

THE FIGHT ON SATAN

Dr. Talmage Says We Have Lost Many of the Weapons.

A Warning to the Christian Church to Protect Itself Against the Assaults of Unrighteousness and Unbelief.

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Washington, Feb. 4. In this discourse Dr. Talmage shows how the cause of righteousness has lost many of its weapons and how they are to be recaptured and put into effective operation: text, I. Samuel xliii., 19-21: "Now there is no smith found throughout all the land of Israel, for the Philistines said: Let the Hebrews make their swords or spears. But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coultter, and his ax, and his mattock. Yet they had a file for the mattock, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goods."

What a galling subjugation for the Israelites! The Philistines had carried off all the blacksmiths and torn down all the blacksmiths' shops and abolished the blacksmiths' trade in the land of Israel. The Philistines would not even allow these parties to work their valuable mines of brass and iron, nor might they make any swords or spears. There were only two swords left in all the land. Yea, these Philistines went on until they had taken all the grindstones from the land of Israel, so that if an Israelitish farmer wanted to sharpen his plow or his ax he had to go over to the garrison of the Philistines to get it done. There was only one sharpening instrument left in the land, and that was a file, the farmers and mechanics having nothing to whet up the coultter, and the goad, and the pickaxe, save a single file. Industry was hindered and work practically disgraced. The great idea of these Philistines was to keep the Israelites unarmed. They might get iron out of the hills to make swords of, but they would not have any blacksmiths to weld this iron. If they got the iron welded, they would have no grindstones on which to bring the instruments of agriculture or the military weapons up to an edge.

Oh, you poor, weaponless Israelites, reduced to a file, how I pity you! But these Philistines were not forever to keep their heel on the neck of God's children. Jonathan, in his hands and knees, climbs up a great rock, beyond which were the Philistines, and his armor bearer, on his hands and knees, climbs up the same rock, and these two men, with their own swords, hew to pieces the Philistines, the Lord throwing a great terror upon them. So it was then; so it is now. Two men of God on their knees mightier than a Philistine host on their feet!

I learn, first, from this subject, that it is dangerous for the church of God to allow its weapons to stay in the hands of its enemies. These Israelites might again and again have obtained a supply of swords and weapons, as, for instance, when they took the spoils of the Ammonites, but these Israelites seemed content to have no swords, no spears, no blacksmiths, no grindstones, no active iron mines, until it was too late for them to make any resistance. I see the farmers tugging along with their pickaxes and plow, and I say: "Where are you going with these things?" They say: "Oh, we are going to the garrison of the Philistines to get these things sharpened." I say: "You foolish men, why don't you sharpen them at home?" "Oh," they say, "the blacksmiths' shops are all torn down, and we have nothing left us but a file."

So it is in the church of Jesus Christ to-day. We are too willing to give up our weapons to the enemy. The world boasts that it has gobbled up the schools and colleges and the arts and the sciences and the literature and the printing press. Infidelity is making a mighty attempt to get all our weapons in its hand, and then to keep them. You know it is making this boast all the time, and after awhile, when the great battle between sin and righteousness has opened, if we do not look out we will be as badly off as these Israelites, without any sharpening instruments. I call upon the superintendents of literary institutions to see to it that the men who go into the classrooms to stand beside the Leyden jars and the electric batteries and the microscopes and telescopes be children of God, not Philistines.

The Tyndalean thinkers of our times are trying to get all the intellectual weapons in their own grasp. We want scientific Christians to capture the science, and scholarly Christians to capture the scholarship, and philosophic Christians to capture the philosophy, and lecturing Christians to take back the lecturing platform. We want to send out against Schenkel and Strauss and Renan a Theodore Christlieb of Bonn and against the infidel scientists of to-day a God-worshipping Silliman and Hitchcock and Agassiz. We want to capture all the philosophical apparatus and swing around the telescopes on the swivel until through them we can see the morning star of the Redeemer and with mineralogical hammer discover the Rock of Ages and amid the flora of all realms find the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley. We want some one able to expound the first chapter of Genesis, bring to it the geology and the astronomy of the world until, as Job suggested, "the stones of the fields shall be in league" with the truth, and the stars in their course shall fight against Siera. Oh, church of God, go out and recapture these weapons!

