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"KEEP still, can't ye! Ye always want to be where ye ain't," shouted a rather uncouth woman to her small boy who wanted to change his seat in the bus.

Though rough of speech and not very understanding, this woman, nevertheless, aptly described her offspring's particular propensity. But she probably was not aware that she was also describing to a nicety the spirit of our age, characterized as it is by restlessness and instability. Of how many it can be truly said, They always want to be where they are not! Yet that restlessness has



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Many need to learn the old-fashioned habit of finding pleasure and contentment at home, instead of always seeking the artificial and spectacular excitements of the world.

become so habitual, that, like the boy in the bus, they are hardly aware of it.

The weather, it seems, is most often made the scapegoat for this innate restlessness of our modern world.

Perhaps it is raining. At once people begin to pity themselves, and wish they were somewhere else. They perhaps think of relatives in Africa or India or California where the sunshine is supposed to be perpetual, and they forthwith begin to envy them.

Or maybe it is a very hot day. "Dear me," says one, "how close! How enervating! I could do with a dry heat like they have abroad [wherever that may be], but I can't stand this closeness, this humidity."

Then comes a spell of cold, wet weather, and Mrs. Brown says to Mrs. Smith, "I wish we could fly to Florida where they are basking in the sun."

"Aye," replies Mrs. Smith, "wouldn't it be wonderful to get away from this

Where Do You Wish to Be?

"Godliness with Contentment Is Great Gain."

By H. F. De'Ath

damp, changeable climate. The trouble is, we never know what kind of weather to expect. Now, out in foreign parts, where my son is, they always know when the rainy season is due to begin, and they can prepare for it.

"I don't mind dry cold, but I can't stand it wet as well."

Then think of the many folk who are never satisfied with their jobs.

Jones, a city clerk, leans over the bridge in the lunch hour, watching a ship unload its cargo from abroad. The crew look very happy and carefree, and jokes flow freely from one to another.

"My," thinks Jones, "what a jolly, interesting life! Maybe they have been to the West Indies or some such place, where the sun shines most of the time. What sights they must see! Life must be one

glorious change for them."

Then he thinks of his own humdrum life in a city office. In the morning he catches the 8:30 train, and arrives at his drab office about nine. Then home again on the 5:30. Afterward, dinner, a chat with a neighbor, perhaps over a spot of gardening or while taking the dog for a walk, and then to bed. The same old routine, day after day. The deadly monotony of it all!

If Jones did but know, the seamen helping to unload their ship are thinking what a delightfully soft job he has, dressed in his clean, well-cut suit. Nothing to do but sit in a chair for a few hours a day, pushing a pen, or doing something of that sort. How would he like working night and day, or being on call all the time; facing storms at sea, flies and fever on land, and being fleeced by suspicious natives who regard seamen as their natural enemies.

Fortunately, there are those who know

when they are well off. These resist the general tendency to gad about, sampling this or that particular form of amusement. They are not like the "fool" of Holy Writ, whose "eyes are in the ends of the earth."

"Where are you going this evening?" asks a man of a fellow worker.

"Oh, I'm doing a bit of gardening, a little reading, then I'm off to bed in good time."

"What a dull sort of evening," returns the other, "I should be bored

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He Is Coming!

Signs of Christ's Early Return

By Fenton Edwin Froom

SEATED around the Master on the slopes of Olivet were four hand-picked, chosen, humble men. Listen! Someone is asking the Teacher a question: "Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world." Matthew 24:3.

In answer our Saviour began His greatest prophetic discourse, which is recorded in Holy Scripture in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21. He foretold: "wars and rumors of wars"; "nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom"; "famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes"; "false prophets shall rise"; "iniquity shall abound"; "as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be"; "eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage." Finally, His appeal: "Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

This overwhelming prophecy of events, destined to shake and revolutionize the world, has been the supreme interest and study of followers of the Lord Jesus through the intervening centuries. We do well to ask ourselves *today*, What are the signs of the soon return of our Lord?

Following the darkening of the sun and moon (May 19, 1780) and the falling of the stars (November 13, 1833), there was to come upon the earth "distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring." Luke 21:25. In commenting on the statement "distress of nations, with perplexity" we recall the graphic language used by the noted writer, H. G. Wells, "Soon there will be no future to prophesy, . . . because we are going to commit suicide soon."

In the political world the balance of power seems to be the only apparent secret for peace. We here in democratic America are anxiously observing the political blitzkrieg in communistic-dom-

inated spheres. Recently the greater portion of Korea was taken over by the communists. We were startled to know of the coup in Czechoslovakia. It appears that the communist "committee for action" is working most successfully. Finland seems to be next in their plan. It is estimated that not over forty-five thousand of Finland's nearly four million citizens are communists.

Kaleidoscopic changes are taking place so rapidly that we are faced with the fact that we are living in a breath-taking world. The British hope there will be a union in Europe soon, at least of the Western powers. The political barometer is anything but steady and is a definite omen that we are on the verge of dramatic happenings in the very near future. The problems of the Holy Land are well known and seem to be completely impossible for finite man to decipher. One prophecy in the Bible foretells of trouble in that region until the

final battle of Armageddon. Would not the return of Christ to our world be the answer to these troubled and knotty problems that terrified man is trying to untangle?

In the physical world we see famines, pestilences, and earthquakes about us on every hand. The second World War is not over. Millions are still hungry, undernourished, and starving to death. Pestilences break out here and there because of inadequate sanitation facilities, lack of control of disease, and other contributing factors.

In the country of Mexico a terrible scourge known as the hoof and mouth disease has overwhelmed the cattle of the country. Possibly this is an example of other pestilences which will engulf sections, then regions, then whole nations themselves, and finally the entire world. (See Revelation 16:2.)

Another significant feature in the phys-
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Oh, how men's hearts yearn for lasting peace! This scene shows the earnestness of effort being put forth in its behalf, but the effort will not be fully rewarded until Jesus comes.

The WOMAN IN WHITE

She Comes Out of Hiding
after Years of Seclusion

By Robert H. Pierson

IN THE twelfth chapter of Revelation may be found a most interesting and a very important prophecy given to John in vision: "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars." Verse 1.

In a wonderful way the Holy Scriptures explain themselves. In one book we have brought to light symbols such as those above. In yet another portion of Scripture the Lord explains the meaning of these symbols. Following such leading we discover that a woman in Bible prophecy represents the church: "I have likened the daughter of Zion [speaking of the church] to a comely and delicate woman." Jeremiah 6: 2.

Paul the apostle, in referring to the church, says, "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." 2 Corinthians 11: 2.

From these and other key texts it is clear that a woman in Bible prophecy represents the church—a virtuous woman the true church, and a fallen woman the apostate church.

Now the woman, as the revelator beheld her, was "clothed with the sun." This represents the church during the gospel dispensation. In Malachi 4: 2 the Saviour is referred to as the "Sun of Righteousness," and the psalmist adds his weight of testimony to this interpretation: "For the Lord God is a sun and shield." Psalm 84: 11.

In speaking of the light of the gospel with its important message of the Sun of Righteousness, John, the beloved disciple, writes: "Because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth." 1 John 2: 8.

The church entered the gospel era

clothed with the light and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The twelve stars upon the woman's head suggest the twelve apostles as the leaders of the early Christian church. Those men of God went forth as world conquerors, imbued with the spirit of Christ. They were the outstanding personalities of the gospel church, and rightly should have their place in this vision.

Underneath the woman's feet John saw the moon shining with its borrowed ray. This moon is a fit symbol of the ceremonial laws of Moses that met their fulfillment in Christ, and were symbolically placed under the feet of the church. Now that the Lamb of God had given Himself as man's sacrifice upon the cross of Calvary, no longer need the typical ceremonies given by God to Moses be carried on. The passing of these types and shadows is represented in this prophecy by the moon under the feet of the woman.

But now let us read on in the twelfth chapter of Revelation: "And she [the woman] being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. . . . And she brought forth a Man Child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her Child was caught up unto God, and to His throne." Verses 2, 5.

There is only One who fulfills this



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Revelation reveals that the woman in white, who symbolizes the true church, has been in seclusion for years. Now she has reappeared and has been identified.

portion of the prophecy—He is our Lord Jesus Christ. He was born among His own people. He was born of a virgin. Isaiah 7: 14. Of Christ the psalmist had prophesied centuries before that He should rule the world with a rod of iron. (Psalm 2: 7-9.) Jesus, after completing His mission of reconciliation, was caught up unto God, and to His throne. (Ephesians 1: 20, 21.)

In the third verse of the prophecy we discover opposition to the church developing: "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

... And the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born."

It is not difficult for us to identify this great dragon, for in the ninth verse of this same chapter the revelator speaks of him as "the Devil, and Satan." But down through the ages as the evil one has made war upon the church of God, he has worked through various earthly powers and agencies. In this particular period Satan was working through the various satellites of pagan Rome. In the second chapter of Matthew's gospel we read the story of Herod's plot to destroy all the babies in Bethlehem and the vicinity in an effort to destroy Jesus. In this way the dragon waited "to devour the child as soon as it was born."

