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Light of the world, our hope is here;  
Star of our faith, we look to Thee;  
Sure Word of God, unwavering, clear,  
Guide Thou our souls across the sea.

Annie Flint





# The Resurrection

## The Only Hope for the Dead



H. HOFFMANN, ARTIST

*Christ's resurrection assures us of victory over death and the grave, for He has the power to restore life to all who believe in Him.*

"For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised. . . . Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished." 1 Corinthians 15:16, 18.

**P**AUL WAS here condemning the doctrine of some who said there is to be no resurrection of the dead. He makes the very emphatic statement that unless there is to be a resurrection of the dead, then even those who have died believing in Christ are perished. Evidently in Paul's day there were those who believed, as many do today, that the soul is immortal and goes to its reward

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By I. A. Crane

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immediately at death. If this were true, of course, there would be no need of a resurrection. In fact, a resurrection would be wholly unnecessary and unreasonable. Paul's statement and the immortal-soul doctrine cannot be harmonized. One or the other is not true. Evidently Paul believed the Lord's own words in Ezekiel 18:4: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." If the soul that sins dies, then the soul is not immortal, it matters not how many believe it. And this doctrine as to man's condition at death is more positively expressed by the psalmist: "His breath goeth forth, he

returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish." Psalm 146:4.

A few scriptural statements make plain the cause of death, and also the only hope of redemption and life. In Romans 5:12 we read: "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." From this we are made to understand that had man never sinned there would have been no death. Just think of how it would be in this world today if man had never sinned! This world

would be an Eden of peace. There would be no death, no sorrow, no suffering. The world would now be filled with holy, happy, sinless people. There would be no strife, no hatred, no war. What a contrast to present conditions! This is what would have been if man had not sinned. This is what God purposed in the beginning, for He did not create the earth "in vain, He formed it to be inhabited." Isaiah 45:18.

But sin came, bringing sorrow, suffering, and death. How terrible have been the ravages of sin! Will it always be thus? Will it always be that people will be born into the world to live a few brief years and then die? No! Thank God, no! We are not left without hope. All the prophets from the beginning have foretold a time "of restitution of all things." Acts 3:21. Just think of what that means. Does not that mean restoration to life and peace in the Eden of God? We have an almighty Saviour who gave His life to redeem us, and He has taught us to pray: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10. Thank God, some day the reign of sin will end. God's kingdom will come and His will will be done on earth as it is in heaven. John, in Revelation 21, was given a view of the time in the earth made new, when there will be "no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain." Verse 4. God's original plan

will be carried out, and the redeemed will be restored to the happy sinless condition which man enjoyed in Eden before the fall. They will again have access to the tree of life in the paradise of God. (Revelation 2:7.)

The patriarch Job, in the midst of his suffering and sorrow, questioned, "If a man die, shall he live again?" Then he answered, "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer Thee." Job 14:14, 15. His hope in life  
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**M**ANY HAVE longed to know how to find Christ. They have hungered for the forgiveness and the abiding peace that come to those forgiven; they have thirsted for cleansing of soul, for the breaking of the fearful power of sin; they have deeply desired the keeping power that in all the changing circumstances of

staying for the night. An effort was made to win an unbeliever to Christ, but he refused to yield. The next evening we met again. But the man was in tears, and asked at once, "What shall I do?" We turned to the Bible and I read the scripture, "A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise." Psalm 51:17. Thus he realized God's willing-

ness and nearness to save. But that was not enough. He was to confess and forsake his sins. Another text was then read, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9. Yet even that was not enough. He had confessed his sins, but

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# *What Shall I Do to Find Christ?*

## **The Way to Peace and Cleansing**

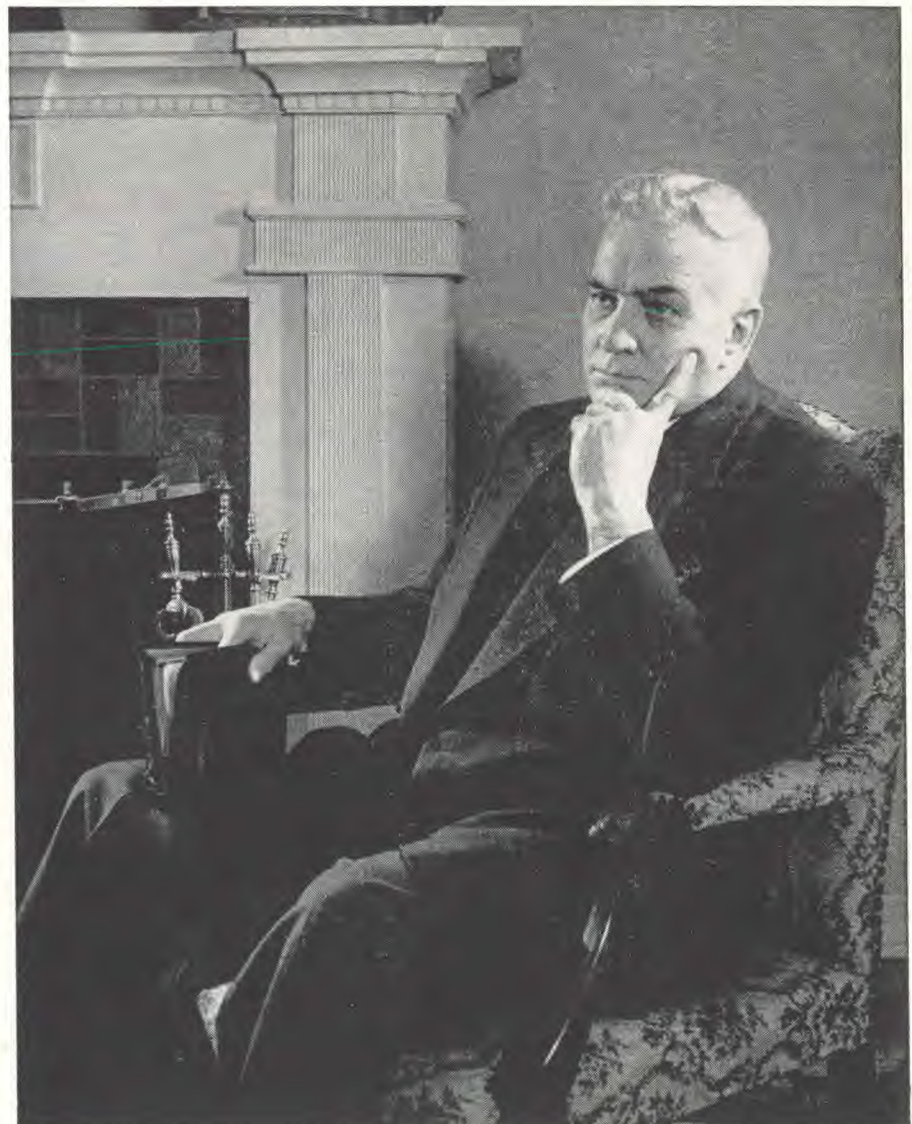
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life preserves the soul in perfect peace. They want the power to do what is right, to have the perfect assurance that God and Christ are close by with all their heavenly resources, enabling the soul to triumph continually and happily.

How clear and encouraging is the Bible answer to this important question, "What shall I do to find Christ?" Paul and Silas, after being beaten in the Philippian prison, were asked the question, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Acts 16:30, 31. Why this answer? Because, as Peter boldly declared to the priests and Sadducees regarding Jesus, "there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

What blessed results followed the jailer's strong and fervent faith! His salvation was genuine because it acted. "He took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house." Acts 16:33, 34. This genuine, simple, saving faith in Jesus brings a wonderful change of heart and life, and calls forth a great rejoicing, such as came to the jailer and all his family. This wonderful rejoicing that comes from saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is spoken of in another scripture, also, which makes the profound statement: "Now the God of hope fill you with *all* joy and peace in *believing*, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." Romans 15:13.

The following incident in the writer's experience illustrates the wonderful power of saving faith. It occurred at Holly Springs, Mississippi, where I was



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*The Bible tells us the story of Jesus and His love, and how we may experience the joy of salvation by grace through Him.*



JESUS CHRIST, son of the virgin Mary, was in very truth the Son of God!

God the Father declares it, and "God is not a man, that he should lie." Numbers 23: 19. The testimony of the Omnipotent is ample, conclusive, and convincing.

As Jesus began his earthly ministry, God in heaven placed His stamp of approval upon the Man of Galilee. As Jesus came forth from the river Jordan after being immersed, the heavens opened and John the Baptist saw "the Spirit of God come down like a dove and light upon Him, and a voice from heaven said, 'This is My Son, My Beloved! This is My Chosen!'" Matthew 3: 16-17, Goodspeed.

From the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, God the Father longed for the world to see in Jesus His divine Son. These are the words of Christ Himself, "The Father that sent Me beareth witness of Me." John 8: 18.

