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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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Jesus Lived, Died, Was Buried and Rose, "According To the Scriptures"

I COR. 15:3-4

By John S. Stanford

Everything (since the human race existed) that Jesus has done, or permitted, or been a party to, has been "According to the Scriptures." And the Scriptures are a sign, a type of what He would do, and of what would be done to Him. So in considering His Death, Burial and His Resurrection, anything said or written since then (no matter by whom) that does not, exactly coincide with the statements of the Scriptures or the types of the Scriptures, would be (from some cause or other) an error.

This is not saying that God cannot or will not take care of His Word and hand it down to 1928, as a Safe Guide for us. But "The Scriptures", that Jesus died by, was buried by and was resurrected by, are the Old Testament Scriptures. Not the New.

Whether or not, thru manipulation of translation or through error, thereof in the New (if God has permitted any), it certainly is the Old Testament Scriptures that Jesus died, and rose by. And if God has permitted any cloud to come in among the writings which now form our New Testament Scriptures, it need not, at all, confuse the situation nor cause us to err if we go by the harmonious statements, types and shadows of the Old Testament. Not at all. But will serve to drive us (where professed Christendom needs to be driven, deserting it as they are) more to the writings of "Moses and the Prophets." That is where Jesus, Himself, stood as a PROOF that He was the Messiah. That is what He offered and taught as proof, and that is where we may be SURE we are correct, and can go ahead and formu-

Thanksgiving

What have we to be thankful for?
O many, many things.
For life and health and strength and hope
His loving kindness brings.
I doubt Him not, He knoweth all
I only answer when He calls
"I trust in Thee".

I will not doubt, though all my ships at sea
Drift home with broken masts and sails.
From seeming evil, worketh good for me
I shall believe the Hand which never fails.
And I shall cry 'een tho' o'ercast my spirit,
"I do not doubt" so list'ning worlds may hear it
"I trust in Thee".—Selected.

late our course in life. No matter how many human practices or teachings we may witness around us.

Now there was a "DUE TIME" for Jesus to die. "In due time Christ died for the ungodly". (Rom. 5:6).

The type that represented the killing of Jesus was a lamb. (An inoffensive creature, same as Jesus was an inoffensive human being). Jesus became

"The Lamb of God. (Jn. 1:21, 36). That is one step "According to the Scriptures."

The Old Testament Scriptures (that we are to go by in this study) state that the Passover lamb was to be chosen on the tenth (10th) day of the month, and four days after (the 14th) it was to be killed. Jesus was chosen (as a lamb) in this very way. Rode in on the colt, and was acclaimed as "The Son of David", (with Hosannas (Mat. 21:9) and four days afterward was killed. Another step in His experience which was exactly "According to the Scriptures". Just as Paul states in Cor. 15:3-4.

Now another Scripture fact. God has spaced our time off into periods of 24 hours each, and given them to us in groups of sevens. (Six to work and a Sabbath to rest). That is a type of His work. But He has spaced His days off into periods of 1000 years each. 6000 to do His Salvation Work and a 1000 as a Sabbath. The Old Testament shows this in God's statement to Adam (in Gen. 2:17). "In the day that thou eatest" (of the forbidden tree) "thou shalt surely die." And as we know that Adam did not die that same 24 hour day in which he ate, but lived 930 years (Gen. 5:5) we can see that God meant one of his 1000 year days.

This is in harmony with 2 Pet. 3:8, which says "One Day with the Lord is as a 1000 years."

Now the "Due time" mentioned above as a matter of fact (in which Jesus was actually crucified) took place at the close of the fourth (4th) one of God's 1000 year days. Or 4000 years after creation. (Gen. 1:1, chronological date at top of reference column). Or (to present it another way) at the close of the fourth (4th) day of God's great week of His Salvation Work for man.

