." Jesus said, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (Matt. 6:24) Adam Clarke wrote: "The company a man keeps is not an indifferent thing: it will either be the means of his salvation or destruction." (Comment on Genesis 14)

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THE DIFFERENCE IN EVIL SPEAKING AND TRUE WARNINGS

By Rev. W. M. Tidwell

In Eccl. 3:7 we read, "There is a time to keep silence and a time to speak." The problem of when to speak and when not to speak is a problem with which we are continuously confronted. To speak when we should not is often a sin and to fail to speak when we should is likewise a sin. Two kinds of sins, omission and commission.

Some feel it is always wrong to reveal sin. This is untrue. To expose sin and evil principles in order to save people from wreckage and damnation is not evil speaking. But how are we to know? By the motive. If the motive is selfish and a desire to harm some one we dislike, we know that is evil speaking. If it is done in order to save some one from the wicked, slanderous tongue of some talebearer that is not wrong but right. ___

Now we give a few Bible references of evil speaking. Prov. 26: 20, "Where no wood is the fire goeth out: so where no talebearer the strife ceaseth." Then Prov. 18:8, "The words of the talebearer are as wounds that go down into the innermost parts of the belly." Then in Prov. 6:16t9, God catalogues a fearful list of the things He abominates, closing with these words, "And he that soweth discord among brethren." Then James declares, "The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity." Jesus locates the origin of all of this, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." The conversation is a sure index to the heart.

Thus we learn that while malicious speaking is horrible and will damn in Hell, that to divulge a secret in order to save some innocent soul is not evil speaking but it is right. NOW SOME EXAMPLES First, Mordecai. Much of the Book of Esther is given to this. When that wicked Haman concocted a murderous plot to slay all the Jews it was known to Mordecai. What did he do? Did he hold his peace concluding, as many insist, that to reveal it would be evil speaking? Never.

He made it known to Queen Esther and thereby saved himself, the Queen and all the Jews. Was he an evil speaker? No. Just had good sense and good religion.

Second, Paul's Nephew. Acts 23:12-24. There was a wicked plot among more than 40 Jews who had bound themselves together under a fearful oath that they would not eat or drink until they had murdered Paul. But when Paul's nephew learned of this he made it known to Paul. Then

Paul had this young man taken to the Chief Captain and revealed to him who delivered Paul out of their hands. Thus divulging that treacherous plot was not evil speaking, but saved Paul's life.

Then we learn there is a place for rebuke in the church which is not evil speaking. Paul said, "Them that sin rebuke before all that others may fear." I Tim. 5: 20. Again we find that Paul wrote to his son Timothy and warned him against that traducer Alexander. He said to Timothy, "Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil and greatly withstood my words, the Lord reward him according to his works." (II Tim. 4:14). The Lord will do just that.

Then we glance at Absalom the kisser." All this is found in II Sam. 15. Absalom murdered his brother Amnon and then fled to Geshur where he remained for some time. Finally through the cunning subtlety of Joab he was permitted to come home. Doubtless he was brought home too soon. Matthew Henry thinks he had treachery in his heart a long time to usurp the throne and kingdom of his Father David. Finally the time was ripe for this. We doubt if there is an example in all history that equals this cunning plot. He stood by the gate and when one came with a matter to be judged Absalom would say, "Your cause is just and right." Flattery, which is plain lying. If he were made judge, you would get your due. The Bible says, "Absalom stole the hearts of the people." Then the next verse says, "After 40 years" he went to his father and asked permission to go to Hebron to pay a vow he had made while there in exile. Doubtless the indulgent father was happy at the thought of his son doing something religious. While treachery had been in his heart for a long, long time, this kissing episode was the climax.

But now the rebellion breaks out in full blast, and we read the people increased toward Absalom. David had been their faithful King so long, but now this proud, wicked, subtle, treacherous Absalom appears and they forsake their old and true friend for him. Many a time we have seen this. Then we read how artful this traitor was. He secures 200 of David's special friends in Jerusalem. To have David's friends with him would add support to his rebellion. It is said, "These men went in their simplicity. They knew not any thing." Gullible! Pitiful! How often will "The hearts of the simple" be thus deceived. Often have we seen good, but gullible people deceived and led to destruction; but for one to seek to disillusion them and thereby save them, one is accused of "Evil Speaking." But one of David's friends, learning of this murderous plot and revealing it to David may have saved his life, and the lives of many others. No, this messenger was not a talebearer.

