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The Principle of Commission Government.

North Carolina is all agog with the idea of a commission form of government for cities and towns, several cities, notably Galveston, Tex., having proven it an unbounded success. Such towns as Wilmington, Charlotte and Greensboro, where the old aldermanic form has proven an egregious failure, are now talking of securing authority from the legislature to try the new plan. Though no one has seemed to recognize the fact, this is a cry of the people for more democracy. It is not, as has been erroneously supposed, a demand that business men as such take charge of our municipal governments. It is a demand that the people take charge without the negating influences of numberless aldermen and political bosses who too often represent only what they can get out of it. The commission plan contemplates that the city government shall be put into the hands of a few selected men, who shall have all power, all responsibility, but be wholly amenable to the people, holding their jobs only by doing their work well, cleanly, and satisfactorily to the people. If the people want a thing done they can command that it be done, and if the commissioners fail, they can be turned out of office. If they fail the people know whom to blame. Under the present system aldermen represent wards, and any board is likely to contain enough jarring interests to prevent anything being done. The people have no redress except to elect another board with the same results. The commission form contemplates the election by all the people of two or three men to do the administrative work in a business like and economical way, and by use of the initiative and referendum let the people themselves pass on all questions of public policy.

The same principle is emphatically coming to bear upon State governments. In North Carolina the Governor has no real power. He has no veto power, he appoints no administrative officers. His advice to the legislature is not binding. Power and responsibility is so diffused that nobody but a political party can be held to account. This is why parties have come to exercise so much power. If the Governor had the power that he should have, the people could hold him responsible for the administration of the affairs of the State. They would then know whom to praise and whom to blame. The framers of our constitution thought that by withholding the veto power and electing the heads of departments, they were conserving democracy, but that has been outgrown. It was alright before the complexities of modern development had been brought about. The fathers thought, likewise, that by the election of a great many aldermen to represent small sections of the town, they would keep power in the hands of the people. But this is no longer the effect. The time has come when the solution of democracy depends upon more democracy—ways for the people to act in mass, directly and quickly, and in so concentrated a way that their demands must be obeyed.

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THE PRAYER-ANSWERING GOD
1 Kings 18:1-40—February 12
"Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

THE word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year instructing him to manifest himself to King Ahab, with a view to the termination of the drought. This may have been the third year of the Prophet's sojourn at Zarephath, or it may have been the third year after Elijah's announcement to Ahab. The land of Israel may already have been experiencing a six-months' drought when Elijah announced to the King that no rain was to be expected until he, as God's servant, would announce it or bring it. In any event we have the assurance that the entire period of drought was three and a half years.—Luke 4:5; James 5:17



When the time was fulfilled God directed Elijah to present himself to King Ahab, because the time had come when God was willing to relieve the drought—when a sufficiency of punishment had come upon the Israelites for their iniquities—when at least some of them had been called to their senses, reminded of their Covenant with the Lord and his engagement to give them blessings or adversities, according to their obedience. On arriving at the palace Elijah called for the Royal Superintendent, or Prime Minister, Obadiah. He was a godly man and, of course, distressed by the idolatrous course of the King and the Queen. If he was not sufficiently courageous to protest openly, he was, nevertheless, courageous, for, in a time when the servants of Jehovah were being persecuted to death by Queen Jezebel, Obadiah hid one hundred of them and supplied them with the necessities of life—evidently at the risk of his all. When Obadiah met Elijah and was told to tell the King that Elijah was there to see him, Obadiah feared to do so. He declared that himself and others had searched the entire country over most carefully to find Elijah and found him not. He realized that the Lord had hidden him. He protested that if now he would declare that Elijah was ready to see the King, the probabilities were that, by the time the King would get there, the spirit or power of the Lord would somehow carry Elijah away. Then the King, infuriated, would cause Obadiah's death; but Elijah reassured him.

When the King met Elijah his first word was, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" This is the worldly custom. The fearless minister who tells the Truth and relates the Divine prophecy respecting the rewards of evil-doing is held accountable, as though he had caused the trouble. But Elijah was not intimidated. He promptly answered, I have not troubled Israel, but thou and thy parents' house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and followed Baal. Three years before the King would have probably ordered the execution of Elijah; but the fulfillment of his word and the pangs of hunger had humbled him. He was anxious that the blight should be removed and responded to the demands of Elijah that the eight hundred and fifty prophets of idolatrous Baalim should meet at Mt. Carmel and that thither all the people of Israel, represented by their chief men, should also assemble. The design, evidently, was a contest between Elijah, the representative of God, and those murderous priests of Baal, protégés of Jezebel.

"Choose Ye This Day"
This gathering of the priests and of the prophets required time, but was finally accomplished. When the meeting convened Elijah declared that it was time to have a testing and showing as to who really was God, Jehovah or Baal. The test was to be that two altars were to be built and two bullocks were to be sacrificed. The Baalites were to provide the bullocks themselves and to make choice of the one for their own altar. Whichever God would answer by fire and accept the offering, would be acknowledged as the only true God.

To them came the first opportunity. They had the morning opportunity, when the fierce heat of the sun seemed almost warm enough to set fire to the fat of the bullock. They prayed; they shrieked; they cut themselves with knives, entreating that Baal would answer by fire and prove himself the mighty god. Hour after hour this proceeded until evening, when they were forced to give over and admit their inability.

Then came Elijah's turn. He commanded that water be brought and that the altar which he was to use should be thoroughly flooded with water. No one must have room to say that there was a secret smoulder of fire beneath. And, since the sun had gone down, no one could claim a spontaneous combustion. Then Elijah prayed calmly, earnestly, reverently and the Divine answer came—a fire from heaven consuming the sacrifice and licking up the water in the trough of the altar.

Then the people recognized the difference. They fell on their faces and said, Jehovah is the God! A great lesson had been learned.

A lesson for us is that the masses of Christendom are deceived today, as were the masses of Israel then. And when, by and by, God shall open their eyes of understanding through the agency of Messiah's Kingdom, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess. The knowledge of the Lord will fill the whole earth. Complying with the Lord's direction through Elijah, the Israelites slew all the prophets of Baal. We are not to understand this to represent the Divine command to us today to put false teachers to death. We are to remember, as before suggested, that Israel was a special nation with which God dealt in a special manner, and that many of their doings, under Divine direction, were typical of higher things to be accomplished in God's Kingdom. Ultimately, after full opportunity, every false teacher and every wilful sinner will be destroyed.

"All the wicked will God destroy." The death of those priests of Baal furnished a lesson for us in the fact that the masses of all who work iniquity, but those priests themselves did not suffer the Second Death. Like all the remainder of Adam's race, their resurrection from the dead was provided for at Calvary, and they, as well as all others, must be brought to a knowledge of the Truth and to an opportunity of reconciliation to God.

Following the Lord's demonstration came the long-desired rain, not only physically refreshing, but also showing a return of Divine favor. It fell on the evil and on the good, to make both better.

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by a pine and two p o's in Moore's line; thence S 88 E 26 chs to a stake; thence S 2 W 20 chs to a stake; thence with Parker's line S 80 W 27.25 chs. to the beginning, containing (63) sixty-three acres, more or less, excepting, however, a lot of twenty-one and one-fourth (21 1/4) acres from above described tract, this day conveyed by deed to R. M. Sanders, leaving a balance of forty-one and three-fourths (41 3/4) acres, more or less, intended to be conveyed by this deed.

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