From the very beginning Satan, the dragon, was on the alert to destroy Jesus. Again, near the close of the Saviour's ministry, Satan, through pagan Rome's representative, Pilate, sought to stamp out Christianity before it could reach and save men in all parts of the world.

This was but the beginning of a ruthless and bitter war that Satan has continued to wage upon the church of God down through the ages. As John records: "The dragon . . . persecuted the woman which brought forth the Man Child." Revelation 12: 13.

As the gospel of Christ was preached with power during those early centuries, adversaries bitterly opposed its progress. First in Jerusalem itself and later in many parts of the Roman Empire persecution broke out. History reminds us of the thousands of martyrs who gave their lives under Nero, Domitian, Diocletian, and other emperors of pagan Rome.

John twice refers to a particularly violent period of persecution through which the church would pass. In verse six he speaks of it as "a thousand two hundred and threescore days," while in verse fourteen it is "for a time, and times, and half a time." A "time" in prophetic Scripture is used interchangeably with a year. (Daniel 4: 16, 23.) Using 360 days to the Jewish year we discover that a year, two years, and half a year would also give us a total of "one thousand two hundred and threescore," 1260 prophetic days, or 1260 literal years. A day in Bible prophecy represents one year. (Ezekiel 4:6.)

History locates this time of persecution as commencing in 538 B. C. Gradually increasing in intensity, it reached the zenith of its fury during the Dark Ages, when millions were put to death for heresy. The period was finally brought to a close in 1798, exactly 1260 years after its beginning, just as Inspiration

had foretold more than 2000 years before.

During this time of persecution John records that "the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God." (Revelation 12: 6.) Here, the revelator says, "the earth helped the woman." (Verse 16.)

In the mountain fastnesses of northern Italy and southeastern France the Waldenses, Albigenses, and other persecuted believers maintained their worship of God despite constant efforts to hunt them out and destroy them. The earth helped the church by affording its persecuted members an asylum of safety.

The prophecy of this great contro-

versy between Satan and the church reveals that it shall continue until the very end of time. In the last verse of Revelation 12, John speaks of our own day: "And the dragon [Satan] was wroth with the woman [the church], and went to make war with the remnant of her seed [those comprising the church in the days just before the return of Christ—remnant means last], which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

You are on one side or the other of this great controversy. There is no "no man's land" in this conflict. On which side have you cast your lot?



A SOLDIER in uniform one day entered the outer office of President Lincoln, and took his place among two score or more of other visitors who had come to see the President. As the soldier sat there waiting, Tad, the President's little son, entered the room, and his attention was attracted to the man in uniform. He noticed especially the empty sleeve, for the young fellow had lost an arm in the war.

To interest the little chap, and to help pass the time away, the soldier boy told Tad some very interesting and exciting war stories.

Tad asked why he had come, and the young man replied that he was very anxious to see the President.

The little fellow said excitedly, "The President is my father. Do you want to see my father?"

"I really do," the soldier answered.

"I'll get you in," the small boy promised, and he disappeared into another room.

Soon a secretary came into the

The SON Will Get You In

By C. L. Paddock

room and told the waiting people that the President had only about five minutes more in which he could see visitors, and they had just as well go, for he would not be able to give them an audience until the following day. Men and women promptly arose to depart—all except the young man in uniform. The secretary assured him it was useless to wait.

"But the president's son was just talking to me," the soldier answered with assurance, "and he has gone in to ask his father if I may see him."

"You mean little Tad?" the secretary inquired.

"Yes sir."

"Don't worry, then, young man. If the President's son is in there pleading for you, you'll get in."

And he did.

Jesus died for you and me. If we have made His acquaintance—if we really know Him, and love Him, we need have no fears. He has gone to heaven to plead with the Father for us, and we will get in, if we keep true to Him. Read His promise in John 14: 1-3: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

UNANSWERABLE QUESTIONS FOR EVOLUTIONISTS

Leaving No Excuse for It's Existence

ASK AN evolutionist what he would lose if he discarded the theory of evolution, and he has no answer. He is unable to think of anything of real value that would be lost if the doctrine of evolution were stricken out of existence.

The theories of evolution originated largely during the nineteenth century in the imaginations of men who did not believe the Bible; therefore, true Christians can have no faith in any of those theories. There is no room in a logical mind for both the Bible and evolution. They do not—cannot—mix.

If the theory of evolution were true, it would, of course, have to apply to animals, birds, and insects as well as to man, for it is supposed to apply to all nature. So if the evolutionists should dare to say that the comparatively recent marvelous increase in human knowledge is part of the evolutionary process, they would be utterly unable to explain why there has not been a corresponding sudden increase of knowledge among the lower animals; and all must agree that nothing of that kind has taken place. There is nothing in evolution to indicate that man should be especially favored above other creatures.

If the evolutionists persist in saying that the great increase in speed of progress and transportation is according to their doctrines, then we ask, Who ordered the great change to take place at about the beginning of the nineteenth century? As indicated in my previous

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article, entitled "Evolution Versus Christianity," the prophet Daniel said that the increase of knowledge and of running to and fro would come at "the time of the end." And we would suggest at this point that evolution is just as incapable of accounting for the end of anything as it is for the beginning of anything, or for the rapid progress of anything at any time. Evolutionists seem utterly unable to talk or to write of any noticeable development or change having



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taken place in less than "millions of years."

As the evolutionists claim that man has evolved up and up and UP, "perhaps" from an "organism not very unlike some of the simplest existing protozoans,"¹ up through monkeys and higher and still higher monkeys (but always leaving the protozoans and the monkeys to continue in their own way), thinking human beings would like to ask if the process of evolution has now stopped with man as we know him. If the evolutionists answer that it has, thinking people would like to know *who* stopped it, *how*, and *why*.

But if the evolutionists insist that the process of evolution has *not* stopped with man as he is now, then they are in a much worse dilemma, for they will be required to *try* to answer this: Will man continue to evolve during the next few million or billion years into something as much higher than man is now as man is now higher than the insignificant thing he is supposed to have been a few

million or billion years ago? And if so, why should the wonderful creature into which man is expected to evolve in the far distant future be so much more favored by the process of evolution than you and I are now? In other words, it seems that evolution is terribly unfair to this present generation because it has permitted us to be born at least several million years too soon.

Not only is this theory unfair to us of the present generation, but even more so to each previous generation, back through all the generations of "monkeys," to the original "protozoan," "pre-Cambrian sandworm," or whatever it was; and only very slowly decreasing in unfairness to all future generations as each is superseded by a wiser, happier, and better one until the generation that becomes perfect and immortal, like God and the angels. Or haven't the evolutionists been able even to imagine that far into the future?

Inasmuch as there is no provision in the theory of evolution for a resurrection of the dead, the doctrine of gradual improvement would require that each successive generation die off and become

¹ Webster's New International Dictionary, second edition, article on evolution.

the insensate rubbish on which the next generation would build something better. And that would make unanimous the decision against it as unfair not only to you and to me, but to all generations from unnumbered millions or billions of years back into the past to those of unnumbered millions or billions of years into the future—a very dismal prospect which no Christian is willing to consider for a moment.

God, through His Inspired Word, makes many positive and unequivocal promises to those who *believe*, to those who are *faithful*, to those who *overcome*. The theory of evolution falls down completely, so far as Christians are concerned, because it offers no incentive to anyone to try to become truly wise and good and helpful to others in this life in the hope of being rewarded in the next life. Are we of this generation, including the evolutionists themselves, expected to gain as much wisdom and kindness and all good qualities as we can in *our* short lives *only* so that the people of each future generation may be a little wiser and better during *their* short lives? Is it unreasonable or selfish of us Christians to hope to be rewarded in a future life for some things for which we may think we have not been adequately rewarded in this one? Many who have truly believed in Christianity have made great sacrifices and suffered great privations as long as they lived in order to help in passing on to others the "good news" of the coming perfect and everlasting kingdom of God, and then have died without having been rewarded with anything more than a clear conscience.

On the other hand, evolution makes no provision for the appropriate punishment in a future life of those who have caused pain and sorrow and death to great numbers of their fellow human beings, and then have died suddenly without commensurate punishment. Again the Bible offers the only logical solution of this problem, for Jesus said through John the revelator:

"And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. . . . These words are *true* and *faithful*." Revelation 21:5. "And, behold, I come *quickly*; and My *reward* is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:12. "He which testifieth these things saith, *Surely* I come *quickly*." Revelation 22:20.

Some evolutionist may dare to answer, "Quickly? *Quickly*? Why, that was written more than eighteen hundred years ago.