But now the most striking example of all -- Gedaliah. When the king of Babylon took the Jews captive and carried them to Babylon he left many of the poor of the land and made Gedaliah governor over them. Gedaliah set up headquarters at Mizpah and Jews from many lands came unto him and great progress was being made. But there was a man named Ishmael (Not the Brother of Isaac of course) who, it seems became jealous, and sought to betray Gedaliah. This was known by Johanan, who was loyal, at that time, and came to Gedaliah and informed him of the murderous plot of Ishmael, but poor, gullible Gedaliah did not believe him. Johanan himself proposed to slay Ishmael but Gedaliah said, "Never." Gedaliah said, "Untrue, thou speakest falsely." Johanan wanted to help him but he would not let him. Only a few days later Ishmael, with a number of men, came and wickedly slew Gedaliah and all the Jews that were with him. Too bad, if he had only listened. Then a few days later some men came bringing a present to Gedaliah, and Ishmael said,

"come into Gedaliah," when he had already murdered Gedaliah and cast him into the pit. Thus he deceived them and slew them.

Horrible, but was Johanan an evil speaker when he came to warn Gedaliah? If Gedaliah had listened he would have saved his life and all with him. I have known of some, when one came to reveal something to them to say, "Shut up," and pride themselves in this. I would not want to listen to slanderers, but I am to be courteous, until I was sure, lest I should "Play-the fool."

We read that on one occasion here that "Ishmael went forth weeping. "He put on a Weeping Show." God takes note of genuine tears, but He abominates crocodile tears. Some folk can turn on the tears, when they will deceive, just like turning on the water spigot. Lord give us wisdom to differentiate between the real and the spurious tears. Many are thus deceived. Several times in our little ministry we have exposed some deceivers in order to save souls from destruction and Hell. There are some who think this evil speaking, but we do not think so.

Now a final word: It seems that Ishmael and Johanan, at the beginning of Gedaliah's work, were true leaders. But soon we notice the treachery of Ishmael, probably the leading man, one on whom Gedaliah relied. Then after the death of Gedaliah, and the prophet Jeremiah was directing affairs, some, and among them Johanan, felt it was better to go to Egypt. To this faithful Jeremiah protested, but in spite of all his warnings they went and perhaps carried Jeremiah bodily. Here Johanan became a traitor. You can never tell. The two leaders of this new setup turned traitors. We have known this in a denomination and also in congregations. Those upon whom you rely most become traitors. Not only do they become bitter, but do not leave a stone unturned and many, in their simplicity, not knowing anything will go with them. When Arnold betrayed Washington, in that trying hour, Washington said, "Whom can we trust now?"

Then the saddest of all is to find vacillation among the people. They said in substance, "When we were back in the old days and burned incense to the Queen of heaven (The Sun to them was the King and the Moon the Queen), when we worshipped the moon, we had plenty but now since we have come out and ceased to do this we have been in great distress." Vacillation. They remembered the onions, the leeks, the cucumbers and the garlic. "Then Jeremiah rebuked them for the very thought of going back into idolatry, but carnality is dangerous. May the Good Lord give us grace and sense enough not to engage in or give countenance to evil speaking, but at the same time, sufficient discernment to accept true warnings in order to save ourselves and others from destruction and maybe damnation."

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THE CHURCH IN THE WILDERNESS

Willard Jones

The term "the church in the wilderness" is found in Acts 7:38. This is exactly where the professing church is today -- IN THE WILDERNESS. O what an awful state to be caught in over any long length of time.

First let us notice! They were going in circles. Going in the same direction and about in the same manner. O God wake us up should be our prayer. How many even so called holiness churches have been going in circles and accomplishing little or nothing; set in their same little rut or custom. We should chart our course true in the same direction but it should be in a straight course toward Canaan and Heaven. In this manner we do not make progress. I remember some years ago when as a student at God's Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio, I was young, new and with another student got lost. I said to the young fellow, "I'll take you back" but after traveling some blocks we arrived back in the same place we had started. This somewhat reminds me of some churches or would remind you of some people. They go it seems, but always wind up at the same place they have started. This is generally we could say to many in the wilderness. "The wilderness 'of SIN." It is terrible to expend effort and work so hard only to wind back up in the same place, in the place of discouragement and defeat. I know of churches or denominations that have made little or no progress. What can be wrong? It appears that they are still wandering in the wilderness of defeat. It may be the lack of good leadership or just being plain lazy or it could be like the children of Israel, that of disobedience. May God stir us.

