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**I** O LEAVE America at this time is not an easy task. At first, one is tempted to become impatient with the miles of red tape that must be run before leaving; but out on the ocean, there is a feeling of comfort and safety in the fact that Uncle Sam seems so unwilling to let his native children get away.

Men of affairs in the world to-day give careful, and, indeed, anxious thought to the political, economical, and social alliance or connection between Europe and America. Mission boards, too, should study the relation of America to Europe, as regards the great problem of extending the gospel to all the world. "The issues of the kingdom of God in this generation are with America." "Save America and you save the world." Few appreciate what vast mission resources there are in the United States and Canada. No country on earth is like America. Think of the mixture of races and languages! Here indeed is the melting pot of the nations. Said Bishop Taylor, "While we send one missionary to the heathen, God has sent ten thousand heathen to our doors."

In home missions problems, and in open doors of service to all the world, America stands by itself in a unique situation, the like of which the church has not seen since Pentecost, when so many nations were gathered at Jerusalem. There are to-day over 13,500,000 in the United States who were born outside of it. There are 18,897,837 who were born in this country, one or both of whose parents were born outside of the United States. That means that 32,000,000, or nearly one third of the total population, either were born abroad, or are of foreign parentage. This foreign element of our population equals the population of Holland and Belgium combined, or of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Switzerland combined.

In New York City, fifty-five per cent of the male inhabitants of voting age are foreign by birth. In twenty-three other cities of over 25,000 inhabitants, more than half the male population of voting age are foreign-born. New York is the largest Irish city in the world. It has more Germans than any German city except Berlin, and more Italians than any city outside of Naples and Rome. In thirty-seven of our largest cities, fifty-seven per cent of the public school children are of foreign-born fathers.

## AMERICA A GREAT STRATEGIC CENTER

By

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This is a picture of a mother and her two sons. She and the son on the right have just arrived in America, while the son on the left has been here for a number of years, and has become a true and useful citizen of the United States. The contrasting countenances of the two brothers show what Americanization will accomplish.

In fourteen states, these new Americans are in the majority now; and in eleven others, they range from more than one third to one half of the population.

The presence of these new Americans means much to the welfare of our country. The immigrant labor represents seven tenths of the labor in the cotton mills, and nineteen twentieths in clothing manufacture. They manufacture one half of the shoes, four fifths of the furniture, one half of the collars, cuffs, and shirts, and one half of the gloves. They cure four fifths of the leather, refine nineteen twentieths of the sugar, and do the vastly greater share of the domestic service.

It is interesting to relate how these people from across the sea have contributed to the higher life of our land by giving us professional men,—teachers, doctors, lawyers, jurists, philanthropists, legislators, ministers, writers, etc. They have given us many spiritual and intellectual leaders, men and women who have enriched our country with their best thoughts and ideals. But among these aliens, there are also elements that constitute a menace to America. From Europe have come not a few infidels and radicals, who, in our midst and with great zeal, seek to destroy both the Christian religion and the American republic.

Our government is very desirous that the masses of these people should be Americanized. This process is one of education. True American principles are ideals and cannot be forced on any one. This work of Americanization will have the hearty support of all Bible believers in the States. The immigrants within our shores are eager to

learn the American language and customs. We must meet this desire more than halfway. To the immigrants, America is the land of opportunity, and they admire Americans with all their hearts. Coming to this country, they desire to join our great commonwealth and forget their past. One writer pictures it thus:

"Just to-day we chanced to meet  
Down upon the busy street,  
And I wondered whence he came,  
What was once his nation's name;  
So I asked him, 'Tell me true,  
Are you Pole or Russian Jew,  
English, Irish, German, Prussian,  
Belgian, Spanish, Swiss, Moravian,  
Dutch or Greek or Scandinavian?'"



Then he gave me his reply.  
As he raised his head up high:  
'What I was is naught to me  
In this land of liberty;  
In my soul as man to man,  
I am just American.'

While the government endeavors to make loyal citizens of the aliens, the church of Christ must teach them the gospel. Indeed, there is no means that sets these people free and causes them to give up old revolutionary ideas as does the Word of God. The Bible is the one supreme need of these strangers within our gates, and thus one of the great problems of our day is that of home missions.

But the gospel work for the many strangers among us is really a city problem. Our great American cities have grown up in a generation. The first white child born in Chicago died in that city in 1907. As late as 1835, there was a wolf hunt on what is now the corner of La Salle and Monroe streets in the "loop district" in Chicago; and the next year, both a wolf and a bear were killed where a twenty-four-story skyscraper now stands. In 1800, less than four per cent of the people in America were urban, while the 1910 census shows that forty-six per cent live in cities having a population of over 25,000. The tenement population of New York City is larger than the combined population of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Connecticut. In New England, five times as many people live in the cities as in the country.