Shortly before the Saviour was des-



# Jesus Is GOD'S OWN SON

## *New Testament Evidences of Christ's Divinity*



tinued to tread the wine press of sorrow alone the Father again bore His testimony to the divinity of Christ.

Upon the mount of transfiguration, with three of His most intimate disciples by His side, the Master was flooded with the refulgent glory of heaven. Half-blinded by the awful splendor of the scene, the disciples heard a voice speak

to them from the cloud overshadowing the mountainside. It was the voice of the Eternal God saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matthew 17: 5.

Just as in the beginning of Christ's ministry, so, near the close of His ministry for fallen man, the Father declared Jesus to be not merely the son of Mary with influence but the Son of God with power. "The Father Himself . . . hath borne witness." John 5: 37.

The writings of Paul the apostle to the Hebrews, likewise bear evidence that God the Father owned Jesus as His own divine son, of His own eternal substance, a God-man—not merely a good man, as some would have us believe. No less than eight times in the first chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, Inspiration emphasizes this fact.

In verse six, speaking of Christ, God said, "And let all the angels of God

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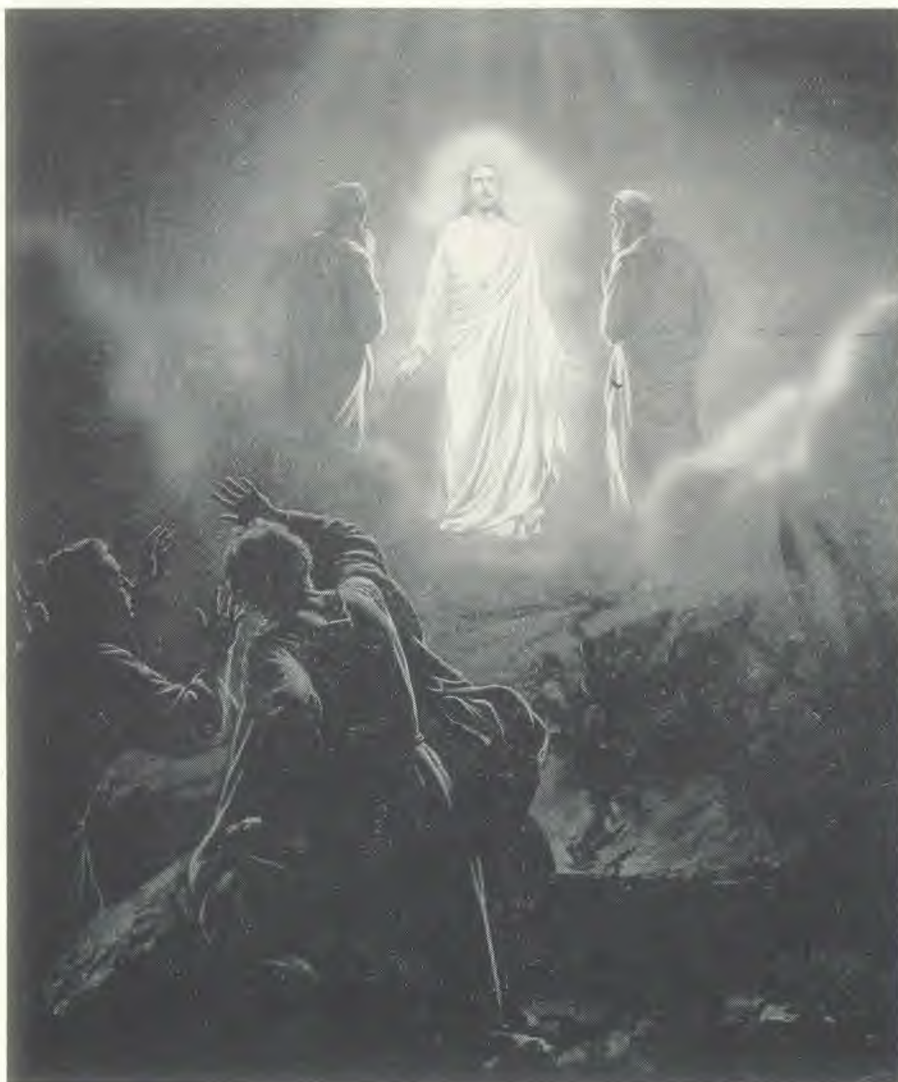
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worship Him." From this it is clear that Christ was superior to the angels. We are also reminded by these words of the similarly inspired quotation from John the revelator. An angel had appeared to John, and instinctively the exile of Patmos fell at his feet in worshipful reverence. In his rebuke the angel reminded John that only God was worthy to be worshiped, saying: "See thou do it not: . . . worship God." Revelation 22: 9.

The words of the Father, recorded by Paul, commanding the angels to worship Jesus constitute a public announcement of Christ's deity.

Although on occasions angels are referred to in Scripture as being sons of God (Job 38: 7), they are not sons in the same sense that Jesus was *the Son of*



CARL BLOCH, ARTIST

*The transfiguration was one of the greatest evidences given the apostles of the divinity of Christ.*



God. Christ was higher than the angels. "For unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art My son, this day have I begotten thee?" Hebrews 1:5.

The Father also addressed Jesus as "God and "King." (Verse 8.) Moreover the Omnipotent One anointed Him (verse 9), and called Him "Lord" and the "Creator" (verse 10). All of these bear their weight of testimony that Christ was "made so much better than the angels" possessing "a more excellent name than they." Hebrews 1:4.

According to the "witness of God [which] is greater: . . . He hath testified of His Son" (1 John 5:9), that Jesus was more than a good man—He was indeed the God-man, His only Son.

Jesus Christ Himself declared that He was the Son of God. No less than ten conclusive statements of Holy Writ confirm this.

At the commencement of Christ's ministry, as He was locked in fearful combat with Satan in the wilderness of temptation, the Master affirmed His divine relationship: "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." Matthew 4:7. Not the human Jesus of Galilee, but "the Lord thy God." As Satan spread out the panorama of the world before Christ, offering it all to Him if He would but fall down and worship him, Jesus again rebuked the evil one with these words: "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." Verse 10.

On many occasions Christ declared His Oneness with God the Father, thus making His claim to a divine nature. "I and My Father are One." John 10:30. "The Father is in Me, and I in Him." Verse 38. "He that seeth Me seeth Him that sent Me." John 12:45. "I am in the Father, and the Father in Me." John 14:11. "All things that the Father hath are Mine." John 16:15.

Christ challenged His antagonists by saying: "If I do not the works of My Father, believe Me not." John 10:37. Then to support His claim of divinity Jesus performed miracles that only one with God could possibly have done. Contemporaries of Jesus should have capitulated and believed "for the very works' sake." John 14:11.

During the closing hours of His earthly ministry Christ plainly declared Himself the Son of God. "Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God. Then said they all, Art Thou then the Son of God? And He said unto them, Ye say that I am." Luke 22:69-70.

In the last recorded words of Inspiration, Christ, as the Revelator (Revela-

tion 1:1), further supported His claim of divinity. "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last," He shouted triumphantly. Revelation 1:11. The very wording used properly denotes eternity in the being to whom it is applied, and unless Jesus were in very truth God He could not have used such language. It was equivalent to saying that He had always existed and that He would continue always to exist. Yes, Jesus Christ proclaimed Himself to be more than a

good man—He was truly the God-man.

Nature, too, bore its testimony that Christ was the Son of God. Says one writer of deep Christian experience: "At His birth the star had known Christ, and had guided the wise men to the manger where He lay. The heavenly hosts had known Him, and had sung His praise over the plains of Bethlehem. The sea had known His voice, and had obeyed His command. Disease and death had recognized His authority, and

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## SUCCESS

*By Weldon Taylor Hammond*

"Which road to success?" I asked the guide  
Who stood at the fork where my path diverged.  
"Sir, how will you travel—walk or ride?"  
He waited, but no decision urged.

Within a moment I heard one say,  
"Ride over the plains on the paved highway.  
It leads to the gilded halls of fame  
Where even the children lisp your name.  
There are social pleasures, wealth, and ease,  
With glorious freedom to live as you please.  
And the world will crown you a noble son  
When its riches and honor and praise you've won!"

"But what of the end of the road," said I,  
"When my strength is spent, and I come to die?"  
The voice was silent; the tempter fled,  
For the world means nought to the silent dead.

Then a voice was heard from the realms above—  
Sweet, appealing, and full of love.  
"Take the mountain trail. Though the way seem  
hard,  
It leads to the Paradise of God.  
You will meet with heartaches, toil, and tears,  
As you trudge along through the weary years,  
But the journey's end will compensate  
A thousandfold when you reach the gate!"

And the guide at the fork appeared surprised  
As my steps toward the mountain turned.  
"You have chosen the path to success," said he,  
"Though by the few discerned!"



**E**ARTH'S GREATEST event lies ahead of us, and there is nothing in the past with which to compare it. Jesus is coming again! His coming is near at hand. The grandeur and splendor of this event will cause the glory of all past events to fade into nothingness. Its importance cannot be overstated. It will be the climax of everything earthly. To men and women both young and old it will mean either eternal happiness or eternal destruction.

