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"All ye inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth, see ye; when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountain and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye."—Isaiah, 18:3.

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Why The Vail of The Temple Was "Rent In Twain"

By J. Sidney

To be in The Presence of God is the Best Thing in the world. YES, More, it is the Most Exalted Thing in the Universe. Also, to be Cast Out from The Presence of God is the most humiliating thing, and to deliberately leave The Presence of God (as Satan did and as Cain did, and as all do who reject God) is the most wicked thing in the universe. Gen. 4:16. We can't understand it, yet, maybe, but that is how it is.

And, the promise, that "we shall see His Face" (Rev. 22:4) is a thing of Very Great Value. So, we can see that Jesus lost a whole lot when He was cast out from The Presence of God. And the prayer He made concerning it (Jn. 17:5) shows that He realized it, and looked longingly forward to getting it back.

Now, how came it, that Jesus ever got cast out from The Presence of God? He Who (Personally) did nor knew no sin? Well, it was this way. When man sinned, God either had to impute his sin directly to him (which meant death) or else inpute it to someone else. Which also meant death (to that "some one else") but would (thereby) free the man. That "Some one Else", as we all understand, was Jesus. So Jesus had the sins of man imputed to Him. And having sins on Him, necessarily had to leave God's Presence. Whether, or not it is because God, The Father, has such a bitter feeling of hatred against any thing wrong that He will not tolerate it just because He has the power to not do so, which I very much doubt, but it is a fact that sin and righteousness, simply, cannot exist together. Right and wrong cannot exist together. Can you do right and

wrong both? You can do some right and you can do some wrong. But can you do absolutely right in all things and do any wrong? At all? How could you? Neither can God. And as "God is a Consuming Fire" (Deut. 4:24) it is plain to be seen that anything, contrary to His Absolute Righteousness, would be entirely Consumed. So, it was that Jesus had to leave. Leave "The Bosom of The Father" where He had dwelt since "before the world was". Jn. 1:18 and 17:5.

Jesus understood this, of course, as it was agreed upon between Him and His Father, as we all have, long ago learned, and also, all the angels, knew of and witnessed it. And, at once a Cordon of angels was thrown between the Throne of God and His Cast out Son. Not that we are to understand that Jesus would try to get back, and that physical force would have to be resorted to, to keep Him away, but rather, that the matter was to be witnessed, by angels, when Jesus left, and witnessed by them all through the period that He was cast out, and finally witnessed by them, with rejoicing, too, as it was in Ps. 24:7-9, predicted, and finally carried out, as told in Eph. 4:8, at its close. For, you know that God never leaves Himself "without a witness." (Act. 14:17).

Now, all this Separation Experience of Jesus, is told us by the type of the actual things in the sanctuary in Heaven, as recorded in The Old Testament.

In Ex. 25:8 and 9, it says "Let them make Me a Sanctuary * * * according to all that I shew thee." "After the Pattern of the Tabernacle", etc. So, the tabernacle here, was made in imitation of The One actually in Heaven. And things done here in imita-

tion of things actually done in Heaven. So as the tabernacle, here, had a separating veil of living angels represented to us by the cherubim wrought in the curtain. Now, what was the Separating Veil in The Tabernacle in Heaven for? Ans. To separate the High Priest, Jesus, from God's immediate presence, there, same as the separating veil, here, separated the priest from the immediate presence of the shekinah of God's glory. For, although Jesus was cast out from God's Immediate Presence, He was not cast off, forever, was not cast far away. He was not separated FAR away, but was separated "Between" so that He could, like the high priest, here, "come near." Jesus was not separated from the Holy Apartment of the Heavenly Sanctuary, but only from the Most Holy. From God's Immediate Presence. The First apartment of The Heavenly Sanctuary was a Holy Place and Jesus, as High Priest and representing man as He bore the sins of man, could remain in and Officiate in, this first apartment and could "come near" to God. But not into God's presence, immediate, during His work of the first apartment, while it lasted. The work in the first apartment here, lasted every day in the year, except the one day of atonement, when Aaron went into the second apartment. So the Work of Jesus as High Priest in The First Apartment of The Sanctuary in Heaven lasted from the time He took it up, at the fall of man, till He came and died on the Cross. Then, when He ascended to Heaven and entered The Most Holy Place, the Second Apartment, "Sat at the Right Hand of God," (Heb. 1:3), was when His work in The First Apartment ended and when His Work of Atonement began in The Second Apartment of The Heavenly Sanctuary. Then is when "The Veil of the Temple" was "Rent in twain from the top to the bottom." Then is when God, the Father, waved aside the Cordon of angels that had, for 4000 years stood as a veil between His Cast-Out Son and Him. Then, was when The Great and Holy Father's Face was wreathed in smiles, in joyful anticipation, of, again, receiving back His Son to His side and bosom. He Who had not only been gone 4000 years but had been to a bad place. Thru a bad Experience. Thru an experience that is not at all due to them that have Life in them selves. Is there joyful preparation? Is there happy anticipation? Are there many, many loving manifestations as The Cast Out and long-gone son returns? There was when the prodigal son returned. Look at your own case. Oh! Jimmie is coming home. Oh! Charlie is coming back. Things are done, because of joy. Things here are faint. But THERE, The Living Gates were commanded to "Lift up your heads ye everlasting Doors that the King of GLORY may come in." (Ps. 24:7).

