

"He that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

THE TAPROOT

"By all means save some." I Cor. 9:22.

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A Miraculous Deliverance



The above is a photograph of the wreckage of The Okmulgee, Okla., Tabernacle. The black cross marks spot beside pulpit where Dr. Ham was standing a few minutes before the cave in.

Ham Audience Miraculously Saved when Okmulgee, Okla., Tabernacle Collapses Under Tremendous Weight of Snow and Ice

Reading like an exciting tale from a book of Hair Breadth Escapes comes the news of the remarkable deliverance of a Ham Meeting congregation from a collapsing Tabernacle without a single casualty. That this is no ordinary narrow escape story is bore out by all the facts entering into the case but one in which the Lord blessedly intervened in behalf of His people and vindicated the very message Dr. Ham was giving at the very moment.

Oklahoma had just been visited by a heavy storm of sleet and rain, and snow accompanied by Zero weather which caused a heavy layer of ice to form on the roofs of all buildings. Snow continued to fall adding its extra weight but no one suspected danger because Tabernacles are built to withstand ordinary weights of snow.

Dr. Watson of the First Baptist Church had thoughtfully phoned Dr. Ham earlier in the day to say that in

MIRACLE CONCEDED BY PULPIT AND PRESS

case the Tabernacle was not comfortably warm for the evening meeting he would have the church heated in readiness for a transfer of the service. Dr. Ham agreed to this but upon arriving at the Tabernacle it was found to be comfortable and no thought of transferring the service was entertained until later.

Dr. Ham began his sermon by announcing his texts found in Jer. 6, Matt. 24 and Rev. 3, using as his subject "Peace under Satan." He had just told the people how that many were lulled into a state of false peace under Satan but that God's people were never allowed to remain in a state of peace when danger threatened them. He cited as examples, Benjamin and also Lot who was not allowed to remain in peace in Sodom but was warned of his danger and was scarce-

ly out of the city when it was destroyed. Just at this point a timber creaked and some one interrupted to remark "do you reckon there is any danger of the roof falling in?" Dr. Ham replied, "I guess not—it is just having shrinking pains instead of growing pains, just shrinking up to fit the size of the crowd on this bleak night." Dr. Bjerragaard then suggested, why not step over to the Baptist Church and finish the service there and Rev. Hilton seconded the suggestion. Dr. Ham said, "all right, I will finish the sermon at the Baptist Church," and without delay or alarm the audience went out and hurried toward the church where seats were at a premium. The last person had just gotten clear of the doors when the center section crashed in with a roar cutting down seats like a great knife

The accompanying photograph portrays the completeness of the wreckage of the center section of the building and it takes little imagination to visualize the terror that would have resulted had the audience tarried a few minutes longer. The section above the pulpit was the first to fall in and the pulpit, beside which Dr. Ham had been standing, was snapped from its supports and sent hurtling many feet into the central section while the entire speaker's platform was buried beneath heavy timber and ice and snow. A fire alarm brought the departments and police with hundreds of frightened citizens expecting to find scores of killed and maimed friends and neighbors in the ruins but they had all been delivered and miraculously so by the hand of God.

The young custodian, J. W. Harvey, Jr., who had so efficiently cared for the building throughout the Campaign (Continued on Page 8.)

EDITORIALS

Are We Giving the Masses a Chance?

A short while ago, the Ministerial Alliance of a city of some 30,000 passed a ruling that they would invite no more evangelists either for city-wide campaigns or in their individual churches. They had had no disappointing experience but were influenced largely by the attitude of a Bishop of one of the leading denominations who insisted that the depleted treasuries of the churches was due to the members having contributed too liberally to evangelistic meetings.

These churches have gone on without the help of evangelists for three years and according to their own testimony their financial condition had grown steadily worse and efforts to hold their own church meetings have not been fruitful to any extent and the city as a whole has remained untouched by the gospel.

According to their own statement, thousands of our churches are facing both a financial and a spiritual crisis and at the same time are refusing to take part in active evangelism except as they may do it through their own organized channels. And this ought never to cease but, PURELY SECTARIAN, INSTITUTIONAL SET UPS AND PROGRAMS NEVER HAVE, ARE NOT DOING SO AND NEVER WILL MAKE DISCIPLES OF THE MASSES. While our churches must never get to the point where they become dependent upon the Evangelist for all the soul saving work on the field yet we must never deceive ourselves with the idea that the christian workers engaged by the local groups are the sole custodians of God's work on the fields where they are located. Most of them are doing marvelous work but the masses are not reached.

Every true Evangelist recognizes the fact that his work is to build the churches up in evangelism and create a sentiment or an atmosphere in the community which will make it possible for evangelism to be carried on and hundreds of instances are on record where awakened men and women have gone out from the various churches following great city-wide campaigns to win for Christ many times the great number reached during the intensive effort. This is as it should be and can be anywhere.

We all ought to face the situation squarely and, if we do, we must come to the conclusion that we are not giving the unsaved a fair chance to accept Christ.

Is Heaven Bankrupt?

The shop-worn expression "Evangelistic Campaigns cost too much" has long been a favorite one of men who have contributed little or nothing on their own account and is usually used to cover up their real reason for objections to evangelism. For this reason we should apologize for bringing it up but a gentleman who recently interviewed many church leaders in the principle cities of a great state brought it again to our attention.

He found leaders and pastors who feel the great need of revivals under strong leadership but who have surrendered to the bug-a-boo that such campaigns are financially prohibitive. It is perhaps true that some campaigns launched on a large scale have been more expensive than they should have been because of inefficient management. The majority of them have been worth many times their cost.

Speaking comparatively, a small circus will take more money from a city in a single day than the entire cost of a large visioned campaign covering a period of several weeks yet we hear little criticism of the circus even though its parade equipment is shabby and most of its personnel look as if they had slept in second class ashcans the night before and its collection of travel-weary animals present a pitiful sight. Every cent of the expense budget is spent locally during the campaign while the circus takes practically all of it away.

The ordinary high-powered prize-fight lasting from ten minutes to an hour pours enough money into promoters coffers to finance several hundred intensive city campaigns.

There is really very little to argue about on this matter. It is purely and simply an admission that we have lost interest in the salvation of souls of men and have become too indifferent to put forth worth while efforts to reach them. With any sort of local co-operation, campaigns need not be unduly expensive. Commodious auditoriums can still be erected cheaply and with volunteer labor and other items of expense can be held to a minimum making a total ridiculously small in keeping with the results attending under proper leadership.

The cry of heavy expense referred to in the beginning of this article came from a section of the country where, a few years ago, churches were active in evangelizing their cities and towns. They became very prosperous and great numbers of new converts came into their ranks. Then certain modernistic leaders came into denominational control and saw an opportunity to exploit certain institutional work and, in one particular case, the word went out to "lay off" on evangelists. The edict carried with it the force of a command which the subordinate felt he could not but obey lest he place his conference standing in jeopardy. Great churches which had been thriving spiritually on

a program of Evangelism took the cue from this autocratic leadership and "laid off." Other forms of evangelism, good in themselves but largely fruitless without the stimulus of the preaching of the word, were substituted and a decline set in. After five years of this anti-Evangelist propaganda these great fields are in a deplorable condition. Spirituality is at a low ebb, and as a result of spiritual dirth funds are scarce for local and missionary causes. The TAPROOT of Evangelism was cut and the tree is either dying or dead and the "gardeners" are trying to placate the Chief Gardener by saying that the REFRESHING SHOWERS will cost too much money. God pity us when we have become so devoid of faith in God as to admit that insofar as we are concerned—HEAVEN IS BANKRUPT.

