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The Coming King

By Abbie M. Moore

Lift up your heads! with joy uplift them,
All ye saints of God Most High;
From earnest hearts, let prayers ascend
For our redemption draweth nigh.

For fear, men's hearts are failing,
Mid earth's awful clash and din;
And yet they keep on sailing
In the chartered ship of sin.

Heaven and earth shall pass away,
But God's Word stands fast forever.
Watch ye therefore and always pray
His law from our hearts ne'er be severed.

This old earth doth groan and tremble,
Beneath her heavy load of sin;
But when Christ, His bride assembles,
Peace and joy will reign therein.

Therefore be ye ready also
For in an hour that ye think not
The heavens above with light will glow,
As our Lord descends with a shout.

Yes the signs are fast fulfilling,
Soon our Savior will appear;
With the angelic host, proclaiming
That the judgment day is here.

Palestine News Items

TEL AVIV. —Mayor Meier Dizengoff, who built this all-Jewish city from a sand dune to a populace of 150,000, succumbed here at 4:18 Wednesday morning to an attack of pneumonia. He was 75 years old.

All of Jewish Palestine was plunged into deep mourning as the man recognized as its first citizen and one of the world's foremost Jews was taken by death.

Mayor Dizengoff, despite his age, had been one of the strongest figures during the past few months in championing the Jewish cause in connection with the Arab disorders.

A recent total in excess of one million dollars was spent for reconstruction activities in the stimulation of colonization and immigration in Palestine during the four months from April 1st to July 31st, 1936, it was announced by Dr. Israel Goldstein, Acting Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal.

At the same time Dr. Goldstein revealed that despite the current disorder in Palestine 25,800 Jews from two-score countries entered the Jewish National Home during the period from January 1st to September 20th.

"This pace of immigration," Dr. Goldstein commented, "representing a larger Jewish population than has been received by all other countries combined during the same period, is an index of the unshatterable faith of the Jewish people in their Jewish National Home.

"It is also an extraordinary demonstration of the capacity of Palestine to absorb the oppressed and persecuted Jews of Europe, if we in the United States will manifest our sympathy in practical and generous contributions to the United Palestine Appeal.

There are 17,000,000 Jews in the countries of Diapora and only about 450,000 Jews in Palestine, but nevertheless, the general as well as the Jewish press is much more concerned with the 450,000 Jews in Palestine than with the 17,000,000 Jews in the other countries. In Palestine, as in all other countries, Jews are a minority. But while in every other country there is a Jewish problem; in Palestine there is an Arab problem. The Jews in the Western world have made enormous contributions to the civilizations and cultures of the countries in which they live. In Palestine they are just beginning to develop a civilization, but the world at large attaches much more importance to what the Jews are now creating in Palestine than what they have been creat-

ing in the Western world. For what they are doing in Palestine, they are doing as a nation; while their activities in other countries, no matter how fruitful, are only deeds and accomplishments of individuals. These are the salient facts around which the Palestine problem is discussed in the general and in the Jewish press.

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Where Are You?

BY

Frank Jeffers

Are you going to be a sheep or a goat? Matthew 25:31-34 and Amos 9:9 will decide the matter and then 1 Peter 4:17, 18. How many of us ever stop to think what Jeremiah 8:20 would mean to us at the judgment after we die (Heb. 3:27) and then have to stand alone (Luke 21:36) before Jesus to be judged (2 Cor. 5:10) when our book is opened. Rev. 20:12; Matthew 16:27; Romans 2:5, 6.

I think it would be a sad condition to be found in at that time, don't you? But I fear that many Pentecostal and Holiness people will realize it to the full extent when they stand before Jesus to be judged for I believe the Holy Spirit will be there to witness against them (Malachi 3:5) unless they repent and forsake a lot of their false doctrines before it is too late. Jeremiah 8:20; Zechariah 7:13.

What argument will some preachers put up to Jesus at the judgment (2 Cor. 5:10) to try to convince Jesus that the seventh day Sabbath was changed from Saturday to Sunday by divine authority? Since God does not change (Malachi 3:6) preachers must not depend on their own understanding about it (Proverbs 3:5) for it might lead them to death (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25) for their ideas about the Sabbath being changed from Saturday to Sunday by the resurrection of Jesus will not stand against the counsel of God. Proverbs 21:30. Every word that God spoke at Mt. Sinai (Exodus 20:1-17) is pure. Prov. 30:5.

These people love to tell us they keep Sunday in memory of Christ's resurrection from the grave on that day. But who told them to keep Sunday for that purpose? Matthew 28:1-6 teaches differently; but preachers have deceived the people so long with lies (Hosea 10:12, 13) and doctrines of men (Matt. 15:8, 9) until many people just pretend to be Christians. Ezek. 33:31. They learn to trust in their own way, but what will they do at the judgment? Jer. 5:31. Matthew 28 teaches that Jesus arose from the dead in the God of the Sabbath (Saturday), just before sun and not on Sunday morning at all.

The Israelites (not just Jews) were told to keep the seventh day Sabbath in memory of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. (Deut. 5:14, 15). So then we should keep the same day of the week in memory of our deliverance from the bondage of sin (1 John 3:4) because the keep-

ing of the Sabbath on our part is proof that God satisfies. Ezek. 20:12, 20. To us, Egypt means sin, and we are under sin, bondage, when we are tied down to our old Adamic nature that was in us when we were born. That nature causes us to reject God's law and causes a lot of Pentecostal and Holiness preachers, when speaking of God's holy Sabbath day to say, "Oh that old Jewish Sabbath."

They forget that our loving heavenly Father wrote that seventh day Sabbath commandment (Ex. 20:8-11) with his own finger (Ex. 31:18) and spoke it with his own mouth when He wrote and spoke all the rest of the ten commandments. Deut. 5:7-22. So then, since the Holy Spirit is the finger of God (Luke 11:20; Matt. 12:28) then since that law was written with the Holy Spirit of course it is a spiritual law (Rom. 7:14) so then of course the natural man cannot keep that law (Jer. 13:23) until he is born again (St John 3:5) with incorruptible seed. 1 Peter 1:23. Then he will be spiritually minded. 1 Cor. 2:14.

