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## Time is Passing Swiftly Away

By Nannie Blain Underhill

Another week has sped away:  
 How quickly Time does fly.  
 The morning gone—then gone a day—  
 Thus all time hastens by.

O, precious time, some soul to bless!  
 Is there a soul in need?  
 Have I relieved one soul's distress,  
 By kindly word or deed?

What kindness then, have our hands done?  
 Have I made one soul glad?  
 Have I encouraged any one,  
 Or have I made one sad?

The passing days will ne'er return—  
 They never will come back.  
 No chance for good let my heart spurn—  
 Souls follow on our track.

So may we guide those little feet  
 Along the narrow way.  
 Let loving words and manner sweet,  
 Lead on to perfect Day.

"Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time." Col. 4:5.

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#### A SAD LOSS

This week it is our sad duty to report the death of our beloved editor in chief, Elder W. C. Rodgers. Most of our readers have known that he was very sick for some time, and many have responded to the requests for prayer for him. The Lord sustained him wonderfully to the end and his last words were full of confidence and faith in the Lord. Although we feel keenly the loss and our sympathy is with the bereaved family, yet we rejoice that we "sorrow not as others who have no hope." Our hope is made sure by faith in Christ and His Word. We are persuaded that God loves and cares for all His children and that even in the time of death, He knows best in everything. Our brother is at rest, asleep in Jesus, until the glad resurrection day.

The funeral services were conducted by the Office Editor. Two complete services were held. The first was in the Church of God building at Milan, where brother Rodgers was church elder. The church was filled to capacity with brethren, friends and neighbors. Following this service a second service was held at the Bairdstown, community church, 14 miles north west of Milan. This was brother Rodgers' old home community

church. This service was largely attended by friends and neighbors from the country community.

Every minister knows that there are some funeral services which are difficult and sad, when the deceased has not been a Christian. But others are far different, and we felt such was the case this time. Of course it was sad, for Bro. Rodgers was a friend and associate.

The scripture readings used were from the 103rd Psalm and from the 25th Psalm. The closing verses of the first named Psalm tell of the death of men, how his life is like that of grass or as the flower. But there is a wonderful promise in the verses which follow: "But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; to such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them."

We stated that no higher tribute could be paid to any man after his death, than to use portions of his own writings in the funeral sermon. We made use of two of brother Rodgers' editorials. One was written about a year ago and speaks of the Christian duty to 1. himself, 2. His family, 3. His community. We pointed out that brother Rodgers had fulfilled his own ideals. The last published words of his were in the *Advocate* of February 15, not quite a month ago. At that time he was too weak to write, but dictated the words. We compared the words of this editorial, written when he knew that sleep was soon coming, to the words of Paul, in 2 Timothy 4:6-8: "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them that love his appearing." In brother Rodgers' last editorial, he speaks of his having joined the church 50 years ago and of his constant desire and activity in working for Christ. He looked back over those fifty years, but not in a boastful way, for he felt that there was more he could have done—more yet to do, and he was pressing on to the end. We compared this attitude to the words of Paul in Phil. 3:8-14 in which Paul speaks of not looking backward, but forward and pressing toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Paul did not claim to have reached perfection or the place where he could just stop and wait until the Lord called him. In the eyes of God, the faithful worker is perfect—his sins are all covered by the blood of Christ. But

# The Sabbath Question

By

L. D. Lane

In reality there is no Sabbath question or any question as to which day is the Sabbath. There is but *one* Sabbath. There never has been but one Sabbath, and there never will be but one Sabbath. You may search the Bible from the first verse in Genesis to the last verse in Revelation and you will not find a single statement to show that there has ever been a change in the Sabbath day.

The Sabbath is a holy day. "Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the Lord." Ex. 35:2. Holiness was conferred upon the seventh day as the Sabbath day by Jehovah, the great Creator of all things. It is just as impossible for man to create a Sabbath as it would be for him to create a universe.

The seventh day became the Sabbath when God made it holy. It is impossible for a man to confer holiness upon a day or upon anything, for a man cannot confer something that he does not possess, and no man of himself possesses holiness for in the language of our Savior "There is none good but one, that is, God." Matthew 19:17. The Sabbath was made for man; (Mark 2:27) and not for one particular race of man. The Sabbath is an integral part of creation. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Gen. 1:1. The sacred narrative goes on to tell us how God created the heaven and earth in six days "and on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." Gen. 2.2, 3.

We often hear the argument advanced that the Sabbath was a strictly Jewish institution and was only given to that people, but this account of the creation shows up the fallacy of that position, for the Sabbath was created at the beginning

when there was but one man upon the face of the earth, and it was made for him and for his posterity which embraces every human being ever born upon this earth. After God had finished His work of creation and had blessed and sanctified the seventh day as a Sabbath of rest the sacred narrative goes on to tell us that "these are

when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens." Verse 4. Thus we see that the Sabbath was included in the work of creation and is therefore an essential part of that creation. On the seventh day God rested from all His work and for that reason it was blessed and sanctified and made a Sabbath of rest unto the Lord. Just as the fourth of July stands as a memorial of the creation of this nation, just so the Sabbath stands as an everlasting memorial of the creation of the universe, and as each Sabbath day dawns and man ceases from his labors and turns away from the cares and perplexities of this life and directs his thoughts heavenwards it is a reminder to him of the great and magnificent being who created all things, including the Sabbath, for his benefit and happiness.

The Sabbath means much more than merely a day of rest. It is the sign, seal or trademark of God's true people. "Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, verily my sabbaths you shall keep: for *it is a sign between me and you* throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you." Ex. 31:13 "Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths TO BE A SIGN between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them." Ezek. 20:12.

The Sabbath has been the sign of God's true people in all the ages past, it is the sign of God's true people to-day, and it will continue to be a sign to God's people through the endless ages of eternity. "And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censor, and put fire therein and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not, and there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord." Lev. 10:1-2. It is a dangerous thing to trifle with the things of God. In the tabernacle service only the fire from the ever burning flame upon the altar of God was to be offered before the Lord, but the two sons of Aaron presumed to substitute other fire in direct opposition to the command of God, and the result was that fire from the Lord devoured them.

