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The world needs more of the spirit of friendship and kindness in this crucial post-war era.

You Can Have Friends

But You Must Prove Yourself Friendly

“WELL, NOW, I suppose I’ve done it again,” muttered Granny gloomily, watching her neighbor marching stiffly across the street, head erect, and hands at her sides.

“Done what?” inquired the brisk little woman just entering, with a covered dish in her hands.

“I’ve hurt her feelings again, and I didn’t mean to.”

“What did you do this time?” inquired the caller sympathetically, as she placed the tin of fresh cinnamon rolls on the kitchen table.

“We were looking at the plants,” explained Granny. “What’s that you put on the table? Cinnamon rolls! And just when I didn’t have anything sweet for supper! You’re a wonderful neighbor.”

“It’s nothing. I can’t eat it up all alone,” explained the caller. “And I get hungry for them, and the feel of dough in my hands. But go on with your story.”

“I said, ‘This one is like an old maid. It’s never bloomed!’ And she glared at me and went home, slamming the door after her,” concluded Granny.

The visitor chuckled, and Granny groaned.

“There! I’ve done it again!”

“You aren’t worrying about me, are you?” inquired her next-door neighbor. “There’s nothing wrong with my sense of humor, and I don’t wear my feelings on the outside, so don’t let that trouble you!”

So that explains it, I thought to myself when Granny later told me about the varying attitudes of her two neighbors. They were both unmarried ladies. The first lived across the village street. She had sufficient funds to be comfortable, lived in a pleasant little bungalow with all the usual modern conveniences, yet she seemed alone, friendless. I had wondered why.

Granny’s next-door neighbor was certainly not friendless, even though she was not overly blessed with this world’s goods. She brought her drinking water from the back-yard pump, and her wash water from the cistern, as her mother

had done before her. The old-fashioned, brown house needed a coat of paint, but the front steps had always a freshly scrubbed look, and from early spring to late fall the flower beds and the porch boxes drew the appreciative eye of every passer-by. Inside, the old-fashioned rooms

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No man, for any considerable period, can wear one face to himself, and another to the multitude, without finally getting bewildered as to which may be the true.—Nathaniel Hawthorne.

IF AN untutored, fuzzy-haired native of some remote South Sea island were to find a screw bolt among some wreckage on the beach of his palm-girt homeland, and if he had never seen such a thing before, he would probably think it was some kind of wave-tossed ornament, tie a string to it, and hang it about his neck.

And if by chance he discovered the screw nut for it a little while later, he might also hang that around his neck and be quite proud of it.

But almost any white boy would laugh at this use of the screw bolt. He would take the bolt and the nut from the neck of the native, screw the nut onto the bolt, and say: "Don't you see that the one was designed for the other? Don't you see they fit?" He would then show its use by bolting two pieces of wood together.



If Fuzzy-hair should be given the glass bulb of a pocket flashlight, he would probably consider it a very nice bead or a transparent shell. And if you afterwards gave him the flashlight, minus bulb, he might think of it as a fine ornament and give it to the ju-ju man.

What a surprise he would get if, when it was dark, you screwed in the bulb, and the light shone out from the torch!



"But see!" you would say. "These two pieces were made for each other. They fit! Someone designed them. They did not come like that by chance."

Walking through a printing office, I pick up a curiously shaped piece of brass. I am told it is a matrix, or letter-mold, from a type-casting machine called a linotype.

At one end of this piece of brass is a V-shaped opening with little, uneven teeth on the edges of the V. On one side of the matrix I find two notches with the shape of a letter M punched in each. The matrix has two projections on each side, and minute slots at the end opposite the V opening.

This piece of brass is so shiny and attractive that you might think of using it as an ornament on your watch chain.

But someone laughs: "Why, that's a matrix from a linotype machine. That's not an ornament. Just watch it going through the machine and you will soon see that there is a reason for every notch and projection."

So I examine the machine carefully.

I find that it has on the top an inclined, flat case, called a magazine, which has grooves or channels on its inner surfaces. Into one of these grooves my matrix slides easily, like scores of others. Both



The omnipotence of God is much in evidence in the intricate and delicate designs in nature.

A Great Designer IS BEHIND IT

God's Work In Nature

By ARTHUR WARREN

matrix and magazine were evidently designed for each other.

At the touch of a lever like a typewriter key, my piece of brass is suddenly released from the magazine and falls into a small, steel box, alongside of many others. The box is just the right size for the matrices. Evidently the maker designed the box and the matrices for each other.

Later, at the touch of a lever, the matrix suddenly travels to a pot of melted type metal where the letter punched in the edge of the brass comes just opposite a slot through which the melted metal is



forced. The metal solidifies at once in the slot, forming a bar of type with my letter M and many others on its top edge. That is what the matrix was made for.

My piece of brass, with its companions of the line, is now suddenly lifted to the top of the machine again, hanging on to a V-shaped bar by its teeth, those little

uneven teeth which we have noticed before.

But why uneven? Is that faulty workmanship?

No; you will soon see. The apparent unevenness is because some of the teeth are missing. As my M slides along the long bar stretched over its home, the magazine, it arrives opposite the M channel. Here it is suddenly released from the bar, exactly at the right fraction of a second, and drops into its home channel again. If those teeth had not been missing, the M would have gone right past its "home."

Ah, yes, the long bar had grooves into which the matrix teeth clung, and the grooves were cut out just above the M channel so that my matrix was no longer supported, but had to drop. That was a clever idea on the part of the designer. Even the teeth on the matrix were designed.

So I discover that every tooth, notch, projection, and slot—every part of this matrix—has its counterpart in the machine. And I involuntarily exclaim: "What a clever designer!"

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WOULD a UNITED STATES of EUROPE BRING

PEACE?



The representatives of the Big Four seated around the conference table at Moscow. Heated discussions have ensued, but little has been accomplished in establishing world peace.

By W. L. EMMERSON

SINCE Mr. Churchill made his great plea for the ending of the "tragedy of Europe" by building "a kind of United States of Europe," many influential voices have been upraised in support of the proposal.

In a speech before the Upper and Lower Houses of the Dutch Parliament, General Smuts drew a glowing picture of what might be, if the nations of Western Europe would come together in a regional group.

"Here you have," he declared, "the most advanced and developed group of the whole human race. Its vital resources in man power, natural resources, industrial equipment, and communications are unrivaled. They are now split into a large number of small national units, which in peace often mutually frustrate each other and in war make their own security more doubtful. Together they would form an enormous industrial and economic unit and a market of unrivaled dimensions. Under a union there may be a flowering of European genius such as may outrival the most glorious periods of the European past. The glory that was Greece and the grandeur that was Rome may be puny in comparison with the new outburst of the European spirit. The combined material and cultural advance may lead to standards of life and culture such as the world has never seen. The greatness of Europe lies before and not behind her."

Still more recently the Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery in *The Sunday Times* (London) wrote with equal enthusiasm:

"Here next door to us . . . is the fairest and most fruitful region of the world, this home of the most virile and intelligent peoples, this ancient seat of its finest civilization, heir to all that the Greek love of intellectual truth, of political freedom and of plenty, that the Roman sense of law and order, that the Christian message of compassion and redemption have given to humanity. Here it lies prostrate, torn to shreds, pulverized by its mutual rivalries and hatreds. . . . The only hope of the peoples of Europe lies, to quote the noble phrase revived from another context by Mr. Churchill, in a 'blessed oblivion' of the past, and in coming together in the common task of salvaging [salvaging] what still remains, and then in recreating for themselves a happier, a more prosperous, and a more peaceful existence than they have ever known."

On the face of it such an aim is an eminently worthy one. For fifteen centuries Western Europe has been the scene of a long series of "naturalistic quarrels" and attempts at domination which have repeatedly drenched its rich soil in blood and which have culminated in two world wars. If these warring kingdoms could be joined together in a "United States of Europe," one would indeed think that a long step toward world peace had been taken.

The student of Bible prophecy, however, can hardly take so rosy a view of the movement toward a union when he turns to the book of Revelation and reads the

twelfth and thirteenth verses of the seventeenth chapter. There we are told that in the very last days of earth's history the "ten kings," which are none other than the nations of Western Europe ruling over the broken fragments of the old Roman Empire, would, after centuries of quarreling, actually decide to come together in "one mind." But the Scripture goes on to state that the cement which they would invoke to bind them together would be the giving of their "power and strength unto the beast."

Now readers of this journal know very well that the symbolic "beast" referred to here is the Roman Catholic Church. This prophecy, along with others in the thirteenth chapter of the Revelation and elsewhere, thus links the last-day coming together of the nations of Western Europe with a resurgence of Rome and its exaltation for a brief period to its former tyrannical power before the end of the world.

That this association of a political and economic union of the peoples of the West with a revival of Catholicism is by no means remote from the European situation today, is evident when we note that in practically every one of the Western countries pro-Roman political parties are already in the saddle. The recent elections in Germany gave sweeping victories to the Catholic-supported Christian Democrats in every part of the country, except the rigidly controlled Soviet zones.