The spirit of disobedience (Eph. 2:2) that works on the mind of a lot of professing Christians causes them to reject God's law as the Jews did (Jer. 6:19) and to cast it behind their backs as the Jews did. Neh. 9:16, 17, 26. It causes them to love to keep this pagan Sunday in place of keeping God's holy Sabbath day and causes them to commit presumptuous sin (Num. 15:30) and to cast reproach on God by teaching the people that the ten commandment law is not for us these days. In that way they try to make void Psalms 119:126 and God's law (Ex. 20:1-17), through faith. But Paul said that faith does not make void that law. Romans 3:31. He says we establish the law and make it honorable, through faith. Some preachers are so ignorant (Rom. 10:3) about these law scriptures that they wrest them to their own destruction. 2 Peter 3:16; Prov. 14:12. Their own understanding of these law scriptures will not stand against the counsel of God (Prov. 21:30) because every word that God spoke at Mt. Sinai is pure. But they think it is no sin to transgress against God's holy Sabbath day just because they are under grace. Rom. 6:15. So they insist on keeping this pagan Sunday and teaching others to keep it, and so take chances on being left out of the kingdom of God. Matt. 5:19. By rejecting God's holy Sabbath

day they reject all (James 2:10) of God's fiery law (Deut 33:2) of ten commandments, for that law is God's righteousness. Ps. 119:172. God's righteousness cannot be abolished (Isa. 51:6, last clause). The ten commandment law of Exodus 20 is so perfect (Prov. 30:5) that it converts the soul. Ps. 19:7. Because God spoke that law with His own mouth it is the everlasting covenant (Deut. 4:13) between God and his people for ever (Ex. 19:5) and the seventh day Sabbath commandment is in that covenant. Ex. 31:16. The seventh day Sabbath is the sign of creation (Ex. 31:17) so it is also the sign of our recreation or the new birth. St. John 3:5. Then we are to set that day aside for a holy and sacred use. Deut. 5:12; Isa. 58:13, 14.

When God made known His holy law to His chosen people (Lev. 20:26) and gave them His holy Sabbath day (Neh. 9:14) He brought ten thousand saints with Him to witness. (Deut. 33:2) Hallelujah, oh Hallelujah! So if you continue to reject God's holy law as the Jews did (Jer. 6:19) and cast it behind your back as the Jews did your prayers is apt to become an abomination. Prov. 28:9. If you forsake God's law (Isa. 5:24) and trod God's holy Sabbath day under your feet (Ezek. 34:18) and yield your mind to a rebellious spirit (Isa. 30:1, 8-11) you will be a rebel against God's plan for you of a full salvation from sin. God wants you to be free (1 John 2:1) from sin (1 John 3:4) so you can bear fruits of holiness. Rom. 6:18-22. But if you still insist on keeping this pagan Sunday you are not yet free from sin, for you put your trust in your preachers who cause you to sin. Ezek. 34:18-22; Isa. 9:16. You trust your eternal life in the hands of preachers who teach you lies (Hos. 10:12) when they tell you that the Sabbath day was changed from Saturday to Sunday at the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. Jesus said we must not add to or take away from any of God's word. Rev. 22:18. Since God did not add anything to the ten commandments (Deut. 5:22) then these preachers who preach the observance of the seventh day Sabbath out of the seventh day Sabbath commandment and add this pagan Sunday in the place of it, are sinning against God with a high hand of presumption (Num 15:30) and of rebellion. Isa. 30:1. Both Jew and Gentile are judged by the same law. Num. 15:28. Both Jew and Gentile are one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:26-28.

Many Pentecostal and Holiness people in order to avoid keeping the seventh day Sabbath try to make themselves believe they can live out a form of righteousness of their own (Rom. 10:3) by trying to keep every day alike for the Sabbath so have a Sabbath every day. That kind of doc-

trine comes from paganism because it destroys the sacredness of God's holy Sabbath day. It is a trick of the devil because he knows the outcome of such nonsense. He wants them to reject God's holy Sabbath day for he knows the result of such a course (Jer. 17:27; Matt. 23:37). He knows that such people always lay off from work on Sunday and do a lot of work on Saturday, so as to get ready for pagan Sunday. So of course he gets them to commit sin (1 John 8:4) any way with the rest of the Sunday keepers who turn down God's holy Sabbath day. Of course they think they are all right, but are they? Prov. 14:12. The Bible tells us to keep the Sabbath and do no evil (Isa. 56:2) for if we keep the Sabbath according to God's plan (Isa. 58:13-14) then God leads us to His holy mountain and makes us joyful in His house of prayer. Isa. 56:1-8. Then God's righteousness (Ps. 119:172) is revealed in us (Rom. 8:18) through the gospel of Christ (Rom. 16, 17) after we confess and forsake our sin of not keeping the Sabbath day. For if we have love for truth (John 3:21) we will come to the light and walk in it. 1 John 1:7. Then the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, being in us (Eph. 3:19) shines in our hearts (1 Cor. 4:6) when we keep God's Sabbath according to His plan. Isaiah 58: 13, 14. But these modern Gentiles who try to keep every day alike for the Sabbath have had their minds darkened (Eph. 4:18) by the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4) so they cannot see the beauty of keeping the Sabbath in true holiness. Why don't they earnestly contend (Jude 3) with God (Jer. 29:12, 13) for light so they will know His will (1 John 2:1; 1 Thess. 4:3) about keeping the seventh day Sabbath before it is too late? Amos 5:4-18; Jer. 8:20. Why do many Pentecostal and Holiness preachers say to us who keep the Sabbath and experience Psalms 119:97, 165, 115, 34, "Oh let us alone about that old Jewish law." Why do they separate us from their fellowship, just because we delight in God's law when we try to tell them the glorious truth about it? Amos 5:10. Jesus said we are blessed when we do so. Matt. 5:10; Luke 6:22; John 3:19, 20.

All Pentecostal and Holiness people who try to keep every day alike, and those who love to keep this pagan Sunday in preference to keeping God's Sabbath, unless they can produce scriptural proof for such nonsense according to Prov. 30:5, 6 had better take heed to themselves about adding Sunday to the Sabbath commandment, lest at judgment they be found to be liars. 1 John 2:4. They are doing despite to the spirit of grace and putting Jesus to an open shame (Heb. 10:28) because Jesus was manifest (1 John 3:

The Great Commission

BY

L. D. Lane

"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.

God has given to His people in this generation the greatest commission that has ever been given to any people since the creation of the world. God's commandment keeping people, although comparatively few in number have been intrusted with the tremendous responsibility of warning the world of its rapidly approaching destruction and the end of all things. To them has been intrusted the great task of carrying the message of salvation to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. Every member of the Church of God in these last days must be a witness for God and a messenger of salvation to a lost world. On that great day when each one must appear before the great Judge of all the world to give an account of their stewardship, no excuse will be accepted for a failure to do our duty. To every person has been given at least one talent and they are expected to use it to the glory of God and for the salvation of souls. Lack of education will be no excuse, for "if any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." Jas. 1:5.