What will be the fate of the man or woman who willfully and presumptuously disregards the

commanded to be kept holy and substitutes and observes a strange day in direct opposition to Gods command? Just as the observance of the true Sabbath identifies a person as a member of the true church of God, just so the wilful disregard of the true Sabbath and the observance of some other day marks that person as a member of an apostate church.

The Sabbath day was kept in the garden of Eden before sin entered into the world. After the fall of man the Sabbath was observed by the children of God. In the second month after the departure of the children of Israel from the land of Egypt we find them in the wilderness of sin where the Lord rained manna from heaven. "And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. And he said unto them, this is that which the Lord hath said, tomorrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the Lord: bake that which ye will bake today, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. So the people rested on the seventh day." Ex. 16:22, 23, 30.

In the third month they came into the wilderness of Sinai and camped before the mount. Here he spoke the ten commandments to His people including the fourth commandment. Notice the difference in the wording of this commandment: They were admonished to "REMEMBER the sabbath day to keep it holy." This was not a new commandment for they could not remember something that had not existed before. "Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: 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 maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates, for (or because) in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them in, and rested the seventh day: wherefore (or for that reason) the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it." Ex. 20:8-11.

Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that *keepeth* the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil." Isaiah 56:2. Is this blessing only pronounced upon the Jews? Let us read further: "Neither let the son of the stranger that hath joined himself to the Lord, speak, saying, the Lord hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the enunch say, behold I am a dry tree. Even unto them will I give in my house and within my walls a place and a name better than that of sons and of daughters:

not be cut off. *Also the sons of the strange* that join themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord." V. 3-6.

Dear reader, if you love the Lord and love and observe His Sabbath, you are one of His chosen people and this blessing is for you, for "If ye are Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise." Gal. 3:29. "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Isa. 58:13-14.

Jesus said: "Therefore the son of man is Lord also of the sabbath." Mark 2:28. During His sojourn upon this earth He observed the sabbath day. The savior came to this world to fulfill the law in our stead and in His sermon on the mount He made this statement: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am *not come to destroy* but to fulfil. For verily say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled." Now notice very carefully the language of the next verse: "Whosoever therefore shall break *one of the least* commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:17-19. These words are from the lips of our Savior and admit of no contradiction. Yet today we see thousands of professed ministers of the gospel trampling the Sabbath of the Lord under foot and teaching men to so do, "Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Mark 7:7.

We read in Luke 4:16, "He came to Nazareth where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read." He also tells us how we may abide in His love. "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." John 15:10. Many of our first day friends tell us that Jesus changed the Sabbath. Could it be possible that He would make so radical a change as this and there be *1* record of it either in the Scriptures or in history?

The apostle Paul in his epistle to the Hebrews says, "For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day in this wise, and God did rest the seventh day from all his works." Heb. 4:4. And in the 8th verse he asks the question, "For if

# Which Side are You On?

By

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We have had war on earth almost ever since it was inhabited. But we read there was once war in heaven. Lucifer—a mighty angel—desired to be equal with God. Isa. 14:12-14. What presumption! A created being, desiring to be equal with the Creator. He wanted to be in a position above the Son of God for the Son of God existed in heaven with God before the creation of this world, and had part in the creation. (John 1:1-4). Therefore, the world really belonged to Him.

Lucifer thought himself capable of managing or governing a world so he contended for dominion. He was permitted to occupy this earth, and he influenced many angels to follow him. Those angels are called "fallen angels," "evil spirits," "unclean" or "foul spirits" and devils because they are satan's followers, servants and helpers. They have chosen Lucifer (satan) for their sovereign. Angels are spirits (Heb. 1:14). God is a spirit (John 4:24). We cannot see the spirits or angels that are all about us. But we can see the effects of their influence.

When God created this earth He also made a man whom He placed here in charge of all things. To Adam God gave dominion over all living creatures on the earth. Adam was prince of this world—a king under God and he was a son of God, by creation (Luke 3:38). God also gave Adam a wife to be his companion and helpmate. There were only two people on this earth—Adam and Eve. But satan, craving power and dominion, resolved to get the rulership of this world if possible. It belonged to Adam, but satan wanted it. He sought to obtain it by intrigue. Knowing the woman to be the weaker vessel, he began his tactics with her. Watching his chance when she was probably alone, he entered into conversation with the woman and succeeded in deceiving her. She believed satan, hence disbelieving God. So satan persuaded her to eat of the forbidden fruit, altho God had said that to do so would produce death. Satan asserted that was not so—that God was deceiving them. Then when Adam came to her, she offered some of it to him, probably telling him how good and desirable it was, and assuring him that it would not hurt them. Adam was not deceived (1 Tim. 2:14). But here was this beautiful woman—the *only woman in the world*—urging him to eat

of the fruit of which she had already eaten. What could he do? He wanted to please his wife—and to remain with her. He ate of the fruit which she offered him. Thus he transferred his allegiance from God to Satan. He is not the only man to give up a kingdom for a woman. O, woman! when you have such power, why not use it for good instead of evil? "The wages of sin is death," and sin is the transgression of God's law. For in choosing to obey satan, who is the author of death, we thus sever ourselves from God, who is the author of life.

Which side are you on, dear reader? To be subject to satan is to be subject to death. So Adam sold out to satan. Satan instead of Adam became prince and ruler of this world. All people born into this world are born under satan's dominion. But God loved His creation. In love He created His people to be *free*. Thus, knowing before, that being free to make their own choice, they *might* choose to serve the wrong sovereign, for it was possible for them to choose to serve (obey) whom they would, God, because of His love for creation, provided a way of redemption (John 3:16). His own Son, who was with the Father in the beginning and had part in the creation was willing to become the Redeemer of mankind. But since sin severs man from the source of life, and the wages of sin is death, it was necessary for Him who would pay the penalty of man's sin, himself to suffer death.