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FAITH in CHRIST

How to Build a Genuine Faith

By John W. Halliday

WHAT IS the supreme secret of faith in Christ? It is that of believing in Him so intelligently and earnestly that the soul becomes a conquering power. This has been stated very fully and clearly in the following words of Mrs. Ellen G. White:

"To talk of religion in a casual way, to pray without soul-hunger and living faith, avails nothing. A nominal faith in Christ, which accepts Him merely as the Saviour of the world, can never bring healing to the soul. The faith that is unto salvation is not a mere intellectual assent to the truth. He who waits for entire knowledge before he will exercise faith, cannot receive blessing from God. It is not enough to believe *about* Christ; we must believe *in* Him. The only faith that will benefit us is that which embraces Him as a personal Saviour; which appropriates His merits to ourselves. Many hold faith as an opinion. Saving faith is a transaction, by which those who receive Christ join themselves in covenant relation with God. Genuine faith is life. A living faith means an increase of vigor, a confiding trust, by which the soul becomes a conquering power."—*Desire of Ages*, p. 347.

How forcibly, therefore, the following scripture emphasizes this conquering power of genuine faith, as exercised in the most trying of circumstances: "What more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens." Hebrews 11:32-34.

What a clear example the apostle Paul sets before us as he reveals his own experience in exercising such faith

in Christ: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but *Christ liveth in me*: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20.

His earnest admonition to all who want to know what to believe from the very start of their Christian life is, "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:11. So from the beginning to the end of one's Christian life, the exercise of all-conquering faith in Christ is the wondrous privilege of every believer in Him.

Great encouragement to do this comes from a knowledge of the compassionate love of God, who declares to every wandering one whom He is drawing from sin to Himself: "Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee." Jeremiah 31:3. His love is illustrated by the following incident concerning the love of an earthly father:

A New England farmer had an only son who in his college days fell into gambling habits. In order to get the means to pay for gambling debts, he committed forgery. He was arrested, tried, convicted, and sentenced to prison; but managed to escape while on the way there, and fled into the far West.

The father paid off the forged note. He then obtained the governor's pardon for his son. Giving a large sum of money to the former deputy from whom his son had escaped, the father sent him to find his son. The man did find him at last in a gambling resort in San Francisco. The young man recognized the former officer at once, and, thinking that he had been hunted down at last to be taken back to prison, struck down the messenger and tried to flee. But in falling, the messenger managed to grip him and hold on till he could cry out:

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What Are the Two Covenants?

What Have They to Do with Salvation?

“**B**EHOLD, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which My covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: but this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put My law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be My people.” Jeremiah 31:31-33. Here we have read in the Old Testament about both the old and the new covenant.

In Hebrews 8:7-13 and in Hebrews 10:16 the New Testament writer reiterates what was already said by Jeremiah centuries before. Thus the New Testament church taught that under the new covenant plan the law of God is to be put into the minds and hearts of His people. Under the old covenant plan the divine law was engraved by the finger of God on two tables of stone, but under the new covenant there is to be a closer relationship than this between the believer and God's law.

A man's thoughts and actions are determined by what goes on in his mind and heart. Therefore, if by the grace of Christ his heart and mind are governed and regulated by God's law, then his conduct will be in accord with God's commandments.

Winston's *Simplified Dictionary*, page 161, says that a covenant is “a promise by solemn agreement.” Now let us note a statement by Peter: “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot; who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.” 1 Peter 1:18-20. Here we find that God had entered into an agreement that if man should fall into sin, a way of escape would be provided. He was making with His Son the everlasting covenant before the foundation of the world. Man would be redeemed “with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without

blemish and without spot: who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world.”

When God made man a free moral agent, a creature with the power to choose between sin and obedience, He made one who could disobey Him if he should so desire. God could foresee that man could sin if he should choose to do so. Furthermore, it stands to reason that God, being all-wise, would not make such a thing possible without providing

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at the same time a remedy for sin if it should ever arise. This is exactly what He did. Notice verse nineteen which speaks of “the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” This reminds us also that in Revelation 13:8 the Saviour is called “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” This reveals that the everlasting covenant providing salvation for us through the blood of Christ was made by the Father and the Son before man was created. Before the foundation of the world Christ's life was pledged as a ransom for man if man should sin.

Of course, God did not give man any knowledge of this plan when He created him. It was kept secret between God and His Son, and is spoken of by Paul as “the mystery, which was kept

When Christ died on Calvary, the veil in the temple was rent in twain. This signified that the end of the old covenant had come, and that the new had now been ratified.

secret since the world began.” Romans 16:25.

Take, for instance, a ship that goes across the ocean. No matter how well it is built, it has life preservers and lifeboats on it. Is it so because they expect the boat to sink? No. The lifeboats and life preservers are on there, not because the captain expects the ship to sink, but for saving life in case something should happen to endanger the lives of the people on board.

Before He made man, God had made provision to save him in case he should sin. The Father and the Son made the everlasting covenant between themselves before the creation of the world. In that agreement with His Father



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Jesus promised that He would ratify the covenant with His precious blood by giving His life to save man. "The wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23. Jesus died for us on Calvary's cross, for your sins and for mine.

When man sinned, the sentence of death for disobedience was pronounced upon him. Then God revealed that there would be a way of escape through someone who would be born of our flesh. And in Genesis 3:15 we read that promise in these words spoken to the tempter:

"I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her Seed; it [in Hebrew, He] shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel." And Paul declares that "when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His son, made of a woman, made under the law." Galatians 4:4.

We also read that "God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, And I, behold, I establish My covenant with you, and with your seed after you." Genesis 9:8, 9.

There are two distinct covenants mentioned in the Bible, one of which is called the "old covenant," or the "first covenant." It was a separate pact from the "everlasting covenant," although they existed side by side for about fifteen hundred years. The everlasting covenant was made before the foundation of the world, but was not put into use until man sinned, just as a life preserver is not put into service until needed. So the everlasting covenant went into use when man sinned, and then, of course, the promises of the everlasting covenant were put into effect. We find that God reaffirmed this everlasting covenant to Noah.

We next note that God made known His covenant to Abraham, to whom He said: "And I will establish My covenant between Me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee." Genesis 17:7.

In Psalm 105:8-10 we have this record: "He hath remembered His covenant forever, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations. Which covenant He made with Abraham, and His oath unto Isaac; and confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant."

Note that God says that He confirmed His covenant "to Israel for an everlasting covenant." And as you noticed also in reading Jeremiah 31:31-33,

God promised that He would make His new covenant with "the house of Israel." Here are His words: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel." Notice also the statement found in Hebrews 8:10, which reads: "This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put My laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts." God says that He will make the covenant with the house of Israel.

Some people think that Christians are Gentiles. But according to God's Word a Christian is not a Gentile. If you know your Bible, you know that a Christian is an Israelite. Paul says: "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Galatians 3:29. Now note what he says in Ephesians 2:11, 12: "Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; that at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world."

If a Gentile is a person without Christ, then I do not wish to be a Gentile, do you? Gentiles are spoken of as "being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel." But the Bible says that "all Israel shall be saved." That does not mean Gentiles, neither does it mean Jews, in the flesh. The word "Israel" is applied to all those who overcome sin. A true Israelite is one who has prevailed with God. "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God." Romans 2:28, 29.

If you have Christ, what are you? You are a Christian. You are a true Israelite. If you are a Christian, you are an Israelite. If you are a true Israelite, you are a Christian. "If ye be Christ's [Christians], then are ye Abraham's seed [Israelites], and heirs according to the promise." Galatians 3:29.

The covenants are made only with those "who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came." Romans 9:4, 5.

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TERSE TOPICS

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL DAY—"Ten-year-old schoolgirls in Nuremberg were recently ordered by their teacher to write an essay, traditional in German schools, entitled 'The Most Beautiful Day of My Life.' One of these gray-faced children wrote as follows: 'The most beautiful day of my life was February 17, 1947, when my brother died, and I inherited his shoes and his woolen underwear.' Think that over for a while, you who believe that you are interested in the question of European recovery. Tell yourself what this child's words reveal of Europe's depth of misery and then try to visualize its consequences ten or twenty years from now."—*The Christian Century*, December 31, 1947.

"A NEW PILL FOR DEPRESSION"—"The British Medical Journal tells about a new drug called 'synhexl.' It is a euphoriant, meaning a drug which 'makes you feel good.' 'Other drugs accomplish the same purpose for brief periods (cocaine and morphine, for example), but they are harmful because they cause dangerous addiction.' But according to the British Medical Journal, synhexl does not have this effect."—*Christian Victory*, January, 1948.

PEACE, IT'S WUNDERBAR—"In Dusseldorf, one of the worst wrecked towns in Germany, authorities recently conducted a Gallup-type poll on the question: Do you believe that there will be a third world war? Ten thousand Germans of all ages and occupation groups were questioned. According to the Berlin daily *Die Welt*, seventy-four per cent of those questioned replied that they did indeed believe that there would be a third world war, and seventy-eight per cent of the younger people added that they thought such a war was 'imminent.'"—*The New Republic*, September 15, 1947.

The first in a series of four articles.