This "Due Time" this actual fact of the actual Date of the Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus is "according to the Scriptures". (I Cor. 15:3-4). "The Scriptures CANNOT BE BROKEN". (Jn. 10:35). Therefore, for Jesus to die "According to the Scriptures" He would have to die at the close of Wednesday. Which is the fourth day of our week in our life here on earth. This is the third step we can safely point out where and how Jesus "Died according to the Scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3-4). And in every detail it (positively) must be that Jesus lived, died, was buried and was resurrected "According to the Old Testament Scriptures. Cannot be any other way. We must get all our facts and types from the Old Testament Scriptures. For there were no other scriptures for Jesus to die by.

Now another Old Testament Scripture (and a Scripture too that Jesus showed a noticeable respect for) that Jesus was to die by is Dan. 9:24-27.

These verses bring forward the Messiah (that is the Christ) (which is Jesus). A certain whole period is given of seventy weeks and it is stated that at the end of sixty-nine of those weeks Jesus (The Messiah, the Prince) was to come. These weeks represent years (Prophetic time). One week being seven years of actual time. So as that period of 70 weeks was divided up into one of 7 weeks, one of 69 weeks and one of one week, when it says in the 26th verse (of Dan. 9) "After three score and two (62) weeks Messiah (Jesus) was to be "cut off" it means that He was to be cut off in the last one week. And He was. Actually crucified in the last seven years of that

whole 490 years (70 weeks). A historical fact (which we will not take time to explain). But which fact is another step in His death "According to the Scriptures." Remember that every step taken in His whole career was to be and actually was "According to the Scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3). And if at any point or any Scripture He did not fulfill it exactly, the Scriptures (at that point) would have been "broken". But "The Scriptures CANNOT BE BROKEN". (Jn. 10:35). And they were not either. Not in a single detail. Oh! the Beauty and exactness and dependableness of God's Word!

I have heard it said it is "making a mountain out of a mole hill" to stick for certain Scriptures. But we cannot safely talk that way. BEWARE! "The Scriptures cannot be broken." And Jesus died (exactly) "According to the Scriptures." (I Cor. 15:3-4).

The 27th verse (of Dan. 9) then states that Jesus would confirm the covenant with many (those who believed) for one week. (The last seven years of the whole 490 (70 weeks). Which He did. Three and one half years of His own preaching to the Jews (the covenant people) and three and a half years of the disciples preaching to the Jews (before they turned to the gentiles). Another step exactly "According to the Scriptures" Then next (same verse 27) it is stated that He, in the "midst of the week" (this last 7 years of the whole 490) would "cause the Sacrifice to cease." That means that He would be crucified. At which event the sacrifice which pointed to Him (killing the lamb) would certainly (by right) cease. And remember and notice, that this was to be done in "MIDST OF THE WEEK". In the midst of that last 7 years of those whole 490. Or in other words at the end of the 4th year of that last seven. Another type of Wednesday. Wednesday afternoon, the fourth day of our common week. Showing that in literal fulfillment of this He was crucified Wednesday afternoon and was buried just before Thursday came on at sundown. Still another step which was actually and literally "According to the Old Testament Scriptures."

So there are, now, six different and plain and positive steps to be seen in His career, every one of which were actually taken and were taken "According to the Scriptures". And which would not at all, have been taken if they had not been "According to the Scriptures."

Three of them directly pointing out and positively locating His crucifixion on Wednesday afternoon. Midst of God's Great 6000 year week. (4000 B. C. or 4000 A. M.) (just as we choose to call it). Midst of the last week of the 70 weeks (of Dan. 9 chap.) And midst of our common week. Or Wednesday 3 p. m., and buried Wednesday afternoon just before the beginning of Thursday (at sundown.

These things are all Old Testament Scriptures by which Jesus died. For He died "According to the Scriptures.

Now another Old Testament Scripture "According to which Jesus died. Jonah 1:17, says that Jonah, himself, was in the "belly of the fish (not whale) three days and three nights." And Jesus (before He died) gave this to be a sign to positively identify Him as the true Messiah. And Jesus literally fulfilled this by being Crucified on Wednesday 3 p. m. and buried Wednesday p. m. (just before Thursday (at

sundown) got there) and by staying right there in the grave exactly three days and three nights till Saturday afternoon just before Sunday (the first day of the week) got there at sundown.