"God *only* hath immortality." His Son shared with the Father the state of immortality. In order to die, He must become a mortal man, like all other men. This He accomplished by coming to earth and being born of woman—a little babe as all other people are born. By the power of the Holy Spirit God sent His Son into the world to become a man and to endure all things that men have to endure. He was tempted in all points as we are, yet never yielding to sin. Only a perfect and sinless Creator could redeem a sinful world. So the Son became the son of man and grew up subject to all kinds of pain, fatigue, suffering and death. He went about doing good, healing all manner of disease, and preaching the doctrine of God's Kingdom until the time for Him to be sacrificed for our sins—once for all. Then He voluntarily endured the cruel death on the cross for all mankind. But God raised Him up

to eternal life, so that having paid the penalty for our sins He might claim His own in resurrection to eternal life. The price of our redemption is paid. We cannot pay it ourselves. Jesus paid it. We may and ought to do many good deeds. But only by accepting Christ as our Redeemer, can we be saved. As the Scripture says, "There is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

If we rely upon our own good deeds for salvation and do not accept God's Son as our Redeemer we will not be among the saved. We either accept Him or reject Him. He earnestly desires to save us. Did He not prove it by suffering death for us? God wishes to save us. Did He not prove it by giving His own dear Son to die for us? John 3:16, 17. The Lord invites every one to come and be saved. (Isa. 55:1; Matt. 11:28-30; John 7:37; Rev. 22:17). We are either accepting or rejecting Him—which is it? If we are ashamed of Christ in this wicked world He will be ashamed of us when He comes to earth again to claim His own. If we reject and deny Him in this world, what should we expect but to be rejected then. We must make our choice now, in this life. When Jesus comes to receive His purchased possession there will be no time or opportunity to choose.

Reader, which side are you on? Have you believed in the Son of God and acknowledged that belief in confession and baptism? Baptism is a symbol of Christ's death, burial and resurrection. When we accept Christ we ought to confess this belief by word and action, by going down beneath the water in baptism which shows that we believe God's Son died and was buried for our sins, and as we come forth from the baptismal waters we show that we believe Christ arose from the dead, and will raise up from the grave to eternal life.

When Jesus comes to earth again accompanied by all the holy angels, I am sure we will all wish to be on His side. If any one who reads this is still undecided—still in satan's domain—won't you step over the line onto the Lord's side? Who would wish to be found on satan's side among liars, murderers and fallen angels when Jesus comes in victory?

Satan's dominion cannot last forever. His time is almost ended. Then what? Everlasting destruction for the devil and his angels, helpers). Everlasting life is for the Lord's true followers. I want to be found on the Lord's side when He comes. Don't you? Come to Jesus now. Tomorrow may be too late? Come now.

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." Psalm 15:17.

## Another Man Esteemeth Every Day Alike.

ROMANS 14:5

By

J. T. Williamson

Every one who does not like to observe God's memorial of creation, gladly refers to this text for consolation; therefore may we prayerfully examine this text, realizing full well, that it is difficult to change our school of thought in which we are thoroughly established. But first of all we are forced to admit that this text, if referring to the keeping of the Sabbath, does not permit us to substitute another day. All that we could possibly hope to prove is whether we should keep the Sabbath, or not keep it; that one's conscience should guide him as to whether or not he should obey this fourth commandment.

The text reads: "One man esteemeth one day above another; another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." If this refers to Sabbath keeping, then why not apply the same rule to other commands? Viz., one man steals, another man doesn't steal. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. Would this same rule operate to justify a thief? We ought to be fully persuaded to obey God, else such obedience would avail us nothing. To obey in the letter, but not in the spirit, is folly. We should truly obey from the heart, being fully persuaded in our own mind to do so. Else it would be poor obedience, even no obedience at all. So it is explained in the next verse, Rom. 14:6. "He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day to the Lord he doth not regard it." Merely keeping the Sabbath for show, or for visiting purposes is really not keeping it at all. We must be fully persuaded in our own mind about the keeping of God's memorial rest. This is true also with feast days and festivals, to which we think this text was dedicated; viz., in America we annually celebrate, by feasting and offering thanks to God, a Thanksgiving day, the last Thursday in November. This is man's institution not God's; therefore we should not force its observance upon our fellowmen. One man esteemeth this day above other week days. Another man esteemeth it not above other week days; therefore God says, "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to

the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks." Rom. 14:5, 6.

The reader's attention is now directed to that phrase "every day" In verse 5, "every day" does not include the Sabbath day, for it is the special day which God sanctified (set apart) as His time. Gen. 2:1, 2. In common usage we speak about our *every day shoes*, in contradistinction from our special dress shoes. *Every day clothes* means only our work clothes. We all understand this. Just so in Rom. 14:5 "another esteemeth every day alike. Meaning that all six work days are alike to him, whether the last Thursday in November, good Friday or Easter Sunday. We have Bible evidence to prove that "every day" doesn't mean the Sabbath day. Read Ex. 16:4. "Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no." This was before they reached Mount Sinai, and we learn that God did rain down Manna every day and they were permitted to gather of it every day but not on the Sabbath. "And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses, and he said unto them, this is that which the Lord hath said, Tomorrow is the rest of the holy Sabbath unto the Lord: bake that which ye will bake today, and seethe that which we will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, and neither was there any worms therein. And Moses said, eat that today; for today is a Sabbath unto the Lord: today ye shall not find it in the field. Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which the Sabbath, in it there shall be none." Verses 22-27.

This is God's word showing that "every day" doesn't mean the Sabbath day. "And it came to pass that there went out some of the people on the seventh day to gather and they found none and the Lord said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws? Verses 27, 28. Since that was true then, the same principle is true today. "I am God, I change not." Mal. 3:6. "Whatsoever things were written aforetimes were written for our learning." Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:11.

"Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: accordin unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions." Psalm 51:1.

## OBITUARIES

Alice A. Clements was born in Pratt County, Kansas, February 20, 1880, died in Washington Sanitarium, Takoma Park, Maryland, February 9, 1937, age 56 years, 11 months and 20 days.

In the year 1899 she was united in marriage to Charles C. Wells, in Barber County, Kansas. To this union three children were born, Mrs. Vernie Avis Cramer of Takoma Park, Maryland, and two sons, who were dead at birth.

