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DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS:—

I have been pleased to learn, through reading the REVIEW, and from letters from Elder J. S. Washburn, that a church-building in Washington, D. C., formerly known as the Central Methodist Protestant church, has been purchased by the Second Seventh-day Adventist Church, of this city. A house of worship was greatly needed by our people in the section of the city where this property is situated. The purchase of this church will provide a suitable place in which witness can be borne to the truth we advocate. The building will stand as a memorial for God.

This property must now be paid for. Some payments have already been made, but a large sum must yet be raised to complete the payments. We therefore ask those who have means, to act as the Lord's helping hand by doing something to help free this church from debt. Every penny given will help. If all will give what they can, the indebtedness will soon be liquidated. We pray that those who can help in this enterprise may be constrained to do so by their love for Christ. We regard the purchase of this church property as a wise step, and your co-operation in assisting the brethren there to pay for it will bring you into harmony with the beneficent purposes of the gospel.

Do not all of our people desire to share in the privilege of paying for the house of worship in Washington, D. C.? If everyone of the believers in this country would give something, the necessary sum would be raised, and the amount given by each would scarcely be missed. Let us help our brethren in the national capital; for they are too poor and too few in number to bear the burden alone. Those who share in this missionary enterprise by making gifts large or small, according to their ability, will ever after feel a deeper interest in the progress of the Lord's cause in Washington. Those who respond to this call, making gifts to the Lord for the purchase of this church-property, will receive rich blessing for so doing.

(Signed) MRS. E. G. WHITE.

NOTE: All gifts should be sent to Elder J. S. Washburn, 1728 Fourteenth St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
Mrs. E. G. W.

Is It True?

Is it true that we are robbing God, and that we are cursed with a curse? Yes, that is true, for the Lord says, "Ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." But like Israel of old, so with Israel to-day, they ask, "Wherein have we robbed Thee?" The Lord's answer is, "In tithes and offerings."

"Robbing," says the Student's Standard Dictionary, "is the act or practice of robbing in any sense, plunder, pilage (to rob openly and with violence.)" Thus a people that say they love the Lord, rob Him. They take that which does not belong to them.

Leaving the above subject for a moment, we will note a few texts bearing directly upon the christian's duties and privileges. Jesus says "If ye love me, keep my commandments." "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous." Jesus is our great pattern, and "he that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." But those who say, "We know Him and His will;" but in faith and works deny Him, they put Him to an open shame before the world and those who know Him not. John says, "He that saith, I know Him and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." Our work is the index of our faith in God, and the saving of our soul; and the assurance of immortality, lies in the obedience to all God's commands, which is "the whole duty of man."

God has given the promise of certain blessings and privileges to be bestowed upon all those that love and serve Him with all their heart, and with all their soul and with all their strength, and with all their mind; and their neighbor as themselves. "And ye shall serve the Lord your God and He shall bless thy bread and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee." And again, "I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruit of your ground, neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of Hosts." But remember these promises are only to those that walk in God's commandments and statutes, for says the Lord, "If ye walk in My statutes, and keep My commandments, and do them; then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit." Thus will the Lord do to those that love Him.

Now that is the truth, for "all the promises of God in Him (Christ) are yea, and in Him, Amen, unto the glory of God by us." God is abundantly able to bless both with bread and water in time of drought and famine, as well as in times of plenty, as He is the giver of every good and perfect gift.

That this is true, we have on record the following instances as proof: For forty years God fed Israel with manna and He gave them water to drink. The widow of Zarephath was asked to feed the prophet of God during a long drought, and in so doing, her barrel of meal did not waste, neither did her cruse of oil fail. Jesus at one time

fed over five thousand, and at another time over four thousand with a few loaves and a few fishes. Paul says, "My God shall supply all your need according to all His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." But as the people of God, we must first comply with all the requirements of God which are: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added." The Lord blesses His people with earthly substance, that they may be a blessing to those around them. David says, "Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us." One way in which to glorify God, is to render unto Him His own, even the tithes and offerings.