What causes things to go into circles? SIN. What sins did Israel have in that day which is or was the type of the church today. Let us take a look to see what might have been the trouble. They began to murmur and complain after they got out of Egypt saying it would have been better if they serve the Egyptians, (Ex. 14:12) than to die in the wilderness. They forgot their prospect of Canaan Land. O how like some who start and then complain and say, "I wish I'd never got mixed up with this crowd, I'd been better off in the world or the old formal dead church." They just can not stand a little suffering or persecution. Thank God, there are some who will stick it out in the thick or thin of the battle. No wonder the church doesn't make progress with the old chronic complainers and backbiters in the churches today. God rid us of such and if they won't pray through and line up with God they will quit professing and get out.

Then we have the crowd that is the social crowd, the dancing, playing crowd. They never seem to want to fast and pray but are forever it seems wanting to have a good time of feasting and playing. They are great to try to get ball games together and some social event. They cater to looseness of morality. The Israelites got to playing and then dancing then they got into the nude business. Isn't that the condition of the churches today. They start by compromising on the sleeve and dress length then after while wearing shorts and women wearing men-like apparel. America, if it continues it looks like will run the streets completely naked. Already allowing nudist camps. A preacher preaching against such like shown in a Cincinnati theater in Cincinnati was arrested and fined because he cried out against such. The statement in regard to this is: "God made nature and there is nothing wrong with nature." Backslidden church members finally agree with this. Already they are going with mixed groups to the bathing beaches and wearing shorts. God wake up a pale, deathly, deceiving, apostate people to see there is wrong in our day.

Then there is idol worship. They bowed down to the golden calf. IDOL WORSHIP. What is that? Bowing down to wood and metal and stone images? Yes, and what are some of the idols of even the Protestants. T.V. Oh yes, night after night all the corruption they can get it seems some delight in. Hollywood via the downtown or Drive-in is wrong but some seem to think that if shown on T.V. it would be different. What's the difference in God's sight. Other idols: home, automobile, clothes, looks, goods, any of these things can become idols. People neglect the spiritual to work on

home or shine automobile even to working on Sunday, the Lord's day. Wife or husband or children or boy or girl friend can become an object of idol-worship. The devil is so smart and shrewd he will try any means. The prayer meeting is the test of the strength of the church, not the Sunday School. We are in the wilderness in the church world not because of lack of methods but because of worldliness, complaining, idol worship, long tongue gossip. God help us and bring a mighty revival lest we as a church perish in the wilderness as the children of Israel did.

Then they were rebellious of Moses, but most of all of God. "I don't like the way that preacher preaches. It's none of his business the way I act or live." Did you ever hear any thing like that before? "I don't have to go through all that to be a Christian: I don't have to be that strict." "I'm not going to pull of my ring for them or tear up my T.V. or wear long sleeves for anybody," The old carnal rebellious "heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked who can know it." "I can preach as good as that guy." "I ought to be the pastor of this church." Isn't that strange, I would think God has the power to make them the head instead of Moses or the appointed leader. O the rebellious hearts we have today in the churches! We need an old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival to clean out things today.

Then they went against God's chosen leadership. O how many times people went against a Godly pastor, mother or father and suffered because of it. They fought against Moses and were destroyed, Korah and his followers were swept into hell. The earth opened up and they literally went down into hell. May people realize the scripture states: "Touch not mine anointed and do my prophets no harm." DANGER HERE. Watch out how you treat God's men. How many times have people fought against a Godly pastor and sought his being put out of his office and then suffered later because of it. The same could be true of a District Moderator or a General leader who are trying to hold the line and have people live as they should. Whenever we go against God given leadership we will be the loser and in the end if we fail to repent we will at last lose our souls in hell.

