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SERVICE

DO we have to be lauded as heroes to prove we have accomplished some good in the world? Need we go to some foreign clime to feel our life is worth while? An opportunity for true service lies at our own door. Each day brings forth something we may do for Christ. After all, this is the kind of service that counts.

Our courage and enthusiasm is often destroyed by the common trivialities of every day life. But no life is dull, if we look upon each day as a chance for serving God by doing something for our fellow men.

Even tho' we are blind or crippled physically, we can make our life testify of Him. God doesn't allow one blessing to be removed from us without giving us another; we must use whatever ones we have.

Instead of wishing we had lived in the day of heroes, let us realize we are living in a wonderful age. True, it is a sinful one, but this affords more opportunity for us to help the lost. May God awaken in us a fuller desire to give our lives to His Service. —Mrs. R. L.

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SIGNS OF SATAN'S WRATH

"...Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Rev. 12:12.

At the creation, God made everything good and true and beautiful, and all made so as to work harmoniously together. Had sin not entered, trouble would have been unknown. The modern dizzy whirl of complicated society, luxury, poverty, joy and sorrow, crime, vice and false religion, would never have bewildered millions as it does today.

The Christian, who is all that the name implies, is a stranger here on earth and his true citizenship is reserved in heaven. When the heavenly kingdom is established on this earth, true Christians will not only be in that kingdom, but of it; it will be theirs and they will belong to it. In these closing days of time before the coming of the Lord the true follower is made more and more to realize that as he lives nearer to the Lord, it is necessary to be more separate from the world. This comes to us the more forcibly at times when we may be a bit inclined

in the modern civilization with its great institutions and inventions—and then have some of the evils brought to our attention. It is possible to live away on a farm or to spend all one's time in a school room or office, in a more or less protected state, knowing little of the world's evil. Those who are in such a position really are blessed, for there is always enough evil and trouble to come to us all, without trying to go out of our way to learn more about the worst in the world.

But as the signs of the end multiply, some of them are bound to come to our notice, as the Lord wills that they should, that we may observe them as signs, that our faith might be strengthened. We think of the tragedy of the flood—a million people homeless, great destruction of property, with suffering and distress. We commented on the meaning of this disaster last week. A news item this week tells of a fund being raised by the Chinese to send for our flood sufferers. China, the land of heathenism, of great famines and destructive floods, the land which America has often helped, now offering to help this nation. It makes us stop and wonder. America's pride bows to forces of destruction.

We have read books describing the primitive conditions in India and one of the most pitiful has been the description of child brides and widows. But the news of the week has told of similar cases in our own country, and an official census figure reveals that there are about a million under age children married every year in this country. The phrase from the words of Christ that before His coming they would be "marrying and giving in marriage," takes on still an added meaning to us.

Another great religious census is now in progress in the United States. It will probably show something of the multiplicity of churches, with their divisions and many small groups, much of which has occurred in the past ten years. We think of the verse which says that "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." Hundreds of separate religious groups all claiming and apparently believing themselves to be "God's true church." Thousands of "leaders" working entirely for their own interests, constantly calling on their followers for more and more offerings; unlimited zeal on the part of so many, with but so little knowledge of the teachings of the Word! It is no wonder that faith in the very existence of God is decreasing. When Jesus comes, will He find any faith at all in the earth? Even He asked that very question. When Jesus preached straight truths, some left. Many cannot endure

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Speak Evil of No Man

By

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Do we as Christians really understand the true meaning of this scripture? Evil speaking is not always telling things about an individual which are slanderous and untrue, or exaggerating their short-comings, but it may be as true as anything can possibly be, and yet the saying of it to others is evil speaking.

Evil speaking is speaking evil of an individual who is not present. It is relating something evil, or that which was said about someone who is not present when you relate it. Suppose you see your neighbor angry, and hear him swear, and you tell it to his friends, or his enemies when he is absent; you are speaking evil of him. If this information is told in a friendly quiet manner with expressions of good will to the person guilty, and with a hope that it may not be as bad as you think, it is still evil speaking. If it is told in a confidential and whispering voice, with the warning to your hearers not to repeat it, it is the same evil speaking. Whether this man of whom you speak is a Christian, or an atheist makes no difference as far as your sin is concerned. If you speak evil of him you are disregarding the command "speak evil of no man." If we tell the faults of an individual to a third party when he or she is not present, we are speaking evil. Worse yet, is it to exaggerate what you have heard, and add to the already slanderous gossip.

This habit of evil speaking is extremely common among all classes of human beings. It is also one of the attributes of satan. And by engaging in evil speaking, you are yielding to satan. "If any man offend not in word the same is a perfect man and able to bridle the whole body. Behold we put bits in the horses mouths that they may obey us: and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships which though they are so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about by a very small helm wherever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things." James 3:2-5. "Therewith bless we God even the Father, and therewith curse we men which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren these things out not so to be." James 3:9, 10.

How few there are that can testify before God

"I am innocent in the matter." The writer of this article must confess that he has not been immune from this sin. How natural it is for the human heart. The popularity of this offence makes it difficult to avoid. We hear it on every side, and are often victims ourselves of the same treatment. We must guard against it continuously, or we will insensibly slide into the habit. If we engage the habit of evil speaking, we soon find that it will gratify our pride to relate the faults of others, whereof we feel that we are not guilty.

Evil speaking frequently comes to us in disguise. We speak out of a noble generous indignation against these vile persons. We are liable to commit sin from mere hatred of sin. We serve Satan in our zeal for righteousness. And we sometimes palm off our failures under the pretense of holiness. While we do not manufacture slander against anyone, at the same time how eager some are to circulate an adverse report especially if we do not like the person, or the individual does not like us.

