

# The School of Christ

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Many teachings in the Scriptures are not seen by the ordinary reader, or one who is unilluminated. These truths are discovered by the Spirit of revelation, if they are known.

A proper insight into God's plans, methods and purposes, in the creation of man, and the appointing to him a limited earth career, is a clear instance of truth under the surface, becoming plain by revelation. The whole race of man is placed here on earth on a probation, for purposes of development, schooling and testing.

It is written of Joseph, "He was laid in iron." "The word of the Lord tried him." Abraham was put to an exceptional test. Moses was tested over and again. Ps. 105: 18, 19; Heb. 11:17, 24-26, 32-40.

Accordingly we read, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation, trials, tests, proving, for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life." That is, when he has been proven. Again we are told, "He chasteneth and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth." "But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap." Jas. 1:2; Heb. 12:5-10; Mal. 3:2,3.

It is therefore clear that this world is one vast proving ground. God is testing, proving and schooling, by giving opportunity to see what we will do under chastening, refining and in trying exposed positions, where there are opportunities to show what is in us, under various tribulations, afflictions and temptations. "Many shall be purified, and made white and tried." And in the resurrection they will come up every one in his own order or rank, according to attainment. Dan. 12:10; 1 Cor. 15:23.

We are taught how we should behave under these various dealings of the Lord. When reviled and persecuted, "Rejoice and be exceeding glad." "Glory in tribulations." "Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations." If ye suffer for righteousness sake, happy are ye." "Rejoice evermore." "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice!" Matt. 5:11,12; Rom. 5:3; 8:37-39; 1 Pe. 3:14; Jas. 1:2; 1 Thess. 5:16; Phil. 4:4.

Alas! Alas! How few there be that "labor to enter into rest," strive for the mastery, press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling, or seem to even realize the

higher privileges of being in close touch with God. Or that Jesus has said, "My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Salvation is a free gift, but rewards are according to our works. The mass of professors are but lukewarm—not in the race. "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent." Rev. 22:12; 3:15-22.

Soon the die will be cast! Soon eternal destinies will be fixed forever! Get into the school of Christ! Fight for a crown! "Seek for glory and honor!" Enlist for the prize! Oh! earth born, eternity bound creature: so frail, yet so indestructible, why wilt thou sleep away these infinite possibilities and extensive privileges? Why wilt thou be blind and deceived and make thy bed in hell? Why despise a crown and a seat with Christ in His throne? Why barter eternal riches for fleeting trifling, gilded toys of time. Thou shalt have all eternity in which to regret, and that to no recovering.

"In my Father's domain there are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you." A place suitable to reward your earth efforts, ambitions, attainments, taste and abilities. Can you now be provoked to emulation? Have you "respect unto the recompense of the reward?" Is there a chord of response that vibrates to this appeal? Can you be affected? Can you be aroused? Will you engage in the race? Will you run? Will you gird up your loins? Will you overcome? Jno. 14:2; Heb. 11:26; Gal. 4:18; 1 Cor. 9:24-26.

## Is There a Church of Which Every Member Tithes?

If one were in quest of a church of which every member is devoting a tenth of the income to God's purposes for the Kingdom of Heaven, where would you look? Well, Dr. Hugh McKean of Chiangmai Siam can tell you—more than that he can show such a church. It is right there where he lives and works, and this is what he tells us: "There are 400 members and every member tithes. They receive 40 stangs (less than twenty cents or ten pence) and their rice each week. Of this each gives weekly one-tenth. Because of this they have more for Christian work than any other church in Siam. They pay their own pastor and have sent two missionary families to spread the gospel in a community cut off from the outside world. They

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