

Tabernacle Addresses

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DIVINE HEALING

(Continued)

"—Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."—James 4:7.

MAKING A COMPANION OF THE DEVIL

I know some people—even in ZION—who entertain the devil for breakfast, dinner and supper, and then give him some bread and butter in between meals.

I know some people who will sit and talk to him all day. There is a worse thing than talking to yourself. Do not talk to the devil!

"—RESIST THE DEVIL, and he will flee from you."

That is what the Bible says.

Do you ever sit down and sympathize with yourself?

When a person begins looking at himself, he soon will look like the devil.

You are transformed into the same image as the one you look at—absolutely. Do you know that?

I have dealt with a great many people, and I know some people today who put in half their time sympathizing with themselves.

They are self-centered—hypochondriacal. Down in New England they call it the "dumps." They are physically sound, but they are "down in the dumps."

It is of the devil!

The Christian life is a symmetrical, rounded-out life.

"Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler,—"

The devil!

Look out for him! He goes about "as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."

"—And from the noisome pestilence."

That is typhoid fever, smallpox, and so on.

Now, listen! Here is the promise of exemption to God's people.

It makes no difference whether any one has risen to this standard or not,—there is the standard.

Always keep up the standard!

"Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;"

It is a good thing to sleep the sleep of the just, is it not?

A GLORIOUS PSALM OF PROTECTION

ZION'S Household Psalm!

"A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee."

That is wonderful, is it not?

If we could get to that place, would it not be glorious?

Then let ZION, to a man, arise and reconsecrate themselves, and press forward to that standard! That is the proper thing to do.

What else does it say?

"Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked."

Make a note of that. It is very significant.

"The reward of the wicked!"

Next:

"Because—"

That is a good word.

I like to study single words.

You know, one of the most marvelous words in the Bible is that little word "but."

Naaman was a mighty man of valor; he was next to the king of Syria; he had won great victories—what a wonderful eulogy is there! Then there is a pause. BUT—he was a leper!

How many times you have made a speech like that in regard to a certain man—"He is a good business man; he is a kind husband; he is a good neighbor; BUT—he is a drunkard."

I tell you, that little word "but" spoils a great many things.

A celebrated case in court was lost because, in the answer to the bill, they had left out the little word "no."

Words are powerful things!

GOD'S INSURANCE POLICY FOR THE HOUSEHOLD

It is a fine thing to know how to use words—they are mighty weapons.

"Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my Refuge, even the most High, thy Habitation;

"There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."

That is good accident insurance.

Is it not a wonderful promise?

It is beautiful!

Your attention cannot be called to this Ninety-first Psalm too often.

This is not Divine Healing—it is Divine Keeping!

This chapter is on Divine Keeping—no sickness, no harm, no danger.

You are in the Secret Place of the Most High God—you are in His Presence—you are "under the shadow of the Almighty"! No "plague shall come nigh thy dwelling"—what a beautiful thing!

Here is the Household Psalm!

We ought to get to the place, as a people, where there would be no such things as whooping cough and measles, and so on. That is a fact!

That is the promise!

Brethren, hold up the ideal! Do not lower it! Do not apologize for it, and let it down, and try to make it easy!

KEEP UP THE STANDARD!

That is the way to develop strong characters. There is no other way.

Now, here is one of the sweetest things in the Bible. It is nice to think of this when you kneel in prayer at night.

Perhaps you do not pray, brother. I know of some people who are too lazy to pray.

I always think of that story about the man who, when he first claimed conversion, used to read his Bible and kneel in prayer. After a time, he would sit up by the side of his bed and pray; then a little later on he would crawl into bed and pray. At last, a few weeks later, he wrote his prayer out on pasteboard and tacked it at the head of the bed. Then he said, "Lord, that is my prayer!"

Is that the way you do?

When you go to read the Bible, do you go to sleep and drop the Bible?

I have seen people do that. I saw a brother who went to sleep while he was praying on the platform at a conference in Indiana.

THE BEAUTIFUL MINISTRY OF ANGELS

Now, notice this next Verse:

"For He shall give His angels charge over thee,—"

Have you ever thought of that—that there are angels hovering over you when you are asleep?

A study of angelic ministry, as set forth in God's Word, is a wonderful thing.

"THE ANGEL OF THE LORD encampeth round about them who fear Him, and delivereth them."—Psalm 34:7.

"For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

It does not say, to keep you in the devil's ways; but in GOD'S WAYS.

"They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone."

"Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet."

There is a verse in the Fourth Chapter of Malachi, which all ZION ought to know. Dr. Dowie used to read this almost every week in ZION. God's promise there to His children comes right in here in this connection.

What does it say?

"But unto you who fear My Name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall."—Verse 2.

The figure of speech here describes the Christian in the last days.

"And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts."—Verse 3.

That is wonderful, is it not?

"Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet."

"Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known My Name."

"He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him."

"With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him My salvation."

I did not intend to say anything about this Psalm. I was going to read it in about three minutes.

Now, let us have that song—"HE'LL NEVER FORGET TO KEEP ME:"

My Father has many dear children;
Will He ever forget to keep me?
He gave His own Son to redeem me,
And He cannot forget to keep me.

Our Father remembers the sparrows,
Their value and fall He doth see;
But dearer to Him are His children,
And He'll never forget to keep me.

The words of the Lord are so priceless,
How patient and watchful is He;
Tho' mother forget her own offspring,
Yet He'll never forget to keep me.

I now will abide in His shadow,
Never restless nor fearful will be;
In the secret of His presence He'll hide me,
And He'll never forget to keep me.

O brother, why don't you accept Him?
He offers salvation so free;
Repent and believe and obey Him,
And He'll never forget to keep thee.

The words of that hymn are very beautiful, and they are in keeping with this Ninety-first Psalm.

Apostle Carey will offer Prayer; then I will pronounce the Benediction. Let us go right to God. Whatever our needs and desires are—if they are in accordance with God's Word—let us go to Him in prayer and get the answer.

PRAYER by Apostle Carey.

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