But there is a way to escape from this common pit-fall. Our blessed Lord said: "If thy brother trespass against thee, go tell him his fault between thee and him alone." Jesus said also: "Woe to the world because of offences." "But woe to that man by whom the offence cometh." But how can we avoid giving offences to some and being offended at others? If people could only realize that their own words and actions are recorded in the books of heaven, and by them they will be judged at the last day, how careful they would be in speaking evil or judging others. But how often anger, resentment, and unkind words are spoken against those with whom we are displeased. Let us pray that God may give us power to control our tongues, and speak only that which is pleasing in His sight. If we find it our duty to tell one his faults, see that you do it in a meek and lowly spirit. Speak in the spirit of tender love and gentleness. Who can tell what love may conquer? "Love suffereth long and is kind."

Be careful in approaching one whom you are going to tell of his fault. Avoid everything in look or tone of voice, that might show pride or selfishness, or arrogance, or overhearing con-

tempt. Any gesture that savors self-sufficiency will defeat your noble effort. Above all let there be no shadow of ill will or bitterness manifested. Remember that you too are under the eye of Him who is coming to judge all men, both the living and the dead.

Our duty in controlling our tongues does not rest only in speaking evil of our fellow beings, but in our entire conversation. How often we hear professed Christians using vain words. My friends, are you guilty of this sin? In anger do you say things which you are sorry for afterwards? "The poet said: "Boys flying kites haul in their white winged birds, but you can't do that when you are flying words." "But I say unto you that whosoever is angry at his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment." Matt. 5:22. Speaking of the coming of the Lord, Peter says in 2 Peter 3:11, "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness."

"But I say unto you, swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne. Nor by the earth; for it is His footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your conversation be yea, yea, nay, nay, for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." Matt. 5:37. Did you ever think what an influence the two little words, yes and no, have on the destiny of mankind? How different would have been the experience of many lives if the individual had only had the courage to say no, or in other causes they had said yes. How is it with you, dear reader? Are you saying yes to the invitation to surrender all to Jesus or are you grieving the Holy Spirit by saying no to this invitation. Are you saying no to the allurements of satan?

Is the standard too high? It is the standard set by the Savior. Are the broad way and the narrow way running so close together that we can travel both at the same time? No, my friends, they are as far apart as the east is from the west. For God says He will remove our transgressions from us as far as the east is from the west. "Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can a fig tree my brethren bear olive berries? Either a vine, figs? So can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh." James 3:11, 12.

It is just as impossible for us to serve both God and satan. "Who is a wise man and endowed with knowledge among you. Let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy-

not against the truth." James 3:13, 14. "Who-so offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God." Ps. 50:23. "Be not deceived: evil communications, corrupt good manners." 1 Cor. 15:33.

In closing this article, I want to emphasize the fact that no other attribute in our character will have greater weight in deciding our final destiny at the last day than the words we utter. "Speak evil of no man." "For by thy words shalt thou be justified and by thy words shalt thou be condemned." Matt. 12:37.

There should be no discord between the members of the church. The early apostolic church was in harmony, one with the other. "Awe came upon everyone, and many marvels and signs were wrought by the apostles. And all the believers kept together and had everything in common." Acts 2:43, 44.

And day by day attending daily in the temple with one accord and breaking bread at home, they took their meals with great happiness and single-heartedness praising God and being regarded with favour by all the people. Also day by day the Lord added to their number those whom He was saving. Acts 2:46, 47. (Weymouth Ed.)

Oh! that the professed Christians of today would follow the examples of the church established by Jesus and the disciples. "Put ye away evil speaking, tale-bearing and gossip; let none of them proceed out of your mouth. David prayed: "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight O Lord my strength and my redeemer." Ps. 19:14. "For he that will love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile." 1 Peter 3:10.

YOU CAN'T FOOL GOD

*You can fool the general public
You can be a subtle fraud,
You can hide your little meanness,
But you can't fool God!*

*You can advertise your virtues,
You can self-achievement laud,
You can load yourself with riches,
But you can't fool God!*

*You can criticize the Bible,
You can be a selfish clod,
You can lie, swear, drink, and gamble,
But you can't fool God!*

*You can magnify your talent,
You can hear the world applaud,
You can boast yourself somebody,
But you can't fool God!*

When God Calls a Halt to the Nations

By

R. E. Hosteter

How do we know that these days are the beginning of the great day of judgment? When shall God call a halt to the way that the nations have been planning things, preparing for war on every hand and roaring out waves of perplexity in every land?

"Because he hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained, whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." Acts 17:31.

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and waves roaring, men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven (great kingdoms) shall be shaken." Luke 21:25-26.

The newspapers are all full of stories of the distress of nations, and the great disasters in various parts of our own country. These are only the beginning of sorrow. (Mark 13:7, 8). The different nations are making greater plans for war than ever before. Thus we see how the word of God is being fulfilled in our every day lives. With the beginning of the Jewish New Year, Sept. 16th, the Egyptian pyramid sign enters a new channel or course, and it is said it will continue about 16 years. The pyramid is believed to be a sign and witness and it is noticeable that the testimony harmonizes with the dates of the prophet Daniel.

The nations are in an awful condition of distress. Russia is executing some of its old leaders, and intrigue demands the overthrow of the Stalin rule (the rule they have now). Germany is threshing onward in building a tremendous war machine and is clamoring for colonies to take care of its industrial expansion.

The near east is ablaze with Arab activity and the right of government in Palestine is becoming an issue of warfare between the British and organized Arab parties. The eve of the new exodus of Jews and Israelites may soon become a fact to establish a government over Palestine.

The war in Spain has become a game of brutal murder. Spain is certainly one of the ten horns that will give power and strength unto the beast. Italy, Spain, Germany and Austria, are now

clearly allied, and the writer believes that it won't be long until the other six will take part with them. The brutality and slaughter in the warfare in Spain and other countries is appalling, and a vivid exposition of the inhumanity of man to man such as is not known in the animal kingdom. There seems to be no limit to the depravity of man under the dominion of sin and the devil.

Greece is in turmoil of government as one toe of the five of the eastern foot. Turkey has won in its demand for the right to fortify the Dardanelles and the Black Sea.

These news items together with religious and literary comments and political observations make us believe that we are in the last days of these world kingdoms. According to the plain prophetic teaching of God's word, and the rapid fulfillment of prophecy, it seems that the most awful time of consternation, mourning and trouble that this world has ever witnessed is due to take place very soon.