Roman Catholic papers, moreover, are hailing the speeches of Mr. Churchill and Gen. Smuts as an invitation to rebuild the Christendom of the Middle Ages.

"What is taking place today, under the pressure of supreme necessity," comments the *Tablet*, "is the recantation of a great heresy." It then asks:

"We wonder how long it will be before

Field Marshal Smuts . . . and before Mr. Churchill . . . will realize that one of the main agencies for the promotion of European unity is the universal Catholic Church; and that the really effective and helpful step to take is to encourage to the utmost of their power, the life and vigour of the Catholics and the Catholic parties, fortunately so strong, in all the great countries which have to play their part in this work of unification."

"Certainly," declared Kurt von Schusnigg, ex-Chancellor of Austria, in a Brussels speech reported in the *Catholic Times*, "European solidarity, the United States of Europe, must be based upon economics, but this is a secondary basis. Salvation is only possible in a European solidarity. That is why there must be a return to the Catholic faith."

Without a doubt, Rome is making a tremendous effort to recapture her lost power and prestige in these lands, and if the Western European powers come together in a regional union, each with a pro-Catholic government, her power would indeed be immense. The next step would be an attempt to "purge" dissident elements within these nations and to urge the united powers in combination to wage a "crusade" against godless powers beyond their frontiers.

A resurgent Rome, using a "United States of Europe" as its instrument, would not make for "peace on earth." Nor would it make for peace in heaven, for the verse following those quoted above reads:

"These [the ten kings] shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings." Revelation 17: 14.

Students of prophecy, therefore, cannot share the roseate visions conjured up by Mr. Churchill, Field Marshal Smuts, Mr. Amery, and others. Rather do they see European union paving the way for the healing of "the wound" (Revelation 13: 3, 12) which the papacy received at the end of the eighteenth century, and for the accomplishment of the final acts of the great apostasy which will bring about the personal intervention of the Son of God at His second coming.

Our hopes are built, therefore, not upon European union but upon that better and wider union of which the revelator speaks when "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever." Revelation 11: 15.

You Can Have Friends

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were furnished with the same sturdy pieces that had graced them a generation ago. But who could help noticing the crisp

white of the far-from-new ruffled curtains, the comfort of the old chairs, and the books on the tables and the shelves?

Perhaps you do not believe that it is possible to avoid friendlessness, but it is true. Whoever you are, you can have friends. You can have the kind of friends you like. The rules are not difficult to understand, or hard to carry out.

What kind of friends do you want? Make yourself into that sort of person, and they will come to you. Do you know of anyone more lonely or troubled than you are? Search him out and make him happy.

Friendship is important. Its influence extends far beyond this present world and reaches out to that better life to come. This being true, it is a fit subject for prayer. Do you not ask your heavenly Father for other things you need? Then why not ask for friends? Many years ago, I read these words somewhere: "All who

are needful to thee, thy heavenly Father will place around thee."

It is true. Make yourself ready. Cultivate your inner resources, as well as the more obvious ones. Everyone has them. Be a real person, big enough to overlook the faults and foibles of our common human nature. Never permit bitterness to get a foothold in your House of Life. Be yourself, not a rubber stamp. However, that last does not entitle you to ride roughshod over the rest of creation. Be dependable. If you agreed to be in some particular spot at two P.M., on the eighth, make certain that you are there, barring only absolute impossibility.

There is no better guide to friendship than the Book:

"A man that hath friends must show himself friendly;" and, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Prov. 18: 24; Matt. 7: 12.



By CHARLES L. PADDOCK

One cold, blustery, March night in the late nineties, a heart-broken, grief-stricken father sat with his head in his hands in the dimly lighted living room of his humble home, on a small farm near the city of Spokane, Washington.

He appeared to be alone, but there were sleeping in that room with him, or in adjoining rooms, six small children, one girl and five boys. He sat there wondering how he was going to tell them the sad news that the mother they were looking for would never come back to the home again—she was dead. From that time on he was to be both father and mother to this little flock.

This one girl in later years was married and took the name of Mrs. John Dodd. In the year 1910 she attended a Mother's Day service. By this time her father was sleeping in the churchyard too.

In his sermon that morning the minister said some beautiful things about mother. Mrs. Dodd did some serious thinking. Her father had been both father and mother to her. She wondered why little was said about father, and determined there in the church pew that morning that she must do something in memory of her faithful father, William Jackson Smart.

William had been born in Arkansas, where they called him "Billy Button"

because of the shining buttons on his simple homespun jacket. Later he moved to Big Bend, Washington.

In writing of him, Mrs. Dodd says, "He lived by the golden rule, entertained the minister, never borrowed, taught us not to borrow, objected if my petticoat ever showed, or if the floors and walks were not clean."

She set apart the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Others heard about it, and the news spread. Letters began to come to her from far and near. So now we have a Father's Day.

No one will ever feel, I am sure, that too much praise has been given our mothers. Much has been said and a great deal written about them, but surely not too much. We could never really express all the love and gratitude and devotion in our hearts for them.

I have wondered sometimes if enough has been said about Father. In some cases, in some families, I have known him to be a forgotten man, sort of left out of the picture. Don't let your father feel his only purpose or function in the home is to pay the bills which come in so regularly. Be sure he is a part of the family. The third Sunday in June is his day, but thoughts of him and kindness to him need not be confined to any day or month.

JESUS, the Christ, the Son of God, once made a visit to this earth. For four thousand years men had been looking forward to that event. It was promised to Adam in the Garden of Eden when he was sentenced to death for sin. It was foreshadowed in the lambs offered as a sacrifice at the gate of the Garden by Adam and Abel. The Coming One had been promised to Abraham as his seed, through whom all the nations of the earth should be blessed. (Romans 4:13.) Job in his misery and suffering cried out, "Oh that my words were now written! Oh that they were printed in a book! That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth." Job 19:23-25.

The whole Hebrew sacrificial service instituted in the wilderness by Moses under the direct supervision of God pointed forward to the death of Christ as the sinner's Substitute, and the life of Christ as his Priest and Mediator.

Then Jesus came. He fulfilled sixteen hundred years of prophecy in one day. He, the Lamb of God, was sacrificed for us. His blood was shed for man's redemption; He was raised up by God to show us all that the sacrifice was accepted. His death canceled the guilt of Adam's sin for the whole human race. It also canceled the guilt of all who put their trust in Him as Mediator for their own sins. "But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of

What Is Christ Doing Today?

Important Things Are Happening in Heaven

God. For by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified." Hebrews 10:12, 14.

Jesus was here. He organized a church. He said, "I will come again, and receive you unto Myself." John 14:3. He went away. He has been gone for more than nineteen hundred years. What is He do-

ing? Why the long delay? The Hebrew sanctuary service tells the story.

of necessity that this Man have somewhat also to offer." Hebrews 8:1-3. The whole lesson of the earthly priesthood was that it was a type or shadow of the heavenly ministry or priesthood of Christ.

When Jesus ascended into heaven He was anointed High Priest to plead the cause of humanity before God. He Himself had been the sacrifice: His blood had been shed for the sins of all. "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." Hebrews 9:12.

For nearly two thousand years Jesus has been our representative in heaven. As a member of the human race, He knows our trials and struggles. He was often hungry, thirsty, weary. He was abused, mistreated, misunderstood. He met temptation in its most terrible forms and knew the weaknesses of human flesh. When we raise our pleading voices in a prayer of penitence and ask for forgiveness, He can understand, for He knows the power of sin. When we cry for help, He sends

By LEONARD C. LEE

ing? Why the long delay? The Hebrew sanctuary service tells the story.

"Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: we have such an High Priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; a Minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is

The requirements of justice must be met in heaven as well as in earth, but we can be assured to know that Christ is the advocate of true Christians in the solemn court session above.



angels to bring encouragement, for He knows how welcome were the angels that strengthened Him in the garden of Gethsemane.

Jesus loves us and pleads His blood for us before God. He is the lawyer for the defense when we come to trial for our sins at the bar of judgment. The beloved John writes of Him, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." 1 John 2: 1.

As there were three parts to the work of the High Priest in the Hebrew service, so there are three parts in the work of Jesus as our High Priest. The priest met the people in the outer court and there accepted and offered their sacrifices. Then he went into the holy place, where he carried their sins and made an atonement. Then once a year he went into the most holy place to make a final disposition of sins.

The outer court represented the earth. Jesus came to earth, met with the people and offered the sacrifice of Himself. His blood was shed. Then He went into heaven to be our Mediator and plead for us before God. As the daily work of the priest was to minister daily in the first apartment, so Christ on His entry into heaven entered into the first-apartment phase of His work.

The final phase of the high priest's work was the day of atonement, or cleansing of the sanctuary. This was a day of judgment in the Hebrew type. All who had not entered into the work of atonement by confessing their sins and offering a sacrifice by the end of the day were cut off. (Leviticus 23: 29.)

Since the time of Adam, the names of all candidates for salvation have been written in the Book of Life. Their sins also have been written down and their confessions. A careful record is kept of sins forgiven. Christ's final act as priest will be to divide the righteous from the wicked. Their records are all before Him. "The judgment was set, and the books were opened." Daniel 7: 10.

