

ARE YOU READY TO MEET GOD?



by R.A. Torrey

God is holy. The Bible on every page labors to bring that out with all its types, sacrifices, ceremonies, explicit teaching. Take the supreme expression of it in 1 John 1:5, "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all."

Men and women of London, if there should burst upon this audience tonight a real vision of God in His holiness, this whole great gathering would fall on their faces and cry, "Woe is me, for I am undone." Not one of you could keep your seats.

You and I someday must meet this holy God. The Prophet Amos cries, "Prepare to meet thy God!" (see Amos 4:12). The rich man must meet God. Also, the beggar, the scholar, the illiterate man, the nobleman,

implore you: get ready before leaving this hall tonight.

How can we meet God with joy and not with dismay? There is only one ground upon which man may meet God with joy and not with despair. That ground is the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. God is infinitely holy, and the best of us is but a sinner. The only ground upon which a sinner can meet the holy God is on the ground of the shed blood of Christ. Any of us, no matter how outcast or vile, can go boldly to the Holy of Holies on the ground of the shed blood, and the best man or woman that ever walked this earth can meet God on no other ground than the shed blood.

There is only one adequate preparation for the sinner to meet God. That is the acceptance of Jesus Christ as our personal Savior, who bore all our sins on the Cross of Calvary, and who as our risen Savior is able to set us free from the power of sin. Thank God that when Jesus Christ was nailed to yonder Cross of Calvary, all my sins were settled.

Let me sum it up. There is a God. God is great. God is holy. You and I must meet Him. There is only one adequate preparation—the acceptance of Christ as our

Sin-bearer, our Savior, Deliverer from the power of sin. Will you accept Christ tonight? ■

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the king, the emperor. Everyone must meet God! The supreme question of life, then, is this: Are you ready to meet God? None of us can tell how soon it may be.

The king of Spain, as the bulletins have flashed across the wires, has been very near meeting God today. Some of us may meet Him within the next 24 hours; more within the year; many more within five years; and within 40 years almost every man and woman in this audience. Are you ready? If not, I