An event of such importance should engage the attention of all. The truths connected with it should become familiar to all. They are plainly stated in the Bible and can be known by all. Certain vital questions relative to His coming demand our attention. How will Jesus come, secretly or openly, spiritually or literally? What will He come to do? How will His coming affect you and me?

There are certain facts connected with the first advent of Jesus which should admonish us and help us to relate ourselves aright to the good news of His second coming. For more than a thousand years the Jewish nation had awaited the Saviour's coming. Upon this event they rested their hopes. Prophets prophesied of it; the psalmist wrote of it. Israel studied the prophecies and sang the songs describing the Messiah's first advent. Daily in their temple services great congregations witnessed the offering of the morning and evening sacrifices, types of the Lamb of God to come. But when He came, "He came to His own, and His own received Him not." John 1:11.

Consider for a moment the wonder of the Saviour's first advent. Angels could not refrain from singing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," but the audience to which they sang was small, only a few humble shepherds on the plains of Bethlehem. Luke 2:14. The officiating priest in the temple handled the Babe when His parents presented Him unto the Lord, but he saw nothing unusual in Him. Within the great



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## IS CHRIST COMING SECRETLY?

By Howard H. Mattison

the Lord, and spake of Him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem." Verse 38. The question naturally arises, "Why this meager reception?" Why was it that the nation which was expecting Him failed to recognize Him when He came? Was it because they could not know? That cannot be the reason.

While the Jews desired the advent of the Messiah, they had no true conception of His divine mission. They

and, therefore, they rejected the Lord.

Can men today be expecting Jesus to come in a different way and for a different purpose from that which the Scriptures describe? In view of the tragedy which came to the Jews at the time of Christ's first advent, due to following their preconceived ideas, it is imperative that Christian men and women today find out what the Bible says concerning His second coming.

Recently there came into my hands a

### The Scriptural Teaching of the Manner of Christ's Second Coming

temple with its hundreds of priests, none recognized Jesus as the Messiah. Only Simeon, whom the Bible describes as one "just and devout," was moved by the Holy Spirit to prophesy of the Babe, "A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel." Verses 25, 32. And Anna, the aged prophetess, on seeing Him, "gave thanks likewise unto

looked for a conqueror who would free them from the hated Romans. Jesus came as a Saviour from their sins. They longed for the restoration of national glory and prestige. Jesus came to restore in man the image of God which had been lost through sin. The Jews did not realize their sinful condition, so they felt no need of a Saviour from their sins,

little booklet entitled, *The Translation of the Church in Revelation*, written by one of America's well-known radio evangelists, Dr. M. R. DeHaan. On page twenty-three I find these words: "One of the clearest things in the entire Scriptures is the fact that there are two comings of the Lord Jesus, still future. His coming for His church and His



coming with His church. The first is called the 'Rapture,' the second is called the 'Revelation.' The first, the 'Rapture,' occurs before the tribulation, and the second, the 'Revelation,' occurs immediately after the tribulation."

If this teaching is the clearest thing in the Bible, we should have no difficulty in locating it, because the Bible is plain in its utterances. We can enter into the search with the assurance that Jesus will guide us. He is anxious that we be not deceived. Said Jesus concerning His coming: "If any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; inasmuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, He is in the desert; go not forth: behold, He is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24:23-27.

How does the doctrine of "Secret Rapture" agree with the teachings of the Scriptures? The "Rapture," or the secret phase of Christ's coming, so it is taught, occurs before the tribulation; and the "Revelation," or second phase of His coming, occurs immediately after the tribulation. (See Matthew 24:36-41, and *The Translation of the Church in Revelation*, p. 23.)

Does the Bible make this distinction? A careful reading of the texts cited by Dr. DeHaan will determine. First, let us consider the text which is supposed to teach the secret phase of His coming, 1 Thessalonians 4:16: "The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a loud summons, when the Archangel calls and the trumpet of God sounds; the dead in Christ will rise first; and then we the living, who survive, will be caught up along with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we be with the Lord forever." (Moffatt's translation.) Again in his first letter to the Corinthians the apostle Paul describes the same event in similar language: "Here is the secret truth for you: not all of us are to die, but all of us are to be changed—changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet-call. The trumpet will sound, the dead will rise imperishable, and we shall be changed." 1 Corinthians 15:51-53, Moffatt.

Does this language describe a secret coming? In his letter to the Thessalonians Paul says that Jesus comes "with

a loud summons when the archangel calls and the trumpet of God sounds." And in his letter to the Corinthians he says, "The trumpet will sound." Is a loud summons from God which is accompanied with the "trumpet of God" silent?

We have an example in the Scriptures which will answer this question. On a

previous occasion the Lord came to earth and spoke to His chosen people Israel—at the time He delivered unto Moses the Ten-Commandment law. He first spoke the law from the top of Mount Sinai. Here is the inspired account of what happened: "And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there

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## Too Fast to Count the Signs

By C. L. Paddock

**A** BOY WHO lived on a large farm, seventeen miles from town, got a great deal of pleasure from driving with his father, in a wagon or buggy, the seventeen miles between his home and town, where they went frequently to sell produce and to do the family shopping. Every trip to town and back meant thirty-four miles. The boy probably asked many questions, and to keep him occupied the father suggested that the lad count the billboards, the telephone posts, and later, the fence posts along the road.

If he counted the billboards going in one time, he was encouraged to count them again the next time to be sure his first count was correct. It made the trip shorter for the boy and gave the father a little time for thought. It was a simple matter to do the counting in the horse and buggy days, but when the automobile came the counting was not so easy. They talked of the change in speed, and the father gave the boy a bit of good advice. "Son," he said, on one of his trips, "you will live much longer and much better, too, if you always drive so that you can count the signs on life's highway."

Over a hundred years ago, when the first railroads were being built in America, some people had a conviction that God never intended for man to rush through space at the unheard-of speed of fifteen miles an hour. I recall the days when we thought thirty-five miles an hour in an automobile was about the limit, in fact, that was the speed limit set by law where I lived.

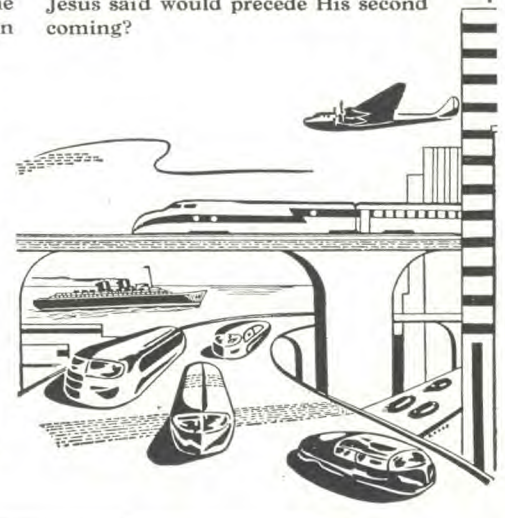
We have done a vast amount of speeding up in the past few decades. Trains travel at more than a hundred miles an hour, and automobiles have been made to go faster and faster. These are too slow for some of us, so we take to the air, where we can travel at the

speed of sound. Countless modern inventions have lightened our burdens and eliminated many of the tasks of yesterday. What would our grandmothers find to do if they lived with us today?

We live in the most unusual days since time began. Everything is geared to top speed. We seem to be literally shoved and pushed along to keep up with the tempo of the times.

There are signs at every turn of the road. There are disasters by land and sea—storms, hurricanes, famines, pestilences, earthquakes, floods. Large sections of the world are in virtual slavery. In some territories millions are hungry seven days of the week. In large areas dictators hold sway, and personal liberty is unknown. Every newspaper, every radio broadcast tells of murder, crime, and unrest. There is a tenseness among the nations. War clouds hover low over the world. Just one unwise move on some one's part could start another world conflict. We seem to be moving rapidly and steadily toward the Armageddon prophesied in the Bible.

Are we traveling too fast to see in these things the definite signs which Jesus said would precede His second coming?







INTERNATIONAL NEWS

*The warden of a prison is not responsible for a prisoner being in bondage. The laws of the land are responsible. He holds the keys and must guard his charge, but cannot bind or loose without lawful authority.*

SOME TIME ago there was a rebellion in one of the Federal prisons of the United States. A number of the prisoners endeavored to make their escape. They wanted to be loosed. They were bound as to the place where they were to live. The prison was on a small island, and even though they could get out of the building, they could not swim to freedom.

The warden had the key, or charge of all the keys of the prison, and was charged with the responsibility of keeping the prisoners safely. But these prisoners did not want to stay, neither did they want to be bound. The warden was not responsible for their being in bondage. He did not confine these men to their narrow quarters. The laws of the country were responsible for that, and it was the prisoners' disregard of those laws that enabled the law to put them where they were. They alone were responsible.