That is the seventh step, now pointed out where Jesus "died according to the Scriptures."

This is the step (in the fulfillment of the Scripture program of Jesus' Messiah experience) that no opposer has ever answered. And never can answer. It has been sad to see their attempts at evasion. (Let us not evade).

This view (which is the correct one, and entirely "According to the Scriptures") needs no attempt of that kind but can be taken at its face value, namely, at just exactly what it says. And I say, Amen. Come o nand say "Amen" too.

Now what they say (when they wish to get around the plain and positive statement of Jesus, Himself, concerning the time from His crucifixion to His resurrection (one thing) is this. Jesus said and said positively and in detail (as to length of time) that He would be "three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Mat. 12:40). We should not let an unequivocal statement like that, from the Lord's own mouth, be overthrown by any opponent or even read error in the records of it since.

But what opposers do say is that "the heart of the earth" does not have to mean grave. A literal, ground grave, but may mean in the possession of the powers of earth. Meaning the people of the earth who were His enemies and who arrested Him in the night, killed Him the next day (Friday they claim) and He rose Sunday morning (they claim). and that, the possession of the people and the time spent in the grave (taken together) may mean the "three days and three nights" as well as "the heart of the earth". But no. From His arrest on Thursday night (as they claim) to Sunday morning (as they claim) is at the very most three nights and only two days. Thursday night (the dark part preceding Friday) is one night. Friday night (the dark part preceding Saturday) is two nights and Saturday night (as they claim) would make the three nights. Yes. But Friday all day (in the hands of the powers of earth and grave together) and Saturday all day in the grave and out of the grave before the day part of Sunday began would give us only two days and three nights.

This, we can plainly see is not "According to the Scriptures". But is one of Satan's many lies.

This is not being rough or offensive to human opposers. Any more than it is rough and inconsiderate to call people's attention to it being a lie when Satan (in Gen. 3:4) said "ye shall not surely die." So we are perfectly free to say that this mistake men are letting themselves be dragged into (the "two days and three nights arrangement") is surely one of Satan's many, many lies. For IT IS NOT THE TRUTH. FOR IT IS NOT "According to the Scriptures". And Jesus died and was buried and rose "ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES." (I Cor. 15:3-4.)

The further claim, the opposers make, that Sunday would make the three days because one of the disciples stated (on the way to Emmaus) that "this" was "the third day since" (Lu. 24:13) is not sound. For the reason and fact that the moment of His Resurrection, He was no longer in the possession of the powers of earth.

No, their claim is a mistake. But Jesus today let into the heart, anew, every morning by "Hearing His Voice" and "Opening the door", will keep us from mistakes and clear up all past mistakes.

Now the fact (clear and plain too and "According to the Scriptures") about whether or not "heart of the earth" (as Jesus expressed it) means a literal grave in the ground, and that too without excavating down 4000 miles to the exact center of the earth (which talk, of itself, let us kindly remark, is not profound nor dignified, but rather has the sense of being used to belittle things) is this. The Scriptures plainly state that "Heart of the earth" (as Jesus expressed it) is to be understood the literal tomb of Joseph of Aramathea into which Jesus was placed Wednesday just before sundown and lay asleep in death until just before sundown Saturday afternoon, when he arose. Thereby completing a full three Days and three nights. A full seventy-two hours. No more and no less. Brilliantly demonstrating (as God oft has done before) that the Lord is a Time Setter of the Highest Grade, and exactly and minutely works it all out.

This statement of Scripture (which clears this matter up) is in Jonah 2:1-2. God therein tells us that the "Fish's Belly" represents the grave. (Margin). And it does. And that is what Jesus meant. And clears this all up because it is "According to the Old Testament Scriptures." The ones that Jesus Died, was buried and rose by.