So, that is why The Veil of The Temple was rent in twain, from the top to the bottom. To show that The Cordon of living angels, had stepped aside from around The Throne of God and The Long Cast-Out Son was to find an Open Pathway to "The RIGHT HAND of God." To show that His Humiliating, Painful but Triumphant Ordeal was Accepted of The Father and from that on, He was to be no more cast-out nor cast down nor humiliated. But Loved and Honored, as was His due.

The type, here, showed a veil, inwrought with figures of angels. The Tabernacle, There, had a

Veil, of living angels, lined up around The Throne of God.

The type here, showed a first apartment, with an officiating High Priest who on the typical day of atonement, entered the second apartment. The tabernacle there had a First Apartment, with The High Priest, Jesus, Who, on The Anti-typical Day of Atonement, at His ascension, entered The Second Apartment of The Heavenly Sanctuary, ("THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD"). When He died, the cordon of holy angels was removed from between Him and God, the Father, and, at that same instant "The veil of the temple", here, "was rent from top to bottom."

Done because the type, here, must correspond, in every particular, to The Heavenly (the antitype), there. Also done that we might see, that the long pictured day of atonement, here, had met its antitype and that The Real life-giving, great, antitypical Day of Atonement, there, had begun. To show, to us, that The Great and Genuine Baptizer, (that John the Baptist told us was to come) (Mat. 3:14) had come and that from then on we might expect that He would "Shed forth this" (as Peter expressed it on the day of Pentecost).

Yes, Jesus endured separation, from a loved one for 4000 years. Some of us think it is severe if we have to endure separation from a loved one for any length of time. I would not speak lightly of this, either. This is a God-given trait, and it is pure and holy. But, brethren, if it really is a God-given thing then it shows that God Himself has the same trait, and can feel it too. And of course much more keenly than man is capable of. But Jesus was faithful and bore it without murmuring. He had work to do, and attended to it faithfully. He was not an outcast from heaven. No, He was still the Son of God and was still beloved of God and of the holy angels. These angels knew that He was consenting to this outcast ordeal. They knew that He had voluntarily offered Himself for man's redemption, and while He had to stay away from the Great and Holy Father while He bore the sins of man, still, He could "come near", had His appointed work to do and His place in heaven. He was Michael The Archangel, and as such was commissioned to go and resurrect the body of Moses. He was HIGH PRIEST in the first apartment of the Heavenly Sanctuary, "after the Order of Melchizedek." The order of Melchizedek, is the Order of The Heavenly High Priesthood. As the heavenly sanctuary itself, is a more exalted place than the Mosaic, (being the temple that God pitched and not man). So, The Heavenly High Priesthood is a much more exalted position than the Aaronic.

The Order of Melchizedek, required for its High Priesthood, some one whose length of life is not reckoned by "days", "The evening and the morning was the first day." Some one far more superior than any human. The reckoning of length of Life by "days" refers to man. To the human race. The one required (Jesus) is the only one who ever was a High Priest, whose length of life is not reckoned by "days". There never has been but ONE High Priest connected with the Heavenly Sanctuary in any way. And That is Jesus. A priest is a mediator. And there is, (and never has been) but "one Mediator, between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Tim. 2:5). As soon as man fell, the mediatorial work of Jesus began. Angels did the work of the common priest-

hood, and Jesus as High Priest awaited His time to officiate in the Second Apartment, but was High Priest "after The Order of Melchizedek", all along thru the 4000 years. And He had it made permanent when He proved successful at the Cross and sat down at the Right Hand of God." He had to wait 4000 years that the "Due Time", should come. "In Due Time Christ died for the ungodly." Rem. 5:6.