They talked against God's man. O how the tongue a little member set on fire of hell. The tongue has wrecked homes, churches, broken hearts and caused grief that should never have happened and provoked the wrath of Almighty God. Some years ago it was said of a certain pastor who was a soul winner and he was getting the job done, a certain deacon killed his influence without investigating a suspicion which was not true as he thought causing the pastor to leave and ruining his ministry it seemed in that place. The church in the wilderness has no milk and honey in Canaan and they are dissatisfied with their diet even manna from God. The church needs to move out of the wilderness and get over into Canaan. Glory to God there is a crowd who have gotten out of the wilderness "Come over into Canaan" should be our cry where the grapes of Eschol grow and where you will find honey in the rock and also milk in abundance.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE
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INFLUENCE

The day was warm and sunny. Robbie pulled his old straw hat farther down over his forehead to shield his eyes from the sun's bright glare. He sat tall and erect on the hard wagon seat, the reins held loosely between his chubby fingers. Pet and Bill, the big white, broad backed horses kept a slow even pace, the clatter of their newly shod feet making a melodic 'clip, clop, clip clop' sound. Robbie cast a warm, affectionate glance at his grandfather whose thoughts seemed to be roving the fields like the many pretty butterflies and rabbits. He noticed a trace of a smile play across Grandpa's kind face as he carelessly chewed on the end of a straw.

"A penny for your thoughts, Grandpa," Robbie finally ventured.

"My thoughts! Ah! Yes! Now let me see," the soft spoken old man said gently.

"First, I was thinking how great my God is to make these beautiful fields of waving grain, the velvety green hayfields and the many brightly colored butterflies. Then I was just musing to myself about you Robbie."

"Me, Grandpa?" asked the lad. "Yes, you son. If you keep going like you are now you'll make a great preacher of Holiness some day."

"But, Grandpa," began Robbie, "I... I... really don't intend to be a preacher I want to be a farmer like you, and have big, fine horses to work with and a wagon full of grain and... "

"Maybe so," Grandpa quickly interrupted. "But we must always be subject to God's will for our life. Don't get too many plans and ambitions of your own but ask the Lord to lead you and direct your life. He may have something different and greater for you. Our life is not our own, son. We've been bought with a very dear price -- even the shed blood of Jesus Christ -- and we must be as pliable in His hands as was that clay you were playing with this morning. You made marbles, walls and bridges out of it, Robbie. Maybe the Lord will make you a farmer but maybe He needs you to be a real old-fashioned Holiness preacher too when you're grown."

"I'll be anything He wants me to be," said the sober faced boy as he looked lovingly at the two big horses he was driving.

"That's the spirit! Now look to your right and you'll see the stream that turns Mr. Miller's big water wheel at the mill," said Grandpa.

Robbie cast a long, wistful glance in the direction of the stream and as they rode up beside it he pulled gently on the lines and said "Whoa," whereupon the obedient and well trained horses came to an abrupt halt.

"May I listen for just a little bit, Grandpa?" he asked.

"Of course you may. In fact, we'll both listen. Seems to make you realize just how big a God we're serving when you get out close to nature," the elderly man said hoarsely as a tear of gratitude flowed carelessly down his sun tanned cheek and dropped lightly to his callused hands.

For a long time the pair watched and listened as the silvery ribbon of stream gurgled, laughed and rippled in and out among the rocks. A mountain trout did a graceful performance as it fed on the flies and gnats that flew just above the water. A huge dragon fly darted here and there like some mechanical toy, then finally came to rest on top of one of the gray rocks that stood above the water.

"He looks for the world like a little airplane. Doesn't he, Grandpa?" Robbie asked as he pointed to the dragon fly on the rock.

"Yes, he does," Grandpa replied. "He'll not harm you so you've nothing to fear. This is so peaceful! I love to listen to the gurgling of the brooks and streams. The Lord made all things good and beautiful until sin entered this world by way of Eve disobeying God, then things changed quite a bit."

"I wish Adam and Eve would never have sinned. Robbie said thoughtfully as he watched a piece of driftwood float swiftly down stream toward the waterfall.

"It would be quite a different story if sin hadn't entered into the picture, my son," Grandpa said tearfully. "And now perhaps we'd best be on our way or the mill will be crowded with farmers wanting their grain ground."

