

DR. WILSON'S STORIES OF SOUL-WINNING

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CHAPTER FIFTEEN

THE DENTIST WAS NOT LIKE GOD

Because of the need of having some dental work done, I visited Dr. B in his office.

He had a splendid reputation as a dentist of exceptional ability, and so although he was a stranger to me, I went to him for the work I needed. I had a slight acquaintance with his delightful wife, and heard that she was a devoted and a happy Christian. I waited for him in the reception room until he finished helping another patient, and then we were alone. I said to him, "Doctor, I need some work done, and heard that you were unusually good in your profession. My name is Dr. Wilson, and my father who was a physician at one time lectured to the students in the school where you graduated" (I had been looking at his diploma on the wall). He wanted to know who told me about him, and I answered that it was through some friends of his wife.

He invited me to be seated in the dental chair, and as I did so, I said to him, "Doctor, I understand that you are not like God." He smiled at this and said, "I suppose that is so. I do not claim to be a saint. I do attempt to give the best kind of service and to be honest with my patients. What do you have in mind about me?" I replied that I had read recently in the Bible that God breaks the teeth of the ungodly. It is recorded in Psalm 3. I then suggested that he try not to break the teeth of the ungodly. He was quite amused at this statement, and quickly assured me that he had never seen that passage in the Bible, but that he certainly tried not to break the teeth of anybody.

He did his work splendidly for me that morning, and asked me to return in one week for further work, which I told him I would be glad to do. At the end of the week I returned to his office. We greeted each other cordially, and I said, "Doctor, I have found another way in which you are not like God." He tossed his head and with a smile said, "Boy, you have nothing on me. I have been thinking about what you said last week, and have found a good many other ways in which I am not like God. What do you have in mind now?" I replied that I had been reading in the Book of Amos that God gave Israel cleanness of teeth by withholding food from them (Amos 4:6). "I know that you use a machine to give cleanness of teeth, and so you are not like God." The conversation ceased for a while because he was doing some difficult work in my mouth. We were not silent very long when he said,

“I have been thinking a great deal about how unlike God I am. Things I had forgotten have been coming back to my remembrance, and it has made me very unhappy. I never really analyzed myself before, but I can see very well that I need to have something done to me in order to be what God wants me to be.”

This was an open invitation to tell the story of God’s provision for our need. I was sitting in the chair, and so could not read to him, but I quoted to him, “**The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin.**”

I reminded him that the only one who could blot out all our sins must be the One who knows them all. He also must be someone who is willing to do it, and who is authorized by God to do it. That One is Jesus Christ. We did not finish our conversation because other patients were waiting, and my time was about up for the engagement. The Doctor urged me to return in about four days for further work. When I came back, I found he was really in earnest about his relationship to God. Fortunately, we were alone again in his office. He expressed the hope that at the end of the journey he would have eternal life and go to heaven. I assured him that God wanted to give him eternal life now. I explained to him that the Scriptures taught plainly that salvation is a present gift, and taking my Bible I read to him, “**In whom we have redemption, through His blood, the forgiveness of sins**” (Ephesians 1:7). He was quick to notice that it was in the present tense. I also read to him I John 5:12, “**He that hath the Son hath Life.**” And this also he noticed was in the present tense.

He expressed astonishment at this fact. He had always thought that no one could know he was saved until the end of life. He did not know that God saves the soul in this life the moment that soul trusts Jesus Christ. This truth engaged his attention and won his heart. To think that he could be saved now, and know it, was a revelation to his mind. It changed his thinking, and it gave him a desire to experience that blessing.

On the occasion of my next visit some days later, I found that my doctor friend had had a meeting with the Saviour. Alone in the presence of his Lord, he had trusted his soul to Jesus Christ, he had believed God as Abraham did. He had trusted his life to the Lord Jesus as Paul did. He had the peace that passeth understanding given him by the Prince of peace, and became a follower of the Lamb. Today this servant of God, saved by grace, is himself a teacher of the Scriptures, and has been used by the Lord to bring new light and new blessings to many people.

He is one of God’s messengers, bringing God’s message to the patients who come to him for physical help, and leave his office with the added blessing of spiritual help. Be sure you too have a meeting with the Saviour of sinners, and He will give you eternal life now.

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