Now about the exact date of the Resurrection of Jesus (the time of day I mean) to be "According to the Scriptures." The precise hour of the day MUST correspond to the same hour of the day at which He was buried. His Burial was a short time before sundown on Wednesday afternoon. Just before Wednesday was ending (at sundown).

Therefore His Resurrection must take place just before sundown Saturday afternoon, just before Saturday was ending (at the coming sundown) and it did. Making "three days and three nights" exactly and all occurring "According to the Scriptures."

Now about the "wave sheaf". A sheaf represents a product of the soil. We get it by sowing the seed, which dies but produces (by growth) its fruit. But man has to die and goes into the ground. But man gets resurrected. But the proof that he will be resurrected is because Jesus was resurrected. So while man, finally becomes a fruit from the ground (to God) Jesus is The First Fruit (the first begotten of the dead). Rev. 1:5. For it is only because of Jesus that man gets resurrected at all. And so that all men may learn to recognize and constantly acknowledge this, man is commanded to take a sheaf of his first fruits and bring it to be offered to the Lord (as such acknowledgement) And the instructions God gives (in Lev. 25:11) is that the priest shall make this wave-sheaf offering "on the morrow after the Sabbath", which is the first day of the week (which we now know as Sunday).

So it is "According to the Scriptures", for this to be done. And it was done. Jesus rose at the very end of the Sabbath and was all ready for His important work and business which was to be done on the first day of the week. Namely, be presented to the Father as "The First Begotten of the dead." (Rev. 1:5).

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This took place on the first day of the week, and all "According to the Scriptures", too. When He ascended to His Father to be accepted of Him, after He instructed Mary not to touch Him. The reason given being that He "had not yet ascended to His Father". (Jn. 20:17) as He was about to do that very day.

And that day, that first day of the week next after His resurrection (in the end of the Sabbath) (Mat. 28:1) He "Ascended on High" and led the "many bodies of the saints" (that were resurrected at the same time He was) "captivity captive" (Eph. 4-8).

All this is true and took place "According to the Old Testament Scriptures, but does not in the least militate against the fact that Jesus arose in Saturday afternoon just before sundown or prove that He did not rise till Sunday morning.

His ascension as the antitypical wave-sheaf did not take place at once in the dark part of Sunday, (Saturday night) for the reason that the saints (who were resurrected with Him) went into the city "and appeared". "And appeared unto many" (Mat. 21:53.) This indicates day light. And so His Ascension and their ascension (with Him) was after He was seen in daylight on Sunday. Although He arose Saturday afternoon (just before sundown) "Three days and three nights", exactly, after being crucified and buried on Wednesday afternoon (just before sundown).

And "all according to the Old Testament Scriptures". Let us get this truism, friends. Not only get it but RECEIVE it (not reject it) that all the evidences of the course that was taken by Jesus must come (and come first) from the Old Testament "Scriptures." And that if there is any seeming confusion in records since, the records must bear it and not the Old Testament Scriptures.

For the FACT remains and always will remain (to the Honor and Glory of God) that "Christ died, was buried and rose "According to the Old Testament Scriptures". (I Cor. 15:3-4).

OTHER SCRIPTURE EVIDENCES

There are many other scripture evidences, which

though not directly bearing on the Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus, nevertheless are strongly and beautifully corroborative and correlative of the fact that the whole course of Jesus was entirely and exactly "According to the Scriptures".

God's whole list of typical object lessons (which He gave to Moses to write out) was to keep constantly before the eyes and minds of His people (including us) the fact that the Messiah (when He did come) was to be recognized by what the Scriptures said about Him. By what Moses (in type) wrote of Him (Jn. 5:46). By their constant, everyday acts, God caused them to say what they would do and what they actually did do when Jesus finally got here. (Kill Him).

God chose Moses to write all this constant program out for Him because He knew that Moses was a man that would receive and believe what was told him and could be given to see it. To SEE it. Get that thought. To SEE it. And Moses did "by Faith," He "saw in the Invisible". (Heb. 11:24-28).