Funeral services were held at Chambers Funeral Home, Washington, D. C., conducted by Elder Stevens of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, bringing many words of comfort from the Word of God. There were present a large number of loving friends, whose esteem was expressed by many beautiful floral offerings.

The Lord saw fit to let her rest from her labors. Her greatest disappointment was not being able to live to serve her God, her loved ones and her friends.

She was deeply religious from a child and joined the M. E. Church when quite young, but in the year 1901 she became a member of the Church of God at Fairview, Oklahoma, of which church her husband was a member, and has always remained a faithful member.

When she was married in 1899 she came with her husband to Fairview, where he had established a home, and in which vicinity they resided until 1922, when they removed to Takoma Park, Maryland—D. C., where they lived till her death. Her remains were brought back by a loving, devoted husband, to the old home, where services were held in the Speece Funeral Home, Saturday, February 13th, conducted by Evangelist Archie B. Craig, of Ashland, Oklahoma. A male quartette of young men from the Mennonite Brethren rendered beautiful music for the occasion. Many relatives and old friends gathered to express sympathy and respect by their presence and floral offerings.

Others, besides her husband, left to mourn her loss are her children, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cramer, three grand children, Myrtle Avis, Alice Rose and Marten V. Cramer—three brothers, J. C. Clements of Kansas City, Louis H. Clements of Easton, Colorado, Marten W. Clements of Hollywood, California, and two sisters, Verna M. Wamsley, Pasadena, California, Mrs. Rose Lee Saylor of Ohio and one uncle, Seth W. Center of Pratt, Kansas, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

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Jesus had given them rest, would he not afterward have spoken of another day"? We may rest assured that if Jesus had changed the Sabbath day that He would afterward have spoken of it and it would have been recorded in the Scriptures.

And now we come to the crowning argument in favor of the observance of the first day as the sabbath, and that is that we should observe it in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ; but the fact is there is no evidence in the Bible that the Savior rose on the first day. A careful study of the subject will convince any unprejudiced seeker after truth that He did not rise on the first day but that He rose on Sabbath afternoon and this being true, the Sabbath stands as a memorial of the resurrection as well as the creation. We do not have the time or space here to discuss this point fully but if the reader desires more light on this subject of the resurrection he may write the editor of this paper and a tract on this subject will be sent you.

The Sabbath was kept in the garden of Eden before sin came into the world. It has been observed by God's true followers all down through the ages. It was kept by the Savior of the world and by all the apostles. The voice of God speaking through the sure word of prophecy tells us that "as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord." Isa. 66:22, 23. Just so long as the new heavens and the earth which God will make shall remain, which will be forever, just so long will God's Sabbath stand, and be kept by God's remaining people. There are no promises in the Bible to any but commandment keepers. "But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; to such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember His commandments to do them." Psalm 103:17-18.

A certain man once came to the Savior and asked Him the question: "Good master, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is God: but if thou wilt enter into life, *keep the commandments.*" Matt. 19:16, 17. There is but one class that will have a right to the tree of life and who will ever be permitted to pass through the pearly gates into the eternal city of God: "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. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and idolaters, and whosoever *loveth and maketh a lie.*" Rev. 22:14, 15.

## In Thy Presence

By

Roy Davison

*"Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name; the upright shall dwell in thy presence."* Psalm 140:13.

When we think of dwelling in the presence of the Lord we naturally look back to the time Jesus was among men. There we find Him visiting with Lazarus and his sisters, representing what it will be in the future. No doubt many others of whom we have no record learned to love His visits and to enjoy His presence, there to commune with Him concerning the work He was doing and of things to come.

Then again, when we think of His presence and of communing with Him we are carried back to the promised land. Here was a people of many thousands, whose generations had lived in Egypt more than four hundred years among those strange people who like all the nations worshiped some form of an idol rather than the God we know. Although the people of Israel were influenced to a great extent by the strange religions, they had some form of records telling of the God their forefathers had known, and the promise given, that some day they would be taken back to the homeland, there to become a great nation. This God of their fathers they had never seen neither was there a record of His having been seen. They like nearly all people seemed to be inclined to want a visible leader—a god that could be seen. But when He appeared to Moses in the burning bush with promise of deliverance, confirming the word with signs, they followed Moses and in reality let him do the believing. As long as they could partake of Moses' faith and see a future all went well, but when trials and hardships came they lost sight of that distant land and looked back to the life in Egypt, something they could see, even though it was slavery.

Along the journey, under these conditions God instructed Moses to build a tabernacle, a dwelling place. Not a dwelling for the people for they had their tents, but a place where God could dwell in their midst, in the very heart of the tent



village, wherever pitched. Although His person was not to be seen, He covered the tabernacle by cloud by day and by fire by night as a revelation of His power and presence. There He was to commune with them and teach them. There, if they had believed the signs and wonders, faith would have increased and in His presence they would have been transformed from idolatrous, evil, fleshly desires to a living faith, where they would no longer need signs and miracles to prove His power of caring for them. His word would have been all-sufficient. Because of their failure it has taken many centuries and many messengers, including Jesus of Nazareth and His personal witnesses all working with signs and wonders to impress upon the mind of man that God is a reality and will fulfill all His promises.

As one century after another has passed and men has learned more concerning God, the subject of a dwelling has been greatly enlarged upon and He now makes it plain that His presence is not alone in a house made by hands, but within the heart of each one, there to purify and cleanse the body as a dwelling. Is it possible in this age after so much teaching and so many miraculous works that one would require signs and wonders to convince him of God's existence, or of His power, or of His indwelling presence? Even in the days when Jesus dwelt with men He said, "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after signs." What wonderful things could be accomplished by a more complete acceptance of the Word by a greater realization of the indwelling presence, and a deeper hunger for those days when He will not alone dwell within us, but as is said, "Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them and be their God." Rev. 21:3. And "the upright shall dwell in thy presence." Ps. 140:13.

