

DISCIPLESHIP AND LIFE.

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"I Believe the Bible Can Stand Every Test of Honest Criticism—It Can Take Care of Itself, It Needs No Defenders.

Text: "Then said Jesus to those Jews who believed on Him, If ye continue in My word, ye are My disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

The heart-thought of the text is discipleship, and around this center cluster its basis, its test, its fruit, and its glory.

I. THE BASIS OF DISCIPLESHIP. It is faith in Christ. "Jesus said to those Jews who believed on him." It is not faith in a creed, though every word in it may be true. It is not faith in a church, though it be the church founded by Christ Himself.

II. THE TEST OF DISCIPLESHIP. It is two-fold, made up of time and truth. "If ye continue, ye are My disciples indeed." Time is the test that tries the soil and the seed.

And it is continuance in the word of Christ: "If ye continue in My word, ye are My disciples indeed." What is meant by "My word?" Only the utterances of Jesus, or the whole Word to which He subscribed.

And the lack of Biblical knowledge which some of the critics show is amusing, if not alarming. I read of one the other day who said he could not accept that story about the ark; he was a dealer in lumber, and the ark was 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high, and if it had been filled with food and animals it must have weighed thousands of tons.

I believe that the Bible can stand every test of honest criticism. I like to see the old book tried by all fair methods. It can take care of itself; it needs no defenders. It has stood the onslaught of ages, and in times past its enemies were stronger than they are now.

III. THE FRUIT OF DISCIPLESHIP.

"Ye shall know the truth," Pilate's question, "What is truth?" is here answered. If ye would know truth, believe in Him who is the truth, and continue in His Word. John Newton, as he grew old, lost his memory, but he used to say: "Two things I can never forget—I am a great sinner, and Jesus Christ is a great Saviour."

IV. THE GLORY OF DISCIPLESHIP.

"The truth shall make you free." It does not help us to free ourselves. It makes us free. Some prisoners in Malta during a plague were offered their liberty on condition that they leave their isolated cells and nurse the afflicted. They accepted the condition, and thus

won their liberty. Christ does better than that for us. He not only shows how we may be free, but He makes us free. He breaks the shackles. He issues the Emancipation Proclamation, and stands ready with the arm of His omnipotence to enforce the decree that every one who believes in Him shall be free.

Freud from what? From sin, of course. Past sins often hound us; sins never get out of date. But Jesus Christ frees us from the guilt and penalty of every past sin.

Three prisoners in a Wisconsin penitentiary escaped by digging a tunnel after the fashion of the Libby Prison tunnel. They worked on it for two years, and finally, at an opportune time, made their escape. In the fresh, free air they felt very happy, but in less than ten days the officers of the law had put them behind the walls again and stopped up the tunnel.

"Oh, for such grace let rocks and hills Their lasting silence break, And all harmonious human tongues The Fathers praise speak!"

Again, the truth frees us from the law. Lazarus is liberated from his grave-clothes. Love takes the place of law. A home governed by rules is apt to be a prison. A school where nobody is put on his honor, but everybody must work by rule, is not apt to be well governed.

We are freed from ceremonial law. Men who are the slaves of sin are sometimes bound by ceremonial law. Two burglars were heard conversing during Lent. One said to the other: "Jack, I know where there is a safe with one hundred thousand dollars in it; let's crack it to-night."

We are freed from habit—bad habit, if you please; the habit, for instance, of drink and tobacco. Now, let us be careful. We may hurt some tender conscience. There is a difference, I think, between tobacco and alcohol, though not so much as many suppose.

Even from a good habit we sometimes need to be freed. Men may perform religious duties by routine until they become mere machines. They act not from principle. I have heard of a dog belonging to a Presbyterian elder which went to church every Sunday, slept in front of the pulpit during the sermon, and walked out with a joyful expression.

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trunk upon the tree of faith and knowledge.

One of the master painters has left a striking picture. It represents the scene in the wilderness when the Israelites were bitten by fiery serpents. The serpent of brass is gleaming on the hill. A group of bitten, horror-stricken men and women are tearing the serpents from their arms and sides. Yonder is another group covered with serpents, bowing before Moses, and with clasped hands are pleading for deliverance; but Moses cannot help them, and other serpents strike as soon as one is torn away.

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In the first four decades of this century the Scioto Gazette was one of the most influential papers published west of the Alleghenies; in the first two decades it was by far the most influential. It was largely instrumental in shaping the public sentiment of the Northwest Territory, and was one of the chief factors in the fight against slavery which resulted in the exclusion of that institution from the new State of Ohio.

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