Christ and Soviet in China

An article appeared recently in a popular magazine under this title by an author who was asked to tell the truth about Christian Evangelization in China. In his introduction the gentleman sets forth the fact that he is handling a ticklish subject—opinions concerning which "Consuls may express in private but it is not in order to incorporate them in State Dept. reports because it would mean reprobation of a sacrosanct calling, which is related to self sacrifice and martyrdom and backed by powerful interests." However he states his determination to hold up the mirror for otherwise he would pass over one of the most powerful of all influences in creating present conditions in China, and he adds, be they good or bad. Then follows a brief history of major Missionary activities leading up to the statement that moderate estimates make the total of Chinese Christians very small indeed despite the fact that fifty millions of dollars are spent annually by missions and allied institutions. The whole article, while having its good points, would lead the uninformed to question the worthwhileness of our efforts to evangelize China and that possibly our doing so has ended in general discontent and has been a vital factor in making of China an international commercial hunting ground.

It can be said in all truth that a certain type of semi-christian work carried on by Modernistic groups who have become victims of Russian propaganda has made sad havoc in China. The attempt to WESTERNIZE RATHER THAN TO CHRISTIANIZE has been a factor in bringing China into the jumbled mess in which she now finds herself. Modernistic Educational Institutions have done irreparable harm and doubtless some of our well meant welfare work has made many "just rice christians" who have joined up with the "Jesuit Clistians" for the loaves and fishes. Commercial concessions have assumed large proportions and backed up by navies of leading world powers who also were leaders in missionary effort until the Soviet grasped the opportunity to instill the idea into the minds of the Chinese that missionaries and capitalists were working hand in hand in the exploitation of the resources of the country. They have thus sought to capture the Chinese mind with its slogans of China for the Chinese and Down with the Capitalists. The situation is now summed by some as "Anti-Christ against Christ" Soviet Gospel against Mission gospel and Chinese against Chinese under the banner of China for the Chinese. The question is being insinuated up and down the land—Is it not time for foreign missionaries to be withdrawn?

That mistakes have been made in the attempt to christianize China there can be no doubt with so many sectarian points of view being projected but God Himself only knows the glorious results that have attended the labors of the thousands of consecrated men and women who have gone into China to preach Christ with no thought of merely Westernizing. Even today men and women are carrying on in the face of greatly changed conditions. Where ever Christ is preached men and women are being saved whether in China or in the homeland. The advent of anti-Christ Soviet propaganda may have a purifying influence upon missionary activity and even upon the Missionary himself causing him to lean harder upon his Lord.

We get little through the common press today that is favorable to Christ and those who would really preach Him. Anti-Christ has so taken possession of the channels of disseminating information that the gospel preacher is either entirely ignored for the most part or if he is very militant and cannot be ignored he is openly ridiculed. But we are not to look for the plaudits of the world for, if we had them in large measure, it would be cause for alarm and rigid self examination concerning the genuineness of our position.

This is not the time to whine or complain because the world does not pat us on the back and say "fine fellow." "Rejoice not when all men speak well of you." If they do so it is more than a safe bet that you are not pleasing God at all.

Christian Look Up—The world is riding for a fall. Do not ride along with it. Stand by your guns and remain true. If you let the devil get you on the defensive you will become utterly discouraged and as utterly useless as he wants you to become. Keep pressing the battle in His name. Men and women can be saved through the "foolishness" of preaching the gospel even in this age. Satan is a defeated foe—Jesus saw to that and will we permit ourselves to be utterly cast down by such an one? Take heart and move on to victory.

Signs of the Times

BY MORDECAI FOWLER HAM.

Text

"What Shall Be The Signs of Thy Coming and Of The End of The World?"—Matthew 24:3.

Introduction

THE QUESTION OF THE DISCIPLE WAS A PERFECTLY NATURAL ONE, IN THE LIGHT OF JESUS' PLAIN TEACHING AND PROPHECIES CONCERNING FUTURE CONDITIONS THAT WOULD OBTAIN HERE ON THIS EARTH. AND IT IS ANSWERED FOR US. GOD MOVES ALONG INTELLIGENT LINES. HE DOES NOT LEAVE US TO GROPE IN THE DARK WITHOUT CHART OR COMPASS, BUT HAS GIVEN US PLAIN STATEMENTS AS TO HOW WE MAY PREPARE TO MEET IT. THE FACT THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY IN THE WORLD TODAY ARE IGNORANT OF GOD'S PLANS AND OF THE FUTURE STATE OF THIS PLANET AND THE PEOPLE THAT DWELL HERE AND THAT HE GREAT MASS OF MANKIND IS INDIFFERENT TO THE FUTURE IS NO FAULT OF GOD'S. IT IS DUE TO OUR OWN CARELESSNESS AND FAILURE TO STUDY THE CHART AND THE SURE INSTRUCTIONS WHICH GOD HAS GIVEN US. THE PEOPLE WHO WERE UNPREPARED FOR THE COMING OF JESUS CHRIST IN A MANNER WERE PEOPLE WHO WERE IGNORANT OF THEIR SCRIPTURES FOR THEY HAD BEEN TOLD JUST WHAT TO EXPECT. SO IT IS TODAY THAT THE GREAT MASSES GO ON IN IGNORANCE OF WHAT GOD FORETELLS AND WILL BE UNPREPARED WHEN THE DAY OF THE LORD COMES UPON THEM. EVERY PROPHECY CONCERNING JESUS CHRIST'S FIRST COMING TO THIS EARTH WAS FULFILLED LITERALLY AND WE HAVE EVERY INTELLIGENT REASON TO BELIEVE THAT EVERY PROPHECY CONCERNING HIS SECOND COMING WILL ALSO BE LITERALLY FULFILLED.

Our purpose, however, is not so much to trace the events of past years and show how they are a fulfillment of prophecies although that can easily be done; nor is it so much to deal with those prophecies which tell us what is yet to come, but we want to throw the Light of God's Word on conditions which we now see about us every day and get the lessons which such a study will have in store for us.

It is necessary, in the beginning that we get our bearings. There is current today on all sides a subtle and very attractive and convincing philosophy which would have us believe that the world as we see it today, in all its phases, is the result of a continuous, progressive change which has been taking place throughout all the generations of the past until it is now climaxed in the complex civilization which we have on earth today. It would teach us that even man is a product of this continuous progressive development and that he began clear back in the tadpole stage and by means of resident forces within himself has lifted himself by steady development to his present position of mastery. We want to note first that this is a false theory and a premise which if accepted, will completely close your Bible to you. It is a premise that is contrary to scripture teaching and to history.

Cataclysmic Changes

The fact is that History is characterized by long series of cataclysmic changes and not by a steady growth. Civilizations have come and gone, man has progressed and developed to a high state of civilization and then plunged back into savagery. The first great cataclysmic change in man's history came at the time of the fall of man when he ceased to be the cherished and protected creature, basking in God's protection and love, surrounded on all sides by provision for his needs and was put out to grub for his living, to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. Woman also suffered with man and she was forced to bear children in much pain and suffering and to be placed under the leadership of man. That was a great change, fraught with many difficulties for man.

