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WE were born to serve, and when we serve  
others, we serve God. The position that  
a woman's cheek as she bends over the hot  
stove, is as sacred in God's sight as the flush on  
the cheek of one who, on a hot day, preaches  
the gospel. We may serve God with plate  
and cutlery and a good broom, as certainly we can  
serve him with a palm-branch and a ministry.

EACH parable of our Lord illustrates a  
single truth—a single point of likeness.  
The parable of the prodigal son exhibits a  
single great spiritual truth, the readiness,  
the eagerness of God to welcome the returning  
and repentant sinner. It does not inculcate  
the manner of dealing with profligates  
in general.—*National Baptist.*

There are Christians to whom God is practically  
dead. At least, in their thought he is  
asleep, or gone on a journey. They grant  
that he has eyes, but he does not see what  
they do; he has feet, but never walks into  
their counting-rooms or parlors; he has ears,  
but never hears the petitions of his people;  
he has hands, but never moves a finger to  
shape the destinies of a soul.—*N. W. Presbyterian.*

MR. INGERSOLL, the noted infidel, is reported  
to have recently made his decision on this  
wise: "If the orthodox creed be true, and I  
have to make my choice between heaven and  
hell, I make my choice to-night: I take hell."  
If Mr. Ingersoll were the only one who had  
made such a choice, it would be a comparatively  
small matter; but the solemn thought is  
the great majority are making the same  
choice. Some make it deliberately, some  
through procrastination, and others, by being  
hearers only and not doers of the word, deceive  
themselves into the fatal choice. The self-  
deceived ones are in the most deplorable  
condition, for he that knoweth his Master's  
will and doeth it not shall be beaten with  
many stripes.

"We shall know each other there," is a  
line in a hymn which is a favorite with many

good people. Some people are more anxious  
about a recognition in a future world than  
about knowing each other here. There is  
many a weary, discouraged pilgrim not far  
from each one of us, who would be greatly  
glad if we would cultivate his or her ac-  
quaintance here. They need us more now  
than they will after a little. Make it your  
business to know the Christian people  
around you here now, and then they will be  
the more glad to know you over there.—  
*Herald.*

"THE world is full of people as foolish as  
the ostrich is said to be, who think there is  
no danger as long as they cannot see it, and  
that the right way to escape a pit is to put  
out the light that shows them where it is.  
People who think that the way to escape the  
terrors of death is to die while they are  
asleep. That the way to escape future pun-  
ishment is to believe there is no such thing.  
When a great man proclaims that there is to  
be no hell, every bad man falls in love with him  
for it, and the reason of this is because it  
helps him to put his own eyes out."

ALL the philosophy on earth cannot ruffle  
the peace of a man who has a faith that  
touches God. He may not be able to explain  
why or how he knows that his hope is found-  
ed on a rock, but he does know it and that  
is enough for him. Go to a child with your  
philosophy, and try to persuade it that it  
does not love its mother, and see what it will  
say.—*Sel.*

"THE devil behaved himself in Eden as  
well as Adam and Eve, long enough to estab-  
lish a character that made them consider him  
trustworthy, and he is still doing the same  
thing in a good many neighborhoods on earth  
at this hour. Let us be on the lookout for  
him."

THE coming of Christ is not only a part of  
the gospel revelation, but it is a conspicuous  
and essential part. Estimate its importance  
by the space given to it in the Scriptures, and  
it surely does not rank among the lowest and  
least items of Christian doctrine. Consider  
how large a place it has in the teaching of  
the Lord himself, and still more in the teach-  
ing of his apostles. We could not repudiate  
this doctrine without repudiating a very con-  
siderable part of the New Testament; nor can  
we thrust it into the background and make it  
a matter of indifference without doing vio-  
lence both to the letter and the spirit of the  
divine revelation. But that which needs to  
be observed most of all, respecting the doc-  
trine of the second advent, is its intensely  
practical aspect. All the abuses to which  
this doctrine above all others has been sub-  
jected, have come from failure to note care-  
fully the one application invariably given to  
it by our Lord.—*Christian Evangelist.*

### Thy Servant.

BY LAVINIA LEACH.

Lord, thy servant I would be,  
Only let me walk with thee,  
I will ever trust thy word,  
And rely on Christ my Lord.

May I ever watch and pray,  
And thy holy word obey,  
I will count all things but lost,  
Help me Lord to bear the cross.

And when afflictions press me sore,  
Then I will love thee more and more,  
For thou hast taught us in thy word,  
That chastisement is for our good.

And if my time should come to die  
Before the Son of God I see,  
Then I should have a peaceful rest,  
Asleep in Jesus I shall be.

