

WRITINGS OF R K WILSON

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There is a plain path marked out for the individual in 2 Tim., but for coming together in assembly 1 Cor. guides all in every place, till the Lord come. We read of the commandments of the Lord, and the Lord's Supper. In Luke 22:1-71 we have the Passover aspect of the Lord's death: 1 Corinthians 5:1-13 gives the Passover in its application to Christians. We are to keep the feast of unleavened bread! Evil is judged, all that man is, exposed and put away. The priests and Judas seeking to destroy Jesus showed what was in the heart of man. The Lord's Supper, given in connection with the Passover in the night of Christ's betrayal, speaks of the love of Christ and the love of God. If the Passover aspect of Christ's death tells us that the ground is cleared, the Lord's Supper tells us who occupies the ground! The Lord fills every eye. 1 Corinthians 10:1-33 teaches how Christ's death shuts the door on all not of God. Christians are shut up to Christ. They have a full cup of blessing! In 1 Corinthians 1:9, we are called into the fellowship of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. In 1 Corinthians 11:1-34, we are shut in with Christ; His death opens the door to all that is of God. In 1 Cor. we read of God's assembly, God's temple and Christ's body; it is holy ground! The Holy Spirit has taken up his abode in the saints. Holiness and love were wanting at Corinth. Love builds up. It is the bond of perfectness, holding all together. 1 Corinthians 12:1-31; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; 1 Corinthians 14:1-40, tell us how saints are edified. There is no arrangement nor president; not even elders are spoken of in 1. Cor. In 1 Corinthians 15:1-58, all have the gospel as Paul received it and preached it: Christ's death, burial and resurrection, and the seven witnesses that Christ is raised from the dead. Thrice we read of "the first day of the week." In John 20:1-31, we have the disciples together and Jesus in the midst; peace and gladness filling their hearts. In Acts 20:1-38, they came together on the first day of the week to break bread; not because Paul was there, but as their custom. In 1 Corinthians 16:1-24, it is in connection with the collection for the poor saints. In a day of ruin we have to turn to the scriptures for directions as to God's order in His house as Ezra did. There was one centre for God's earthly people. Christ is our centre and our altar. Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp bearing His reproach!

(Extracts from the late R. K. Wilson).

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Notes of address by R. K. Wilson at Glasgow, 3-1-1916.

Hannah raised a song in a dark day; even as Deborah did in hers of similar darkness (1 Samuel 2:1-10). It is remarkable that Hannah could raise such a beautiful psalm of triumph to God in the midst of abundant wickedness all around. That did not lessen her resolution to give up her son for the service of the house of God. She could leave safely to God the matter of dealing with her enemies, while the Lord's enemies would be broken to pieces in His own good time. The Lord kills and makes alive. He brings down to the grave and up therefrom. He makes poor and rich. He brings low and lifts up. From the lowest to the highest all are in His hands. He exalts the beggar from the dunghill and sets him amongst princes even to inherit the throne of glory. With that knowledge none need seek favour of advancement at man's footstool. All is in the hands of a higher power! But the prophetic touch in the song of Hannah stretches forward to our day when the inheritance of the throne of glory set in heaven is shared by those of low degree. The way up is by going down! We get down at the Lord's feet, coming under his sway of grace; meanwhile "He will keep the feet of His saints" (1. Sam. 2:9). That is fulfilled now in the feet-washing of John 13:1-38. When the Lord came to earth, Anna, like her namesake of the earlier day, kept to God's place and His people in the temple, serving God with fastings and prayers night and day. She had good things for all who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. It is worthy of note that she spake of Him. In Luke 21:1-38, we see the record of another of the daughters of faith who acted in direct opposition to all the grasping greed of the day in which she lived. The widow gave her all into God's treasury! However, much the religious leaders of that day might be misrepresenting God's character by their conduct, she was not hindered in acting in faith under the eye of God alone, from which she could not be hid. The rich people's giving was all surpassed in the Lord's unerring verdict by the two mites which formed all her possessions. She won undying fame; they, acting for the praise of men, have been forgotten.

S. The New Start and its Results.

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Notes of address by R. K. Wilson at Galashiels, 1914. In Numbers 21:1-35, we get Israel's new start in another life. They had been much discouraged because of the way and their souls loathed the light bread. Their murmuring brought the fiery serpents and death. But God's remedy was the serpent of brass lifted up and whoever looked at it, lived. Then they set forward, journeying towards the sunrise and singing to the well. John 3:4. speak of the same subject. The Son of man lifted up on the cross: God and Christ giving the living waters to the believer. There is a new start to the soul that looks to Christ, believes on Him, drinking at the fountain of living water. The three world-enemies (the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life) are dealt with in Numbers 21:1-35. The devil works through these, but the Word of God and the love of the Father work in the believer doing God's will. In Numbers 23:1-30, Balaam, hired to curse the people of God, was prevented by God because the people had been blessed. Nothing could alter God's purpose. They were separated from the nations for God's pleasure. (Now the saints are in Christ — sanctified and justified, 1 Corinthians 1:1-31). But later, Balaam succeeded in mixing the people of God with the Midianites. So the doctrine of Balaam does the harm in mixing the saints with the world (Revelation 2:1-29.). "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Corinthians 6:1-18). The wiles of the devil as of the Midianites are to be feared. Saints are hindered if mixed up with the world (whether social, religious or political). Man is exposed thoroughly in the Word. But all the searching is with a view to Spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ. Nothing can separate any of the saints from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:1-39).

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