

Back to Calvary.

Very aptly the *Biblical Review* (January, 1921) remarks: "In the presence of a desperate malady no one thinks of experimenting, if a tried and potent remedy is known. Yet, in times like these, all sorts of political, social, and religious nostrums are being offered to the individual and the nations. If men had nothing better to turn to, it might be worth while to try these human plans, but our Lord Himself has and is the supreme source of healing and of life for a sadly troubled world. It is refreshing to find this fact proclaimed in such a wholesome, clear way as is done by J. Marvin Nicols, in the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, when he calls to his brother preachers:

"Oh, what an hour this is for the man who has not lost his commission to preach a risen Lord! What a supreme moment, this, in human history when a Christ can be preached—a Christ who, remembering that we are but dust, can be touched with a feeling of our infirmities! On this very mountain-peak of history there is no place for a preacher who moves in the fog belt, no place for the preacher whose head is not above the clouds. Bruce Wright recalls the fact that Martin Luther preached this doctrine of atoning blood to slumbering Europe, and Europe awoke from the dead. Amid all his defenses of divine sovereignty, Calvin never belittled or ignored the atonement. Spurgeon thundered this glorious doctrine of Christ crucified into the ears of peasant and peer alike. John Bunyan made the Cross the starting-point to the celestial city. Moody's bells all chimed to the keynote of Calvary.

"O brother preacher, let us put our ears close to the world's great big heart! It murmurs and sighs like a tired and restless sea. It is a weary world, and longs for rest. Let us quit piddling with things that, in view of eternal things and the ages to come, are but stones that jeer and mock the famished soul. Preach Jesus!—the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease. Tell them He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free. They can understand a message like that. Preach Jesus! For when He speaks, new life the dead receive; and, listening to the music of His voice, the mournful, broken hearts rejoice.

"Let us go back to the Christ of the Ages—back to the very shadow of the Cross. Back to Calvary—the world's final hope; that's the supreme call of the hour! No man can have evangelistic success who fails to preach redemption through His atoning blood."

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