It was not the business of the man with the keys to put men in prison, or to curb their activities. He could neither bind nor loose. He could only guard what had been put under his charge. He had the keys, but his use of them

could affect only those who had broken the laws of the country and had made themselves dangerous to society.

Likewise it is the laws of God that regulate who shall be bound and who shall be free. The law affects only the men and women who disregard it. There is no fear of the law for those who obey. Those who disobey are the ones to be bound. No man or set of men are at liberty to hale men and women into prison indiscriminately. Just so, no man can designate who shall go to heaven and who shall be kept from that wonderful place. The individual determines his own fate, and the man with keys can act only as directed by law, and even then it is not of his choosing. The law of God has made provision for all that, and then the church, in applying those laws to individual cases, has designated who is to be bound and who is to be free. They determine who have complied with the divine precepts and who have not, and since their action is in accordance with the laws that control entrance into heaven, their decision is ratified by heaven.

If Peter was the man we are led to believe he was, never would he have

# What Authority DID PETER HAVE

## What Are THE KEYS

By J. W. Rich

undertaken to make laws and then execute them concerning any individual. Even Jesus indicates that He would not and could not do a thing like that. There are those who believe that Peter was given such authority, but upon investigation we find that that idea is not well founded; and if Peter's interpretation is to be given any consideration, we are more than assured that such an interpretation is not correct.

Jesus' statement to Peter was: "And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Matthew 16:19.

The work that Peter did, as expressed by himself, makes us believe that his ministry must be considered as that of one of the priests, and here is what he says about the work of the priesthood: "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:5.

Those sacrifices must be acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Then there must be some form of requirement that must be met in all such services. God must have made certain regulations that were and must be complied with to be acceptable, and more, the priest must have known what those requirements were else he could not have offered acceptable service. Peter's authority was limited. It must be acceptable. There was a service, then, that was not acceptable.

This condition, then, removes any danger that Peter or anyone else who might come after him, could arrogate to themselves unlimited authority and power. The services of each of those who acted for God must comply with the regulations prescribed for that service, just as the warden, or the man with the keys, was obliged to act at the prison, and there were no services that lacked specific direction.



# TERSE TOPICS

## to "BIND and LOOSE"? TO THE KINGDOM?

As we study the life and work of Jesus Christ, we find that He, too, was limited in what He was to do. Certainly He could not give to another liberties that would supersede His own authority. Let us note some of the limitations to which Jesus adhered. "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work." John 4:34. "Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do: for what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise." John 5:19. "I can of Mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and My judgment is just; because I seek not Mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent Me." Verse 30. "Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father hath taught Me, I speak these things. And He that sent Me is with Me: the Father hath not left Me alone; for I do always those things that please Him." John 8:28, 29.

Peter was limited in his freedom just as Jesus says that He was. The regulations and standards were already erected, and Jesus, as a man among men, placed in execution just what He wanted His followers to do, and that was just as He did. We hear Jesus say, "As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." John 17:18. Peter was one of those sent, and here is the explicit statement that he could not exceed in authority or in the erection of standards, anything that Jesus would not presume to do. Jesus was God's Son, and because He was God's Son He would not think of exceeding the requirements of His Father. No other worker for God would do so.

The doctrines taught were not the doctrines of Christ, and they were not Peter's. "Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not Mine, but His that sent Me." John 7:16.

God has already made provision to meet the different problems that the church would be called upon to meet,

and that provision was sufficient to meet all needs as long as there was any demand for standards. "He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not My words, hath One that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of Myself; but the Father which sent Me, He gave Me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that His commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto Me, so I speak." John 12:48-50.

"Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself: but the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works. . . . He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him." John 14:10, 21.

"If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love." John 15:10. Peter was to abide by what Christ lived.

It should also be noted in this connection that the Vicar of Christ—the Holy Spirit—would never presume to do anything that the Master would not think of doing. There can be no question that the Spirit is the true Vicar of Christ. Recalling that a "vicar" is a substitute, the record is very complete. Of the work of this "Vicar" we read, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." John 14:26. As to the authority and freedom of the Spirit to advance or propagate new ideas or doctrines, again the record is clear: "Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come." John 16:13.

Then it is plain that neither Jesus nor the Vicar of Christ—the Holy Spirit—  
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**PROTESTANT SERVICE DISRUPTED**—"The August 27 issue of *Time Magazine of Mexico* reports another incident of persecution of Mexican Protestants by their Catholic neighbors. While the Protestant congregation of Rio Verde were engaged in evening worship, August 13, they were attacked by a crowd which had been summoned to the Catholic church by the ringing of the bell and told by the priest that in defense of their religion they should disperse the Protestant meeting. The mob threatened the worshipers and demanded that the minister, a former priest, be delivered to them for 'lynching.' The congregation refused, and prepared to defend their pastor. Members of the mob hurled stones, injuring two women and a visiting missionary. The building was considerably damaged before police arrived to restore order. No arrests were made. Next day Catholics appeared before the town authorities to denounce the Protestants as 'corrupters of children.'—*The Christian Century*, October 13, 1948.

**LIBERAL, AND WITHOUT CREED**—The following advertisement appeared in *The Christian Century*, October 13, 1948: "Young, liberal minister wanted for a midwestern non-creedal church. Place vacant because of promotion for last minister."

**WHAT A DEDUCTION!**—"Dr. Randolph [Army major, college professor, and rocket expert] said he believed the 'strips of vegetation' on Mars followed the laying down of railroads, along which the Martians settled. The symmetrical design indicates, he said, that the railroads may have been built by private enterprise, but that they were under direction of a single planetary government."—*The Detroit News*.



ONE OF THE MOST fascinating and dramatic stories of antiquity contains a vital message for the men and women of today. It also focuses the divine searchlight upon the events of tomorrow.

The scene is in old Babylon of two and a half millenniums ago. That nation was rapidly marching to unparalleled heights of greatness; and the youthful, ambitious Nebuchadnezzar occupied the gilded throne. By day he planned for world conquest; by night he dreamed of increasing glory.

But one dream was far different from all others; and when morning dawned, a profound impression remained in the monarch's mind. Yet, strange to relate, the details of the dream had eluded him. A royal summons was immediately issued to the astute Chaldeans, the clever magicians, the pretentious astrologers, and the sorcerers who professed communion with the spirits of the dead. But none of these could help the young king in his dilemma; they could not reveal his dream; and in his disappointed fury, the king branded them all as a cult of impious pretenders, and commanded that the entire fraternity of wise men should be destroyed.

A few years prior to this, the conquering army of Nebuchadnezzar had captured Jerusalem and taken large numbers of its inhabitants into captivity to Babylon. The king directed his officers to make a careful selection of the most promising Hebrew youth that they might pursue a three years' course of study in the royal university. Among these favored and chosen captives were four young princes, one of whom was Daniel, the author of the intriguing Old Testament classic that bears his name. He and his friends were resolute in purpose to remain loyal to God at whatever cost. They became star students in the graduate school of Babylon, passed their final examinations with distinction, and were admitted to the exclusive class of intellectuals, or imperial counselors.

Soon after receiving these honors, the crisis at court developed. Daniel and his companions were in grave peril. He immediately petitioned for a suspension of sentence, which was granted. Then the little group earnestly appealed to their heavenly Father, and the imperial "secret was revealed unto Daniel in a night vision." Daniel 2:19.

The following day, Daniel, who was then about twenty-two years of age, stood humbly, yet confidently, before the mighty pagan monarch of Babylon to present the vital truth that "there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets,

# A Dream of

A Marvelous Revelation of

and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days." Verse 28.

With firm assurance the youth began his presentation: "Thy dream," he said, "and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these; . . . Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image . . . whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. . . . And the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth." Verses 28-35.

Daniel's unshaken confidence in the veracity of his message is revealed in his next statement: "This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof be-

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fore the king." Verse 36. Without hesitation, he continued: "Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. . . . Thou art this head of gold." Verses 37, 38.

What an appropriate symbol for "the golden kingdom of a golden age"! Inspiration had already described the Babylonian Empire as "the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency." Isaiah 13:19. How gratifying it would have been if Daniel could have assured Nebuchadnezzar that his kingdom would stand forever! But irrespective of the possible reaction upon the king and the peril of Daniel's own life, he fearlessly proceeded with the message from heaven.

"And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee." Daniel 2:39. Some sixty-seven years after this prophecy was given, the Medo-Persians conquered queenly Babylon, slew Belshazzar, and possessed themselves of its



When king Nebuchadnezzar was troubled that revealed the course of history down to the government was described



# World Empire

Coming World Government!



L. QUADE, ARTIST

At the future, God gave him a dream  
of the end of time. Even the final world  
is impressive revelation.

treasures and territory. Under the leadership of such great emperors as Cyrus and Darius, Persia extended its authority from Ethiopia to India, a territory embracing one hundred twenty-seven provinces. While greater in extent, Medo-Persia was "inferior" to Babylon in brilliancy and grandeur, even as silver is inferior to gold.

