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"Not Of This World"

"Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight . . ." John 18:36.

Standing, unafraid before the haughty Roman governor, we find our Lord declaring one of the great truths of His kingdom. It is not of this world! His servants do not fight for His cause here. They are not of the world, even as He was not of the world.

The centuries have passed and still there are those who profess to follow Him, or who desire to be known as Christians, who have not yet learned this great lesson. They forgot that He has said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation . . ." and forgetting, they seek to help with worldly schemes in an effort to take away the tribulation.

Never was there a time when the government was any worse than it was at the time of Christ. Utter poverty and obnoxious disease were to be found in the same city with haughty wealth. The rulers of the people cared nothing for good government and order, but sought only to extort more taxes.

Yet in the midst of such conditions we find the Christ leading out in no movement to reform or overthrow the government. He warned them of the great persecutions which they would have, but He did not advise them to seek protection in laws.

Today we find a world of crime, war, political and social injustice. Various plans, systems, parties and laws are advocated to relieve these conditions, and many of them seek the support of those who profess to follow Christ.

The true Christian recognizes only one cause of all the strife and trouble in this world, and that great, underlying cause is SIN. Likewise the Christian recognizes only one remedy for this world's troubles, and that great, all-sufficient remedy is Christ in the lives of the people.

Ambassadors of the King, citizens of a "heavenly" country, strangers and sojourners here—how can we have a part in the strife of the world? Let us rather proclaim the message of the government soon to be set up, under which all will be righteousness and joy and peace. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" S. J. K.

“BECAUSE OF THY RICHES”

by Edna Reek Brown

“With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasury: By thy great wisdom and by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches: Therefore thus saith the Lord God; because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God; Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness. They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the death of them that are slain in the midst of the seas.”

We Christian folk who are poor in earthly possessions are saddened to see so many intellectually brilliant people who “know how” to amass fortunes, allow their wealth to “go to their heads”. It is pitiful to know that the majority of well-to-do people consider their possessions as theirs, instead of God’s, and let their hearts be “lifted up” because of their riches.

They ignore God’s claim upon what He has loaned to mankind. “The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts” (Hag. 2:8). They ignore God’s admonitions about laying up treasures. “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also” (Matt. 6:19-21). They ignore God when He points out to them the contrasting values of material and spiritual possessions. “For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matt. 16:26). How refreshing it is when we see a rich person lay down His riches at the feet of Jesus, and use his means to promote Christ’s Kingdom! How foolish are the many who choose to use their means selfishly!

God has plainly told us that the man who permits riches to lift his heart up in pride, He will cast down—down to the pit! Surely “riches profit not in a day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death” (Prov. 11:4).

When a person is baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, he opens his heart to a complete God, who inhabits eternity, who manifests Himself in history, and calls you and me personally to the joy of His service. —McAfee.

THE DOCTOR SAYS—

I do not know of any disease in which the patient will not get on better without alcohol than with it.” —Sir James Barr, M. D., President of the British Medical Association.

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Ethiopia's Judgment Hour

by

James A. Murray

"Produce your cause, saith the Lord; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob. Let them bring them forth, and show what shall happen; let them show the former things, what they may be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them, or declare us things to come. Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods" Isa. 41:21-23. "I declare the end from the beginning, and from ancient time the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure" Isa. 46:10.

Let us examine the Scriptures for enlightenment on this treatise. Modern Ethiopia is not co-extensive with the Ethiopia of the ancients. According to the ancient Greek geographies the Eastern part stretches from the Red Sea to India. The Bible supports this claim, for the river Gihon compassed the whole land of Ethiopia whose source was the river Eden. Gen. 2:13; Esther 1:1. The Western from the South of Egypt to Mauretania. Ethnologically it is the territory inhabited by the sons of Ham; Geographically Cush the son of Ham peopled Ethiopia, Mizraim, Egypt, Phut, Libya. Nimrod, the son of Cush was the first to establish a kingdom. Gen 10:8-10. Modern Ethiopia is about 350,000 square miles in area with a population of about 10,000,000. Viewing its mountains which rise to 10,000 feet high, from the Red Sea, it is compared to a vast fortress 650 miles in length defying penetration. Emperor Selassie writing to the League said, "We have stood with God's help free and proud protected by our native mountains; come what might." These mountains sloping to the west form the water shed of the Nile, the salvation of Sudan and Egypt where British interests are great. Much of the ancient history of this once great kingdom is obscure.

We are certain when we accept the writings of the prophets. Many times they are mentioned in connection with the children of Israel and have a history very similar. They claim to possess the "ark of the covenant", (the writer believes it to be duplicate), the book of Enoch and 700 years before Moses they observed the seventh day (Saturday) as the true Sabbath of the Lord. Moses' wife was an Ethiopian. Aaron and Miriam's disapproval was avenged with leprosy. Gen. 12. The "region of burnt faces" is the term for Ethiopia or Cush, and Jeremiah states: "Cannot change their

skin." Jer. 13:23. Isaiah writes: "A nation scattered, peeled, terrible from their beginning, meted out and trodden down, whose land the rivers have spoiled." This is true of Ethiopia and its physical features. Nevertheless the Lord said by His prophets that He will take a people out of them and bring them to Zion. Isa. 18; Zeph. 3:10, 11. In the 87th Psalm she is mentioned as a member of the church. After the flood the sons of Noah divided up the earth, (Gen. 10:5, 20, 32) God having determined their habitation. Acts 17:26-28. The descendants of Ham peopled Africa. Egypt is mentioned as "the land of Ham; Ps. 105:23-27; 106:22. The progenitor of the Negroes is Ham, which in the Hebrew, Greek and Roman is equivalent to burnt, black and brown. All races are from the lineage of Noah.

"Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God." This is of paramount importance to the Hametic race. The Japhethites have told the race that they are cursed because Ham mocked his father, through which many will not use the Bible, calling it the white man's book. The S. D. Adventists' prophetess states that the colored race must not urge equality with the whites and that certain tribes of Africa are the results of amalgamation of man and beast. This is very unscriptural. Professor Brooks, the Dean of the Faculty of Commerce, Transvaal University College, who has devoted his life to research work among the natives of Africa, addressing the Christian Association Conference, declared that the native of Africa was not inferior to the Ethiopian. We have the queen of Sheba, a woman of ability, who went up to Jerusalem to test king Solomon with hard questions. Her commendatory remarks are a proof of piety. 2 Chron. 9:1-9. Ebedmelech the Ethiopian rescued Jeremiah from the dungeon and God sent him a direct message of deliverance. Jer. 38:7. The Shemites were preserved in Egypt 430 years. Jesus was hidden there. Simon of Cyrene an African of Lybia bore His cross. What an honor to the race if we study the Scriptures!

Idoltrous Egypt's symbol is a dragon. Eze. 29. Many are the prophecies against her: She will remain a protectorate—a base kingdom. Eze. 29:14, 15; Daniel 11:42. "The end of all things is at hand." England has her soldiers stationed at the steps of Libya and Ethiopia. The time of trouble is on for the nations are all distressed and perplexed. "There shall be a time of trouble such as never

was." Dan. 12:1. "And upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing for fear" Luke 21:25, 26. Great loss of ships are evidenced. "But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libians and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps."

Great Britain the lion is watching; Italy the bear with her warships at Suez and her soldiers in Egypt (only a step from Libya) her warships at Aden and her garrison in Kharteum, Sudan strengthened. These with her forces in British Somaliland are all steps into Ethiopia. The Balfour declaration allows the Jews, after 2520 years to return and re-occupy their God-given land. The League of Nations have agreed that England should hold the mandate over Palestine. No other has been so blessed to protect the chosen people of God. She has entered and planted her tabernacles in the glorious land. Dan. 11:42-45. England cannot permit a rival in the Mediterranean and Red Sea gateways to the far east where she has great investments. Italy will lose rather than gain in her barbarous warfare against a peaceful and backward nation.

However this is Ethiopia's judgment hour that she may stretch out her hands unto God. He has allowed the evil. "Shall there be evil in a city and I have not done it? Isa. 45:7, Amos 3:6.

Idolatrous Egypt overthrown by Nebuchadnezzar has been subject to Medo-Persia, Grecia, Rome and Turkey until the war of 1914. She is now a British Protectorate fulfilling Dan. 11:42, 43: "But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him (England)." At the time of the writing, Japan and China in the east and to the north with their tidings have affected England. The U. S. is also concerned. Russia is friendly with Britain. "Where there is no vision the people perish." Have you a vision? "His watchmen are blind" and "deaf." Are you seeing and hearing yet taking no observation? Let us not hold our peace as we hear the sound of the alarm of war. Prov. 29:18; Jer. 4:19-28.

Italy's invasion of Ethiopia and Ethiopia's indomitable resistance is not a matter to be spurned. It has aroused the feelings of over 200 million negroes. The British Government is being warned that they are standing on a powder magazine. The Roman Catholic Church has received a terrible shock and the League of Nations has failed to prevent war. Will it carry out the covenant on the aggressor? Is not judgment turned away backward? Isa. 59:9-15. What will be the success of the League? Isa. 8:9, 10. Daniel states, "Yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him." Ethiopia was once subdued by Cyrus the Persian king. Since, they have been invaded by the Romans, Turks and the Roman Catholic Church. Their

resistance to Italy in 1896 reflects the greatest glory on their national history. Ethiopia, Libia and Persia, with a northern power (probably Russia) and other nations will be in the great world war to be fought in the Holy Land. Eze. 38; Zech. 14. I have reasons to expect Libia's independence. The four angels of Rev. 7 are holding back war. They will be loosed at the sixth trumpet. Rev. 9:14-21. The battle of Armageddon will be fought during the time of the sixth seal in which we now live and will be in the sixth plague which I believe is yet future. Rev. 16:12-21.

Joel states, "Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; beat your plowshares into swords . . . let the weak say I am strong." Ethiopia has suddenly awakened. She is specially mentioned for preparation and she is learning modern warfare. The Emperor, his advisors and representatives have demonstrated to the world the spirit of forbearance and tolerance. Their deliberations have been charitable and yet resolute which are rare in international and religious polity. Let us awaken to our responsibilities "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." The King's business requires haste. The Bible foretells of the Second Advent of Jesus to be personal, visible and glorious to reign with His saints on this earth one thousand years. Then will be fulfilled the prayer to our Father, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven."

The Blood of Christ

by Edna Reek Brown

The Blood of Christ! Salvation's key!
God's greatest gift to you and me!

No other plan could take its place;
No scheme conceived by the human race
Could ever sinful man set free.

A priceless cost it had to be—
The dying Christ in agony.

That ransom we must ever face:
The Blood of Christ!

"Lord, I repent; I come to Thee,
Thy saving blood my only plea.
Redeeming mercy I embrace;
I need Thy saving, keeping grace!
Apply to every sin in me
The Blood of Christ!"