And when the last loud trump shall sound,  
Awake, ye nations under ground,  
I shall arise my Savior see,  
Go forth in immortality.

O there will be no sorrow there,  
No sickness, death, nor dark despair,  
But all will praise and glory be,  
Throughout a vast eternity.

When Christ shall come to earth again,  
And God shall dwell himself with man,  
One people, and one God will be,  
Clothed in immortality.

*Jasper, Ark.*

### Will the Saints Ever Visit Heaven? No. III.

BY ALBERT SMITH.

IN a former article it was, I think, clearly  
shown from the Scriptures, that the saints do  
not go to heaven when they die; but that  
they, in common with others, go down to  
"sleep in the dust of the earth," in *sheol*  
or *hades*, until the morning of the resurrec-  
tion. In this chapter it is proposed to answer  
the above question and to find out from the  
same reliable sources whether the people of  
God have any reason to expect ever to visit  
heaven at all. Some say we have not, and  
they quote such testimony as Ps. 115:16.  
"The heavens, even the heavens are the  
Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the  
children of men." They say that the saints  
will possess the earth and *never leave it*. The  
testimony is clear that the saints will possess  
the earth, but that they will never be privi-  
leged to leave it, not even to visit heaven at  
all is not so clear. Let it be noted therefore  
that our present question is not, Will heaven  
or earth be the final and everlasting home of  
the redeemed? This may be taken up in  
another chapter; but our present inquiry is,  
Will the saints ever visit heaven at all?—*faithful.* Your

As many people deny that we  
there at all, let us consider  
the light of the Holy Scrip







The Sabbath Advocate.

"The Entrance of thy Words giveth Light."

W. C. LONG, - - - EDITOR.

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Volume XXVII.

WITH this number we enter upon a new volume determined to do more for the Master the coming year than we have in the past.

The publishing work is in a prosperous condition viewed from a general standpoint. Many new subscribers have been added to the ADVOCATE list during the past year by those who "had a mind to work," and if the work of securing new subscribers is kept up many others will be added to the list.

More attention should be paid to the tract work. We have many excellent tracts on different subjects, but they will do no good unless they are circulated. Means to carry on this work should be furnished, and the tract work pushed forward to where it properly belongs.

The delinquent list to ADVOCATE and MISSIONARY needs our attention. We have a large delinquent list which accounts for the publishing work being in debt. We hope the brethren and sisters will look up their accounts, and if in debt remit at once as the publishing work is greatly in need of means.

Twenty Facts.

- 1. That the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord, and is so declared throughout the entire Scriptures.
2. That God made the Sabbath for all mankind—for the Jew, the Gentile, the German, the Irish, the Russian, the Prussian; that it is as high as the heavens, as broad as the universe, as deep as the ocean, and as eternal as the everlasting mountains upon their rocky foundations.
3. That the Sabbath was observed in the patriarchal age of the world, in the Mosaic age, and in the Christian age.
4. That Christ kept it, and we are told to follow in his footsteps.
5. That the apostles observed the same identical day, the seventh, that came to them from the very beginning.
6. That it was not only binding in the past ages of the world, but at the present time, and it will be kept in the future age.
7. That there is not a text which says that God ever removed his blessing and sanctification from the seventh day.
8. That there is not a statement in the Scriptures declaring that Christians ever worked upon or disregarded the seventh day.
9. That there is not a text which declares that the fourth commandment has ever been repealed.
10. That there is not one text that shows that the law of God or the ten commandments have been abolished.

- 11. That it is nowhere recorded that Christ or the apostles ever rested upon the first day of the week, or commanded any one to do so. We simply challenge the world to produce one single instance of the kind.
12. That there is not one single text which states that the first day is a sacred day.
13. That there is not a text which says that it was ever observed as a sacred day.
14. That there is not a text which commands any one to keep the first day as a day of rest and worship.
15. That there is not a single utterance or one text from which a plausible inference can be deduced that any sacred title, whatever, is applied to the first day.
16. That there is not a text which calls it anything else than "first day of the week."
17. That there is not one text in which Christ or the apostles gave any instructions as to how the first day should be kept with reference to rest, work or worship.
18. That there is not a text which declares that secular work should be suspended on that day.
19. That there is not a text which shows any divine change from the seventh to the first.
20. That there is not a scintilla of evidence for keeping Sunday.

Be Fruitful.

BY JAMES BARTLETT.

"BEING fruitful in every good work." Col. 1:10.