#### STUDY RELIGIOUS NEEDS

The religious conditions of these new Americans should give every Protestant church board food for careful thought. There are more Jews in New York than there are members of Christian churches both Protestant and Catholic. Indeed, only eight per cent of the city's population are members of a Protestant church. A large per cent of these aliens are atheists and radicals. They were reared in the Catholic Church, but have come to hate Romanism and often all religion. The church can do no greater service to itself and the country than to bring to these people the words of life. They respond well to the gospel. "Missionaries have been surprised at the eagerness with which they were received by the Italians, Bohemians, Poles, Slovaks, and Lithuanians, and others commonly regarded as most hopeless."

#### AMERICA A GREAT MISSION FIELD

But there is yet another weighty reason for our being interested in the problem of home missions. There is a bond of life between missionary work in America and that in the rest of the world. Through immigration, the United States is in a special sense the most foreign country and the greatest mission field on the globe. "All peoples that on earth do dwell" have here their representatives, gathered, by a divine ordering, within easy reach of the gospel. Through them, the world in turn may be reached. Every foreigner converted in America becomes, directly or indirectly, a missionary agent abroad, spreading the knowledge of the truth among his kindred and tribe. The greatness of the opportunity is the measure of obligation. God's message to this nation has been thus interpreted: "Here are all these people; I have taken them from the overcrowded countries where they were living, and sent them to you,

that you may mass your forces and lend a hand to save them." No such opportunity ever came to a nation before.

The well-known writer Mrs. E. G. White stated: "Great benefits would come to the cause of God in the regions beyond, if faithful effort were put forth in behalf of the cities in America. Among the foreigners of various nationalities who would accept the truth, there are some who might soon be fitted to labor among those of their own native land. Many would return to the places from which they came, that they might win their friends to the truth."

The history of Seventh-day Adventism fully bears out these statements. Our first missionary to Denmark was a Dane from Wisconsin. Our first Russian laborer in Russia was a brother of that nationality from Kansas. Thus, too, the

blessed truth went from our own country to Africa, Australia, and other lands. Europe is a continent of many states and nations. Here the cause of present truth has made great progress, nor was it weakened or hindered by the war. Today new problems confront us, and great doors of opportunity are open; but of these we will speak in a later article. On every hand, in the different countries we visit, we see that we are in another, a new Europe—very different, deeply unlike the Europe we saw before the war. American business men are sending food, fuel, clothing, etc., to Europe. American churches should be even more eager to delegate doctors, nurses, ministers, teachers, and evangelists to the stricken European countries just now breaking away from the bonds of despotic churches and rulers.

## A HOME THAT THRILLS WITH JOY

By J. BERGER JOHNSON

THE Word of God abounds in "exceeding great and precious promises." To the toil-worn Christian, struggling against the odds of the world, the flesh, and the devil, the promises with regard to the future home of the overcomer have given the most cheer and comfort. This blessed hope of the earth redeemed from sin and from all the effects of sin, fit for a habitation of the righteous, has served as a beacon light to hearten the faithful.

Perhaps there is none of all these promises that gives hope and satisfaction more than the words of the Lord Jesus found in Luke 12:32: "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." The faithful Christian, although in the minority among the world's inhabitants, feels that with this assurance from the Master, he can go on through the world, conquering and to conquer.

Of the home for the redeemed, all the prophets and poets in the Bible have written and sung. It is a theme that filled the minds of all the worthies of old, as it has also the minds of the servants of the Lord in all ages. Holy men have tried to picture the glories of that home; but they laid down their pens, lost in wonder and admiration because of what was revealed to them. Words are not potent enough to describe the future bliss of the ransomed throng. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." 1 Corinthians 2:9. Finite minds stagger at the glories of heaven, even when these are only partly revealed.

#### "SWALLOW UP DEATH"

The aged prophet Isaiah, enraptured with the theme of the saints' reward, declares, "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces." Isaiah 25:8. There the messenger of death shall not enter. There will be no funeral trains in the New Jerusalem. Epidemics and scourges that have swept the face of the earth will not take their toll of millions in the new earth. "The inhabitant shall not say, I am sick." What a time to look forward to!

Sin will not raise its ugly head there, for "the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity." Sin shall not rise up the second time, because God will have made an utter end of all that pertains to sin. This earth will go through the refining fires of the day of God, and come forth as gold tried in the furnace, a suitable place for the righteous to dwell in. "But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. . . . But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. . . . Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." 2 Peter 3:7, 10, 13.

#### "MANY MANSIONS"

Before leaving His disciples, Jesus told them: "In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:2, 3. This was to be "oil of joy for mourning" to them through the dark days that were just before them at that time, and it has been such to all His disciples since then.