Then came another cataclysmic change at the time of the flood, when all life on earth was completely wiped out with the exception of that which God preserved with Noah. Any man who doubts the historicity of the flood is ignorant of history, of archaeological discoveries, of geological formations and of his Bible, all of which combine to build up an impenetrable defense of the Bible account of this great catastrophe. Once again there were changed conditions. Then came another cataclysmic change when the men of earth organized at Babel and thought to make themselves as God and with one mighty stroke, God confused their tongues and scattered them. Then were the lands divided and broken up into seas and continents, in the days of Peleg, and thus were the different nationalities cut off from all communication until the ocean became navigable. The scripture clearly foretells the coming of another Babel when men will again become supreme in his conceit and in his confidence in his own greatness at achievements.

How to Study Bible and History

The great trouble with most of us is that we study only the history of our own particular generation and country and pay little, if any attention, to the great influences of the past. You cannot understand your Bible in the light of any such superficiality. This Book deals in majestic sweep. At a single stroke it swings from eternity to eternity. It tells of the coming of individuals,

their work on earth and their fall. It tells of the rise and fall of nations and in a single short sentence dismisses into oblivion and destruction mighty cities and nations. And the wonderful thing is that, for the hundreds of years we have had this Book to guide us, it has never made a mistake, but invariably its prophecies concerning the destruction or future of cities, nations and individuals, even though many of them were written thousands of years before their fulfillment, have been fulfilled literally.

Now the scriptures warn us of the coming of another catalysmic change which shall be more terrific in its effect than any that have preceded it. And it has given us certain signs by which we may recognize its approach.

As In The Days Of Noah And Lot.

These days preceding this great change shall be as the days of Noah and as the days of Lot. Both these periods were periods of great commercial activity and of much running to and fro, of much lustful living and pleasure seeking and selfishness and much voluptuousness. What do we see today? On every hand men are wrapped up in business or pleasure with little serious thought of God. This is a day when the most popular piece of art is that which appeals to the sensual in man, when the most popular play is that in which is emphasized the immoral and the voluptuous and the obscene and when men and women are seeking everywhere for some new thing with which to amuse themselves and gratify their own selfish desires with little thought for others. Today you can go out upon the street and paint a window, leaving a little hole in it and print over that hole, "For Men Only" and men will jam and crowd to peep through that hole with even women anxious to get a look. Why is that? Just because the "hearts of men are evil, always evil and continually evil." The heart of man has never changed. He is still the same wicked sinful being that he has always been and only corruption can come from an impure heart. Our plays today, our magazines, our literature all cater to the desires of the flesh. This is an age which crowns vice and wickedness. The average boy today hates to be called "good." He feels that it is a reproach. He feels that if he is "good" he will be considered "slow" and a "backnumber" by the girls and he had much rather appear in the light of a romantic and unprincipled rake. These conditions are upon us. They are analagous in every way to the days of Lot and Noah. There is little real faith and respect for God today and those who are about the real work of the Lord as Noah was are about as ridiculous and contemptible in the eyes of this materialistic world. God tells us that such conditions, when they are present are a sure sign of the imminent coming of the greatest period of tribulation that the world has ever known.

Deminaxe Philosophy

Now there is a deminxax philosophy today which is doing much to blind us to our real condition. We are taught to believe that man today is the result of his steady upward climb from the tadpole stage through various other stages and on every side our attention is called to the flamboyant optimism of these "progressives" who seek to blind us to man's sure condition by means of this appealing philosophy which so flatters the pride of man. This "theory" for that is all it is, has ceased to be just a "theory" in our laboratories and schoolrooms. On all sides today our youth are being taught that it is a fact and it has rapidly become the dominant philosophy of the day and we hear it verified, even from the pulpits. Of course, it is often presented in High-sounding words that deceive us and cause us to think after all, there way be something to it. For instance, this philosophy of progress or "EVOLUTION" IS DEFINED BY SPENCER AS "A CHANGE FROM AN INDEFINITE, IN-COHERENT, HOMOGENITY TO A DEFINITE, COHERENT HETEROGENITY THROUGH CONTINUOUS DIFFERENTIATIONS AND INTEGRATIONS." Now we sit and listen to that and say, "My, ain't he smart?" I took the trouble to translate that definition into everyday English and here is what it means: "EVOLUTION IS A CHANGE FROM A NOHOWISH AND UNTALK-ABOUTABLE ALL-LIKENESS TO A SOMEHOWISH AND IN GENERAL TALKABOUTABLE NOT-ALL-ALIKENESS, BY CONTINUOUS SOMETHING-ELSEIFICATIONS AND STICKTOGETHERATIONS." And that definition does about as well as any I have ever heard or read. It is hard to find any two definitions of that term that are alike but the apparent purpose of those who hold these theories is to do all possible to either eliminate God altogether or to push Him as far back into obscurity as possible and give to man all the glory possible. Evolution is not a fact, it is a theory. There is not one conclusive proof to substantiate it. It is merely an effort of blind man to explain the creation he sees on every side by some other means than giving credit to God. It is merely another evidence of sinful man's innate hatred of God and his love of self and of his foolish pride.

Now bear in mind one thing—you can't accept this philosophy and understand God's word. It will be a closed book to you. The entire philosophy of Christianity is opposed to it. This Bible teaches that all men once knew God and that man fell away and has to be restored to favor with God. The continual progress theory leaves no place for the fall of man, and if there was no fall there is no need of a Saviour, no need of an incarnation. The whole structure of Christianity falls to the ground if this theory is accepted as fundamental, and still you have no explanation of the universe, for after you have

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THE PASSING WORLD

In the Light of the Word



THE 4 A's TO PUBLISH SONG BOOK

It is announced that the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism will publish a song book to cheer themselves along. What a cheerless task for a song book. The type of song book they will produce can easily be anticipated judging by past literary efforts of the organization. We wonder if they will follow the unusual custom of using the great hymus tunes set to heinous blasphemies or will one of their ringing choruses run like this:

There's a long, long trail a'winding
Into the land of our dreams
Where we'll hear no church bells
ringing
And no prophets' screams;
This will come some time or other
Just how soon none can tell
But let us keep on going brother
Down the long, long trail to H---!

(But there is no hell in Atheism, so we give it up and await what they bring out).

Atheistic songs have been sung in Communistic Sunday Schools to the tunes of the church and covert atheism has been voiced in modern churches but we predict that the new song book of the Atheist will be a flop. There is little of singing in the heart of man when he deliberately shuts God out but he may learn to sing songs of hate and blasphemy.

CLASS WAR IN RUSSIA

Casualties of the class war in Russia have mounted steadily during the past month. Groups of priests and peasants have been executed throughout the country. The firing squad has again become an active agent of government policy.

Another extreme step was taken in November when it was declared that all Russian citizens resident abroad, who refuse to obey a summons to return home will be adjudged guilty of treason and classed as outlaws. Their property is held subject to confiscation and if they are finally apprehended they may be shot within 24 hours.

FIRST ANTI-GOD UNIVERSITY

Four hundred students have been registered in Moscow in the world's first avowedly Anti-religious University. A change in the Soviet constitution last autumn gave the people the right to practice religion freely and these anti-religious schools are being opened to openly combat religious propaganda.

But recent newspaper stories tell of religious persecutions in Russia which rival those of former days. It is reported that Christians have been forced to dig their own graves and have then been thrown in alive.

It may appear that we are giving undue space to Communistic activities but we believe it to be the most significant menace on the International horizon today. A study of Prophetic truth will clearly reveal it in its true light as a Sign of the Times and no christian should ignore it or pass lightly.

Editor's Note.

WHY IS IT?

