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## World Crisis

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*"Inspired prophecy is a light given to show the Christian church what stage has been reached in the age-long conflict."*

by  
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**R**ECOGNIZING that "we are in a major crisis," which threatens to plunge civilization into "another dark age," the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America has recently conducted a National Christian Mission in twenty-two of the leading cities of this country, with the aim of bringing the influence of Christianity to bear more effectively upon individual and public life.

Twenty-four noted speakers of the Mission addressed the citizens of Los Angeles and neighboring cities, discoursing upon Christian topics in general, and answering the question, "Is force the last word in human affairs?" Humanity, one speaker said, "is holding its breath to hear the answer to that question."

The ultimate triumph of God and the right over the forces of evil was affirmed, and the necessity was dwelt upon of bringing the power of Christianity to bear upon conditions in society and in national affairs.

It was all excellent as far as it went; but did it go far enough?

No reference was made by the speakers to Bible prophecy as having a connection with the present world situation.

May not the Christian churches, in this attitude toward the prophetic Scriptures, be making a capital mistake? This has been the case with God's people in other times.

Has not the Christian church been given a definite program of action and a definite message for mankind for such a time as this, when civilization is being

shaken to its foundations? Bible prophecy may well be searched for the answer to this question.

If God has a program designed to meet the present emergency, then manifestly it is all important to know what that program is, so that we may be sure of working with it and not at cross-purposes to it. And in Bible prophecies relating to this time that program will be found.

Inspired prophecy was not written to demonstrate God's ability to foretell coming events. While it does demonstrate this, its primary purpose is to enlighten those who will be living at the time of its fulfillment; to show them the significance of what is happening, and how those events are related to the past and to the future. They can thus connect intelligently with that work back of which are the mighty agencies of heaven.

The people of God have ever been in danger of holding too low, too earthly, a conception of the kingdom of God. This leads them to be looking for and having their hopes set on something that can never happen.

The kingdom of God will not be made out of the kingdoms of this world. No reconstruction of earthly kingdoms, no improvement that can be wrought in

them by education, legislation, peace programs, or any earthly means, will fit any of the kingdoms of men for incorporation into the kingdom of Christ.

If this world is a sinking ship, certain to go down, then manifestly the energies of the Christian church should be directed to the work of getting people off the ship and into the lifeboats; and it would be a most serious mistake if those energies were expended in efforts to pump the water out of the ship, on the supposition that it is somehow to be kept afloat.

The Christian churches are expending time and labor on the supposition that they have a mission to reform society and to save the state. But, according to the plain testimony of Scripture, there will be no salvation for people by groups or by organizations. No state, no social class, no government, no civilization, no church as such, will survive the events of the day of God.

Salvation is for the individual only. The very terms of salvation preclude any other possibility.

Inspired prophecy is a light given to show the Christian church what stage has been reached in the age-long conflict between sin and righteousness, and how she is to co-operate with God in the up-building of His kingdom.

If church leaders fail to give heed to this light in the present great crisis, they will be making the same mistake that



was made by the first Christian disciples at the close of Christ's earthly ministry. We may well draw a lesson from their experience.

The apostles and other disciples had access to the Old Testament prophecies, and we wonder how they could have been blind to the plain revelations regarding the mission and sacrifice of the Messiah; but their minds were full of the idea that Christ would restore the kingdom to Israel by breaking the Roman yoke, and would then, as a great worldly conqueror, sit on the throne of David, elevating the Jewish nation to a position of power and splendor superior to all other kingdoms. They would have been well satisfied with that.

It was a low, earthly, material conception of the kingdom of God; but it harmonized with their ideas and ambitions. They were thinking about which of them would have the chief place in the kingdom.

Peter was very certain that he would never be anything but an ardent follower of his Lord; but when he saw Christ in the hands of a murderous mob and going to His death, all his fond hopes and expectations collapsed, and he became bewildered. Then he made a terrible mistake; he denied his Lord with cursing.

Of the other disciples who were with Christ at that time, it is recorded that they all "forsook Him, and fled." When the crisis came, they failed completely. Just previous to this, they had failed Christ in the hour when He most needed their sympathetic companionship; they had slept while He agonized in Gethsemane.

The reason for this utter failure on their part is that they had neglected the study of Scripture prophecy. Jesus pointed this out to two of the disciples as He went with them on the road to Emmaus, after His resurrection. They were perplexed and sad, because they thought the kingdom of Israel was about to be restored; and it had all failed. Then Jesus addressed them, beginning with the words: "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken."

Are not many church leaders today "slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken"? Might not these words of Christ be spoken with equal truth and force to them as they ponder in distress and perplexity over the outlook for His kingdom?

Then, "beginning at Moses and all the prophets," Jesus "expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself." He pointed them to the



## OUR COVER

This beautiful picture illustrates the incident described in Daniel 9:21 when the angel Gabriel, "being caused to fly swiftly," brought new hope to the discouraged prophet by an amazing revelation of things to come. Today the prophecies of God's word, rightly understood, are a mighty encouragement to the children of God in every land on earth.

prophecies they had neglected to study.

That was what they needed. That was the remedy for all their perplexity, uncertainty, and depression. That was the knowledge which, if they had possessed it, would have saved them from a sad mistake.

The same is true of the other disciples. A few hours later, the record states, Jesus appeared to a group of the apostles and others at Jerusalem, and "said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me." Luke 24:25-44.