Imagine, if you can, the awful consternation and mourning that will take place in the homes when God begins to call a halt to the nations. Just read Matt. 24:40-41; Luke 17:34-37. This is what will be taking place when Jesus our Lord and King comes again. Mourning then will be the universal order of the day all over the world. Not only strikes and floods and wars in different countries, and depressions, but a tribulation. In Dan. 12:1 we find the following significant statement: "And there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."

So, dear reader, take notice of what is said in Luke 21:25-36: "There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers (world kingdoms) of heaven shall be shaken."

We are beginning to see these things taking place all over the world, and great kingdoms are preparing for the last world war (Armageddon). Rev. 16:13-16. But in spite of all of these things

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Is There a Sanctuary in Heaven That Needs Cleansing?

By

J. A. Murray

True religion will acknowledge the supremacy of truth and at no time be opposed to the "increase of knowledge" and historical facts. The man who is afraid of letting in upon or examining his religious beliefs in the light of scientific discoveries or historic researches and refuses to consult the Scriptures, is only a pretender. We solicit all students of the Bible to investigate its problems, realizing that they are in the school of Christ which graduates to wisdom so as to cope with the responsibilities incumbent upon them. Neither should we ignore true philosophy which seeks to know causes and effects. We have been too long content to teach the Scriptures through a distorted lens. Let us get our visions perfected for "where there is no vision the people perish," and misinterpretation is serious. It either adds or takes away. Prov. 29:18; Rev. 22:18.

In Daniel 8:13 a question is being asked, "How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice (worship) and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?" The reply was, "Unto two thousand and three hundred days: then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." The margin reads "justified" or have its right again.

William Miller, an ardent believer in the second advent of Jesus, with great zeal preached that Jesus would return in 1843, and he interpreted the "sanctuary" to be the earth and that year to be cleansed by fire. He concluded that the year 457 B. C. which is the starting point of the vision of the "seventy weeks" of Daniel 9:25, was to be used in this vision. He subtracted it from 2,300 and 1843 was the result. The event did not happen and he extended it to 1844. He, with his followers, were sadly disappointed. Elder J. E. White, founder of the S. D. Adventists, was a follower and zealously propagated the teachings of Miller. He and others were instructed by Rachel Preston, a S. D. Baptist, on the law of God and they kept the "seventh day" (Saturday) as the Sabbath of the Lord. The date 1844 was riveted in their minds and Miller's mistake was to be solved. Hiram Edson says whilst in his corn field he was told by the spirit that it was the heavenly sanctuary to be cleansed. (Refer to the book "Second Advent Movement"

page 193). Edson's revelation was endorsed by their prophetess, Mrs. E. G. White, as truth and "forms the ground and pillar of their faith by which they stand or fall."

This "revelation" has given birth to many questionable doctrines such as "An investigative judgment beginning in 1844"; Jesus entering the Most Holy Place in heaven, and then making the atonement in 1844; Jesus becoming our high priest in 1844, etc. Many believe that the visions of Mrs. White are from the throne of God and that her testimonies stand on a par with the Bible, and her writings must be accepted as the "spirit of prophecy." Rev. 19:10 is quoted, but that text says that "the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." Dear reader, will you accept the Scriptures as the testimony of Jesus and the spirit of prophecy and that alone? For Jesus says, "Search the Scriptures... for they are they which testify of me." To those who believe another testimony, He states, "O fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken." Jesus used no other testimony than that of the prophets. (John 5:39; Luke 24:25, 27, 44). David said concerning Thy testimonies, they are very sure, wonderful, righteous and very faithful. Ps. 93:5; 119:138. Isaiah recommends the law and the testimony, if they speak not according to this word there is no light in them. Isa. 8:20. The "spirit of prophecy" states that God's people must be called by a new name which is the Church of God, and Jesus laid for its foundation the "apostles and prophets." Isa. 62:2; Acts 20:28; 2 Thess. 2:14. Why not come out of Babylon and her harlot daughters who reject the name and also the commandments of God? Rev. 17:1-15; 18:2-4.

A sanctuary applies to a sacred or consecrated place, a tabernacle, a temple. Moses and also David speak of the Holy Land and Mt. Zion as God's sanctuary. Ex. 15:17; Ps. 78:54; 74:2; 76:2. God told Moses, "Let them make a sanctuary: that I may dwell among them." This was a movable structure called a tabernacle used for sacred worship, with two divisions, the holy and the most holy, or first and second veil or within the veil. Exodus 25:8, 9. Isaiah states, "Our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctu-

ary." David said, "They have defiled thy sanctuary by casting down thy dwelling place to the ground." Isa. 63:18; Ps. 74:7. They were telling of the desolations of Jerusalem and the Holy Land. Isa. 64:10, 11. Jesus says the temple at Jerusalem was "my Father's house," and "Jerusalem will be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Luke 21:24. "But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place, let him that readeth understand."

Reader, the Mosque of Omar is still there. Mark 12:14. Jesus says He will make the place of His feet glorious. The footstool of God is Jerusalem. "His feet shall stand in that day on the Mount of Olives which is before Jerusalem on the east." Isa. 60:14; 1 Chron. 28:2; Zech. 14:4. Then shall the sanctuary be cleansed or have its right. We need not do any speculation. Wait for the vision as it will surely come says Habbakuk 2:2, 3.