During the past few years I have met and talked with scores of pastors and leaders, as representative of men whom God has called to be Evangelists. In the course of our conferences two questions are invariably asked:

First: What is his attitude toward DANCING and Worldly Amusements?
Second: How much will a campaign cost?

Both questions are proper and pertinent but there is something uncanny about the way question number one always bobs up, for bob up it does and no maybes about it. Very often the questioner withholds his assent to co-operation until he is satisfied upon that point and knows the Evangelists attitude and method of handling or dodging the issue as the case may be. Often if one were to say that the evangelist handles the subject in a firm manner without compromise some one will immediately entertain grave fears that he will not "FIT INTO OUR SITUATION." I have heard men say "if he does take a strong uncompromising attitude against the Modern Dance I know I will not be able to commit my people to the Campaign."

We do not think that any minister need major on the gospel of dancing and worldly amusements but we do say that it is very significant that if he is known to take a positive attitude toward Paganish and character destroying institutions, regardless of his splendid record and abilities, it often disqualifies him in the minds of many religious leaders. We have known men to say, not too much on these subjects but to rebash it so often as to nullify effect, but whenever I hear that question raised I know there are furry animals in the wood pile and that a revival is needed so badly it is not wanted.

AN ADVANCE MAN.

FRENCH PUBLISHER DISTRIBUTES NEW TESTAMENTS.

For the first time since the Reformation a large secular French Publishing House has undertaken to distribute copies of the New Testament to the public. Funds for the work have been contributed by the American Bible Society.

Japan is probably the most notable example of all time of a nation that has absorbed the mechanical by-products of a Christian civilization without becoming Christian.

WHAT IF—?

Paul had simply been content with his conversion and did nothing more than to cease persecuting the christians and continued to move along with the scholarly and fashionable set of his day?

Luther had, upon being awakened, conformed himself and became just another priest?

Wesley had said when refused the privilege of speaking in his fathers old pulpit, "All right, I guess it is unethical for me to go outside of the regularly prescribed order of things. I suppose I had better conform myself for if I don't they will no doubt cut off my old age pension?"

Moody had been content to keep on selling shoes?

Would you want the influence of these men taken from the world at a single stroke? Would you want to wipe out the great Methodist church and its marvelous ministry throughout the years?

Yet these men were evangelists and some of them were invited to leave more cities than they were invited into. How it would stimulate your faith and enlarge our vision and give us courage to go forward in these days if we would constantly refresh our minds and spirits by frequently reading the lives of these men of God who often were called RELIGIOUS REVOLUTIONISTS.

HIGH POWERED CHURCH FINANCING

Is your church treasury in a depleted condition and the mortgage about due? Well, here is a tip from a Los Angeles church which is alleged to have arranged an exhibition boxing match between a former champion and a set up man—Proceeds of the exhibition was expected to lift off the mortgage. This is a hot tip and any church not satisfied with the Bible plan of church financing and other Bible ideas—here is your opportunity. But no great need to rush it, the plan will not get very common although other methods almost as notorious are in common use. If we only dared to trust the Lord and really do His work our balance sheets would present a different picture.

ONE IN THIRTY RIDE IN PLANES.

One out of every thirty persons in the United States have ridden in American airplanes this year, according to Assistant Secretary of Commerce Clarence M. Young. At least 3,525,000 when final figures for the year are in,

BOLSHEVIST MILLENIUM

It is gratifying to note that at last certain great American publication are awakening to the menace to America of the World Revolution Program of the Russian Soviet and are getting at facts in the case through efforts of men who have not permitted themselves to become deceived and victimized by Super Salesmanship of Kremlin propagandists. Entire delegations which have taken the "conducted tour" trip to Russia have been deceived and have come away with impressions which have no basis in fact. America, if left alone, can take care of herself or we think we can but it is not in the program of the Soviet to let us alone. This they openly avow. It is freely admitted by them that the churches of America are the greatest hindrance to the success of Sovietism.

A recent article by a keen observer sheds a strong light on the situation. The writer goes into detail concerning the new Russian 5-year plan, Pyotletka, which is the Bolshevik Millennium. It is the promise of heaven on earth by 1933.

The question was asked—will the next great world war arise in the Far East? The reply: "There is so much powder around that any spark may cause an explosion. We are calm but prepared for any emergency."

The writer goes on to say that "religion is still the great barrier to the success of Bolshevism even in Russia where it is conceded that 80 per cent of the people are christian." "Bolshevism is Autocracy gone mad" "Bolshevism cannot survive unless it conquer the world. Either the world must turn to Bolshevism or Bolshevism must turn to capitalism." A distinguished Englishman asked one of the nine men of the Kremlin if they would stop propaganda in India if England would recognize Russia. He said: "We would issue an order but it would be impossible to stop propaganda; the Third International would hold to its program. We are training every child to look upon himself as a sold against capitalism."

Whether we are fully aware of or not, Communism is a major activity in the program of the Anti-Christ and is using every possible agency in destroying faith in God and the utter breakdown of high moral standard. If it were to half way succeed a backed up by its militaristic resource frenzied prophets of peace and proponents of complete disarmament one day awaken to the realization that they have played into the hands of a clever enemy. Russia is a great preacher of peace while at the same time bending every effort to build the most gigantic and efficient military machine ever assembled under the sun.

The Heart and Core of the Gospel

BY MORDECAI FOWLER HAM.

In the fourth chapter of Genesis we read that Cain brought of the first fruits of the ground, and offered unto God; and that Abel also brought of the firstlings of his flock and offered it to God; but that God had respect unto Abel and his offerings; but unto Cain and his offerings he had no respect. Our message will be to show why God had respect unto Abel and not unto Cain.

They were both religious; both were worshiping God. In fact nearly everybody is religious. Paul was just as religious before his conversion to Jesus Christ, as he was afterwards; and he was just as zealous in his religion. Therefore it could not have been because Cain was irreligious; that God rejected him.

They were both sons of fallen Adam, because they were both born after the fall. In that respect Abel had no advantage over Cain. So it is with us today, we are all sons of fallen man, as we have all been born since the fall, and like Cain and Abel none of us have any advantage over the other by birth in the flesh.

They were both sinners, and one had just as good a chance to get back to God as the other. Let us remember that at this time Cain was not a murderer in his heart nor in deed; as he did not become angry with his brother until after God rejected his offering. So let us not judge Cain in the light of his crime which occurred after God rejected him.

That Adam was a subject of grace and saved when both Cain and Abel were born, contributed nothing to Cain or Abel; as we cannot inherit spiritual blessings by our natural birth of the flesh. Let us illustrate this: Take an old seedling stalk and graft the bud of a fine apple on that stalk, and we will have a fine, big, pretty apple; but the seed of this big apple has not been improved, and should you plant it, the tree from that seed would bear the fruit of that old seedling; showing that the seed has not been improved one bit by the new grafting.

So Adam, although a subject of grace, his nature had not been changed, and both sons born after the flesh, were sinners and must be born again.

Hence we are told in Roman 5, that all are sinners and in 1 Corinthians 15:48, that Adam was the dead humanity. But Romans 5 also tells us that through one man's obedience the free gift of eternal life has been made to many. We, personally had nothing to do with Adam's sin, neither have we anything to do with Christ's obedience. As children of Adam we get our human nature, disobedience, self-will. As children of God through Jesus, we get our divine nature, which does the will of God. But let us now examine Cain's offering.