Moses was given to see the whole program of Jesus' Life and Death, burial and resurrection. He saw that Jesus would be a male child, 9th step, the first child of His mother 10th step, and a child without blemish, 11th step. He was given to see that God's professed people would reject Him and would kill Him. He saw the year Jesus would come, 4000 A. M. How many years He would be the Messiah, 3½ years, half a week, the year He would be killed the month, 1st month, (Ex. 12:6) He would be killed, the week, the day of the week, the hour of the day. All this Moses was given to see. And all this (and more) was how Moses wrote of Jesus. And never mentioned His name at all simply because He was given to write in types. But whether types or literal expression it was written, was daily lived and practiced by the people and was actually fulfilled in every and perfect detail by Jesus, Himself, when He did come. And all "According to how Moses wrote of Him. All "According to the Scriptures."

This is how (and only how) anybody in this world ever did, or now do, or ever will KNOW that Jesus (of Nazareth) was the Christ. The true Messiah. Nobody of the thousands and millions who profess Him (even those who love, serve and obey Him) KNOW, positively know, that He is the ONE, except those who have studied and know how Moses wrote of Him and then get at it and see that what He did (all along) and what was done to Him (in detail too, mind you) is EXACTLY "According to how it was written of Him." Exactly "According to the Scriptures." (I Cor. 15:3-4).

And to say that Jesus was crucified on Friday and rose on Sunday morning IS NOT "According to the Scriptures." But it is "According to the Scriptures" that He was crucified the middle of the week, (Wed. P. M.) and arose Saturday P. M., 3 days and 3 nights (exactly) after He was buried.

DID JESUS EAT PASSOVER WITH DISCIPLES?

He certainly DID NOT.

This writer is not assuming (by his positive words and manner) to know any more than the reader may know, on these things. But this writer does know (and so may you) that Jesus DID NOT eat "the Passover" with His disciples. For the clear and

sound reason that you cannot eat a passover until it is killed. And Jesus was not yet killed when they ate that last supper together and when He instituted that Bread and Wine memorial of His death.

He said He desired to, but indicated that He would no more. And the reason plainly was that when the next evening came (when it was to be eaten) He, Himself, would be dead and could not eat it. They did not understand it (then) but He did. And when the next evening did come they found Him dead and themselves alone and, of course they "mourned and wept".

Now having made the strong statement that He did not eat the Passover, Himself, but simply set in order and gave a memorial of His Death, it will be unsatisfactory to the reader unless he sees some proof of Scripture. Sees that the statement is "According to Scripture." So the writer not only gladly complies to give it but he rejoices to know that he can confidently give it.

The way Moses was given to write concerning this point of the matter was that when they ate the Passover, they were to eat it in THE NIGHT.

Now you cannot keep a lamb (for a passover) right up to sundown (of a day) then kill it, sprinkle the blood on door posts, roast it, eat it, burn what was left, clean up the place, and be ready to flee from angry Egyptians, all from sundown at night till day break the next morning. No, the lamb was kept up till the beginning of the 14th (at sundown). Killed during daylight of the 14th, and all the details attended to and thus got ready for the eating of it the following night, the 15th. The night the Passover was really eaten.

The margin of Ex. 12:6 says killed "between the two evenings". Killed in daylight (the 14th) and eaten the following night (the 15th). So when Jesus at the bread and wine supper, the eating of the Passover was not due for 24 hours. That means that the Lamb was to be kept up till the beginning of the 14th. (Sundown on the 13th) and between sundown on the 13th and sundown on the 14th (in daylight, during the day, was killed.

As the margin says "between the two evenings" it was to be killed, and so eaten the night of the 15th.

So that shows that during the day (of the 14th) the lamb was to be killed. And so it was and Jesus did not eat any passover at all. For He lived and acted TRUE to type. For as it was to be killed (the 14th) during daylight to be eaten in that night) it positively WAS NOT eaten until the night of the 15th. (The dark part of the 15th which begins at sundown on the 14th).

