

DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

The Need of the Age.

"O thou that art named the house of Jacob, is the spirit of the Lord straitened? are these His doings? do not my words do good to him that walketh uprightly?"—MICAH 2:7.

BRETHREN, what a stern rebuke to the people of Israel is contained in the title with which the prophet addressed them. "O thou that art named the house of Jacob!"

UNPOPULAR PROPHETS. I. I think we may consider these words to have been spoken to denounce those who would control the Spirit of God.

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THE IDOLS OF MANY. Brethren, let me ask you, do you imagine that the Gospel is a nose of wax which can be shaped to suit the face of each succeeding age?

THE WORST FOES OF THE TRUTH are not infidels, but false professors. These men called themselves God's people, and yet fought against His Spirit.

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accusations against the Holy Spirit of God. Read the text again: "O thou that art named the house of Jacob, is the spirit of the Lord straitened? are these His doings?"

THE CONDITION OF THE WORLD. After the gospel has been in it nearly two thousand years, see how small a part of it is enlightened, how many cling to their idols, how much of vice, and error, and poverty, and misery are to be found in the world!

SCARCELY ANY CONVERSIONS from the beginning of the year to the end of it. This is all granted, and granted with great regret; but "is the Spirit of the Lord straitened; are these His doings?"

A WANT OF POWER largely manifested by individual saints. Where are now the men who can go up to the top of Carmel and cover the heavens with clouds?

THOSE WHO TRUST IN THE SPIRIT of the Lord. My brethren, let us this morning with joy remember that the Spirit of the Lord is not straitened.

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face Jezebel; can find a man to confront the adversaries to-day. Brethren, the great truth now before us may prevent our being dismayed by the PECULIAR CHARACTER OF THE AGE in which we live!

NO UNUSUAL THING with those who exercise themselves in that form of service; but is the Spirit of the Lord straitened? Cannot he save the woman that was a sinner? Cannot he create a surpassing love to Jesus in her forgiven spirit?

WATCH FOR HIS COMING who will bring her deliverance. Amid apparent helplessness the church is rich in secret succors.

THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING after better things. I hope that in this audience there are many who are desiring to be at peace with God through Jesus Christ.

LIFE IN A LIGHTHOUSE. I am like the good man and his wife who had kept a lighthouse for years. A visitor who came to see the lighthouse, looking out from the window over the waste of waters, asked the good woman, "Are you not afraid of a night when the storm is out and the big waves dash right over the lantern?"

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outlived all that. Even so it is with me: "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him against that day."

CONCLUSION. Just a hint to you. The words of God do good to those who walk uprightly. If they do no good to you, may it not be that you are walking crookedly?

SIDE-SADDLES. An Argument to Show That Their Use Ought to be Abandoned. The use of side-saddles is said to have been commenced in England about the year 1388, in the reign of Richard II.

THE SKIRTS OF THE HABITS are often caught on the crutch or pommel, if riders are thrown, and the latter are then liable to be dragged along the ground.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON. SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 1887. Joseph and His Father. LESSON TEXT. (Gen. 47: 1-12). LESSON PLAN. TOPIC OF THE QUARTER: Bondage and Deliverance.

DAILY HOME READINGS: M.—Gen. 47: 1-12. The delivered a benefactor. T.—Gen. 45: 16-28. Good news for Jacob. W.—Gen. 46: 1-7, 28-34. Jacob meets Joseph.

I. APPROACHING THE KING: Then Joseph went in and told Pharaoh (1). He shaved himself, and came in unto Pharaoh (Gen. 41: 14).

II. PRESENTED TO THE KING: He took five men, and presented them to Pharaoh (2). Joseph brought in... his father, and set him before Pharaoh (Gen. 47: 7).

III. KINDLY INQUIRY: Pharaoh said, "What is your occupation?" (3). Pharaoh... shall say, "What is your occupation?" (Gen. 46: 33).

IV. THE FATHER HONORED: Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh (7). I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? (Gen. 45: 3).

V. THE FAMILY NOURISHED: Joseph nourished... all his father's household (12). They... were fruitful and multiplied exceedingly (Gen. 47: 27).

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He maketh me to lie down in green pastures (Psa. 23: 2). He... shall go in and go out, and shall find pasture (John 10: 9).

LESSON BIBLE READING. HONORING PARENTS. I. THE DUTY ENFORCED: By God's command (Exod. 20: 12; Matt. 15: 4).

LESSON SURROUNDINGS. The last lesson related Joseph's affecting disclosure of himself to his brethren. The discovery was pleasing to the king of Egypt, who at once professed a home to the whole family of the patriarch.

CONDIMENTS. While condiments are of very little benefit as articles of food, yet they play an important part in stimulating digestion, and as factors in producing nerve force.

CONDIMENTS are very seldom given proper attention in the sick room. The patient is usually allowed to use them without a stint, whereas much benefit may be obtained by their judicious use.

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