## Life--Spirit

By

E. W. Garner

What is life? From what source does it come and where does it go? Scientists have in all ages pondered over this question, seeking the answer from a scientific standpoint, and today, notwithstanding all the sources of knowledge they have at their command the question—"Where, and Whence?" remains unanswered — science cannot answer. There is only one authority who can answer—"God", who is life. Admitting that this is true, surely there can be no higher authority than He who made man. Job

recognized this fact for in chapter 10, verses 8-13 we read: "Thine hands made me and fashioned me together round about, yet thou dost destroy me. Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again? Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese? Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews. Thou hast granted (given) me life and favor, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit. AND THESE THINGS HAST THOU HID IN THY HEART; I know that this is with thee."

The above lines clearly tell the reason why man cannot fathom the mystery—it is hid from man in the mind of God. Man can only reason with the mind of man. Therefore, as the foolishness of God is greater than the wisdom of men, it is impossible for man to match his wisdom with that of the Creator. True it is that man has learned much. He knows that at one moment a life exists, and that the next it is gone. He also knows that the flesh returns to dust. But he cannot explain why, nor tell how that God can make flesh out of the dust. No, because it is hid in God's book of remembrance.

There being no other authentic source, let us see what information can be gleaned from the Word. Gen. 2:7 reads: "And the Lord God formed (shaped) man out of the dust of the earth." Here we have the account of the moulding or shaping of the soul of man, something resembling a statue but a dead soul for life is not yet given, so what is life? What is it that makes this soul a living soul? Note the rest of the verse: "...and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul."

What is life? Why, whatever it was that God gave that soul to make it alive, which was *breath*. Now friend, that breath is not you or any part of you, but in a sense is a part of God that is loaned you by Him for the short duration of your existence in this life. You want proof, here it is. Job 12:9, 10, "...that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this? In whose hand is the soul (margin, life) of every living thing and the breath of all mankind." Again, Job 34:14, 15; "If he set his heart upon man, and if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath. All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust."

Yes, friend, God is your life. Let us now read Deut. 30:20: "That thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him; for he is thy life, and the length of thy days. . . ."

Yes, the *spirit* that goes back to God who gave

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# True Christian Observance of the Lord's Supper

By

*Darrell A. Davis*

This service includes feet washing, eating of bread and drinking of wine. It was instituted to be a blessing to every child of God. Every true Christian, every true follower of Christ, should take part in this observance. The church should not, and does not, make it a test of fellowship; but Christ makes it a test of fellowship, for He said to Peter, "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me." John 13:8.

Every heart must be prepared for this solemn occasion. "Whosoever shall eat this bread and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord." 1 Cor. 11:27. "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself." Verse 29. Some have said, "I will not take part this year because I am not worthy." But God wants us to follow a few simple instructions, and then we will be worthy in His sight. "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup." Verse 28. "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." James 4:8. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9. Whether we *feel* worthy or not, God expects us to prepare ourselves the best we know how, and He will accept us.

The ordinance of feet washing will help to prepare us for the partaking of bread and wine. Feet washing is as much for us as the Lord's Supper is for us. Many professed Christians do not practice feet washing. They say that it is not necessary to actually perform the service, but just be willing to do it. The fact that they do not perform the service shows that they are not willing to do it. There is real enjoyment and happiness in it, if they only knew it. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." John 13:17. And the way to get the most lasting enjoyment out of such a service is to go to the one that has wronged you the most, or the one that you love the least, or the one that is least esteemed in the church, and wash that person's feet. The Holy Spirit will touch both your hearts, and you will have a joy and peace and comfort such as you cannot get in any other way.

Careful preparation should be made for the entire service. Unleavened bread should be baked

by a deaconess, or an elder's wife, or one of the other sisters in the church. This gives more sacredness and reverence to the occasion than when bread is purchased. The wine should be the pure juice of the grape, unfermented, and free from sugar or anything else. Matt. 26:29 speaks of the "fruit of the vine" which shows that it was not water, as some would try to make us believe.

The table should be covered with a clean, white cloth. The bread should be on one or more plates and should be broken and blessed in the presence of the assembly. The wine should be in clean individual glasses or cups. Some say that all drank from one cup, but it does not say so. In Matt. 26:27 we find the expression, "Drink ye all of it." This may mean that each one had a cup, for if there was only one cup for everybody, and the first one served was to "Drink ye all of it" there would be nothing left for the others.

The service shall be in charge of a minister or church elder, who shall break the bread. He shall also pass the bread and the wine. If more than one elder is present, the work may be divided. Deacons also are qualified to pass the bread and wine, which are emblems of the body and blood of Christ. 1 Cor. 10:16. All should wait until every one is served, and then all eat at the same time. Follow the same procedure when the wine is served, all partaking together. "Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another." 1 Cor. 11:33. The wine cups should be gathered and put on the table.

"And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives." Mark 14:26. A well known song should be sung to close the meeting. No benediction is necessary. Depart immediately in quiet meditation. Let no one remain to visit, not even for one minute, because that always destroys to some degree the spiritual uplift and experience that goes with it.

Any bread which has been blessed and unused should be consumed by fire. All this should be sacredly and religiously done. Wine which has been blessed and unused should be reverently poured out.

If there is any difference of opinion concerning the communion service, let us all have charity enough to try to have everything done in the way that will be agreeable to the greatest number of

believers. "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:53, 54. "And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." Luke 22:19, 20.

### OBITUARIES

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Two brothers—J. Williams and Arthur E. Clements—had preceded her in death. She was laid to rest in the Rusk Cemetery, where others of the family await the call of the Master in the resurrection morn.

"We sorrow not as those who have no hope" for we expect to meet her at the resurrection in the new earth, where sorrow and parting will be no more.

#### IN MEMORY OF SISTER WELLS

By Isaac N. Cramer

Our beloved friend and sister in Christ  
Has fallen asleep 'till Jesus returns;

So for that Day when He shall appear,  
Each one of our hearts most hopefully yearns.

Her life and deeds quite surely revealed  
A most Blessed faith which, down to the end,  
Gave her that deep sweet peace of the soul  
Which only can come through Jesus our Friend.