The last mile or two seemed to Robbie to be the most beautiful stretch of road he had ever been over. On either side of the narrow, dusty road grew towering pine, giant fir and oak trees. The air was cool and pine scented and he heard the melodic song of the wood thrush as he sang to his mate somewhere off to his left, while the stream's gentle murmuring gradually grew louder and louder as it went roaring over the falls near the old mill.

Grandpa tied the stately team of horses to the hitching post near the big doorway of the mill. Together the Miller and Grandpa unloaded the coarse, brown sacks of golden wheat and corn. As Robbie entered the dusty mill, a sweet, tantalizing fragrance lingered everywhere.

"What is it, Grandpa? That good smell in here?" he asked.

"That's the sweet smell of the crushed and ground grain, dear child," Grandpa said as he placed a loving hand on the slim shoulders of the lad.

"You know, son," he continued, "the grain must be crushed, then ground fine before you notice that wonderful odor. It works the same in our life. There's full of sweetness within us but many times it takes sickness, sorrow and heartaches to crush us and bring out the sweetness that's within our life. The dear Lord Jesus only allows enough of these crushings to bring out the sweetest fragrances that are within us."

Robbie thought seriously for a long while, then in a barely audible voice he said hoarsely, "I see, Grandpa! I want my life to be like that."

He watched eagerly as the Miller emptied the bags of golden grain into a big hopper, then pulled the switch on a machine which ground the grain into flour for Grandma's bread and cakes. He had just gone outside to stand in the doorway where he could watch the giant paddles on the water wheel as it caught the laughing, silvery water that spilled loudly over the falls and turned the mammoth wheel 'round and 'round when he heard a loud rattle, clatter, and noise. Coming 'round the bend in the road he saw the old community fire truck. The men riding it shouted:

"Fire! Fire! Fire over at Kuppy's farm! Help! Fire!"

The Miller and all the farmers heard the familiar loud clanging and banging, then the shouting, and everyone rushed to the doorway -- pushing, shoving and bumping into each other. The Miller's clothes and hair, his face and hands, were all covered with white flour dust and Robbie soon found all the farmers and himself covered with white flour dust as the Miller pushed his way through the crowd of men to the front of the group shouting:

"Assemble yourselves. We must all go to Kuppy's to help fight that fire! We will leave things in charge of Grandfather Cool here and his young grandson. Turn off the main machinery," he ordered, "and tell the farmers as they come what's happened. I'll be back as soon as I can." Then slapping Robbie and Grandpa an understanding affectionate slap on the shoulders he raced after the already receding farmers, his dust showering Robbie's small form and leaving him with two bright eyes looking out upon his white hands and clothes.

"Grandpa! Look!" Robbie began. "I'm dusty like the Miller, and my eyes feel pasty and funny. Look at my clothes! They're all dusty and white too! When he slapped me his dust flew all over me." Then turning suddenly to Grandpa he burst out laughing--

"Grandpa! Grandpa I Why . . . you're a real miller today! You're all dusty and white too. You're full of the Miller's flour dust. Wait until Grandma sees us!" and he laughed so hard the tears rolled down his dusty cheeks making white flour rivers. Grandpa walked calmly over to the main switch and pulled it, putting off all the machinery. Putting a big, gentle hand on his grandson's shoulders, he said:

"Robbie, let's sit on the big flat rock over near the water wheel. I have something to say to you."

Together the pair seated themselves on the big, gray rock where they had a commanding view of the valley at the bottom of the hill.

The old log mill to their left stood stoutly and firmly -- constructed a century or more ago of stout logs and beams. A building that, could it speak, would have told of great revivals had in the small country church, and of the sorrows and joys of hard working men.

The big water wheel made a continuous 'splash, splash, splash, splash' sound as it turned 'round and 'round. A soft mist, coming from the huge wheel sprayed gently over Robbie and Grandpa as they sat watching and listening. After some time of silence, Grandpa said:

"Robbie, you're a great and fine grandson! I'm really glad you're Grandma's and mine! Your life is much like the miller's, though, son."

"My . . . life? Like . . . his?" Robbie asked slowly and thoughtfully. "How, Grandpa? I'm not a miller, I . . . I'd like to be a farmer, but will be anything Jesus wants me to be," he said again.