THE book of Revelation is not, as some have thought, a hidden, mysterious, dark, and unknown book. Its Author and chief Subject invites us to its study, and pronounces a blessing upon it such as is given to the

the departure from the faith; the perversion of gospel truth; the complete fall and apostasy; the persecution of the true by the false church; the Reformation of the sixteenth century; the closing events of the church's earthly experience; and the ultimate triumph of God and His people and truth.

All this is set before us under the symbol of the opening of a book with seven seals. As each seal was broken,

so, the tragic future of the church was unfolded; the hidden causes of its travail, pain, sorrow, and captivity were disclosed; and the certainty of its triumph was revealed.

We stand now by John's side and prepare to witness the breaking of the seals one by one.

The church of Christ in the days of the apostles is the subject matter and the time covered by this first seal. The

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study of no other book contained in Holy Scripture: "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand." Revelation 1:3.

Especially are the truths contained in this book to be understood now. They were addressed particularly to those who live in the last days of human history. Before the awed vision of the beloved and aged John were opened the mysteries of the future and the glories of heaven. Looking upward he saw into heaven itself, and was permitted to behold the throne of God. Then his vision was directed to the conflicts of the church of Christ on earth, and extended to the time when these conflicts were to be finished, and even beyond that to the triumph of the people of God as they were gathered in white robed ranks upon the sea of glass before the great white throne.

Nothing would be more profitable than a careful, detailed study of all the book's thrilling prophecies. That, however, is not possible within present limits. These articles will discuss only one of the great lines of prophecy in this wonderful book of Revelation. The one chosen is the prophecy of the seven seals, recorded in Revelation 5, 6, 7, 8.

This prophecy deals with the outward experiences through which the church of Christ and its counterfeit, the synagogue of Satan, would pass in the Christian Era. This church history is divided into seven periods covering the first victories of the church; then

and the scroll it held was unrolled, John beheld the events of that period pass in review before his startled eyes. Thus the whole period of the Christian Era unfolded to his prophetic gaze, divided into seven stages.

Just before this vision was given, John had seen that "a door was opened in heaven," and had heard the invitation to himself, "Come up hither," and

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the declaration of God's purpose in the words, "I will show thee things which must be hereafter." Revelation 4:1.

Very real was the scene to John. There was One sitting on a throne. There came to his ears the songs of myriads of angels with the response of the living creatures, a sublime picture of the power and authority and dominion of Jehovah. There was a book—a roll—in the hand of Him who sat on the throne. It was sealed with seven seals. No man was able to break these seals. Tense with eagerness to know what this sealed book contained, John wept bitterly, because its knowledge and wisdom could not be disclosed.

Then he saw Jesus, under the combined symbol of the Lamb who has died for our sins and the Lion who has conquered Satan, come forward to open the book. John beheld this majestic Revealer of secrets reach forth His hand and take the book from the hand of His Father, and break seal after seal. And as He did



The white, black, red, and pale horses of Revel

beginning of the organized life of the church, its purity of life and doctrine, its powerful witnessing to Christ and His resurrection, together with the remarkable victories of faith which established Christian churches throughout the Roman Empire and the civilized world, are all set forth in the events which the beloved disciple on Patmos saw when the Lamb had broken the first seal. The record is:

"And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals. . . . And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat

on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer." Revelation. 6:1, 2.

The symbols used here are a rider mounted on a white horse, carrying a bow in his hand, riding forth to notable conquest, and receiving a crown.

The faith of the church, as well as the lives of its members, was pure in that first age of the Christian church.

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startling prophetic significance, and open up to us light on important matters in world history.

Hence the color of the horse used as a symbol is white, denoting purity. It was because of this that the church was victorious in its witnessing, and in its endeavor to carry the good news of a Saviour to all the world.

The gigantic struggle which the church faced, with paganism arrayed against it, is represented by the warlike symbol of the bow. Its victory in that struggle is represented by the crown given the rider as well as by the language, "he went forth conquering, and to conquer."

The riders of the four horses of this prophecy are not to be looked on as persons, but rather as causes or movements. The cause of Christ as it was first launched during the days of the apostles is represented by the rider on the white horse.

And this is a fitting symbol of the conquests of the gospel in the day of its establishment. There is nothing in all history to compare with the thrilling achievement in the first century of the religion of Christ against what seemed insurmountable obstacles.

Heathenism lay entrenched everywhere, upheld and enforced by world rulers and, through Rome, dominating the world. Against this mighty system came a few unlettered men, preaching the resurrection of, and salvation by, a crucified Jewish malefactor.

Paganism had magnificent temples, artistic images, superbly accoutered prelates, impressive rites, majestic processions and pageants, sweet music, thrilling games, rare perfumes, sensuous religious dances, licentious enjoyments, and voluptuous pleasures. And yet

hundreds of thousands, yes, millions of heathen renounced the gods they had worshiped from childhood, turned away from all the ceremonies of an attractive, sensual religion, forsook the magnificent temples and ritualism of paganism, gave up their "lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revelings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries," and professed the simple religion of the Crucified, united themselves with companies of people who had no stately temples or elaborate rituals, changed their entire mode of life to adhere to the strictest

morality, and suffered persecution and death for their faith.

Certainly there was something about this new religion which enabled its possessors to overcome the world. They "were made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things" (1 Corinthians 4:13); "were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions" (Hebrews 10:33); were "brought before kings and rulers" (Luke 21:12); and "hated of all nations for My name's sake" (Matthew 24:9); "endured a great fight of afflictions" (Hebrews 10:32); were "killed all the day long; and accounted as sheep for the slaughter" (Romans 8:36). And yet before the death of the last apostle Christianity had established its churches and its teachings in all the world. In one generation it won five million adherents to the faith of Christ.

The faith of the apostolic churches may easily be gathered from the writings of the New Testament. It was briefly this: Christ is the incarnate God, born of a virgin; He died for our sins, according to the Scriptures; He was buried, and He rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures; He ascended up into heaven; there is forgiveness, cleansing, deliverance, victory, righteousness and true holiness solely in Him; He will come again to judge the world, and reward every man according to his works; and whosoever believes these things in his heart, and confesses them with his mouth shall be saved.

Believing these things, and experiencing the vital life of Christ in their souls, these early Christians, without the power of force, or the might of governments, and in spite of them, persuaded millions of licentious heathen to abandon their vices and obey the pure precepts of the gospel, and to choose a death of infamy and torture, rather than renounce their belief in Jesus Christ and their hope of eternal life through Him.

Certain it is, then, that the gospel, accepted in its purity, believed wholeheartedly, does enlighten men's minds, change their lives, give peace to their consciences, deliver them from sin, and enable them to meet death with the assured confidence of eternal life. It has done these things in the past. It is doing them now. These are its unailing fruits.

This faith may be your faith. Accepted, it will work the same results in you as it has worked in others. The life of victory belongs to you in Christ. If you will let Him, He will come forth in you "conquering and to conquer."

(To be continued)



Who Will Save the Holy City?

"SOVIET DEPUTY Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko, addressing the United Nations Security Council today, suggested wryly that since the Protestants, Anglicans, Catholics, Jews, and Moslems were doing nothing about preserving Jerusalem's holy places, perhaps it was up to the atheists of the world to save the city."—*The New York Times*, May 30, 1948.

We sincerely doubt that God favors the use of force and bloodshed in the attempts to wrest Jerusalem, regardless of whether it be Protestants, Jews, Catholics, Moslems, or atheists who attempt it. In fact it is only a question of time until God intervenes to put a stop, once and for all, to the ruthless and destructive warfare of sinful mankind. Prophecy declares that the Lord will destroy these destroyers: "And the nations were angry, and Thy [God's] wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that Thou . . . shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth." Revelation 11:18.

All eyes are on Palestine, and this is to be expected in the light of Bible

prophecy. It is here that the closing events of human history are to be climaxed. It is here that the nations are to be gathered for the final world conflict. It is here that God sits in judgment upon the wicked. In Joel 3:2, God plainly says: "I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat." The prophecy clearly indicates that the heathen—godless or atheistic nations—will be present, for it says, "Let the heathen be awakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat [the valley of Jehoshaphat is near Jerusalem]: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about." Joel 3:12. It is interesting to note that the heathen nations of the east are awakened. They have been dormant for centuries, but now they are gathering strength, Russia being the most notable in this case. The Bible clearly indicates that they are to be awakened; they are to prepare war; they are to come to Palestine; their way is to be prepared; they will come when God is ready to judge. (Joel 3:9-12; Revelation 16:12.)

Jerusalem and Palestine have presented some very perplexing problems to the nations. The Palestine problem has become a great, burdensome stone.

Some have been seriously doubting that the new Jewish state will last long. If the nations become involved in a major conflict over this strategic area, it will mean the end of the world. The Bible clearly prophesies that this will be the last battle of the ages. A few appropriate texts will emphasize these facts: "For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle." Zechariah 14:2. "And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it." Zechariah 12:3. In Revelation 16:14 and 16 it reveals that the devil is working to bring about this great holocaust of destruction, and that he will use his influence to lead the nations to a place called Armageddon. Armageddon is located in Palestine north of Jerusalem.