The First County Fair

He brought the fruits of the earth as he was the tiller of the soil and I believe that he brought the very best that he could produce; no doubt it was a beautiful display of all the earth could produce—the first County Fair; very beautiful, just such an offering as would have been recommended by the wisdom of man; as it represented skill, toil and labor on Cain's part. But God rejected it because the earth was cursed, for God could not accept the fruits of a cursed earth. We have Cain-worshippers today, who offer to God the works of their dead nature;—the good deeds of the natural man;—the worship of the flesh. But Isaiah says: "Our righteousness is as filthy rags." So it is but an insult to God to offer Him anything that is cursed.

Second: Cain's offering was a bloodless offering. Hebrews 9:22: "Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins." The first blood that was shed since the creation of man was when God slew an animal and clothed Adam. Adam tried to clothe himself with a garment which he had made, but found himself fleeing from the presence of God at the sound of His voice; and so will all flee who try to clothe themselves in their own garments—ashamed to meet God. For since the day that the shedding of blood clothed Adam, to the present time, there has never been a person clothed in garments which were sufficient to appear before God, except by the shedding of blood. For God is not served by man's hands as though he needed anything, "seeing he himself giveth to all life and breath and all things." Acts 17:25. Hence Cain's bloodless offering which was produced by his own hands was not acceptable.

Third: He did not acknowledge death stood between God and himself, but put himself on equality with God. Cain's offering was no acknowledgement of a curse on the earth, so Cain would make God a receiver instead of a giver.

Abel brought the fattest of his flock without a blemish. We shall see by careful examination of his offering, that he entered by faith into a glorious acceptance of the truth which of course to us has been unfolded in the new covenant. If nothing else could convince me that God is the author of this Book, the fact that all of Old Testament ceremonies, rituals and types are such perfect pictures of the Christ who came and offered Himself for our sins, would forever settle the matter in my mind. In fact the Bible itself is a miracle, which is unfolding itself always to the humble student who is taught by the Holy Spirit.

First Abel acknowledged by his offering that nothing he might do, or that was the product of his own toil and skill and labor, was worth offering to God; the little lamb was not the product of Abel's hands, hence to the mind of flesh and the wisdom of man, Cain's offering was not only more attractive, but more commendable, when compared to the revolting picture of an innocent lamb, slain in its own blood, lying upon a rugged stone. It would have seemed heart-

less and cruelty to say the least of it, and man would have turned in disgust from Abel's bloody sacrifice of an innocent victim, to the beautiful display that had been prepared by the hands of Cain. But God accepted Abel and rejected Cain. As the wise man says: "That which is commended by man is often an abomination to God, and that which seemeth right unto man may be the way of death."

Second: Abel's offering said that he believed that death separated God and him; for there was the victim between God and Abel. He acknowledged, in other words, that what God said, "in the day when thou eatest thereof thou shalt die" was true and that because of Adam's disobedience death now reigned. This was an acknowledgement of the guilt, which you do not see in Cain's offering. No sinner can approach God today who does not acknowledge in his own heart that he is condemned. The penitent thief on the cross acknowledged the justice of his condemnation, while the impenitent thief railed at the Master for not saving him. Abraham believed himself as but dead, and yet trusting in the promise that from him should spring life. It is only when we die with Christ that we may live with Christ, hence by faith Abel enters into life.

Third: Abel's offering acknowledged that he believed God was approached by the sacrifice of some one other than himself. We are justified through the sacrifice of another. It was Christ's death on the cross that opened the way for us to approach God. Abel's sacrifice also said that he believed there was such a thing as escaping death, by death of a substitute, as the lamb had died in Abel's stead. So Jesus, the Lamb of God died in our stead.

Abel's offering not only showed that he believed God's claim and attributes could be met by the spotless offering—God's demands. But it showed that the sinner's deepest necessities could also be met by this offering of this spotless victim. In this we see the deepest doctrines of the cross. When Christ, the Lamb of God offers Himself upon the cross God's demands are met to their fullest, and henceforth God was reconciled, and when the sinner offers the Lamb of God that died on Calvary, to God as his offering, he finds his deepest needs are met.

You ask me then what I believe? I believe that God is satisfied by the death of Jesus on the cross.

You ask me how I believe? I am satisfied

Abel's Offering Revealed His Faith

We see from this that Cain was rejected because his offering was rejected; and that Abel was acknowledged because his offering was accepted. Hence God looks not at us, but at our offering. It was not Abel's feeling that made him acceptable, it was not even Abel's faith that made him acceptable. God did not look to see his faith. He did not have to because his offering revealed his faith. When a sinner offers Jesus Christ as his sacrifice and Lamb, God knows all of the elements in that sinner's faith. In fact it is His blood that makes atonement for our sins, not our faith, feeling nor goodness.

In the Old Testament they were forbidden under the law to eat blood as there is no life in the law, blood is the life of the flesh. In the New Testament we are told except we eat His flesh and drink His blood we have not life. If you will remember Christ after the resurrection was bloodless (Luke 24:39). He looked so pale that they thought He was a ghost; but He left His blood in the grave as He gave it to make atonement for our souls. He said He had flesh and bones. The difference between His people and the Egyptians there was the blood sprinkled door post. And the only thing that gave peace to the Israelites was his faith in the word of God which said: "When I see the blood on your door post I will pass over you." Whenever blood is seen which has been spilled it is an evidence of death. When the messenger of death was passing homes, he only looked for one thing and that was blood. If he found the blood he knew that death had already visited that home, and while it was the death of a substitute, yet it was according to God's plan and provision. If he found the home without the blood, it was not spared. So it was the blood God saw in Abel's offering that made him acceptable. It was because he did not see the blood in Cain's offering that he was rejected. When you use Christ as an offering, God will see His blood as spilled on blood. He will pass over you when He comes in judgement; because "there is therefore no condemnation to them that are Christ Jesus."

Trusting in The Blood

he Israelites peace did not depend on his feeling, but his faith in God's word. Suppose I had entered the home of an Israelite on that terrible night of judgement. All about him was great wailing as death reigned from the palace of the king to the humblest peasant home; from the princess to the woman in the mill, and to the oxen in the stall. Suppose I should have said to that Israelite as he sat at the table, feasting on the Paschal Lamb: "Do you feel safe while death is visiting the home of every Egyptian?" He would have replied "Most assuredly."

"Well, why?" I asked.

"Because there is blood on the door post."

"But what has the blood got to do with that?"

"God has said, when I see the blood, I will pass over you."

"But do you think you have the proper understanding of that?"

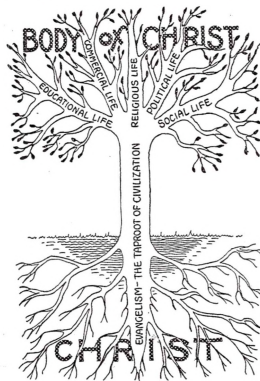
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EPISCOPAL RECTOR COMMENDS—

Without a doubt the great revival under the Ham party has been the greatest spiritual event during my residence in Burlington—and personally I have no doubt that this has been the greatest spiritual event in the whole history of the city.

Thousands have been led closer to the Savior and many hundreds have been led to confess Him before men for the first time. Never have I seen so many people moved with a common impulse towards God in my whole life as during the meetings under Mr. Ham's preaching.

Not only have hundreds and hundreds been moved while under the spell of the evangelist's messages, but scores and scores have taken their stand in prayer-meetings, group meetings and other smaller gatherings in mills and shops.