"The Bible says 'No man liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself.' In other words, we're all influencing someone whether we're aware of it or not; someone is watching you, Robbie. Your life is either being a blessing or a curse to someone, and, like the miller who covered you over with flour in his haste and excitement, you are influencing someone by your life, your behavior and your example. The miller didn't realize he was dusting all of us with flour when he touched us; all he thought of was helping Mr. Kuppy out, and, in his haste he left a lot of his dust upon our clothes: Now this will wash out in Grandma's washing machine, but your influence upon others will never be able to be washed out. That's why it pays to live always for Jesus and to keep your heart and life clean and pure. You'll be able to influence someone -- maybe many souls -- to get saved and make it home to Heaven. If you live for the devil and sin, you'll take many with you, by your life, to. Hell. Yes, son," the white-haired man said soberly, "this flour dust will wash out clean in the washing machine, but our influence, never! never! Let's be determined always to lead others toward Heaven and Jesus by being a godly influence and example."

"Oh! Grandpa," Robbie said misty-eyed, "you make me feel so much like a soldier."

"We're all soldiers in Jesus' great Army, son," said Grandpa, "and may God always make you a great influential soldier for Him."

"I will, Grandpa! I promise you, I will! I want to be a soul winner for Jesus."

Robbie and Grandpa walked silently away from the water wheel to the mill -- the sun glistening brightly upon the silvery haired man and a thoughtful, sun tanned youth. The latter had a look of fixed determination in his eyes. His influence would be as stout and enduring for Christ as was the old, antique mill!

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LIFTED HANDS A SYMBOL OF THE CRUCIFIED

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The Bible abounds with many symbols of the atonement made by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. These are held dear to our hearts, and we appreciate every one. However, in my thinking today I would like to limit myself to those ,taking the form of the Christ, while on the cross.

While on the cross Jesus was stretched out with His hands lifted to the Father. His weight hanging somewhat on the spikes. God the Father looked upon His Son in that position. Do you think that He shall ever forget? I think not. It was His only Son giving His life for the lost. How could God forget? It was one of the greatest days in the history of this world. Great because God's Son

was giving. Great because lost humanity was receiving. Great because of the gift with its present and eternal value.

But let us leave that for another thought. Have you noticed that when a person is blessed, there is a tendency to lift the hands heaven-ward? I have watched this in the different services. Just the other night after an earnest time of prayer one stood looking up to the Father with hands lifted in an attitude of praise and thanksgiving. The soul drinking of His fullness. It was while in this position that Jesus said, "It is finished." The victory was won, the atonement made. It is no wonder God takes notice of it in His children.

Paul the apostle to the Gentiles said in 1 Tim. 2:8: "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." David too seems to have had the same idea, for we read in Psalm 63:4, "Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name." Also Psalm 134:2, "Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord." And again, Psalm 141:2, "Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice." There was something sacred about the evening sacrifice. It had a since of communion carried over from the garden, where Adam and Eve met with the Lord in the cool of the day (evening). After Pentecost, Peter and John went to the temple to pray at the ninth hour of the day. Acts 3:1. "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." Heb. 13:15-16. If God was pleased with the evening sacrifice, he might also be pleased with David's lifted hands.

God gave victory to the army of Israel while Moses was on the mountain with his hands raised. While his hands were lifted Israel prevailed, but when his hands were heavy and by his side Amalek prevailed. Ex. 17:8-15. Amalek was the sworn enemy of God, just as sin is today. I believe God wants His people to have the victory over sin. Thank God we do have, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Now let us notice, that Jesus who bought this great victory for us, as He was giving Himself on the cross, also surrendered His will, to the will of the Father in the garden. "Not my will but thine, be done." Luke 22:42. Have you noticed how much easier it is for the sinner to pray through, and get to God when he comes in the position of the Christ. When the soul in need comes to God in Jesus name, with faith in the shed blood, a yielded will, with heart and hands lifted to the Father, it is not long as a rule until they have the victory.

The Father remembering the death of His only Son for the sinner and taking the sinner's place as a sacrifice making an atonement once and for all, in mercy forgives. May we never lose the sense of His presence, the joy and victory, the freedom of the Holy Spirit, from our midst.

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