The Occult Power

by

L. A. Palmer

There is an unanswered question, almost as old as the human family. It dates back at least to the period of mythology in Egypt, and it still baffles the mind of man, is believed in by a large class of superstitious folks who are seeking to solve the mysteries of life and lift the curtain and look in on the unknown secrets. This question is, Do people possess occult or psychic powers to know or see the hidden things not generally known to the average person, or is beyond the natural ken of human knowledge?

When the Hebrew people were enslaved in Egypt they learned the ways of the Egyptians, their heathen practices, such as the belief in witches, charmers, necromancers, familiar spirits, enchanters and fortune tellers. They became so indoctrinated with these things that it became a tenet of a religious belief. They gave credit to a supernatural power that came to their assistance and answered their troubled minds in all experiences.

When Moses took this poor, deluded, superstitious band of slaves of Egypt, he gave them some good advice on many things, particularly on the very silly notions they had learned from the Egyptians touching what we call telling fortunes and all its evil associations. A few passages of Scripture will give a better and more adequate idea how God instructed against such practices:

Deut. 18:8-12: "When thou come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a counselor with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord; and because of these abominations, the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee."

Lev. 19:31: "Regard them not that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them. I am the Lord."

Lev. 20:6-20: "And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from you." Verse 27: "A man or a woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard shall surely be put to

death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them."

The Old Testament is replete and abounds with such advice from the Lord, warning against all such abominations. In His warnings He was not unmindful to remind His chosen people that He would raise up prophets among them to give them adequate advice and instruction. Notwithstanding all this, the Hebrews followed false prophets and gave no heed to God's chosen prophets, and as a consequence always got in trouble.

Let us now turn to the New Testament and we find a similar abomination when Paul had occasion to drive a certain evil spirit from a girl who was possessed with a spirit of divination and was profitable to a set of profiteers who, using our new coined word, were running a "racket."

"Acts 16:16-19: "And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her master gain by soothsaying. The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said unto the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

"And when her master saw that the hope of his gain was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the market place unto the rulers."

In another instance Paul inherited no little trouble by spoiling the income of a certain silversmith (Acts 19:24) by persuading his dupes to abandon their superstitious notions in the following after divinations, and accepting the doctrines of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. That these practices by the Egyptians and carried on down to the time of Paul, were a part of the pagan religion, there is no one can doubt, and was distasteful to God and when Christianity came in there was no room for it in the lives of Christians who are guided by the Holy Spirit.

Dr. Jas. M. Grey Speaks

In one of the late books by the late Dr. Jas. M. Gray, former president of the Moody Institute, he gives his valuable opinion and explanation of this occult power and does not try to laugh the possibility of the art out of court. He is certain that

lost articles, future events and hidden secrets are revealed by the clairvoyant, fortune teller or necromancer, or person who claims occult or psychic powers, that challenge the satisfactory explanation on any scientific basis. He gives many instances of prediction that have been fulfilled that was beyond the power of man to explain other than there was a power, unseen, supernatural or otherwise. He argues that it can not be from the Spirit of God, but that it is from the spirit of the prince of this world, the spirit of divination, the devil.

His argument is that satan is wiser than man, the arch deceiver, that he knows the art of deception to perfection, and is the guiding spirit in the black art of divination. It is reported that disturbed and inquisitive people of New York City pay to people of the occult and psychic art more than a million dollars a year to find out their destinies in business, love affairs and other such important matters. There is scarcely a city or hamlet in the United States but what has its portion of these necromancers who are practicing their art and there is a hungry, inquisitive, and morbid class of folks who are ready to be receptive to such practices and beliefs.

There is a religious sect, known as Spiritualists who rely on what they call the spirits, to reveal the hidden things of life and the mysteries in mysticisms are made a feature of their services. Seances are held in which a medium is employed who claims communion with spirits and through this medium, generally a woman, questions of all sorts are answered to the satisfaction of the inquisitive and generally troubled soul. The power of calling up the spirit of a departed friend or relative and communicating with him or her, is a popular and pleasing pastime. In this art many thousands of hungry, inquisitive people are satisfied that through this medium, they are talking to, or with, departed friends or loved ones. No amount of logic or sound reasoning can dislodge them from their belief in spirit communication. It is their religion. Not even the Word of God can turn them from their belief for it is a fixed and irrevocable opinion.

This claim, spirit communication, when measured by the Scriptures, is as logical and believable as the doctrine taught by nominal christians of a purgatory, a paradise for departed spirits or that people go directly to heaven or hell, as their moral lives merit, at death. None of these doctrines were taught by Jesus, the prophets or the apostles. It is man-made and handed down from pagan superstition and will possibly be carried down to the day of judgment. Let us turn the light of the Scriptures on the question of the condition of the dead and see what we find:

Ps. 146:4: "His (man's) breath goeth forth, he

returneth to his earth, in that very day his thoughts perish."

Eccl. 9:5: "For the living know that they shall die, but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten.

"Also their love, their hatred, and their envy is now perished, neither have they any more portion forever of anything that is done under the sun.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, wither thou goest."

Job 14:20-21: "Thou prevailest forever against him (man) and he passeth: thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away. His sons come to honor, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, and he perceiveth it not."

Isa. 38:18: "For the grave cannot praise thee, death cannot celebrate thee, they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth."

Acts: 3:13: "And no man ascendeth up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven." (These are the words of Jesus).

We have not exhausted all the Bible references by any means on the subject of death, but enough at least to show that at death there is no activity of thought, emotion, love, hatred or physical activity. If dead people are in heaven in that condition, it is strange, shockingly strange indeed, that the mediums can communicate with them.