That is as Moses WROTE OF CHRIST (in type). That is "According to the Scriptures." And Jesus lived and died strictly "According to the Mosaic Scriptures". (I Cor. 15:3-4). That shows that Jesus was not killed until the afternoon (daylight) of the 14th and that the time the Passover had to be eaten was after sundown on the 14th (the beginning of and IN the 15th. And as Jesus was not killed (Nor the Jews lamb either) when Jesus partook of the bread and wine supper, that proves that the bread and wine supper was NOT eating THE PASSOVER. And that Jesus did not eat it at all. For when the time came He was dead and could not. The supper was a bidding goodbye to the Passover and was in-

stituting a memorial of the Passover. Not eating his flesh literally but in Figure).

This writer's statements have been strong. Yes. But safely so. Simply because every act of Jesus, was strictly "According to the Old Testament Scriptures."

Another proof that Jesus did not eat the Passover with His disciples, but simply spent His last evening with them as a regular meal (but using the opportunity to establish the bread and wine memorial) is this. The Scripture (that Jesus died and rose by) said (in Ex. 12:22) that when they killed the lamb they were not to "go out of the house till morning."

Now Jesus being a faithful observer of the details of the Laws and EVERY law, and every detail of all the laws (for He is the One who said "One jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled") (Mat. 5:18) if it had been eaten the Passover night) would not have gone out of that house at all. But we all know that He did go out. "When they had sung an hymn, they went out." (Mat. 26:30). Went out and got arrested.

This proves (still another step that is "According to the Scriptures") that Jesus DID NOT eat the Passover with His disciples. For if it had been Passover night, he, nor they would not have gone outside their door the whole night at all.

Oh! Let us get this, that Jesus Lived, Acted, Died, was Buried and Rose "According to the Scriptures." Just exactly as Moses wrote of Him. "And when they had FULFILLED ALL that was WRITTEN OF HIM they took Him down and laid Him in a Sepulcher." (Acts 13:29).

Kindly, Bro. John. Aug. 11, 1928.

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Europe and Asia are certainly a seething pot. It is almost impossible to realize how seething it is. How much unrest there is. China and Japan in the far east—we read so much of their troubles we get to where we only read the headlines. One issue of the newspaper will tell of trouble in China, Japan, Turkey, Rumania, Poland and Russia. Let us not be lulled to sleep by their being so much said that we lose interest.

"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." 1 John 3: 14.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, And the man that getteth understanding. Prov. 3: 13.

The Book of the Law Found Again

HOW SHALL WE NOW TEACH THE BOOK OF THE LAW?

We reply just as every teacher ever taught it except the High Priest at the altar. All other teachers in every age whether it was before the crucifixion or after, taught it from the record, by explaining the lesson taught by each animal used. No teacher except the High Priest was permitted to offer a sacrifice. Note that point for it matters not whether it was a King, Levite, Prophet, or Apostle. The next thing to get fixed in your mind is that at the Babylonish captivity 588 B. C. The High Priesthood, the ephod, the teraphim, the ark, king, prince and sacrifice, were all removed and have not been recognized by God under that form of government since.—Hos. 3:4-5.

The offerings and partial temple service were continued by the Jews until Jerusalem was destroyed in A. D. 70.

All the foregoing are hard Bible facts and cannot be changed regardless of former teachings or surroundings of texts not yet examined. We will say now that the great change which is claimed to have taken place in Bible doctrine at the cross is fog and mist. Introduced and taught by pagan traditions and mysticism. Having now every principle and code of laws examined in the Bible and having found them to be the rule of life in every age and all taught by all Bible teachers we again say, teach the lesson just as all teachers mentioned have ever taught the gospel—namely, from the printed and written word, by explaining the meaning of each separate offering and also teach the people as Moses, Paul, and Peter and others taught the age of the world in which probation would be extended to man in which to repent. Moses taught it by taking the seven days of creation to represent seven thousand years. He taught it by giving a law that every seventh year the land should rest thus teaching that the seventh thousand year would be the millennium of the world when the land would lay waste. He taught the redemption of man in the first resurrection at the end of the sixth thousand year by setting every slave free at the end of six years, but if God's children will love their master he marked them and they will serve him forever. He also taught it by releasing all debts every sixth year and calling them paid. He taught the final restoration to the home of the saved by the jubilee period. He taught the entire time of Christ's blood standing for redemption of all things, including the earth, the blood being sprinkled seven times before the veil of the sanctuary, and many other uses of the blood in the same way. He taught that we could not enter our final inheritance till after the seventh thousandth year by those who were not clean being required to remain out of the camp seven days.

