

GOSPEL LIGHT

By R. VON KING, Pastor
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THE KEEPING POWER OF GOD

We often sing and speak and preach about the glorious truth of God's power to save, but too many people are ignorant of God's power to keep that which he has saved. The apostle Paul was very keenly aware of this power when he declared in 2 Tim. 1:12 "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." He firmly believed in the final perseverance of the saints as he states in Philippians 1:6, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." This great truth of God's ability and purpose to keep all that we commit unto him is a source of strength and encouragement for every Christian. Just to hear the Psalmist say, "The Lord is thy keeper, He shall preserve thy soul," should help us to realize this truth.

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This the 16th day of May, 1940.

ROBERT L. HENSLEY,
Executor of the Estate
of B. G. Hensley, dec'd.

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of T. A. Porter, deceased, late of McDowell County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the Law Office of W. R. Chambers, Esq., Marion, North Carolina, on or before the 1st day of June, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 30th day of May, 1940.
W. J. Porter and A. Y. Porter,
Administrators of the
Estate of T. A. Porter.

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For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's," 1 Cor. 6:19, 20. Jesus declares in John 6:39, "And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but, should raise it up again at the last day."

God is able to take care of his own property. We read in John 10:27-30 "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one." I feel sorry for the Christians who either do not understand or will not accept this great truth of God's Keeping Power. They are like the man who started across a railroad trestle one night. It was a long trestle and when he was about half-way across he heard an approaching train. He turned and started back, but the train was so close he could not make it. In his anxiety he decided to swing down from the end of a cross-tie over the darkness below. This he did while the train passed by. But when the train had passed he found that he did not have strength to pull himself up. He held on, hoping and praying that someone might come to his rescue until he could hold no longer. Expecting to fall to instant death, he let go and fell—about eight inches. The ground was just below his feet to hold him up all the time, but he only found it out when he let go. Just so we are not able to keep ourselves, but we should simply rest on the finished work of Christ. Let go and let God.

God allows our faith to be tried. In 1 Peter 1:7 we read "That the trial of your faith, being more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." I once found some yellow metal in the gizzard of a chicken that was being prepared for a meal. It looked like gold. It glittered. I felt sure I was very fortunate, but just to be sure I took the yellow pieces of metal to a jewelry man. He looked at it through special glasses and remarked that it might be gold but he must put it to the acid test. As I watched and waited he poured on some liquid from a bottle. To my disappointment, my "gold" turned black. It couldn't stand the acid test for it was not genuine gold. Just so our faith is tried that we may be proved.

God will never forsake his child. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God," 1 John 3:1. He promises in Heb. 10:5 "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." The eighth chapter of Romans closes with these words: "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This story illustrates the point made in the beginning quite well. Often we get into trouble and call upon our best Friend, our dear Savior in heaven, to help us. And He does. But he does it in a way different from the one we think he ought to follow, and so we begin to murmur and complain. In the end, however, we perceive that God's way is best after all and that, as he helped us in his own divine way, we derived much comfort and encouragement from his wonderful guidance. Our Savior tells us in his divine word: "Be not afraid, only believe," Mark 5:36. That last is tremendously important.

ARSENALS

Eleven army arsenals are now operating on a twenty-four hour-a-day basis, speeding production of munitions. Manufacturing arsenals of the army are situated in Augusta, Ga., Venitia, California, Frankfort, Pa., Dover, N. J., Metuchen, N. J., Rock Island, Ill., San Antonio, Texas, Springfield, Mass., Watertown, Mass., Watervliet, New York, and Edgewood, Maryland.

THE ANSWERS

1. No; Ireland is neutral.
2. About 375 feet.
3. General George Marshall.
4. Admiral Harold D. Starke.
5. Yes, he already has a clear majority of the Convention delegates.
6. A wingless flying machine lifted into the air by whirling propellers on vertical axes.
7. A German armored division.
8. About 2,059,629 men.
9. Approximately 4,500 planes.
10. Yes, he was on the staff of Marshal Foch.

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WEEKLY MEDITATION

By Rev. Paul A. Boriack, B. D.,
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A very difficult thing in life to learn, even for a humble, believing child of God, is to say, "Lord, Thy Will be done," regardless of whether it seems right or wrong to us. Yet many going through the hard school of experience learn to say joyfully and believingly at all times, "Oh Lord, Thy Will be done for it is always the best." Sooner or later we learn, even as this little lad.

He was given a fine boat and was very happy when it proudly sailed along on a lagoon in the park. But when he slipped, the twine which held it near the shore got out of his hand and, alas, the boat was soon beyond his reach. Weeping, he begged a larger boy to help him get it back. "All right," the older lad said, and at once threw stones beyond the little boat in the lagoon. "You are going to hurt my boat," the little fellow complained. "Let me do it my way," his friend replied. Soon he noticed that each stone going a little beyond the boat caused waves, which gradually brought the boat back to the shore. "You see," the friend said, "sometimes we older ones do things our own way. I neither hurt your boat nor got my feet wet, and, besides, it made things interesting for you to see the boat gradually returning to the shore." "I thank you," the little fellow responded; "the next time I will think a little before murmuring at what I believe to be wrong."

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"These pants are too tight," said the small boy. "They're tighter than my skin."

"Come, now, Jimmie," said his mother. "You know that's not true." "Well," said Jimmie, "I can sit down in my skin, but I can't in these pants."

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