

Bulletin

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REPRESENTING THE KING

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."—1 Corinthians 5:20.

AN AMBASSADOR is one who represents the king or ruler. His is a most honorable position. Every spirit-begotten and anointed Christian is by reason thereof the ambassador of Christ. He represents the King of glory. No person in this world ever held so honorable a position. Brother Russell once wrote: "The English ambassador at Washington receives a salary of \$60,000 per year, equivalent to more than \$20 per hour. As ambassadors of the King of kings we hold a still more dignified position; and our time, from God's standpoint, is worth still more." How true that statement! The value to oneself of honest and faithful service unto the Lord cannot be measured by money. Ambassadors for earthly kings labor for a substance that soon loses its value. Those who represent the now tumbling thrones of Europe

realize this. But he who works in the cause of the Lord labors "not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life." (John 6:27) What a blessed privilege, then, to be the ambassador of the King of glory!

Rewards that Benefit Both

True, the tangible compensation for the present is small, yet the Lord sees to it that those who labor in his cause suffer not for bread. (Psalm 37:25) He knows what things we have need of, and graciously provides every need. But there are present rewards. Amongst these is the joy of the Lord that comes to one who serves for love. To know that you represent the King of kings; that his kingdom is now being set up, and that you have a part in making that known; that this blessed kingdom of righteousness will undo all that the wicked one has done and will bring lasting relief to the people who for ages have been groaning and travailing in pain, waiting for this blessed kingdom: to carry this message of salvation and comfort to the hungry souls and see their countenance light up with hope— all these things bring real joy to the heart.

But a Foretaste

Then by faith look a little further on, when the ambassador's change to glory comes, when the laborious part of the service here has ceased and the work of love goes on in the presence of the King.

By faith look forward to the multitudes of earth having the burden lifted from their shoulders, the eyes of their understanding opened, the deaf ears unstopped; and behold the hosts long silent in death awakening and coming unto the temple of God with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads. This picture, which soon will be a reality, brings real joy to the heart. Then look higher still to the time when the ambassadors shall stand in the presence of Jehovah, beholding his loving countenance, him who in love has planned it all. And behold the glory and beauty of the Lord Jesus, who in love has executed that plan; and then remember that standing in his presence will be fulness of joy, and that at his right hand will be pleasures for evermore.

Working for Position in Spiritual Phase

Can such boundless riches be measured by any or all of the wealth of earth? No, indeed! All such is but dross. Blessed, then, is the position of the ambassador of Christ who now, prompted by loving devotion to his Lord and King, renders joyful service, thereby laying up treasures unto eternal life. Our Lord and Master would have us now by faith see some of these riches to come, that we might be fed as new creatures and strengthened in hope as we seek to faithfully represent his interests here.

Each day every colporteur, every class worker should go forth to the service with increased joy, singing in his or her heart: "The Lord is my strength and song. Gladly will I represent my King."

Points for Canvass

Good Morning!

Do you expect to be one of the 'millions now living who will never die'?

You would like to live on earth forever, wouldn't you?

There is a way to life and happiness.

Christians of all denominations have prayed for this time: "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on e-a-r-t-h."

The Bible foretells the world conditions that will mark this time as "a time of trouble such as has not been since there was a nation."

The world is in distress. From the affairs of the nations to the door of every household there is sorrow and perplexity. It grows worse daily.

The statesmen and leaders have lost control, and this world distress is identified as the time spoken of by Jesus: "Upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity, men's hearts failing them for fear, looking after the things that are coming upon the earth."

Big business is oppressing the people; politicians seem to be in league; the clergy have lost faith in God's Word and are turning to higher criticism.

There is no way to life and happiness under present conditions; for happiness is ever marred by sorrow, pain, and trouble and d-e-a-t-h.

You are living in the greatest period of the world's history—the transition period. This evil world is being ushered out. God is establishing his kingdom. You may be one of those favored individuals who will never die. You may live through this trouble.

The Bible mentions this class, saying that they are those who are seeking to know righteousness.

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