Mrs. E. G. White writes in her book "Prophecies of Jesus", page 84, "Nothing has been said of the point of time when the 70 weeks or 2300 days should begin." In this case she is lost in an ocean of error. By the reasoning produced we can come to no other conclusion than the "little horn" is Turkey and she has trodden down the sanctuary and stamped upon the Jews. So the doctrine of the cleansing of a heavenly sanctuary being cleansed from 1844 is inconsistent. The site on Mt. Moriah was where Solomon built the temple. It was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar and rebuilt through the decree of Cyrus. It was again destroyed by the Romans in A. D. 70. The Mosque now standing on the site is a proof of Mohammedan supremacy. In the heaven of heavens is the most holy place, the sanctuary of God. The apostle Paul explains to the Jews particularly that the earthly sanctuary, its services and its sacrifices were typical, pointing to Jesus the central figure of the theme. The "Lamb slain from the foundation of the world", the "minister of the sanctuary," He is "highly exalted", sitting at the right hand of God and a high priest after the order of Melchisedec. Paul said He entered the most holy place, "within the veil." Ten days after His ascension the Comforter came down as He had promised the apostles. Heb. 8:1, 2; 6:19, 20; Acts 2:1, 32, 33. The descent of the Holy Ghost was an indisputable proof that He had entered the Holiest of all. The apostles wrote in the past tense that the event happened in A. D. 31. If Jesus did not fill the above position until 1844, then Moses and all the prophets have erred. Paul writes, "For Christ is not entered into the holy place made with

hands, which are the figures of the true: but into heaven itself now to appear in the presence of God for us... by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil (or within the veil), that is to say, his flesh." Heb. 9:24 & 10: 19-22. After all we learn that Jesus represents the veil which separates the holy from the most holy in the "worldly sanctuary." It is a most interesting study. One must first come to Jesus. He says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." "I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." John 14:6 & 10:9.

Dear reader, the writer zealously taught the sanctuary lesson wrong for 14 years. It was my chief study. But I was similar to the Ethiopian Eunuch, reading but not understanding, and the Lord sent me some one and he drew my attention to Heb. 6:18 to 20 & 9:23, 24. It took me 15 minutes to see the light, and I resolved no more to teach a lie. I could no longer fellowship with S. A. Adventists and having no one to teach me the truth I became confused for five years. Miraculously I received tracts from the Church of God at Stanberry, Missouri, U. S. A. It was a Sabbath day and I rejoiced as I found the truth. I cannot leave that "body" except they give up the truth. We learn from the apostle Paul that the veil is His flesh. By keen reasoning and applying our hearts to wisdom we will get understanding in this difficult subject.

Daniel saw Jesus as the Son of man in his vision when He came to reign and judge. Ezekiel saw Him as a man "walking in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks" as did John in the Spirit. Jesus says that at His return He is still the "offspring of David." Dan. 7:13; Eze. 1:26; Rev. 1:13 & 2:1. The veil in the worldly sanctuary separated the people from God and the high priest had to pass through the veil to commune with God for the people. Jesus is our Mediator and Advocate. He says, "No man cometh unto the Father but by me. There is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." 1 Tim. 2:5; 1 John 2:1. He can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, for in all points He was tempted as we are.

It is published and taught that there are seven golden candlesticks in the first apartment of the heavenly sanctuary and that Jesus officiated in the holy place until 1844 and not until the 22nd October of that year did He enter into the most holy place with His blood, and then was the atonement and He officiated as high priest. Let us examine Rev. 1:11-20. The Son of Man is seen in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks and seven stars in His right hand. The mystery

of the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches and the seven candlesticks are the seven churches. The sanctuary lesson is a spiritual one for the Hebrews that they may learn of Jesus and do away with their worldly sanctuary ordinances and services. Read Heb. 9. With God the number seven is a complement. There are seven angels or spirits before the throne. Candlesticks are churches giving Jesus' light to the world. He is with them always, providing they obey His command, "Go ye into all the world." The overcomers of the seven churches of Asia will receive the complement of seven rewards in His kingdom. We should be earnest in the study of the "churches" collectively and individually that we may not be "found wanting." The investigative judgment beginning in 1844 is not a Bible doctrine. The text quoted to support it is Rev. 14:6, 7, "Fear God...for the hour of his judgment is come" and is misconstrued. We are under judgment or condemnation when the gospel, word or law is preached and being rejected. (John 12:31; 9:39; 3:18, 36; Acts 13:44 to 46). When Jesus comes He will judge the quick and the dead. Matt. 25:31 to 34; Acts 10:42; Rev. 20:11 to 15. Time and space being limited please write for tracts dealing with any subject mentioned. Jesus was God's agent in creating all things. He was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Surely He was Adam's Advocate when his transgression was investigated and judgment pronounced. Gen. 3:8-19. Abel was found righteous, Cain wicked, Noah and others righteous. Jacob knew that the angel (Jesus) redeemed him. Gen. 48:16. Job said, "I know my Redeemer liveth." (Ch. 19:25. I wish readers to learn more of Jesus in the sanctuary and its services which is an inexhaustible study. He is the central figure from Genesis to the Revelation. It is said that a red cord runs through every rope in the British Navy. So Jesus is the theme of every word in the Bible. He was in the beginning with God. He says, "What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where He was before?" But He descended to be born of a virgin and so take our nature that He may taste of death for every man. Would you continue to degrade Him because of His submission to such an act of humiliation? Have you traced His pedigree? He said, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee from the beginning." John 17:3 to 5. Submitted in the defense of the truth.

Wages

By

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"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23.

Wages denotes a fixed compensation for service rendered to some individual or corporation. In the above text Paul is speaking of the wages of sin, and it is this subject I want to briefly consider.

The question of wages has ever been a very important one. It is one of the most vital questions of our times, and has caused strife and contention and even bloodshed in the past, and may bring greater calamities in the future. Great pangs of hunger and suffering have been experienced in many of the humble homes of our land and other lands because of the scarcity of food and fuel and clothing, all because of the question of wages. What disruptions there have been in the mining fields and in many of the large centers of industry. What bitterness and strife, what destruction of property! How many homes have been broken up. How many lives lost, what sacrifices in hardships and treasures, both to the individual and state—all because of the question of wages. Every little while this question presents itself for consideration. There is almost continual agitation between capital and labor; between political leaders and bosses, and it is going to be a serious problem to pilot our ship of state through the troubled waters without striking upon fatal rocks. I bring this question before you because it is a question with which you have to deal, and because it is a question of the most vital moment. It is a question if shunned here will meet you at the judgment bar of God. It is the question of your wages and mine in regard to life and death.