That He was High Priest, after "The Order of Melchizedek", we know by the fact that He, alone, can answer the description of Melchizedek, which is given in the 7th Chapter of Hebrews. Jesus as The Son of God, is without "Beginning of days" ("evenings and mornings") and He is, (and always was) "without end of Life." Jesus, as men reckon, from the stand point of the human race, is "without father or mother. Did not come from a married couple of the human race. Jesus, as men reckon "descent", was "without descent." (Some translators say "pedigree, some say genealogy.) That is, could not trace His human descent from any married father and mother, and also did not have any children of His own, according to the flesh. Again, Jesus is the only "King of Righteousness," that ever was or ever will be. No human can claim that title nor an angel. Jesus is The only "King of Peace." Called "King of Salem" at that time. Jesus demonstrated that. By a Living Experience, to be "The King of Peace, or, as we lovingly know Him nowadays, "PRINCE of Peace. Jesus, during the waiting time of the 4000 years, from the fall to the Cross, was High Priest. And the Order was "the Order of Melchizedek." So it was entirely proper for Him to meet Abraham, returning, and we see that Abraham recognized Him as "The Priest of the Most High God." And, there being, at that time no Mosaical tabernacle service, nor Levitical priesthood to collect it, Abraham showed that he was posted, and was faithful and did the proper thing and gave to God His rightfully reserved part, the tenth.

So we can see that this mysterious sounding explanation and description in Heb. 7 is all as plain as day, that it was Jesus Who, being the One Mediator, the only Antitypical High Priest, could and did act under the name of Melchizedek, to meet Abraham, when occasion made it proper to do so. He acted as one of three angels when He came to Abraham, at the time Sodom was burned. He acted as Michael when He came to resurrect Moses. He acted as "Captain of the Lord's Hosts" when He appeared before Joshua. (Josh. 5:14). And He acted as Melchizedek, Priest of the Most High God when He met Abraham. (Gen. 14:18).

When the word, "Melchizedek", is said to mean "King of Peace", it means that Jesus, at the fall, started out on a God-given plan to bring about Peace. "Peace" is what there was before Adam sinned. And "Peace" must be restored. Either that or the whole scheme of creation was a failure and entirely lost.

It took 4000 years to do it, for the reason that man must have a chance to see what he had done, must be taught, have a chance to choose and so on.

But "Peace" was what Jesus started out to restore. That is why He was called, right in the start, "King of Peace". Or in the word, then used "Melchizedek."

The opposite of the word peace is enmity. So, this thought is exactly what God had in mind (in Gen. 3:15) when He said to the serpent, I will put

enmity between thee and "My people" (the woman). As much as to say to satan, you think you have won. You have succeeded in starting the opposite of peace, some, among the human race. But I am going to send My Son. I am going to call Him "King of Peace", Melchizedek, at the very start. You can be the prince of evil and enmity and war and trouble, if you want to. But I am going to send My "King of Peace", and the enmity that you have started, will be turned against you. "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed (all that choose to do so as you have done) and the woman's seed, (those who choose to believe and follow Me). And I am going to do it by My "Melchizedek", My "King of Peace." I will admit that you will succeed in "bruising His heel", but the out come of it will be that He "will bruise thy head."

That is the substance of that precious prophesy there in Gen. 3:15. So from all this, we can see, what a mighty and blessed work Jesus, right at once, started out on and why He was called "Melchizedek". And great and mighty praises be to God Most High, He succeeded. And won His title "Priest forever, after the order of King of Peace." And thruout eternity we, who are saved will know Him as He, who was the one by whom all who are saved did come to the Father and by whom all will always be kept in a world without end. Which means the New Earth.