Sin has been a terrible burden to a loving God. It took away His Son and nailed Him to the cross. It marred the image of God in the human race. But God will make an end of it. It has almost run its hateful course. To those who will accept it, there is healing and cleansing and forgiveness in the blood of Jesus. All who cling to Jesus by faith and plead His blood will have their sins forever blotted out in the day of judgment. Peter was thinking of that day when he said to the multitude: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted

out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3: 19.

But those who fail to overcome, those who cling to sin and reject the precious blood of Christ which was shed for them, will have their names blotted out. "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels." Revelation 3: 5.

The prophet Daniel was much interested in the priestly work of Christ. An angel told him of the history of the world

Not In Vain

By Weldon Taylor Hammond

**I'm sure I shall not climb the
steep to fortune,**

**Nor recognition gain for out-
ward show.**

**This matters not to me, can I
but lighten**

**The burden of some friend or
ardent foe.**

**If I can leave behind me, when
departing,**

**A word of comfort or some
sweet refrain,**

**Though destitute of fame and
fleeting fortune,**

**I still shall not have lived on
earth in vain!**

and gave him a prophecy that told when the last phase of Christ's work would begin. "And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." Daniel 8: 14.

As the last work of the earthly priest each year was the cleansing of the sanctuary, or day of atonement, so the last work of Jesus as high priest would be the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary, or the final disposition of sin. There was a definite time for the cleansing of the earthly sanctuary; the tenth day of the seventh month. (Leviticus 16: 29.) Just so the prophet Daniel predicted a definite time for the entrance of Christ into the last phase of

His work as priest in the heavenly courts. It was to begin at the end of the two thousand three hundred days. These were prophetic days. Each one stood for a year. Sixty-nine weeks of days, or 483 literal years were to reach to Messiah the Prince. (Daniel 9: 25.) In the middle of the seventieth week Christ was to be crucified. (Daniel 9: 26, 27.) At the end of that prophetic week the Jews as a nation were rejected and the disciples began to labor for the Gentiles (A. D. 34). The Jews ceased to be a favored people, and since then have stood on an equality with all other people before God. All have the same rights and privileges.

The seventy weeks were cut off from the 2300 days, leaving 1810 days, or years. Adding 1810 to 34 results in the sum of 1844. This (A. D. 1844) is the date which marks the end of the 2300 days.

Daniel said, "Then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." Daniel 8: 14. Christ's solemn work of judgment must have begun in 1844.

Paul reasoned of "judgment to come." Acts 24: 25. James said, "Behold, the Judge standeth before the door." James 5: 9. "There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy." James 4: 12.

Jesus, sending His message by the prophet to the next-to-the-last age of the church, says, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." Revelation 3: 8. For more than 100 years Jesus has been before God at the bar of judgment. He is blotting out the sins of those who have asked forgiveness through His blood. He is blotting out the names from the Book of Life of those who have turned away from His loving mercy and who have despised His blood shed for them.

"Judgment must begin at the house of God." 1 Peter 4: 17. Every case must be decided; every destiny settled for eternity. Then when the last name has been passed, the last sinner saved, when divine love and justice and mercy have exhausted the resources of heaven and earth in their utmost effort to save sinners and can find not one more who will respond, then the solemn and awful edict will be sounded forth: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22: 11, 12.

Jesus will then lay aside His priestly garments and prepare to receive His kingdom. "And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF
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JESUS is coming! Signs along the highway of history declare His coming near. Prophecy proclaims the certainty of the event; history confirms the word of prophecy. The sublime event, the glad celestial day, is near at hand.

The certainty of the second coming of Christ is in the surety of the word of God. From Genesis to Revelation, the coming of Christ—both His first and His second coming—is the theme song of poets and prophets. The Holy Spirit spake through these men of old and testified to the blessed hope of Christ's coming. Little wonder that this great event is called the "blessed hope," for the coming of our Lord brings to the righteous resurrection, translation, immortality.

These three essentials in the plan of redemption are all dependent upon the second coming of Christ. Our heavenly Father has no other plan than this:

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thessalonians 4: 16, 17.

All the sad chapters of human experience in this troubled world will be closed forever when Jesus comes again. All the heartaches and heartbreaks will be forgotten. "The former things will not be remembered, nor come into mind." Isaiah 65: 17. "The second coming of Jesus brings to an end the reign of sin and death. The second coming of Jesus brings the everlasting kingdom to the people of God. It is then that the saints of the Most High take the kingdom. Says the word:

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

"To the people of the saints of the Most High." Included among the saints are the righteous of the ages. The heroes of faith, whose names are recorded in the eleventh chapter of the book of Hebrews, are among the saints who take the kingdom. All who have looked beyond this vale of tears to the "city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Verse 11) are among those who possess the kingdom forever and ever. There is no distinction of race or color for those who take the

kingdom. Spiritual Israel includes black and white, Jew and Gentile. Says the apostle in Galatians 3: 29: "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

"Heirs of the Kingdom"—blessed hope for the children of the King! "I'm a child of the King," may be sung by the converted Jew and by the converted Gentile. They are fellow citizens of the kingdom of God.

ing of Jesus is the day of deliverance from the prison house of death. Then it is that this mortal puts on immortality. Then it is that death is swallowed up in victory.

"Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorrup-

The Great Tribulation

When Will It Be?



Catastrophes such as this in Shingu, Japan, where earthquake, tidal wave, and fire swept over the city, are forewarnings of the greater judgments of God that are impending.

By VARNER J. JOHNS

The "blessed hope" is a resurrection hope. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming." 1 Corinthians 15: 22, 23. On the tombs of the early Christians, many of them martyrs to the faith, was inscribed the Latin word *resurgam*, meaning, "I shall rise again." The second com-

tion, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory." 1 Corinthians 15: 51-54.

One of the contentions of those who teach a secret rapture is that the resurrection takes place before the Great Tribula-

tion and that the saints do not pass through this time of trial. It will be well to examine this phase of the subject and find the Bible teaching in regard to the Tribulation.

Of the "Great Tribulation" the Bible says: "Then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." Matthew 24:21. The Bible definitely locates this time of tribulation as coming before the resurrection and translation of the righteous. "In those days, after that tribulation, . . . then shall they see the Son of man. . . . Then shall He send His angels, and shall gather together His elect." Mark 13:24-27. This period refers to the days of persecution during the papal supremacy. Not for a brief period of three and one-half years, but for a period of 1260 long years of dense spiritual darkness did this great tribulation continue. Seven times in the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation is this 1260-day period mentioned. In every instance the prophecy applies to the papal power. These were prophetic days and therefore literal years. It is well to remember that the Protestant Reformation was born in the historic interpretation of prophecy, which declared that Rome was the antichrist of prophecy and the tribulation was the years of persecution under papal dominion. Protestantism has now forgotten the teaching of its founders. The eyes of the world are no longer upon the pagan power which is once more ascending to the throne of world dominion. Instead of the historic Protestant position, men now teach the Futurist interpretation which was invented by the Jesuits to counteract the Reformation.

The Jesuit Ribera tried to set aside the application of the prophecies which Protestants had made to the papacy, by teaching that the antichrist was a single individual who would appear near the close of time and reign for three and one-half years. According to the Futurist interpretation, all the events pictured in the book of Revelation, from chapter four to chapter twenty, are to take place in the short space of seven years. This was the teaching of such heretical "fathers" of the church as Origen. It seems passing strange that the Protestants of today have largely abandoned the prophetic interpretation of Luther, Melancthon, Wycliffe, and Knox and have accepted in its place the Jesuit interpretation of the Roman Catholic Counter Reformation. But such is the case. With this stiling of the Protestant voice of prophetic interpretation, the way is open for the healing of the "deadly wound" (Revelation 13:3, 12) when Rome will once more dominate the nations of earth.

What, then, of a future manifestation of antichrist? What of a future tribulation? There will come a time when Satan himself will appear as an angel of light. At his miracle-working power the nations will be deceived. But this has nothing to do with a three and one-half year reign or with a period of tribulation. The unfolding of the prophecy of Revelation 13 in the final manifestation of that persecuting power is wholly concerned with a resurgence of papal dominion and a revival of persecution. Satan is the instigator of this last stand against the truth and the people of God. The fact is: the antichrist is a mighty system and not a single individual. The spirit of antichrist was already at work in the days of the apostles. That spirit grew into a mighty system of organized opposition to the truth of God. The papal system is a counterfeit of truth. It is this revival of the power of the antichrist of the ages, manifesting itself under a threefold federation of false religions, pagan, papal, and apostate Protestant, that faces our world in the future.

There will be a time of tribulation. There will be a period of persecution. Moreover, there will be a time of special distress for the righteous even after probation has closed. This brief period is called in the Bible "the time of Jacob's trouble." Two Bible texts apply especially to this tribulation period.

"Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it." Jeremiah 30:7.

"At that time shall Michael stand up, . . . and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Daniel 12:1, 2.