He taught that when eight thousand years was up we would be permitted into the earth made new by circumcision on the eighth day of the child's life. Many, many things of this nature were taught such as the cleansing of the leper and so on. All of which should be taught now just as when they were writ-

ten but taught from the record written.

The Apostles understood the seven thousand year periods and the seventh thousand year to be the antitype of the seventh day Sabbath of Creation.

The Apostle Peter, in speaking of the coming of the Lord and calling our attention to the errors that would exist to deceive the people says: "But Beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promises as some men count slackness, but is long suffering to us ward." That is he will not come till the very last day of the period is up, not being willing that any should perish. Continuing, the Apostle says, "nevertheless, the Lord will come. While he is long suffering to grant every day belonging to the six thousand years he does not want us to think he will not come for when the time is up he will cut the word short in righteousness." "For a short work will the Lord make on the earth." II Peter 3:6. This language of the thousand years is a quotation from the Psalms 90:3 "Thou turnest man to destruction: and sayest return, ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are as but yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night." Psalms 90:3, 4.

Paul taught the same truth of the rest that remaineth for the people of God when they shall live and reign with Christ a thousand years as taught by John in Revelation 20. In Hebrews, fourth chapter, Paul shows the Jewish people that they did not receive that rest that had been promised to the people of God as based on the creative week, when they entered into Canaan.

"Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

"For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

"For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

"For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

"And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.

"Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

"Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, Today, after so long a time; as it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

"For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.

"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

"For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works as God did from his.

"Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbe-

lief." Heb. 4:1-11.

The above is too plain to be mistaken. First, Israel did not enter the rest of the thousand years promised to the people of God, the antitype of the Sabbath, when they entered Canaan. Second, if Jesus (Joshua) had given them rest would he not have spoken of another day? Third, if they had entered the rest then, as claimed by them, they would have ceased from their labors as God did from his in the creation. Fourth, it is plainly stated by Paul there still remaineth a keeping of the Sabbath to the people of God. This scripture should teach every reader that the creative Sabbath of each week remains the same as it did in all past ages for a type exists till the antitype is reached and that will not be reached till the seventh thousand year when Christ comes. Then it being a memorial also of the creation it will continue while creation lasts and as stated by the prophet when the people of God enter their final rest they will each week observe the memorial still. Isaiah 66:23.

Thus in every teaching of the old Testament, the same doctrine is taught in the new. Not a jar between them. And let the reader note this point, namely, that in prophesy in the old, very little of that portion of both the sacrifices and the feasts have met their fulfillment yet. Very little met its antitype in the crucifixion when Christ was there. Note that well.

The ephod, the sacrifice, the ark, king and prince were all removed till he comes whose right it is and I, says the Lord "will give it him." This occurred 588 B. C.

All is plain and easy to those who wish the truth.

ERROR MUST BE CONDEMNED

This has been necessary in all ages. Especially in the days of the apostles, and new testament, they had it to meet. Now we have the same. In the days of the apostles it was the question of salvation by works of the law, or faith in Christ that troubled the people. Now it is every error that men and devils can devise in order to lead men from the truth of God.

The Jews in the days of Christ and the Apostles held many errors in Bible teaching. The greatest of which was a misunderstanding of the book of the law and its object. Our trouble is the same thing now.