Let men of God go out and take possession of the platform. Let any printing presses that have been captured

by the enemy be recaptured for God and the reporters, and the typesetters, and the editors, and the publishers swear allegiance to the Lord God of truth. Ah, my friend, that day must come, and if the great body of Christian men have not the faith, or the courage, or the consecration to do it, then let some Jonathan on his busy hands and on his praying knees climb up on the rock of Hindrance and in the name of the Lord God of Israel slash to pieces these literary Philistines! If these men will not be converted to God, then they must be overthrown.

Again, I learn from the subject what a large amount of the church's resources is actually hidden and buried and undeveloped. The Bible intimates that that was a very rich land, this land of Israel. It says: "The stones are iron, and out of the hills thou shalt dig brass," and yet hundreds and thousands of dollars' worth of this metal was kept under the hills. Well, this is the difficulty with the church of God at this day. Its talent is not developed. If one-half of its energy could be brought out, it might take the public iniquities of the day by the throat and make them bite the dust. If human eloquence were consecrated to the Lord Jesus Christ, it would in a few years persuade this whole earth to surrender to God. There is enough undeveloped energy in this city to bring all the United States to Christ—enough of undeveloped Christian energy in the United States to bring the whole world to Christ, but it is buried under strata of indifference and under whole mountains of sloth. Now, is it not time for the mining to begin, and the pickaxes to plunge, and for this buried metal to be brought out and put into the furnaces and be turned into howitzers and carbines for the Lord's host?

The vast majority of Christians in this day are useless. The most of the Lord's battalion belong to the reserve corps. The most of the crew are asleep in the hammocks. The most of the metal is under the hills. Oh, is it not time for the church of God to rouse up and understand that we want all the wealth enlisted for Christ's sake? I like the nickname that the English soldiers gave to Blucher, the commander. They called him "Old Forward." We have had enough retreats in the church of Christ; let us have a glorious advance. And I say to you as the general said when his troops were affrighted—rising up in his stirrups, his hair flying in the wind, he lifted up his voice until 20,000 troops heard him crying out: "Forward, the whole line!" We want all the laymen enlisted. Ministers are numerically too small. They do the best they can. They are the most overworked class on earth. Many of them die of dyspepsia because they cannot get the right kind of food to eat, or getting the right kind, are so worried that they take it down in chunks. They die from early and late exposure.

If a novelist or a historian publishes one book a year, he is considered industrious, but every faithful pastor must originate enough thought for three or four volumes a year. Ministers receive enough calls in a year from men who have maps and medicines and lightning rods and pictures to sell to exhaust their vitality. They are bored with agents of all sorts. They are set in drafts at funerals and poisoned by the unventilated rooms of invalids and waited upon by committees who want addresses made until life becomes a burden to bear. It is not hard study that makes ministers look pale. It is the infinity of interruptions and bohemisms to which they are subjected. Numerically too small! It is no more the work of the pulpit to convert and save the world than it is the work of the pew. If men go to ruin, there will be as much blood on your skirts as on mine.

Let us quit this grand farce of trying to save the world by a few clergymen, and let all hands lay hold of the work. Give us, in all our churches, two or three aroused and qualified men and women to help. In most churches to-day five or ten men are compelled to do all the work. A vast majority of churches are at their wits' end how to carry on a prayer meeting if the minister is not there, when there ought to be enough pent up energy and religious force to make a meeting go on with such power that the minister would never be missed. The church stands working the pumps of a few ministerial cisterns until the buckets are dry and choked, while there are thousands of fountains from which might be dipped up the waters of eternal life. Before you and I have the sod pressing our eyelids we will, under God, decide whether our children shall grow up amid the accursed surroundings of vice and shame or come to an inheritance of righteousness. Long, loud, bitter, will be the curse that scorches our grave if holding within the church to-day enough men and women to save the city we act the coward and the drone.

Again, I learn from this subject that we sometimes do well to take advantage of the world's grindstones. These Israelites were reduced to a file, and so they went over to the garrison of the Philistines to get their axes and their goods and their plows sharpened. The Bible distinctly states it—the text which I read at the beginning of the service—that they had no other instruments now with which to do this work, and the Israelites did right when they went over to the Philistines to use their grindstones. My friends, is it not right for us to employ the world's grindstones? If there be art, if there be logic, if there be business faculty on the other side, let us go over and employ it for Christ's sake. The fact is we fight with too dull weapons and we work with too dull implements. We hack and we maul when we ought to make a clean stroke. Let us go over among sharp business men and among sharp literary men and find out what their tact is and then transfer it to the cause of Christ. If they have science and art, it will do us good to rub against it.