If the "power" of God unto Salvation has ever been manifested in a revival it has surely been manifested here. Men and women have been redeemed from cardinal sins. Men and women and children have been redeemed from lesser sins into sweetness, kindness, fellowship and brotherhood. The whole atmosphere of the community seems to have been changed from one of indifference into one of grace and religious enthusiasm. The community has been rededicated to God and has been brought into a state of solidarity and Christian brotherhood.

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Nations are being ruled by IRON MEN under so-called peoples forms of government while their Kings, if they have not been deposed, banished or murdered, are simply wax figures in the show windows to satisfy the irreconcilable elements of the populace.

Dr. Ham in a Great Campaign of Bible Teaching and Evangelism in Texas

Dr. Ham, assisted by Mr. Rodgers, opened a four-weeks campaign of Bible Teaching and Evangelism on Sunday, January 19, in Dallas, Texas, probably the greatest commercial center of that great state.

Announced over the radio for several months ahead and widely advertised by the forces supporting the effort, Dr. Ham's coming was eagerly anticipated, not only by local Christians, but by hundreds of friends in nearby sections of the state who recall the great city-wide revivals conducted in practically all the great centers of Texas some years ago and who have never forgotten the mountain-top experiences and the soul-stirring revivals then experienced. Over seventy city and county-wide campaigns have been conducted in Texas by Dr. Ham and in the heat of the prohibition battle Dr. Ham was one of the outstanding figures in the conflict, many of the state's finest cities joining the dry columns during and as a direct result of his campaigns. Dallas is one of the few Texas cities where Dr. Ham had never preached and the Christian forces generally were interested in the announcement of his coming. In spite of the most severe weather experienced in Texas in over thirty years a splendid audience braved the ice and snow to greet Dr. Ham on his initial appearance and before two days of the campaign had passed a great quickening in interest was evident and prospects are most encouraging for a great revival.

The services are being held in the Fundamental Baptist Tabernacle, a marvelous brick and steel preaching auditorium with a seating capacity of 5,000 and located in one of the finest residential sections of the city. The beautifully finished and acoustically perfect auditorium was recently constructed at a cost of some \$25,000 by the Fundamental Baptist Church of Dallas of which the Rev. Earl Anderson is the aggressive and spiritual pastor. The building was dedicated and occupied for the first time on the Sunday prior to Dr. Ham's arrival and the evangelistic effort is the first of a series of evangelistic campaigns and Bible Lecture treats planned for Dallas by this splendid group of earnest Christian people under Rev. Anderson's leadership. The church has had an interesting and militant history and on more occasions than one has sacrificially and heroically stood uncompromisingly for the great fundamental truths of Christianity. It is dedicated to one service above all others—the winning of men to Christ and undoubtedly its period of constructive service to Dallas has just begun.

On Monday morning following the opening Sunday, Dr. Ham was a guest at the Baptist Pastor's Conference in Dallas at the First Baptist Church where he addressed the Dallas pastors following a most cordial reception by them. While it is as yet too early to forecast the scope of the meeting, it can now be seen that Christian people from all over Dallas, regardless of denominational affiliation, are going to flock to the services and it is certain that the gracious influence of the meeting will be spread to the four corners of that great center.

The Williams Family

We are happy to present to our readers, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williams and their splendid family, of Clearview, Oklahoma. Although living nearly 25 miles from Okmulgee these friends drove the entire distance in all sorts of weather to attend both day and night services. They seldom missed a meeting during the campaign.

Mr. Williams is a busy farmer yet he and his splendid family felt that the best investment of time they could make while the meeting was in progress was to give themselves fully to it.

The cost of gasoline and oil alone for the period was nearly \$100 but each



bore his share of it and including contributions to the campaign they paid out more than \$300 and did it gladly. It is more than ordinarily refreshing to meet up with families like this. There are so many evidences of the disintegration of home life, lack of respect for parents and parental neglect of the spiritual interests of their children. Here we have an example of family fidelity to the work of the Lord that is good to 'now really exists. Parents setting the good example of being in earnest about spiritual things. What a heritage to leave behind to be cherished proudly in the memory of son and daughter who owe their own faith to the fact that father and mother believed in Christ and acted like it. God give us more homes like this one.

Time to Ring the Bell



Let the People Know the Truth About Prohibition

THE PRESIDENT, in his message to the new Congress put his finger on the sore spot of American civilization when he said:

"If the citizen who is himself dependent upon some laws for the protection of all that he has and all that he holds dear, shall insist on selecting the laws that he will obey, he undermines his own safety and that of his country. We can no longer gloss over the unpleasant reality that he who condones or traffics with crime is himself the most effective agency for the breakdown of society. We need to re-establish faith that the highest interests of our country are served by the insistence upon the swift and evenhanded administration of justice to all offenders, whether they be rich or poor. That is the most serious issue before our people."

PROHIBITION TO BLAME

According to an outstanding wet newspaper* prohibition is to blame for diamond smuggling. In wet journalism prohibition is to blame for every evil, from hog cholera to high water. Their logic it seems, runs in channels something like this.

Booze smugglers are dodging the revenue officers; therefore all smugglers learned their trade of them, and prohibition is to blame for all smuggling.

Bootleggers are deceitful and dishonest; therefore all thieves learned their iniquitous practices from them, and prohibition is to blame for all robbery, forgery, and other forms of dishonesty.

Hooch peddlers violate the law; therefore all who violate the law learned their evil ways from them, and prohibition is to blame for all lawlessness.

The same logic in its advanced chapters would seem to teach:

Blind pigging is a dirty game; pigs are only small hogs; hogs are dirty, dirt causes disease; therefore prohibition is to blame for hog cholera.

The dries are dry; that makes the wets wet; too much wet is responsible for high water; therefore prohibition is to blame for floods.

It is easy to show by this line of water tight logic that the wets hold prohibition responsible for all evil, actual and hoped for.

* New York World, quoted by N. W. Christian Advocate, Dec. 2, 1929.

THE MODERATION LEAGUE, one of the leading wet organizations in its recent leaflet "The effect of Na-

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Signs of the Times

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explained as far back as you can go, you still have to either say with Spencer that back of what we see is "an Infinite Eternal Energy" or say with us that there is "G.do"

Religious Conditions

Now we are told that certain conditions shall be evident in the religious world in the latter days and that these conditions shall be for a sign to us. Jesus warned us and the prophets and apostles warned us what we might expect. We are taught to expect great churches and that they shall be rich and in need of nothing and that they shall be full of "works." It is interesting to note that in the pictures of the various churches given us in the Bible we are taught that as a church increases in riches and wealth, it decreases proportionately in spiritual value. The Laodicean church had great wealth and said it was in need of nothing, but God had not one good word to say concerning it but concerning the Smyrna church God had the most to say. Yet this church had nothing, it had no buildings, no great organization, no great hospitals and educational institutions. Its members could not even get together for worship lest they be caught and put to death for their loyalty to God. They had to meet around in the homes of its members or in caves or catacombs. We have many Laodicean churches and Christians today. We have our great plants, our great institutions and we are rich, prosperous and full of "works" of every sort and description, but they are "Thy" works. We have so many schemes and plans of our own, and we are so busy in putting over our many projects and enterprises that we have little time today to put over God's program for us. We are substituting "our works" for God's works. We are busy with what is often called "great business of the Kingdom" that we leave out the real "work of the Lord." God didn't send us into the world to educate nor to build hospitals and great institutions. No sir, in not one place in the scripture can you find any such instruction to His church.