The Hebrew word *tsarah*, translated "trouble" in these two verses, is translated "tribulation" in other texts. This is the "day of the Lord's anger." Zephaniah 2:1, 2. It is a "day of darkness" (Joel 2:2), a day "cruel both with wrath and fierce anger" (Isaiah 13:9). It is a day of "destruction from the Almighty." Isaiah 13:6; Joel 1:15. God will protect His people during this day of darkness. They will be sheltered even as the children of Israel were sheltered during the plagues that came upon Egypt in days of old. "I also will keep thee from the hour of trial" (Revelation 3:10, A. R. V.) is the promise from the One who is the Strength of His people. A thousand may fall at the side

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TERSE TOPICS

REVOLUTIONARY CAMERA—"A camera that turns out a finished picture one minute after the shutter is snapped was demonstrated last week at the winter meeting of the Optical Society of America by its inventor, Edwin H. Land. At the turn of a knob a permanent positive print came out."—*The New York Times*, February 23, 1947.

DEBASED CHILD—"Lee De Forest, 73, who fathered modern radio with his 1907 invention of the audion tube, wrote a 40th anniversary letter to the National Association of Broadcasters: . . .

"What have you gentlemen done with my child? He was conceived as a potent instrumentality for culture, fine music, the uplifting of America's mass intelligence. You have debased this child, you have sent him out on the streets . . . to collect money from all and sundry. . . .

"You have made him a laughing stock of intelligence, surely a stench in the nostrils of the gods of the ionosphere; you have cut time into tiny cubelets . . . where-with the occasional fine program is periodically smeared with impudent insistence to buy or try.

"The nation has no soap, but soap opera without end or sense floods each household daily.

"Murder mysteries rule the waves by night, and children are rendered psychopathic by your bedtime stories.

"This child of mine has been resolutely kept to the average intelligence of thirteen years, . . . as though you and your sponsors believe the majority of listeners have only moron minds. Nay, the curse of his commercials has grown consistently more cursed, year by year."—*Time*, February 10, 1947.

TWO THINGS are characteristic of our time. One is disbelief in the personality of evil. The other is the sinister increase of evil.

Men have turned away from an earlier belief that evil has its source, its center, its inspiration in a malignant personality. But all are forced to recognize that evil exists, is growing, and is bringing the human race close to the brink of ruin.

Modern theology mocks at the idea of a real devil. It is bound to admit that devilish developments take place in all human affairs. Terrible things occur in the lives of men everywhere that should only be caused by a devil.

It is plain to anyone that there is some invisible power of evil at work. It clearly has its secret agents everywhere. Plainly there is a mighty combination of unseen agencies working intelligently and purposefully for world destruction.

Someone has put it this way:

"The devil is voted not to be,
And, of course, the thing is true,
But who is doing the terrible work
The devil alone should do?
Who dogs the steps of the toiling saint?
Who digs the pits for his feet?
Who sows the tares in the fields of time,
Wherever God sows the wheat?
And who is mixing the terrible draught
Which palsies the heart and brain?
Who loads the bier of each passing year
With ten hundred thousand slain?
Who blasts the bloom of the earth today
With the fiery breath of hell?
If the devil is not, and never was,
Won't someone arise and tell?
Won't somebody step to the front, forth-
with,
And make his bow, and show
How the frauds and crimes of a single day
Spring up? We should like to know!
The devil is voted not to be,
And, of course, the devil is gone;
But simple people would like to know,
Who carries his business on?"

As in the world of criminals, so in the world of spirits, there are agencies whose business it is to detect, identify, expose, and apprehend evil spirits. Statistics are kept, crimes are recorded, finger prints of known criminals are recorded, photographs are taken and filed, and a complete and infallible bureau of information is maintained.

In order to identify the archcriminal of the spiritual world there is a combined Scotland Yard and F.B.I. which may be consulted. His machinations are there recorded. His identity is there precisely pointed out. You will find it in a Book

The mass-murder ovens of Weimar, Germany, give evidence of the unrestrained lust to kill that has developed in our so-called enlightened civilization. Satan must have been pleased with this atrocious crime.

which is without error. The close study of this Book will enable you to arrive at a conviction regarding the source of evil which will make you exclaim, as others have before you, "We are not ignorant of his devices." 2 Corinthians 2: 11.

The Bible positively declares that the power of evil finds its center, and source, and inspiration in a malevolent personality. It goes beyond this and identifies this personality. It gives all his names and aliases. It calls him the "adversary" (1 Peter 5: 8), "the accuser of our brethren" (Revelation 12: 10), "the angel of the bottomless pit" (Revelation 9: 11), "Apollyon" (Revelation 9: 11), "Beelzebub" (Matthew 12: 24), "Belial" (2 Corinthians 6: 15), "the dragon" (Revelation 20: 2), "the father" of "lies" (John 8: 44), "the power of darkness" (Colossians 1: 13), "the prince of this world" (John 14: 30), "the prince of the

devils" (Matthew 12: 24), "the prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2: 2), "the serpent" (2 Corinthians 11: 3), "the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (Ephesians 2: 2), "the tempter" (Matthew 4: 3; 1 Thessalonians 3: 5), "the god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4: 4), "the unclean spirit" (Matthew 12: 43), "the wicked one" (Matthew 13: 19, 38), and "the Devil, and Satan" (Revelation 12: 9).

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Another victim of the alcohol habit meets his end right next to a sign advertising the potent drink that settled his doom. This sight probably gave great satisfaction to the Devil.

Devil

IS HIS PLAN?



These names and titles are sufficient to prove the existence of the devil to anyone who scans the record. However, the personality of Satan is still further spread on the record by statements which represent this chief of the kingdom of evil, malice, and crime as presumptuous (Job 1:6; Matthew 4:5, 6), proud (1 Timothy 3:6), powerful (Ephesians 2:2; 6:12), wicked (1 John 3:12), malignant (Job 1:9; 2:4), subtle (Genesis 3:1; 2 Corinthians 11:3), deceitful (2 Corinthians 11:14; Ephesians 6:11), fierce (Luke 8:29; 9:39, 42), cruel (1 Peter 5:8), always active in promoting evil (Job 1:7; 2:2). These are all attributes of personality.

In the Record Book, too, the work of this World Enemy No. 1 is compared to a fowler setting snares for the unwary (Psalm 91:3), an enemy who in the darkness of night sowed tares among the good seed to spoil the harvest (Matthew 13:25, 39), a wolf ravaging the flock (John 10:12), a lion seeking to catch and devour its prey, (1 Peter 5:8). Against his subtlety, his treachery, and his devilish devices, we are told we can guard ourselves only by constant watching and prayer (2 Corinthians 2:11). We are cautioned and commanded to resist uncompromisingly all his approaches and solicitations

A hatless policeman stands over a fallen picket-line parader at the strikebound General Electric plant in Philadelphia, Pa. The Devil is happy about situations like this.

and deceptions (1 Peter 5:9; James 4:7; Ephesians 4:27).

The closing years of the history of mankind are to be marked by the ascendancy of Satan. These present days are to witness the mightiest working of the devil. This is clearly revealed in the Sacred Scriptures. The nearness of the second coming of our Lord is to be marked by "the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." 2 Thessalonians 2:9, 10. "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Revelation 12:12.

Satan is the head of a powerful kingdom of fallen spirits. They were cast out of heaven when he was banished from the celestial realms. (Revelation 12:7-9.) They have been organized into "principalities" and "powers" and have become the "rulers of the darkness of this world," Ephesians 6:12. And these agencies are more powerful than all the combined forces of men.

It is the insidious influence of these secret agencies which brings the hearts of well-meaning men to despair. It is this influence which is driving the nations to enormous expenditures of money for killing and maiming the people of the earth. It is this influence that brings to failure every desperate effort towards peace. Notwithstanding the fine idealism, the noble purpose, the sincere desire of peace agencies and peace advocates—regardless of all that men want in the direction of the elimination of war—these secret forces of evil doom all these lofty aspirations to nothing. The peace minds of humanity are helpless.

There is obviously a secret confederacy of evil at work in the world. It is bent on bringing all human governments and present-day civilization to an end on this planet. This gigantic hidden conspiracy has entered into a detailed and comprehensive intrigue to bring ruin and disaster to the world. It has its secret agents everywhere masquerading in the most subtle and seemingly innocent forms. It has its agents, provocateurs, in every land stirring up discontent and violence, disloyalty and hatred.

The cause, then, of all the present misery, strife, famine, wretchedness, misunderstanding, and wrong now embittering the relations of men and nations with each other can be definitely traced to this one source. There is no doubt about it, there is an evil personality actively in charge of a great and determined con-

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Modern Mesmerism

THERE has been a popular tendency of late to delve into the realm of the hypnotic. Young people in their early teens are finding it an exciting pastime to get together and practice hypnotism. Libraries are filling their shelves with more and more of the books that deal with mesmerism, and they are finding a ready group of interested readers among the youth. In some places, groups are being taught the art, and a large number of successful practitioners are being turned out every month.

Mesmerism is said to have had its start under Franz A. Mesmer, 1733-1815. However, it is believed that it is an ancient art used by medicine men and others who dealt in the occult as far back as the days of the Babylonian Empire. Mesmer can be considered as the modern proponent of the practice.