Here in this world we are invited to "Consider how great this man was to whom even the patriarch, Abraham, gave the tenth of the spoils. (Heb. 7:4). That is a verse in the Bible that draws a comparison between the "great man" of Paul, and also all the rest of the Jews, and some one else that Paul acknowledges was far greater than Abraham. Abraham would not have been led nor allowed by the Lord to have given up any of those spoils to any man. There was no Levitical arrangements then, and so it was the same heavenly visiting arrangement that Abraham was accustomed to and informed about and ready always to recognize, namely a visit from the Lord, in the person of His Son, then "Melchizedek, the Priest of the Most High God." So, we are invited to "consider how great this man was", this man Jesus. All right, let us do that. Now Lord, how great a man was this man? And the Lord's answer, in the 6th verse and onward, is, this Man did not and does not reckon His descent from man. Well Lord, if He does not count His descent from man, what does that mean? How does that show that He was great? And again the Lord's answer is that it shows that He must have been My Son. For, you know that there is no other way to get men only by the begetting of men or the "Only Begotten Son of God."

So we can see that any verse or any view we take we are brought to the sound, inevitable, fair and honest conclusion that "Melchizedek" was Jesus. Before the coming of the Cross. And that since then, that He is "Melchizedek" still. Or to put it in other words, He is Jesus made a High Priest FOREVER, after the same order He was in when He was only "Melchizedek".

And we know that that Title He will always bear. Then in the 7th verse it tells us that Abraham (the less) was "blessed of the better", (meaning Jesus). For there was at that time no greater man, in God's sight, than Abraham. God having given him to be the "Heir of the world" (Rom. 4:13) and the father

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of all them that believe. (Rom. 4:11). So, you see, as I do, that The One that Abraham met and payed tithes to was The Son of God, Jesus, Whom Abraham knew and recognized as the collector of tithes in his day.

The Astounding Grace of God

By W. W. Walker

Grace is unmerited favor granted to this world. It was brought back to God by the sacrifice of His only begotten Son. "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.

God, seeing man in sin, was moved with compassion, and gave His dear Son to suffer and die, that whosoever believeth should not perish but have everlasting life. "To wit, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself (or back to God) not imputing their trespasses unto them: and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." 2 Cor. 5:19.

The Father was in the Son and accepted the sacrifice of the Son for the sins of the whole world. "For he (God) hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." v. 21. That we might be made right before God, for He suffered and died for our sins that we might have everlasting life by believing. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness: and with the mouth confession (or is declared) is made unto salvation." Rom. 10:10.

"Who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned." 1 Pet. 2:24-25.

It was God's pleasure to give to us his Son to suffer for us that we might have the free gift of unmerited favor, by declaring that Christ did save us from all sin, and believing not doubting, that He has redeemed us back to God. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23.

All having sinned we were without God but now are justified by the free gift of His Son. "Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; whom God has set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance (or suffered it to be) of God. To declare, I say at this time His (God's) righteousness: that He might be just (that God might show that He was just) and the justifier of Him which believeth in Jesus." Rom. 3:24-26.

This sets forth the mission of Christ and the acceptance of God the Father, to every creature under the sun, and everlasting life to every one that believeth. What should we believe? That God did accept the Son's sacrifice for our sins. "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident: the just shall live by faith." Gal. 3:11. By the law we die, by faith we live. "For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8-9.

SERMONETTE

By Lloyd Clinton Shanklin, B. D.

SALVATION AND HEALING BELONG TOGETHER.

Words express thought. Thought is the expression of mind. By the word of God expressing the thought of God we get the mind of God. The Bible is the book through which God has revealed His will to man. The Commandments of God and the faith of Jesus are the standards of right. If we violate them we suffer.

The Wages of sin (which is the transgression of law) is sickness, sorrow, pain and death. There are natural laws and spiritual laws. The violation of natural laws brings physical death. Disregard for Bible truth and the sin of unbelief causes spiritual stagnation and religious suicide, resulting in a life of misery and shame.

By the law is the knowledge of sin. Repentance for transgression with Godly sorrow, having faith toward God, returns one to Him whom to know is life. As a result of improper thoughts and acts we generate disease in our bodies. To rid ourselves of it we must return to our Father's house in faith, believing that He will free us from suffering and heal us of our infirmities.

Our Heavenly Father has ordained that by the laying on of hands and prayer, anointing with oil in the name of the Lord, the sick shall be healed, according to Jesus. Prayed-over handkerchiefs and aprons were also sent for the recovery of health by Paul, and Jesus practiced absent healing by praying the healing prayer at a distance.