In other words, let us employ the world's grindstones. We will listen to their music, and we will watch their acumen, and we will use their grindstones and we will borrow their philosophical apparatus to make our experiments, and we will borrow their printing presses to publish our Bibles, and we will borrow their rail trains to carry our Christian literature, and we will borrow their ships to transport our missionaries. That was what made Paul such a master in his day. He not only got all the learning he could get of Dr. Gamaliel, but afterward, standing on Mars hill and in crowded throngs, quoted their poetry and grasped their logic and wielded their eloquence and employed their mythology until Dionysius the Areopagite learned in the schools of Athens and Heliopolis, went down under his tremendous powers.

That was what gave Thomas Chalmers his power in his day. He conquered the world's astronomy and compelled it to ring out the wisdom and greatness of the Lord, until, for the second time, the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy. That was what gave to Jonathan Edwards his influence in his day. He conquered the world's metaphysics and forced it into the service of God, until not only the old meeting house at Northampton, Mass., but all Christendom, felt thrilled by his Christian power. Well, now, my friends, we all have tools of Christian power. Do not let them lose their edges. We want no rusty blades in this fight. We want no coultter that cannot rip up the glebe. We want no goad that cannot start the lazy team. Let us get the very best grindstones we can find, though they be in possession of the Philistines, compelling them to turn the crank while we bear down with all our might on the swift revolving wheel, until all our energies and faculties shall be brought up to a bright, keen, sharp, glittering edge.

I learn from this subject what a sad thing it is when the church of God loses its metal! These Philistines saw that if they could only get all the metallic weapons out of the hands of the Israelites, all would be well, and therefore they took the swords and the spears. They did not want them to have a single metallic weapon. When the metal of the Israelites was gone, their strength was gone. This is the trouble with the church of God to-day. It is surrendering its courage. It has not enough metal. How seldom is it that you see a man taking his position in pew or in pulpit or in a religious society and holding that position against all oppression, and all trial, and all persecution, and all criticism. The church of God to-day wants more backbone, more defiance, more consecrated bravery, more metal. How often you see a man start out in some good enterprise, and as the first blast of opposition he has collapsed, and all his courage gone, forgetting the fact that if a man is right all the opposition of the earth pounding away at him cannot do him any permanent damage. It is only when a man is wrong that he can be damaged. Why, God is going to vindicate His truth, and He is going to stand by you, my friends, in every effort you make for Christ's cause and the salvation of men.

Go forth in the service of Christ and do your whole duty. You have one sphere. I have another sphere. "The Lord of Hosts is with us, and the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah." We want more of the determination of Jonathan. I do not suppose he was a very wonderful man, but he got on his knees and clambered up the rock, and with the help of his armor bearer he hewed down the Philistines, and a man of very ordinary intellect attainments on his knees can storm anything for God and for the truth. We want something of the determination of the general who went into the war and as he entered his first battle his knees knocked together, his physical courage not quite up to his moral courage, and he looked down at his knees and said: "Ah, if you knew where I am going to take you you would shake worse than that!"

There is only one question for you to ask and for me to ask: What does God want me to do? Where is the field? Where is the work? Where is the anvil? Where is the prayer meeting? Where is the pulpit? And finding out what God wants us to do, go ahead and do it, all the energies of our body, mind and soul enlisted in the undertaking. Oh, my brethren, we have but little time in which to fight for God! You will be dead soon. Put in the Christian cause every energy that God gives you. "What thy hand findeth to do do it with all thy might, for there is neither wisdom nor device in the grave," whither we are all hastening. Opportunities of usefulness gone forever, souls that might have been benefited three months ago never again coming under our Christian influence. Oh, is it not high time that we awake out of sleep?

Church of God, lift up your head at the coming victory! The Philistines will go down, and the Israelites will go up. We are on the winning side. I think just now the King's horses are being hooked up to the chariot, and when He does ride down the sky there will be such a hosanna among His friends and such a wailing among His enemies as will make the earth tremble and the heavens sing. I see now the plumes of the Lord's cavalymen tossing in the air. The archangel blows the trumpet, and then he will put his golden lips to his own, and he will blow the long, loud blast that will make all the nations free. Clap your hands, all ye people! Hark! I hear the falling thrones and the dashing down of demoralized iniquities. "Halleluia, the Lord God omnipotent reigneth! Halleluia, the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord Jesus Christ!"