The power of clairvoyance is claimed by the medium in a mesmeric state under supernatural power, thus making it a religion. The majority of fortune tellers do not claim for their art any religious significance, but rather a special occult or psychic gift, something not common with the regular run of humanity. The question often asked is, how long will this practice of divination last? Just as long as superstition on the part of people with money to spend for it lasts.

Prayer

Any exercise to do the most good must be continued regularly. Only through prayer in the face of obstacles, can the Christian finally arrive at that steadfastness that will make him immovable in his beliefs and practices of the right. Persevering in prayer, keeping on in prayer, regardless of the handicaps and buffings, and all the other assailants of a Christian's fortitude, will lead surely to a spiritual sturdiness that will not be easily shaken or wearied.

—Jones

Thoughts on the Sabbath School Lesson

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 8, 1936

Lesson Reading: John 9:1-14.

Golden Text: Hebrews 4:11:

"Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief."

In the fourth chapter of Hebrews, God's eternal rest is compared to His Sabbath rest. Both are eternal, and remain for always, and if we wish to enter into God's eternal rest we must now enter into His weekly rest. Hebrews 4:10, Twentieth Century Translation tells us, "For all who enter upon his rest do themselves rest after their work, just as God did." God rested upon the seventh day, and if we want to make sure of our eternal rest we must now rest on the day which God rested at creation.

God's rest can never be transferred from the seventh to the first day of the week. The reason is, that God's Sabbath or rest is based upon the fact that God used the first six days as work days and rested on the seventh. Just as long as that fact remains you can never keep God's Sabbath on the first day of the week. Not any more so than you can celebrate the Declaration of Independence on July the third. It is always the fourth.

Isaiah 58:13 tells us how we can and should keep the Sabbath. It is God's day and should be used for God only. "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day." This no doubt refers to our business, finding and talking for our personal gain and pleasure. If our pleasure is to go and worship God in company with others of God's people, going to Sabbath School, reading the word of God, or other uplifting literature, singing hymns to the glory of God, etc., there would be nothing wrong in that. Such pleasure would meet the mind of God and be serving Him.

Anything pertaining to God's service is perfectly right to do on that day. The priest in the temple service brought two lambs in the morning and two in the evening for the daily sacrifice, whereas on the other days they brought only one, and this service or work was perfectly lawful. Matt. 12:5 says that they were blameless.

Is it right that we bring our tithes and offerings when we meet before the Lord on the Sabbath day? David says, Psalms 96:8, "I will pay my vows unto the Lord, now in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house." Surely it pertains to God's service to bring our gifts, whether large

or small for God's work, and the saving of souls at any time. In the old covenant they brought their offerings and were blameless. It is more right to bring our gifts on the Sabbath than not to bring any offering at all. Were we more faithful in this we would be more faithful in other matters also.

Jesus has shown us how we can, and should keep the Sabbath. Not as a burden, but rather as a joy. The Sabbath hours should never seem too long, and if we enter into the spirit of the Sabbath, they never will. Then it really will be of all the week the best.

C. F. Knott

Sabbath Texts

Isaiah 58:11-14

"And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

"And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

"If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasures, nor speaking thine own words:

"Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

Matthew 12:8-12

"For the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day.

"And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue:

"And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath days? that they might accuse him.

"And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?

"How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath day."

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OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS

We See By The Papers That

Some movie "star" has undertaken to write on spiritual matters, but it is hard for us to become enthused over such articles when they are spread over the pages of our daily papers with flaring headlines for publicity. We would prefer to see people who make a flare enter a more worthy cause than that which the movie stars have reputed to them. We like to see any bona fied effort at spreading the gospel, and we have no objections to any one doing this, but the causal reader is more likely to consider some attempts at writing articles like these from a movie colony as purely a "publicity stunt" if not a burlesque. Many a word of good advice has fallen from the lips of a bar-keeper, but the influence has been limited because of the color of the back-ground from which the picture is made; like-wise, many a good sermon has failed of its mission because of the life of the minister who delivered it. It is well, then, that we look to our lives that they measure up to the standard which we set if we would lead others and influence them for good. If we would have others know God, we should first be acquainted with Him ourselves, and our lives should be what the people would expect of one who assumes the place we try to fill. Burt F. M.

A Severe Winter

"But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter . . ." These words of our Lord regarding the flight from the destruction of Jerusalem have possibly a greater meaning to us when we experience a winter like the present one. The temperature over most of the United States has been zero and far below, for more than three weeks without a break, and the ground has been heavily covered with snow. Great suffering has been the result. Many have been the opportunities which have come to those with the true love of God in their hearts, to help the less fortunate.

Surely the whole world is growing old like a garment! Everywhere the elements seem to be in an upheaval with one extreme following another. Intense heat, with great drought; great dust storms; exceedingly heavy rains; early frosts; severe winter in the north and even reaching into the South, accompanied by tornadoes—and who can tell what the summer may yet bring forth! The great and terrible "Day of the Lord" which many believe to be the period just preceeding the coming of the Lord, seems to be upon us.

But tho the elements be severe and all things look dark for this world, yet will the followers of our Lord have no fear. We must learn to trust absolutely in Him, regardless of what may come. We may even lose everything in this world, yet the reward will be great. "The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel." Joel 3:16. S. J. K.

Our Young People's Paper

The Sabbath School Missionary and Young People's Friend which will be sent out February 10 will contain a very interesting true story of an experience in the north woods. There will also be a Young People's study for use in young people's meetings, as an interesting reading and Bible study from the Old Testament. And of course there will be included a number of short, helpful articles, some Bible riddles and conundrums and the announcement of how the subscription contest is coming out. The Missionary for the children will have its usual interesting features.