"The wages of sin is death." It was so when the great apostle Paul uttered these words; it is true today; it is *eternally true*. Now the question naturally arises, what is sin? You cannot fully understand the atoning work of Christ in the redemption of man without clearly comprehending what sin is. What then is sin?

Webster says, it is transgression of divine law. In Prov. 24:9 we are told that "the thought of foolishness is sin, and the scorner is an abomination to men." Paul says in Rom. 14:23 that "whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Again, 1 John 3:4 says, "Whosoever committeth sin trans-

gresseth also the law, for sin is the transgression of the law. Again, 1 John 5:17 says, "All unrighteousness is sin." Let us take a look at sin, pluck off its mask and look at it in the light of the Bible. *What is it?* It is a burden on the soul, a poison, a leprosy, a serpent, a sting, it is everything that is evil, or that transgresseth God's law.

Who is the sorcerer that first deceives man, then damns his soul? *Sin.*

What breaks the hearts of parents and brings their gray heads in sorrow to the grave? *It is sin.* What changes sweet children into vipers and loving mothers into demons and fathers into worse than Herods? *Sin.* What causes discord in the home, causing husband and wife to separate, bringing hundreds of divorce cases into the courts, and in many cases making homeless little children, who are thrown upon the charity of a cold world, breaking their little hearts, and causing them untold suffering and hardships? It is transgression of law, *which is sin.*

Who is it, by transgression of God's law rends Christ's seamless robe asunder? Who is the Delilah that sings the Nazarite to sleep and delivers the strength of God into uncircumcised hands? *Sin.* What petrifies the soft and tender heart, and hurls reason from the throne, and impells sinners down the precipice into the lake of fire? *Sin.* What made Cain kill Abel? What separates man from God. Who nailed the Son of God to the cruel cross? *Sin.* What vexes and grieves, and drives away the Spirit of God, and causes man to turn his heart against the truth, and his back upon God and close his eyes to eternity? *Sin.* Sin caused God to destroy the world with a flood of water. "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Gen. 6:5. And so God destroyed them with a flood of water, with the exception of Noah and his family. Why were Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed? I answer, it was because of wickedness and sin. There could not be found ten righteous persons in the cities. "And the Lord said, because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; . . ." Gen. 18:20. See also Gen. 19:24, 25.

The prophet Ezekiel in his warnings to Jerusalem, says, "Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister *Sodom*, pride, fulness of bread and abundance of idleness was in her and her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good." Ezek. 16:49, 50. The awful plague of sin is everywhere, it embraces

the whole world. We have all been contaminated with it. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23. If you have appetites and passions, and immoral desires and affections, *beware*, they will destroy your moral manhood and womanhood. Everywhere sin obliterates life and destroys happiness and shuts out hope and leaves a man in darkness and despair. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal. 6:7. "When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin when it is finished, bringeth forth death." James 1:15. Yet this monstrous beast of sin is loved, fed, fostered and worshiped throughout the world. Men sin wilfully, and systematically, morally and socially, until almost every stream is stained with sin. Sin is sure in its punishment; its wages is death. You ask, Then what is the remedy for this awful condition? God's remedy for sin is prescribed in the remainder of the text, "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. Therefore if you would be saved from your sin you must accept the gift. Jesus enthroned in your life will enable you to overcome sin, and give you power to live a life of purity and holiness here and hereafter.

"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Which do you prefer, the wages of sin? or the gift of God? It is for each individual to decide for themselves which wages they want to receive at the end of the race. Death is the wages you will receive if you serve sin. Eternal death is here meant; eternal banishment from God and the righteous, called the second death in Rev. 20:14. Jesus, the gift of God, invites you to come unto Him and receive eternal life. "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me." John 14:6. "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and he that liveth (is living when I return) and believeth in me shall never die." John 11:25, 26. "I am the living one, I was dead, but behold I am alive for evermore, and have the keys of death and hell." Rev. 1:18. "All power (or authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Matt. 28:18. Yes, Jesus has all authority, all power. He is "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." No one cometh unto the Father but by Him. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

SIGNS OF SATAN'S WRATH

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the teachings of the Bible today. "Will ye also go away?" No matter what the false movement or teaching may be, it always finds many followers. Men have a passion for *new* things. That is one reason why automobile manufacturers must re-style their autos every year. But God has made one model of true religion, and it can never be improved.

We have just read an article quoted in a church magazine, taken from the popular magazine "Liberty." Some of our readers may have seen it. A man presents the story of the wreck of his life and home by the "Father Divine" movement. Satan, venting his "great wrath" in the closing days of his time, has a means of deception for every class of people—for all who will allow their thinking to be done by others and accept any man's dictatorial interpretation of the Bible, or else something added to the Bible, or given to take the place of the sacred Word. And the "Father Divine" movement finds an easy mark in the thousands of thrill seekers who are looking for a newer model in religion.

The man who makes the confession, tells how he got into it at first. "Curiosity, at first. My wife and I went every place together. . . . one night we decided to go to one of those M. J. Divine extension meetings in Los Angeles. They are mostly all white people there. Well, it was fun. We went again. And again. The first thing I noticed was that my right foot was keeping time to the hymns. The next thing, I was clapping my hands. Then one night my arms and legs kept jerking and I couldn't stop them. When I got home I threw myself on the floor and kicked and jerked and screamed and hollered until four o'clock in the morning. It *had* me. I couldn't get away. I didn't want to. And it had Eva, too."

The man then goes on to relate how first his wife and then he went to New York to see "Father Divine", and how they were practically made slaves, yet endured it all gladly because of the awful spell which seemed to have come over them. His wife was so carried away with it all that she would not speak to him.

He goes on to say, "At the time, it didn't matter much, for I had found God, I thought, and God didn't want a man to have any wife." Then he tells how that several times both he and his wife wanted to leave, but were held by the delusion. Finally they did leave. "We went back to California; but we were in such a state we were still slaves to Divine. So we opened one of his missions at Redondo Beach. We ran it until last March, when Eva received word to re-

turn to New York or be lost. She left me a note: 'I am gone to see my father, M. J. Divine.'" And the article finished up telling how the man had done everything to get his wife back again, but to no avail. At last he had come to his senses, but his home was broken. And the great deception, seemingly having a demon power, continues. It is so different that no laws are found to cope with it.