All of her friends her presence will miss  
And most keenly feel her death is their loss;  
But think of death as only a sleep,  
For Life was redeemed thru death on the cross.

Since sister Wells has chosen true life,  
Her fifty some years were not spent in vain;  
For though her pain and struggles are o'er  
She rests in the Hope of living again.

William Henry Sooter was born in Arkansas Sept. 15, 1886. When 18 years of age he was united in marriage to Rhoda Birdsong who preceded him in death Sept. 18, 1918. To this union 4 children were born. The oldest, Norma, died when about 1 year old. The living, Ina Ludicker of Goodman, Mo., Edgar of Sapulpa, Okla., Vernon of Cameron, Mo., also father, W. L. Sooter and brothers, Edd, Ervin, Oscar, Allin and one sister, Ruth Rhine.

He was converted in early life and united with the Church of Christ. Later he accepted the Sabbath and united with the Church of God but

due to the strife that shook the church a few years ago he came to the conclusion that all organization was wrong. He died suddenly at Tulsa, Oklahoma with a heart attack. Funeral services were conducted Feb. 25 at Tulsa, Okla., by T. J. Conkwright, pastor of the Baptist church at Sapulpa. Interment was made in Sapulpa cemetery.

Sent in by Ervin Sooter

### A False Idea Exploded

Many persons entertain the idea that it matters little what a person believes as long as sincerity is coupled with that belief. But, like many other ideas, this is not entirely founded on facts nor on Divine Revelation, for while it is true that sincerity is a very desirable quality, it is a known fact that thousands of people have been *sincerely mistaken* about some things.

Saul of Tarsus severely persecuted such as called upon the Name of the Lord. He said: "I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the Name of Jesus of Nazareth. Which thing I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests, and when they were put to death, I gave my vote against them" (Acts 26:9, 10).

Saul's sincerity did not hinder in resorting to violence—in fact his violence sprang from his sincere belief that these Christians were the very worst kind of heretics. He afterwards discovered his mistake and called himself the "chief of sinners" because he persecuted the Church of God. He "obtained mercy," was forgiven by God, and became the Apostle Paul and preached the faith which once he destroyed (Gal. 1:23).

Dear reader, you must believe in the essential Diety of the Lord Jesus Christ—"God manifest in the flesh"—and in His sinless life, and in His sacrificial death for your sins, in order to be a genuine Christian.

To entertain any other idea on this important matter is to be sincerely mistaken. Right conduct springs from a proper belief; therefore, what you believe about the Lord Jesus Christ is of vital importance. Is it any marvel then that the Bible says: "But without faith it is *impossible* to please Him; for he that cometh to God *must* believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" (Heb. 11:6).

To avoid being sincerely mistaken "prove all things" by the Word of God and "hold fast that which is good."

—The Fundamentalist.

## Christian Principles of Healthful Living

By T. J. Allen M. D.

### WHAT SHALL WE EAT?

This is a question that concerns everyone that is born into this world. God, in the beginning, made ample provision for man and every living creature that He created. The earth brought forth food before the creation of animal life, so that food was ready for their sustenance. Man by creation was a vegetarian. "And God said, Behold I have given you every herb bearing seed and every tree in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed, to you it shall be for meat." Gen. 1:29. But there was one reservation, "But the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Gen. 2:17. But man did eat of the forbidden tree, and as the result was driven from the garden of Eden to till the ground; "for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

After the fall and the sacrificial system was established to show man's faith in the promised Redeemer, the flesh of animals was added to his diet. Another reservation was made, all animals were not included, a distinction was made between the clean animals that were fit for food and the unclean animals that were unfit for food. The failure of the antediluvian world to obey the Lord regarding their manner of diet, and moral conduct were some of the sins for which they and the earth were destroyed by water.

As one of the signs of the last days and His second coming Jesus said: "But as the days of Noah were so shall the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage until the day Noah entered into the ark and knew not until the flood came and took them all away. Noah had been preaching and building the ark for one hundred and twenty years, yet the entire population of the earth except eight souls knew not of the approaching flood, or in other words they did not believe there would be a flood and ignored the warning God gave through the preaching of Noah.

It was all right for them to eat and drink to sustain life, but they made it the principal aim in life, and ate and drank to excess. It was all right to get married, because it is an institution established by God Himself, but they abused this

God given institution as a cloak for immorality. We know this because we know that this is the condition of the world today. Jesus was depicting conditions that would exist just prior to His second advent.

Never since the days before the flood has the world been given over to dissipation, gluttony, drunkenness and immorality as it is today. The marriage vows mean no more than a scrap of paper. I heard a joke over the radio the other evening which represents more truth than fiction. "A little Hollywood boy was asked by his teacher about his parents. He replied: I have had four papas' by my first mother, and three mamas' by my first papa." These conditions not only exist in Hollywood but all over the world.

Noah knew the difference between the clean and the unclean animals for God told him to take into the ark the clean animals by seven, the male and his female and the unclean animals by twos, the male and his female. Abraham used a mixed diet for when the angels visited him on their way to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, he had a young man dress a calf and Sarah baked cakes, and he set butter and milk and the cakes and the veal before his heavenly guests and they did eat. We know Isaac ate flesh food, because Rebecca and Jacob took advantage of his fondness of venison to deceive him and obtain the blessing he thought he was giving Esau.

In the ceremonial law, God very definitely specified the clean and the unclean beasts, fish, and fowl that were to be used as food. We believe the early Christian church recognized these distinctions but it seems that as the church began to apostacize that some of the unclean animals were used for food, this crept in with other heathen customs. John the Baptist lived on a diet of locusts and wild honey. Just what the locust was has been a disputed question, but it is believed to have been a kind of vegetable food. When God led the children of Israel out of Egypt they ate a meal of herbs, and roast lamb before leaving. They carried food with them to last them for a time. But when their food gave out, God sent them "manna" which contained all the elements necessary to sustain life. While they ate it they had remarkable health; there was no sick among them. Yet they were not satisfied and murmured for flesh food. God heard their murmuring and sent them quails, but they were sick from eating to excess, and many of them died. It sent leanness into their souls.