The prophecy continues with the phrase: "Another, third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth." Verse 39. These words of Daniel indicate a yet wider expanse of empire. In fulfillment, history records the meteoric rise of Grecia, and the passing of world leadership from Asia to Europe. Alexander the Great, the mightiest conqueror of antiquity, overwhelmed the Persians in three great battles, the final and decisive engagement occurring at Arbelia in 331 B. C.

Following Alexander's early and untimely death, his kingdom soon crumbled; and when on the memorable field of Pydna in 168 B. C., the Roman legion vanquished the Greek phalanx, Rome took its place as the undisputed master of the civilized world. This was in full harmony with the prophetic outline given through Daniel. He stated: "And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise." Verse 40.

Yet even the illustrious Caesars of the seven-hilled City were not destined to rule the world forever, for the words of prophecy were explicit: "And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken [margin, 'brittle']." Verses 41, 42.

History reveals the precise and accurate fulfillment. Between the years A. D. 351 and 476, Teutonic tribes from northern Europe, swarming across the Rhine and Danube, fell upon the dying Roman giant. Appropriating to them-

selves the rich provinces of his territory, they there laid the foundations for the modern nations of southern and western Europe. The parallel prophecy recorded in Daniel 7 states that Rome would be divided into ten parts.

The voice of history again testifies that exactly ten kingdoms—ten distinct and independent nations, no more and no less—established themselves within the boundaries of Western Rome; and the prophecy, spoken and written more than a thousand years before, was literally fulfilled.

These tribal conquerors who carved out national boundaries were: The Anglo-Saxons (English), the Alemanni (Germans), the Franks (French), the Burgundians (Swiss), the Suevi (Portuguese), the Visigoths (Spaniards), the Lombards (Italians), the Heruli, the Vandals, and the Ostrogoths. The three last named were long ago utterly destroyed, while the other seven are among the modern nations of Europe.

Throughout the years many rulers and statesmen have attempted to unite these kingdoms that were "partly strong, and partly brittle" into one great empire, or at least into a United States of Europe. Diplomats have devised leagues, treaties, and the bonds of intermarriage. Charlemagne, Charles V, Napoleon, and Kaiser Wilhelm marshalled their legions, but all dismally failed; and even Herr Hitler's ruthless and overmastering ambitions went down to ignominious defeat. During the centuries the sure word of prophecy has declared: "The kingdom shall be divided: . . . they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay." Verses 41, 43. To the end of the present age no other universal kingdom is to be established, and "the Scripture cannot be broken."

But what of the future? The prophet answers: "In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure." Verses 44, 45.

Looking backward upon the vivid panorama of accurately fulfilled prophecy, gilded Babylon, ruthless Medo-Persia; intellectual Grecia, and iron  
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## America Breaks Another Record

A RECENT NEWS report of the *Associated Press* informed us that Americans smoked 345,000,000,000 cigarettes during the year ending June 30, 1948. This is another record for tobacco consumption. This would be equivalent to about 121 packs for every man, woman, and child in the nation. Inasmuch as the children do not smoke, the average smoker used two or three times as much as 121 packs. Most smokers use about a pack a day.

We really ought to hang our heads in shame over this record. America is the leading Christian country of the world, and yet it is steeped in a vile and unhealthy habit. Everywhere one goes he finds men and women puffing and blowing the foul fumes of nicotine. This must be an indication of the dissatisfaction and lack of peace of mind that is so prevalent in the world. How much better it would be to get a lift from God instead of from a cigarette. Surely one cannot consider himself a Christian and use tobacco. Christian means "Christlike." Can anyone conceive of Christ smoking cigarettes, pipes, cigars, or dipping snuff?

It would be wisdom for so-called Christian America to ponder the following statement of God: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." 2 Corinthians 3:16, 17.



## This Should Be Stopped

THE UNEMPLOYMENT compensation board of review of Pennsylvania has denied a Jewish woman unemployment benefits because she has refused to work on the seventh-day Sabbath (Saturday). According to the law, unemployment compensation shall not be granted to those who refuse work when it is offered.

The legal department of the American Jewish Congress has appealed this case to Pennsylvania's superior court. They question the right of a state bureau to penalize a citizen for his religious beliefs.

Does the state have the right to withhold benefits to persons who refuse to



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This is an artist's conception of a superdirigible capable of launching atomic rockets at targets anywhere in the world. It may be our secret weapon should the U. S. go to war again, although military officials have not yet revealed any such giant is actually under construction.

work on the day that they are conscientiously convicted is the Sabbath of the Lord? Would they advocate that such individuals should violate their consciences in order to satisfy the laws of men?

There is an important principle at stake in this case. If pressure is being put on individuals to compel them to violate their consciences and even to disobey God in order to harmonize with the laws of men, a stop should be put to it. All true Americans who believe in the freedoms of our land should call on the courts to put a stop to it. This same rule that the commonwealth of Pennsylvania is enforcing can be enforced in other states. It can be applied in just as exacting a way against Sunday-keepers who refuse to take jobs that require working on Sunday. Surely Americans do not want this law.

We trust that the Pennsylvania superior court will pass down a decision in favor of the woman in question. If not, then may she have the courage to stand by her convictions even if it means a sacrifice. "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye." Acts 4:19. "We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29.



## The Female Bar Fly

SOME TIME AGO a wet newspaper—the *Chicago Herald-American*—devoted an entire page to the problem of women drinkers, and the headline read: "America's Tragedy—The Female Bar Fly." A number of pictures were shown of women drinking at bars, and of some who were arrested and taken to jail to sleep off their drunken condition.

This newspaper graphically tells the story of female drinkers in a big city. It relates how "women are brought into police stations, staggering, incoherent, drunk, and the records tell the same sordid story: 'Arrested in a bar—too drunk to walk—investigators report home and children neglected.'"

The female bar fly is an unescorted woman who frequents the drinking establishments. She is sometimes called a "pick up" by the men who hang around such places. She is usually looking for someone to show her a good time. The *Chicago Herald-American* calls the bar fly "one of the nation's major crime problems." Some of the results of it are listed as follows: "Broken marriages and homes, causes of neglect and cruelty to children, leading to juvenile delin-



quency, have followed in logical consequences."

It is reported that there are actually more women hanging around the bars in some cities than men. In one city a minister and a newspaper man made a check on the saloons and found more women than men in these drinking places.

What a pity that such a condition exists! Surely our world is just as wicked as it was in the days of Noah. How can men and women drink and get drunk in these serious days? Will they continue to let drink make fools of them? "Beverage Alcohol," said one doctor who knew, "gives you a red nose, a black eye, a white liver, a yellow streak, a green brain, and a dark brown breath and a blue outlook." It certainly must give a blue outlook to the chronic drinker. In these solemn hours of history, it behooves us to turn to Christ who can turn us from a dark and gloomy outlook, and give us a bright uplook.

#### THE CLOCK OF LIFE

The clock of life is wound but once, and  
no man has the power  
To tell just when the hands will stop,  
at late or early hour.  
Now is the only time you own; live, love,  
toil with a will;  
Place no faith in tomorrow, for the clock  
may then be still.



ACME PHOTO

War clouds gather, and warlike speeches continue to be made, even though Europe still suffers from the effects of World War II. This poster is part of a hunger demonstration in Munich.

## CHURCHILL'S WARNING SPEECH

WINSTON CHURCHILL made a striking address to the Conservative Party Convention on October 9, 1948, which contains frank expressions concerning the world situation. We quote some of his remarks as they appeared in *The New York Times*, October 10, 1948.

Mr. Churchill made the following statement regarding the United Nations: "The Assembly of the United Nations, which we fondly hoped would be the majestic center of world security . . . has been reduced to a mere cockpit in which the representatives of mighty nations and ancient states hurl reproaches, taunts and recriminations at one another to marshal public opinion and inflame the passions of their peoples in order to arouse and prepare them for what seems to be a remorselessly approaching third world war."

In referring to the division that has come between Russia and the Western powers Mr. Churchill spoke of "the abyss which now yawns across Europe and the world." He spoke of the once-held hope that Russia "would help to bring about that golden age on which all our hearts are set."

This great statesman of England maintains that "we have a situation in Berlin which may at any time precipitate a hideous world struggle." He advocates the building up of atomic bomb stock piles in trust for the future. He declared that "it is my belief—and I say it with deep sorrow—that at the present time the only sure foundation of peace and of the prevention of actual war rests upon strength. If it were not for the stocks of atomic bombs now in the trusteeship of the United States there would be no means of stopping the subjugation of Western Europe by Communist machinations backed by Russian armies and enforced by political police."

Winston Churchill raised a question that is bothering many people right now when he asked: "What will happen when they [Russians] get the atomic bomb themselves and have accumulated a large store?" His own answer is: "You can judge for yourself what will happen then by what is happening now."

Probably the most significant statements made by Churchill are those warnings against making any agreement to destroy the atom bomb stock pile, calling it committing suicide, and the advice to "bring matters to a head," and not wait for "something bad to turn up for us."