The text we have selected like others in the holy Bible is given by divine authority, hence profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction and for instruction." 2 Tim. 3:16. It will be well to note that the Holy Spirit puts the desire to do good into every converted soul. The absence of such desire is proof positive that there is no indwelling Christ there. As certain as day follows night, the soul that has felt the touch of divine grace will raise the question, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? The Spirit of Christ is a spirit of living service; if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. The word declares, "By their fruits ye shall know them." By this rule you may test yourself. The service rendered by the Christian is not task work; it is willing, cheerful, joyous—the labor of love. If you find no delight in it, then know there is something wrong; go to prayer. Pray that you may have the mind that was in Christ Jesus, whose meat and drink it was to do the will of his Father in heaven. Rest not, but Jacob-like, wrestle until you get the blessing, and your own heart is made to thrill with joy that you are permitted to be a co-worker with the Son of God in rescuing the perishing.

After this grand achievement is attained, the next step is to know what is your work and how to do it. Your work? Strange indeed it is that so many are at a loss to find what their real work in life is. Oh, how many wait and waste their lives in looking for what is just at hand if they would but see it. It will meet you in your daily walks, and you will have to take it up or walk round it, which you will not do if you have the mind of Christ in you, for we read "He went about doing good." He did not wait to be importuned, did not consult his feelings, nor the damp dews of night, but went about seeking an opportunity to do good. Paul must have done the same, for he says, "Follow me, as I have followed Christ." Peter, under dictation of the

Holy Spirit, says, "He left us an example that we should follow his steps."

Dear brethren and sisters, are you following the example he left you? You surely are if Christ be formed in you the hope of glory. In the great day of final reward many souls will be gladly surprised to find the crowns awaiting them were won just where they prayed and wept and worked in this world. They will find that they were planted in the very spot in which the fair flower of life would best grow, bloom and bear fruit. Let this thought inspire the isolated ones to labor on in their own sphere and field. They will then see that they were led by a way they knew not.

If you feel misadjusted and unhappy, be assured the fault is your own; you have made a plan of your own, refusing to follow the path that opened before you. "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Prov. 16:25.

All the work of a true life is Christian work. " whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." Col. 3:17. This clearly shows that the interest in the farm, the store, the office, the home, as well as the pulpit, should be subservient to the will of God; and the Lord's own part utilized in the interest of the gospel of the Son of God. We are not to forget that no man's work can win the eternal prize alone. It is the work of the atoning Christ that saves us. The same hand that was nailed to the cross has swung open to us the gate to eternal glory! But, nevertheless, it pleases God of his great goodness to reward faith and fidelity in the work assigned to each of us as co-workers together with him. Oh, dear Lord, let this thought inspire us, and stir our languid souls, and quicken our halting steps in thy service. We have often heard the song, "We are drifting, drifting, drifting toward the lea." This may be very good poetry from the muse's standpoint, and I fear many are drifting, but the work of a good seaman is not to "drift," but "stand out" to sea, and with sails well trimmed head up close to the wind, and manfully face the seething main. The grand old ship of Zion must be kept on her course until we are safely anchored in the haven of eternal rest. Many lives have been shadowed by a mistake in the choice of a career, and a deadening sense of irreparable loss is felt, but let this thought inspire you, if there was nothing wrong in the aim, there can be no fatal hurt in the result. Nothing but willful disobedience to perform what is required of you can harm the soul. God chooses special work for some, and calls them to it, as instanced in the call of Abraham, Moses, Aaron, Solomon, David, Peter, Paul and many others. Saul was called, but he chose his own way, and for it he was dethroned, and his life sacrificed. God chooses agents for particular lines of service. Disobedience to such a call dislocates the life, and while the result may not be ruin, it must be loss. This special call is sometimes repeated, if obeyed the stunted life takes a fresh growth and blossoms into new life and beauty, and develops new strength and fruitfulness. But beware of a second refusal! "God calling yet." Every Christian ought, if practicable, to have always in hand some special work for Christ. If it requires extra effort or self-denial on your part, it is well; you then feel in a peculiar sense that it was your work. The momentum put forth in this grand work will infuse you with new energy in all other activi-

