

DR TALMAGE'S SERMON:

How to Conquer.

"When shall I awake, I will seek it yet again." Prov. 2:5.

With an insight into human nature such as no other man ever reached, Solomon, in my text, sketches the mental operations of one who, having stepped aside from the path of rectitude, desires to return.

Our libraries are adorned with young men, pointing out to them all the dangers and perils of life—complete maps of the voyage, showing all the rocks, the quicksands, the shoals.

That is a field comparatively untouched. I propose to address myself this evening to such. There are those in this audience who, with every passion of their agonized soul, are ready to hear this discussion.

The next thing in the way of your return is the power of evil habits. I know there are those who say it is very easy for them to give up evil habits. I do not believe them.

Now, let a man be advised by his physician to give up the use of tobacco. He goes around not knowing what to do with himself.

Habit is a task-master; as long as we obey it, it does not chastise us; but let us resist, and we find we are to be lashed with scorpion whips.

coming down through the rapids, and through the awful night of temptation, toward the eternal plunge.

Suppose a man, after five or ten or twenty years of evil doing, resolves to do right. Why all the forces of darkness are allied against him.

How many there are who resolve on a better life, and say: "When shall I awake?" but, seized on by their old habit, cry: "I will try it once more: I will seek it yet again!"

Desiring to reform, he says: "Now I will shake off my old associates, and I will find a Christian companionship."

THE YOUNG MAN, DISGUSTED, chilled, throws himself on his dignity, resolved he will never enter into the house of God again.

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WE SAY OF SOME MAN, he lives a mile or two from the church, or half a mile from the church. There are people in our crowded cities who live a thousand miles from church.

Gather up all the energies of body, mind, and soul, and appealing to God for success, declare, this day, everlasting war against all drink, habits, all gambling practices, all houses of sin.

THE OLD FARM-HOUSE AT NIGHT no candle is lighted, for the flames clap hands about the great backlog, and shake the shadow of the group up and down the wall. Father and mother sit there for half an hour, saying nothing.

I wonder what they are thinking off! After a while the father breaks the silence and says: "Well, I wonder where our boy is in town to-night?"

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

SUNDAY AUGUST 11, 1890.

Samuel's Farewell Address. LESSON TEXT.

TOPIC OF THE QUARTER: Obedience and Disobedience.

LESSON TOPIC: Obedience Urged.

GOLDEN TEXT: Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart.

DAILY HOME READINGS: M.—1 Sam. 12: 1-15. Obedience urged.

W.—1 Sam. 12: 16-25. Obedience urged.

T.—Exod. 14: 13-31. Victory through obedience.

F.—Deut. 10: 12-22. Obedience urged.

S.—Rom. 2: 1-13. Obedience weighed.

S.—1 John 3: 1-10. True obedience.

LESSON ANALYSIS. I. Obedience Illustrated.

I. The Venerable Leader: And now, behold... I am old and grayheaded.

II. The Spotless Life: Whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed?

III. The Emphatic Commendation: Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us.

IV. The Fearful Warning: Behold, I have hearkened... and have made a king over you.

V. The Final Lesson: Forget the Lord their God.

VI. The Grievous Cry: They cried unto the Lord, and said, We have sinned.

VII. The Reward of Obedience: If ye will... both ye and also the king... well (14).

VIII. The Penalty of Disobedience: If ye will obey... ye shall be a peculiar treasure.

IX. The Blessing of Obedience: Blessing, if ye shall hearken (Deut. 10: 12).

X. The Warning of Disobedience: Harken unto my voice, and I will be your God (Jer. 7: 23).

Reliable Formulas. This prescription will be found invaluable in many instances. It is a fever mixture for children.

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UPON THEM THAT... obey not, ... wrath (Rom. 2: 8).

VENGEANCE... to them that obey not (2 Thess. 1: 8).

I. "The Lord sent... and delivered you." (1) Whom the Lord sent; (2) From what the Lord delivered.

II. "Ye will fear the Lord, and serve him... well." (1) The secret of well-doing; (2) The reward of well-doing.

III. "Then shall the hand of the Lord be against you." (1) Why displayed; (2) How displayed; (3) When displayed.

LESSON BIBLE READING. GOODLY FEAR. God's object (Isa. 8: 13; Luke 12: 5).

God's instrument (Jer. 32: 38-40). Truth is instrument (Prov. 2: 3-5).

The beginning of wisdom (Prov. 1: 7; 9: 10).

It is clean (Isa. 19: 9). It antagonizes evil (Prov. 8: 13; 16: 6).

Compensates for poverty (Prov. 15: 16; 22: 4). Tendeth to life (Prov. 19: 23).

LESSON SURROUNDINGS. The prophet Samuel privately anointed Saul before parting from him.

According to the Septuagint (see Rev. Ver. marg. 1 Sam. 10: 27).—Nahash the Ammonite attacked Jabesh-Gilead.

Walking in all the ordinances of the Lord blameless (Luke 1: 6).

Not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing (Eph. 5: 27). Holy, guileless, undefiled.

Well done, good and faithful servant (Matt. 25: 21). She hath done what she could.

"Behold, I have hearkened... and have made a king over you." (1) Samuel's demand; (2) Samuel's command.

"I have walked before you from my youth unto this day." Samuel's career: (1) From his youth; (2) Before the people; (3) To old age.

"Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us." (1) A nation's testimony; (2) A unanimous verdict; (3) An honorable acquittal.

IV. A Grievous Cry: They cried unto the Lord, and said, We have sinned (10). Esau cried with an exceeding great and bitter cry.

V. The Final Lesson: Forget the Lord their God. They forgot the Lord their God (9). Beware lest thou forget the Lord (Deut. 6: 12).

VI. The Reward of Obedience: If ye will... both ye and also the king... well (14). Blessing, if ye shall hearken (Deut. 10: 12).

VII. The Penalty of Disobedience: If ye will not... then shall the hand of the Lord be against you (15). So shall ye perish.

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