Our Work Is To Evangelize

We are sent here for one purpose and one purpose only and that is to "evangelize" and carry the truth to every creature—not to build a college and pay an infidel professor to tear down the faith of our children. God sent us preachers to teach and preach His truth, to defend His Name and His Cause, to carry His Gospel, not to solicit funds to pay infidel professors who occupy chairs in Christian colleges founded by Christian money. Like wolves in sheep's clothing, they tear down the very bulwarks of faith. Brethren, it is an outrage that cries to heaven, that much of the money that is contributed by good Christian people, as they think to further the Cause of Christ, goes to pay salaries of men who deny the faith and undermine it.

Now, I am not opposed to education, neither am I opposed to denominational schools. I am for education and I promise to give my children every bit of education they will take, but I am for education in its right place. Education, sanitation, civilization—all are allright. They are by-products of Christianity, but they are not the influences that will save this world. This world must have "salvation." That is its only hope. We are putting the emphasis in the wrong place today.

Will Not Stand For Sound Doctrine

Then again we are told that in the latter days, the people will not stand for "sound doctrines," but "have itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts." This is a day when we "hire" and "fire" preachers. Instead of God "sending" us prophets with a message from Him, we today go out and scout around and find one to our liking and try him out and if he suits us we hire him and if not we fire him. We get them according to our own lusts. We want an eloquent man and a scholarly man who can entertain us and charm us with his learning and his eloquence. We like our "Forums" where we can indulge in our little spiritual gymnastics and exchange "our" ideas and thoughts, but we don't care to hear the plain, simule message from God's prophet. But let me ask you a question. Can you ever recall an age that wanted God's prophets? Haven't the people always stoned them or hated them when they came with their message of condemnation for sin and calling the people back to God? How many towns invited John Wesley to hold meetings? Can some of you Methodists tell me? You Presbyterians refer with pride to Jonathan Edwards, but he was more often invited to leave a place than to come to it. God's prophets have never been popular men. When a people become worldly they won't endure sound doctrine and we have never seen this so true as today. The people want to be entertained today. Give us eloquence, they say. Give us wit to make us laugh, enough of pathos to make us weep, enough of drama to stir our emotions. Give us fine music by accomplished singers whether God is in it or not. It pleases us. If you don't do these things, we will just leave and go to the theater where we can get it. We don't want any of these old dry sermons, we are tired of them. Give us something new and make them short.

Preacher Not An Entertainer

Now listen, preachers are not here to entertain. I grant you that this Bible offers the best material for dramatization that can be found, but the preacher is not here to "act" and "please." He is here to stir your consciences by hammering God's plain truth home to you. Preaching that does not convict and stir your conscience does not help you.

"Turning Away From Faith"

Again, in the latter days we are told that there shall be a great turning away from "the" faith—not "their" faith, but "the" faith. What is "the"

faith? That God is our Creator and supreme all; that His word is sure; that Man fell because of disobedience and was cast off; that Jesus Christ came for His redemption, being born of a virgin, living in righteousness and dying for our salvation; that He rose again on the third day for our resurrection and now sits at the right hand of God for our intercession and that He is coming again for our redemption. You quote it in your Apostle's creeds, but if a preacher preaches it in all its aspects, you chafe under it. On all sides today we hear men, even preachers sometimes, saying that "I doubt if belief in the Virgin Birth is essential to salvation." They are merely following the dominant philosophy of the day. We don't like the picture of the Cross with its revelation of the depravity of man that would take His own creator and hang Him as a malefactor. We are lovers of self today. We are headstrong, we are proud, boastful, we like to tell of our "great church" and the "great" things it is doing. We talk a lot, but we go the way of least resistance.

Worldly Christians

Go into any place of amusement today or to any worldly institution you will find professing Christians just as absorbed as are the men of the world, and just as indifferent to spiritual things. The man of the world can detect no difference in their walk and his and there is no difference. Those so-called Christians are merely turning the grace of God into lasciviousness. It is easier to trot with the crowd than to stem the tide. Your pastor may come to you with tears and warn you of your course, but you "rall at diagnosis." You tell him to mind his own business, you resent restrictions. What do you care how many people stumble over your example? You don't care how much reproach you may heap upon the Lord and His cause, so long as you can do what you want to do. If folks in that frame of mind don't go to hell, it will be because the shebang will burn out before you get there.

Lying Demons And False Teachers

Then these latter days shall be days where "lying demons" shall be abroad teaching false doctrines and leading astray "silly women." Certainly there can be no denying that we see this on every side. Never were there as many false religions and doctrines coming forth as today. TODAY YOU CAN GET UP A NEW RELIGION FOR TEN DOLLARS AND THAT ON CREDIT AND MULTITUDES OF FOOLISH, SILLY, EMPTY-HEADED, FRIVOLOUS AND HYSTERICAL WOMEN WILL TROT RIGHT OFF AFTER IT. Note, too, that nearly all these new cults are started by some woman whether it be Mrs. Eddy, Mesdame Besant or some one else. No wonder Paul warned you women not to dabble in theology. Eve got into trouble over theology and got Adam into it and Satan has used her ever since to lead man astray. Of course, I know I am handling dynamite now, but I haven't a thing against women. There is nothing greater, more inspiring, more helpful, more beautiful than a tender, lovely sweet Christian woman, but there is no agency so mightily used of Satan as a woman whom he can control. And listen woman, believe it or not, you can't do as men do. They won't let you. I challenge you to study history and see if it is not a fact that woman has only enjoyed equality with man and has only been respected in civilization when Christianity was the dominant influence. Under all other circumstances, she has been the chattel of man, to be sold as a slave and treated as an inferior. Better stay in God's way, woman, or you will always pay the price. You can't help it.

Knowledge Shall Increase

Then in these latter days there shall be much knowledge. There is no need to touch on the wide-spread knowledge of today. In this day of radio, magazines, telegraph, newspapers, books, commerce, travel, schools and other influences we see the greatest diffusion of knowledge the world has ever known. Yes, we have education, but it is education without God. We are trying to avoid that statement. "In the beginning God."

Increased Travel

We are told that there shall be much "running to and fro." Look around you. Get on your trains and note your crowded pullmans. Note your trans-ocean liners, how they are packed with people "just traveling," nothing especially to do, but just traveling. Look on your roads and streets. It seems that the whole world is on rubber tires and behind gasoline motors. A few years ago a man who had been around the world was a curiosity, now he may be a globe trotter and receive very little attention.

There Shall Be Scoffers

Then, too, it shall be a time when people will hoot at "The Second Coming of Our Lord" and will say, "Things are as they have always been. Times repeat themselves. It is just the same thing over and over and always will be." Yes, they will hoot at the return of our Lord and at the end of the age, but listen—God says: "This they will fully forget: That there were worlds of old that were destroyed by water." They willfully forget that other civilizations as great as ours have passed into oblivion and that this world has once been wiped out by water and that we have every reason to expect God's prophecies to come true concerning the end of this age.

Great Wealth

Then these latter days shall be days when men shall accumulate great riches. Is it not true? If Adam had saved \$100,000 a year every year and lived until now, he would not have as much money as John D. Rockefeller is reputed to possess. But, God warns these rich men that their riches will rust in their vaults. It is time when the end is near.

Too, the Bible pictures great disturbances between capital and labor. Much could be said on that and I will preach a special message on it later, but it is

sufficient now to just read your daily press and note the strikes and frictions that exist every where in industrial circles.