ties of your daily life. There is a sweetness and inspiration in a service which is voluntary, laid as a free-will offering at the feet of Jesus. The fields are white to harvest; put in your sickle and reap. May our gracious Master disturb the sleep of death in each and all who are resting on their oars. "Lord, make thy people hear." Without faith it is impossible to please God. Heb. 11:6. Strong faith makes strong and happy workers for the Lord. It brings distant things near, and invisible things to sight. It makes all that is precious to Christian hope tangible to the trusting, confiding, self-sacrificing and devoted soul. In anticipation it claims, and in a measure, enjoys a foretaste of that life without sorrow, that home without a sigh, that land without death; fields of verdant beauty, a choir without discord; sunshine without a cloud, where all will be ineffable glory. May God help us, dear brethren and sisters, to fight the good fight of faith. Let us be up and doing all that the Lord commands us. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, inasmuch as he has promised it will not be in vain. Meditation is the outgrowth of a true Christian life. "The meditation of my heart shall be of understanding," i. e., to know God's will. Ps. 49:3. "O Lord consider my meditation." Ps. 5:1. "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." Ps. 19:14. "My meditation of him shall be sweet." Ps. 104:34. "Thy law! it is my meditation all the day." 119:97. "Thy testimonies are my meditation." Verse 99.

This is how David felt, and it has pleased God to report him in the New Testament as a man after God's own heart. Acts 13:22. The Christian growth of many is greatly hindered by what they read. "Of making many books there is no end." Eccl. 12:12. A Christian man or woman should be as careful in the selection of the literature they read as in the choice of living companionship. A silly book will have the same effect upon the mind of the reader, as the company of a silly person. Silly; to be enticed. The very thought that a devoted child of God would be enticed away from reading the holy Bible, to books of fiction is simply absurd, but many professing to be Christians are doing this very thing. Enticed, but by whom, is the question? "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man. But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin when it is finished bringeth forth death." James 1:13-15. "A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished." Prov. 22:3. Do not spend your time and money in books of doubtful character. Let the devil support his own literature. Tainted meat is not good, and books tainted with fiction or error is not good.

Dyspepsia is the great physical ailment of this day and age, and it is an abnormal condition; so a relish far trashy literature is mental dyspepsia, and clearly shows an abnormal condition of spiritual health. To "grow in grace," is God's command. To attain this read, if but one verse a day, in the blessed Bible, and then spend the day in deep meditation. Behold! the goodness of God, his mercy, and the varied daily blessings that surrounds you. Meditate upon the life to

come, everlasting life, in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is ours if faithful to the end. Lord help us to watch and pray. Stanberry, Mo.

Why Are You not a Christian.

- Is it because you are afraid of ridicule, and of what others may say of you?
"Whosoever shall be ashamed of me and my words of him shall the Son of man be ashamed."
Is it because of the inconsistencies of professing Christians?
"Every one of us must give an account of himself to God."
Is it because you are not willing to give all to Christ?
"Who shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"
Is it because you are afraid that you will not be accepted?
"Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."
Is it because you are too great a sinner?
"The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin."
Is it because you are afraid you will not "hold out"?
"Who hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."
Is it because you are thinking that you will do as well as you can, and that God ought to be satisfied with that?
"Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."
Is it because you are postponing the matter, without any definite reason?
"Boast not thyself of to-morrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."
-Friendly Greetings.

The Iowa Tent.

BRETHREN and Sisters in Iowa: The time of year is near at hand when the Iowa tent should be pitched. It is expected that Bro. J. H. Nichols will be ready at the proper time to go with it. At this date it is not decided who will be his fellow laborer in the tent. The first meeting will probably be held in Green County. Money is needed to carry on this work, and the brethren and sisters are solicited to give it liberal aid. Send money to our treasurer, J. H. Ayhart, Dedham, Carroll Co., Iowa. Those desiring the tent in their vicinity are also requested to report. S. S. DAVISON, President of Iowa Conference. Woodward, Iowa.

Items of Interest.

