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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

By the Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, D. D.

October 30th—What Does Protestantism Stand For? Romans 4:1-5; Gal. 3:23-29.

October 31st is known in the history of the Church as "Reformation Day." It was on this day, 1917, that Martin Luther nailed a document on the Church door at Wittenberg containing ninety-five theses or statements protesting against the doctrines and customs of the Roman Catholic Church. The movement which was launched at that time of course, was the outgrowth of many influences and conditions which has developed during preceding centuries. There were reformers before the Reformation and whenever a great movement like that breaks anywhere there has always been a period of preparation and usually it breaks out simultaneously at different places. Thus, while Martin Luther is usually regarded as the outstanding leader of the Reformation there were others who lived practically at the same time, notably Ulrich Zwingli in Switzerland, who advocated the same principles and shared similar views. It is exactly like today in the great movements of the Church—they break out at many places at the same time, although a few men become outstanding leaders thereof. These men were at first called Reformers. It was not until later that the word PROTESTANT came into vogue. It is an unfortunate name. It was applied to those men who protested against the doctrines and customs of the Roman Catholic Church, and the movement which developed was known as Protestantism. It has continued now for over four hundred years and men are still asking the question—What Does Protestantism Stand For? Three well-defined principles emerged through this great movement. They are: (1) the Scriptures are the only rule of faith; (2) justification by grace through faith; (3) the priesthood of all believers. Now, let us see what these three principles involve.

1. The Scriptures are the only rule of faith. Protestantism stands first and foremost for the supremacy of the Bible over tradition. The Roman Catholic Church believed in the authority of the Church as this was headed by the Pope. The Bible was withheld from the common people and no one except the Priest and those above him knew or could interpret or understand the Bible. Consequently the Bible was put into the background and people remained ignorant of it. But Protestantism exalted the Bible. It shifted the authority from the Church to the Book. It asked, "What sayeth the Scriptures?" You can observe this fact in any Protestant Church today, for the Bible is the most prominent thing in it. It is bound in big volumes and laid prominently upon the pulpit or lectern as the supreme authority for the people. It is around this old Book that Protestantism has been waging its most furious battles. The interpretation of the Scriptures is the bone of contention between many Christians and has arrayed believers in Christ into many different groups.

2. Justification by grace through faith. The great question which faced the world was "What must a man do to be saved?" "How shall the sinner be justified before God?" Now, the Roman Catholic Church said that a man could be saved by good works. The priest has the power to forgive sins and a man can buy indulgences for sin and thus have the assurance of forgiveness by the mere word of the priest. Protestantism said that a man is saved by grace through faith. Salvation is a gift from God. It is bestowed upon men by a gracious, loving, merciful God, but this favor must be appropriated by an act of faith on the part of the sinner. If he believes in Christ he is justified not by an

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Notice is also hereby given that the Collector of State and County taxes has received cards showing the owners of automobiles. As taxes are paid, each card will be stamped and returned to the Automobile Commissioner. Those who fail to pay the 1927 taxes, cannot get their automobile licenses for 1928.

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priesthood of all believers. It maintains that every soul has direct access to God and God can confer His blessings immediately upon believers. This produced a profound change in the Christian Church. It brought every man into living, vital union with Christ and did away with a whole retinue of intermediaries.

Now, out of these three fundamental principles for which Protestantism stands, other principles evolved. Protestantism affected the whole life of the Church, its doctrine, its government, its worship, its practices, its social and individual life. Protestantism rejected the papacy, the worship of saints and relics, the sacrifices of the mass, works of superrogation, purgatory, indulgences and other rites and ceremonies. It believed in the right of private judgment and maintained a social morality instead of a monkish asceticism; and a simple spiritual service in place of elaborate ceremonies. The Christianity of Roman Catholicism may be regarded as law; that of Protestantism as gospel. The Roman Catholic Church externalizes religion; Protestantism sipiritualizes it. It stands for freedom, for human progress, for democracy, for social welfare, for a high type of citizenship, for missions and Christian stewardship. Sometimes its spirit of freedom is wholly abused. It does not use the power of the law in the enforcement of its principles like the Roman Catholic Church, but allows the free-

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Lesson for October 30

AMOS DENOUNCES SIN

(World's Temperance Sunday.)

LESSON TEXT—Amos 2:4-12.

GOLDEN TEXT—Seek good and not evil, that ye may live, and so the Lord the God of hosts shall be with you as ye have spoken.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The Punishment of Sin.

JUNIOR TOPIC—What God Thinks of Sin.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Why the Drink Traffic Is Prohibited.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Intemperance and Associated Evils.

Amos, a shepherd and tradesman (Amos 7:14, 15) was called to prophesy for God. He was neither in the prophetic line, nor trained in the prophetic schools.

I. The Sins of Judah (2:4, 5).

In the first part of the book Amos sets forth judgments upon the surrounding nations. The aim, doubtless, was to show that there is no escape from God's judgment. The nation or individual that sins shall surely be judged (Num. 32:23).

1. They despised the law of the Lord.

To despise means to spurn, to disregard. To despise God's law is a sin directly against God. There is no escape from judgment for such as do this. (Heb. 10:28, 29).

