

The Romance of the Doctor's Visits

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THE WORST SIN IN THE BEST STENOGRAPHER

Three physicians occupied a suite of rooms in a great office building devoted to the medical profession. These men had engaged a number of young ladies for secretarial work at different times. None had given such satisfactory service as a Miss B--, who seemed especially fitted for this type of work. She was pleasant in her manner and quite efficient in all of her service.

One evening about half-past four, this lady who was a stranger to me, telephoned my office and requested an interview at five o'clock, which was granted. She was soon at the door in a taxicab, and came into the office. I could see that she was greatly agitated about something, and since I did not know that she was in a doctor's office, asked her whether she wanted to see me as a physician or as a minister. "As a minister," she said, "for I work in a doctor's office."

I asked her to tell me the condition of our soul, and what her particular trouble might be.

"I am a terrible sinner," she replied; "no one knows it but GOD and me. It is making me most wretched -- in fact, so much so, that I fear my mind will give way under the strain. It is such a horrible sin that I cannot even tell you what it is. I know that GOD will never forgive me for it, and I am not seeking that; I know there is no remedy. I only want you to tell me whether there is any way that I can endure this agony any longer."

Such a case as this had never before come to my attention. I asked her to kneel with me while we prayed together for wisdom and light. After praying the HOLY SPIRIT put it into my heart to find for her those Scriptures which assure us that all sins may be washed away by the blood of CHRIST. I found a number of such passages, but before giving them to her, I pleaded for more information concerning her case. She steadfastly refused, but assured me that no other human being was involved in the sin; that she had sinned only against the Lord JESUS and no one else.

We then turned to the Scriptures, such as "**And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross**" (Colossians 2:13-14); and "**But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all**" (Isaiah 53:5-6). None of these gave her any help or relief.

Again, I urged her to tell me the character of the sin. I assured her, that as a doctor, I could not

help my patients until I knew the symptoms and found the seat of the disease. The fireman would not be content with throwing water on smoke; he must find the fire before he could put it out. Thus I encouraged her, for it was quite evident that her sin was not such a one as was common among men, but must be of some peculiar character which would need special Scripture passages to solve.

Supper time had now arrived and the gong summoned us to the table. I requested that supper be reserved for a while, because the situation was too acute to leave just at this juncture. The contact was too vital. Continuing with her, I said: "I really think we should not continue any longer unless you are willing to tell me your need, in order that I may bring to you GOD's Word which will meet that need."

She then laid aside her reserve and told a most remarkable story of her attitude towards the person of CHRIST. It was the most unusual and peculiar attitude I have ever heard from any human lips. It was unbelievable in its character, were it not that it came from the lips of one having that experience.

"This is none other than a demon, Miss B--. No other power on earth would put such thoughts in your mind. The devil hates CHRIST and would like to keep you from trusting Him, therefore he has given you this strange attitude. The Lord JESUS is the only one who can conquer Satan. He will give you the victory just now, if you will trust Him."

We turned and read Acts 13:38-39, where the HOLY SPIRIT has recorded: "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses." Her attention was called to the two uses of the word "all" in this verse. The first "all" included herself, the second "all" included her sins. We read the verse over several times, while I pressed upon her these two words.

It was seven o'clock before her heart yielded and her mind accepted the statement of GOD's Word concerning that word "all." Finally she yielded.

"It doesn't seem right to me," she said, "but since GOD has said it, I must believe that it is so. What wonderful grace on His part that He should make such a provision for one so utterly wicked."

"Will you tell the Lord JESUS that you believe Him?" I inquired. "If you will trust Him just now, you should tell Him so, then He will give you His peace and the assurance that all your sins are blotted out." She readily agreed, and as we knelt together beside the wicker chair, she poured out her heart in gratitude to the One who would blot out such terrible sins.

Bring Him your sins, my friends, whatever they are and however so many they may be, and CHRIST will pardon and cleanse you from all sin.