It should be made clear, especially to our youth, that there are certain dangers involved in this apparently harmless practice. While there may be a good use for hypnotism in the field of psychiatric medicine, just as there is some value perhaps in certain alcoholic beverages for strictly medicinal purposes, it is a very dangerous thing to place in the hands of the young and inexperienced for use without discretion. One doctor who was prominent in the use of hypnotism for the military has made it clear that it is a dangerous thing. He refuses to teach the art to those who may not use it wisely.

The greatest danger is the harm that can be done to an individual's will by

repeated submission to the will of another through hypnotism. It is granted by some medical people that there is definite weakening of the will power if one submits to it a number of times. One religious writer has stated: "Phrenology and mesmerism are very much exalted. They are good in their place, but they are seized upon by Satan as his most powerful agents to deceive and destroy souls."—E. G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 1, p. 296. Again we quote from the same author as follows: "Men and women are not to study the science of how to take captive the minds of those who associate with them. This is the science that Satan teaches. We are to resist everything of the kind. We are not to tamper with mesmerism and hypnotism."—*Medical Ministry*, p. 110. Another striking statement is worth quoting from the same pen:

Santa Monica, California, has initiated this novel way of dispensing church literature. Boxes built in the park on top of the Palisades carry literature of the various churches for the strollers to read. The reader has quite a wide choice of reading matter. This is a worthy project that other cities might well copy to advantage.



Three child hypnotists, aged eleven to sixteen, who learned the art of hypnotism during the Christmas holidays, amazed their elders by putting on a demonstration in Asheville, North Carolina. The children not only hypnotized their subjects face to face, but also through a loud speaker, with a microphone in an adjoining room.



"Thousands . . . have been spoiled through the philosophy of phrenology and animal magnetism, and have been driven into infidelity."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 1, p. 297.

The instruction of God's Word is well taken in respect to the submission of our wills as follows: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." James 4: 7.



A False and a True Prophecy

IN THE late 1920's there was a loud outcry declaring that the abolition of prohibition would practically eliminate the problem of crime. This prophecy has definitely proved false. As the consumption of liquor increases, so does the crime wave. As more intoxicating liquor goes

down the throats of men and women, the statistics of murders, robberies, and suicides go up.

In 1943 Dr. W. D. McNally, coroner's toxicologist in Illinois, prophesied that there would be an increase in murders and suicides due to beverage alcohol. (See *The Union Signal*, November 30, 1946.) This prophecy has proved true.

The brewing interests are still not satisfied with the amount of liquor that the public is imbibing. In their publication, *The Brewers Digest*, December, 1946, they state that "one of the tasks of 1947 is to make beer more accessible to the nation's number one buyer, namely, the housewife." They are plotting to saturate the American home with their product. They are ruthlessly putting forth efforts to in-

duce the women, yes, and even the young people to become habitual users of beer and whisky. The brewers would like for the trade to be "respectable" from top to bottom, but how can it be respectable when it makes fools of men?

Right now our nation is involved in the bloodiest crime wave in its history. Federal Bureau of Investigation figures show that for the first six months of 1946 crime had increased thirteen per cent over the corresponding period of 1945. The



Places like this make good breeding spots for crime.

following figures reveal the facts:

	1945	1946
Murder	1,608	2,066
Rape	3,786	3,845
Aggressive Assault	19,248	21,176
Burglary	100,960	118,120
Auto Theft	70,469	81,398
Larceny	247,745	272,126
Robbery	15,236	20,085
Manslaughter	1,251	1,491

This evidence proves that the prophecy of the 1920's was false. Criminality is on the increase to the extent that it has taken on very shocking proportions.

The Bible has predicted that in the time of the end, "iniquity shall abound" (Matthew 24: 12); that "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse" (2 Timothy 3: 13); that "as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matthew 24: 37). We are witnessing the literal fulfilment of these prophecies today.



Spectacular Marriages

IT IS becoming quite a fad for young couples to unite in marriage in places of amusement as a public spectacle for the entertainment of the onlookers. Radio marriages are being staged on a large scale to promote commercialized enterprises. Marriages in show places and night clubs

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"THIS FATEFUL HOUR"

PRESIDENT Truman deemed it necessary to call a joint session of Congress, March 12, 1947, because, as he expressed it, "The gravity of the situation which confronts the world today necessitates my appearance before a joint session of the Congress." The president made solemn reference to "this fateful hour" and also stated that "great responsibilities have been placed upon us by the swift movement of events." He called for financial aid for the Greeks (\$250,000,000) and for the Turks (\$150,000,000).

It looks as though the United States has fully graduated to the responsibility of custodian of the world, except where Russian influence is predominant. Uncle Sam is the rich uncle for the many financially destitute nations of the post-war era. While it is right that the United States should come to the rescue of those in desperate plight, we must remember that our own financial situation is none too secure. We are living under a huge national debt for one thing. Another matter of no small concern is the continuing sky-rocketing inflation. The unnatural prosperity of "this fateful hour" is doomed to slump, for a short time at least, according to the statements of many economists. The financial situation is dangerous, and even a short recession would be very upsetting to the frayed nerves of Americans, not to mention the feelings of those countries that look to us for help in this hour of dire need.

Some of the other matters that should awaken us to the realization that this is a fateful hour are: the crime wave which is at a ten-year peak; the likelihood that there will soon be universal military training; the fact that we are not going to disarm, but continue to increase our war potential; the fact that, in spite of the peace conferences, animosity, jealousy, and fear still permeate the world atmosphere; the fact that no satisfactory solution for control of the atomic bomb has been arrived at.

There is a pessimistic attitude on the part of many toward the future. A devilish force seems to be working against any solution of present-day

problems. While it is generally conceded that the people of the world want peace, still there is a steady drifting toward war. One former soldier, after hearing the President's address to Congress said: "Well, I told my wife to dust off my uniform." Many of the contemporary magazines are making striking statements about conditions in the world. The *New Republic*, March 17, 1947, stated that "these are critical days, friends. We are moving toward some commitment in Greece, with untold consequences. Simultaneously, Gromyko, the Soviet delegate at the Security Council, has apparently slammed shut the last door to acceptance of the American plan for atomic-energy control. . . . The global news is gloomy. The world stage is being set for some great drama amidst off-stage thunder." *World Report*, March 18, 1947, has revealed that "military leaders and diplomatic experts of the United States are gravely concerned over the present plight of the world. They are convinced that the situation is much more critical than is generally realized by the public. Because of the current situation between the United States and Russia, the basic policy in Washington has taken a new turn. Policy now is to combat Russian advance and try to checkmate the Soviet Union wherever the borders of Russia and the Western world meet." We do not know what the present "get tough" policy will accomplish, but it seems that we are being driven toward Armageddon slowly but insidiously.

Are we being sucked into an unwanted war? Could it be that the devil is leading the world to its doom? The Bible says that "they are the spirits of devils, . . . which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." Revelation 16: 14. The comforting words of Jesus to His faithful children in "this fateful hour" are: "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21: 28.

WHILE we have seen that there are many serious accidents around the house, we would not expect to be electrocuted when "safe at home." Yet that has taken place many times, and serious electric shocks and burns are still very common. Like most other accidents, electrocution is due to carelessness or lack of understanding of the danger that always lurks where live electric wires are installed, which in these days is practically in every home.

The greatest danger is from a light in-

No electric light should be installed where it can be reached while a person is taking a bath, either tub or shower. No light should be installed without a switch, thus preventing a short circuit. If older-style lights are installed, they should always be turned on or off when the person is dry and not in contact with a wet floor or mat. Electricity is tremendously quick and powerful and always ready to take the shortest cut to where it is going. In this process it is likely to be very destructive.

burns. Defective cords should be destroyed and new ones substituted as they are cheap and practically always available.

Of late electric heating pads have to some extent replaced hot water bottles. They are very satisfactory so long as no defect develops, but should be constantly watched. It is never advisable to use one when asleep, as the connecting cord may be broken and serious burns result, or a fire may start in the bedding. If it is necessary to continue the heat during sleep, someone should be on watch.

Don't *Electrocute* Yourself



Linemen are well aware of the lethal power of electricity and take adequate precautions in handling it, but many householders forget that ordinary house current can kill.

stalled so that it can be reached directly from a bath tub instead of through a switch. Wet hands and a body in a bathtub filled with water offer an ideal "ground" for a strong current, and in this process of turning on a switch a "short," or the full power of the electric current, is concentrated in a small space and usually destroys life, or at least causes very serious injury and burns.

Many other shocks and burns come from wires that have become worn and broken through long use, thus allowing the current to escape. Such wires should be replaced at once, or reinsulated if the defects are small. Sometimes wires are accidentally broken and a shock or burn results. Electric irons, portable cooking utensils, etc., are most likely to have defective cords and these cause shocks and

Precautions Against Shocks, Strokes, and Various Attacks

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Fainting, or syncope, is momentary loss of consciousness due to lack of blood in the brain. It may be the result of a number of causes, from emotion to physical injury or heart disease. In many cases fainting is the result of a sudden emotional shock, but sometimes it may be assumed. However, fainting does not occur nearly as often in "society" as formerly, but it does occur often in everyday life.

