

**THE VICTORY OF VACCINATION
THE BATTLE WITH SMALLPOX**
HEALTH TALK NO. VI.

Ideas to be Presented—(a) The Importance of Jenner's Discovery. (b) Smallpox Before Vaccination. (c) Comparison of Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Population. (d) Protection of Vaccination is Almost a Complete Protection.

The victory of science over smallpox through vaccination is one of the greatest sanitary victories ever won. Jenner, the discoverer of this method of prevention, is considered by many authorities the greatest benefactor of the race that ever lived.

Lord Macaulay, in his History of England, describing the disease in England before vaccination, wrote: "That disease over which science has achieved a succession of glorious and beneficent victories, was then the most terrible of all ministers of death. The smallpox was always present, filling the churchyards with corpses, tormenting with constant fear all whom it had not yet stricken, leaving on those whose lives it spared the hideous traces of its power, turning the babe into a changeling at which the mother shuddered, and making the eyes and cheeks of a betrothed maiden objects of horror to the lover."

In the latter part of the eighteenth century and the early part of the nineteenth century one tenth of all deaths in civilized countries resulted from this disease. Ninety-five per cent of the population of Europe had the disease at some period of their lives. Every year in Europe 400,000 deaths were caused by this "PESTA MAGNA" (great pest).

Some countries have taken advantage of this great discovery; others have not had the faith in this truth necessary to save. It may be interesting to observe the effect of smallpox where vaccination is compulsory and where it is only optional. Between 1870 and 1874, in three years, an epidemic of this disease in Austria and Prussia caused the death

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of 162,000 Austrians and 172,000 Prussians. Prussia, profiting by her dreadful experience, passed a compulsory vaccination law; Austria did not. Result: Prussia, with a population 8,000,000 greater than Austria, lost, in the next twenty years, 8,500 people from this disease, while Austria, during the same time, lost 239,000.

Another demonstration of the saving power of vaccination is seen in the French and German army in the great war between these countries. The French army had not enforced compulsory vaccination; the German army had, and the German soldiers were all vaccinated. Result: The French army lost over 25,000 soldiers from smallpox; the German army, although holding the French prisoners and living with them, lost only 350 from the disease.

Still another demonstration of the protection afforded by vaccination is seen when we compare the annual death rates per million population in countries with compulsory vaccination and those without compulsory vaccination.

Compulsory vaccination: Germany, 1.1; Denmark, 0.5; Sweden, 2.1; Norway, 0.6.

Non compulsory vaccination: Belgium, 99.9; Russia, 46.3; Spain, 56.3; Hungary, 131.4.

In this connection it is well to remember that it is not claimed that vaccination will always prevent smallpox. It furnishes a protection equal to that of having had the disease, but few people will have the disease twice.

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1 Kings 16:23-33—January 22
"Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people."—Prov. 11:31

THE Omri dynasty of Israel was a successful one according to worldly standards, but a failure from the Divine standpoint. Omri, a great general, succeeded to Israel's throne after the death of Jeroboam. He was very successful and conquered the Moabites, to the East of the Jordan, putting them under an annual tribute of the skins of two hundred thousand sheep. He built a new Capital, the city of Samaria, a successfully outwitted Jeroboam as a minister of his people, along religious lines. According to Israel's Covenant with the Almighty there was but the one Levitical priesthood and the one holy temple of Jehovah's presence for the whole people of Israel, and it was at Jerusalem. As worldly wisdom guided Jeroboam to completely separate the ten tribes from the two tribes by establishing new places of worship and simplifying the worship and symbolizing God by a golden calf, so the same spirit of worldly wisdom suggested to Omri a still finer



departure from God and a still closer approach to the customs and idolatry of surrounding nations. Omri died, or, according to the records, "Omri slept with his fathers." We are not from this declaration to draw the inference that as a wicked man he went to eternal torment and that the nature of the torment is sleep. Neither are we to think of Omri as saintly and going to heaven and to imagine that those in heaven are asleep. Neither are we to think of him a Moabite flock of sheep.

As having gone to Paradise and that the experiences there are dreary. We must leave all such unscriptural notions respecting the dead, good and bad. We must come back to the Bible and from it learn that all who die, like St. Stephen (Acts 7:59), fall asleep to await the morning of the resurrection, when the Redeemer will call all forth from the tomb (John 5:28, 29, Rev. Ver.)

Ahab and Jezebel

Ahab's name signifies, "Like his father." And surely he was! His name was appropriate. His was a reign still more successful in unrighteousness. For twenty-two years he devoted himself to the further undermining of true religion and to the introduction of the worst forms of heathenism, heathen idolatry. He was greatly assisted in this course by his wife—Jezebel, the daughter of the King of the Sidonians. Her name signifies *chaste*; yet she used her great influence with her husband and throughout the nation for the furtherance of unchastity in connection with the *orgies* known as the *religious rites and ceremonies*, connected with the worship of Baal and of "Ashtoreth," the female divinity worshipped.

Lessons Here For Us

All civilized people are deeply interested in earthly governments and their success. We all crave social and financial prosperity. Nevertheless it is still true as it separates the people from the Divine arrangements and the blessings which thereto attach. Only righteousness can truly exalt a nation. Every form of iniquity is injurious, however it may at the time seem contrary to this. Ours is the day of the greatest worldly prosperity this earth has ever known. But alas! It is not a day of religious prosperity. On the contrary, there never was a time when unbelief in a personal God and in the Bible as his revelation was so general amongst intelligent people. Our church edifices are becoming temples of fashion, concert and lecture halls, while the real worship which alone is pleasing to the Almighty is far removed.

The worship of Mammon, the bowing to the golden calf, the sacrificing of lives to the acquirement of wealth, belong to our day as truly as to that of Ahab—but on a more refined scale and therefore the more deceptive and insidious.

Continually we find that God uses the wrath of man to praise him. The effect of the prosperity of Ahab and Jezebel was two-fold: it ennobled and degraded one class while it aroused and separated from itself another class—those who worshipped God in spirit and in truth. Such left the ten-tribe kingdom and identified themselves with the two-tribe kingdom of Judah and its true worship.

So it is today. The success of Mammon, the rejection of the Bible by the Higher Critics and their lordly boasts of ability to give us something better than the Word of God, and in general Mammon worship, is awakening the more saintly people of our day to separate themselves and to say in the language of Joshua, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve; as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Antitypical Ahab and Jezebel

As all Christian students know, Jezebel, Ahab and Elijah were used of the Lord as types, and their experiences foreshadowed much greater things in the experience of the Church, spiritual Israel, during this Gospel Age.

Ahab typified civil power. Jezebel typified a religious system. The improper marriage of Ahab and Jezebel, contrary to the Jewish Law, typified the marriage or union of Church and State. The progress of evil under this union is portrayed in the Book of Revelation, where Jezebel is specially mentioned by name. (Rev. 2:20-23.) The Lord charged that the antitypical Jezebel, the Church system, was suffered or permitted to teach and seduce his people from the proper course of Christian living. The same Scriptures represent Elijah, who was persecuted by Jezebel, through her husband, as a type of true believers of this Age persecuted by a false Church through the arm of civil power.

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