- White Grand Army posts in the South will dissolve because of the colored posts.
-A mob in Kentucky lynched two negroes who had cruelly murdered a colored boy.
-Reports from many States show a very bad outlook for all crops on account of excessive rains.
-The Southern States Legislatures will be petitioned to grant Mrs. Jeff Davis a life pension.
-Four Chinamen were caught in Michigan and sent back into Canada, in accordance with the recent exclusion act.
-Near Sparta, Ill., a 15-year-old boy killed a 17-year-old girl and himself because she refused to marry him.
-The recent fight at Mier is thought to have closed the Garza revolution. Garza is thought to be in England or Canada.
-A Wisconsin Judge was warned by Whitecaps to leave the town or choose the tree he wanted to be hanged upon.
-Illinois weather service reports show a deplorable state of affairs in the farming districts, caused by the prevailing high water.
-A cyclone demolished the town of Augusta, Kas., and seriously injured two men. The citizens were saved by hiding in cyclone cellars.
-At Winters, Cal., the Methodist Church was thrown down by the recent earthquake. At Dixon the Baptist church was so badly damaged that the architect advises pulling it down.
-The true inwardness of our relations with Chili are coming out and point to disreputable proceedings on the part of diplomatic and naval officials in their stock jobbing proceedings. It will probably be investigated by the House.
-The Deep Water Convention at Memphis organized permanently as the Mississippi River Improvement Association and passed resolutions asking Congress to provide liberal and continuous appropriations for the improvement of the Mississippi River and its tributaries.
-A dynamite explosion in Paris destroyed the shop in which Ravachol, the anarchist, was arrested. The owner had been notified that revenge would be taken for his alleged betrayal. Ten persons were injured, one of whom, the landlord, died the same night.
-The original autograph commission of Captain Nathan Hale, of Connecticut, the martyr spy of the Revolution, was sold for \$1,775 at a recent auction in New London. The State of Connecticut sent in a bid of \$250, but it was bought by a firm of autograph dealers, who now hold it at \$5,000.
-The pope has bequeathed a relic of "St. Anne, the mother of the Virgin Mary," to the church of St. Anne de Beaupre, Quebec. The relic is palmed off as a part of the wrist bone of the deceased saint. When the bearer arrived in New York the relic was put on exhibition in one of the churches, and created a great sensation, all the papers giving much space to the story. The church at Quebec already had a smaller relic, a small piece of a finger bone, but, owing to the great prominence of the shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre, it was deemed essential that a larger one be procured. At the basilica of St. Paul, near Rome, was what was said to be an arm of St. Anne, and from this was granted the relic here alluded to. It is kept in a bronze casket lined with gold, having a glass lid. Three miracles are attributed to the virtue of the relic. A crippled old lady hobbling on crutches is reputed to have been healed, and a young man who had fallen in an epileptic fit was immediately cured by a simple touch of the consecrated bone. Another claimed to have had his hearing restored. Yet people will talk about this enlightened age and country not being susceptible to delusions. It is said that fully 20,000 people in New York thronged the church on East twenty-sixth Street and were permitted to kiss the casket containing the delusive trinket.



## Acrostic.

BY MARY E. WELCH.

My Father has given a promise to me,  
Yes a promise as sweet as a promise could be,  
Grace and mercy sufficient for me.  
Rich promises all through the Bible I find,  
All calling his goodness and mercy to mind.  
Could anything more for poor sinners be done  
Even giving the life of the heavenly Son?

In all of his promises I will confide,  
Since Jesus for such a poor sinner has died,  
Salvation is free through the blood of the Son  
Unto every sinner, and casteth out none,  
For "My grace is sufficient for thee."  
For all of my sins there's a fountain that flows,  
In which I may wash and be white as the  
snows.

Come one, and come all to the spiritual Rock,  
In him we can stand every rude tempest shock,  
Even through the dark valley our journey may  
be

Never fear "For my grace is sufficient for thee."  
Then tread not the trials and troubles of earth,

For soon we'll be born of the spiritual birth,  
O sweet is the thought of that beautiful home,  
Rejoicing the ransomed to Zion shall come.

The righteous delivered from sorrow shall be,  
He the glory of God in the kingdom shall see,  
Every one washed in the blood of the Lamb  
Eden restored to its beauty and calm.

Albany, Mo.

## Is the Bible the Word of God?

BY DAVID NIELD.

(Ship Missionary.)

AN argument to show that the phrase the "Word of God" is most frequently used in Scripture to signify the moral law, and does not mean the whole Bible as most universally believed.

To show the contrast between what God hath spoken and what he has inspired. To show the manifest superiority of the law of God above the rest of the Holy Scriptures. To show that while prophecies fail and pass away, the commandments of God continue throughout eternity. To show the consequent absurdity of preaching a gospel of love without a gospel of law. Rom. 2: 16.

The words that a person speaks are the speakers words, so the words that God speaks must be God's words. Have we any account of God speaking any words? Yes, most emphatically. Ex. 20: 1. "God spake all these words saying," and then follows the whole ten commandments. One person wrote to me stating that the phrase the "Ten Commandments" is derived from the church of England, and the church of England obtained it from the Church of Rome, but this is a mistake. The account given by the inspired writer is as follows: "And he declared unto you his covenant which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments." Deut. 4: 13. We have the term used again, and the margin reads "ten words" which the Lord spake. Deut. 10: 4. These "ten words" are God's words primarily and truly. We firmly believe the holy Scriptures were inspired by the Holy Spirit of God with the exception of the ten commandments. God did not permit man to write these, but he spoke and wrote them himself, so they stand out in contrast and with greater significance than all the rest of the inspired writings. "Did ever people hear the voice of God out of the midst of the fire as thou hast heard?" Deut. 4: 33. The testimony of Jesus on this point is very strong and clear. He called them "gods unto whom the word of God came." John 10: 35.

