

DR. WILSON'S STORIES OF SOUL-WINNING

by

Dr. Walter L. Wilson

Copyright © 1959

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

HOW TO BALANCE THE ACCOUNT

The President of Brown & Company was a splendid Christian man, who was known around the plant as Mr. J. C. He was always interested in the welfare of the souls of those with whom he came in contact. Among those who worked in his office was a bookkeeper named Sam, who had shown some little interest in Christian things, but who seemed to be unable to get the facts straight in his mind. He and Mr. J. C. had rather frequent talks together about the church, and God, and eternal realities. No matter how much explanation was given to his inquiries, he did not get straightened out in his mind, nor did he have peace with God.

It was necessary one day for me to visit this office on a matter of business. After we finished our conversation about the business, Mr. J. C. suggested that he introduce me to Sam with the thought that perhaps he could be helped spiritually. I began the conversation by telling him that my son was also an auditor and bookkeeper, and that possibly they might know each other through the accounting society. He indicated that he did not know my son. I asked him if he enjoyed his work, and he replied that he lived on figures, day and night, and the more intricate the job, the better he was pleased with it. I asked him whether he used the single entry or double entry system, and remarked to him that I had studied both systems in high school, but was never much interested in either one.

When he saw that I had received some information on his favorite work, he began at once to be a bit more friendly. He asked about my business, and I informed him that I had several kinds of work that I enjoyed: tent making, molding steel, operating a laundry, giving lectures on advertising, practicing medicine, and preaching the gospel when there was an opportunity. This information really did arouse Sam's imagination, and he began to ask me some questions about my work. I was glad to give him some of the details and watched for an opportunity to get at the real subject, the welfare of his soul.

After I had answered his inquiries, I said to him rather earnestly, "Will you please tell me how you balance an account?" He replied at once that it was a very simple matter. He said, "When a purchase is made, we enter the charge in the ledger. When the amount is paid, no matter who pays it, then it is placed to the credit of that account, and so the account is balanced."

Of course, I knew that this was the case, but I wanted to get his mind fixed on that fact. I asked him then whether there was any other way to balance the account except by having the payment made. He replied that there was no other way that he knew of. I then asked him whether it was essential for the man who made the debt to be the one who paid it. He replied that this was not necessary, anyone could pay the debt who had a desire to do so, and the money with which to do it. This is, of course, just what I wanted him to say.

I placed my hand upon his shoulder and said, “Have you figured how your debt to God, as recorded on His books, can be paid? No doubt you want that account settled and balanced. What is your plan for balancing that debt?”

His answer to me revealed that he had been trying to decide this question himself and was really in earnest about it. He looked up into my face and said, “That question has troubled me for some years. I have gone to church and listened to sermons, but no one told me the answer to that problem. I have talked to my boss here in the office, but somehow I have never found the answer.”

I looked to the Holy Spirit for wisdom in answering his inquiry, and said, “Did you ever sing the song, ‘Jesus paid it all’?” He replied, “Yes, I have sung it many times, but have never seen much of interest in it.” I then told him of the statement of our Lord Jesus on the Cross, “**It is finished.**” I explained to him that all the work necessary for his salvation was finished at Calvary. I told him that the Lord Jesus had been raised from the dead, and is now on the Throne, with power to forgive, to save, and to cancel the debt. It is His blood that puts away the sins, and blots out the guilt. The living Christ must do it, and does do it, for each person who puts his trust in Him.

“You must have the living Lord Jesus as your own Lord and Saviour, for only He can balance the account. When you put your trust in Him, He at once applies the value and the virtue of His wonderful work at Calvary, and places this to your account, and in this way the account is balanced, the debt is paid.”

As soon as I had explained the truth in this way to him, I saw the light of heaven come into his face, and he said, “I see what you are trying to explain. Christ is the head bookkeeper. He applies to my account what He did for me on the Cross. I will put my trust in Him right now. I am so glad you explained this to me, for now I see the meaning of ‘Jesus paid it all.’ He paid it all for me. I surely will love Him for it, and will explain this to those in my home who are just as perplexed as I am. Christ is mine, and finally I have peace in my heart.”

Let those who read this message look up with gratitude to the Saviour on the Throne, and with deep thanksgiving sing, “Jesus paid it all.”

~ end of chapter 18 ~

<http://www.baptistbiblebelievers.com/>
