

*Some times it looks as if saving of soul
must be done away from church*

Good Overcoming Evil

I.Sam.19:18-24.

We have here the picture of Saul wanting to kill David but Jonathan interceded and David was saved... But the spirit of murder came back on Saul and he sought to slay David. This time David was let down from a window by Mical and escaped to Samuel at Ramah.

In this incident we see the power of good over evil. This is a carrying out in olden times of the teaching in the N.T. "Over come evil with good." We are hopeless unless this is so.

Nature's forces carry their atmosphere.

- a. Sun gushes forth light unquenchable.
- b. Coals throw off heat - *In my generation that was one of the lessons learned - I killed*
- c. Violets are larger in influence than in bulk.
- d. Spices crowd the house with sweet odors.

Man also has his atmosphere.

- A. Force bearer...and producer.
- B. It was said of Kossuth, "We must first recon with the orator's physical bulk then carry the measuring line around his atmosphere."
- C. Thinking of evil emanating from a bad man, Milton made Appolon's nostrils to emit flames.
- D. A mans personality is the center of outreaching influences. If light is in him he shines - *faces of missionaries*
If evil is in him he shades
If heart glows with love he warms
If frozen with selfishness he chills - *Have v. seen him?*
If corrupt he poisons
If pur he cleanses.

We watch with wonder the apparent flight of the sun through the heavens, glowing upon dead planets, shortening winter, bringing summer with birds, leaves, and fruits.

But that is not half so wonderful and thrilling as the passage of a human heart, glowing and sparkling with a thousand effects, as it moves through life. The soul like the sun has its atmosphere and is over against its fellows for warmth, light, and transformation. (M.E.Armstrong..like a ray of sunshine passing through a community.)

In our lesson here we have the story of King Saul sending men to capture David....sent messengers three times. They all stayed to prophesy...Then Saul went also...but when he arrived the spirit of the Lord came upon him and he took off his clothes and spent the night and was in such an attitude that they asked, "Is King Saul also among the Prophets?"

King Agrippa sitting on his throne was afraid when Paul fronted him and lifting up his chains and spoke to him words of righteousness.

Carlyle tells of an instance in 1848 when a riot was on in Paris. The mob swept down the streets spiking the guns and cannon...They were stopped by a gray haired man...The leader of the mob said; "It is Dela Eure...sixty years of pure life is about to address you."

Pilate, with a legion of mailed soldiers to protect him trembled and quaked before his silent Prisoner...Jesus.

Would it not be wonderful if when we die we might have written on our tombs....."HIS PRESENCE MADE BAD MEN GOOD."

But mans atmosphere is equally powerful to blight and to shrivel.

Man not time is the great destroyer. History is full of ruins of cities..and empires...Had it not been for mans destructive powers we would have to day...

- a. Temples of the Greeks
- b. Broad roads and massy walls of the Romans
- c. Architecture of the Middle Ages.

Man seems to be the pestilence that walketh in darkness and the destruction that wasteth at noon day...

This is all bad but nothing to compare to the wrecked lives and homes that we see in every community on God's green earth. How we do need the spirit of goodness as it was in Jesus to become power in our lives to the transforming of the bad in even our own community...there are those ever awake to know evil before our citizenship.

We may have the power if we will accept it.

- a. Stratten talked to drunken bookbinder and we got John B. Gough the Apostle of temperance.
- b. Moffat's words with Livingston the weaver made him David Livingston the Savior of Africa.

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OH GOD OUR FATHER...HELP US TO DAY AS WE GO
FORTH AMONG THE PEOPLE TO GO IN THE SPIRIT OF
THE HYMN WRITER AS HE SAID,

"A CHARGE TO KEEP I HAVE, A GOD TO GLORIFY
A NEVER DYING SOUL TO SAVE AND FIT IT FOR THE
SKY. IN THE NAME OF CHRIST WE PRAY