A college education is not required as a requisite for work in the vineyard of the Lord. The great Creator of the universe "in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:3) has placed all the resources of heaven at our disposal just for the asking if we "ask in faith, nothing wavering."

"Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God."—Rom. 11:33. Physical weakness will not excuse us. The Apostle Paul was beset with infirmities of the flesh. He says, "For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." 2 Cor. 12:8-9.

we place ourselves unreservedly in the hands of the Lord for service He will turn our weakness into strength for "God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty." 1 Cor. 1:27.

Let the weak one say in the language of the apostle Paul: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13. Noah's message to the antediluvian world was a message of warning, proclaiming the destruction of the world in that generation and a call to repentance and the putting away of sin. John the baptist preached a message of repentance. "For the kingdom of heaven is at hand," (John 3:2) and a warning to flee from the wrath to come in that generation. The message that God's people are to carry today is a message of warning, proclaiming the soon destruction of the world, and the setting up of God's everlasting kingdom and a call for repentance and reformation. The Savior has given us the signs that were to precede His coming, and He says: "Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." Matt. 24:36, 36.

The message that we have to give is a vital one and the time in which we have to give it is very short "for he will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." Romans 9:28.

God's messengers have no time to spend in arguing over obscure points of doctrine or disputing over prophecies that are hard to be understood. "Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers, but foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strife. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth." 2 Tim. 2:14, 23-25.

The old, old story of redemption through the blood of Jesus, and a presentation of the great essentials of salvation will bring more lost souls to the foot of the cross and to an acknowledgment of the truth than all the arguments and debates on prophetic questions and points of doctrine that we can engage in. The message that is to be carried to the world in this generation is the

greatest that has ever been intrusted to mortal beings, yet it is brief and to the point and easy to be understood. It is so plain that the most ignorant man can grasp the full import of it, yet it is the greatest and most wonderful thing that has ever been offered to mankind and the most far-reaching in its effects. "For it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." It is extending to man the last offer of mercy that will ever be extended to the human race. If the great adversary of souls can get our minds off of the great issue and get us to wresting the Scriptures and magnifying less important things that are not essential to salvation, he is holding back the work of God just to that extent. The work was hindered in the days of the apostles in this same manner. Peter, speaking of the writings of Paul, says: "Even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction." 2 Peter 3:15, 16.

As servants of God let us confine our efforts to preaching the straight message for this time, "Sound speech that cannot be condemned: that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you." Titus 1:8.

Let us preach Christ, and Him crucified. Let us teach men the necessity of true repentance that they may be accounted worthy of a home in the soon coming kingdom of God. We should not try to force our opinions upon others but "let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." We are to speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, showing meekness unto all men. But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law: for they are unprofitable and vain." Titus 3:29.

There are millions all around us yet to be warned. Are we shirking our responsibilities, or are we doing our part in proclaiming the message? If not "it is high time to awaken out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."

We have been redeemed out of this world and transplanted into another world. We are children of the light; let us walk with the children of the light, and not with children of darkness. I have noticed that when a Christian man goes into the world to get an influence over the world, and does as the world does, he suffers more than the world does. Oh, my friends, if you want power with God and man, be separate from the world!

—Moody.

The Change of the Sabbath³

By Fred Brown

We find so many people all over our land who do not know the true Sabbath, neither do they know when the first day (Sunday) was changed to a day of worship instead of the Sabbath of the Lord. For this reason I am writing on this subject. First we want to find the true Sabbath. As we turn to Exodus 20:8 we read the unchanging words of God as He was speaking to Moses and giving him a law for the children of Israel, on Mt. Sinai (Ex. 24:12). We find Moses was to teach these commandments. One is to be remembered, to be kept holy, the Sabbath day. But which is the Sabbath day? In Ex. 20:10 the answer is found. Let us see. "But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maid servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. . . ." Now as we have found the seventh day is the Sabbath instead of the first day let us see how it was instituted and what it is for. In Gen. 2:2 we find on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made, and He rested on the Seventh day (not first day) from all His work which He had made. And in the third verse of Gen. 2 we find that God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it, because that in it (the Sabbath) He had rested from all His work which God created and made. You will notice the Sabbath is part of creation for it was made for man (Mark 2:28).

Then, as it was part of creation it is impossible for it to be done away, without going through creation again. Not only did God rest on the seventh day but He sanctified it, which means, set apart for a holy purpose or a religious use. Then seeing the seventh day is set apart from the six working days, why do some say God says set apart one day in seven? I may keep Tuesday the third day if this be so. But God does not say for us to sanctify one day in seven. He says the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord, and not the third (Ex. 20:10). We find Paul says that this Sabbath rest which God made for man (Mk. 2:28) still remains a rest or a keeping of a Sabbath to the people of God (Heb. 4:9).

Now there are only two kinds of people. If we are not the people of God then we belong to satan. But if you are a child of God there remains a Sabbath to you. And Paul says let us labor therefore to enter into that rest (margin, Sabbath—Heb. 4:11). It seems we find more people laboring to get away from resting on the

Sabbath than to enter in or cease from their work as God did His (Heb. 4:10). Some we find want to apply this to the Canaan rest. But a close study of verse ten will convince us it does not mean Canaan rest as we see we are to cease from our work as God ceased from His work. Now if this means Canaan rest God died, for we must cease from our work as He did His. Has God died? If so what are we going to do for the glory of God is to be the light of the Holy City, and the Lamb is the light thereof (Rev. 21:23). Now I find it impossible for God to die, for I find in 1 Tim. 6:15-16 Jesus will show who is King of kings and Lord of lords, who only hath immortality. Now we know immortality means not subject to death. This being true then it would be impossible for God to die. If this means the Canaan rest we leave it like it is, and take Paul to mean just what He said—there remaineth a Sabbath to the people of God (Heb. 4:9).

Now we find David to say in Ps. 11:7, 8. The work of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure." How many did He give? Deut. 4:13 says 10. In verse 8 of Psalm 111 he says they stand fast for ever and ever. How long is for ever? Some teach that at the cross when Christ died one ceased, the Sabbath command. So we would find "ever" according to this teaching to end at the cross. So if must be in the past as we have passed the cross. Let us take David at his word as these prophecies of old were written by holy men of God as they were moved by the Holy Ghost (2 Peter 2:21). Then as the Holy Spirit moved David to write, they stand fast for ever and ever. We let the prophecy be true.