Having now given a clear synopsis of the whole Bible on the teaching of the laws of God, showing there is but one truth, one doctrine of the gospel, and that this truth and gospel has been taught and known in all ages of the world, we next are compelled to meet the error that exists which is now leading the people wrong and destroying souls. We now note the points of discussion as recorded in the New Testament in the days of Christ and the Apostles. It was this:

SALVATION BY FAITH IN CHRIST OR BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW

We will say the point between error and truth has been reversed now from what it was in the days of the Apostles. Now it is salvation by faith in Christ alone without works of the law. Then it was

salvation by works of the law alone without faith in Christ at all.

Now let us see in this study if it is not salvation by faith that worketh by love, which love is the keeping of the commandments of God.

On reading the discussion between the Jews and Christ, and also between them and the Apostles, it reveals their wonderful ignorance of the scriptures, which they read every Sabbath in the synagogue. And if the reader understood the truth as taught by the Bible, both old and new testament, it would now reveal the wonderful ignorance of the teaching of the scripture, that exists in our day of the teachers who are leading the people.

It is fully as great as it was in the days of Christ and the Apostles. Yes, far more so. For it is expressed thus by the Prophet. Darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people.

If the people but half realized the real ignorance of the teachers, millions of dollars would be withheld and put to a better use till those who are leading the people were humble enough to be taught the Bible before they tried to teach others.

This will all be seen clearly as we proceed to examine the conditions in the days of Christ and compare them with now.

We note first the ignorance of the Jews regarding the covenant made with Abraham. That covenant was, that Abraham and his seed should inherit the land as an everlasting possession.

This the Jews interpreted to be the literal land of Canaan and the seed to be the literal descendants of Abraham. Thus salvation was confined to them, and hence a hatred against all other nationalities of people arose. Christ met the position thus:

"They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, 'If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

"But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

"Ye do the deeds of your father'. Then said they to him. We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

"Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

"Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

"And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not." John 8:39-45.

Paul meets the same question thus: "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not unto seeds, as of many, but to one, and to thy seed which is Christ." Gal. 3:16. Thus they were ignorant as to the real teaching of the covenant made with Abraham their father.

(To Be Continued)

Doing Penace

I have been doing some reading lately on church history, and there are certain things that impress me. All through the ages it has been hard to get the human mind away from the thought of our earning our salvation. We read that it is a gift from God, and that what we do in return should only be our "reasonable service" and done to show that we are grateful for what God has done for us. But its so hard to realize this. We are constantly feeling that we must keep God in good humor with us by showing how willing we are to do disagreeable things for Him.

Wasn't it wonderful that when Martin Luther was climbing the steps of the "judgment seat of Pilate" on his knees, that God should reveal to him justification by faith?" And we must grasp this too—fully—or our religion will not mean to us what it should.

Each one of us has ideas of our own regarding the little details of our lives, as to what is right and wrong to do. But unless we have a plain "thus saith the Lord", for anything, let us not judge the other fellow as to his ideas of the way he shall live his life.

In this "rapid change" age, these questions cause more trouble than they used to. Especially for our sisters. They are so anxious to do the right thing, and the modes of dress change so often, that in spite of ourselves we have to give it some attention. But the settlement of these questions has to be individual. We have to admit customs make a difference. We cannot entirely ignore them. The woman who wears her skirts to the ground, and yards wide, from a religious standpoint, for fear she'll be following the fashions is "doing penance" the same as Luther when he was crawling up the steps on his knees. And the woman who spends all her time and money trying to keep up with the styles, is far, far wrong the other way. In fact when I'm in need of clothing, nothing pleases me so much as to get something good, that is a little behind the times, at a more moderate figure.

Someone says what length do you wear your skirts? I couldn't tell you. It varies. When I need clothes I get something that's conservative for the time being. I wish to be conspicuous neither way.

All this applies to the brethren too.

If Christ were to come in the flesh today, I feel sure that He would not dress as He did when on earth before. He would conform to present day customs, in-so-far as it would not conflict with the laws of God.

Let us not concern ourselves too much with the little things in our brother's and sister's lives that are for them to settle.

Oh, if I only can get you to see Christ, and Him crucified, and all that that implied, I will know that all those things will come right in your lives.

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