The desire of our Maker is that we shall all be well and happy christians to glorify Him. The spoken healing word in prayer, with the laying on of hands causes the patient to respond by opening the way for the power of God to come in, and healing is the result. A clean life with health, happiness and prosperity follows to the glory of Him who is invisible.

Can A Child of God Bob Her Hair.

By Mrs. W. Moore

Dear Readers,-

Do we want God's protection and care, then listen what Jesus said, John 8:29. The Father hath not left me alone, "why", because I do always those things that please Him.

Now, does it please Him to see a woman with bobbed hair? Listen again, if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her; for her hair is given her for a covering.

Taking it on Bible grounds, Paul, in I Cor. 11:15, is very explicit on the subject. In verse 5, he intimates that it is a shame for a woman to be shorn. In verse 10, he says, a woman ought to have power "dignity" on her head. In verse 13, 15, he plainly teaches that it is wrong for a woman to be shorn of her hair, long hair is given her by "GOD" for a covering. In verse 16, he says, if any man "person" be contentious, "WE" have no such custom, neither the Churches of God.

GOD'S children did not bob their hair in those days.

"All" scripture is given for (our) learning on whom the ends of the world are fallen. We cannot think this lesson was put there by chance, but that GOD who sees the end from the beginning, seeing that in these last days Satan would use this very means to deceive and lead astray, His people; and that many who really love God, and desire to please Him, would be lead away by plausible excuses; So, He gave that knowledge by Paul, that we might have the record to guide us, therefore we are without excuse. The common excuse that short hair is more healthy savors of presumption, as if our Maker did not know better than we do ourselves what is good for us, or would give that which is unhealthy.

For the short tight skirts, there is no excuse. No child of GOD, or real modest woman, will wear a skirt that will not well cover her knees, when she sits down. It is disgusting to see a grown woman with her hair bobbed and short skirts. All her womanhood is stripped from her.—Mrs. W. Moore, Route 1, Box 252, So. Jacksonville, Florida.

A Letter

Oklahoma City, March 5, 1928

Dear Readers of the Remnant of Israel,-

Sister Lucile Rupert Smith has asked me to become a regular contributor to the Remnant of Israel with at least one article each month and I shall do my best to comply with her request. I wish to here and now express my appreciation to her publicly for her loyal support of our meeting in Oklahoma City, which after all a success in spite of our losses here. We have had about twenty-five converts and about 300 cases of healing. Our crowds and interest have been fair considering the weather and time of year. We appreciate the contributions that some of you have already sent us to assist us in this work and towards the new tent, which is very badly needed as spring is coming on and we can use it. I guess most

of you are aware of the fact that Dec. 2, 1927, we lost our big new tent and equipment by fire. We assure you that any offering which you wish to send us will be appreciated to help replace same and for the preaching of the gospel.

We are closing our meeting here at this time, March 4th, and opening a much larger evangelistic campaign in Convention Hall at Shawnee, Oklahoma, to start Monday night, March 5th. We wish to solicit your prayers and cooperation in this meeting. Our new address will be until further notice,

Evang. Lloyd Clinton Shanklin, B. D.,
Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Zionist Move is Failure, Says Paper.

LONDON—The Daily Express, avowedly hostile to British commitments to zionism in Palestine, featured Friday what it represented to be a complete failure of the zionist movement.

The paper said, "What may be the final scenes in the tragedy of a still-born nation now are being enacted."

It cites figures from the Palestine administration report for the three months ending September 30 and other data intended to show that there is general commercial and financial stagnation, widespread unemployment, falling revenue and internal strife.

Among other things the paper said: "Perhaps the darkest fact of the situation is the virtual cessation of financial relief from zionist sources outside of Palestine. The main stream from the United States appears to have dried up and it is reported that failure of remittances from that quarter has been so complete that the zionist organization found itself compelled at the end of November to cease the weekly doles which it had been paying to unemployed. Unless immediate aid is forthcoming a large section of the Palestine Jews will be on the verge of starvation."

Extracts From Letters

Denver Colorado, January 26th, 1928

Lucile R. Smith,
Dear Sister in the Lord,-

Received your letter a few days ago asking for pledges for the support of the "Remnant" for 1928.