Every Church of God young person should have this good paper to read each week. Subscribe for it yourself, get others to subscribe for it and send in subscriptions for it for others.

OBITUARIES

Elder J. I. Baker of Port O'Connor, Texas, died Jan. 2d, at the John Sealey Hospital at Galveston, Texas. He was born Aug. 11, 1881 in Hill County, Texas. He was married June 8th, 1910 to Miss Mary Francis Long at Paint Rock, Texas. To this union nine children were born; two boys and one girl preceeding him in death. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Chas., James, Rachel and Fannie of Port O'Connor, Texas, and W. R. Baker of Stockdale, Texas, and Miss Carl McCalley of Arausas Pass, Texas. Brother Baker had been in failing health for the past year altho not confined to his bed except at times. He was a member of the Baptist church until the summer of 1931, when he and his household were converted and baptized at Simmons, Texas in a meeting conducted by Elder M. W. Unzicker.

Not long after his conversion he began preaching the Sabbath truth of which he never tired. He held a number of meetings, baptized several, also preached several funerals. He was financially hindered from putting in full time in the ministry. There was nothing he enjoyed more than talking on the Bible.

He was laid to rest in the new cemetery at Galveston; services conducted by a Mr. Levy. We believe that Bro. Baker will awake when the trumpet sounds and meet the other faithful, when sickness, sorrow and worldly cares will be over.

M. B. St. Clair

Mary Griggs was born April 2, 1856 and departed this life Dec. 30, 1935 being 79 years, 8 months and 28 days of age. She was born in the state of Iowa and was united in marriage to F. M. Reed in 1879. To this union was born six children, two boys and four girls of whom are living: Mrs. Myrtle Martin of Deuton, Montana; Claud Reed of Magdalena, New Mexico; Mary Perry of Joplin, Missouri, and Mrs. Effie Grimm of Anderson, Missouri. Two of the children preceded her in death. Her husband also passed away and she was married in July 23, 1903 to E. H. Stinecipher who also passed away in Feb. 1927. Besides her children she leaves to mourn two brothers, two sisters, several nephews and nieces, three step-daughters, twelve grand children and four great grandchildren. She learned to love the Savior in her youth and lived a devoted Christian life until the end. She was loved by all who knew her and will be sadly missed not only by relatives but by a host of friends who have ministered to her with faithful devotion during her last hours. She bore her intense pain patiently and expressed

a longing to go home to be with Jesus. She fought a good fight, she has finished her course; henceforth there is laid up for her a crown of righteousness.

Funeral services were conducted at Union Chapel by Rev. Wesley Martin assisted by Rev. John Williams, and she was laid to rest in the beautiful Owsley Cemetery, there to await the Life-giver when He comes to gather His jewels.

Soldier of Christ well done,
Praise be thy new employ
And while eternal ages roll
Rest in thy Savior's joy.
And now, mother, fare thee well;
We loved you, yes, we loved you,
But Jesus loves you more
And He has tenderly called you
To yonder shining shore.

Written by her step-daughter, Lydia Smith

LETTERS

FROM MICHIGAN

Dear Advocate Readers:

It has been some time since I have written to you. Some way I feel impressed to write a few lines this afternoon. I like to read the good letters in the paper. All of the articles in the paper are good. I do wish it could be in more homes.

Since I wrote you last my three oldest children, 12, 13 and 15 years old, and myself have been baptized. Bro. Darrell Davis from Detroit baptized us. I am sure the dear Lord sent him here. I have been hoping that he or some other brother could come to Vassar to hold some meetings. There are quite a number of S. D. A. here. They have an Adventist church here. The children and I go as we have no other here to meet with. How I would love to meet every Sabbath with the true church of God people.

The Adventists are having Bible studies every other week in the different localities. They have held two here at my house. They have asked me to lead in the next meeting to be held a week from next Wednesday afternoon. Now I have never led a meeting before, but I know the dear Lord will help me and give me the words that I am to speak if I ask Him. I think I shall take Faith, by Ervin Sooter in the Dec. 30th issue of the Bible Advocate. Please pray for me that I may be just what our dear Father would have me be, letting my light shine to those about me.

Mrs. R. Russell

FROM OKLAHOMA

To the Brethren and Sisters everywhere:
Greetings in the name of Jesus:

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The Three Angels' Messages

by

M. Mackintosh

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kingdom, and tongue and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him: for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of water.

"And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:6-12.

In answer to the request of the disciple for a sign of the end of the world, Jesus said, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14.

St. John in vision saw the prophecy of Jesus being fulfilled, and heard the angel in charge of the work warning all men that the hour of God's judgment has come. The Lord filled the disciples with power, wisdom, and grace on the day of Pentecost to make the final appeal to the Jews. So will He pour out His Spirit upon us, and fill us, and thrill us, with His presence, to fit us to preach "the gospel of the kingdom" in the last appeal that heaven will make to men, to accept the gospel message and enthroned the Christ in the hearts before the door of mercy closes forever.

We quote St. John's statement from the A. V. R.: "And I saw another angel flying in mid heaven, having eternal good tidings to proclaim unto them that dwell on the earth, and unto every nation and tribe and tongue and people; and he said with a

loud voice, Fear God, and give him glory; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made the heaven and the earth and sea and fountains of water."

In James 5 we read about the struggle over the dollar in the last days. And in verse 7 we are instructed to "be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and the latter rain. Be ye also patient; establish your heart: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door."

The early rain fell upon the apostles to finish the work of the old dispensation, and start the work among the Gentiles. The latter rain will finish the work of God in this dispensation, and prepare the way for the second coming of Christ.