The importance of the Holy Land cannot and should not be minimized. It is the focal point of prophetic events that pertain to last-day happenings. It is while the nations are involved here in the last furious battle of all battles that God speaks the solemn words, "It is done." Revelation 16:17. Those nations that have been deceived by the devil into entering this conflict will finally find themselves facing Christ in His glorious return. He comes as "King of kings, and Lord of lords" to "smite the nations" Revelation 19:15, 16. He will then "destroy them which destroy the earth." Christ is the one who will save the Holy City.



The Super-church

THE TIDE runs strong for a super-church as the ecumenical movement spreads over the world. Some denominations are actively supporting it. It is being editorialized in prominent magazines. A great world assembly of 120 churches has just met in Amsterdam to establish a World Council of Churches. *The American Magazine* of June, 1948, has published an article entitled "Too Many Churches." *The Christian Century* has recently published a series of articles advocating that the churches unite and press for world government.

We see danger in these developments. While it is insisted that a super-church



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Thousands of new Gideon Society Bibles were used to build this impressive sign. The motto, "Jesus Saves," applies to the editorial above, to individuals, and to the world.



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The ghastly ruins of Warsaw still stand as a mute testimony against war, but the witness goes unheeded as we prepare for greater destruction with more diabolical weapons.

is not in the plans, there is every indication that this will be the final outcome. Such an organization would be a colossus of strength that would eventually exercise its power over government. Though minority religious groups might have freedom at first, it is doubtful if this would long remain. There are some groups that could not conscientiously unite with the federation. If world troubles increase, and this so-called religious revival grows, eventually small groups may have to fall in line or else.

I heard a leading Protestant make the remark recently that all members of this new united church must be willing to compromise or concede points of doctrine for the good of the whole. Another leader in this movement has said that while the churches cannot legislate righteousness, they can guide righteousness by legislation. Which all sums up to the fact that this contemplated super-church would influence the legislation of the government. This would lead to religious laws. Minority groups who conscientiously held points of doctrine contrary to the majority could be legislated against and coerced.

There are differences of opinions among the churches on a large number of Bible doctrines. There is disagreement on baptism, the communion, the Sabbath, the punishment of the wicked, the coming of Christ, the state of the dead, tithing, and many more. What can be done to harmonize these beliefs? Who is to be the judge as to what to believe and practice? What are to be the standards of this church? Will it be modernistic or primitive? What if I believe in going to church on Saturday

and the super-church says that I must go on Sunday. Am I to violate my conscience?

We must be careful not to give our support to something that might later develop into a powerful organization able to demand adherence. During the Dark Ages the Roman Catholic Church was a world-powerful organization that used the governments of earth as tools to enforce its dogmas. Persecution was the consequence. Super-churches and superstates have always oppressed and persecuted minority groups who refused to violate conscience by following the dictates of the powers that be.

One other point that bears consideration: Will this World Council of Churches promote the keeping of God's Ten Commandments? All of them? If it does, it will have to advocate the keeping of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. According to Revelation, God's true church down in the end of the world will keep the Commandments. (See Revelation 12:17; 14:12.)



"Sudden Destruction"

THE LATEST tests of the atomic bomb which were conducted at Eniwetok were cloaked in utmost military secrecy. The conclusion drawn from the terse, unrevealing announcements was that we now have new and improved bombs. The announcement stated that there were "tests involving three atomic weapons, each of improved design."

There has been some speculation as to whether we now have a radically new and novel bomb, such as the hydrogen-

helium, or meson, bomb. It is believed by most reliable authorities that the stuff in the bombs is basically the materials that we already have been told about, uranium, plutonium, and possibly kinds of uranium or other heavy elements made from thorium.

It has been indicated that there will be further nuclear development based upon information gained from the tests. The tests undoubtedly were successful, and from what little information may be gained it seems quite evident that we have a better bomb than the one used on Hiroshima, which was made of uranium 235, and the one used on Nagasaki, which was made of plutonium.

The continued increase of the potency of an already-powerful bomb causes us to shudder in anticipation of the destruction we face. How ironic that the nations talk peace at the council table, but prepare for war back home. Unquestionably we live in the time "when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them." 1 Thessalonians 5:3.



Medical War Crimes to be Outlawed

THE NEWLY ORGANIZED World Medical Association plans to outlaw medical war crimes at its next meeting which will be held in New York. Doctors all over the world will take an oath refusing to perpetrate experimental and nonexperimental crimes and human barbarities such as those committed in World War II. It is planned that they will take this oath at the time their degrees are conferred just as U. S. physicians take the Hippocratic oath on receiving their medical degrees.

Many medical atrocities were perpetrated in the last war in the concentration camps. There were some committed in the name of medical experimentation, particularly in the field of sterilization. Many of the victims were young men and young women. Some reports say that a number of these suffered so much that insanity resulted.

It is a crime of the greatest magnitude when medical people use human beings as guinea pigs, and cause them to suffer needless pain. Whether the victims be friends or enemies, such inhumane practices are certainly unethical, and this is putting it mildly. We commend the action that is being taken by the World Medical Association to outlaw these things. We trust that the physicians will not only take the oath, but live up to it.

My Message to Young Women

The Effects of Smoking on Childbirth

By D. H. Kress, M. D., Neurologist

THE FOLLOWING letter forms the basis for "My Message to Women." The letter was written by a young woman who was desirous of obtaining some dependable information in regard to the use of the cigarettes by women.

Dr. D. H. Kress,
Dear Sir:

I am writing to ask if you have a pamphlet dealing with women and cigarettes.

Two of my friends and I are rather interested in this subject. The one friend is a married woman of about thirty-five years of age, and is childless. The other is twenty-eight years old, and never intends to marry. I myself am thirty. We are all modern young women, and have been taking an occasional drink and are smoking from twenty to thirty cigarettes each day as a matter of course.

Naturally, I am much more interested



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in the effect smoking is having, or will have, on me than I am in what it might do to the other two. They never intend to have children, but some time in the more or less distant future, when conditions permit, I am going to marry, and I do want babies. (Maybe I'm not so very modern after all.)

So, if it wouldn't inconvenience you so very much, I would appreciate it if you would send me any pamphlet or pamphlets that you have. Thanking you in advance for your kindness and courtesy.

Yours very truly,
(Signature).

Since and during the World War the women of America have gone in for cigarettes at an alarming rate. If the increase keeps on at the present rate, it will not be long until there will be more women smokers than men smokers. Certainly it is time to give thought to this matter and if possible ascertain what effect this will have upon the future of our race.

It is generally recognized that the nervous system of a woman, being more sensitive and more delicate than that of a man, is more easily damaged by the use of narcotics.

Dr. Richardson, in a book entitled *Diseases of Modern Life*, made the statement some years ago when smoking among women was seldom witnessed, "If a community of youths of both sexes whose progenitors were finely formed and powerful, were trained to the early practice of smoking, and if marriages were confined to smokers, an apparently new and physically inferior race of men and women would be bred." He said, "Such an experiment is impossible as we live; for many of our fathers do not smoke, and scarcely any of our mothers, and so chiefly to the credit of our women, be it said, the in-



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What a pity that the beauty of young womanhood is being marred by nicotine! Sallow-ness, hardness, and shriveling result from its continued use, and the sensitive nervous system is injured.

tegrity of the race is fairly preserved."

In regard to women taking up with this habit, Dr. Hugh S. Cumming, formerly United States Surgeon-General, said:

"The cigarette habit indulged in by women tends to cause nervousness and insomnia. If American women generally contract the habit, as reports now indicate they are doing, the entire American nation will suffer. The physical tone of the whole nation will be lowered. This is one of the most evil influences in American life today. The number of American women who are smoking cigarettes is amazing. The habit harms a woman more than it does a man. The woman's nervous system is more highly organized than the man's. The reaction, therefore, is more intense, ruining her complexion, causing it to become gradually yellow and ashen."

Several years ago I called upon the famous scientist Dr. Alex Carrell at the Rockefeller Institute, New York City. I was anxious to obtain information in regard to the tissue from the heart of a chicken which it was reputed he had kept alive for over twenty years. He took me to a large vault in his laboratory, maintained at body temperature, in which he kept the small flasks that contained this tissue. The normal life of a chicken is only from ten to twelve years, and yet here before me was a piece of tissue, just as much alive as it was twenty years before. The secret was in supplying the tissue with its normal nutrients unassociated with impurities, and in keeping the medium in which it was bathed freed from its own wastes. Should Doctor Carrell have permitted these wastes to accumulate, or should he have introduced into this medium a small amount of cigarette smoke or alcohol daily, the tissue would have died years before. He demonstrates the Biblical and scientific truth that "the life is in the blood."

It is a more serious matter for a prospective mother to be a user of tobacco than it is for a father. For nine months she should treasure and care for the developing infant within the uterus, as sacredly as did Dr. Carrell the piece of tissue in the little flask.