As for me, will say I cannot make any pledge. I used to make pledges and then didn't keep them, so I would have been better off if I hadn't made them.

But I have promised the Lord that I will give one-tenth of all my earnings from now on to Him for His work, or in some way for His use, and I will say that a part of it will go for the publishing of the "Remnant". But I cannot say how much, but I will do what I can.

I was operated on last summer and it cost me quite a bit and then I have been out of work so much since that I am short of means just now, I haven't worked since in November. But soon as work opens up in the spring and I get to work I will help some.

I enjoy reading the Remnant and want to see

Extracts of Letters (Continued)

the good work go on. May God bless you in the work and the Word be scattered throughout the land.

Yours in the Lord,
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Your paper received February 6th. This is wonderful paper. God bless all who contribute to the paper and especially the managing editor.

Dear Sister Smith,-

I notice in your November number of your paper a request for pledges for 1928. I have been reading your paper and find it very interesting. I am enclosing check for \$5.00. It may help some in the good work.

Very respectfully yours,
* * * * *

Milford, Ill., February 7th

Dear Sister in Christ,-

I am at last able to answer your welcome letter. It always does me good to hear from a Christian that has the same faith that we have as I am the only Sabbath keeper far and near around here. Although I have good courage. Well, Dear Sister, I am sincere in paying tithes and want to do so as it is our duty. I will try and pay a dollar or that much at least or pay in larger amount. You can depend on that.

I sincerely hope I can do more for the good work but will send what I can each month or more some times. I certainly am anxious for the paper as that is the only one of its kind. I think this January paper fine on age of world.

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One brother said to me: "You shouldn't put anything in the Remnant, that isn't the truth. You are responsible to each one of your readers, not to lead him astray." Now I accept that responsibility, so far as I am able. But I am finite and fallible. My conceptions of truth are constantly changing, more or less, with study. Of course, I have to edit, and choose much printed and written matter. I can't print it all. And when I DO choose to print an article, because I think it good, and Bible, I can't bear to tear that manuscript all to pieces, even though I may not see plainly every point made. I give my readers credit for being as good judge as myself. We should never accept anything anyway without proving it by the scripture, to the best of our ability. Don't want all your food predigested. Digest it yourself—with God's help. "If any man lack wisdom" etc.

Anyone wishing to get some one to speak or give Bible studies on "The Northern Army," "The Yellow Peril," "Salvation by Grace," and other subjects will do well to correspond with W. W. Walker, 518½ S. 6th Street, St. Joseph, Mo. He says he will be glad to do this work, if you will let him know, and satisfactory arrangements can be made.

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Since putting the article in the paper "Have Seventh Day Adventists been deceived", I have had several communications expressing the idea, that I had shown an unkind spirit—a spirit of "pulling down" other denominations. That is very far from the motive which actuated the printing of that article. I have tried to keep the Remnant free from

such a spirit. I have never believed one could build himself up by tearing down others.

Here is my answer to one brother who wrote me regarding this:

Dear Brother,-

Your letter received and I appreciate the Christian spirit in which it was written. Although you rebuked me, the Christ spirit pervaded the whole letter.

I know only too well, the shock the article gave you. I have experienced it. My father was a minister for the Seventh Day Adventist denomination for forty years. And I was raised to believe that no one else could be right. And even though it was that same father, who later, through his study of the "Word", became convinced that he had been mistaken, and he brought that message to us, it was a number of years before I accepted it.

In fact he begged us not to accept anything just because "daddy said so", but to study for ourselves. And also not to, because of a few mistakes, discard all the truth they had. That is the right spirit to have.

A person can become bitter if he's disillusioned or he can be grateful and more determined than ever to hunt for the truth, and when he sees it, accept it. Remember there is no individual, or set of individuals who have a corner on Truth.

To you I seemed very unkind to publish the article you mention. Of course I did not write it, but I had had many inquiries for just that line of information, so I used this article from the College View paper, which, I thought, told it much better than I could.

Personally, my friendship and association, both past and present, with Seventh Day Adventists, is very dear to me. I would not, intentionally hurt them for anything. But I feel that they are mistaken in some things.

Don't feel hard toward anyone. Love every one. Prove all things and hold fast that which is good. Who was it said, "Never feel hard toward anyone who does not agree with you, for in a short time you may not agree with yourself?" And so it is I expect no one to accept anything because I say so, or because it is in the Remnant. The object of the Remnant is to give people food for thought.