The return of the Jews to Palestine; the preparations that are being made for war by all nations; the struggle between labor and capital; the rise of Atheism and Paganism; the perplexity that exists among all classes; the multitude of new inventions; the struggle for an existence in a world that is capable of producing all the necessities of life for five times the present population; the general contempt for the laws of God and man, all tell the watching children of God that the "Day of the Lord" has come.

Remember! "The day of the Lord" is a period of time in which God will destroy the face of the earth with judgments (plagues), to punish the sinners for their iniquity and make His people anxious to get out of Babylon. Even as He destroyed Egypt with judgments, to punish the Egyptians, and make His people anxious to leave that country.

The Fall of Babylon

Any person who understands the first angel's message knows positively that the fall of Babylon is coming quickly. Why? What is Babylon? The eighteenth chapter of Revelation will answer our question: "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Baby-

lon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird, for all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

Where are God's people? Scattered through all the visible churches, and some of them not members of any visible church! But God lightens the earth with His glory, and sends an angel clothed with great power, to call His people out of Babylon with a mighty voice, when He separates the wheat and tares.

Let us read the rest of the story and view the picture as a whole. "For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according unto her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day (suddenly)." "When they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." 1 Thess. 5:3. "—death and mourning and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God that judgeth her. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her: for no man buyeth their merchandise any more. The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and of fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyne wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner of vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and cinnamon, and odours and ointments, frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. And the fruit that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shall find them no more at all. The merchants of these things which were made rich by her shall stand afar off for fear

of her torment, weeping and wailing, and saying, Alas, alas that great city, that clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to naught. And every ship-master, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, and cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness, for in one hour is she made desolate."

Reader! Take a look at that picture, then ask yourself a few questions. To what extent have we mixed the holy and the profane? To what extent have we commercialized religion? What per cent of the business and professional men belong to a church for business reasons? Why do all classes from kings to common sailors howl when Babylon falls? — "for in one hour so great riches is come to naught." How have all classes in great Babylon been making money? Trading and gambling with what the farmers, miners, and fishermen have produced — the fruits of the earth, and the "souls of men." What have we done with the wealth of the world? Built the most magnificent buildings imaginable, decorated them with the most expensive trimmings, and filled them with every modern convenience known to man, for the glory of God, or the glory of man? Has the church played a leading part in the building of great Babylon? Am sorry but must write it — in the picture the church appears as the senior partner and the one who is the most responsible.

What is modern Babylon? Answer: The religious world, the political world, the business world, and the social world. In other words, **our modern civilization.**

What will cause the fall of modern Babylon? The judgments of God that are beginning to fall upon us for our iniquities. War, pestilence, plagues, famine, drought etc., etc. The second angel's message follows the first more naturally than fall follows summer.

The hour of God's judgment is come. The next thing in order is the fall of our modern civilization. Then what? The beast and his image, as sure as winter follows the fall, and night follows day. The fall of our modern civilization will open wide the door for Atheism and Paganism — the devil's twins, and chaos. Then watch the Dictators work in harmony.

"The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend (again) out of the bottomless pit." Rev. 17:8. Human beings do not go in and out of

the bottomless pit! Rev. 17:11, "And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, "he is the evil spirit of the beast that carried the harlot church on his seven heads — kingdoms. The fall of the seventh head, and the fall of Babylon will be coincident. When this great Babylon that we have built goes down, then the kingdoms represented by the ten horns on the beast will unitedly give their power and strength unto the evil one who comes out of the bottomless pit — the Antichrist.

"And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but

receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."

The devil will lead the armies of the world to the battle of Armageddon. Rev. 16:13, 14. But the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings. In that day satan will stand up against the Prince of princes, and be "broken without hand."

Today is the day of salvation.

Come to Christ today.

The Testimony of the Lord Jesus

by

Martin Stueckrath

It was the Spirit of Christ that spoke to God's people through all the holy prophets. Acts 3:18-26. The apostle Peter writes in 1 Peter 1:9-12 as follows: "Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glories that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you in the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into." The whole Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation testify of the Person of Jesus Christ for the salvation of souls. John 1:1-3; 40-51; Rev. 22:20, 21. The apostle Paul testified to Israel and the nations salvation through the crucified and risen Savior out of the law of Moses and the prophets. Acts 17:1-3; 28:23. He confirmed the testimony of Christ and God among the believers. 1 Cor. 1:6; 2:1 He wrote to Timothy, his beloved son in the faith and faithful in the Lord, "Then you should not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord . . . but suffer evil with me in the Evangel in accord with the power of God." 1 Tim. 1:8. "I am entreating then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, pleadings, thanksgiving be made for all mankind, for kings and all those in a superior station, that we may be leading a mild and quiet life in all devoutness and gravity, for this is ideal and welcome before God our Savior,

Who wills all mankind to be saved and to come into a realization of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator of God and mankind, a Man, Christ Jesus, the One giving Himself a correspondent ransom (Greek: "Antilutorn") for all, the testimony in its own ears." 1 Tim. 2:1-6, C. V. Christ's death on the cross for the salvation of mankind corresponded to the righteousness of God and the just requirement of His holy law, being testified to by the law and the prophets.

The apostle John testifies to the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Rev. 1:1, 2; 22:6-10, 16-22. "He came to be in the isle which is Patmos because of the word of God and because of the testimony of Jesus Christ." Rev. 1:9. "And the dragon is angry with the woman, and came away to do battle with the rest of her seed who are keeping the commandments of God, and who have the testimony of Jesus." "Here is the endurance of the saints, who are keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 12:17; 14:12. C. V.