When Jesus was here He ate a mixed diet. He fed the five thousand with bread and fish, until they were full, and the people liked it, for some of them followed Him because they wanted more.

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## Thoughts on the Sabbath School Lesson

LESSON FOR MARCH 20, 1937

E T E R N A L L I F E

Scripture Reading: 1 John 5:8-14.

Golden Text: 1 John 5:12.

There are three that bear record in heaven, (verse 7); so are there also three factors that bear witness in earth (verse 8).

Number three seems to be a kind of mystic number in God's great plan. It takes three witnesses to establish a truth. The three must be as one in their agreement. This we find true in heaven. The Son spoke nothing of Himself. The Holy Spirit never speaks of Himself, but is the word of God spoken to man's soul.

There are many spirits in the world today who are misleading men and women into everything but truth. These false spirits God warns us against. The Spirit leads us on and on unto greater and greater light.

Now the three that bear witness in earth are also to agree in one, as truly as the heavenly record must do. There can therefore only be one true Spirit who leads us into all truth.

When you and I first heard or read the Word of God, His Spirit was there right then to plead with us to accept its teachings—pleading with us to just open our hearts to let light and truth shine in. The same spirit also showed us our lost and undone condition, and called us to repentance. It was the Spirit of God that spoke thru Peter on that eventful day of Pentecost long ago. "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost," he said in answer to those who heard him and cried out, "Men and brethren, what must we do to be saved?" The Spirit was at work in a mighty way that day both through those who spoke and in pleading with those who heard.

The Spirit's pleading with man is the first witness of God's great love for those who are out in sin. Then the next witness is the water after that the Spirit has called us to repentance. Then He leads us to the watery grave, there to be buried with Christ, and to again rise into a new life. There is only one true baptism and that is the believers baptism by immersion and not by sprinkling. Many do not realize the true meaning of baptism, and only use it as a means to join the church, but John calls it one of the three witnesses in earth to give us the assurance that we are the children of God. It is the outward sign of an inward act, and this inward act is the

our Redeemer Jesus Christ spilt on Calvary's cross—the blood that cleanses us from all ins." 1 John 1:7.

When you and I humbly and repently allow this blood of the Lamb of God to be applied to our heart's door the eternal death angel will pass over us and instead God will give us eternal life on that great day when His beloved Son shall appear the second time. Praise His name. We must have faith in these three witnesses and in God as He has spoken to us through Moses and the prophets of old and through His Son in these last days. If we doubt then we make God a liar (1 John 5:10), but if we believe then the Spirit works in us to repent, obey and to receive. These are the fruits of the Spirit, the water and the blood. Receive what! The gift of the Spirit which is the power to live for God, the power to put into practice the talents or talent He has given us to use in laboring for Him, and to give us the assurance of eternal life (verse 11). Herein is the peace that passes all understanding and the joy unspeakable. When our Spirit bears witness with the Spirit of God that we are one, then we can truly break forth in rejoicing. We can then say with Job, "I know that my redeemer liveth" and that we shall stand with Him in the latter day. Our Heavenly Father does not want us to have the least doubt about our salvation. Matter of fact, if you and I have any doubt at all concerning our eternal life, then we better get on our knees and pray through until we get the assurance, and when we get this assurance then we can also have the confidence that whatever we ask of Him as His children, that He will hear us (verse 14).

Eternally to be with Jesus who loved us so much, and eternally to be with the Father who gave His Son for us, and to be with His angels, and eternally to be with all those loved ones who obeyed the truth who had the faith of Jesus and kept God's commandments—what will it mean? Let us get this blessed assurance.

—Morten Pedersen

### WELCOME THE STRANGER AT CHURCH

A minister in the pulpit saw a man in a back pew with his hat on. He beckoned to a deacon who went to the man and asked him if he were aware his hat was on. "Thank God!" said the man. "I thought that would do it. I have attended this church for six months, and you are the first person who has spoken to me."

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### Palestine News Items

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

With unbounded enthusiasm for Jewish achievements in Palestine, five members of the American Trade Union delegation of seven that recently visited Palestine returned home last Tuesday evening on the S. S. Berengaria.

The members of the delegation summarized their impression of the Palestine visit in the following statement:

"We are tremendously impressed with the Jewish work of reconstruction in Palestine. The Jewish population, 55,000 at the end of the World War, has grown to over 400,000 at the end of 1936. Without exception, all the Jews in the country, and particularly the Jewish workers, have one thought in mind—that they are but the vanguard of the greater and larger masses of hundreds of thousands, nay millions, that are to follow them into Palestine. The longing for more and more masses of Jews to join them is perhaps the most characteristic feature of the whole of Palestine Jewry.

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Jerusalem. — One thousand Jews entered Palestine as immigrants during the month of February, it was stated in a provisional report issued this week by the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

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Jerusalem. — For the first nine months of the fiscal year, Palestine Government finances showed a surplus of \$491,920. This represented the excess of revenue at \$16,167,685 over expenditure at \$15,675,765. The total cash surplus of December 31st was \$31,830,970.

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Jerusalem.— The census conducted by the Histadruth, General Jewish Federation of Labor, reveals that there are over 110,000 Jewish laborers engaged in various phases of the country's agriculture, industry and transport.

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Jerusalem. — A record number of 12,000 Jewish workers is now in the colonies. Reports showed that 500 students had left school last week to take up jobs in the colonies.

The Histadruth is urging another thousand to join the mobilization in order to concide the orange-picking season.

Buiding operations in Tel Aviv and Haifa have been suspended to permit workers to join in the

Tel Aviv. — A new milestone in the history of the Jewish port of Tel Aviv was reported this week with the handling of a total of 1,200 tons of merchandise.

This amount of tonnage is half the quantity that can be handled at the great port of Haifa in the north and is two-thirds of what could be cared for at the older port of Jaffa just south of Tel Aviv.

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Jerusalem. — King Ibn Saud has forbidden Saudi Arabian nationals to meddle in Palestine affairs or to proceed to Palestine or Transjordan to join armed bands there, with death the penalty for disobedience, it was reported by *Haaretz*, Hebrew daily.