We have here a particular reference to a time when the law of God was given to Israel and which law Jesus called the word of God. "God hath stood in the company of God, in the midst God judgeth." This refers to Sinai. "I have said; ye are gods and sons of the Most High all of you." Dr. Young; Ps. 82: 16. From these texts we have authority to call the moral law the word of God. Forty times in the Bible the word of God is used to designate the law of God, and four times to messages received by individuals from God, but it is never applied by an inspired writer to the whole of the Scriptures. Then why should we so mistakenly and yet so tenaciously call the Bible the word of God? When we have neither authority or example for doing so. They were called Scripture of truth. Daniel 10: 21. Forty times are they thus called Scripture or Scriptures, also the law and the prophets, but never the word of God. Jesus said, "Search the Scriptures." They have Moses and the prophets." Paul said, "From a child thou hast known the Holy Scripture. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God" and similar references. It is surely the best to hold fast the form of sound words. All these ten words are perfect. "The law of the Lord is perfect." After he had spoken them it is distinctly stated that "he added no more." Deut. 5: 22. If they required additions they could not have been perfect. If they required alteration or subtraction from any one of them, they could not have been perfect when given, and if they were not, then the whole duty of man would not have been comprehended in those "ten words." We cannot imagine that there has been a man from Adam down to the last one before probation closes that ever can or ever will charge the Almighty with giving to him an imperfect code of morals, by which to regulate his conduct both towards God and man. These words of God must continue so long as man continues. "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our God shall stand forever." Isa. 40: 8. Forever does not mean simply until Christ comes and then to be abolished, for Peter in the year A. D. 60 endorses this very scripture. "The word of God which liveth and abideth forever." These original principles, or expressed words of God, are treasured up in heaven out of the reach of mortal man or malicious fiend. "Forever O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." Ps. 119: 89. "Thy word is true from the beginning, and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth forever." Just as these words or commandments of God were preserved in the ark in the Most Holy place, so the original words of God are embedded under the foundation of God's throne. "A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary." So these "ten words" of God or ten principles of his government have always formed the very foundation of the kingdom of God.

It is not a novel idea for us here to state that the ten commandments are securely preserved in heaven, for even in earthly governments the greatest care is taken of the original standards of weights and measures. On April 2, 1892, the Official Act which is regularly performed at the interval of twenty years took place. The Speaker of the House of Commons tested the standard yard measure and standard pound weight, which are kept at the Standard Department, Old Palace Yard, Westminster, and copies of them supplied to the Royal Mint and Royal Ob-

servatory, Greenwich, and to the Royal Society of London. The imperial standard of measure is a solid square bar of bronze, on which is marked the length of the standard yard of 36 inches between two lines of little gold studs. The imperial standard weight is of Platinum cylinder. They were constructed in 1844, and legalized in 1855, and adopted throughout the British Empire. They are very carefully preserved, the pound weight for instance is in a case of silver gilt, in another case of solid bronze, and then placed in a mahogany box. This is put into a leaden case, and the whole sealed up in an oaken box. For the periodical examination an instrument has been devised called a Microscopic Comparator which will detect the error of the one-hundredth thousandth part of an inch, so it is not possible to alter the measure of one yard without detection. To test the pound weight a balance of precision has been invented which will show a variation of the ten thousandth part of a grain. This shows how impossible it is to alter the pound weight. These standards when examined are sealed up, and deposited for safety in a walled up recess in the interior of the House of Commons. It would be difficult indeed to get at and alter those standards of weights and measures, so securely are they fastened and placed in the House of Commons. But how much more difficult and impossible for any one to attempt to change those standard laws of God, which are placed under the mercy seat in heaven. Uzzah was struck dead for presuming to touch the ark containing the tables of stone on which God wrote his "ten words." 2 Sam. 6: 6-8. The inspired Scriptures were profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. In the new earth all God's people will be perfect, and all inspired Scripture will not be necessary. "For behold I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered nor come into mind." "Prophecies they shall fail," but all his commandments are sure, they stand fast or are established for ever and ever. Ps. 111: 7, 8.

The prophet foretells that a power would arise who should think to make a change in the words of God. "And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws, and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times, and the dividing of time." Dan. 7: 25. "It is time for thee Lord to work, for they have made void thy law." But God has declared that he would not have his words made void. "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth, it shall not return unto me void. It shall accomplish that which I purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isa. 55: 11. "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the words that have gone out of my lips." Ps. 89: 34. The commandments came from God's lips, and we are assured that he will not alter them.