As we think of these things, we feel so grateful to our God in Heaven, who has given us faith in His written Word, the Bible. As long as we keep that faith, keep rooted and grounded in that Word, we will not be led astray; the demon powers can have no effect upon us.

We might go on to discuss the crime and vice continually spreading; to speak of the attacks being made upon the Scriptures both from within and without the popular churches. These, with the disasters, the threats of war, heathen conditions in our country and the demon power of Satan openly working in the "Father Divine" movement, all should mightily strengthen our faith — in God, in Salvation through the Son, Jesus, in the guidance through the Holy Spirit in our lives, in the Bible as the only and complete guidebook, in its promises to the believer including the coming of Christ soon to end all the sin and destruction which now covers the world. "Even so, Come, Lord Jesus." S.J.K.

A TEST OF CHARACTER

There is no better revelation of man's character than the response he gives to the unexpected. The Good Samaritan of our Lord's parable had no thought of what was before him on the Jericho road. Probably as he slowly journeyed along his thoughts were on the business that was taking him down on the Jordan valley. Certainly he was not thinking of any philanthropic or humanitarian enterprise. And then, all at once, there lay the wounded, half-dead man before him, making mute but eloquent demand for his sympathy and assistance. The kind of man that he was showed itself in the kind of response that he made at that demand. You understand him better in that quick, instinctive compassion than you could if you had studied him for a year as he moved along the smooth, undisturbed paths of the ordinary and expected in his home in Samaria. The quality of spontaneous response to an immediate and sudden call is a characteristic of the life that is fashioned after and controlled by the Christ-life.

One of the sad things often encountered is the failure to do what we really mean to do, just be-

cause we are not ready when the emergency comes. If we could have a little time for preparation, a little warning of what is expected, a little space for getting ourselves together for the effort, we should not be found wanting. But all at once the demand is made, the chance comes, the unexpected happens, and while our wits are wool-gathering the opportunity is passed, and we are left to say regretfully, "If I only had known!" Life should be so completely subordinated to a great central, controlling principle that the application of that principal in given cases may be immediate and automatic.

—*The Sabbath Observer*

Healing

By

E. W. Garner

This article is not my intention to discredit in any way *divine healing* which today is so little practiced yet so clearly taught by the Bible, but rather to encourage it. However, the mere fact that someone has experienced a cure after prayers have been offered by the indisposed or by friends of the same, or even if anointing with oil has been done by a preacher followed by prayer, is not conclusive proof that it is the work of the Lord, or that the Lord has had anything at all to do with it.

It is a matter of record that the blind have recovered sight, the lame walk, and the dumb speak, and that this has been experienced by the heathen, or those who recognize no living God at all. Equally so has this been experienced by those of false faiths, who claim to be worshipping Jehovah, but according to their teachings are worshipping a god that is in direct opposition to Holy Writ which they falsely claim is the true rule and guide to their faith. You cannot believe that God will hear and answer prayer when addressed to an idol of stone; neither can you believe that He hears or answers prayer of a false faith. For God says that He will not permit His honor and Glory to be given to another. Yet we know that these cures are effected, and it has been the privilege of many to witness them. It seems to me that this is one of the devil's greatest weapons. The Old adage "Seeing is believing" is very hard to discredit. So when a cure has been effected in a community by a particular sect it causes many to believe that that faith is surely in close touch with the Lord.

In Matt. 24:24 I read, "For there shall arise

false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

Yes, friends, the devil is just as wise today as in the past, and being next to the Lord in power, never fails to use this power combined with deceit when it will accomplish his purpose.

Now friend, before God has promised to heal your broken body certain conditions must be met and complied with. God has never yet promised a blessing that did not have a condition attached. Let us see what some of that condition is. First we must have belief in the Lord Jesus Christ, that He is able to perform what He has promised. Abraham had such a faith. Rom. 4:20, 21, "He staggered not at the promises of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God. And being fully persuaded that what he had promised, he was able to perform." In verses 22 & 23 we find that this was not for Abraham alone but for us also.

Second: We find that we must keep the law of God (be commandment keepers), for Prov. 28:9 says, "He that turneth away his ear from hearing (obeying) the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

Third: We must petition the Lord. Matt. 7:7 says, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened. Lest someone should say that this verse is applicable to the world in general let us read 1 John 3:21, 22. "Beloved, if our hearts condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and *do those things that are pleasing in his sight.*"

No, friend, unless we are righteous (obedient) we have no right to even pray to the Lord for a cure. James 5:14, 15 gives the complete formula, and surely no one will claim that "any sick among you" is applicable to the sinner or to any except the *true faith*, which is the church that Christ purchased with His own blood, and this church is only one in purpose and teaching. Ephesians 4:5 tells us that there is only one faith—The Church of God. And that this Church of God is the church that teaches the strict observance of the Decalogue is proven by Rev. 22:14, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the *tree of life*, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

No, friend, there is no promise of the wonderful healing power of Jesus Christ, either in soul or spirit in this life or in the life to come except to those who are willing to walk in all the light God brings to them, which will include all of the Ten Commandments.

OBITUARIES

Sister Annie Bess Williams of Phil Campbell, Ala., wife of Bro. H. D. Williams passed from this life about midnight, January 24th, 1937, age 49 years. Sister Williams joined the Missionary Baptist Church in early life and was a consistent member of that faith until about 4 years ago when she learned of a more excellent way to serve the Lord and began keeping the Sabbath. Three years ago it was the privilege of the writer to go down with her in the watery grave of baptism at which time she accepted the faith of and joined the Church of God, of which we was a faithful and consistent member until her death. Services were conducted in her home by the writer and she was laid to rest in Phil Campbell cemetery Jan. 26th to await the call of God. Sister Williams is survived by her husband H. D. Williams and two sons, Daniel and Jacob.

Elder E. W. Garner.

