

### THE SOWER

A Weekly Department of Religious and Secular Thought Contributed by REV. JAMES A. TURNER, Pastor, M. E. Church, Patton, Pa.

#### THE GREAT EXEMPLAR

Jesus said: "I have been setting you an example, that you should do as I have done." "If you know all this, blessed are you if you really do it."

Jesus had to go the way of all flesh in that He had to learn and grow and develop in life as other people do. Read Hebrews 2:10-18. 4:15. 5:7-10, which says: "In bringing MANY sons to glory, (God has a world full of sons) it was befitting that God, for whom and by whom the Universe exists, should PERFECT Jesus, the Pioneer of their salvation, by SUFFERING. For sanctifier, (Jesus) and sanctified, (the many sons) have all ONE ORIGIN. That is why he is not ashamed to call them BROTHERS. He had to resemble his brothers in EVERY RESPECT. It is as he suffered by his temptations that he is able to help the tempted. For He is one who has been tempted in EVERY RESPECT like ourselves. In the days of his flesh, Jesus, with bitter cries and tears, offered prayers and supplications to God who is able to save him from death; and he was heard because of his godly respect. (Though God didn't save him from death.) Thus, son though he was, he learned BY ALL HE SUFFERED how to obey, and by being thus made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him."

Now, if we can understand plain English, what this writer of Hebrews said was simply this, in other words: Jesus walked the same road to salvation that all of the sons of God walk, under exactly the same conditions, through the same trials and temptations and difficulties, making mistakes and suffering for them, having to be corrected and re-oriented to the laws of life, and growing into perfection by the same process that we all do,—for there is no royal road to perfection for anyone. "Son though He was, HE LEARNED BY ALL HE SUFFERED HOW TO OBEY."

That is the way WE learn, and become perfect,—by suffering for our mistakes we, as with Jesus, learn how to obey, change our track and begin again. What Jesus told Nicodemus he would have to do, Jesus Himself had to do—in the process of becoming perfect. He had learned that by experience,—just as we all learn by experience.

For instance: "In the days of His flesh, WITH BITTER CRIES AND TEARS, He offered up prayers." Why the "bitter cries and tears?" The obvious answer is: Jesus, in company with all the rest of humanity, wanted many things that he could not have, and when our wants clash with impossibilities, the result is, "bitter cries and tears." Jesus believed that He wanted, had a right to ask, certain things of life because of His intent and purpose and high ambitions for Himself an humanity. And He tried hard for the things that He wanted, put his whole soul into it, had high hopes and faith that He would get them, believed that the things He desired MUST certainly come to pass, believed that God and all men were for it,—then discovered that He couldn't have the great desire of his heart, that, on the contrary, He must do something that His whole soul com-

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pletely loathed and revolted against,—go to His death in the prime of His youth, with His life ambitious unfulfilled, and that, at the hands of his cruel and contemptible enemies in a most disgraceful and humiliating manner. No wonder that He was "sick unto death" over the prospect, and fell down upon His face in bitter agony and disappointment and chagrin and sorrow and heartbreak, and cried out in such awful urgency of spirit against in that perspiration poured down His pain-distorted face like as though it were great drops of blood coursing down from a wound,—and cried out with "bitter cries and tears" to God that He would save Him from such an awful experience: My God, if it be possible, let this cup (experience) pass from me."

He was learning, by what He suffered, how to obey. And, when that awful suffering had reoriented his mind, he said, quietly, and resignedly, "Not my will but Thine be done," and went on a new track to His life-destiny and to His perfection and His God-mindedness and likeness, and to the "joy that was set before Him." For because "He humbly stooped in His obedience even to die upon the cross, therefore God raised Him high and conferred Him a Name above all names"—and Jesus had certainly earned the right to that honor and distinction. He had done the will of His Father against awful odds,—against those multitudes of things that tended to hold him back, things that appeared to be legitimate and logical and sensible and desirable to any mind that would rationalize the situation.—He went on in spite of every apparently good and sensible argument that the wisdom of ordinary men could advance against going on,—and, by going on, He won his soul and worked out His own sal-

vation, and by being an example to us in like circumstances, gave us an everlasting exemplification and illustration of how we are to work out our own.