As we find the Sabbath is still binding today, then we want to know how the first day has been instituted. First we must see if the Scriptures say that it would be changed from Saturday which is the true Sabbath to Sunday which is the first day of the week. Yes, as we turn to Dan. 7:27 he says, "And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise. Note, here are ten. But he says, "And another shall arise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings." In verse 25 he says, "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. Now we want to see if this has been done.

(To be continued.)

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude 3.

Do You Delight?

BY

W. R. Peterson

God says, "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath . . . and call the Sabbath a delight the Holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor Him . . . then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord. . ." Isa. 58:13, 14. Do you find the Sabbath of God—the seventh day—a delight? If not, why not?

God has set apart the seventh day of the week as His holy day, and enjoined its observance by law. (Gen. 2:1-3; Ex. 20:8-11). It is a memorial of creation, a birthday of this heaven and earth. (Gen. 1st chapter). It is a weekly reminder beginning at the first week of this earth's existence, of God and His work. As God made man, giving him life, then man is a child of God, and is duty bound to obey his Father.

In keeping the Sabbath, God is obeyed and honored. Take delight in the day, as it is the appointed day to meet God and receive His blessing. Isa. 56:2. If the day is dreary and long to you, then something is wrong with your spiritual life.

Love is the fulfillment of the law, says Paul. (Rom. 13:10). "If ye love me, keep my commandments."—John 14:10. "This is the love of God that we keep His commandments, . . ."—1 John 5:1-5. If we love to do anything, then we find pleasure, or delight in doing so. In order to delight in God's holy day, the motive of keeping it is love. It is a day not to be trampled on. A day of rest to cease from all work, and to devote its hours to the worship of God. Not only should father rest, but mother and the children also. Let the world and its cares go by. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.

Be careful also not to collect a herd of oxen in ditches, to be pulled out on the Sabbath. It seems as if satan has a large herd of such handy, just to get man to disobey God and lose His blessing. There is a conspiracy in the land by priests and churches against the Sabbath. The preachers shut their eyes against God's Sabbath, but have good vision to see a counterfeit Sabbath offered by the church of Rome. (Ezek. 22:25, 26).

In teaching honor to Rome, by obeying her the pastors teach disobedience to God, which is sin, thus leading the sheep astray on the road to destruction (Jer. 23:14). They should seek the law at the mouth of God (Mal. 2:7). But they seek it at the mouth of the Pope of Rome instead.

As the Sabbath of God is a memorial of crea-

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POLITICS AND TRUE CHRISTIANITY

The United States is now in the midst of a heated political campaign. Within three weeks the general election will be held and the leaders of the country will be elected. We live in an age when almost every one has some kind of a radio and the air is filled with political speeches, many of them made by church leaders. The headlines of the newspapers daily carry the latest news on the campaign. Everyone seems much interested in the outcome of this election.

True Christians, Children of God, Members of the body of Christ—those who are seeking to make the Word of God their rule of faith and daily life, are again met with the question of what should be their attitude toward all these things. These questions are often heard: Should Christians vote? Should they work for candidates? Should they try to influence legislation? Should they try by the use of the ballot to improve this present world? We would like to present a few personal thoughts on this, and to give what we consider is the Bible view of the situation.

The Church of God is classed by the Government Statisticians as an "Advent" body. That is, we are an organization which makes as an important part of its message, the Second Advent of Christ, and the nearness of that event. We read in the Bible of the signs which are to come

to pass just before that event, and we have observed them coming to pass. And so we believe the Word which says, "But when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads; because your redemption draweth nigh", and "Be ye also ready; for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh."

And from our study of the Bible, we believe that one thing is certain, and that is that the world is not getting better and that it cannot be saved by political means. The depression was not caused by a certain man being president, nor will it be ended because another man is elected to that office. The great underlying root of all our trouble is *sin*. Sin and evil are on the increase in the land, and the Scriptures teach that this condition will continue until the Lord does come to set up His righteous rule on the earth. And so we will not expect to make the world a perfect place to live in by electing the right man.

In John 17, Jesus prayed for all His followers through all time. He did not pray that they should be taken out of the world, but that they should be kept from the evil that is in the world. This very thought recognizes that there is some good in the world, and there are some things better than others. We are to live *in* the world and carry the Gospel *to* the world. Surely it is good to do all we can to make the conditions around us favorable to the preaching of the Gospel. We want law and order and freedom of speech and press, and an opportunity to have some money and to be able to use it for the furtherance of the Gospel, which is the most important thing in the world to us. Jesus taught us to "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." And so we pay taxes and abide by the laws of the land, as long as they do not conflict with the Word of God.

And so, though we know the country cannot be made much better—cannot be saved by an election, yet it is right for us to do what we can to help keep things as good as it will be possible to keep them. While we may not give funds to the support of any campaign, yet we will try to be informed about the various candidates and will vote for the men we feel are best qualified for the positions. And we will pray that God will direct whoever is in office, that our freedom may continue and that the work of the Gospel may not be hindered.

PAPAL SECRETARY VISITS THE UNITED STATES

The morning papers today announced the arrival of Cardinal Pacelli, a secretary to the Pope. The visit was considered to be significant at this time in view of the activities of prominent Catho-

ties in the election. The Cardinal issued a statement in which he said that peoples in all countries must remember that divine law is above all human legislation. Roman Catholics regard the laws of the Catholic Church as divine laws. They look to Rome, first.

We would agree that divine law is above all human law—but the only divine law we recognize is that contained in the Bible. The Church of God has no headquarters to which the people are to look for divine direction — except the headquarters in heaven, with Christ as the head.

HAS YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRED?

Colored slips are being enclosed with all copies of the Advocate this week, on which the expiration date on the wrapper is September 30, or previous to that date. If one was enclosed with this copy, may it remind you that if you wish to continue to receive the Bible Advocate, you should either renew your subscription, or write to us about it. These slips are not to be considered as "duns". The subscription is always in advance, and after the time has run out, the subscriber is under no obligation for additional copies sent. However, when you renew your subscription, the renewal is always dated from the expiration date. If your subscription expired three months ago, and you renew now for a year, your subscription will again be out nine months from now.