GEORGE W. SHAFFER

George Washington Shaffer, 86, for many years a resident of the South Gifford, Missouri, vicinity, died Jan. 26th at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Earl Pyle, near Gifford.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Ralph Turner, of Goldsberry, and burial was made in the Bell Cemetery.

Mr. Shaffer became ill with influenza last Sunday. Pneumonia developed, causing his death.

He was born near Columbus, Ohio, March 30, 1850, a son of Lemuel and Jane Shaffer, but was brought with his parents to Macon County when a small boy.

At the age of 29 he was married to Catherine Elizabeth Pyle, on Jan 1, 1880. To this union were born seven children. Mrs. Shaffer died Nov. 23, 1936 and Mr. Shaffer left his farm and went to live with his daughter.

Surviving are four children, Mrs. Minerva Jane Mason, of Hinton, Oklahoma; Mrs. D. A. Barnes, Kirksville; Mrs. Sam Barnes, Queen City, and Mrs. Pyle, of Gifford. There are 26 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Three children, his wife, five brothers and two sisters and one half-sister preceded him in death.

Mr. Shaffer united with the United Brethren Church in early life.

"The Master calls, my feet shall tread with
weary steps, the path of life,
No more with measure slow,

The day is done, O call me not from slumber
deep, to bear the load again,

For I must rest.

Though life was sweet, yet death is not
a thing to dread,

When one has lived, and loved,
and done his best."

"I will love thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from mine enemies."—Psalms 18:1-3.

A TESTIMONY OF HEALING

Dear Advocate readers everywhere:

I am so thankful that God has been so patient with me through my trying to serve Him. The road seems so hard but it certainly is worth following. I am writing this knowing that it will strengthen someone. We are admonished thru-out the Scriptures to exhort one another. May God bless each one every one as He has blessed us.

Some time back we asked each and every one to pray for the healing of our darling little baby. The doctor said nothing could be done for her. They said the valve leading from her heart into her lungs was opened and would not permit enough blood to flow to her lungs. But we know that nothing is impossible with God. We knew that if we had the faith and it was God's will that she live He would heal her. Today the baby is well. Praise God. She doesn't have any blue spells like she did have and she is growing and doing nicely. We are so thankful to God that she is healed.

Pray for us that we may continue in the faith and bring our children up in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord" that they will not stray from the truth. I pray that we may all be stronger in the work for the Lord.

Your brother and sister in Christ,
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Hinds

WHEN GOD CALLS A HALT TO THE NATIONS

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we see let each of us continue in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ and not fail to pray much that we may be able to stand the temptations which are on every hand, and get admittance into the Kingdom of God.

Thoughts on the Sabbath School Lesson

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 13, 1937 TRUE COMMANDMENT KEEPING

Golden Text: "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." 1 John 3:18.

In last week's lesson we learned that to have true love for our brother we must be willing to lay down our life for Him if called upon to do so. But should we not be called upon to lay down our life in death we still have a duty toward our brethren that shows our love for him, and that is by being willing to divide what we have with him, whether it is great or small. 1 John 3:17. We might write to some one who is in need and tell them how much we sympathize with them, or we might see them face to face and do the same but unless we impart to them that which they stand in need of our love is very weak, for the old saying, "actions speak louder than words" is certainly true. If we really expect them to believe us we must prove by our deeds that we love them. 1 John 3:17, 18. James 2:15, 16 says, "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; not withstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" If we meet these conditions then we can know that we are of the truth, and have confidence that God has accepted us. 1 John 3:18, 19. If we know in our heart that we do not love our brother well enough to lay down our life for him, we can also know that we are not accepted of God, "For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our hearts, and knoweth all things." 1 John 3:20. We might even think that we love our brother and our God but unless we keep the commandments of God we cannot have that clear conscience that gives us confidence that we are God's children. 1 John 3:21.

Some times we hear people say that in this age it is impossible to keep all of God's commandments and be a true Christian. I agree with them to the extent that it is impossible for some to do so and Paul also agrees with them in Rom. 8:7, "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." Thus we find that those who have the carnal mind and are trusting in their own strength cannot live a true Christian life. But when we come to realize our weakness and our need of a Savior to help us then as we rely on Christ we can do all things. Phil. 4:12. In the 14th chapter of Hebrews we learn

of the many ways that faith will help us and especially we find in verse 34 that the weak are made strong, that is, when we realize our weakness we through faith in Him are able to overcome all temptations. When we keep God's commandments then what a great helper we have. We can go to Him and ask anything of Him in the name of Christ and have the assurance that He will grant our request. 1 John 3:22. But in order to claim this promise our righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees. Matt. 5:20. The scribes and Pharisees were very zealous to keep the law in the letter, but we must keep it in the spirit also. We cannot keep it in the spirit without also keeping it in the letter also. Two things are very necessary, one to believe on Christ, the other to love one another. John 3:23. Some will say it does not matter about the ten commandments just so we obey these two, but can we obey these two without obeying the ten? Let us see. What does it mean to believe on Christ? To believe in His work, His life He lived, His purpose in life. In believing in His life that He lived while here on earth we must also live that life (1 Pet. 2:21), and in verse 22 we find that Christ did no sin. "Sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John 3:4. In John 15:10 Christ says in His own words that He kept His Father's commandments. If we will throw open the door of our life and invite Christ in He will come in and sup with us and us with Him. Rev. 3:20. If we believe in Him and thus following Him in keeping the commandments of God, then He abides in us and we abide in Him. 1 John 3:24. Christ is the vine and we are the branches abiding in Him and God is the husbandman who looks after the vineyard. John 15:1-10.

L. I. Rodgers

GOOD ANSWERS TO HARD QUESTIONS

J. Hudson Taylor tells about a Chinese pastor who, upon meeting a young convert, asked him if it was true that he had known the Lord for three months. He replied, "Yes, it is blessedly true." The pastor continued, "And how many have you won to Jesus?" "Oh," said the convert, "I am only a learner, and never possessed a complete New Testament until yesterday." "Do you use candles in your home?" "Yes." "Do you expect the candles to begin to shine when it is burned half way down?" "No, as soon as it is lit." The young convert saw the lesson, and went to work; within six months several of

Palestine News Items

"When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory." Ps. 102:16.