To the seer in Babylonian captivity, Daniel, was given a view of the ransomed taking possession of the kingdom promised to them by Christ. Through the telescope of prophecy, he looked down the years of the next two and one half millenniums, and saw the people of the saints of the Most High inherit the delivered kingdom. (Daniel 7:22, 27.) Great joy attends the entrance of the saints into their lawful possession. "The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Isaiah 35:10.

The holy men of old lay down to rest in their long sleep, with full faith that





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A session of the League of Nations in the St. James Palace. The League continues to meet, and wars continue to rage.

# Men Unable to Devise the Panacea

By JOHN E. FULTON

THE world everywhere is in quest of peace. That is a desirable end; and for any individual or nation to seek for such a condition is undoubtedly commendable. Our Master originally planned a world of peace for man. He made every provision to insure to our first parents a home of peace. "Eden" was a synonym for "peace"; and the divine plan was, that as the inhabitants of the world were born, the earth should become a paradise of peace and plenty, extending "from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth."

But the divine plan was interrupted for a time, by the fall of man. Sin is a monster that promised man greater liberty, but only to deceive and enslave.

## WOULD IMPROVE OVER GOD

Man sought an improvement on God's plan of peace, but the results have been disastrous. What woe and sorrow instead of peace! In the very beginning, the enemy convinced men that should they follow his directions, their eyes would be opened to a larger vision, even on a plane with superhuman beings; and what was forbidden became pleasant to the senses, and a thing to be desired to make one wise. But death came instead of life, slavery instead of liberty.

To-day also men are led madly on in quest of a better way and a larger scope for what is thought to be pleasure and peace, forgetting that all that the world

presents, "the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life," is only of the world, and is soon to pass away. Just where man failed in the beginning is where man is failing now; and man's unenlightened way is always wrong, and leads downward, and away from the very thing he fain would pursue—lasting peace and real joy. It seems strange, but it is so. How true the Bible statement, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord."

Man started on the wrong path, and he rides on the same broad way with accelerated and maddened speed in his race for what is counted the goal of peace. But "the way of peace have they not known." Their life is as a race on a spiral railway, where men rush madly on and reach no definite end. Nearly three thousand years ago the prophet outlined the vanity of human aspirations apart from God's plan, saying: "The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace." Isaiah 59: 8.

Plainly, man is on the wrong track; and after nearly six thousand years of disasters and wrecks left all along the way in every nation, it should be convincing that there is no peace under human devisings. Every nation has had its sure cure for social and national evils;

but nothing has been handed down from a worldly source, even from the wisest sages, that has brought lasting peace to our world. "We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of healing, and, behold, dismay!" Jeremiah 8: 15. There are many Utopian dreams; and men rush on for their prize, only to find that what they had before them as a pleasing vision was at the last proved to be only a deceiving mirage.

## LIKE THE TROUBLED SEA

What says the prophet again? "Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none." Ezekiel 7: 25. "The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest. . . . There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." Isaiah 57: 20, 21.

Recent years have certainly been a vivid illustration of the utter breakdown of all man's plans for peace; and even now, after the cessation of actual war as we viewed it for those five awful years, we still find a restless and peaceless world. Men may make leagues for peace, peace treaties, and deliberate often in peace conferences; but so long as they do not learn "the way of peace," there can be no security in this sinful world. With all our boasted civilization, we are as far away from the goal as ever. In fact, the most highly civilized nations have been the fiercest in the mad strife, fighting for peace, when there is no peace.

the promises which God had made to them, of "a better country, that is, an heavenly," would certainly be fulfilled in God's good time. They "were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." Hebrews 11: 13. Of all these, and of His other children, God is not ashamed to be called the God (their father). He has fulfilled His obligations as a father in regard to providing a suitable home for His children. He is glad to call us His sons. He will not be ashamed to have His name written in our foreheads there. "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will

be his God, and he shall be My son." Revelation 21: 7. "It doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." 1 John 3: 2. Only the righteous will enter there. Having attained their righteousness through the merits of the sacrifice of their Lord, they will be counted worthy to pass through the pearly portals. No workers of iniquity will be there. The man who loves his sin will be outside the walls of jasper with his sin. Nothing that defiles can enter that holy place.

The marriage supper of the Lamb (Christ) and His wife (the church) will

be the great opening event at the "occupation" of the holy city. There the table will be spread with the choicest fruits that the Garden of Eden can produce. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob will be there to greet all guests from all ages. The Father has set the table with "fat things," and "blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb."

"We speak of the realms of the blest,  
That country so bright and so fair,  
And oft are its glories confessed;  
But what must it be to be there!  
We speak of its streets of pure gold,  
Its walls decked with jewels so rare,  
Its wonders and pleasures untold;  
But what must it be to be there!"