The elderly statesman makes the plea: "I hope you will give full consideration to my words. I have not always been wrong."

When a man of Mr. Churchill's wisdom and influence speaks as he has on the present world crisis, it is well for us to weigh his words carefully. He spoke words of warning against Hitler, and Nazism before the storm of World War II broke upon the world, and his predictions came to pass.

Our great concern, in view of the prospects of another hideous world struggle, is that teeming millions of people are not prepared for what is coming. God is calling for men who will like John the Baptist and Elijah, warn the world of what is coming. "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." Isaiah 6:8. Those who respond to the challenge of this hour are told by God how long they must witness for Him, as follows: "Then said I, Lord, how long? And He answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate." Verse 11. In other words, until the end of the world.



# BUILDING UP VITAL RESISTANCE

*How We Can Strengthen  
the Body to Fight Disease*

By D. H. Kress, M.D.

MANY A ROBUST individual with the physical strength and stature of a giant has fallen a victim to a minute organism popularly known as a germ—an organism so small that only by the aid of a powerful microscope was it visible to the human eye. It may have seemed like an unequal contest. In fact, it is usually the robust individual who defies the laws of health and affirms, "Nothing hurts me," who falls a victim to pneumonia or some other germ disease.

A robust young beer drinker who had met with a minor accident looked up into the face of the surgeon as he was being wheeled into the operating room, and asked, "Doctor, will this operation kill me?" "No" replied the physician, "the operation won't kill you, but the beer may." The operation was skillfully performed, but blood poisoning set in and the patient died the victim of a germ. The soil had been previously prepared for the seed which flourished in it and caused his death. Germs do not flourish in healthy tissue. Surgeons do not care to operate on beer drinkers, or on those who have defied the laws of health.

It is highly important in this age to prevent in every way possible the spread of disease germs, for never has the tissue soil of the masses been more favorable for their growth than now. We cannot always be sure of protection. A few years ago a new germ made its appearance. It was unknown to scientists at the time. We were fighting an enemy in ambush. I refer to the influenza epidemic of 1918. This minute organism was responsible for three times as many deaths in the few months of its con-

tinuance as fell on the field of battle during the entire four years of World War I. The degenerate hearts of those who succumbed could not stand the extra strain placed upon them by the high temperature which the disease produced. In addition to this, the tissue soil was such that it formed a favorable culture for the growth of germs.

While it is essential to prevent the spread of germs, it is more essential to build up the barriers of defense by keeping the tissue soil unfavorable for their growth. This can be done only by the correction of physical habits which render the blood stream impure and which tend to saturate the tissue with impurities.

The farmer does not cast seed into soil that has not been previously prepared for it. After the soil is prepared he sows the seed. Body tissues that are laden with im-

*Outdoor exercise and a sufficient diet of health-giving foods will help to build up a vital resistance to disease and will give one a sense of well-being.*

(UPPER) COURTESY SOUTHERN PACIFIC LINES. (LOWER) EWING GALLOWAY





purities furnish the soil for disease germs.

This promise was made to the children of Israel after forsaking Egypt: "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee." Exodus 15:26.

Refusing to bring their lives into harmony with the laws of health, thousands perished from one germ disease alone. The record tells us: "So they did eat, and were well filled: for He gave them their own desire; they were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat was yet in their mouths, the wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the young men [margin] of Israel." Psalm 78:29-31.

In referring to this experience the apostle Paul said: "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. . . . To the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted." 1 Corinthians 10: 11, 6.

It is important to build up the vital resistance of the tissues, thus making them unfavorable for the growth of germs.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. Halliday of the Indian Medical Service, referring to the splendid condition of some of the Indians for whom he labored, made the statement: "I claim to speak with some authority because I have been practicing surgery in India for the past twenty-four years and have had an admirable opportunity of comparing the relative resistance of meat-eaters with vegetarians during the great war. I was the surgical specialist in charge of Indian troops during the greater part of the war. There was a remarkable consensus of opinion of all who observed both races and classes that the Indians' wounds healed more rapidly, were less amenable to infection, and they recovered from infected wounds more readily than did the French, British, and Australian troops. In civic life they show a remarkable freedom from certain diseases, such as gastric and duodenal ulcers, gall bladder disease, and appendicitis.

"In regard to the latter, I have some figures relating to the relative incidence of appendicitis in Indian and British troops respectively in India. I find that

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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. Parrett, M. D. Address your queries to him in care of this magazine.

*I am a victim of Bright's disease. Can you tell me what to eat and drink that it may not get worse?—I.W.H.*

In your case, diet is of the utmost importance. The kidneys, which act as a strainer to separate from the blood stream the waste materials, are greatly aided in their work by a diet which is as free from waste poisons as possible. For this reason all meat should be discarded since meat contains much more waste material than any other food, and is of such a character as to add greatly to the burdens of the damaged kidneys. On the other hand, fruits and juices, which are really predigested foods and altogether free from the acid wastes found in meat, are the most friendly of foods for the kidneys, acting almost like a medicine and causing the urine and body fluids to be much more alkaline. Vegetables are nearly as good and are also highly alkaline. Your proteins can be best derived from cottage cheese, milk and butter-milk, soy beans, peas, lentils, and the gluten found in all cereals, especially whole wheat.

Avoid many eggs, but eat one occasionally. Use only whole-grain cereals and breads, eat light evening meals. Avoid all tea, coffee, cocoa, cheddar cheese, and use very little sugar. You may use plenty of fresh and dried fruits and honey. Drink freely of water, avoid worry, secure plenty of sleep, and light exercise. Avoid getting chilled, keeping the feet and hands warm at all times.

*Is it possible to have mumps more than once?—L.H.*

If occurring on only one side mumps may subsequently develop on the other side. Otherwise the disease very rarely occurs twice with the same patient. The swelling from mumps is located immediately in front of the ear and extends from the angle of the jaw to a point exactly half way up the front of the ear. Swellings below this are not mumps.

*Is there such a thing as using honey to excess?—L.C.E.*

Any food may be used to excess, honey included. Since honey, however, is a natural sweet and the same type of sugar as that found in fruits, which is natural to man and not that found in cane and beets, which are better adapted to horse and cow feed, it is usually and for most people better tolerated than sugar. There are a few people who may be allergic to honey, which might even be due to the pollen granules which it contains.

Honey can be substituted for sugar in most all foods unless it be cakes, which is difficult unless special recipes are used, although honey cookies are excellent. All sweets should be used more as a flavor to render foods attractive. Being high in calories and containing rather low vitamin percentages there is danger that sweets may be used to excess. Honey ice

cream is delightful if the honey is mild, such as orange, black sage, basswood, or clover, but in this case use as little as possible, keeping it undersweetened rather than using to excess.

*Is the wearing of tight girdles and corsets injurious to the body?—W.O.*

Yes. Anything which restricts muscular movement on the part of the body, or any portion of it, cannot be otherwise than harmful to some degree. It has been determined that soldiers on the march who wear tight belts do not get on as well as when the clothing is free and the movements unrestricted. Of course if the tight garment is worn only on special occasions, the injury is not so marked. One of the principal causes of aging processes is the fact that adults cease to play; and unless forced to exercise by certain occupations, they become slowed down before their time. Free, regular, and unrestricted exercise would keep us all younger.

*What is the best treatment for sinus trouble?—H.E.W.*

Probably sinus trouble is more common than almost any other ailment. So-called catarrh of the nose and throat to a greater or less extent affects a large number of people. It is largely a disease of civilization, and it, therefore, is rare among people who live out of doors a great deal, and whose habits are simple.

A common provoking cause is overheated homes, and it would seem that the hotter the average room temperatures, the more we find colds and sinus infections. One who has this trouble cannot immediately begin exposing himself to cold. He can dress sufficiently warm so that he can allow the room temperature to be about seventy degrees Fahrenheit, which is high enough for normal people. In summer, of course, the temperature may rise considerably above this. Air conditioning may cause sinus trouble by rapidly subjecting your body to coolness while sitting still, especially after being in warm air and having perspiration on the skin, which cools the body too suddenly and rapidly.

Milk causes more mucus for some people, and if such is the case, it should be used sparingly. Buttermilk may be better tolerated. A diet high in vitamin C and A should be used, and supplemented with these two vitamins in the form of tablets or liquid. Sun bathing and graduated baths (beginning with a warm spray and finishing with cold and followed by vigorous rubbing of the skin with a coarse turkish towel) may help bring up the general vitality and also produce an immunity to sudden changes of temperature. Sleep in rooms with ample ventilation, but avoid cool cross currents over the head as you sleep. Keep the bowels open, and use a great deal of fresh, raw fruits and vegetable salads, little or no meat, and very few eggs.



## What Shall I Do to Find Christ?

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still he had not found Christ. So one more promise, one made by Jesus Himself, was read: "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24.

