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IT DEPENDS ON THE GOAT

A Jew once came rushing in to the home of his rabbi on a Sabbath day and excitedly asked the rabbi, "Is it lawful to pull a goat out of a ditch into which it has fallen"? The rabbi promptly replied, "No".

"But", persisted the inquirer, "it is your own goat, oh rabbi". "Oh", quickly responded the rabbi, "that is altogether different; go as fast as you can and pull it out"!

We are reminded of the above Jewish story by an incident which occurred a few months ago and which caused widespread comment and agitation on the part of our Jewish people. It seems that Harvard University, having become too crowded, found itself face to face with the problem of establishing restrictions so as to limit the number of students. As the student register now contains a far greater proportion of Jewish names than is the ratio of Jews to the rest of the population in America, the President of Harvard University, in his public statement of Harvard's problems, made some allusion to the vague possibility of cutting down the Jewish student body as one of the measures that might bring some relief.

This declaration almost immediately was followed by a perfect deluge of abuse and criticism on the part of so called Jewish leaders throughout the country. Some of these Jewish editors in their over-zeal went so far as to brand Harvard University as Anti-semitic. One Jewish editor had no hesitancy in declaring that Harvard University had suddenly become "un-American". Then the editor quite naively explains that he is not at all concerned with the question of Jewish rights or with the question of Jewish students even being allowed to study at Harvard; what really concerns him, he tells us, is "Americanism" and he is now fighting for the "preservation of the foundation principles of the American Republic, for the spirit of the Pilgrim fathers, and for Democracy".

There are one or two questions that we would like to ask this editor and many others of his kind; we can afford to forego any discussion as to the rights and privileges of Harvard University, which is a corporation existing under the laws of the United States and which therefore has the right to define the kind and number of students it wishes to receive into its class rooms. What interests us far more, however, is how and when this Jewish editor so suddenly became such a champion for "Americanism"? We remember only a few weeks before the Harvard incident that a certain Christian sent to this Jewish editor a letter asking why the Jews hate with an implacable

hatred a brother Jew when he becomes a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. To this question this particular editor wrote in his paper a reply in which he said that although the Bible commands the Jews to love their neighbor as themselves, yet they, the Jews, of whom the editor is one, will not love one of their own flesh and blood the moment he becomes a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ!

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Now we want to ask our "broad minded" editor, what has become of his own "Americanism" about which he prates so blatantly when he attacks Harvard University? Where is your consistency, Mr. Jewish Editor and Mr. Jewish writer, and Mr. Jewish leadre? Is it Americanism to write shameful articles about Jews who believe in Christ? Have you suddenly lost your anxiety to fight "for the preservation of the foundation principles of the American Republic"? Is it Americanism to call Jewish Christians opprobrious names? Is it Americanism to accuse them falsely of all sorts of evil, to hound them, to persecute them, to torture them, to ostracize them, to deny them shelter, employment? Is it Americanism to exclude your own fellow Jew from the synagogue, to incite irresponsible youngsters to throw stones at him, just because he has decided to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ? Is it Americanism to urge the breaking of the windows

of Christian Missions to the Jews, to hoot at Jewish Christians in the streets, to beat them up with murderous intention? Do you call all this Americanism?

No, Mr. Editor, this is not Americanism, and you know it; and before you can honestly claim to be so anxious for the safety of "American Principles" you had better first of all see to it that you yourself come into court with clean hands; the Lord Jesus Christ once, when speaking to our Jewish leaders along this very line, said, "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye".

Any fair minded person will admit freely that any Jew, whether he be rabbi or editor or just the man in the street, who hates another Jew because he has become a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ is guilty of conduct outrageous, barbarous, and characteristic only of savages. The Jews of America can never expect to have in this country the full enjoyment of liberty and tolerance as long as they themselves are so intolerant and so brutal to their own flesh and blood because they happen to differ with them in their religious convictions. To such Jews we would quote again the scathing rebuke given to our forefathers by the Lord Jesus Christ whom also they hated, when He told them, "Woe Unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone".

Do you not see, dear reader, that this claim of the Jewish editor, that he is anxious for "Americanism" is a hypocritical farce? And do you not see that just as is the lesson pointed out in the story at the beginning of this article, it depends entirely upon whose goat is in the ditch as to whether or not the Jewish editor finds it profitable or expedient to fight for "Americanism".

We appeal to our fairminded readers for justice. Will not some of you raise your voices against such un-American, barbarous and savage treatment of a Jewish brother who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ and thus help destroy the most dangerous source from which Anti-Semitism is being produced.

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