Great Political Changes

Then there shall be great political changes in the world in these latter days. National boundaries are to be broken up and finally after "wars and rumors of wars" there shall come a League of nations, a sort of restoration of the old Roman Empire and the end shall be near. It is interesting to note the fact that today Italy is rapidly becoming a tremendous power under Mussolini. Much could be said in speculation here but suffice it to say that already we hear the talk of the League of Nations. The Bible has predicted it, but it will be at the time of the end of the age.

Israel in Palestine

Then the most impressive sign is the coming to the front of Israel. After hundreds of years as a nation that had no home, no flag to call her own, yet as a nation that could not be assimilated by any nation, we see the Jewish nation more and more rapidly becoming an international problem. She is stirring herself and taking on new life. They are turning their faces toward Jerusalem, their native land, and we are told that they will return to it, but it will be in the day of the end of the age.

No, brother, this Bible has never failed. Its prophecies are true. All that have been fulfilled have been fulfilled literally and all that have not been fulfilled will be fulfilled. We have every reason to believe that the end of the age is not far off. The fig tree is budding and we see the signs on every hand yet we go on indifferently. We have no ground to hope that we will turn this whole world to Christ before the age ends, but it is for those of us who see these signs to do as Noah did and warn the people of the coming end that they may be prepared. The signs are here. God has given them to us to warn us. We see them on every . . . What are you going to do with them? It is not a national question but an individual one. How will you answer it?

Heart and Core of the Gospel

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He did not say that when He saw my understanding. He said when He saw blood."

"But have you the proper appreciation of it?"

"He did not say when He saw my appreciation, but when He saw the blood."

"But are you sure that your faith is strong enough?"

"He did not say when He saw my faith, but when He saw the blood."

"But will He pass you by when you are probably as mean and wicked as many of the Egyptians?"

"Yes, the difference is not in his and our character, but the difference lies within the blood. The difference is we are sheltered by the blood and they are not."

So, dear souls, we should not be concerning ourselves about our sentiments or even our faith; but rather the object of our faith—our offering. Are you offering to God your goodness? If so, like Cain, you will be rejected. Are you offering to God His own provided Lamb? If so, like Abel, you will be accepted. Are you offering to God your faith? Then you are rejected. But if you are offering to God the bleeding Lamb of Calvary, you are accepted. You may ask what power and virtue there is in the death of another person, and the offering of that life which could make us better? I will answer that any soul has to read, and believe the story of the crucifixion as set forth in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life," to become a changed person.

But let us never forget that whatever our goodness may be it is as unacceptable in God's sight as the fruits of a cursed earth offered by Cain.

Rahab the harlot housed the spies, but it was not that good deed which justified her—it was her faith in God. First, she believed that God's judgement was going to destroy her city and her family with it. She also believed when she hung the blood-stained rope in the window, which was to be a token to the soldiers who destroyed the city that she and her loved ones would be perfectly safe in the house where that blood-stained rope hung from the window. The rope was dyed scarlet by the blood of a worm, which was used for dyeing, or rather quoting the words of Christ: "I am a worm," which refers no doubt to this worm which gave its blood for the purpose of dyeing cloth. It was not Rahab's good works that saved her. It was the blood-stained rope. It was not Rahab's good works that were responsible for the rope being hung, or the promise made. But it was Rahab's acknowledgement and submission to the coming judgement which God had pronounced on her city, and her plea for mercy, through faith, entitled her to security behind the blood. While we have no record of Rahab after that, save that it was through her lineage came Christ I am confident that the very mercy extended to her was not in vain; nor was it unappreciated on her part; but she was thereby made a new creature. The story of the cross of Jesus will in like manner make new creatures out of all who believe.

By way of illustration; I once heard Dr. Chapman relate this beautiful story of a proud English woman. She had worn gloves continuously for many years. Her grown daughter had never seen her mother without her gloves. Although she was a disobedient, willful girl and had given her mother great sorrow she had never dared to ask her mother about her hands. One day when the mother was alone the girl came unexpectedly into the room and saw the bare hands covered with scars. She exclaimed: "Oh, mother, what is the

matter with your hands?" Said the mother: "Dear child I never intended you should see these ugly hands bare; I feared you would not love me after beholding these old scarred hands; but since you have caught me, I will tell you the story.

"When you were a wee baby a lighted lamp was overturned, spilling oil on you, and your clothing ignited. Your mother rushed to you and with these hands extinguished the flames and saved the baby. Though the hands were burned and scarred, the precious baby was saved from harm." The disobedient child, broken in heart, burst into tears and throwing her arms around her mother's neck she said: "Mother, I did not know how much you loved me," and kissed the scarred hands, adding, "Mother I will never again disobey you." So, dear sinner, when once you see the bleeding Christ with His wounded hands and know that He has saved you from the terrible doom of endless torment in Hell, you cannot be the same person afterwards.

May God by His Holy Spirit reveal Him to you, is my prayer.

MIRACULOUS DELIVERANCE

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had tarried behind to look after the stoves but he too was spared by being in a side wing. Even the piano, which usually stood near the speakers platform had been pushed into a wing. A friendless dog which had sought shelter in a warm corner was also unharmed so the Lord made a complete job of it.

....The Associated Press carried lengthy reports of the remarkable incident and conceded it to have been a miracle and more remarkable still because it so clearly vindicated the message of the Evangelist being delivered at the moment of interruption.

Opposition to the Campaign had been particularly bitter in certain quarters and one man who had been open in his opposition, when he heard the news, said, "Now I guess Ham will have to leave town." Just then his own roof fell in.

Truly it was a miraculous deliverance but isn't it just like the Father to fulfill His promise? What a different story if Dr. Ham had gone on preaching that God delivered His people after warning them only to be interrupted by the cry of dying and injured hundreds and he himself killed or maimed by the impact of the first cave in directly over his head. But God did not fail and the people were warned and saved. Our God never fails. He warns every man and all who heed are saved not merely from bodily injury but from that injury which is eternal.

MODERATION LEAGUE

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tional Prohibition in the Wet States" submits a table of government figures showing the death rate from alcoholism in the states that were wet prior to National Prohibition. The leaflet states that the figures prove that "the rate of deaths from alcoholism is now as high as it formerly was in the saloon days." Yet this table shows

that the average alcoholic deaths during the ten years prior to prohibition were 5.13 per 100,000 population per year against 3.60 for the eight years after prohibition.

This shows that alcoholic deaths were 43.3 per cent higher during saloon days than during even poorly enforced prohibition days.

These figures include Maryland that never had a dry enforcement law and also New York which repealed its dry law several years ago.

If these two states, which ought not to be included, are excluded then the death rate prior to prohibition was 53 per cent higher than during the dry years.

This disregard for plain facts does discredit to men who have even a passing regard for truth.

The incident affords conclusive proof that at least some of the most respected wets have abandoned all hope of finding facts that will justify their hostility to Prohibition.

UNDER REGULATION the consumption of intoxicating drinks increased three times as fast as the population. Then came prohibition and in ten years it has closed 150,000 saloons opened and protected under regulation. If it has done no more, that is enough. It stopped the swelling flood of alcohol which in 60 years swept like a tidal wave from 6½ to nearly 23 gallons per capita under the protection of the flag. If it has done no more it is enough. It has snatched the flag that waved in protection over the brewery, the distillery and the grog shop and set it on the side of the wife fighting for her home and the mother fighting for her home. If it has done no more, that is enough.

But it has done more. It has made life safer and happier; it has reduced deaths from drink; it has increased wealth and reduced poverty; it has given new homes and new hopes to millions; it has enlarged the life, enriched the liberty and increased the happiness of the people.

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