

OUR RELIGIOUS CORNER.

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Are We Saved by Faith Alone?

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."—I Cor. xiii, 13.

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."—Matt. vii, 21.

"And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments."—Matt. xix, 16, 17.

"And they [Paul and Silas] said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spoke unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house."—Acts xvi, 31, 32.

To believe on the Lord is to believe what he teaches. Immediately after they told them to believe on the Lord, they also told them the word of the Lord in order that they could believe.

Some of the word of the Lord is given above, among which is, keep the commandments. If one says he believes all the Lord teaches, and expects thereby to be saved, yet does not keep the commandments, although he knows the Lord says, in order to enter into life ye must keep the commandments, he is involved in an inextricable difficulty, which involves a falsehood.

For he either believes not, or does not expect to be saved unless he sets about keeping the commandments.

"Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead being ALONE. Yea a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God: thou doest well: the devils also believe and tremble. But wilt thou know O vain man, that faith without works is dead?"—James ii, 17-20.

Here it is taught plainly that we are not saved by faith alone.

SELFISHNESS.

Can a man, supremely selfish, get to Heaven? Would he not change Heaven into hell to all about him? A selfish man renders all about him unhappy, except when he is playing the courtier to those as selfish as himself.

Who can enjoy the hospitality of a man who is exacting tribute of all about him? His wife and children ever on the pad to administer to his wishes and caprices, servants running to and fro with fear depicted in every feature; doing nothing or worse than nothing; and a thousand petty tyrannies, practiced upon the good nature of all who are willing to serve, and upon the fears of those under his control.

These are some of the delights of the selfish man. We ask again what hope can such a man have of obtaining Heaven? We have known many, very many of high standing in the Church, who will fill the above description. It may be asked how they keep their standing? In many ways. They are generally richer than the rest of the community, and the rich can do what would excommunicate a poor man.

Some are "able in prayer," that is, good getters up of excitements. But principally they talk much of faith and abuse sin with a furious zeal, not knowing that they are the greatest of sinners, with not an ounce of true faith. The Golden Rule, "do unto others as you would have them do to you," is stricken from their Bible, but instead there of is written, "my comfort before everything else."

How pleasant is the surroundings of a "generous, gentle soul, filled with holy fire," whose delight is to serve others, and whose misery it is to have another discommoded for his benefit. These are the salt of the earth. Would that such salt was more plentiful.

A BEAUFIEUX EXTRACT.—Genius is debased, in youth, by the spiritual depravity of that which is superficially excellent. The association of moral depravity with Beauty and Culture is more to be dreaded, in its effects on the young mind, infinitely more, than the alliance of impurity with visible splendor and degradation.

The veiled vice, that perfumes its locks with odors, and wreaths its brow with garlands, and sings its lay of passion with mellifluous voice to the soft breathings of the lute, ensnares a thousand victims, where, undisguised it gains but one.

Practice what you preach, or never preach at all.

USE OF THE BATH.—The bath is useful to all persons of all ages and of every variety of constitution; but the same kind is not adapted to all. All healthy persons of whatever age up to the period of senility may with advantage use the cold bath and they need not be afraid to enter it however cold the weather may be.

Persons not being in perfect health in which category I include all those who have predisposition to fullness of blood or fits, ought not to employ the cold bath habitually, if indeed it be proper for them to have recourse to it any degree.

The warm bath perhaps is the most generally eligible. It causes no shock to the most delicate organization it cleanses the skin opening its pores and by promoting the function of exhalation it is conducive to general health.

But as a set off to these good effects it is somewhat depressing and does not accord well with necessities of those whose occupation involves sedentary thought. When it is desired to secure these mental conditions in conjunction with the employment of the warm bath the water should never be sufficiently warm to impart a decidedly agreeable sensation on first entering the bath.

A temperature of 90 degrees Fahrenheit is quite enough. Much virtue is supposed to attach to sea-water baths; but I doubt whether if we dissociate the mere act of bathing from the contingent pleasures of sea-bathing—such as its greater buoyancy rendering the act of swimming more easy the purer air of the sea and the usually delightful scenery—sea-bathing be more advantageous than fresh water bathing; and this granted whether the schemes we sometimes hear for bringing sea-water through pipes or aqueducts far inland be worth the trouble that would involve.