The paper also states that frontier patrols in Hedjaz have been strengthened to enforce the edict. The Moslem sovereign is also said to have written to the Arab Higher Committee of Palestine, condemning the recent terrorist acts.

—*The New Palestine*

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1897—1937

### FORTY YEARS OF SOJOURNEYING

In 1895 Theodore Hertzl, moved largely by the case of Alfred Dreyfus, French Jew who was submitted to terrific persecution, conceived the idea of forming a movement to get his suffering people back to Palestine as rapidly as possible. In 1897 the first Zionist Congress was held. Lord deRothschilds began to invest millions in land in Palestine to establish communal centers for Jews.

This movement has gone forward by leaps and bounds. While twice it has lagged in interest, providence seems to have prodded it forward. The World War resulted in the breaking of Turkish domination in Palestine, the greatest obstacle to Jewish entry, and the British Mandate has kept the door open to the Jews in spite of Arab opposition in the land.

When Zionist forces became badly divided, Hitler, the modern Haman, began his anti-Jewish movement in Germany. Only those who have read Hitler's "My Struggle" in the unexpurgated German edition, not allowed to be published abroad, know of the depths of his Jew-hatred. The continuous cold pogrom carried on by the Nazis has brought about solidarity in the Zionist forces and under the wise leadership of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Jewish forces and capital have poured into Palestine even during the Arab riots.

Many are interested in the fact that the year 1937 marks the fortieth year of this movement. Forty has always been a significant number in re-

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Christ's message to the churches.

**U**NTO the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

A.D. 96.

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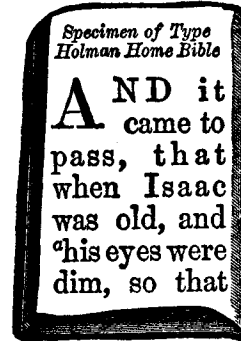
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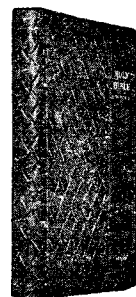
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## PALESTINE ITEMS (Continued from page 14)

lation to the history of Israel. There were 40 years of testing in the wilderness before entering the Promised Land. There were 40 years of grace following the crucifixion before the Jews were driven out in A. D. 70. Will there be some crisis in connection with the Zionist movement in the year 1937?

Dr. H. H. Wagner writes us: "It is a peculiar thing how closely the birth of Zionism through the heroic efforts of Hertzl resulted in his death, just as Moses earnestly tried to spare his brethren and deliver them (Ex. 2:11-17), resulting in his banishment from Egypt to return 40 years later and deliver Israel. A strange character has arisen in Israel, Vladimir Jabotinsky. He has marks of a leader who will bind his people by covenants and agreements in the not distant future, comparable with Isa. 28:14-19 . . ."

There are some prophetic students who believe the Zionist movement will fail, because, like every other ism, it depends upon the arm of the flesh. They regard the movement as a remarkable sign of the Lord's nearness, but do not believe it will meet the expectations of its promoters. They consider it the fig tree, putting forth leaves (Mt. 24:33) but believe the leaves will wither and fall from the tree. They hold that our Lord's words: "There shall be no fruit on the fig tree henceforth for ever", cannot be misunderstood. The Jewish people, striving to establish their nation in their own strength, must fail.

What then, may we expect? Suppose the League of nations is compelled to disappoint the Jews in carrying out the terms of the Balfour Declaration! Would this precipitate the "time of Jacob's trouble"? Would it lead to a covenant with the anti-Christ? Some believe it would result in the Jews immediately turning to Christ, but this we doubt, as the natural tendency would be to blame the so-called "Christian nations" for their plight.

It is at least striking that the taking of Jerusalem and the Balfour Declaration falls right in the middle of the 40 year period ending this year. We can only watch and wait while we "pray for the peace of Jerusalem." —Prophecy.

## LIFE—SPIRIT

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it is not you or any part of you, but breath, the breath of life that He breathed into your nostrils the moment you took your first breath.

Knowing that every breath we breath is dependent upon the grace of God, should we not make every effort to see to it that our lives are spent in doing those things that are pleasing and

what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away."

## EDITORIAL: A SAD LOSS

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the Lord."

We also used the short article on Courage, which appeared on the front cover of the *Bible Advocate* last week, March 1. This was written by brother Rodgers' daughter not long before his death. It expressed true Christian courage, even in the face of sickness and death—a courage based upon a true hope of the resurrection. I Thess. 4:13-18 & I Cor. 15:51-58 were used to show the time and manner of the resurrection, at the coming of the Lord Jesus in glory, an event which all signs show is now very near.

The obituary of brother Rodgers' life will appear in the *Bible Advocate* next week. Truly we have lost a faithful friend and brother and worker, but we take courage from his life and press on trusting in the Savior, whom he served and trusted.

S. J. K.

## WHAT SHALL WE EAT? (Continued from page 12)

This proves that it is not a sin to eat flesh foods if we eat the animals that God designed as fit for food. I have had as patients for a number of years two men, one is now 96 and the other 97 years old, neither of them use tobacco or alcoholic drinks. They eat simple foods in as near the way the Lord created it as possible, and some clean meats, and they both regard their longevity to their simple manner of life, and I believe that is true.

From the study of the diet question, I am convinced that a vegetarian diet of vegetables, grains, nuts, and fruit, combined with animal products, eggs, butter and milk, is the most ideal food for mankind. If these products are not available, I believe a mixed diet of the ordinary vegetables, commonly used and meat of clean animals, fish or fowl is the next best. Honey and fruits can be used with either a meat or vegetable diet. A mixed diet of meat and vegetables is better than a vegetable diet which does not contain the essential elements to nourish the body. Let us as children of God use common sense and judgment in regard to what we eat and drink. Let us eat to live and not live to eat. "And whether we eat or drink or whatsoever we do, do all to the glory of God."

## LORD'S SUPPER DATE

The beginning of the 14th of the Hebrew month, Nisan comes this year at sundown, Mar. 25th. The fifteenth of Nisan thus begins at sundown, March 26th.