The great battle was at all times against the person of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It was against His Sonship and His conception by the holy Spirit, against His wonders and signs, against His reconciliation through His death for the sins of mankind, against His victorious resurrection for our justification, against His triumphant ascension and exaltation by God the Father to the highest honor, glory, majesty, power and authority, against His mediation and second coming in glory, and the resurrection of the dead. Many have suffered martyrdom because of the testimony of Jesus Christ and the word of God. "And I perceived thrones, and

they are seated on them, and judgment was granted them. And the souls of those who have been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God." Rev. 6:9; 12:11, 17; 20:4. R. V.

What is the testimony of Jesus? It is the testimony of the Person of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Son of the true and living God as it is revealed in the Sacred Scriptures from the first book of Moses to the last book of the Revelation. Acts 26:22, 23. It is the Gospel of the Grace of God and righteousness by faith through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Acts 20:21, 24; Gal. 3:6-11. The angel said to John: "I am thy fellow servant and of my brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy." Rev. 29:10. The testimony of Jesus is the spirit, the life, the substance, the essence of prophecy of the confirmed prophetic Word of God. 2 Peter 1:19-21. John and every one of his brethren and all true believers at his time and throughout all the centuries until the very end hold the same testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of their souls in the conflict with the dragon. See Rev. 19:10; 22:8, 9, 16-21.

"Now the Lord is the Spirit; yet where the Lord is, there is freedom. Now we all, with uncovered face, viewing the Lord's glory as in a mirror, are transformed into the same image, from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit." 2 Cor. 3:6, 17, 18. The Lord Jesus Christ is the vivifying Spirit. 1 Cor. 15:45, 46. He alone can give His own spiritual life and a spiritual body. He said, "It is the Spirit that quickeneth . . . the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." John 6:63. "The works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, testifying of me, that the Father hath sent me. Be searching the Scriptures, seeing in them you are supposing you have life eternal, and those are they which are testifying concerning Me, and you will not be coming to Me that you may have life." John 5:36, 39-47. "To this are all the prophets testifying, everyone who believing in Him is to be obtaining the pardon of sins through His name." Acts 10:43; Rom. 3:19-26. The Lord opens the minds of the disciples, after His resurrection, from the Scriptures of Moses, the Psalms and prophets that He must suffer and rise from among the dead the third day and be entering into His glory. "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name, beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24:25-27, 44-47.

"And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony. He that hath received His testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. For He whom God hath sent

speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto Him. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:32-36. "If we are obtaining the testimony of men the testimony of God is greater, seeing that this is the testimony of God, that He has testified concerning His Son. He who is not believing God, has made Him a liar, seeing that he has not believed into the testimony which God has testified concerning His Son. And this is the testimony, that God gives us life eternal, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life. He who has not the Son of God has not the life. These things I write to you that you who are believing into the name of the Son of God may be perceiving that you have life everlasting." First Epistle of John 5:9-13, C. V.

A Lamentable Condition

In the hall of religious fame, London, England, there is a masterpiece of art portraying the picture of the prophet John taking dictation from the angel Gabriel, after which he studiously writes out the subject matter as it now appears in the book of Revelation.

The writer's knowledge of the picture has been drawn from a worded scene in which the skill of the artist is made the first thought. No doubt many would call it a piece of religious fiction drawn for the sake of effect: be that as it may, the artist has certainly feigned a great moral for the sake of effect, and in his description of modern Babylon as it now fills the earth, every honest soul must be affected as he or she reads,

"Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand." Rev. 1:3.

In the words, "The time is at hand," the subject matter in the book begins in the early part of the first century, after which the prophet spans the dispensation in which we live.

As the twentieth century opened, the religious life of the world stood in the very forefront of the prophet's mind. The Roman Catholic church appeared as a mother charged with the sin of committing fornication with the kings of the earth, and they in turn have successfully carried her to the uttermost parts of the earth. See Rev. 17:1-7.

In the early part of the seventeenth century, the colonial life of the United States engaged the prophet's attention; and in its growth and expansion of power, the emigration from Roman Catholic countries in Europe was seen to affect greatly the po-

litical management of affairs in the United States, until religious life became the dominant question in the nation.

"And all that dwell upon the earth (in the United States), shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Rev. 13:8.

"If any man have an ear, let him hear." Rev. 13:9.

In the eleventh verse of the chapter, the prophet turns the key on the United States, and with the angel Gabriel by his side, they step into the mighty current of influences that have made this nation what it is.

"And they (in the U. S.) worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" Rev. 13, 4, 18.

Astonished at the scene before him, "Another angel" came to his assistance; "And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." Rev. 18:1, 2.

It appears that the inside life of both mother and daughters have become greatly affected, and the single fact that their names are not in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, places the fault right where it belongs.

That the subject now before us is properly applied, the reader is referred to the inspired details of the inside life of the last or Laodicean Church. See Rev. 3:14-22. The Savior has been crowned out of the house once dedicated in His name. Rev. 3:20.

As these words go before the reading public, many are going to ask, Are these words true?

The following is taken from the National Voice, published in Los Angeles, Calif., Thursday, Oct. 31:

"BAR TO BE SET UP IN INDIANA CHURCH CELLAR

"St. Stephen's Church in South Bend, Ind., has taken out a beer license. A bar will be set up in the basement of the church, according to the Rev. Tarzicius Kupla, pastor, and white-aproned church members will work as bartenders to dispense beer at parties.

"The Rev. Kupla told newspapermen that foaming steins of beer will help to bring men and women to the church parties. The church will sponsor several stag parties a year to take advantage of the beer facilities offered by the church.

