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Pastor Russell, Accompanied by Foreign Missions Investigation Committee, Preaches in Victoria Hall, Madras—Large Audiences Heard Him Twice Yesterday.



(PASTOR RUSSELL)

Madras, India, Feb. 11.—The "Foreign Missions Investigation Committee" is here. Our finest auditorium, the Victoria Hall, was crowded to hear Pastor Russell. He spoke twice today. We report one of his discourses from the text: "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich; and He addeth no sorrow therewith." (Proverbs x, 22.) He said:—

The thing which strikes me specially as I visit your great city for the first time is the marked contrast between the palaces of your superior quarter and the hovels of Blacktown—the contrast between great riches and great poverty. But think not that I have come to speak words which would engender strife or even discontent. Rather my message is one of peace.

The inequalities, mental and physical, which prevail amongst us as members of a fallen race, produce naturally our inequalities as respects wealth and social conditions; it is well, therefore, that we should not accept the rabid views entertained by many, but we should think soberly, dispassionately. We should remember that God Himself is very rich. All the gold and silver are His, and the cattle upon a thousand hills, with infinite power, beyond human comprehension.

We should remember that it is written that "Abraham was very rich," and that his riches did not interfere with the fact that he "was the friend of God," and that to him God gave that great promise secured by the Divine oath, which is the basis of all hope for the blessing of the world: "In thee and in thy Seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." Other noble characters on the pages of history are noted as having possessed great wealth.

We should therefore view the matter of poverty and riches philosophically. Both poor and rich should be encouraged to use faithfully the opportunities which they possess and to wait patiently for the Lord's time and way for the introduction of the new order of things which He has promised, assured that it is not in our power to hasten or delay the Divine program.

Bible Counsel For the Rich.

The Apostle says, "Charge those amongst you who are rich that they trust not in uncertain riches." The history of centuries corroborates the Apostle's words. The rich and prominent of one day become the poor and forgotten of another. "Riches take wings" in a manner that poverty rarely imitates. The talents and opportunities which have brought great wealth to some of our prominent Americans have brought wealth and prosperity in smaller measure to those associated with them in their enterprises. Indeed, in some respects the entire world, and particularly America, owes them a debt of gratitude for their energy and perseverance in the exercise of their talents along such broad lines.

My mind took this course of reasoning as I looked at the handsome edifice occupied by the Y. M. C. A. of this city, and I was informed that it was the gift of one of our American merchant princes, Mr. John Wanamaker, of New York and Philadelphia. I said to myself, Behold an instance in which riches have been generously expended, even in a far-off land, for the benefit of the masses and with a desire to promote clean and noble manhood along Christian lines.

God's Blessing Maketh Rich.

Our text is an epitomized statement of the Gospel of Christ. All God's blessing for our race will come through the Seed of Abraham—The Christ. The giving of His Son to be man's Redeemer and Deliverer from sin and death was God's blessing to man—making man rich. Messiah, having died for the redemption of the world, is about to bestow upon men the Divine blessing promised to Abraham—"In thee and in thy Seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

That blessing to the non-elect world will be a glorious opportunity for rising up out of sin and death conditions to full human perfection in the image and likeness of God—as Adam possessed this before his fall. It will mean the bringing of the earth to the conditions pictured in Eden. The earth, God declares, He formed not in vain, but to be inhabited. Present man is in a condition of enmity and separation from his Creator and his earthly home is disordered. God's footstool, for 6,000 years, has been the scene of a terrible reign of Sin and Death.

The only hope is in Messiah's Kingdom, which God has promised shall be established for the overthrow of Satan, the abolishing of ignorance and superstition, the enlightenment of mankind and the uplift of all the willing and obedient and for the destruction of the wilfully wicked in the Second Death.

"Ten Commandments for Women."

Cedar Rapids, Iowa.—"The Ten Commandments for Iowa Church Women," as got up by Rev. Marion Simms, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Vinton, are scattering like wild fire to all parts of Iowa and overflowing into the neighboring states. They are being discussed in every church circle and the women's societies in half the churches seem to be divided in their opinion of the "laws." It is reported that the men's clubs have read them with enthusiasm.

The commandments were promulgated by Dr. Simms in connection with a series of sermons on "Domestic Troubles" in which the minister attempts to catalogue and define the troubles which may overtake a husband and wife and cause a break of the matrimonial bond. At the end of a sermon addressed primarily to the women of his congregation. Dr. Simms summed up his advice in the ten paragraphs given below:

First—Thou shalt have no other man but thy husband, and when another would make love to thee remember that he is a fool or a knave.

Second—Thou shalt not forget that the same winsome ways that made thy husband prefer thee to all other women are necessary to hold him. Verily, verily, I say unto you, rats are as valuable in married life as in courtship.

Third—Thou shalt not expect thy husband in beginning his life to support you on the same plane that thy father was able to reach after a long life of hard work and rigid economy. Therefore, thou shalt not fret thyself because thy neighbor's house is finer than thine own; neither shalt thou burden thy husband to enable thee to pose as a

merchant's and milliner's model. Thou shalt be a helpmeet and not simply a help-eat; for verily, verily, I say unto you that it is wicked to keep thy husband only about two steps ahead of the bill collector. Neither shalt thou wear abbreviated garments that make women look too short and men too long.

Fourth—Thou shalt not place any social circle, club, pleasurable organization, or even the missionary society, before thy home and thou shalt not conclude that an ideal family is a husband, a bull pup and a canary.

Fifth—Thou shalt seek first to be a good homemaker, housekeeper and cook and then thou must add any other accomplishments that do not interfere with thy chief business in life. Thou must not forget that an uncooked apple drove the first husband from Paradise; that a poor mess of pottege differentiated a nation; that a fit of indigestion lost the battle of Leipsic, and that tea, mixed with improper ingredients, cost England the American colonies and led to the founding of an American republic. And thou shalt not waste \$5 worth of time hunting for a \$10 dress at \$9.78 on bargain day and compel thy husband to lunch in town on butter-milk and sinkers. Verily, verily, I say unto you that it is better to be a good cook than to be able to play chords on the piano, to serve pink tea, preside at whist orgies or to be queen of bargain hunters.

Sixth—Thou shalt not gossip in the family or out of it about the neighborhood scandal; neither shalt thou allow the petty vexations of the family to disrupt the family harmony.

Seventh—Thou shalt not

complain that thou art "tied down" to thy home and to thy babies; for verily, verily, I say unto you, that a woman who is unwilling to be "tied down" to such is not worthy to be married to any man. Thou shalt remember that no woman is "tied down" more to her chief business in life than is her husband. Thou shouldst also remember that even the Lord did not intend that woman's married life should be one prolonged pleasure excursion in a rubber-tired automobile on an asphalt road with magnolias blooming on either side.

Eighth—Thou shalt not aspire to be a man, to run the politics of the country to reform the world, to boss thy husband and then expect the courtesies, the love and devotion that is due an uncrowned queen. Verily, verily, I say unto you, that men admire most the woman of the clinging variety.

Ninth—Thou shalt not serve punch to thy guests, nor put up prizes at whist parties, nor win them at thy neighbor's and then lecture thy husband and sons on the evils of gambling.

Tenth—Thou shalt not allow dust to gather on thy Bible, nor shall thy attendance at the services of thy church depend on the emotions of a passing hour, the state of the weather, or any other unimportant matter.

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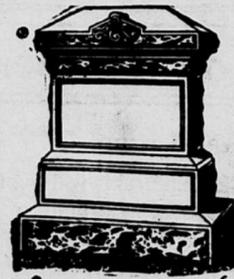
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