In cases of sudden partial or complete loss of consciousness a fall is likely to take place. But often one can feel a weakness coming on and can sit or lie down before consciousness is lost. Usually the attack is very short, and if the head is low, consciousness may be restored almost at once. If the fainting is due to an actual infirmity, such as heart weakness, it may last a little longer. Any mild heart stimulant, such as smelling salts (perfumed ammonium carbonate), coffee, or aromatic spirits of ammonia will aid in the quick revival. Usually a feeling of weakness persists for some time and it is best not to move more than is necessary until completely revived. The cause of the fainting should be determined at once, if possible, and suitable measures taken to prevent a recurrence.

There are many cases of loss of consciousness, for which a direct cause cannot be found, and because they are of longer duration go by many special names, usually "attack" or "stroke." Only the more common ones will be mentioned in a short discussion.

Probably the most common of the serious attacks are due to some form of heart disease. Heart disease has increased markedly in late years, partly because we recognize the symptoms earlier now, and also because more people are living to later life. Heart cases have always been numerous. Since the heart is the center of life and never has an opportunity for complete rest, it is often seriously overworked, and therefore subject to many diseases. Our strenuous life with its long hours of occupation, whether at work or play, and abuse through various drugs, drinks, and smokes, tend to throw strains upon the heart which are greater than it can bear.

We often hear of a man suddenly becoming sick with "acute indigestion" at a banquet, or following one. This is almost always a serious heart attack, a blocking of one of the heart's own arteries; and in early middle life it is nearly always fatal. In later life, there has usually been some heart damage developing, but the heart has had time to build new arteries and carry on its own blood supply. Such cases frequently recover, though never completely, and life may continue many years with relatively good activity. Such attacks may result from many other causes, like heavy overwork, especially when one is "soft," or unaccustomed to exercise. Long, hard, hunting trips are a frequent source of such results.

A stroke, or apoplexy, is caused by the breaking of a blood vessel in the brain. The seriousness of the stroke depends upon the size of the vessel and its location, and there may be anything from a transient weakness of one side to a complete paralysis. Usually the paralysis is one sided, though the upper part may be affected differently from the lower part, as the right side of the face and the left side of the body. Many of these cases completely recover; others partly regain motion; but in many cases there is considerable permanent damage. High blood pressure, very continuous hard work, worry, etc., are in some measure responsible, but sometimes it appears that the blood vessels were just weak from some unknown cause. When high blood pressure exists, life should be regulated to a very moderate pace, with no sudden physical strains, and all worry and emotional strain eliminated to the least possible extent. Such cases should always be under the care of a physician.

Sun and heat strokes are very much alike, but the heat stroke can occur where there is no sun, such as in boiler rooms, iron foundries, etc. Usually this is due to prolonged sweating, the loss of much of the salt from the blood, and fatigue. The temperature of the body may become very

high, but if promptly treated, recovery is usual. Now, in most hot work, salt is taken regularly in water to avoid much of this trouble.

Sun stroke is due to over-exposure to the heat of the sun and its powerful rays, and may be very serious. When one stops sweating on a hot day in the sun, he is in great danger and should get into the shade and lie down at once. If he becomes unconscious, it is best to get him to a hospital immediately, if possible. Body heat may become so great that it is likely to cause death.

We frequently hear the words "angina pectoris," which mean pain in the chest, usually in connection with the heart. This is a serious sign of overwork of the heart, but if cared for immediately it usually disappears rapidly. People so afflicted soon learn to live with the trouble. I have one friend who has had attacks for over twenty years, yet is quite active and enjoys life. However, he has learned to take care of himself. Professional advice is always most desirable in this condition.

There are many other forms of attacks, such as seasickness, airsickness, and car and auto sickness, which are grouped under the name of "motion sickness." All

are due largely to trouble in the middle ear. Just why some people are so affected we do not always know, for not every one will have motion sickness under exactly similar conditions. Those who do, usually can control it to some extent, but in rough weather on the water seasickness may come even upon seamen of long years of experience. Fatigue of the nervous system (too many good-by parties, etc.) often seems to have something to do with it. We have a few medicines that seem to give partial relief from this very unpleasant sickness in some people, and we are constantly hoping for a universal control. This has not yet been attained.

The distressing epileptic attacks of varying severity are quite familiar, but this is too special a field to consider here.

Only one more form will be mentioned. There is a condition, greatly increased by tobacco (some say tobacco is the only cause), that attacks the circulation, principally in the legs, though the arms may also be involved. It is called thromboangiitis obliterans, or Buerger's disease. This is likely to be in young men, though older ones also suffer, and some women have now been reported. The blood

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What Is Your
HEALTH PROBLEM?

The answers to health questions are supplied to the readers of OUR TIMES by Owen S. Parrell, M. D. Address your queries to him in care of this magazine.

What is the best way to get rid of pimples and blackheads on the face? Are any of the commercial products that are on the market a cure?

Acne pimples and blackheads are most common between the ages of 15 and 26 years. There is no simple, single treatment; but the following program should greatly improve the condition and hasten recovery. First, be careful about the diet, cutting down on the amount of butter, sugar, and starches consumed. Use large amounts of raw, fresh salads both fruit and vegetable. Use no white-flour products, and only 100% whole-wheat bread and toast. Avoid rich desserts and meat, and greasy and fried foods in general. Drink freely both of fruit juices and water. Apply hot and cold towels to the face, using the hottest applications that can be borne and ice-cold applications between each two hot ones. Follow this with massage to the skin of the face. Expose the face to the direct rays of the sun as much as possible, or use an ultraviolet sun lamp until the skin is sunburned and peels off. Keep the bowels open by natural means such as bran-containing cereals, metamucil, and laxative foods in general. In stubborn cases X-rays may have to be resorted to, and these may be most helpful, given carefully by an expert in X-ray therapy. Commercial products

sold on the market are of little or no value.

You have suggested milk diet for burning in the stomach. Milk leaves a bad taste in my mouth but no other ill effects. Emptying the bladder seems to relieve the burning in my case. What would you advise?—L.I.P.

I usually give milk diet for ulcer or symptom suggesting ulcer, if it agrees with the patient; for Pavlov has shown that milk is the most easily digested of all foods that contain a protein which uses up the stomach acids. However it should be taken along with some grapefruit juice; namely, one and a half glasses of milk, eight ounce size, every two hours, with four ounces of grapefruit juice one half hour before every other milk feeding. Where grapefruit juice is not tolerated, 100 milligram tablets of vitamin C can be substituted, although it has been shown that the fruit juice is generally superior to the straight vitamin C tablets. Vitamin C is essential to healing of wounds.

Relief of the pain through emptying the bladder is a bit strange and hard to explain on the basis of pain in the stomach. You should have the urine tested and try to maintain a rather alkaline urine through diet measures which should render the urine more bland and non-irritating.

THREE or four years ago someone mailed to me a little pamphlet entitled "Forty-Eight Hours in Hell." Naturally I would pick that up and read it, especially if someone had been in hell 48 hours and could tell me what it was like. The man who wrote the pamphlet was a religious man, who was working in a coal mine somewhere in the southern part of the United States when a great calamity overtook him, and the mine caved in. He seemed to drift away to a spirit world. His mind traveled on till he had gone some distance down the dark hallway, and then he saw something coming toward him. It was the devil himself. Satan was decked up with his pitchfork, spiked tail, cloven hoofs, and horns. As he approached, he said to the man, "I've come to conduct you to where you are to dwell throughout all eternity."

They went farther and farther down that long, dark hallway. As the man passed, he heard, through the great iron gates, people screaming for mercy. Theirs were the most terrifying cries he had ever heard. Satan said to him, "Come farther, you are not to go in here now."

Farther and farther they went down the black passageway until they began to see light, and then hope sprang up in the man's heart once more. Satan took him up to the top of a great hill, and there he said, "Now look at the sight before you! That is the glory world of the redeemed. I want you to behold what you have missed, for you are to go back to the gates of iron that hold in the wicked as they burn forever."

The man was escorted back by his satanic majesty, and was thrown into the billows of fire, where billions and billions of people were in eternal torment. And when he was cast in, the devil said, "Do you know how long forever is? This is your lot."

With that the man woke up, and he felt that it was a good thing to wake up about that time!

Was there one verse of Scripture quoted in all that pamphlet? Not one! Let us, then, study what the Bible teaches about the fate of the wicked. God says: "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." 2 Peter 3:7.

When is it to be? Not until the judgment shall come. A court in this country does not give a person punishment until he has had a trial. When Paul spoke before Felix, "he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come." Acts 24:25. So Paul looked forward to the future judgment, when the destiny of every soul would be decided for all time.



This building, burning with an unquenchable fire, reminds us that some day "the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." 2 Peter 3:10.

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The Bible tells us that "the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23. Does it say that the punishment is to be torment on and on without any end? No, death.