# JESUS CHRIST--CREATOR AND

## LAWGIVER

By W. H. BRANSON

FAR back somewhere in the eternity of the past, before any of the worlds and suns now comprising the vast universe were created, before angels or men were brought into being, God, who had existed from all eternity, brought forth a Son. This Son was "the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature." Colossians 1: 15. Paul declares that He was "the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person." Hebrews 1: 3. God bestowed upon His Son all the glory He Himself had, and made Him a coworker with Him in all His subsequent acts. He was to be one with the Father, exercising the same power, bearing the same titles, and sharing equally in the glory that should come to the Father through the things He should create.

In the eighth chapter of Proverbs, where the Christ is personified as wisdom, He explains His preëxistence with the Father in the following beautiful language:

"The Lord possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: while as yet He had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When He prepared the heavens, I was there: when He set a compass upon the face of the depth: when He established the clouds above: when He strengthened the fountains of the deep: when He gave to the sea His decree, that the waters should not pass His commandment: when He appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him: and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him." Proverbs 8: 22-30.

### ACTIVE AGENT IN CREATION

And not only was Christ with the Father when the worlds and the universe were created, but He became the Father's active agent in bringing all things into being. In the American Revised Version, Proverbs 8: 29, 30 is rendered thus:

"When He marked out the foundations of the earth; then I was by Him as a master workman."

God the Father drew the plans, He marked out the foundations of the earth; but Christ was the master workman who took the plans and carried them out until the whole work of creation was completed.

Let us in connection with this thought notice the testimony of other Bible writers on the subject:

"Giving thanks unto the Father, . . . who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son. . . . For by Him [God's Son] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. . . . For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell." Colossians 1: 12-19.

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto

the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed Heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds." Hebrews 1: 1, 2.

"But unto the Son He [God the Father] saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows. And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of Thine hands: they shall perish; but Thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt Thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail." Hebrews 1: 8-12.

"In the beginning was the Word [Christ], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made." John 1: 1-3.

### NOTHING MADE WITHOUT HIM

Thus we see that Christ, the Son of God, became the Creator of the heavens and the earth. "Without Him was not anything made that was made." He made the sun, the moon, and the myriads of stars and worlds that fill space. He was the Master Workman in it all, the Father's agent. It is self-evident, therefore, that the story of creation as recorded in the first and second chapters of Genesis is a chronicle of the work and acts of Christ, the Son of God. Christ is this world's Creator. It was He who spoke the word that caused light to appear and dispel the darkness on the first day; it was He who made the firmament, dividing the waters from the waters, on the second day. Christ is the one who caused the dry land to appear, and who covered it with trees and grass and flowers, and all the beauties of nature, on the third day. It was He who, on the fourth day of this earth's history, arranged that the sun, the moon, and the stars should give light upon the earth and govern its seasons. Christ spoke the word that caused the waters on the fifth day to bring forth fish, and that made the fowls to fly in the air. It was Christ who created the living creatures, and finally man—the crowning work of creation—on the sixth day. "All things were created by Him, and for Him." Colossians 1: 16.

But Christ did not close the week with the sixth day. The record states that "on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made." Genesis 2: 2, 3. Thus we see that Christ closed His work of creation by making a Sabbath. He made it out of the seventh day.



He made it by first resting upon the day Himself, putting His personal presence into it, and then blessing, sanctifying, and hallowing that day for all time to come, so long as the weekly cycle should roll around.

### CHRIST MADE THE SABBATH

Christ, the Creator, is therefore the Author of the Sabbath; and since the seventh-day Sabbath is the Sabbath that Christ made, it must of necessity be "the Christian Sabbath." Let us notice in



# THE MYSTERY OF JESUS

By WILLIAM P. PEARCE



THE most unique, mysterious character of the ages is Jesus, who is called "the Son of the Highest." Luke 1: 32. No other person has commanded the attention, investigation, and criticism of men and women of every rank, race, and belief as has He. He is "the faithful and true witness" (Revelation 3: 14), "the first-born from the dead" (Colossians 1: 18), the ruler of the kings of the earth, of whom John exclaims, "When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead" (Revelation 1: 14-17).

In His relationship to God, Jesus is a mystery. He describes Himself as "the only begotten Son" (John 3: 16; see also Luke 1: 35; John 1: 49; Matthew 17: 5), "the first-born of every creature" (Colossians 1: 15-18). Get the thought—"the first-born" Son, or as Warrell's Greek translation reads, "the Primal Source of the whole creation." "Before Abraham was," said Jesus, "I am." John 8: 58. At the very beginning, He was "with God." John 1: 2. Marvel of marvels!