When God wanted to show Paul where he was wrong, He did it with a most severe jolt.

So don't be too hard on the Remnant because of that article. Don't accept it all, if it doesn't seem right, but I'm sure you'll gain benefit from its monthly perusal.

Lucile Rupert Smith.

A Talk on Christmas

By *Benj. Watkins*

Dear Friends,-

Let us talk about this "great Christmas Spirit" which the World, the Flesh, and the Devil, so confidently teaches. Let me define its evil inspired "Spirit". It is surely Anti-Christ, nothing else. The Roman Catholic, as all the rest of the Churches, are vehement supporters of this Anti-Christian question.

"Big business" and the "World" join these of course, being their ally throughout.

The name of CHRIST is blasphemed. "Think of it" linking the name of our LORD with this Pagan-Papal custom derived from heathen practices.

The loud defiance this season, of this strictly deceitful custom alarms me when I recall the days of my youth, when few but Catholics recognized the day at all, now every one shouts of Christmas and Santa Claus. Nothing else is spoken of during this season of dancing, joy-riding and feasting.

SANTA CLAUS is everywhere worshiped. No one is brave enough to combat this spirit of "Anti-Christ". However, prophesy must be fulfilled; "When He comes, shall He find faith on the earth," I fear to answer, knowing the truth. Faith of our LORD is being transferred to the Sun God and his under deity, "SANTA CLAUS."

When to Keep the Passover

March 20, 1928, 3:45 P. M., (Eastern Standard Time), is the Spring Equinox. The next day, March 21, 3:29 P. M., is the New Moon. This new moon is the Beginning of the year to God's people. (All those who obey God and keep His Commandments, His Statutes and His Laws). This is the "First month of the year to us." (Ex. 12:2). On the FOURTEENTH Day of the First Month, is when they killed their passover, and that same night ate the passover. So Jesus was killed on The Fourteenth Day of the First Month. For the Antitype, ALWAYS, fulfills, in perfect detail, the type that is given. So, the fourteenth day of this first month is when we are to eat the passover. "At even," (which is, (Bible Time) the beginning of the 15th). For in partaking of the (Bread and Wine), "Lord's Supper". (I Cor. 11:20), we are keeping The Ordinance of the passover." Ex. 12:14). We cannot, now kill a lamb, because "The Lamb of God" has been killed, for us. "Christ our passover is sacrificed for us," (I Cor. 5:7). But we are required to observe the Ordinance, just as truly.

Jesus did not eat the passover with the disciples. He COULD NOT. For The Passover was not to be eaten until after it was killed. In Lu. 22:15 it does not teach that He WAS EATING it with them. It only expresses that He had a hearty desire to do so, but (next verse), says that He WOULD NOT ANY MORE DO SO "till the Kingdom of God" gets here. (Which will be in the coming "Wilderness" experience). But Jesus, "on the night that He was betrayed," (I Cor. 11:23). "Took Bread," etc. and ate supper with them and instituted "The Lord's Supper," which was to serve as the memorial of The Passover in place of killing a lamb. But it is to be eaten as The Passover Ordinance, in Remembrance of Him. And, as the Passover was eaten on the night following the killing on the fourteenth, (really the beginning of the fifteenth, for that would be after sundown, when the fifteenth began), (Bible Time). We are to eat "The Lord's Supper," (of Bread and Wine), AFTER SUNDOWN on the night of Tuesday, April 3, 1928. Which, (Bible Time), is the beginning of the fifteenth day of the first month.

Which Shall Be Stronger? Love For God, or Love For "Loved Ones?"

There are a lot of good things that can be said on this interesting and serious subject. One thing, it is certainly Sweet and Blessed when we do have loved ones (sisters, brothers, children, wife or parents) to see that they too are giving their hearts daily to Jesus and are being led By The Lord. And too it does not follow that because any of them (or all) do not, that we are to entertain any feeling of bitterness or strife or accusation concerning them. No they are all souls for whom Jesus died and like it says (in I Cor. 7:16), "For what knoweth thou * * * Whether thou shalt save them."

So even if we see and decide that we love God way, way better, and deeper and more tenderly than we do them, yet we are to do as Jesus has done for all, do for them, and leave results with God.