With all the above promised blessings before us to enjoy, God says of His people, "Ye are gone away from my ordinances, and have not kept them." But says the Lord, "Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of Hosts." Still we hear them (the people who say they know Him) say, "wherein shall we return?" "We keep the Sabbath." "We accept the Spirit of Prophecy." "We look for the soon coming of Christ." "We do some missionary work, when we have time." "We have also tried to pay some tithes and offerings, with which to help support the cause of God." But, brethren, the question is, "Do we pay all the tithes? Every cent that belongs to Him? So that we do not rob Him?" For we still hear Him say, "Ye are gone away from my ordinances, for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation," But still we say "Where-in have we robbed Thee?" The answer is, "In tithes and offerings, . . . wherefore I will curse you with a curse."

God lays His hand upon all of men's possessions, saying, "I am the owner of the universe, and these goods are Mine. Every beast of the forest, the cattle upon a thousand hill, the silver and the gold, and all the fair jewels are Mine saith the Lord." The cost for the use of all these things is an honest tithe, and our thankfulness toward Him is shown in our offerings.

The hard times, caused by the earth being "cursed with a curse," so that she will not yield her substance, are due to the fact, that men are robbing God. It relieves the Lord of the fulfilling of His promised blessings, "I will open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground, neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field." But, "ye have robbed me," and therefore I will permit the drought, and the storm and the hail, and the floods, and the locust (grasshoppers), and the chinch-bug and hessian-fly to destroy your grain in the field, and your meadows, and orchards, and vines, and forests. Joel says, speaking of the last days, "Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come." And in that day of the Lord, he says, "The seed is rotten under the clods, their garners are laid desolate, and the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered." There will be total failures in those days, for "that which the palmer-worm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the canker-worm eaten; and that which the canker-worm has left hath the caterpillar eaten." "The field is wasted, the land mourneth, for the corn is wasted, the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth. The vine is dried and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field are withered; because joy is withered away from the sons of men."

In those days the Lord will exclaim, "Be ye ashamed.

O ye husbandmen, howl, O ye vine dressers, for the wheat and the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished." "But let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because Thou defendest [coverest or protectest] them: let them also which love Thy name be joyful in Thee. For Thou, Lord, will bless the righteous; with favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield."

Dear beloved, in conclusion let me admonish you in the name of the Lord, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." But remember we are to prove the Lord in perfect love, and not from a selfish motive for earthly gain, but by faith which worketh by love. Love for the Message, and love for God.

A. E. JOHNSON.

Acknowledging Him.

"Ye have sold yourselves for a thing of naught; Ye shall be redeemed without money." Isa. 53:3.

In the creation, our Father gave His children a beautiful home. He created man and gave him dominion over all the earth and over all things in it. The serpent deceived our first parents causing them to desire that which was not good for them and of which our Father had forbidden them to partake. But they heeded the serpent's word and yielded obedience to him. In this surrender to Satan they became his servants for "To whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are." And "Of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage." Thus all was lost.

Man became subject to Satan, and his beautiful home passed out from under his dominion and ever since then Satan has claimed the dominion which was given to man. But God still owns the earth and us also, and all should recognize this fact. We are His because He created us, and again we are His, not our own, because He has purchased us. "Ye are redeemed not with corruptible things such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot." Our Saviour has undertaken to save us from the power and dominion of sin and make us like Himself. "We know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him. He says "If we confess Him before men, He will confess us before the Father and the holy angels." How shall we confess Him as the one who owns us and the earth and the fullness thereof? Answer, by returning to Him that portion of the products of His lands, His cattle and other stock and our labors which He enables us to perform, which he has designated as a fit recognition of His ownership.