This brought him to the crisis. He saw that it was now his privilege to believe in the utter, full, and free forgiveness of all his sins by asking and accepting by faith, believing that God, for Jesus' sake, had forgiven all. He saw, also, that in the same simple way by faith he could receive a new heart, one cleansed in the blood of the Lamb slain for him on the cross of Calvary, and that he could thus become in all truthfulness a real child of God and a faithful believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.

With a heart melted and subdued, he tried to grasp all that it meant to him. The tender, though invisible, presence of the Saviour deepened his conviction and his longing desire to be saved, and helped him to realize that all now depended upon his acceptance by a simple, childlike faith in Jesus as his own personal Saviour. And, facing the issue, he made a final decision to believe, and he *did* believe, accepting all by faith.

Any other longing one who desires to be saved through Christ may do the same. Say to the Lord: "O God, I also come to Thee in Jesus' dear name, confessing my sins and pleading Thy pardon for His sake. I, too, plead for cleansing of heart and soul, and for acceptance as a child of Thine, a true follower of Jesus. And I, too, accept all by faith, for I believe that Thou *hast forgiven me*, that Thou *hast cleansed me*, and *hast accepted me* as Thine own dear child, as a faithful follower of Jesus."

In a very little while, the one who had lifted up his heart to God in a prayer of childlike faith and acceptance uttered these words of astonishment, "What makes this change in me?" His appearance had really changed. He looked like what he had become, a new man. What a prayer he offered that night as we prayed together. He seemed to excel the one who had led him to Christ. Inquiries made at his home afterward concerning him confirmed the fact that he was indeed a new man, very earnestly serving the Lord.

Most truly, the results of exercising saving faith in Christ are astonishing in their blessedness and joy and keeping

power, and are as lasting as eternity. If the results in this world are so astonishing and satisfying, how much more so they will be in the world to come, in the midst of the multiplied wonders held in store for the redeemed! No wonder they inspire such words of peace and joy and praise as the following:

Redeemed! and so happy in Jesus!

No language my rapture can tell;  
I know that the light of His presence  
With me doth continually dwell.

I think of my blessed Redeemer,

I think of Him all the day long;

I sing, for I cannot be silent;

His love is the theme of my song.

## Jesus Is God's Own Son

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had yielded to Him their prey. The sun had known Him, and at the sight of His dying anguish, had hidden its face of light. The rocks had known Him, and had shivered into fragments at His cry. Inanimate nature had known Christ, and had borne witness to His divinity." —*Desire of Ages*, pp. 770-771.

Strange as it may seem, Christ's bitterest antagonist, Satan himself, and his hordes of night voluntarily or involuntarily witnessed to the divinity of Christ. When the Saviour encountered the devils in the country of the Gergesenes they cried out, "What have we to do with Thee, Jesus, Thou Son of God?" Matthew 8:29.

At the synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, coming in contact with the Master, cried out, saying, "Let us alone; what have we to do with Thee, Thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art Thou come to destroy us? I know Thee who Thou art, the Holy One of God." Mark 1:24.

By the seaside as Jesus healed and taught the multitudes that thronged to Him, the "unclean spirits, when they saw Him, fell down before Him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God." Mark 3:11.

Even the evil spirits in Paul's day, years after Jesus had ascended to His Father's house, said, "Jesus I know." Acts 19:15.

"The devils also believe" that Jesus was not only a good man but the God-man. (James 2:19.)

All of the evidence of the New Testament borne by those in favor and by those who would naturally oppose bears out conclusively that Christ was indeed the Son of God—and therefore your Saviour and mine.

## Is Christ Coming Secretly?

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were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled." Exodus 19:16. The writer of Hebrews, commenting on this experience, compares it with the second coming of Christ. "And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake. . . . See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh. For if they escape not who refused Him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape if we turn away from Him that speaketh from heaven: whose voice then shook the earth; but now He hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven." Hebrews 12:21, 25, 26.

Let us next consider what is taught will be the second phase of His coming, "the Revelation." This is supposed to come seven years after the "Secret Rapture," after a period of great tribulation on earth. Matthew 24:29-31 is given in proof of this, so let us set the text before us: "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened. . . . And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Is not Jesus speaking of the same event the apostle Paul described in his epistles? Both speak of Christ coming with the trumpet, which the apostle says is "the last trumpet-call." Both speak of His gathering His saints together. Certainly both are describing the same event, that will so affect the world that it cannot possibly be hid.

Let none be disturbed by the tribulation period spoken of in Matthew 24 as being an event to take place *after* Jesus comes. This period of tribulation, spoken of seven times in Bible prophecy, has already occurred. It was the 1260-year period of papal supremacy, which lasted from A.D. 538 to 1798. Persecution will not continue on this earth after Jesus comes, for there will be none left to persecute. The righteous will all be taken to heaven to dwell with Christ. (John 14:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17.) The wicked will be destroyed by the brightness of His coming. (2 Thessalonians 2:8.)



When Jesus comes again He will come as visibly as the lightning comes (Matthew 24:27); He will come audibly, with the great sound of a trumpet (verse 31); He will come with clouds as He went away, and every eye shall see Him (Revelation 1:7). Jesus will come to receive a people who are looking for Him, and who are prepared in body, soul, and spirit to meet Him. (Hebrews 9:28; 1 Thessalonians 5:23.)

God, through the Old Testament prophets, plainly foretold how and why Jesus would come the *first* time. Those who believed the prophets were ready to receive Him. Jesus and the apostles have foretold how and why Jesus will come the *second* time. Will you accept their words? "Behold," says Jesus, "I have told you before." Matthew 24:25.

### ***What Authority Did Peter Have to Bind and Loose?***

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were at liberty to do things as they chose, and it is just as plain that they positively would not do a thing of that sort. They would speak only as they received counsel from an already-established rule of action, and from this they were not at liberty to deviate in any particular.

On one occasion James and John, the sons of Zebedee, through their mother, came to Jesus with a request that they be given the positions, one on the right hand, and the other on the left of Jesus in His kingdom. Jesus refused to grant the request, stating that it was not in His authority to do so, but that those positions were to be filled by His Father. If Jesus could not grant their request, how would it be possible for Him to grant unlimited authority to Peter to the extent that his decision was final as to who should enter heaven? Without being partial, such a thing would be utterly impossible, and Peter states plainly that Jesus "is no respecter of persons." Acts 10:34.

Lest any should become confused over the statement made to Peter, Jesus later illustrated what He meant in making that statement. There would be need of action and decision by the church, and somebody must take hold and guide in the destinies of the people who were to abide the day of His coming. "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to



# ATOMIC POWER

Psalm 34:7

They tell me of atomic power  
Until I am afraid;  
A single bomb, and in an hour  
Is desolation laid.

Then to my wildly beating heart  
God's voice spoke: "Peace, be still.  
Atomic power is in My hand,  
To do My mighty will.

"And one lone angel from My  
host

Encamping at thy side

Has power beyond all atom  
bombs

To keep, destroy, or guide.

"So fear thou not, My earth-child; I

Will succor to the end;

And nothing can befall thee when

My angel guards defend."

By  
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hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." And then Jesus repeats his former statement, indicating that there is a condition in which the church has authority to act: "Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Matthew 18:15-18.

Upon what basis could the church declare that a man should be a heathen and a publican unto them? There must have been some rule of right that he had violated, and the church made the application of that rule of right. This action of the church, says Jesus, was ratified in heaven for they had followed the regulations already in existence, and in doing so they found that this brother stood condemned.

The business of the church, then, is clearly defined in this illustration to be that of caring for the membership of the church, to see that God's requirements were honored. If any refused to comply, they were not to be stoned, but their evil, rebellious spirit was to be separated from the membership of the church.

This interpretation clarifies Christ's statement in John 20:23: "Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained."

Two further texts add strength to this execution of authority as has been illustrated above. "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." 1 John 3:22. (See also John 5:14.) Would it be possible for Christ to bless the activities of His church should they fail to keep His commandments, when we are so plainly told that we are blessed because we follow His rules of right? It would be unthinkable for Jesus to do a thing like that.

The two conditions to which Jesus refers are admirably set forth by the two groups of people mentioned in Matthew 25:34-46. The principle of right living—living according to God's regulations—is honored in no weak way, for He says, "You have blessed Me when you have ministered to others. Stand upon My right hand."

The second group were reprimanded for their failure to be of service to others, which is a command of God. Their failure to do right is set against them, and they are lost, while the obedience of the other group is credited to their good and they are saved. The difference: life or death, saved or lost.

The final declaration is given in these cheering, hopeful words: "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Revelation 22:14.

Peter knew well, from his having read the story of the locking of the gates of heaven when Adam and Eve disobeyed God, that the gatekeeper had been arranged for, and had been on duty since the days of Eden to keep the gate closely guarded, and that what he needed for his own soul were those keys Jesus offered, which in case of disobedience he would surely lose.

Peter, like His Master, offered no new way to get into the kingdom of heaven. His great concern was to properly use the keys (the Word of God) in such a way that his ministry would result in opening the way to heaven to just as many as possible; and while he was keeping the door open to others, it was being held ajar for his own use.