There was a class of men who made void the words of God in the days of our Savior, but were severely condemned for their conduct. This was in reference to the fifth commandment, which enjoins honor and obedience to parents. The Savior said their worship was in vain, because they frustrated the commandments of God that they might keep their own traditions, making the word of God of none effect. But this was not the power

spoken of by Daniel, that should think to change times and laws. Has not Paul declared that he was not among them that made void the word of God? "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid; yea, we establish the law." Rom. 3: 31. "For we are not as many which (deal deceitfully with) or corrupt the word of God." This was written thirty-nine years after the crucifixion of Christ, and Saint Paul declared that he taught the word of God in its purity and sincerity. We are assured that general lawlessness will be very prominent in the last days, and for violating that law the earth and its inhabitants will be destroyed. "The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof, because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinances, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein, are desolate, therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned." Isa. 24: 5, 6. While death and destruction is the consequence of not keeping the word of God, blessed results will come to those who are obedient to it. "Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and judgments, which if a man do he shall live in them." Lev. 18: 5. "Righteousness (or right doing) delivereth from death." Prov. 11: 4. "In the way of righteousness is life." Prov. 12: 28. "Blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life, and enter in through the gates into the city." Rev. 22: 14. In the parable of the sower, Jesus said "the seed is the word of God." Satan does not like the word or commandment of God, and has ever sought to put aside and abolish it, and in this parable he is symbolized by the fowls of the air that devour the good seed. "Those that fall by the wayside are they that hear. Then cometh the devil and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved." Luke 8: 11, 12. "When any one heareth the word of the kingdom and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the wayside." Matt. 13: 19.

The word of God or the law of God is the first and most important instrument used in conversion. By it the hardest heart is melted and broken to pieces. "Is not my word like as a fire saith the Lord, and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" Jer. 23: 29. How can the soul-winner be successful without such a mighty and effective instrument? "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth." James 1: 18. "Which were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God, (or by the will of God." John 1: 13. "Being begotten again not of corruptible seed; but of incorruptible by the word of God." From these scriptures we see the prominence that preachers must place upon the law of God to produce a conviction of sin, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ in those to whom the message of salvation is proclaimed. Those who are preaching that the law of God is changed or abolished are proclaiming a spurious gospel. In the parable of the sower just referred to, we see the many ways in which the seed or the word of God is received by the different classes of ground on which it is sown, or the different hearers who hear the word. "Blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear." "He that hath ears to hear let him hear." Consequently the condition of heart determines the success or failure of the seed sown. When any one hears

the engrafted word it must be received with meekness, for it is able to save his soul if he lay aside all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness. "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." This filthiness of flesh and spirit can only be cleansed by the word of God. "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word." Ps. 119: 9. Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it by the washing of water by the word." This idea is also taught by the Savior who is in harmony with the psalmist and the apostle, when he prayed that "his disciples might be sanctified through the truth, thy word is truth." This definition of the Savior is not a New Testament definition only, but is given by the psalmist. "Thy law is the truth, and "all thy commandments are truth." Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." By the word of God we obtain and retain the closest connection with Christ. "Then came unto him his mother and his brethren, and could not come at him for the press, and it was told him by certain which said, Thy mother and thy brethren stand without desiring to see thee. And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God and do it." Luke 8: 19-21.

Many are placing great stress on their descent from Israel or Judah, but fleshly descent profiteth nothing. The Savior here did not recognize it. It must be one of hearing and doing the word of God that will give us the blessing of Christ. Jesus said, "Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it." Luke 11: 28. *The word of God is a mighty instrument to fight our spiritual foes, we must have "the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God."* It gives safety and stability to the man of God in his walk through life. "The law of his God is in his heart, and none of his steps shall slide." The righteous man shall abide forever. "The world passeth away and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

(Concluded next week.)

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## Riches of The Vatican.

THE Vatican, the ancient palace of the popes of Rome, is the most magnificent building of the kind in the world. It stands on the right bank of the Tiber, on a hill called the Vaticanus, because the Latins formerly worshiped Vaticanum, an ancient oracular deity, at that place. Exactly when the building was commenced, no one knows. Charlemagne is known to have inhabited it over a thousand years ago. The present extent of the building is enormous, the number of rooms, at the lowest computation, being 4,422. Its treasures of marble statues, ancient gems, paintings, books, manuscripts, etc., are to be compared only with those in the British Museum. The length of the Statue Museum alone is a fraction over a mile. Conservative writers say that the gold contained in the medals, vessels, chains and other objects preserved in the Vatican would make more gold coins than the whole of the present European circulation.