A kind father gave his son a farm and a nice home all beautified and conveniently arranged. He had all that was necessary to make him happy and contented, but a sharp dealer in lands made great promises to him if he would become an associate with him. He consented and soon found himself dispossessed of his home and his liberties and under bondage to this dealer, so that he was powerless to extricate himself from grinding servitude. The kind father, seeing the sad and lost condition of his son, homeless and in bondage, exercising exceeding great mercy and tender pity, purchased back at the highest price and greatest sacrifice the home and the liberties of his son, then he said to his son, "I will now return to you this home on condition you shall for a term of years controll and manage it in my name and return to me the small rental of one tenth of the products of the farm and of your labors as a recognition of my ownership of you and the home intrusted to your care, and at the end of this probationary period of stewardship if you are faithful all shall be yours for an eternal pos-

session.

"The kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High." And "Mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. He is proving us on the point of faithfulness here. "It is required of stewards that they be faithful, and he that is faithful of that which is least, is faithful also in much." The rental is very small, and faithfulness in returning it to the Lord insures His blessings upon us and our labors. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove me herewith saith the Lord, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. I will rebuke the devourer for your sake." He is our tender, loving Father, and all he requireth and all he doeth is for our good.

C. McREYNOLDS.

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God So Loved

JNO. 3: 16

That He gave. The Infinite God, "dwelling in light which no man can approach unto, before whom Cherubim and Seraphim delight to bow in adoration, was moved by that most powerful of all motives,—love,—to create our world." Though already there were almost numberless "worlds" in Our Father's house, enjoying the fullness of their Maker's affection, one more was needed to compensate that Great Heart of Love.

God so loved, that He gave to the earth all that was needed to make it a most perfect abode for the man who should be its chief inhabitant. And "eastward in Eden" a garden was planted as a foretaste of what the whole earth would become under the benign rule of Infinite Love.

God so loved, that He desired the creature of His hand [Adam,] to love, too. Seeing that it was "not good for man to be alone," He made "for him an help meet." And in order that they MIGHT love, they must be given the power of choice, for love can only be voluntary. God so loved that He gave them this power.

Though God so loved, man used that very blessing to rebel against Him. Man chose to transgress the divine commandment, and the world that God made to love was alienated from its Maker.

But "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son" to redeem it. He did not stint in this gift. He gave it not grudgingly, but lovingly. It was his best gift and with that gift nothing was withheld; all else was pledged, Rom. 8:32. All this because

HE SO LOVED.

DO YOU SO LOVE?

"We love Him because He first loved us." 1 Jno. 4:19. If you love him, will you give in a niggardly way to the support of the cause of God? God's love was gauged by His giving, Rom. 5:8. May not God gauge our love for Him in part by our giving? There was once a class of people who showed much love with their mouth, but their hearts went after their covetousness. Eze. 33:31. Reader, do you suppose those people are all dead?

But if failing to give freewill offerings to the cause of God, would indicate a lack of love, what would be indicated by withholding that which He declares is His? Lev. 27:30-33.

God reserves as holy the seventh day of the week. I know that to be the case. I know which day that is. Since I know this, can I say truthfully, "I love God if I refuse to respect the sacredness of that holy day? Jno. 14:15.

The purpose of this article is not to prove that God re-

serves as holy the tenth of our increase. It is taken for granted that the reader is informed on that subject. But candidly, would I be manifesting true love for the Lord if I withhold from Him a single penny that belongs to Him? From an article by Sr. White published in the Review and Herald, Nov. 10, 1896, I quote:

"The tithe is God's portion, not at all the property of man, and the scripture declares that he who withholds is guilty of robbery. He is calling upon His people to consider His goodness; to respond to His mercy and to give proof of their loyalty by bringing all the tithes into the storehouse." Reader, how will you stand the test?

R. W. PARMELE.



Church Schools Needed

[B. E. HUFFMAN.