And to those who have never subscribed, but have received the paper through the kindness of some friend, we wish to make it especially clear that you owe us nothing for the papers you have received. We only hope that they have been a real help to you and that you have enjoyed reading them. We are sorry that we cannot continue sending the paper, free of charge. We hope you feel that having it in your home is worth the small subscription price of only \$1.00 a year, and so we will be very glad if you will renew the subscription.

THE NEW PAPER

Have you noticed that the last two issues of the Advocate have been on different paper — whiter, more bulky, but with less gloss? This is the new shipment of paper for which we are now appealing for offerings to help pay for its cost. We hope that its better quality, and the fact that it will not reflect light in the eyes, will enable you to enjoy the Advocate still more. By purchasing 3000 pounds we were able to get this at a lower price than the previous paper. We will receive a still further discount if we can pay for it soon. If you have not already helped, we

invite you to do so now. Offerings may be sent to Stanley J. Kauer, Treas., Stanberry, Missouri.

S. J. K.

There will be an all-day meeting at the Hatfield, Mo., Church, Sabbath, October 17. The Hatfield meetings are held in a school house about 4 miles South of Hatfield. All who can do so are welcome to come. The Office Editor and others from Stanberry, plan to be present.

ARE YOU MORTGAGED?

BY

Esther Ling

There are different ways of deceiving stockholders in big concerns. A firm's books may show a gain, and all may look well on the surface, but one of its officers may be dishonest by using a small amount of its money for his own use. He realizes as long as it is kept secret all will run smoothly, but if found out by the firm it will surely mean his downfall. If it isn't found out in this life God has it recorded, for all things are naked and open unto the eyes of our heavenly Father (Heb. 4:13).

Now, my brother and sister, are you willing to reach down into your heart and examine it in the light of eternity? Have you been strictly honest with yourself, with your fellowmen, and especially with the Heavenly Father? Did you know that God created you for a purpose? He started you out in the business of life to be a success, to glorify God, and be an uplift to those about you.

One thing you must bear in mind is the fact that we are not our own. Not only has God created you but has redeemed you by the precious blood of Jesus Christ who was crucified and died on the cruel cross for you and me. Therefore you belong to Him by double right. He has furnished you with the capital, the health, and strength and mental ability to succeed. If you do not use this capital right you will no doubt run into debt and make shipwreck of your life.

Are you mortgaged? If you will do anything that will put you in the clutches of the grasping creditor he will soon demand payment, and that always amounts to more than the investment because of the interest. For the greatest mortgagee in the universe is that ever present great deceiver, satan or the devil. He holds mortgages on almost the entire world's population. He always works so slyly, and is so crafty and cunning. Often he is well dressed and moves in the highest circles of society. He is a member of all the lodges in town, belongs to the church and

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Thoughts on the Sabbath School Lesson

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 17, 1936 PERSECUTION

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-19.

Golden Text: 1 Peter 4:16.

The lesson for this week is very timely and vitally concerns every child of God, who is striving for a home in His kingdom. For all that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 2 Tim. 3:12.

Persecution brings temptations, for many times we could escape the persecutions by giving in, but the Word of God says, "He that endureth to the end shall be saved." Matt. 10:22. Many times we are made strong through persecution. There are only two powers in the world that are ruling powers in our life—good and evil. They are contending forces and have been at war since Adam and Eve were tempted in the garden of Eden. Daniel was persecuted, also the three Hebrew children. No doubt they were made stronger by their experience, and our faith is increased. We should all remember the patience of Job. Persecution sometimes leads to death. Many Christians have been put to death because they would not yield to the tempter. But Jesus said, "He that loseth his life for my sake, shall find it." Matt. 10:39. A blessing is promised those who are persecuted. "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for their's is the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:10. Then we should rejoice that we are counted worthy to suffer for the cause of Christ.

But we are apt to fail to discern between persecutions and chastisements, as we read in Heb. 12:6. "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." When persecutions come we are not to fight back. We know we are living in the closing scenes of this age, and soon Jesus is coming back to claim His own. A time when there is no hire for man or beast (Zech. 8) and the hire of the laborers is kept back by fraud (James 5:4) and a great cry is going up at present. In verse 6 we read, "You have condemned and killed the just, and he doth not resist you." Now what should we do? We have the answer in verse 7: "Be patient therefore brethren, unto the coming of the Lord."

God heard the groanings of His people while they were in Egyptian bondage and came down to deliver them. Ex. 3:7; Acts 7:34. That was under the Old Covenant or agreement. He gave them the Holy land as a temporal inheritance. He will also hear our prayers and will give us

the better promise—eternal life. Heb. 9:15. But in this life the same power that persecuted Christ is still persecuting His saints, and we are to pray for them. No other than a Christian spirit would cause one to pray for one who was persecuting you for serving the Lord.

I am reminded of what some of the colored brethren told me while in Des Moines, Iowa, this summer of an old colored brother who was a slave before they were set free. He told how his loved ones were taken from him and sold at auction. Father, mother and children were separated. Later in life the Holy Spirit knocked at the door of his heart and he was converted. Thinking back over his past life he was heard to remark, "Just to think I must leave them" (speaking of the white folks who had mistreated them). Yes, truly it takes an infilling of the Holy Spirit. We who are living in this wonderful country where we have the privilege of worshiping God as we will may not think it possible for us to be thrown in jail and even put to death (persecuted) for Jesus' sake. What of other countries where there was religious freedom until the last few years—Russia, Germany and others? They are now trying to dish out the brand of religion they like or want you to have. Churches are torn down and many things that were sacred have been destroyed and children are being reared without the knowledge of God and Christians are persecuted. Yes, it could happen in our own country. Jesus warned us of those things in Luke 21:12-16 and it was written for our learning.

We find that many times persecution comes from those within the congregation whom we have learned to love, and call brother and are usually brought about from selfish motives or a lack of understanding of God's plan. I believe the young folks of today have more temptations than the older ones, as they are thrown more with the evil of this world. They like to associate with other young folks, and most of the socials are not a place where one would go to seek salvation for the soul. Then when one of their number is converted others think it strange that you run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you. 1 Peter 4:4. Yes, your persecution starts then when you cease to do evil. You are an outcast from former friends. Should we say friends? No. Jesus is your friend. What is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?—Matt. 16:26.

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Problems of Evangelizing Present-day Jews

Without giving special thought to the subject, one would assume that preaching the Gospel to the Jews would differ from preaching to Gentiles only in getting Jews to come and hear. We might assume this to be difficult, and it is. However the real difficulties lie in another field. Let us approach the problem in much the same manner a merchant does when laying out a selling campaign.