In His relation to the Holy Ghost, Jesus is a mystery. He was born of a woman, but "conceived," said God to Joseph, "of the Holy Ghost." Matthew 1: 20. The Holy Ghost is never confounded with the person of Christ, but is a distinct person. Jesus said, "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter" (John 14: 16)—another—not the Father, nor Himself; three distinct persons, but not three persons in one. The only passage that gives color to the idea of three persons in one is 1 John 5: 7: "There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." But this text is readily explained by Christ's statement that the husband and the wife are one. Even though bound in an intimate unity, they are nevertheless distinct individuals.

In His relationship as man, Christ is also a mystery. Thirty times in Matthew's Gospel, fourteen times in Mark's, twenty-six times in Luke's, and eleven times in John's, He calls Himself "the Son of man." He was born in sin, but sinless; tempted like other men "in all points like as we are" (Hebrews 4: 15), socially, commercially, politically, sensually, yet with no inclination to yield.

"holy" day. It is a delightful day, not an old Jewish yoke of bondage. It is an honorable institution, since it is given as a memorial of God's creative power; and those who keep it faithfully have the assurance that they shall delight themselves in the Lord.

After the fall of man, God the Father appointed Christ as His agent, through whom He would bring about the redemption of the race. The entire work of carrying out the plan of redemption was turned over to Him. God the Father has always kept in the background. He has never revealed Himself to man at any time; for no man, while in sinful flesh, can see His face and live. He has always revealed Himself through Christ, His Son. "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath de-

Other men had weaknesses, but He had none. He was the man.

In His divinity, Jesus is a mystery. Try as you will, you cannot explain it. "I and My Father are one," said He—not one in individuality, any more than two joined in matrimony "shall be one flesh" (Matthew 19: 5), but one in thought, and interest, and aim for man's welfare. God's deity was enthroned in Christ's humanity, as seen by the supernaturalism that entered into everything He did; and every perfection of the essential being of God was deposited in Him.

The futurity of Jesus is also a mystery. Prior to His birth—a mystery. His divine humanity—a mystery. His staying so long mediating before God instead of coming and wiping out crime and delivering saints—a mystery. And His future kingship, when God will put all things into His hands and permit Him to rule over a loyal and a united people of all nationalities, colors, and creeds,—a mystery. How wonderful the enthronement of Jesus as King of kings!

The problem of Jesus is unexplainable and unanswerable, yet I believe in Him. It is not necessary that I comprehend Him to appropriate Him. Theological beliefs differ; and because of these differences, men have persecuted other men to the death. But imitation of His life and obedience to His teaching bridges all mysteries and makes one love Him with Thomas Aquinas, who is said to have had a visit from Jesus, and who was asked, "What shall I give thee, for writing so much and well about Me?" His answer was, "Nihil, nisi Te, Domine"—"Nothing but Thyself, O Lord."

Let us therefore honor Him above apostles and disciples, above martyrs and angels, above kings and emperors, because God "hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2: 9-11.

"Honor immortal must be paid,  
Instead of scandal and of scorn;  
While glory shines around His head,  
He wears a crown without a thorn."

clared Him." John 1: 18. Hence wherever we find any act attributed to God, we may know at once that it was accomplished through His Son, Jesus. Whenever we read of God's revealing Himself to His people, and speaking to them, we should remember that it is God the Son, and not God the Father.

This fact being established, it naturally leads us to the conclusion that when the Ten Commandment law was given to God's people in written form, some twenty-five hundred years after creation, it was given by God the Son, or Jesus Christ; and this is exactly what the Scriptures teach us. Note the following statement by the apostle Paul:

"Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all

what sacred terms He speaks of this day: "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor Him [by keeping it], not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord." Isaiah 58: 13, 14.

The seventh-day Sabbath, then, is "the Lord's day." Revelation 1: 10. It is His

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# SUCCESS

## Through

# UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER

By ROLLIN D. QUINN

**T**HE question asked by Job in the far distant past, "How can man be just with God?" is still asked by thousands of men and women to-day. To answer this question satisfactorily is to answer the cry of longing hearts everywhere.

The condition upon which we may have peace with God is a life wholly surrendered to God to do His will. Perhaps no part of the Bible is more helpful in illustrating this great truth than are its biographies.

### RICH BIOGRAPHIES

In the early dawn of history, the first great character that arrests our attention for any length of time is that of Abraham. We are surprised to note that God has devoted almost one fourth of the sacred history of the first twenty-five hundred years to him who is spoken of as "the friend of God." Certainly there is much in the experience of Abraham worthy of our most careful study. Isaiah recognized this when he said: "Hearken to Me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him." Isaiah 51: 1, 2.

Stephen began his masterly defense before the Sanhedrin by the words: "Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia." Paul tells us that God preached before the gospel to Abraham, and that he is the father of all them that believe.