God tells what kind of death it will be. "He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death." Revelation 2:11. The punishment for sin is the *second* death, not the first. The first death is the natural result of sin, but not by any means the wages of sin. The wages of sin is the *second* death. A man is born into the world, in time either disease or tragedy overtakes him, and he lies down in the

shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and *then* He shall reward every man according to his works." Matthew 16:27. When does Jesus say men will be rewarded? When a bad man dies, does he receive his reward then? No; but when Jesus shall come with all His holy angels, then the rewards will be given.

"He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not My words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him *in the last day*." John 12:48. When is it to be? In the last day.

In Matthew 13 the Saviour makes the subject so plain that it ought to be sufficient to clear up the question of hell for all time. He told the people the parable about the enemy who sowed tares among the wheat. Then He explained the story thus:

"The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; the enemy that sowed them is the devil; *the harvest is the end of the world*; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire;

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sleep of death; but that is not the punishment for his sins. The *second* death will be the punishment for sin. It will be in the lake of fire. "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the *second* death." Revelation 21:8.

When are the rewards to be given? Christ declares that "the Son of man

so shall it be in the end of this world." Matthew 13: 38-40.

There is no question about it; the punishment of the wicked is not going on now, but it is still future.

Note also John 5: 28, 29, where Jesus says: "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

Notice that there are two resurrections—(1) the "resurrection of life" and (2) the "resurrection of damnation." Those who have done good will be raised in "the resurrection of life," and those who have done evil will come up in "the resurrection of damnation." Hence we see very clearly that the wicked are still in their graves, and that the day is coming when they will be raised to receive their deserved reward.

If the wicked have already gone to their

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reward—if a bad man, when he dies, is plunged immediately into hell fire—why bring him up again to judgment? There would be no need of that. But Jesus says that the wicked have not yet received their reward, for they will be given their recompense when He shall come with all His holy angels to execute the judgment.

Where is hell? In the Revelation we read that the New Jerusalem will come down to earth. (Revelation 21: 2, 10.) We also find that it will be on the earth at the close of the millennium. (Revelation 20: 9.) And it is said of the wicked that at this time "they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Revelation 20: 9. Note that it pictures the time when all the wicked are alive at one time on the earth, for "they went up on the breadth of the earth."

All the sinners of all ages will be alive on earth at that time. They will be gathered by the devil to attack the city of God. They will be much more numerous than those inside the city, for Jesus says the majority will go the way that leads to destruction. (Matthew 7: 13, 14.) When they are raised, and see the beautiful city of God with the redeemed inside, they will make an attempt to possess the city.

Satan will give the order, "Forward march!" Then they will go up to attack the holy city, and fire will come down from God out of heaven and devour them. That is yet future.

How long will the wicked burn? "Behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." Malachi 4: 1. The fire of the last day will so burn them up, that nothing will be left of them.

Note also the third verse of the same chapter: "Ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts." The Bible clearly says that the wicked are to be destroyed by fire, and that they shall be burned up and reduced to ashes.

Jesus says that He came not to condemn the world, but to bring life and hope. Yet He will have to judge the world. Sinners will have to be dealt with, and their reward is sure, but that is not the purpose of Christ. He longs to save every soul, and desires that everyone turn from his evil ways and live.

The Lord says that the wicked "shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it." Isaiah 47: 14. What could be plainer! There will be no escape. The day is coming when the wicked will be destroyed. They will be as dry stubble then, and they will be so completely burned up that there will not be a coal left of them, not even a fire big enough to warm the hands.

And if that is not enough, read what David has said: "The wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away." Psalm 37: 20.

Will the wicked be punished? Indeed, every man will be rewarded according to the life he has lived, according to the deeds he has done. (Matthew 16: 27; Romans 2: 6.) A great chamber of flaming fire, burning throughout eternity, would mean that in God's universe people whom He had created would be suffering on and on throughout the endless ages. If that were true, Satan would have triumphed and God's universe would be marred forever! Sin would be constantly before God and the redeemed. But He has said that He "will make an utter end." Nahum 1: 9. After He shall have cleansed the world of sin, you will be able to look throughout the universe and you will never find a trace of the mars and suffering that sin has

brought. "For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be." Psalm 37: 10.

As if that were not enough, God says, "Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind." Isaiah 65: 17. Also in the last book of the Bible we are told that when sin shall have been destroyed and sinners annihilated (Revelation 20), God will make all things new, and never again will there be any more sorrow, pain, and suffering (Revelation 21: 1). "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Revelation 21: 4. No more suffering in God's universe. Tears will be forever wiped away, and sorrows shall be eternally forgotten. Like a black, horrible dream, the nightmare of the tragedy of sin shall be forever banished.

It is an awful thought to think that the day is coming when all the wicked will be destroyed. Yet we are assured that "the Lord shall rise up as in mount Perazim, He shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that He may do His work, His strange work; and bring to pass His act, His strange act." Isaiah 28: 21. That work will be a strange work to Him, and foreign to the love of God. The desire of God is to save souls. Christ's life was filled with acts of love and mercy, but the day is coming when He will do His work, His strange work, and perform His strange act, and then the wicked will be consumed, and then sin will be forever wiped from God's universe. No heart will suffer so much in that day as will the heart of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

Some years ago I read in a newspaper the story of a man who worked as an executioner in a state prison. It was his duty to bring the condemned criminal out, place over his head the black cap, fix the electrodes to his body, and then throw the switch that would bring death. One day he went to the death cell of a man who was condemned to die in the electric chair. It was truly a horrible work, and the executioner tried to make it as impersonal as he possibly could. He didn't look at the man whom he was taking out to execute. When he brought him to the chair and began to attach the fixtures and to place the cap on the condemned man's head, he cried out, "Frank, is it you!"

And Frank cried, "Jim, is this you?"

There those two men met in such unpleasant circumstances. They had been boyhood pals, had sat side by side in
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A Great Designer Is Behind It

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It is just like that with God's work in nature. Look at this snapdragon flower, for instance. The name is given because if you press its sides it opens gaping jaws that remind you of a dragon. But normally these jaws remain closed; they are the doors of the cupboard where the flower keeps its precious nectar and fertilizing pollen.

But along comes a humming bee. It shows no surprise at the closed door, but boldly pushes it open and avails itself of the nectar inside. Without the food found in the flower the bees would die.

In exchange, the bee brings in on its body the fertilizing dust from another flower, and takes away from the flower we are watching another precious gift of pollen dust to the next snapdragon. Without the bee the flower would die. Part and counterpart—a great Designer must have arranged this, that each might minister life to the other.

You have probably seen many kinds of drinking fountains. In one kind the water flows when you depress a pedal with your foot. "Good idea," you say. "Saves waste, for the water spurts up when you tread on the pedal, but stops when you take your foot away." You recognize that some intelligent thinker is behind that design.

Now look at the flower of an ordinary lupine. Just inside the flower is a little spout that may remind you of the drinking fountain. As soon as the bee puts his weight on the doorstep, out comes a squirt of golden fertilizer from this spout, daubing the under side of the bee, to be carried away to the next flower when the bee departs.

Part and counterpart—yes, some wise Designer made the lupine and the bee for each other. That spout and pedal arrangement in the flower never came by chance. It never came by itself. It could not.

Here is a tree whose flowers are all female blooms. No tree with male flowers can be seen within a hundred yards. Yes, without their life-giving pollen dust the female flowers will have lived in vain.

But some mysterious Power has ordained that the wind should blow upon the flowers of the male tree, so far away, and carry the vital dust to the waiting female flowers. And, behold! These waiting flowers welcome this dust as a long-expected friend, for whom great preparations have been made. The result is the living seed from which springs the new-born tree of the future.

One begins to long for an acquaintance with this great Designer.

Part and counterpart—how wonderfully God's plan for giving happiness is manifested in human beings. As a young man comes to maturity he finds in himself a great desire for the companionship of a young woman. A young woman has the same ardent desire for his company. They find in one another a complete satisfaction of their warm impulses.

"I think you are the most wonderful girl in the world," he declares.

"There's nobody just like you, John," she whispers. And the white heat of a God-given love welds them together in a union which only death can sever.

When we begin to recognize God in all these designs, there comes to our hearts another longing desire. It is the longing for God Himself, our Father in heaven, who created and designed us as His children.

He places in our hearts the desire to sense His love, His forgiveness; to know the joy of His indwelling Spirit; to realize in us His energizing force, using us to bless all around us.

"Thou hast made us for Thyself, and our hearts are never at rest till they find rest in Thee," said one of the early followers of Christ.

How to know Him?—"As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." John 1:12. Ask Him to come into your heart just now. Receive Him, and He will fulfil His promise. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him." Revelation 3:20.

Oh, earthly part, receive Him, thy heavenly, loving Counterpart.

The Punishment of the Wicked

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school, but their paths had parted later, and they had not heard of each other since. Now they stood there face to face. It just seemed that the executioner couldn't go ahead; but it was his duty. He had to hurry with the work and carry out the sentence of the law.

Frank said, "I know, Jim, that you don't want to do this, but I deserve it."

Jim's body shuddered from the strain.

Again Frank assured him, "I know you can't help it. I've got to die. I owe it to society, for my own sins."