When we consider the times in which we are living and the snares Satan is laying for the children and youth in the church today, the question comes to us, "What can we do to save the children from the corruption that is in the world and give them a home with Jesus?" I think the answer is to be found in training the children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Teach them to know and believe the truth and the truth shall make them free,—free from the corrupting influences of the world, and "he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

The work of teaching begins with the infant in the mother's arms. Test. Vol. 4, page 313. The first 8 or 10 years of the child's life should be spent largely in the home school. During this time the child is rapidly developing physically and becoming acquainted with the outside world. Difficult lessons from books should not be given young children but their instruction should be largely from observation. This is also a period of developing love and obedience. Parents filled with the spirit of Christ should teach the children through love to obey all their requirements. If their little hearts are made familiar with the story of God's love, if they can see that love worked out in the lives of their parents and teachers, they will be the more ready to recognize the Spirit's pleading and to surrender all to God.

At about the age of 8 or 10 there comes a change in the child's life. His mind begins to develop more rapidly and he is ready to combine his observations with those made by others. You get him a book and start him to school. While he is in school the one you have selected as teacher now takes your place as parent. It is the teacher's duty to teach unquestioned obedience, to all true principles and personal obligation to parents and to God. The instruction given should also develop implicit faith in the word of God, for this is the faith period of the child's life. Fairy tales, fables, myths, and Mother Goose Rhymes should not form a part of the child's course of study. They develop a love for light or sensational reading. He turns away from reproof and seeks flattery. One trained in this way is in a fair condition to fulfill 2 Tim. 4: 3, 4. The text books and libraries found in the public schools are filled with such reading, and the effect is clearly seen in the lives of the children. Many of our brethren find a way of escape and a remedy for all these evils in the church school. With a fully organized system of schools, carefully prepared textbooks, and thoroughly trained teachers we may well expect to see our children and youth saved to the service of God instead of being lost in the service of the world.



Subscribe for THE KANSAS WORKER, only twenty-five cents per year.

Bro. M. W. Neal will move to Columbus this week.

Bro. C. E. Peckover gave the office a pleasant call on his way to Ottawa, his field of labor.

Bro. J. C. Becker has been attending the Missionary Institute at Hutchinson, for a few days.

John Claude, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jones, of Baxter Springs, died Monday evening.

Bro. C. T. Cavaness, of Chiles, Kansas, is with us this week looking over the Conference books.

Our Missionary Institute at Hutchinson, closed March 23. Thirty-three persons started for their field of labor.

Sabbath, April 4, is the day set apart for the next semi-annual collection for the Haskell Home and James White Memorial Home.

Bro. J. F. Harder, of Shaffer, Kansas, writes us that the church-school is about to close, and that his address will again be Windom, Kansas.

"Is Sunday the True Sabbath of God?" is the title of "Bible Student's Library" No. 177. A reply to S. W. Gamble's "Sunday the True Sabbath of God," by A. T. Jones. 68 pages, price 15 cents.

We just received the sad news of the death of Mrs. Claude Jones, of Baxter Springs. The obituary reached us too late for this week's WORKER, but will appear in our next issue. We can but extend our sympathy to Bro. Jones, who also lost his baby last week, and commend him to God of all comfort.

"The Pilgrims' Progress," with illustrations; new edition; large pages; handsome embossed cloth covers; 237 pages all gilt edges. Publishers price, \$2.00; we will sell it while our stock lasts for \$1.25 postpaid. Order now from Kansas Tract Society, or Pacific Press Pub. Co., Kansas City, Mo.

The Topeka church had the privilege of having Dr. Edwards and wife stop over with them from Friday until Tuesday noon, March 14 to 17. Their time was well devoted to giving instruction in practical methods of healthful living. More particularly on how to keep well rather than how to get well when sick.

The instruction was based on the principles lived by Christ. The practical message they have, troubles the waters wherever they go. So may we all step in and receive the healing from our diseases, inasmuch as Christ would have us in health.

To The Sabbath-Schools.

There will be a program for another convention, sent to the schools in the near future. There have been a good many conventions held during the winter, but not half as many as ought to have been. The reports have been most encouraging.

Now let every school begin talking convention, arrange for one in your school, or meet with some other. Just as soon as your arrangements are decided on, let me know. If several schools can come together, so much the better. Correspond with the schools nearest you, and conclude on something as early as possible.

MRS. BELLE EMERSON.

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