2. Failed to keep the Lord's commandments (v. 4).

Disobedience logically follows the despising of God's law. It not only robs of blessings in this life, but results in eternal destruction (II Thess. 1:7-10).

3. Lies caused them to err (v. 4).

Because they despised God's law they fell into lying errors. Doctrine and conduct are inseparable. Thinking wrong precedes doing wrong.

4. Judgment upon Egypt (v. 5).

This was literally fulfilled a century and a half later in the capture of Jerusalem by the Chaldeans.

II. The Sins of Israel (2:6-8.)

The message of the prophet now comes directly to the northern kingdom.

1. "Sold the righteous for silver" (v. 6).

The judge, for a bribe of silver, declared the innocent to be guilty.

2. "Sold the poor for a pair of shoes" (v. 6).

Likely this refers to the practice of selling into slavery the debtor who could not pay for a pair of shoes which had been sold to him on time.

3. "Pants" after the dust of the earth on heads of the poor (v. 30).

The word "pant" means to eagerly desire. So avaricious had these men become that they even grasped after the earth which the down-trodden poor cast upon their heads in mourning because of their misery.

4. Turned aside the way of the meek (v. 7).

These grasping rich men turned aside the meek; that is, those who would not stand up for their rights.

5. Licentiousness (v. 7).

So notorious were the immoralities practiced that they were even guilty of incestuous prostitution. This was not merely the case of falling into sensuous sin, but was indulged in with the definite purpose of insulting God, provoking His holy name.

6. Idolatry (v. 8).

They not only frequented the place of idolatrous worship, but lay down on the clothes taken from the poor, and drank wine bought with money extorted from the poor in unjust fines.

III. God's Goodness to Israel (vv. 9-12).

God's manifold blessings and His goodness are now presented in contrast with the base practices of the nation, in order to heighten the picture of their ingratitude.

1. Destroyed their enemies (v. 9).

The Ammorite stands for all powerful peoples whom God removed from Palestine to make room for Israel.

2. Delivered from cruel bondage (v. 10).

God set them free from the cruel slavery of the Egyptians. Every redeemed one has been set free from a more cruel bondage than that of the Israelites at the hands of the Egyptians (John 8:34-36).

The DAIRY

DAIRY TRADITION RUINED BY FACTS

Common belief among dairymen that cows freshening in the spring produce milk more economically than cows freshening at other seasons of the year does not check with the pure facts.

Evidence against this common opinion has come to rural economists at the Ohio State university from the study of records kept for five years by Medina county dairymen.

The economists divided the herds into three groups: Those in which less than 25 per cent of the cows freshened in three spring months—March, April, May—those in which between 25 and 35 per cent of the cows freshened in the spring, and those herds in which more than 35 per cent of the cows freshened in the fall.

Records on these groups showed that costs of feed and labor were reduced in both groups where spring freshening was practiced more extensively.

Milk production per cow increased, however, and cost of producing 100 pounds of milk decreased as the proportion of spring-freshened cows in the herd increased.

Production per cow during the five years averaged 8,154 pounds a year in herds where fall freshening predominated, 7,289 pounds in the half-way group, and 6,822 pounds in the herds where spring freshening predominated. Costs of producing 100 pounds of milk varied accordingly, from $2.47 in the fall-freshening group to $2.71 in the spring-freshening group.

Soy Beans Are Valuable Feed for Dairy Cattle

Another experiment has been completed where soy-bean meal and soy-bean oil meal has been found satisfactory for feeding dairy cattle. This last experiment has been reported by the Delaware experiment station and substantiates other experimental data on this subject. In this experiment the different forms of soy beans were fed in comparison with peanut oil meal and the results showed that it was superior to this product.

In three experiments conducted by other stations in which soy-bean cake or meal was compared with linseed oil meal, the soy-bean cake or meal was found to be equal in one, and slightly superior in two for milk production. In one experiment where soy-bean cake was compared with cotton-seed cake, soy-bean cake was found to be slightly superior to cotton-seed cake for milk production.

All of these different experiments tend to show the possibilities of furnishing cows with home-grown protein supplements.

Self-Feeding Dairy Cow Is Found Unprofitable

What is good economics in feeding beef cattle and hogs is a waste when tried on dairy cows, according to the University of Illinois, which has just reached this conclusion after experiments in allowing dairy cows to "help themselves" to the feeds they want in the quantities they will eat. More feed than necessary was eaten, it was found. No two cows had the same preference for feeds, several different kinds of mill feeds as well as whole grain, ensilage and hay, being used in this experiment. Hence, the cow testing associations have been on the right track in teaching dairy farmers to house their cows in sanitary stalls with ventilation systems, feed and litter carriers, individual drinking cups and special attention to the individual production and demands of the dairy cows.

Scrub Bull Lowers Herd Record to "Goat" Level

In many of our dairy herds today culling should begin with the elimination of the sire, says Dr. J. C. McDowell of the bureau of dairy industry, United States Department of Agriculture. Breeding to inferior bulls may pull production down as fast as