Sea-water may be regarded as furnishing the most simple instance of a medicated bath.—Dr. Scoffen.

PLEASANT THINGS.—It is very pleasant to take a lady to a theatre; and to find on reaching the door that you have left your purse in your other pocket.

It's very pleasant to ride in an omnibus opposite a baby who is sucking sugar candy, and playfully wipes his neat little hands on your best casmeres.

It is very pleasant to meet a suspicious looking individual in a lonely road on a dark night who carries a very thick stick and wishes to know what time it is.

It is very pleasant to endeavor to open your door with the latch at two in the morning, and be at length compelled to desist from a conviction that it is bolted from the inside.

It's very pleasant to hear some one remark that you are not so good looking as you use to be.

It's very pleasant to be woken out of a nice sleep and told there is a thief in the partry.

It's very pleasant to lie in the parlor with a splitting headache and some one grinding coffee in the kitchen.

It's very pleasant to have your health drank at a public dinner, and you haven't a word to say for yourself by way of reply.

It's very pleasant to be found sticking to the park railings, in the middle night by a policeman.

It's very pleasant to have a poor relation who is always borrowing, and a rich one who never lends.

SELECTED POETRY.

THE LIGHT AT HOME.

The following beautiful wail we find floating around on the sea of newspaperdom. How quick will its truthfulness bring to mind to the wanderer, the recollections of the loved ones at home, where he is greeted with "gentle words and loving smiles."

The light at home! how bright it beams When evening shades around us fall; And from the lattice far it gleams To love, and rest and comfort all, When wearied with the toils of day, And strife for glory, gold, or fame, How sweet to seek the quiet way, Where loving lips will lisp our name.

When through the dark and stormy night The wayward wanderer homeward hies, How cheering is the twinkling light, Which through the forest gloom he spies! It is the light of home, he feels That loving hearts will greet him there And softly through his bosom steals The joy and love that banish care.

The light at home! How still and sweet It peeps from yonder cottage door— The weary laborer to greet When the rough toils of day are o'er! Sad is the soul that does not know The blessing that its beams impart, The cheerful hopes and joys that flow, And lighten up the heaviest heart.

I WISH HE WOULD MAKE UP HIS MIND. I wish he would make up his mind, ma, For I don't care much longer to wait, I'm sure I have hinted quite strongly That I thought of changing my state, For a beau he is really so backward, I can't bring him out, though I try, I own that he is very good tempered, But then he is so dreadfully shy!

When I speak about love and a cottage, He gives me a glance of surprise, And if I but hint of marriage— He blushes quite up to the eyes: I can't make him jealous—I've tried it, And its no use my being unkind, For that's not the way I am certain, To get him to make up his mind.

I've sung love sonnets by dozens, I've worked him both slippers and shoes And we walk by moonlight together, Yet he never attempts to propose. He must really express his intention, Or some other beau I must find, For indeed I won't tarry much longer, For one who can't make up his mind.

THE FITS COME ON ME NOW. One morning very early, the weather being fair, The mammy and the darter I chanced to overhear; A talking very civilly, says Jane I'll swear and vow, Och! I must and will be married the fits come on me now.

Och! my dear darter, but where's the proper man? Then replies the darter, don't you know bouncing John, He once called me his honey, a milking of the cow; Och! I must and will be married, the fits come on me now.

But perhaps he'll refuse you, as you did him before. Never mind my mammy, there's many a thousand more; There's millers brewers bakers, and men that follow the plow; Och! I must and will be married, the fits come on me now.

FORTY. When lovely woman reaches forty, And finds of late her hair is gray, What charm can soothe her melancholy And tears that wash her paint away.

The only way her loss to cover, And hide her grief from every eye; To stand a chance to get a lover, And win his bosom, is to—die!

HOSPITALITY.—I have a higher reverence for the virtues of hospitality than we seem to set upon it at present. When a Turk regales a Christian with ham (as it happened at Athens last winter)—when a priest in Lent roasts his turkey for you—when an advocate of the Main Law gives his German friend a glass of wine—when some of my anti-tobacco friends allow me to smoke a cigar in the back parlor with the windows open—there is a sacrifice of self on the altar of common humanity. True hospitality involves a consideration for each other's habits—nor our excesses, mind you, but our usual habits of life—even when they differ on such serious grounds as I have mentioned. But I have dined with vegetarians who said, "Meat is unwholesome, so my conscience will not let me give it to you," or with the ventilators, who proclaim that "fires in bedrooms are injurious"—and I was starved and frozen.—Bayard Taylor.