The popes live in splendor unimaginable, surrounded by useless toys of gold and silver that might be melted up and sent about

doing good. Millions of Catholics live in hovels, yet must give of their scanty earnings to support this magnificence, or else be consigned to purgatory.—*Primitive Catholic*.

## Phenomena of Life and Death.

THE necrology of the old year is always read by thousands with mournful interest. In pursuing these sad records the mind unconsciously reverts to the well-known axioms, which tell us that the average human life is a span of but thirty-three and one-third short years. That one quarter of all born die before they have seen the opening of their seventh year; one-half before reaching seventeen. So that those who pass their "teens" enjoy a felicity unknown to one-half the human species. In every thousand persons only one reaches the age of 90; in every 100 only six reach to or beyond 65, and not more than one on average in 500 lives to be 80 years old. There is said to be upward of 1,000,000, 000 human beings on the globe; of these one-third die every year, 91,324 every day and 3,730 every hour, or sixty every minute. Married men are said to live longer than single ones; tall men live longer than short ones. Women have more chances of life in their favor previous to the fiftieth year than men have, but fewer afterward.—*St. Louis Republic*.

## What It Would Do.

THE money paid for one glass of beer would pay for one loaf of bread.  
The money paid for two glasses of beer would pay for a peck of potatoes.  
The money paid for one glass of whiskey would pay for one pound of beef.  
The money paid for two glasses of whiskey would pay for one pound of coffee.  
The money paid for three glasses of beer would pay for a quarter pound of tea.  
The money paid for three glasses of whiskey would pay for a dressed fowl.  
The money paid for four glasses of beer would pay for two dozen of eggs.  
The money paid for four glasses of whiskey would pay for three pounds of butter.  
A Murder is prohibited in this country. But liquor, which produces nine tenths of the murder, is licensed.—*National Reformer*.

RELIGION is a personal matter, and the less time man gives to philosophizing and generalizing, the sooner he will come to understand that he, as an individual soul, needs to have direct communication with God in order to get the most and the best out of this life, and to look forward with joyous anticipation to the life which is to come. Let men, severally, seek first the kingdom of God, personal faith secures comfort and contentment, while the fruit of philosophic speculation is unrest.—*The Interior*.

It has been said that selfishness is sin and self-indulgence is criminal. A soul filled with self can never be any benefit to the world or to the church. No deed of charity, no cheering word for the sorrow stricken, no strengthening influence for the tempted can emanate from the heart that is chiefly interested in the advancement of self. It suspects the motives of others and is never filled with affection that resembles the love of Christ.

EVERY man should take time to deliberate; but when the hour for action comes, he should lay his hand to the work.



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BRO. JACOB WILBUR will be with Bro. Bartlett at the Howell school-house May 28th and 29th. He will also meet with the brethren and sisters near Island City, Mo., over Sabbath and Sunday, June 4th and 5th.

THERE is a call for the articles "Sunday is Sabbath," by Albert D. Rust, which have appeared in the ADVOCATE, to be put in tract form. We have concluded to do so provided sufficient means is sent in to do so. Let there be an immediate response by those who would like to see the same in tract form.

CORRECTION: In Bro. Smith's article entitled, "Do the Saints go to Heaven When They Die?" in No. 50, page 294, seventh line from bottom of page, the word "not" should appear after the word "do." The sentence should read, "However, we will, for the sake of others, give one or two more unmistakable proofs from the New Testament that the saints do not go to heaven when they die."

NOTHING preventing, we will meet with the church at Howell school-house, Friday evening, May 27th, 1892. Meeting Sabbath and Sunday. Let the scattered brethren take notice and gather at this service. We hope to see a full house. Yours in the blessed hope. JAMES BARTLETT.

**To the Friends of the Cause.**

THE tent season is upon us. We are ready to go. Are you ready to assist us in spreading the truth? Does the spread of the glorious gospel of the Son of God concern you? Let every one that can assist do so at once. Hundreds of our people in Missouri and elsewhere can do a little. Remember, the Lord loves a "cheerful giver." Remittences should be sent for Missouri tent fund direct to the ADVOCATE Office, Stanberry, Mo. J. BARTLETT.

NOTHING preventing, there will be a two days meeting held at Ottawa Station, Ottawa Co., Mich., to begin Friday June 3rd, 1892, to continue over first day. Also we will meet the brethren at Robinson, Friday evening June 10th, and remain over first day. Will all the brethren and sisters make note of this? We hope to see as many present at both places as possible, as important business will come before us. Possibly this will be the last two day's meeting before the tent season. Hoping for a general good time, I am your brother in the work of the Lord, L. J. BRANCH.

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