When a store begins operations it must decide on a sales policy. Will it sell low-priced, medium-priced, or high-priced merchandise? This will be determined by the class of patronage it desires and feels it can best serve. If the store desires to cater to people of some means and discriminating taste, it will carry that kind of goods and feature quality, fashion, and distinctiveness in its advertising. If, on the other hand, it caters to people of small means it will advertise bargain prices, easy terms, etc. In other words, it aims at what it would hit.

Let us then survey the field and see what are the conditions we must meet. First, we note the Jew's prophetic position. They were to be scattered among the nations. We find this to be true today. They are everywhere, but they are strangers. This condition would make them un-receptive toward a teaching sponsored by the nations which harbor their people, and that often grudgingly. Secondly, they have a pride of race which makes them look condescendingly upon the mixed peoples which compose the Gentile nations. Next, their traditional religion reaches back into the centuries, and they have no use for the 'upstart' Christian religion. "They have Abraham to their father" and "Theirs are the oracles." They are proud of their blood, nor can we blame them for that.

Added to the above point is that of their persecution in so-called Christian countries by the people who wear the name of Christ. This persecution varies from mild opprobrium cast upon them by thoughtless people all the way to pillage, rape, and murder in many European countries. Small wonder that the term Christian has an evil sound in their ears.

All of these things work for a clannishness and insularity which repel attacks upon their traditions and religion. We can begin to understand why they cannot be got together in groups to hear about the Christ whom they despise. Our

traditional method of preaching the Gospel is therefore unusable when we would reach the Jews.

Strangely enough, even individual Jews are difficult to reach, due to their closely knit family life and their feeling that to entertain Christianity would bar them from their family and community. It is said that whenever one of them does accept Christ, a funeral service is said for him.

The last difficulty which shall be considered here is that spoken of by Paul as "the blindness" or the "veil on the heart." This objection is probably more potent in its effect on the Christian than on the Jew. It is very easy to hide behind that as an excuse for not preaching to them. It is also said that Paul turned to the Gentiles and refused to preach further to the Jews. That was true in many cities, but in the next place he preached "to the Jews first."

After considering such a formidable list of difficulties, what shall we conclude? Shall we say that we shall refrain from giving them further thought and confine our efforts to preaching to the Gentiles? Rather let us say that we shall prayerfully study the Jewish problem and ask the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us in preaching to these—God's ancient people.

The first requisite for one who would evangelize the Jew is that he have a God-given love for them. He must be so thoroughly surrendered to God that he will not be moved from his purpose either by the inherent difficulties or by the well-meant but wholly misguided opposition of Christian brethren. Let us realize their place in God's love and plans, and ask God to make us to burn with desire for their salvation.

Love for the Jew is not enough. Many love them but have practically no other equipment for their evangelizing. A sympathetic understanding of their position, background, and needs is indispensable. We must know something of their family life and, if possible, something of their way of thinking. A knowledge of Hebrew is an excellent piece of equipment. It is not that many of them use Hebrew as their language, but their thought is greatly influenced by Hebrew idiom. Above all things we must be able to converse with as few speech and thought-barrers as possible.

As mentioned above, it is not possible to preach

to the Jews in large crowds. Therefore our preaching must be adapted to small groups. The family is the ideal group. The father, mother, and children can be led along together and the individual reluctance is overcome in great measure. The family can be reached in two ways. By good statesmanship the Christian worker may get an invitation to visit in the home and present the claims of the Gospel in person. Secondly, the proper and judicious introduction of suitable literature into the home may accomplish much the same purpose as the personal visit. Whichever method is used, the worker must convince his hearers of his sincerity and complete sympathy.

The Gospel cannot be presented, in the beginning, from the New Testament, nor should it be even mentioned until a full foundation has been laid from the Law of Moses, followed by the Prophets. The coming of Messiah and the dispensation of Grace must be seen to flow out of the dispensation of Law, just as naturally as manhood follows childhood. Strange as it may seem Jews do not understand the matter of scriptural authority. They give full weight to Moses, but not to the other scriptures. Their authority must be established in the minds of the Jews before we can proceed in establishing the weight of prophecy and corroborating scriptures. It is fatal to the success of our preaching if we assume that the Jews have the Christian background and attitude.

As we view the Jewish problem as a whole, we see it as one that is formidable indeed to the greater number of us who would love to see the salvation of Israel. Few of us have necessary scholarship to meet the well-informed Jew on his own ground. We need not despair, however, for there is available a mounting list of books, pamphlets, and tracts which are admirably adapted to use both with the humble man of the street and the scholarly doctor or lawyer. Let us use this literature freely and pray that it may grow in God's hand in telling the good news of salvation to His chosen people.

By Elmer E. Beck in *B. R. S. Monthly*.

THE GRACE OF GOD

Nothing is lacking for the salvation of men. God has provided all. He has not left the garment almost long enough, but needing that we should add a fringe; nor has He provided a feast almost sufficient for us if we bring at least another loaf; nor has He built a house of mercy almost completed, but leaving us to add a few more tiles to the roof. No, no. The work is finished, and from top to bottom salvation is of the Lord.

—Spurgeon.

Letters

Greeting to the Advocate family and readers:

Having read this week's *Advocate* and *Y. P. Friend* I want to express my appreciation of the fine thoughts contained in them, and also of the encouraging letters. I am sure it has been an inspiration to all who have read them and I hope no one has neglected to read them if they had the chance.

Elder L. D. Lane's article made the diet question very plain to me. God has a special people and gave them a special law as to what they should eat. He put a difference between the clean beasts and the unclean beasts and between the clean and unclean fowls. There are clean and unclean in the water too. These chosen people were called Israelites. What became of these Israelites? God gave them other laws too, such as the Law of God or Ten Commandments. These Israelites as a nation failed to keep these laws and lost sight of the Law-giver and consequently lost all, even to their home and souls. God had made a covenant with Abraham and renewed it to Isaac and Jacob that He would give them this earth for a possession if they would keep these laws. But they failed. The promise and covenant was made to Abraham and his seed which was Christ and although the nation failed, Jesus fulfilled it. He, as we might put it, fulfilled the bill and saved the nation of Israel. And not only Israel, but He saved the whole world who would believe on His name. In other words He redeemed Israel and all that was lost through sin. So the promise is still good to Israel and they are still His chosen people through Christ, by believing on His name. And anyone who believes in Christ as his Savior is a true Israelite and of the seed of Abraham and through him we become heirs, joint heirs with Christ, and will inherit the earth made new. God promised it to Abraham and he has never taken possession of it as yet but he surely will. His seed shall be as the stars of heaven. All this is made possible by the death of Christ. Christ fulfilled or kept the covenant but had to die for Israel and the world's sins.