Turning his face from the scene, Jim threw the switch as he cried out, "Good-by, Frank!"

When he performed that duty it truly was to him a strange act, a strange work.

The time is coming when Jesus will execute judgment on all men, and then He will perform His strange act and do His strange work. But before He shall do this, He will stand up and announce to the universe: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:11, 12. Later He will pronounce the death sentence, and fire will come down upon the shelterless heads of the wicked. That will be the most horrible time that ever has been or ever shall be in the universe of God. But every soul that rejects or neglects God's love and mercy and persists in doing evil will have to receive the just reward for his doings.

Christ longs for people to come to Him, for He can save them. It was sin that nailed Jesus to the cross, and sin is going to be done away with. You won't hold on to sin, will you? Let us not cling to sin, but take hold of Jesus!

The Devil

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spiracy for world destruction. This personality is tremendously powerful, keenly intelligent, amazingly well informed, brilliant, skillful, but dominantly evil. He is meddling in world affairs with a single, determined aim at wrecking civilization and destroying the human race.

It is this highly placed personage who, by his intrigues and conspiracies, his deceptions and wiles, has brought defeat to the noblest aspirations of men. He it is who, by his trickery, has precipitated the world into war after war, and he has done it knowingly, purposefully, intentionally.

He is World Enemy No. 1. He is the source of all the misery and wretchedness, pain and heartbreak, ruin and death, and everything that is wrong on earth. He is the head of a gigantic plot, the chief conspirator against the peace and well being of mankind, the ringleader of the worldwide band of secret agents, the most sinister personality in existence.

The whole world is rushing headlong toward Armageddon. Men have no desire to take that course; they are compelled to do so. They are driven by these unseen agencies. The spirits of devils have gone forth in the hope that they may marshal the kings and the nations of the whole earth to the battle of "that great day of God Almighty." Revelation 16:14. Humanity is in the grip of forces beyond its control. It is plunging headlong to the end

of its long history on this sin-cursed planet.

And all this is preparatory to the kingdoms of this world becoming the kingdom of our God and of His Christ. In these days of the concentration of power for the crushing of the race, we should remember the words of Christ to His embattled church: "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke 12: 32.

This promise is soon to be fulfilled. Then will be realized the words of Daniel 7: 27: "And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him."

Spectacular Marriages

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are also staged before large audiences to the business advantage of the operators. Of course, the ones who are married under these circumstances receive certain financial considerations.

A recent bill, introduced in the New Jersey Legislature, would bar all spectacular marriages. The bill resulted from a growing demand among church people to prohibit such exhibitions. They charge that marriages staged under these conditions make a mockery of the sanctity of the nuptial contract.

There is food for thought in the statistical fact that large numbers of modern marriages are ending in the divorce courts. The tendency to cheapen the sanctity of this heaven-ordained ceremony is partly responsible for the tremendous increase in divorce. The Anglican Church of St. Philip, Australia, has instituted an annual service of "reconsecration" for married couples to remind them of their marital vows and to reconcile those who are "unconsciously drifting apart." The function attracts about a thousand couples each year and consists of wedding hymns, a commemorative wedding service, and a sermon stressing the privileges and duties of married life. Others might well copy this example in an endeavor to save some of the many homes that are doomed to be broken if the present tendency continues.

One of the sins of the Noachic world was "marrying and giving in marriage." Matthew 24: 38. Marriage itself is no sin, but a blessing if properly entered into. The sin is in marrying and divorcing without concern for the sacredness of the ordinance of God. But we must remember that "as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24: 37.

The Great Tribulation

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of the righteous but the plagues of the last days will not come nigh his dwelling.

Let us briefly summarize the teaching of the Bible in regard to the manner and the result of Christ's coming.

(1) Whatever the original Greek word that is used for the appearing of our Lord, the descriptive words associated with it picture a glorious visibility.

With the *Parousia* are linked the words "shout," "voice of the archangel," "trump of God." The *parousia* is described as "lightning-like in glory."

The *apokalupsis* is distinctly associated with the "mighty angels" who accompany the Lord Jesus.

The *epiphaneia* is called a "glorious appearing."

(2) The righteous are admonished to look forward to the second coming as the consummation of their hopes. Each of the three Greek words used for the appearing of Christ are used interchangeably for this hope of the righteous.

To the Corinthians, the apostle Paul foretold the resurrection in the words "afterward they that are Christ's at His coming [*parousia*]." 1 Corinthians 15: 23.

To Timothy he said, "Keep this commandment without spot, unrebekable, until the appearing [*epiphaneia*] of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Timothy 6: 14.

To the church at Thessalonica, the apostle gave the admonition that they should rest with him at the time "when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed [*apokalupsis*] from heaven with His mighty angels." 2 Thessalonians 1: 7.

(3) The kingdom of grace is a very present kingdom into which all who believe in Christ enter through the "new birth." "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3: 5. The kingdom of glory is established at the second coming of Christ. This kingdom is given to the "saints" of the Most High. The doctrine of a temporal kingdom made up of natural Jews and given to the Jewish nation is a revival of the old rabbinical falsity. Spiritual Israel, not the Jews by birth, inherit the kingdom.

(4) The millennium is bounded by two resurrections. The resurrection of the righteous takes place at its beginning; the resurrection of the wicked at its close. Instead of the wicked having another opportunity for salvation during the millennium, the very opposite is true. "The rest of the dead [the wicked] lived not again until the thousand years were finished." Revelation 20: 5. The wicked are dead on a desolate earth. The righteous live

and reign with Christ in the mansions of heaven. (Verse 4.)

(5) After probation closes, there is a brief period during which the wrath of God, in the form of the seven last plagues, is poured out upon a guilty world. The righteous are not taken away from the world during this time of tribulation. They do not receive the judgments of God but they pass through a time of trial called in the Bible "the time of Jacob's trouble." They are protected, however, even as Israel of old was protected from the plagues of Egypt.

The truth of the second coming must be proclaimed in all its purity and power. The Church, whose confidence is in the word of the living God, will accept the truth unmixed with error. All fanciful theories about the second coming, all conjectures, will be rejected. A "Thus saith the Lord" is the one supreme essential in these days of multiplied deception. The church that is waiting in expectancy for the Lord of glory will not link the word "secret" with their teaching of truth. Rather, the people of God, the people of the Book, will use the words so often used in the Bible—"power," "great glory," "trumpet," "lightning," "shout," "voice," "see," "appear"—as they describe the coming of their Lord. This church will be a radiant church. Like the face of the apostolic church which shone with the light of God's love, the church of the "born again," who wait for the second coming, will shine forth in the glory of the Lord.

What Is Christ Doing Today?

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KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." Revelation 19: 16. Jesus is coming back as King and Judge. "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all." Jude 14, 15.

Don't Electrocute Yourself

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vessels become inflamed and gradually close so that there is great pain in walking. Later the legs become gangrenous and may have to be removed. If noted early, and the person is willing to stop tobacco entirely, he may completely recover. Several times I have seen such recovery in young men, but there can be no temporizing with tobacco. It must be completely and permanently eliminated.

In all the conditions considered in this discussion, the degree of severity makes skilled medical attention necessary as soon as possible. First aid may be of use, but it must not be depended upon.



A TRIP THROUGH THE CLOUDS

With a Pilot Who Knows the Course

By ESTHER L. BRASSINGTON

THE GIANT four-motored transport plane hummed its birdlike way above the rain clouds that hovered over the earth. There was no noticeable sign of depression or lowering of elevation, but always there was a rising above undesirable elements. Smoothly and powerfully onward the man-made, man-manipulated vehicle pushed its way along its charted course.

I looked out of the window and saw only the giant wing of the plane. Nothing was visible above or beneath. A penetrating mist had gathered and a hazy gloom, a darkness, enshrouded. And then a rift appeared—an opening. How insignificant and small seemed the earth! Houses seemed mere huts; ten and fifteen story buildings appeared as small buildings. Now and then a car would dot the scene giving the appearance of a busy ant winding her industrious way along a path. An all-consuming immensity of space crowded in around.

An information booklet prepared by the airlines stated that the airborne machine had the strength of 4500 horses. What power! What pull and push! How mighty a resistance against the elements of

nature! In less than an hour's time a distance of 180 miles was swallowed up eagerly by the gigantic airship.

The thought occurred to me that in spite of the huge expanse of sky around him, the pilot knew exactly the path to follow. He had been over the path before and through all the seeming confusion of space he was following a charted course. Every detailed statistic regarding the science of plane piloting and weather information was clear to him. He knew the whys and whens and wheres of flight travel.

My mind reverted to another Pilot—a Pilot who knows the course of our lives. He is a Pilot who dwells now, and will dwell forever, in the infinity of space—the eternity of years. He has promised that some day this mortal body, if faithful, will put on immortality and dwell with Him. He has promised that where He is there I may be also. And I am persuaded that He is able, for He is not merely 4500 horsepower, but **ALL POWERFUL**. Yes, I know that "above the distractions of the earth He sits enthroned; all things are open to His divine survey; and from His great and calm eternity He orders that which His providence sees best."—"Ministry of Healing," p. 417.