In the Royal Tobacco Factory, near Vienna, according to Dr. Kostral, out of 560 births, eleven of the infants were born dead, 206 died soon after birth, and only 152 lived to the age of one year. Of the infants born the majority died before reaching the fourth month of life.

Dr. Hofstatter, a noted physician of Vienna, tells us that women in Vienna

smoke because of a superstition held by them that they are not likely to have children. This belief he said was, "widespread among them, especially in East Europe and in Turkey." From his own observation, he said, "There is a foundation for this belief, and that among many women patients who were heavy smokers there was only a single one that was not childless, or who had not stopped having children when her heavy smoking began." He affirmed, "Women working in the tobacco factories in Vienna seldom have children."

In America the smoking of cigarettes by women is something recent. The evil resulting from the practice is not yet as apparent as it will be.

The declining birth rate which is being regarded with some alarm at present in all civilized countries, is not wholly due to preventive measures employed by women. There are women who deplore the fact that they cannot bear children. The husband in some cases, it may be discovered, had been for years a heavy cigarette smoker.

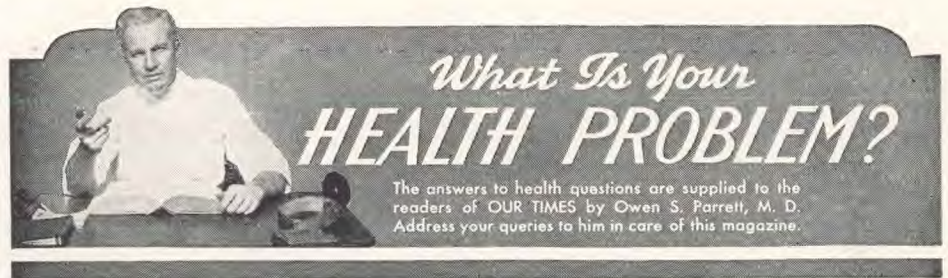
Dr. Arnold Lorand, the noted author, of Carlsbad, Czechoslovakia, says, "In-

deed, this pernicious influence of tobacco upon young women is, in my opinion, a matter about which we can no longer be unconcerned."

In referring to the increase of cigarette smoking among women, and its results, that popular paper known as *The London Titbits* said: "Before the outbreak of World War No. I, women who found consolation in the weed smoked from fifteen to twenty cigarettes a week. But not so now, for the smoking craze has made such headway that there are thousands of women at the present time who think nothing of smoking one hundred to one hundred and fifty cigarettes a week."

The editor added: "Never was there a time when babies were of such vital importance as today. Yet at this critical period, when we need strong, healthy children to fill the ranks depleted by those who have gone before, there are likely to come into the world a race of weaklings who have paid the price of their mothers' devotion to tobacco."

The propaganda carried on by the various tobacco concerns to encourage
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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.

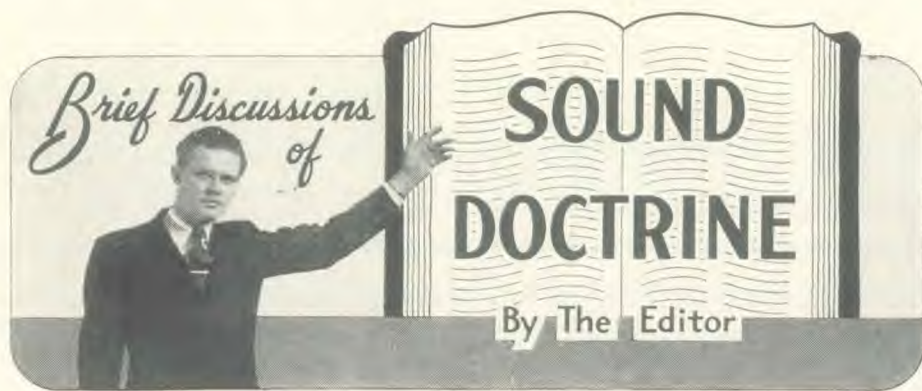
What are the ordinary symptoms of tuberculosis?—F.M.

Pulmonary tuberculosis may be either the childhood or the adult type. Occurring under age nine, it is of the childhood type, and usually is located near the central part of the lungs, close to the larger bronchial tubes. After age nine, it is apt to be of the adult type, and is more likely to be in the spongy part of the lung, farther from the center. The common symptoms of the adult type are protracted cough (persisting more than six weeks) and often following severe cold or attack of influenza, loss of weight, afternoon temperature, diminished appetite, mild anemia, weakness, and sometimes night sweats. The best means of accurate diagnosis is X ray, which will show the smaller lesions in early or light cases, permitting early and more effective treatment. X ray is also most useful in diagnosing the childhood type, and should always be resorted to in case of suspected tuberculosis.

My nostrils are always clogged up, making breathing difficult. What can be done to correct this condition?—L.T.

First, let me warn you to be very careful how you use the drops made to unstop the

nostrils; since in many cases, if used frequently, a reaction occurs which makes the tissues swell the more, and only aggravates the condition. Gluco-fedrin or Neosynephrin may be used in emergencies for temporary relief. In acute conditions be sure that the bowels are open; eat very light suppers; and before retiring sit in a tub of hot water for a few minutes, at the same time applying hot and cold packs over the forehead, and nose, and upper face. If hay fever is present, it may help to use ten or more one-hundred-milligram tablets of vitamin C daily. If the condition is chronic, I would also advise that you have a doctor skilled in doing an operation called a submucous resection consider this possibility in your case. This operation will thin out and straighten the nasal partition, thus giving you more room to get the air through the nose. The removal of part of the turbinate bones is sometimes resorted to, but this procedure is not always followed by the best results; whereas the first operation suggested is always satisfactory, and often gets all the results necessary. Watch the diet, and use much citrus fruit juice and vitamin A in drops or capsules. Keep milk, sugar, and fats rather low in the diet. Wear sufficient long underwear to insure an even body temperature at all times.



THE COURSE of human history is but the unfolding of Bible prophecy. It is amazing to find that nations met the fate that God predicted they would long before it happened. Babylonia Assyria, Ammon, Moab, Tyre, Sidon, Idumea, and others are mentioned in God's word, and some of the predictions given are in such detail that one wonders if fulfillment has occurred accordingly. A careful checking reveals that it has.

We cannot consider all of the predictions that have to do with these nations, but we will consider a few unusual ones. It is prophesied in Ezekiel 26:7-11, that king Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon would lay siege to the extremely wealthy Tyrus and capture it. It literally came to pass as revealed in a contract tablet in the British Museum. The city was left in ruins, but the prophecy had gone so far as to say that "they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water." Verse 12. Nebuchadnezzar did not do this. Surely the infidels would make a great play of this fact of unfulfilled prophecy if it did not come to pass. However, history acquaints us with the fact that the Tyrians, before the destruction of the city, moved their treasures to an island about one-half mile from shore. Years later Alexander came against the new island city, and took the ruins of the old city to build a causeway out to the island. He scraped the ground bare, taking timbers, stones, and dust to pile in the water. Thus we have an exact fulfillment of the words, "They shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water."

Another unusual thought in connection with Tyre is that it has never been rebuilt. If the infidels wanted to disprove God's word, they could take up a collection and try to rebuild this city that God said "shalt be built no more." Verse 14. From a human standpoint, there is every good reason why this city should be rebuilt. It is located in an excellent spot for a seaport. In fact it was once the powerful mistress of the

sea. But God said, "Thou shalt be built no more." Why do not the infidels try to rebuild Tyre if they really want to prove God wrong?

The doom of Egypt was foretold in prophecy. In Ezekiel 30:7, and also in the rest of the chapter, it is predicted that Egypt would become a land of ruins, desolation, and wasted cities. It is also predicted that Egypt would be a dry land. (Verse 12.) The prophecy further states that "it shall be the basest of kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations: for I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations." Ezekiel 29:15.

It is interesting to note that the prophecy concerning Egypt does not predict its utter destruction, but its abasement and ruination. Today Egypt is a country of ruins. It is dry and barren. It is desolate. It was once one of the richest and most flourishing empires on earth. Today it is a nation without strength, without a leader of its own who can lead it to heights of glory. It is filled with slavery. Volney, the French skeptic who traveled all over Egypt, calls it "the country of slavery and tyranny." Some of its cities that were formerly famous, such as Memphis, are in ruins. A rubbish heap! The prophet Joel who prophesied about 800 B.C., long before the Egyptian Empire met its downfall, predicted that "Egypt shall be a desolation." Joel 3:19. Today, tourists travel to Egypt to view the evidences of its former strength and glory in the pyramids and broken-down temples—mute testimonies of the truthfulness of divine predictions as given in the Word of God.