So God's people are still Israel according to the Word. Most people use the word 'Christian,' but Christians are Israelites. Seeing we are Israelites before God, as He said they would never cease from being a nation before Him, the same laws hold good except those ceremonial laws that ended at the cross. The dietetic law was not changed for God does not change, and the law of God written on tables of stone was never done away. Those commandments cannot be done away with as long as the Author lives,

nor can they be changed. They are part of God's character and by keeping them we show love to God and to man. Take them away from us and what are we? Look at the people today who disregard God's law. They are law-breakers and not even law abiding citizens.

Praise God for His wonderful laws regarding our health as well as our character. I also am thankful for Jesus who made all things possible, who died that we might live, who has given us His Holy Spirit to comfort us and teach us thru the Word.

Mrs. A. S. Christenson

To the dear Advocate readers, Greetings in Jesus' dear name:

I will send a few words to the paper as I enjoy reading letters from others, I thought someone might enjoy reading a word from Oakville, Texas. I believe we would all feel stronger if we spoke often one to the other. We do not write like we used to. Is it because we haven't time or have we grown cold?

We enjoyed a good meeting here at Oakville last April. Brother and sister Unzicker came and preached. My son and daughter-in-law were baptized. Brother Killgore's came to see us and brought their music and preached and sang and played their music. The little girl Rorthie, 9 years old, can play the accordion so sweet. It is good for the children to praise the Lord. It is sad to see so many sweet children turned loose like the beasts of the field to roam where they may. And so much worldliness has crept in among the people of God. All any one needs to know the end is nigh is just read the good Bible and listen over the air at the foolishness in the air. Even the thought of foolishness is sin. Men's hearts are evil continually (Gen. 6:5). I think the old Roman kingdom is just as it was when Christ was on earth. It is about ready to take a tumble and go away to nothing. It is all vanity. I want to be ready to live for ever. How happy to think, yes to know, ere long we shall see our Redeemer and with Him stand.

Marinda Harrod.

Dear brothers and sisters of like faith:

I am writing you asking your prayers for the healing of my body. The Dr. Says I only have a short time to live but I think God knows best so I put my whole trust in my blessed Savior. All glory to His dear name.

Shelby C. Morton.

I wish to thank the readers of the Advocate for their interest in me and for their prayers,

and to express my thanks to my Heavenly Father for the improvement of my health. I feel that only the help of the Lord could bring the improvement which I have experienced. And I wish to give Him thanks.

I crave a continuance of your prayers that I may improve physically and spiritually

Let us all continue steadfast in the faith looking and being prepared for the coming of the Lord.

Your brother,

W. C. Rodgers.

I SHALL NOT CARE

In loneliness I often sigh

For friends to cheer my aching heart,
But if when dead no one draws nigh

I shall not care.

My body shall as dust repose,

My spirit shall return to God;

If over my grave a mad wind blows

I shall not care.

What if few ever think of me

Or care that I once cared for them?

Or hold me in sweet memory

I shall not care.

—Mrs. M. B. Hardin.

OBITUARY

Rose Marie Hassen, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hassen, Mt. Haley township, Midland County, Michigan, died Sabbath evening Sept 19th at St. Mary's hospital of pneumonia. She leaves her parents, four brothers and three sisters, Donald, Helen, James, Daniel, Ruth, Thelma, and Samuel, all at home.

Funeral services were held at the W. L. Case Chapel in Saginaw, Michigan, with the writer in charge.

The text was Matt. 18:3, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." She was laid to rest in the Owens Cemetery, west of Saginaw to await the call of the Life-giver.

Clarence W. Wilkinson.

LETTERS AND BIBLE QUESTIONS

We are glad that many of the brethren have taken a renewed interest in writing letters for publication in the *Advocate*. Short inspirational letters are always welcome. Letters of your experience with God, or of your appreciation of the Word, or any other topic which will make your letter helpful to others, are always welcome.

We have recently received several Bible Questions. We plan to answer these in the next issue. If you have questions about the Bible, send them in and we will seek a Bible answer.

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I believe the three unclean spirits like frogs have gone out of the mouth of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet (Rev. 16:13) and that the two horned beast of Rev. 13 now exists, and soon the time will come when we can neither buy nor sell unless we have the mark of the beast. Then we will know what real persecutions are. But the third angel warned us against receiving the mark of the beast. We know what the first beast did and it will be up to its old tricks when it comes again. Now let us pray that we be counted worthy to escape the persecutions or be overcomers and able to stand in that day. Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trials which are to try you as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as you are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that when his glory shall be revealed ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.—1 Pet. 4:12, 13. May God bless and keep you through Jesus' name is my prayer. —*Ervin Sooter*

DO YOU DELIGHT?

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tion, it cannot be altered, or abolished. No substitute can be made for it unless the past 6,000 years can be wiped out, and time began all over again. A person cannot change the day of their birth, as it is past time. Only God can change anything He establishes. But as He has not changed the seventh day Sabbath, no one else can. It is binding on all men, as they are His subjects. Man's whole duty is to obey God (Eccl 12:13).

God hallowed the seventh day at creation, and rested thereon. Jesus also kept His Father's holy day, and in obedience pleased God. Man must do the same if he would follow Jesus and obey God. To not keep the Sabbath is sin. (1 John 3:4). If you love God you will prove your love by obedience, and delight in meeting God each week at the time He has appointed. God says, "Remember," don't forget (Ex. 20:8). Of course if you don't love God, you will not respect and obey Him. In the new earth, and God's eternal kingdom soon to be, the Sabbath will be a day of assembly in the capitol of God's kingdom each week (Isa. 66:23).