"Except ye come afre me ye cannot be my disciple." Meaning that we have to go the same way that he did, over the same path of self-denial and obedience to our salvation that He went to His. No favors were shown, no partiality was given to Jesus, "Son though he was he had to walk the same road that everyone else walked." for "God is no respecter of persons." If Jesus had refused to go the way of all flesh, then he would have failed in his great mission,—just as would anyone else who had refused to follow his highest instincts to His high destiny.

But He did change his direction from self-will to an accordance with the will of God; He did keep on the way of salvation himself; He did learn by his mistakes and the mistakes of others; He did fight successfully against his lower instincts; He did resist his temptations and overcome the gravitational down-pull and stand up under his tests and trials, "and by being thus perfected He became the source of salvation for all who follow him."

"By being thus perfected" So Jesus was going on to perfection just as anyone else goes, and grows, who keeps his face toward God. Jesus grew in spiritual stature and wisdom.

"He became." So Jesus "became", as all people become better and better as life advances and lessons are learned and truth is arrived at, and personality is developed.

"It is as He suffered by his temptations that he is able to help the tempted." So Jesus stands, with all the rest of the children of God, a testimony to the humanizing influence of suffering, in times of trial, and its power to open

the gates of sympathy and understanding for the similarly afflicted.

"God perfected the Pioneer, (Jesus) of their salvation by SUFFERING." And so are we all thus perfected.

"For Sanctifier, (Jesus) and sanctified have all one origin." We are all brothers and sisters of Jesus in the great family of God,—children of our common Father,—all potential gods and fellow-associates of the Father-God.

PATTON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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 How was the Earth formed? What is meant by the phrase: "The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the abyss."? What caused the "darkness upon the face of the Deep"? What is meant by: "And God between the light and the Darkness"? How did God "divide the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament."? What is the meaning of the Hebrew word "Yom."? And the Hebrew word "Rakia."?

These, and many other interesting questions, will be answered at the coming mid-week Bible studies. Don't miss these series of Bible studies. They are unique, and we can assure you that nothing more interesting will ever come to your attention in a lifetime. Come, and bring your Bible, and as many friends as you can persuade to come with you. Wednesday evening, 7:30 o'clock.

At the morning service of Sunday, the 12th, the Rev. Ketterer will preach, and in the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, will hold our fourth Quarterly conference. All the members of the Official Board are requested to be present at both these services.

### DOUBLE FEATURE AT GRAND, PATTON NEXT SATURDAY EVENING

A double feature program is scheduled for the Grand theatre in Patton on Saturday evening of this week. First of these is an exciting mystery story, "Chinatown," in which intrigue will keep you grasping your seat with thrills. The second feature is "Four Girls in White," and pays a tribute to the great profession of nursing. Featuring a cast of five principals, comprising Florence Rice, Una Merkel, Ann Rutherford, Mary Howard and Alan Marshall, with Kent Taylor, Buddy Isben, and Jesse Ralph in support, the picture comes as a companion piece to the notable "Men in White."

It is the story of four girls who enter upon nursing with different purposes. It is well worth the price of the admission alone. Go to the Grand on Saturday. Get double your money's worth.

Administratrix's Notice.  
 Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the estate of Frank W. Cunningham, late of the Township of East Carroll, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons owing said estate will please make payment and those having claims or demands against the same will present them, properly proven, for settlement.  
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 William F. Dill,  
 Attorney for Administratrix,  
 Barnesboro, Pa.

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### PUC WILL PROBE RATES AT COLVER

Harrisburg — The Public Utility Commission last Friday ordered an investigation into rates and charges of the Colver Electric Company of Cambria County. The company operates in Colver and Revloc. Date of a hearing was to be fixed later. The commission indicated it would consider the imposition of a temporary rate schedule.

Radium cannot be sent through the mails in the United States.

PENNSYLVANIA EDISON COMPANY Preferred Shareholders

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held Tuesday, Feb. 28th, 1939, the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share was declared on the \$5.00 Series Cumulative Preferred Stock, and the regular quarterly dividend of 70 cents per share was declared on the \$2.80 Series Cumulative Preferred Stock. Dividends will be paid on both classes of stock, April 1st, 1939, to stockholders of record at the close of business on March 10th, 1939.

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