The first and greatest of all world empires was Babylon. Yet in the day of its greatness, God revealed its utter ruination. Isaiah and Jeremiah proclaimed amazing things about the destruction of this kingdom. They must have sounded very foolish to the people of their day, who could see Babylon in all its glory and power. "How utterly improbable it must have sounded to the contemporaries of Isaiah and Jeremiah,

that the great Babylon, this oldest metropolis of the world, founded by Nimrod, planned to be a city on the Euphrates much larger than Paris of today, surrounded by walls four hundred feet high, on the top of which four chariots, each drawn by four horses, could be driven side by side; in the center a large, magnificent park an hour's walk in circumference, watered by machinery; in it the king's twelve palaces, surrounding the great temple of the sun-god with its six hundred-foot tower and its gigantic golden statue—should be converted into a heap of ruins in the midst of a desert! Who today would have any faith in a similar prophecy against Berlin or London or Paris or New York? (Professor Bettex.)—Quoted in *The Fundamentals*, Volume Eleven, page seventy-one. We might be able to envision the destruction of cities like London and New York with the present weapons of war, but the utter demolition of Babylon with such primitive weapons as those used anciently seems impossible, and yet it came to pass.

Here are some of the unusual predictions about Babylon: "Thou [Babylon] shalt be desolate forever." Jeremiah 51:26. "Babylon shall become heaps, a dwelling place for jackals, an astonishment, and a hissing, *without inhabitant*." Verse 37, A. R. V. Babylon was viciously attacked and plundered a number of times. Today it is nothing but a decaying shell, inhabited by wild animals only. Not a single human being dwells there. In Isaiah 13:20 it was predicted that "it shall never be inhabited." Furthermore, the prophet says that it shall not "be dwelt in from generation to generation: *neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their flocks to lie down there*." A. R. V. It was to become a habitation of wild animals only. Why do not the infidels try to refute this Bible prediction and reinhabit this place? Perhaps they could pay a family or two to settle there, then they could prove the prophecy false!

Strange though it may seem, the neighboring Arabs will not pitch their tents in Babylon. The Bible predicted this would never be. Strange too that the Bible foretold that the Arabs would be living in tents right down through history. In fact it is a marvelous thing that Isaiah knew that Arabs would continue to exist after the Babylonians disappeared when we realize that the Babylonians ruled the world while the humble Arabs dwelt around them in tents. Though the Arabs are fearless

fighters, they cannot be paid to stay in the ruins of Babylon. In *Prophecy Speaks*, page 58, it says: "Many explorers and excavators of recent years report that it is impossible to get Arabs to remain on the site of this ancient city overnight. Captain Mignan was accompanied by six Arabs completely armed, but he 'could not induce them to remain toward night, from apprehension of evil spirits. It is impossible to eradicate this idea from the minds of these people.'"

We could give many other such striking evidences as these which clearly show the Bible prophecies to be divinely inspired of God. These things should make our faith in God and His word strong. God says: "I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of My mouth, and I showed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass. . . . I have even from the beginning declared it to thee; before it came to pass I showed it thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them." Isaiah 48:3, 5.

Where Do You Wish To Be?

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stiff by such a program. I'm going to a show, then to a 'swell' restaurant supper, where they serve drinks."

"Dull person," he murmurs, as he leaves his stay-at-home acquaintance. "Doesn't smoke, doesn't drink, doesn't care for motoring or movies. He must have a miserable time of it."

As a matter of fact, his friend of simple habits needs no pity. His tastes are probably like those of Mr. J. B. Priestly, of literary fame, who, rather than be "flown" from England to New York, "like an express parcel," would much prefer to tramp across his beloved Yorkshire moors, drop into a friendly farmhouse for a good, tasty, but simple meal, then tramp back home, arriving there serene and happy and more than ready for bed.

How much real happiness is lost by continual *grumbling and restless* discontent. If only people would realize that simple, natural pleasures and pursuits are far more satisfying and healthful than the hectic whirl of the modern social merry-go-round, what gain would be theirs.

To the true lover of the simple life, every country, every season, every kind of weather has its own peculiar attractions and advantages. And when a person can bring all-around cultivation of body, mind, and spirit to simple pur-

suits and pleasures, he can create for himself a veritable heaven on earth almost anywhere. For "godliness with contentment is great gain."

Unanswerable Questions for Evolutionists

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Then we would remind him that, in the so-called process of evolution, even six thousand years—the history of the world, according to Bible chronology—is only an infinitesimal moment of time in which nothing of any importance could take place. The evolutionists are entirely unable to promise either reward or punishment to anyone, "surely," "quickly," or any other way.

Whether the second coming of Christ, referred to in the texts above, occurs within one year, one hundred, one thousand, or one million years, it will be too *quickly* for those who are not ready.

Daniel was told to "seal" his book, "even to the time of the end," when "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." But John, writing about 630 years later, was told to "seal *not* the sayings of the prophecy of *this book*: for the time is at hand." Revelation 22:10. (See also verses 11, 12, 14, and 15.)

The doctrine of evolution definitely abolishes, so far as its devotees are concerned, any need for the Ten Commandments. It promises nothing good or bad in the future; so those who believe in it have no rewards to look forward to and no punishments to fear. It teaches that everything must work out for the best, according to the law of evolution, so everyone should let it take its natural course, just "doing what comes naturally." Public opinion seems to be about the only law they fear. But evolution is in greater conflict with the fourth commandment than with any of the others, for that commandment requires men to "remember" a weekly memorial of the six-day creation of the world:

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." Exodus 20:8-11. (See also Genesis 2:1-3.)

If that commandment had been kept faithfully down through the ages, there would not now be an evolutionist or an atheist or an agnostic in the world. Refusal now to keep God's definite weekly memorial of the six-day creation of the world immediately puts one on the side of the evolutionists, who have among their doctrines no creation of the world in six days to be "remembered," neither do they have the great doctrine of the resurrection, both of the just and the unjust to receive their reward; no redemption of man, and no re-creation of the world—everything going slowly and inexorably on and on and on, with no historical beginning and no hope of noticeable change within the lifetime of this or any other generation for the next few million or billion years—a very monotonous, gloomy, unsatisfactory prospect.

Christians have absolutely nothing to gain, but everything to lose by accepting any part of the theory of evolution, while evolutionists have nothing to lose and everything to gain by accepting true Christianity just as it appears in the Bible.

Many religionists have adopted one of the theories of evolution which teaches that the days of creation were each seven thousand years in length. Thus they flatly contradict the Bible account of creation and show a terrible lack of faith in the ability of God to speak the world into existence in six days. But the reason they do this is their unaccountable desire to crawl under, over, or around the fourth commandment, quoted above.

The theory of evolution has nothing of value to offer to anyone, and therefore it has no excuse for existence. It should be banished from every logical mind, from all the churches, and from all the halls of education.

A tremendous amount of credulity is required to believe any part of the theory of evolution. It is much easier, as well as more logical and more satisfying, to believe the Bible history of the creation and the fall as it appears in the first three chapters of Genesis, and the prophecies of the reasonably quick redemption of overcomers, believers, and commandment keepers, together with the restoration of the world to the perfect condition it was in before the fall, as promised in the last three chapters of Revelation.

When you and I and all other human beings of the past, the present, and the future are called up personally and individually before the Judge of the Supreme Court of the Universe in the day

of judgment, no scientist or teacher, priest or preacher will step up by our side and say to the Judge, "Let me take the responsibility and the penalty for his belief in evolution, because I am the one who misled him." False teachers will not be able to excuse their own mistakes, to say nothing of ours, in that day. Our only hope is to follow the Bible plan, have our sins forgiven, and thus have the perfect, sinless life of Christ imputed to us.

He Is Coming!

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ical world is the development of the possible use of radioactive isotopes, the by-products of atomic reactions, in treating cancer and other malignant diseases. It is encouraging to know that some peace-loving men are seeking to better the life of man with scientific research. But on the other hand, far too many devising, scheming, sinister men are seeking to destroy their fellow men and even civilization itself.

Turning our attention to the industrial world we note that in the past hundred years there has been the greatest industrial awakening of all time. Modern inventions, modes of travel, and the increase of knowledge are almost beyond comprehension. If Abraham could have come forth from his tomb in George Washington's day, he would have seen very few changes from the time in which he lived. But if Abe Lincoln could see today what has happened since the time of his passing, he would be greatly startled.

Yet it did not all just "happen." The divine forecast is unerring. Listen to the prophet: "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Daniel 12:4.

These words came to life after the close of the prophetic period of the 1260 years, or the "era of the little horn" of Daniel 7, which closed in A. D. 1798, the beginning of the "time of the end." Bible Societies were founded; men began to go to the ends of the earth, preaching the gospel of the return of Christ. A way was needed to take men to their destination—modern transportation was developed—and a way to get the message of salvation to the multitudes—the radio was invented. Man has used for his own selfish designs these God-given facilities for the promulgation of the gospel.

We observe one other factor in the industrial world which is a very definite

sign of the soon coming of our Lord, the trouble between capital and labor. One leading authority predicted recently that we shall see in the next few months a great wave of labor unrest and demands for higher pay, greater concessions and power in labor's hands. Such conditions naturally fill us with alarm and concern, yet in the light of God's Word (read James 5:1-9), we have need of patience and full trust in our God, who is still on the throne. David wrote, "Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee." Psalm 76:10.

