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*The Prosperous man*

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The word "depression" has about replaced the word "prosperity". This has happened notwithstanding the fact that all of us dislike the word "depression" and like the word "prosperity". The Psalmist here is pointing the path of success - giving us a recipe for success. This appeals to us for no one wants to fail but every one desires to succeed.

We do not admire failures but rather or we in an age of success worshippers. Nor are our ideas of success always the highest. We do not always give first place to those whose success is in the realm of the spiritual.

Most of the people wanting prosperity have in mind the financial side of life. It comes about that we may have financial prosperity but very little real success. To show you what I mean when I say that most writers have in mind financial prosperity & not real success I will give you some expressions recently written by H. M. Wells - famous historian. He says: "The monetary muddle - the failure to balance production and consumption, and the tradition of running human affairs as a system of hostilities between sixty odd sovereign governments are the threads or strands in the rope that tightens round the neck of human wisdom. - Just as the threat is three fold or are there three main strands in the solution - money, credit, and finance."

Now all that solution brought about we would have prosperity - success in what? In Property Damage Insurance if he could but go back behind the Property Damage Insurance and shamed the selfishness - the greed - the sin - as causing it all and then to his solution add



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the turning to God his article would have been pointing to the recipe for success.

The good news that the Psalmist has for us is that every body may prosper every one may be in the truest sense successful, we may have a palace or a hut, disease or health, but in spite of all circumstances whether fraught with laughter or tears if we meet the conditions we may in the truest sense succeed.

What are the conditions of success?

1. The road is shut within limits. There are a few things that we must not do - we dislike discipline these days we want to do as we please - like it or not there are refusals we have to make. The train going from station to station or ship going from country must go within certain limits or not reach its destination.

a. He must refuse to walk in the counsel of the ungodly, who are the ungodly? Those that leave God out of their thinking. And no man can succeed who ignores the supreme fact which is God.

b. He must refuse to stand in the way of sinners. This is lower degree than walking - you will walk on out of the way of sinners but standing denotes a decaying sentimentality to sin. He is losing his antagonism to evil.

Sin is always progressive. Ill seed of the Red wood tree of Cal.

c. He must refuse to sit in the seat of the scornful. To take the corner's seat is to take the lowest place possible. He chooses to sit rather than to serve.

He is content to sit on the sick beds and see the struggles of his fellows.

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