"St. Stephen's Church probably has the first beer license that has been issued to any church in the United States since repeal, although numerous accounts of the serving of beer at church lawn parties and even in church buildings have appeared in the press.

"Several official papers of the Catholic Church are now carrying beer and wine advertising."

—The American Sentinel

LETTERS

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much loved paper, which seems to get better with I have thought several times of writing to our each issue.

I have just returned from Fairview, Oklahoma where I have been attending a meeting which Bro. Hawkins has been holding there.

To say I enjoyed every sermon very much would hardly express my enjoyment in the meeting. I received much spiritual food during the few days I was there. There was much sickness among the Brethren and others in and around Fairview, which kept many away from the meeting. But those who could come were faithful in attendance.

I attended Sabbath school there twice, and enjoyed the lessons on the Commandments very much. Seems to me they are the best we have had in some time. I have always had the desire to understand each commandment more fully, and I believe having them in lesson form enables each one to know more about God's law.

I am glad to see the work progressing so nicely and see the interest each one has in the work. What a blessing it is to have a part in the work through tithes and offerings. Let us all be faithful in sending tithes and offerings into the storehouse of God that more Ministers may be sent into the fields of labor. By so doing we can all receive a great blessing from God.

I am very glad to see the wonderful improvement in the Sabbath School Missionary and Young People's Friend. It is surely worthy of the loyal support of every one. Every one should feel it their duty to encourage our young people and children to be faithful in their contributions to this little paper. Our young people of today will be our Leaders of tomorrow, so let us encourage them in their good work in service to God.

To our young people I would say, Press on in the good work you are doing. Enter into the contest with a zeal and determination and may God bless you in this service. The subscription list to our little paper can be doubled through these efforts on your part and God will richly bless you I am sure.

So fail not, falter not, weary not in well doing.

I ask an interest in the prayers of all that I may ever be found at my post of duty to render service to God.

Yours in the hope of eternal life,
Mrs. L. Kerns

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Ps. 27:1.

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Requests for Prayer

Sister Bob Welch requests that the Prayer Band have special prayer for her sister-in-law. She has a severe pain in her side which has caused suffering for a long time. She asks that all pray especially for her on Sabbath, February 8.

Brother A. W. Herron requests that the brethren pray for him that he may be strengthened in the faith and learn to trust the Lord more.

Church of God Prayer Band:

Is the prayer band that was organized a few years ago through the Advocate still working? I hope so. This is my first request. Lately I have been negligent toward the work, for I've been so confused. Still I'm asking your help, for I feel that you care for wanderers too.

Will the prayer band join with me in asking our Lord to heal me of something I'm afraid is a malignant growth in my nostrils and mouth? If you will let us do so on Sabbath morning, eight o'clock, Feb. 1st, and also pray that everything will be laid aside that I may be no longer confused and wavering, and my God receive all the glory. Mrs. J. L.

MICHIGAN NOTICE

There will be an all day meeting of the Church of God at 1223 W. Maple St., Lansing, Michigan, on Sabbath, February 8, 1836, beginning at ten o'clock A. M. Everybody welcome. The regular monthly meeting of the conference executive board will be held immediately after sunset.

Darrell A. Davis, President,
R. 4 — 128, Battle Creek, Mich.

California, Attention

Elder Robert C. Ward, 1386 West Second Street, Pomona, California, has been appointed to the unexpired term as Visiting Missionary, and is thereby authorized to receive tithes and other offerings due the California Organization of the Church of God (Seventh-day).

Pray that he will be a real blessing to all with whom he may come in contact. Let us one and all hold up his hands with our tithes and our prayers as well.

Floyd T. Hanks. Sec'y-Treas.

Iowa Notice

Brother Moore, the president of the Iowa Conference, informs us that they would welcome more calls for the service of the ministers in that state. Should any isolated members or church group either white or colored desire a visit or a series of meetings, they should write to Charles Moore, Chariton, Iowa.

THOUGHTS ON THE TWO LAWS

by

A laymember

I will begin my remarks by asking a question: "What is the most important question ever asked by mortal man?" Answer: "What must I do to be saved?" Dear reader, we find in Matt. 19:16, 17 where a man asked Jesus this same question. "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments."

Now if we could see Christ today and ask this same question He would no doubt answer us the same for He tells us in Mal. 3:6, "For I am the Lord, I change not."

"But," says one, "Christ nailed that law to the cross."

No! no! my dear friend, Christ did not nail His Father's law to the cross. It is true that He abolished a law, but it was the law of Moses, and not the law that His Father wrote on two tables of stone.

Now turn with me to Deut. 31:24, and we find where Moses wrote His law in a book. And we also find this is the law that is called our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, recorded in Gal. 3:24, 25, and it also was abolished at the cross. Col. 2:14. We find another law written by God Himself in Ex. 24:12 and also Ex. 31:18 where it was written by the finger of God.

I am going to ask you, when God does anything how long does it remain? For our answer turn with me to Eccl. 3:14 and notice this passage closely. "I know that whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it; and God doeth it, that men should fear before him."

If a man can't change anything God does, or put anything to it, please tell me how he could nail His law to the cross? I notice in Rev. 22:14 that there is a class of people that He calls "blessed." As I want to be among that number I will cast my lot with them so that in the resurrection morning I can hear those words, "well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

Are we willing to be chastened? When a refiner works on a substance — there is always something in it that he sees it is worth while to obtain. Therefore, in your chastening, trust Jesus, your Refiner.

—A. D. Mackintosh.