The key to Abraham's life is in the word "separation." He was, from first to last, a separated man,—separated from his kindred and his native country; separated from his own methods of fulfilling the promises of God; separated from Lot; separated as a pilgrim and a stranger, without any certain dwelling place; separated at last, in effect at least, for a time, from Isaac, the son of his old age.

Of all the separations and surrenders that Abraham was called to make, this last one is perhaps the hardest to understand. It may be that Abraham was looking more to Isaac than to God who gave him, and so once more, in the evening of his life, God called upon him to stand alone.

### OBEDIENCE BROUGHT THE LORD

It is a noticeable fact in Abraham's life, that whenever he fully obeyed God, the Lord appeared to him and blessed him. When he had separated from his fatherland in obedience to the divine com-

mand, the record is that the Lord appeared to him and blessed him. The next time we read of God's meeting with him is when "Lot was separated from him."

Slow to comply with the divine call to separate from his kindred, he had at last obeyed; and then it was that God especially undertook his training, and showed him the land that he was to possess, and that land is the world to come. He was met and blessed by Melchizedek, a priest of God, on his return from the victory over the kings. The obvious reason for this meeting and blessing was because he recognized that the Most High God is "possessor of heaven and earth." And in grateful recognition of this fact, and of God's ownership of all things, he gave to His representative "tithes of all."

The last recorded meeting of God with His "friend" was when He "did prove Abraham." Next to God, who offered up His only begotten Son, Abraham was called to make the mightiest surrender that any man had ever made. When his all was upon the altar of loving service, God said to Abraham, "Because thou hast done this thing, . . . I will bless thee."

"And what was this thing upon the doing of which the blessing of God came to him as never before?—It was the yielding of his all to God in the surrender of his son. Child of God, have you done this thing? No other thing will avail. Constant prayer, importunate entreaty, wearisome waiting, attempts at believing, reckoning it done,—all these are of no avail if you will not do 'this thing.' This unyielded life is the very citadel of self. God will not force it; but when its key, the will, is voluntarily handed over to Him, then He floods the life with His fullness of blessing. Would you know

His 'I will bless thee'? Then do 'this thing' absolutely, unreservedly, confidently; yield yourself, your life, your all, into His hands for time and eternity," "that the blessing of Abraham might come on the gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

### THE PLACE WHERE BLESSING IS

God does not create a blessing and put it upon men. Instead, He calls men to the place where the blessing is. Abraham found that place on those untrodden heights of communion and privilege of Mount Moriah. Jacob found it at the Jabbok, when, through humiliation, repentance, and self-surrender, he had prevailed with the Majesty of heaven; and the record says, "He blessed him there."

There is plenty of blessing in the place of blessing. And as long as one remains in the channel of blessing, he is blessed according to his needs; for when we have fully complied with the conditions of blessing, God has said, "I will bless thee," and He cannot and will not reverse it. So then our place of blessing is found in Jesus Christ and His righteousness; for "unto you first God, having raised up His Son Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities."

This first blessing of deliverance from sin and sinning, when realized and enjoyed, will bring the fullness of the latter rain, and all other blessings in its train. Then, in an emphatic sense, the responsibility of this fullness of the Holy Spirit rests with us. Not that it is not all of God. Certainly it is, for "in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." And He "hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ." Consequently there is but one thing left to be done, and that is for us to act our part. If we attempt to throw the responsibility of our lack of power back upon God, He will throw it back upon us, and rightly, too, for that is where it belongs.

It is not so much a question of receiving the Holy Spirit, as it is a question of yielding and surrendering to the Holy Spirit already received. The blessed truth is that we may have all the blessing we will make room for. Then let us be emptied of self, and filled with the light of the divine.

### Jesus Christ—Creator and Lawgiver

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passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ." 1 Corinthians 10: 1-4.

Here we are told that Christ was the spiritual Rock that followed, or accompanied, the children of Israel in all their journeys through the wilderness. It was He who manifested His abiding presence in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. It was He who instructed them in the ways of salvation, and gave them the plan for the earthly tabernacle and its great round of services, which were to typify His coming death on the cross of Calvary. It was Christ who led them forth with a strong hand, and drove





out their enemies from before them, that they might possess the promised land. Therefore it could have been no other than Christ who called Moses to Himself in Mount Sinai, and gave him a copy of the law of God's kingdom.

That scene was one of great solemnity. As Christ uttered the words, "The seventh day is the Sabbath: . . . in it thou shalt not do any work," the whole earth shook. And after the announcement had resounded throughout the congregation of the children of Israel, who were gathered at the foot of the mountain, Christ engraved the same solemn words upon tables of stone with His own finger. There was no mistaking His meaning. He had both spoken and written the words, "The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord;" and thus the duty of the subjects of His kingdom, on this point, was clearly set before them.