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## ***A Dream of World Empire***

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Rome, each arose, accomplished its national destiny according to the divine blueprint, then crumbled to ruins. The next act in the great world drama will be the establishment of Christ's eternal kingdom.

To that happy realization, Daniel eagerly looked forward, and was assured that he would be granted citizenship in the world of his heart's desire. Shall we not pray that the same Spirit that inspired the prophet-statesman of Babylon in revealing those momentous prophecies may bless us in their study and clear understanding? Then ere long we may share with that "greatly beloved" man of old in the delights of a country and a city that is infinitely more radiant and attractive than any gilded metropolis built by the genius and skill of man. Let us make full plans for a home in that land of perpetual peace and security, of health and happiness, of abiding friendships and complete satisfaction.

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## ***Building Up Vital Resistance***

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this disease is about ten times as frequent in the British as compared with the Indian army. The rarity of cancer is so striking that a surgeon might practice for many years amongst this people and never see a case. I am speaking for the Punjabi, not for the Indian as a whole. The Punjabi diet is wheat bread, whole meal,

pulse, vegetables, milk, and some fruit. I may add that their physique would compare favorably with that of any people in the world. When it was decided in the Boxer Uprising to recruit a regiment from the Punjab, especially for the service of Hong Kong, there was no difficulty in raising a thousand men, of an average chest measurement of over forty inches, and an average height of five feet, eleven inches."

Dr. Robert McCarrison, in his work, *Studies in Deficiency Diseases*, writes about his seven-years' experience in the northern part of India where the food eaten was almost altogether such as provided by nature: "My own experience provides an example of a race unsurpassed in perfection of physique and in freedom from disease in general, whose sole food consists to this day of grains, vegetables, and fruits, with a certain amount of milk and butter, and goat's meat only on feast days. I refer to the people in the State of Hunpa, situated in the extreme northern part of India. So limited is the land available for cultivation that they can keep little livestock other than goats which browse on the hills, while the food supply is so restricted that the people as a rule do not keep dogs. They have in addition to grains, wheat, barley, and maize, an abundant crop of apricots. These they dry in the sun and use very largely in their food. Amongst these people the span of life is extraordinarily long.

"Such service as I was able to render them during some seven years spent in their midst was confined chiefly to the treatment of accidental lesions, the removal of senile cataracts, plastic operations for granular eyelids, or the treatment of maladies wholly unconnected with the food supply. Appendicitis, so common in Europe, was unknown. The severe nature of the winters in that part of the Himalayas is considered and the fact that their housing accommodations and conservatory arrangements are of the most primitive, it becomes obvious that enforced restriction to the unsophisticated foodstuffs of nature is compatible with long life, continued vigor, and perfect physique."

It will be observed that animals that are used as foods by man are vegetarians. They obtain their sustenance from the only source of all nutrition, that is, the vegetable kingdom. The various elements upon which they subsist when digested and absorbed are conveyed to the tissues and built up into bone, muscle, and the various other structures of the body, including the glands. These creatures obtain a perfectly balanced dietary



from the vegetable kingdom and with it they build up perfectly healthy animal bodies.

In our laboratories we do not grow germs of pneumonia, typhoid fever, or cholera, in grape juice, orange juice, or other fruit juices. Meat bouillon is made use of because it forms the most favorable soil for their growth. This is why heavy meat eaters are more apt to succumb to pneumonia and other germ diseases than are those who subsist largely on fruits, vegetables, cereals, and other health-giving foods.

That robust-appearing individual you see walking along the street smoking cigarettes, who claims he can eat anything—and usually does—will tell you that he is in perfect health. Is he? Let him be stricken down with pneumonia, typhoid fever, cholera, or some other germ disease, and his chances are no better than were those of the young drinker of beer already referred to. These men appear to be what they are not.

### The Resurrection

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after death, and how it will be realized, is further stated as follows: "For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." Verses 25, 26. Job's hope is

our hope, the only hope of the faithful in all ages. He expected the Redeemer to come and call him and he would answer just as Lazarus did at Bethany. (John 11:43, 44.) Job knew that He must return to dust according to the decree found in Genesis 3:19; yet, through faith in the coming Redeemer, he expected a resurrection when in his restored flesh he would see God. Where did he expect to be while dead? His answer is, "If I wait, the grave is mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness." Job 17:13. He said he would sleep in the dust. He would not be the only one there, for he said "kings and counselors," and "the small and great are there." Job 3:14, 19.

Job's words agree perfectly with the words of the Redeemer while He was on earth. Jesus said: "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5:28, 29. According to this scripture, not only Job, but all who have died are still in their graves awaiting His call. They are not in heaven or in hell, but *in their graves*. They cannot live and come out of their graves till they hear the voice of the Life-giver. This scripture also shows that only those who have done good during their lives are to be raised to life, and that those who have done evil during life are raised to damnation.

Death came as a result of sin, and those who during life pay no heed to the gospel invitation will be raised as they lived, guilty and condemned. They must suffer the second death from which there is no resurrection. The first resurrection (for the righteous) takes place at the second coming of Christ, according to 1 Corinthians 15:23 and 1 Thessalonians 4:16; "but the rest of the dead [the wicked] lived not again until the thousand years were finished. . . . Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power." Revelation 20:5, 6.

Will you have part in the first resurrection?

### WORDS OF WISDOM

No pleasure is comparable to the standing upon the vantage-ground of truth.—Francis Bacon.

Who will not mercy unto others show,  
How can he mercy ever hope to have?  
—Edmund Spencer (1553-1599).



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I want to know where Cain got his wife?  
Did Adam and Eve represent a clan of people?  
—C.H.

Genesis 5:4 says that Adam "begat sons and daughters." Cain obviously married one of his sisters. In those early ages, when the human vital forces were not so degenerated by sin, this inbreeding would not produce the physical ills that would follow nowadays. Adam and Eve do not represent a clan of people, but they were the first individuals whom God created. This is perfectly clear from Genesis one and two. Genesis 3:20 says Eve "was the mother of all living," meaning that from her and her husband all human beings are descended. The sons and daughters of Adam and Eve would necessarily have to marry. Their children would be first cousins, and they would marry. Each generation would be less closely related.

Do the commandments say that you should not drink whiskey?—R. G.

No. Neither do they say that you should not drink arsenic. But they do say, "Thou shalt not kill." Anything that you imbibe that harms the body is an infringement of this command. Did you know that God wants to dwell in you by His Spirit? "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" Your body is the temple of God, and when you defile it—well, here is what God says about it: "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17.

Will we have names in heaven?—K.D.

Yes, we will. We will not be identified by numbers, or by some mysterious method as some have taught. God tells us that "as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before Me, . . . so shall your seed and your name remain." Isaiah 66:22. He also reveals that He is going to give us a new name: "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written." Revelation 2:17. Some have said that this new name that God so lovingly gives us, will represent our characters. The lives of some have been characterized by patience, others by generosity, and yet others by holy zeal. Each one has had some outstanding characteristic or experience that could be the basis for a beautiful, new, God-given name. At least this is an elevating thought, and it does sound reasonable.

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# Be Still and KNOW



A Quietness and Confidence  
That Produces Strength

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The streets were a mass of hurrying humanity. "Paper, Paper," yelled the newsboys as they stood in precarious positions in the center of traffic. Autos dodged them and they dodged autos as they made lightning sales here and there. Police motioned cars to speed up and get out of the way of the rush behind. People hurried almost at a running gait, each trying to get somewhere in less time. We were threading our way through the heart of a large city. Although not needing to hurry we found the feverish feeling of speed goading us on. The noise of a city's daily routine made us raise our voices to a high pitch in order to be heard. Harried, worried faces were tense.

The next day we stood at the edge of the Grand Canyon. A mile below, the roaring, turbulent Colorado looked, from where we stood, like a narrow strip of sand winding around the feet of mountains of fantastic shapes.

Lavender slowly deepened into purple and dusty blue into deep blue. The next morning we watched shadows turn to rosy tints and play among the grandeurs of the canyon.

The hurried and harried of yesterday were walking slowly, silently, meditatively along the canyon rim. No signs said, "Quiet Zone," or "Slow." Why this sudden change?

We had come into the audience chamber of the Mighty. The bigness of the scene before us swallowed up the little mountains of perplexity and care we had been carrying. Chit-chat conversation suddenly became insipid, nonessential. We lost ourselves in the powerful, the gigantic, the sublime.

Coming away rested, relaxed, refreshed, we felt we had been near to the essentials of life—the things that really are important. Grand Canyon was an ideal place to be still and know.

God calls us right where we are—today, now—to "be still, and know that I am God." He calls us to an inner peace amid the turmoil of life, to a stillness that comes from having been in the audience chamber of the All Mighty, to a quietness and confidence that produces strength, to that which places all the day's experiences to our advantage if first we have faced the Mighty and the All-Powerful—the King of the universe.

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