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DELIVER ME FROM MYSELF!

One November night when D. L. Moody was 34 years of age, he walked the streets of New York sobbing, "Oh, God, why don't you compel me to walk close to Thee always? Deliver me from myself! Take absolute sway! Give me Thy Holy Spirit!" So mightily did the Spirit of God come upon him that he had to rush to the home of a friend if he might have a room where he could be alone, where he spent hours of which it is unlawful to speak. And he seldom did. -Wilbur Smith

LAST CHANCE

Bishop Phillips Brooks became quite ill and would see no visitors. When Robert Ingersoll, the famous atheist who had some acquaintance with Brooks, heard that he was sick, he called at his home to see him and was admitted at once. "I appreciate this very much," said Mr. Ingersoll, but why is it that you see me when you deny yourself to all your friends?" "It's this way," answered Brooks. I feel confident of seeing my other friends in the next world, but this may be my last chance to see you."

ALL GIVEN OVER TO JESUS

How unlike most Christians is the story of Chinese Gordon. For his services in China, the government sought to reward him, but he declined all honors. He did accept a gold medal inscribed with his name and thirty-three engagements because it could not be well refused. After his tragic death, the medal could not be found. It was later found out that it was sent to help the poor of Manchester during a great famine. An accompanying letter said it was to be melted down and used to feed the children. Then, in his diary he wrote: "The last and only thing I have in this world that I value, I have given over to the Lord Jesus Christ." We sometimes sing, "Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold," but how few really mean it?

CONSIDER THIS!

DeTocqueville of France visited America 150 years ago. Upon his return home, he wrote: "I sought for the greatness of America in her harbors and rivers and fertile fields, and her mines and her commerce. It was not there. Not until I went into the churches and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the greatness of her power. America is great because she is good; and if America ever ceases to be good, she shall cease to be great." I do not believe that very many of our pulpits flame with righteousness these days. Very few of our people want to hear it; most will not tolerate it. Think of the sins of greed, abortion, pornography, sodomy, etc. **"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."** ~Proverbs 14:34.