#### SPEAKS AGAIN FROM A MOUNTAIN

Fifteen hundred years after giving the law from the summit of Mount Sinai, Christ appeared upon earth in the form of a man. He had come to continue His efforts to save the fallen race; and as recorded in the fifth chapter of Matthew's Gospel, He again appeared upon a mountain, and again outlined the principles of God's kingdom. Let us listen very carefully as He speaks upon this occasion: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5: 17-19.

Here Christ announces, at the very beginning of His earthly ministry, that He had no intention of changing, even to the extent of one jot (the smallest letter), or one tittle (the smallest part of a letter), the law He had given His people fifteen hundred years before.

#### CHRIST KEPT THE SABBATH

And not only did Christ make plain that the law was not to be altered, but He also faithfully set a true example by keeping it Himself in its entirety. "I have kept My Father's commandments," He said, "and abide in His love." John 15: 10. Luke, in his Gospel, declares that it was a custom with Christ to worship on the Sabbath day: "And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and, as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day." Luke 4: 16. There is no Bible record that Christ ever kept any other day. The idea that Christ changed the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday cannot be proved by the Bible. Christ kept the law; and in order to do so, it was necessary for Him to keep the Sabbath of the fourth commandment.

There is not a hint to be found in anything He said or did, that would lead men to think He had changed the Sabbath. Never once did He say that the resurrection day should be observed after the cross, instead of the original Sabbath. He never so much as hinted at a change. All that is said about His attitude toward

the Sabbath indicates clearly that He recognized only one day of rest; that is, the original Sabbath of creation, the Sabbath of the commandment. And He was so desirous that His disciples also should keep it, that He asked them to pray that they might not have to break it by fleeing from Jerusalem on the Sabbath day at the time of the destruction of the city. (Matthew 24: 20.) This destruction did not take place until forty years after the cross, yet they were to observe the Sabbath sacredly at that time. This in itself is evidence that Christ had made no change in the day of rest.

The seventh day is called not only the Sabbath, but also "the Lord's day." We read in Mark 2: 27, 28: "He said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath: therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath." John the revelator also uses this title in referring to the Sabbath when he declares, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day." Revelation 1: 10. And in Isaiah we read, "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day." Isaiah 58: 13. To no other day of the week is this title ever given; therefore no other day should be recognized as holy time.

#### SABBATH IN THE WORLD TO COME

The time is coming when Christ will again appear upon the earth. He will take complete control of the nations of the world, and will purge the earth from both sin and sinners. The whole earth will be melted and refined, and Christ will be its King. All the glory of Eden will be restored, and the people of God who have been saved out of all nations will dwell there forever. All this is taught in the writings of the ancient prophets:

"The day of the Lord will come as a thief; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing that these things are thus all to be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness, looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, by reason of which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? But, according to His promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." 2 Peter 3: 10-13.

"I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth are passed away; and the sea is no more. And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His peoples, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God: and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away." Revelation 21: 1-4.

"There was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be de-

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stroyed. . . . And the kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High: His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him." Daniel 7: 14, 27.

From these prophecies, it is clear that this earth is to be purified by fire, made new, and given to the saints. The New Jerusalem, now in heaven, will come down to earth and become the capital city of the earth. Christ will be King, and God's throne will be located in the midst of the city. There the tree of life will bloom and bear its luxurious fruits, and the sparkling waters of the river of life will flow beneath its branches. (Revelation 22: 1, 2.)

#### A WORLD-EMBRACING MEETING

In this new earth, when Christ's victory over sin and the devil has become complete, all His people will still reverently observe His Sabbath, which He gave at creation as a memorial of His power. "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before Me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me, saith the Lord." Isaiah 66: 22, 23.

Imagine those wonderful Sabbath meetings! From all over the earth, His people will gather at Jerusalem, and do honor to God, and to His Son, Jesus Christ, on the day that represents His power and greatness. It will be on the Sabbath day, which has been the seventh day in all ages. It has never been altered. It was the seventh day at creation, the seventh day at Sinai, the seventh day when Christ was on earth; and the original seventh day, or Sabbath, will still be observed when we get over into the earth made new. Christ and His Sabbath never change. Therefore it behooves us who are striving to obtain a home in His kingdom, to reverence the day He has given as a memorial of His power.



## The Spirits in a Murder Case

A DISPATCH from London affirms that "the whole framework of the British system of justice is being tested to-day by the first psychic disclosure of the identity of a murderer." A young woman had been found on the beach with her head brutally crushed, and the police could not gain the slightest clue to the murderer. A few days later a medium received information in regard to the name of the murderer, where the man lived, etc. Now the British Department of Justice is trying to determine whether it should act on information secured in that way.