A Western editor thus fills up a blank column: "Twas the dead of night—an awful silence reigned.—The stars cast their soft rays from the dome above. Young Lucius was not to be intimidated though he was that night to peril his life—column full."

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Parish of Bossier, in the District Court, No. 1334. A. H. Hearne vs. James E. Cason. By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of the Honorable the district court of the Parish of Bossier, in the above entitled suit and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, at the court house door in the town of Bellevue, parish of Bossier, on the first Saturday, the 2d day of July, A. D., 1859, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 p. m., the following described property, to-wit: The undivided one-eighth, or the interest of James R. Cason, in the following slaves, to-wit: JIN, a woman, aged about 45 or 46 years.

KATE, a woman, aged about 18 or 19 years. MOURNING, a woman, aged about 35 years. MILLIE, a woman, aged about 17 years. ANDERSON, Millie's son, aged about 16 months. JUBITER, a man aged about 19 years.

Seized as the property of James R. Cason; and to be sold to pay and satisfy the writ issued in the above entitled suit.

Terms of sale—CASH, with the benefit of appraisement. Bellevue, 17th day of May, 1859. L. F. STEELE, shff. By C. C. Nowell, depy.

SUCCESSION SALE.

MONDAY, the 17th day of July, 1859, within the legal hours of sale, I will proceed to sell, at Rocky Mount in the parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, at public auction the following property, to-wit:—The south-east quarter of the north-west quarter of section seventeen, (17) in township twenty-one, (21) of range twelve (12) of the north-west land district of Louisiana, containing forty acres of land more or less, with all the improvements thereon, and known as the Rocky Mount property of the estate of Noah Phillips, deceased. On the following terms to-wit:—

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This sale advertised and to be made pursuant to an order from the Clerk of the District Court of the parish of Bossier, and by request of Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips, widow and partner in community, and the major heirs of the succession of the said Noah Phillips, deceased, who will join in making perfect titles to purchasers. Sheriff's Office at Bellevue Bossier parish La., June 14th 1859.

L. F. STEELE, Shff & Act'ry. By C. C. NOWELL, Deputy.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF Louisiana—Parish of Bossier, in the District Court, No. 1333. J. M. Gould & Co. vs. Morgan O. Talaferro. By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale issued out of the Honorable the District Court of the Parish of Bossier, in the above entitled suit and to me directed, I have seized and will sell at public auction, at the Court house door in town of Bellevue, Parish of Bossier, on the

First Saturday, the 2nd day of July A. D. 1859, between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 4 p. m., the following described property to-wit: The east half of north-east quarter of section twenty-three (23); the west half of the north-east quarter and north-west quarter of south-east quarter of section fourteen (14); Also, south half of the west half of south-east quarter of section fourteen (14) and south-east quarter of south-east quarter of section fourteen (14) and south-west quarter of south-west quarter of section thirteen (13); and east half of south-west quarter and north half of west half of south-west quarter of section fourteen (14)—north-west quarter of section twenty four (24) and south-east quarter of south-west quarter and north-east quarter of south-west quarter of section thirteen (13) all in township eighteen (18) of range twelve (12), and containing 680 acres of land lying in Bossier Parish, and known as the Talaferro Fee Fee tract of land.

Seized as the property of Morgan O. Talaferro, and to be sold to pay and satisfy the writ issued in the above entitled suit.

Terms of Sale—Twelve months credit with eight per cent interest from date, purchaser to give bond with approved security and a special mortgage on the land, to secure the payment of the purchase price. L. F. STEELE, Sheriff.

By C. C. NOWELL, Deputy Sheriff. Bellevue, June 14, 1859—tds

STRAY NOTICE.

ETRAYED before Andrew Lawrence, J. P. by Elijah Hudson on the first day of June 1859, and will be sold before the court house door in the town of Bellevue on Saturday the 16th day of December next, 1858, the following described horse to-wit: On Iron-Gray Stud Pony, brand "E. H." and appraised at thirty dollars. The owner of said pony is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, &c. W. H. HILL, Stray master.

STRAY NOTICE.

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