You know that there are two kinds, or degrees or phases of Love. Not as I know how to name them but as The Bible tells it. "God is Love." But His Love is expressed (or named) in two different ways. 1st "God SO loved the World" that He died for them (by His Son Jesus), and 2nd "This is my WELL BELOVED SON." So there are two kinds of Love, as expressed by The Lord Himself, and of course for us, "SO" Beloved, and "WELL Beloved."

And it is plainly evident, when we stop to consider that God Himself cannot love a persistent sinner and unbeliever like He can (and does) a believing and penitent sinner (No matter how great his sins). God cannot have a tender affection for the one like He can for the second. Neither ought WE. And if we do let ourselves continue to entertain such in our hearts and minds, saying (as people have said) "if my beloved ones cannot be there I do not want to be there Myself," or even if we do not constantly remember and cultivate the thought that GOD is "The One Altogether Lovely." (God and Jesus), and our associates here (while we love them) ARE NOT. We simply sin that's all and will be seen to have made a CHOICE. A choice which is REALLY AGAINST GOD, and which, of course, will (in the end), cast us out.

So I can see that there is a feature of danger in this setting our hearts on loved ones here below. And a strong necessity to cultivate against it. Or to put it this way, Cultivate tender love for God which of itself will enable us to distinguish and admire the Beautiful strength of difference between the two.

Naturally, you know, (in this life) we don't love God. It is a plant that has to be SET OUT (planted) in our heart garden by the Great Gardener, Himself (Jesus). And, also, has to be cultivated By Him, as well.

And, you see, (let us be here reminded) a gardener cannot cultivate a garden unless he be let in to the garden). Or (to put it plainly and practically), Jesus cannot set out the Plant of love for Him in our hearts unless He is let in to our hearts to start with, (That's conversion, which all understand about). Also He cannot daily water and cultivate

that Very Valuable Plant unless He is daily let in to our heart.

WE OWN our heart. The possession of it is fully given to us. To choose freely what shall be done with it and what shall occupy it. Whether it shall be over-run with weeds, or be a beautiful ornament to the landscape. And to get the latter effect we must have the Competent, Skilled Gardener (Jesus).

That is why it is so imperative that every morning (on waking) every single and consecutive morning of our lives the first thing when we wake, we "Hear the Voice" of this Gardener, and "open the door" of the garden.

I remember, distinctly when over 30 years ago I made up my mind I would not only profess christianity but would actually live it, I realized right away that I did not love God. I feared and wanted to serve Him, but that I did not actually love Him. That my whole tendency was to love other things. And I came to the point where I told Him I did not love Him. Then I began to pray "Give me to love Thee so I will want to serve Thee. Of course He answered it. That is the kind of prayer He is looking for to answer. And at first I, (not knowing about "Hearing His Voice," every morning I would see a strong tendency every day to not want to let myself love Him. But when I did see that and began to practice it, (Namely "Hear His Voice" every morning on waking and open my heart to Him anew, (get converted anew you see). I found that He was actually present in my heart, and being present all the "strong tendency" (above mentioned) lost its strength and the strength of my love for Him grew and grew and grew. "Grew in Grace," you see, "and in the knowledge of My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (II Pet. 3:18).

Oh! To Love God, is a Tip Top Thing. It is the only way we can acceptably serve Him, or become steadfast in serving Him and "endure to the end" and be saved at last. And the way to get to love Him is to daily have Him dwelling in our hearts "By Faith." Then we will indeed "Be ROOTED and GROUNDED in LOVE." (Eph. 3:17).

Dissatisfied People

are about the only people worth while in this mundane sphere. All the great movements in man's affairs have been led by dissatisfied men—men who are dissatisfied with things as they are and have a vision for the better. David was of this type, daring and bold, yet tender and compassionate toward those who were faithful to their duty. It was David and 400 dissatisfied followers that endured hardships and turned the kingdom from Saul. (1st Sam. 22:2).

All the glorious exploits of history have been led by men who had a VISION that made them dissatisfied with their surroundings. Columbus was not satisfied to sit down snugly in his native land without knowing what was beyond its narrow confines.

Jesus Christ was unwilling to become a Pharisee.

Martin Luther was dissatisfied with practices in the Roman Church. It is a sign of life when people rebel at conventions and customs.—*Albert S. Hodges, Editor, Orlando, Fla.*

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