Spiritist literature is full of affirmations to the effect that we cannot always rely upon the spirits, because they frequently tell manifest falsehoods. And it is to be hoped that this psychic craze now

ing the foregoing verse, this very significant and striking conclusion is drawn: "Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new."

We may know Christ "after the flesh"; we may know only so much about Him as may be revealed to us by human research and history. But what we need is to have Christ really come into our lives by the divine Spirit. We need to have Him take full possession of us, so that we know Him no longer after the flesh merely, but really enter into those deep experiences with Him that cause us to become new creatures.

If this rich experience is ours, our outlook upon life has been completely changed; our nature has been transformed, so that the old desires for sin and selfish indulgence, even though they

form of organization mutually satisfactory, which shall give the men self-expression, recognition of their manhood, self-protection, and a chance to put their thought and power into action productively, and which shall give to capital and management equally just and self-respecting recognition."

There would certainly be no dissension in regard to these things which we all want. We should like to see the Golden Rule in practice everywhere. But can any one practice the Golden Rule who does not have its principles in his heart? Those principles are not generally possessed by humanity now, neither have they ever been in all the history of the world, otherwise we should not have had the wars that have cursed our planet.

The principles of the Golden Rule are peculiar to the teaching of Christ, and come into the heart of an individual as the direct result of receiving the gospel. There are many Christian ministers even who think that any one may observe the Golden Rule who may take it into his head to do so. We should like to have the other fellow exercise the sentiments of the Golden Rule in dealing with us, and we may talk about the great beauty of these wonderful principles; but when it comes to carrying them out in the life, we find that we lack the power to do so unless we have been regenerated through the gospel of Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul states the problem of the individual's controversy with sin in these words:

"We know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I know not: for not what I would, that do I practice; but what I hate, that I do. But if what I would not, that I do, I consent unto the law that it is good. So now it is no more I that do it, but sin which dwelleth in me. For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me, but to do that which is good is not. For the good which I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I practice. But if what I would not, that I do, it is no more I that do it, but sin which dwelleth in me. I find then the law, that, to me who would do good, evil is present." Romans 7:14-21.

Our minds are ready to consent to good things; we know how to enact good laws; we know how to tell what ought to be done. "To will" is ever "present with me," as says the apostle. But the good that we would do, we do not; and on the other hand, the evil that we hate, we continually practice.

How to perform the good that we know ought to be done is the great problem of the human being. In the twenty-fifth verse of this same chapter, the apostle shows us that this can only be accomplished through Jesus Christ our Lord. Laws enacted by wise and good men are a great help. They make life and property much safer than they otherwise would be. But it takes the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ actually to change men's hearts and lives so that they are ready to act out the principles of the Golden Rule. Agitation in favor of carrying out these principles will do a great deal of good; but let us not lose sight of the fact that it takes the mighty power of God to change corrupt, sinful human nature so that the Golden Rule will shine forth in every act and deed.



A captured light cruiser, and destroyers, once belonging to the German navy, that were allotted to the United States under peace arrangements, at their dock in the Hudson River, New York. They are to be used as targets in gun practice by our navy.

spreading over the world will not reach the place where it will influence and direct our courts of justice. But do not be the least surprised if such should be the case in the near future.

The Bible speaks of Satan's coming down with great wrath when "he knoweth that he hath but a short time"; and he will work in the most despotic manner, so that individuals who are seeking to stand for the right and true principles of kindness and love shall have neither mercy nor justice. Hence the need that we as individuals test the promises of God and know their power. Further, there is the great need of an individual experience in receiving and sensing divine protection. As never before, the Bible, with all its rich promises, and with all its illuminating prophecies, should be our constant study and guide.

## How Do We Know Him?

WHAT is the character of our knowledge of Christ? This knowledge may be very superficial, and really bring to us none of the blessings of the gospel; it may be merely a hearsay or a second-hand knowledge.

The apostle speaks of a time when "we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now we know Him so no more." 2 Corinthians 5:16. And immediately follow-

may be slumbering within us, are nevertheless held in subjection by the mighty power of the mighty Christ who is working in our lives. This is a living experience that the true Christian knows in a very definite and positive way.

## Power to Keep the Golden Rule

THE Federal Council of Churches, through its Commission on the Church and Social Service, sends out a message for Labor Sunday, from which the following paragraphs are taken:

"Now we want the Golden Rule—'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you,' and Christ's saying, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself,'—set up in factories and applied to the total personnel, from stockholders, directors and president to the unskilled day worker. We want to exalt the word of the prophet Micah, 'What doth Jehovah require of thee, but to do justly, to love kindness and to walk humbly with thy God?' We want a concern for the individual life, which is basic in the teaching of Jesus, to have a controlling place in industrial relations.

"The Golden Rule applied to a factory must mean certain great ideas out of which can grow Christian practices. It means first that management and men shall work out some effective and sincere