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TALMAGE'S SERMON.

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true son, if possible you would follow out the desires of that maternal letter word by word. New converts in the gospel life and Christian of older standing, the Holy Scriptures are God's letter to us. If we are the Heavenly Father's true children we will take the letter and study it. We will translate the desires of that letter into our own lives. We will make God's thoughts our thoughts and his ways our ways.

Paul said to young Timothy, "Preach the word!" I say to you, "Study the word." Study it in the church and in the home. Study it on your knees and at your desk and in your bed. Yes, new convert, read the Bible and continue to read it, because God commands you to read it. Read it, because your deeper spiritual life depends upon your reading it.

But there is still another way for the Christian to quench the spiritual flame which is now burning within him. That way is to neglect the family altar, which should be raised in every home. That way is for the husband and father to hurriedly arise in the morning and quickly dress, and then off to business without gathering his children about him for family worship and without having any blessing asked at the breakfast table.

Every man's home to a certain extent is his own castle. He can lift what standards he pleases over his own fireside. He can emphatically say, as did God's servant of old, "Let others do as they will, but for me and my house we shall serve the Lord." Or he can open his own home to shelter and entertain evil temptations of all sorts. But let no man think if he surrenders his house to evil practices and yields himself and his home to the seductions of the world that he can at the same time live a spiritual life, nor can he expect that those around him, who are bound to him by ties of blood and love, will lead spiritual lives. He must, if he would live right, not only consecrate his own life every morning to God, but in the presence of his children he must offer a petition to God for them to consecrate their lives to Christ also.

So completely do I believe the true spiritual life to be dependent in many ways upon the family altar that I would have the fathers and mothers, as soon as possible, teach their little children to publicly pray at family worship and to publicly ask the blessing at the daily meals. I remember, many years ago when traveling in Scotland, noticing how general was the custom for the young child of the household who could utter the words being called upon to ask the blessing at the family meal. I thought then, as I think now, that it was an excellent practice, tending to accustom the child from its earliest years to acknowledge the goodness of God and to address him in prayer.

Thus, no matter which way we may look at the Pauline word "quench," the whole trend of the matter is this: As Christians we cannot live a true spiritual life unless every moment of every day we are in touch with Christ. We cannot preach to others unless by searching God's word we hear Christ preaching to us. We cannot pray for others in public review unless we have had much knee drill in secret prayer. We cannot give ourselves wholly to God's service unless at the same time at the family altar we give our loved ones also to him.

In welcoming the church members to Christ's altar I have but one more question to ask and to answer. In what, O struggling herd, does the chief definition of being a Christian consist? Ought you to say, "I want to be a Christian to escape the evil effects of sin?" I want to be a Christian to be happy? "I want to be a Christian in order that I may reach heaven?" Oh, no. You should want to be a Christian, not for your own beatification, but in order that God may be glorified. In order to glorify God we should work for him. In order to glorify God we should give to him of our temporal substance. In order to glorify God we should pray to him. We should read the Bible that we can further find out how Christ may continue to be glorified. May our lives be filled with holy zeal for the glorification of the blessed Saviour on earth and in heaven. I congratulate you in this, the supreme moment of your life, when you start in the service of Jesus Christ. Christian brother, give me thy hand,

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