This life is a kindergarten school in which we learn God's ways. The coming of Jesus is graduation day. If you don't learn now, it will be too late then. This gospel age, ending at the coming of Jesus, is the only day of salvation within man's reach. To those who neglect or refuse to answer the call now, no more opportunity to repent and lay hold of eternal life will be granted. (Matt. 13:39-41; John 6:40). So do not delay, nor take chances, as death or judg-

ment may overtake you unrepentant and in sin. Be ready each Sabbath to give honor and glory to God, by obeying His law, keeping the day He commands. Lay aside all your work, and the cares of life, and you will find peace and delight in communing with God. Worship Him who created all things, instead of worshiping the church of Rome. The way to eternal life is in accepting Christ and keeping God's commandments (Matt. 19:17; Rev. 22:14). Many have sought God with all their heart, and found the above truth, and experienced the blessing God has placed on His holy day. Isa. 56:2. Why not do the same?

WHERE ARE YOU?

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5) so they could keep the seventh day Sabbath commandment, and all the rest of the ten commandment law. But many Sunday keepers are so willingly (Heb. 10:26) ignorant (Rom. 10:3) of God's will that they wilfully put God's Sabbath aside and worship on a pagan day. So then if you don't want to be found wanting at the judgment (Eccl. 12:13, 14) you better remember that you will be judged by that perfect law of liberty. James 2:12 That law has the Sabbath commandment in it. So you better turn a deaf ear to these preachers who teach you lies (Hosea 10:12, 13) about Sunday being the Lord's day (Rev. 1:10) for the Holy Spirit baptism (Acts 2:4) was given to you to lead you into all truth (John 16:13) and to teach you all truth (John 2:27) about the truth as to keeping the Sabbath day and obeying His holy law. If you are anxious to know the truth about it, if you love truth (John 3:21) you will come to the light and walk in it (John 1:7) for the Holy Spirit was given to you for the purpose of reproofing you of sin, of rebelling against God's Sabbath and all the rest of the sins against the ten commandments. But if you are not anxious to know the truth about it I am afraid the Holy Spirit will meet you at the judgment (Mal. 3:5) after you die (Heb. 8:27) and leave you stand alone before Jesus (2 Cor. 5:10) for the Holy Spirit will be a swift witness against all sins of neglect on your part because you had the chance to know God's will but you took it not.

Oh, let us be wise for eternity! let us seek the kingdom of God now; let us give to the Lord our hearts. The Son of God came to seek and to save that which was lost. Will you take your place among the lost, or will you seek the kingdom of God? If you seek the kingdom of God, you have the word of the Son of God that you shall find it.
—Moody.

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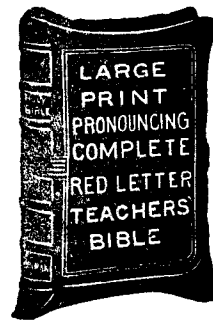
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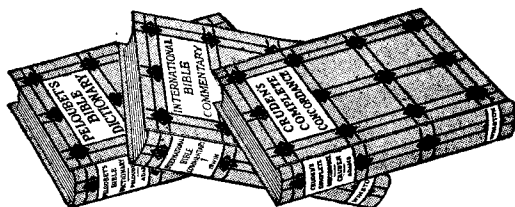
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every other organization. He especially likes to work among the young people who are just starting out in life's work for themselves. Gradually he leads them from one thing to another, and before they often realize it, they have formed a habit that is hard to break. To become free they find they have a great sacrifice to make. Are you mortgaged?

Think these things over and pray over it. Can you answer these questions? Has anything come between me and the teachings of Christ? Between you and your parents? Do you do things that you would not for the world have them know? Are you trying to avoid helping in the church or other Christian services? If so, I fear that Satan has a mortgage on your soul. Oh let us turn aside from all the worldly things. Leave them all behind and let us press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Phil. 3:14).

Our Heavenly Father alone can save us from the mortgagee if we will only surrender our whole life into His keeping. He alone can help us keep our title clear. Christ is soon to come and it is my sincere prayer that we may all be ready to meet Him.

THE HEBREW WORD "SATAN"

A few thoughts concerning this word may help some one who does not have access to Bible helps. The Hebrew word "Satan" means "adversary," but it is quite often transferred into the English instead of being translated.

The first place that the word appears in the original language, according to Young's Concordance, is in Numbers 22:22: "And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the Lord stood in the way for an adversary (Satan) against him." (Read the entire chapter.) Here Satan was a supernatural being. He was an angel of the Lord, not an earthly, mortal angel who can sin, but a heavenly, immortal angel who cannot sin. Neither was it the Satan that Jesus saw as lightning falling from heaven (Luke 10:18), the great dragon, that old serpent called the Devil and Satan (Rev. 12:9), which will eventually be cast out of heaven; but one of God's heavenly, immortal, ministering spirits, sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation (Heb. 1:14).

This Satan that Jesus saw is the prince of this world (John 14:30; 12:31), the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience the lusts

of the flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and mind (Eph. 2:2-5). Sin has full sway in the earth politically, as perhaps more so in the political heavens of today; but we can thank the Savior that because He was lifted up and made sin for us, he (sin personified) will be cast out and righteousness exalted. Then shall righteousness and peace kiss each other (Psalm 85:10).

In 1 Samuel 29:4 we find the word "Satan" again translated "adversary." This time the Philistines feared that David might be a Satan to them, and again in 2 Samuel 19:22 it was Abishai who sought to be a Satan to David. Then again in 1 Kings David had reached a time when God had removed all adversaries or Satan from his kingdom, and he desired to build a house for the Lord his God. In 1 Kings 11:14 the Lord stirred up a Satan unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite, and in verse 23 He stirred up another Satan, Rezon, the son of Eliadah.

A careful examination and comparison of 1 Chronicles 21:1 with 2 Samuel 24:1 will reveal that the Satan to Israel at that time was none other than David himself. God permitted it to be done, but it was pride and lack of faith on David's part that caused him to number Israel and brought about the punishment. David's heart smote him after he realized his sin and he made confession.

In Psalm 109:4 the word "Satan" is translated "adversaries," but in verse 6 it is simply transferred into the English.

It seems strange that the Hebrew word would be found in the New Testament when the major portion of it was translated from the Greek, but such is the case, and if the student of Scriptures will always remember that "Satan" is a Hebrew word no matter where it is found it will help greatly in drawing his conclusions on the subject. A correct understanding vindicates God and inspires more love for Him and His plan.

"By one man sin entered . . . and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12).

—Emma C. Railsback in *The Restitution Herald*.

"And they all with one consent began to make excuses." How many are making excuses today for not coming all the way and really enjoying the spiritual blessings God has for them. And how many ask to be excused from any active part in the work of the Lord—leaving it all to others. Jesus will recognize absolutely no excuse we have made for not following all the way and for not taking active part in God's work.