Jerusalem — Jewish agricultural colonies in Palestine were described at the most remarkable creations they had ever observed by a group of Independent Labor Party delegates giving their impressions of that country at a conference of British correspondents here.

The Britishers, including John McGovern and Campbell Stephen, I.L.P. leaders in Parliament, said that the "wonder of Jewish achievements in Palestine cannot be understood unless seen." They characterized as extraordinary the Jewish settlements in the Valley of Esdraelon and the kvutsoth (co-operative colonies) they had visited, expressing the wish that "we could show British rural workers a single kvutza."

The Board of Directors of Palestine Economic Corporation, the largest wholly owned American organization operating in Palestine, has declared the seventh consecutive regular semi-annual dividend of 1 per cent on its \$100 par value common stock, it was announced today by Bernard Flexner, Chairman of the Board. This dividend was payable January 20, 1937, to stockholders of record December 21, 1936.

"Buy Palestine products" was the call sounded to the Jews of America by Zionist leaders of all parties at an exhibit of Palestine products which was held last Tuesday evening at Hotel Sharon.

The exhibit, a feature of a Chamisha Osor B' Shvat celebration arranged by "Palestine House," which in the past year has been established by Rabbi I. M. Kowalsky to import and to distribute in the United States Palestine wines, food, products and novelties, brought together a number of leading Zionist workers who were given the opportunity to observe the wide variety and excellent quality of articles produced in Palestine.

—*The New Palestine*

Jerusalem, Jan. 27 — The departure of the Royal Commission from Palestine has coincided with a spurt in terroristic activities throughout the country, with both Jews and Arabs as victims of bandits and vandals.

London — A complete discussion by League of Nations' Mandates Commission into the disorders in Palestine during 1936 and the status of that mandated territory will take place at a session on May 31, it was announced this week.

mission of the League as to when it would be able to submit a long-deferred report on the Palestine disturbances, the British Government proposed that a special session on Palestine should be held, not in April as requested, but on May 31st "when the British Government will be in a position to furnish information.

Jerusalem — Amid ceremonies made notable by the presence of seven American-Jewish labor leaders, the Jews of Palestine last Sunday paid supreme tribute to the late Abraham Shiplacoff, American labor leader, former New York State Assemblyman and New York City Alderman, by planting a forest in his memory in the communal colony of Kfar Hahosh, on the hills of Nazareth alongside the forest that was started in 1932 in memory of George Washington.

The tree planting exercises were carried thru in a torrential rain, causing the speaking program to be adjourned to the community hall of the colony. Each of the American labor representatives planted a sapling in the first section of the forest which will have 6,000 trees.

Jerusalem — High Commissioner Sir Arthur Wauchope has informed the Palestine Marine Trust Company that, after consultation with the Colonial Secretary, it has been decided that the Tel Aviv jetty may remain as a private enterprise.

Haifa — Jews abroad were urged to intensify their political activity on behalf of Palestine, as prominent labor leaders gave veiled expression to anxiety about impending events affecting the Jewish status in Palestine.

The occasion for the "call to arms" was a meeting of the National Council of the *Mapai*, Labor Party, which opened here last Friday with 170 delegates from all parts of Palestine and several hundred guests, including the members of the American-Jewish labor delegation.

Jerusalem — The Arabs of Palestine made known that they would officially boycott the coronation of King George VI when Amin Abdul Hadi, member of the Supreme Moslem Council, announced that he had withdrawn his previous acceptance of an invitation extended to him by High Commissioner Sir Arthur Wauchope at the command of King George.

In revealing that he had declined to go to London for the coronation ceremonies, Abdul Hadi declared that "the Supreme Moslem Council considers the acceptance of the invitation as against the interests of the Arab nation."

GOSPEL LITERATURE

The following list of books and tracts are sold by the "Church of God" Publishing House, Stanberry, Missouri. All prices quoted are postpaid.

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Pride

By Wayne Toperly

Is pride an attribute to be desired by a Christian? Let us look into the Word of God and see what it says. We will only look up a few of the many references to pride. Turn to Prov. 8:13: "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil. Pride and arrogance and the evil way, and the froward mouth I hate. I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions." Verse 12. But wisdom hates pride. Verse 13, "Only by pride cometh contention, but with the well advised is wisdom." Which attribute then is to be desired? "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." Prov. 16:18. Why is this true? First because pride is inordinate, a state of being proud, which in turn shows a high opinion of one's self, haughty, ambitious of vain show, parading one's self in an ostentatious manner. And God can not work with that kind of a person because He has said, "To this man will I look, to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word." Isa. 66:2. Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:3. "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit and a contrite heart O God thou wilt not despise."

People of a proud spirit are not willing to confess that they are wrong, and therefore are reluctant to confess their sins, and God will not pardon them unless they confess that they have sinned, and ask His pardon. He is willing and ready at all times to pardon only He wants them to appreciate His mercy enough to acknowledge that they are not already perfect, and ask Him to forgive them. But pride stands back and says no. Many people think that one must have a certain amount of pride in order to be respectable in appearance. But if they will look up the two words (pride and neatness) they will find there is a vast difference. A person should be neat, which means purity of life, cleanliness, trim; to put in order; to adjust; to hold a middle course between parties: condition; order; mood; dress; tidy; clever, to execute with ability.

If any one will look the definition of the two words up, they will see that any one does not of necessity need to be proud to be of neat appearance. Neatness is included in the fruits of the spirit. But pride in any form shows a fleshly trait, and is entirely out of harmony with the spirit of Christ. No Christian can take pride in themselves or what they do and be humbly walking with God. For God has no time to waste on the proud, neither does He look to them, because

superior. First John 2:16 tells us that pride is not of God, and therefore is something to be shunned, because it is of the world, and the world passeth away with the lust thereof. Let us all be careful not to be led away with the high spirited ambitions of the world, but be instructed "to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world." Titus 2:12, R. V. We should live soberly according as God hath dealt the measure of faith, not thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought.

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