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LATEST MOVEMENTS IN THE CAMPAIGN.

A Full Summary of the Transvaal War News—Progress of the Conflict From Day to Day—The British Encouraged.

The British Government is preparing to equip a military force of more than half a million men to prosecute the South African war and for the defence of the United Kingdom. The navy is said to be in good condition, but if any defects should be found to exist they will be speedily rectified.

Lord Roberts has arrived at the Modder River camp. The Boers apparently are preparing for a battle near Kimberley and are bringing down guns from Mafeking. It is reported from Durban that Jonker, with 6,000 men, will deliver a flank attack on Buller's army.

The reports received in London from Boer sources which are not confirmed by the War Office, state that General Buller's third attempt to relieve White's garrison has failed and that the army, after sharp fighting, has recrossed the Tugela river and taken up its old position. Another advance, it is intimated, cannot hope to prove successful unless Buller's forces are strengthened, and this cannot be done at once. Meantime the situation at Ladysmith grows more critical, and an attack on the feeble garrison is expected.

A Parliamentary paper in London estimates that \$55,000,000 additional will be required for the war expenses of the year ending March 31.

With the fresh additions to the British forces in South Africa, soon to be made, Lord Roberts will have an army of effective men in the field, numbering 194,000.

General Roberts has sanctioned the formation of the new colonial yeomanry, consisting of a troop of 100 men for each district of the colony, to protect loyal farmers.

The American hospital ship Maine, filled with wounded British soldiers, has reached Cape Town from Durban.

The British steamer Magician has cleared from New Orleans for Cape Town with 1,000 mules for the British government.

The silence which has prevailed for several days as to the situation in South Africa has been broken in London by the announcement that the British advance for the relief of Ladysmith was begun on Monday by Buller's army, which crossed the Tugela on that day. Furious fighting followed, in which artillery and infantry were engaged on both sides. The British advance has since continued, the forces, strengthened by troops from Cape Colony, numbering about 30,000. The campaign is being personally directed by Lord Roberts and Kitchener.

A large number of Britons residing in Berlin, under the age of 30, have received orders calling them home for military service.

A Berlin despatch says Dr. Leyds leaves very much dissatisfied because of the refusal of Emperor William to receive him. He expects to go to St. Petersburg.

It is reported in London from Washington that the good offices of the United States will be offered to terminate the war in South Africa. No word has been received from Buller's forces, but Methuen's troops are showing activity in the west. Lord Roberts has invited the Boers to go out into the desert, and offers to restore their farms when hostilities cease. Firing at Ladysmith continues.

The Transvaal special war tax of two shillings and six pence per acre affects 3,500,000 acres of English-owned land, a part of which is not worth more than the tax.

MOLINEUX CONVICTED

But Each Inch of Path to Death Will Be Contested.

Roland B. Molineux was convicted of murder in the first degree in New York, Feb. 10th, the jurors voting ten for conviction and two blanks on the first ballot. The verdict startled the community, as the opinion was broadcast that notwithstanding the incriminating circumstances there remained a reasonable doubt of guilt. George Gordon Battle, Molineux's lawyer, said he confidently expected the Court of Appeals to set aside the verdict. It is argued that all evidence relating to the death of Henry C. Barnett should have been excluded.

General Molineux visited his son in the Tombs Sunday, and had a consultation with his counsel. All concerned have kept up their courage and deny the possibility that the young man will die in the electric chair. In any event, the appeal will cause a delay for long months.

David N. Carvalho, handwriting expert for the defence, said if he had been called to the witness stand he would have testified, as Mr. Osborne predicted, that the poison package addressed, the "H. Cornish" and the "H. C. Barnett" letters were in the same handwriting, and that Cornish did not write them. He would, however, have said that Molineux was not their author.

CASUALTIES.

Three children of Joseph Sema, ranging in age from 5 to 9 years, were drowned Sunday night in Sandy Creek, at Snow Shoe, Pa.

A fast freight and the Metropolitan branch accommodation train met in a rear-end collision Feb. 8 at Ford River switch, seven miles south of Escanaba, Mich. Baggage-master Hill and Brakeman Dillon were killed, and Miss Seymour, of Shafter, received injuries from which she died. The dead bodies of three unknown persons are also under the wreck. Several others are injured.

A Hocking Valley express ran into the rear of a freight train at Carey, Ohio, on Monday night, wrecking portions of the two trains and killing a brake man and injuring both engineers and a passenger.

The Other Leg.

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