From the prophetic pen we read regarding the social world: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." 2 Timothy 3:1-5.

This picture is so descriptive it is hardly necessary to comment on these verses; they speak for themselves. The apostle Paul further says regarding the social conditions of this world: "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." Verse 13. Crime is running rampant, with the peak age at twenty-one. This fact is staggering. It should awaken us, and should fill us with the will to fight for the right. Another appalling condition in the social world is in the field of divorce. Our United States government reports that over one-half million divorces took place in twelve months' time (1945). This is a ratio of thirty-one divorces for every one hundred marriages. The home is the basis of our social structure. As the home goes, so goes the nation.

In the realm of religion there are so many conflicting teachings and philosophies—too often based upon mere human speculation—that many a good soul today is confused. If we will always be careful to be sure we have a "Thus saith the Lord," we shall never have any fears.

Peter wrote: "There shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of His coming?" 2 Peter 3:3, 4. Sad to say, this glorious doctrine of the soon appearing of our Saviour, who died for you and me, personally, is laughed to scorn. Oh, that men might realize that one word of truth from the Good Book is worth more than a million words or

ideas of mortal man doomed to die because of his sin! Today men need to get right with God. Too often we see a "form of godliness," a mere profession in the churches. Many times it is almost impossible to tell the difference between professed Christians and worldlings. They dress the same, eat the same, go to the same places, and do the same things. Too often church members are lovers of pleasure. The prayer room has become the supper room, the dance is more popular than the prayer meeting.

But there is one more encouraging sign in the religious sphere: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14. These are the words of Jesus. He foresaw what we see today. The missionary travels by airplane; the gospel is sent out over the ether waves into remote places. Hundreds of thousands in nearly every corner of the globe are rejoicing in the blessed promise of the soon coming of Jesus in power and great glory.

Wars may come, governments may change, all types of calamity may appear, but the gospel goes on—triumphantly! Why? Because these *signs* of the soon coming of Christ in the various fields we have mentioned all must take place and reach their fulfillment to usher in the glorious dawn of a new day. Are you ready for the great day? Are you longing to see Jesus come with all His holy angels in the climax of the drama of the ages? Are you living daily to be ready to meet Him?

Faith in Christ

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"Stop, John! I have not come to arrest you, but to put into your hands the governor's pardon, and to take you home to your father, who sent me to find you."

The young man stopped, read the pardon, and tearing it to pieces and flinging the fragments to the floor, said bitterly:

"I do not care for his pardon. It does indeed remit the penalties of the law, but it cannot restore my ruined character. I will not go home to face my father's just anger, and live as an outcast in the community where I was born."

"But, John," said the messenger, "that is not all. I have a letter from your father which he bade me put into your own hands. Here it is."

The young man looked long upon the letter, and as he finally opened it out fell the cancelled note and a receipt

for full payment. He then read the forgiving and appealing words:

"My Dear Boy: The miserable debt is paid; the governor has pardoned you. Your old father has never ceased to love and long for you, and freely forgives you. Come home to me."

For a few moments the son was speechless over his dear old father's love and forgiveness. Then his lips trembled and he wept over the past, repented of his wrongdoing and bitterness, and trusted in his father's tender love and restoration to all the blessings of home. Then he acted, and reaching out his hand to the messenger of reconciliation he said with resolution:

"I will go back with you. Take me to my father."

Likewise, our heavenly Father, with His heart overflowing with "everlasting love" for the lost, says to every wandering one: "I have *'never ceased to love and long for you. . . . Come home to Me!'*" And so, also, is it with many who are overwhelmed by the exceeding depth of His pitying love for them, and they let it melt away the dross of sin from their hearts, reaching up to Him with all their hearts, saying with deep and confiding trust words like these: "Heavenly Father, Thy love hath won my heart. I do return to Thee, I accept Thy loving pardon paid for by Jesus on Calvary's cross. And I plead for, and accept by faith in Him, the cleansing and keeping power that will make my soul a conquering power over all sin."

Then how triumphantly the repentant ones are enabled to live lives of victorious faith, in harmony with the words of the apostle John: "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4. How victoriously they are enabled to say like Paul: "Christ liveth in me." Galatians 2: 20. "I can do *all* things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4: 13. Victory by faith in Christ becomes the keynote of their lives.

What Are the Two Covenants?

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Turning to Hebrews 8:13 we read this statement: "In that He saith, A new covenant, He hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away." And in verse seven we read that "if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second."

What then is that first covenant? It is set forth in these words: "And Moses

went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine: and ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the Lord." Exodus 19:3-8.

Here we find that God made a covenant with the Israelites at Mount Sinai. This is the old covenant. This pact was proposed three days before the Ten Commandments were spoken by God on Mount Sinai. Note that the people promised to obey (verse 8), just as Peter promised to be loyal. But man can do nothing without the help of God. Peter failed in his own strength, and ancient Israel failed to keep their promises; and for this reason God presented to Israel the new covenant, "a better covenant, which was established upon better promises." Hebrews 8: 6.

Turning to Exodus 24:5-8 we find that the old covenant was ratified with the blood of animals. And according to Exodus 32:1, 19, in less than 40 days after the old covenant was established, the Jews broke it.

The everlasting covenant that was made between the Father and the Son before the world was made, and that was made known to Adam, Noah, and Abraham, is called the new, or second, covenant because it was ratified by Christ's blood about fifteen hundred years after the other covenant had been ratified by the blood of animals at Mount Sinai. It extends from Eden lost to Eden restored. It was fore-ordained before the foundation of the world, but was not needed until man sinned in the garden of Eden. Then the promises of the everlasting covenant were put into use.

The everlasting, or new, covenant was not ratified until A. D. 31 at the death of Christ. When Jesus died on Calvary's cross, His blood ratified the new, or second, covenant. But the covenant that was made at Mount Horeb,

which was ratified in 1491 B. C. by the blood of animals, was known as the old, or first, covenant, and being renewed from time to time, it lasted only until the time of Christ. The old covenant made at Mount Horeb ended at the death of Christ. The reason that it is called the first covenant is because it was ratified first. When was the old covenant ratified? About 1491 B. C., by the blood of animals. When was the new covenant ratified? In A. D. 31, by the blood of Christ. So the old covenant was ratified about fifteen hundred years before the new covenant was ratified. The reason that the everlasting, or new, covenant is called the second is because it was ratified later than was the first.

In Hebrews 8:6, 7 we read these words: "But now hath He [Christ] obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also He is the Mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second."

Christ is the Mediator of the everlasting covenant, which is a better covenant, and which is established upon better promises. The old covenant failed because the men subscribing to it failed to keep their promises; but the promises which make the everlasting covenant sure are better promises than these. The new covenant is certain of success because it stands on promises made by God Himself.

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My Message to Young Women

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women and girls to smoke is, to my mind, one of the most destructive plots the enemy could possibly invent to destroy the human race.

As long as women are what they should be, the world cannot go far wrong, and there is hope for the future of the race; but when women go wrong, the home is gone, and the world is doomed. It was "when the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were fair; and they took them wives of all that they chose, . . . and they bare children to them," that the world condition became hopeless, and the "Lord said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man." The Flood became a necessity. Genesis 6: 1-7. Referring to that event, Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man." Luke 17: 26. When a similar world condition will again develop, the coming of the Son of man will be a necessity and an act of mercy.

Love Your Enemy

“Heap Coals of Fire Upon His Head”

By Edna Atkin Pepper

THE weary medic turned away from his buddy who lay helpless on the army cot in the hospital tent in the jungle. It was no use. Only a transfusion could save his life, and no one could be found with the same rare type of blood. He walked away from the clearing to be alone, but soon he heard groans in the bush. Investigating, he discovered a soldier who was badly wounded. The man retained a few tattered rags of clothing that proclaimed him to be one of the enemy. The medic had been trained to save life. He called for help and had the man taken to camp.

Hours later, resigned to the loss of his pal, the medic reported to the surgeon.

“I suppose my buddy is gone,” he began sadly.

“Why, no. He’s doing fine,” returned the surgeon. “And so is the other fellow you brought in.”

“But you said my buddy could live only an hour or so.”

“I know, son,” smiled the surgeon. “But that ‘enemy’ you brought in had the same type of blood—so they’ll both live.”

“If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to

eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: for thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee.” Proverbs 25:21, 22. Thus in returning good for evil to this enemy, the medic was rewarded by the circumstances that saved his friend’s life.

And if thine enemy be wounded by sin, take him by prayer to the Chief Surgeon “for thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee.” In working for the salvation of one who may be an enemy, we will be doing him a kindness that may win his heart both to God and to us.

Or the reward may not be forthcoming in this life; but it is sure, for we have it on the authority of the King: “Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungered, and ye gave Me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took Me in: . . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.” Matthew 25: 34, 35, 40.

Donated blood saved the lives of many in World War II. Even the captured, wounded enemies were given the blood of those whom they fought. This is the spirit of Christ, who gave His blood for His enemies.