Every great crisis for the people of

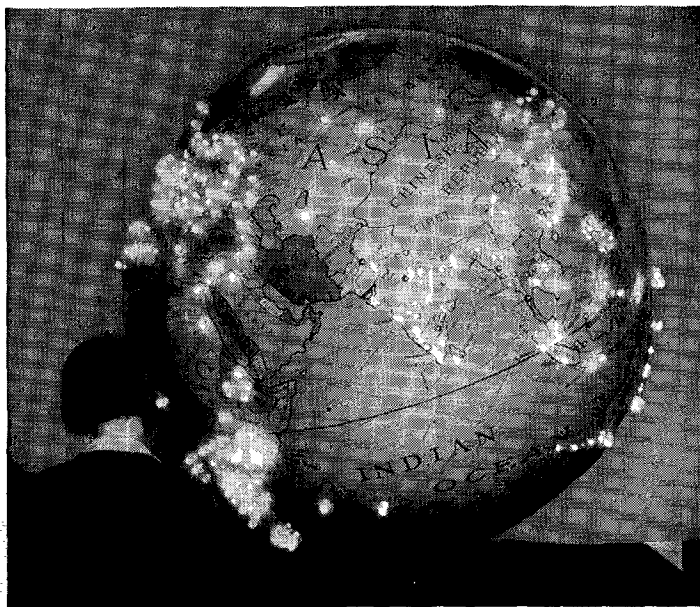
God and for the world has been made a subject of inspired prophecy; and when church leaders, facing such a crisis, give no heed to the light thrown by the prophetic Scriptures upon the future of human history, they are as certain to make mistakes as were the disciples of old; and those mistakes are sure to be serious. The Jews would not have crucified Christ if they had understood the prophecies. See Acts 13:27.

Bible prophecy deals especially with what shall come to pass "in the last days." It speaks of "the time of the end," when "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Daniel 12:4. It speaks of the end of the world and the signs that would herald it, some of these being, "upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity;" "men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth" (Luke 21:25, 26)—the very conditions we are now seeing.

It states that when the "gospel of the kingdom" shall have been "preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations," "then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14. This has been all but ac-

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*Important centers of Adventist work throughout the world are indicated by lights on this globe.*

## *Great Second Advent Movement Foretold in Prophecy*

by  
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SPICER

### THE WAY OF THE LORD

THINGS do not come haphazard in God's work on earth. There is a divine plan running through all history. We must feel for the golden thread of prophecy—the "more sure word of prophecy," as Peter wrote—if our faith is to follow the way of the Lord through the centuries. To attempt to study the history of the world without the light of prophecy is like trying to explore a dark cave without a torch.

Nor can we understand our own time without this light. Thank God, we have it. It was especially for these latter days that the apostle Peter, writing by inspiration, exultantly cried out: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the Daystar arise in your hearts." 2 Peter 1:19, 20.

#### *Light for Our Time*

Yes, there was a wonderful treasure of truth laid up from of old, sealed up, to be poured out upon these latter times. The angel said to the prophet Daniel, as the ancient prophet was closing his book of history divinely foretold: "Thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Daniel 12:4.

It is a far cry, as we say, from the time of Cyrus, king of Persia, to our own day. Yet in the days of Cyrus an angel from heaven talked with the prophet Daniel about events of our time. Is that not a wonderful thing? It was revealed that the latter days would be a time of

spreading light and increasing knowledge. The whole world was to be opened by travel to and fro. When the prophecy spoke of increasing knowledge it surely put first and high above all else the knowledge of God and the gospel. That is evident. That means that the latter days were to be a time of world-wide missionary expansion.

That exactly describes the time of the last hundred years and more. All the churches have had a part in it. It has changed the world outlook of all peoples and tribes. The work of modern missions came in response to ancient prophecy. It was the plan of God. Events are not moving haphazard. There is a living God who planned from aforetime. The missionary awakening came as foretold, and the last step in this missionary enterprise was foretold in the Revelation given to John on Patmos. There was to be a special advent proclamation just before Christ's second coming. The prophet in vision saw its rise. He saw it speeding swiftly toward every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. It is the preparation of the "highway for our God" for the second coming of Christ in power and glory, even as there was a preparing of the way for His first advent.

#### *Preparation for His First Advent*

Yes, there was a preparation of the world for Christ's first advent. What a light that was when the Light of the world appeared! The way was prepared. The hand of God seemed laid upon the

nations in that time of Christ's birth. As the poet Milton said—

"No war, or battle's sound,  
Was heard the world around;  
The idle spear and shield were high  
uphung;  
The hooked chariot stood  
Unstained with hostile blood;  
The trumpet spake not to the armed  
throng;  
And kings sat still with awful eye,  
As if they surely knew their sovran  
Lord was by."

Then came John the Baptist with the message of preparation long foretold: "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." Isaiah 40:3.

Then the Messiah was revealed. For three years and a half He lived as our example, and taught the gospel of life and salvation. Then, on the cross, He gave His life a ransom for all. He bore the penalty for man's transgression of the eternal law of God. On that cross He died for me and for you, and for a sinful world. That word of John 3:16 was made plain for all time: "God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

That was the glad message that the early disciples of Jesus had for the world after His resurrection and ascension. "Go ye into all the world," He had told them,

"and preach the gospel to every creature." "And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:20.

Providence had prepared the way. One language was widely current over the known world. Roman roads ran out in all directions to the frontiers. There is one of those Roman milestones that I know, still standing by the roadway, close by our sanitarium at Gland, on the shore of Lake Geneva, in Switzerland. One old Roman said that he could always "foot it" more cheerfully when he saw the distance he had come marked on the milestones that he passed. So along all those main roads, and into many a bypath, the New Testament missionaries sped on when, in the days of long ago—

Their bare feet pressed the beaten paths be-  
side dark Nubia's cliffs;  
They ate their corn from out their scrips by  
Egypt's hieroglyphs.  
Beside the slim tall temples, where tawny  
rivers run,  
They set their tents where shining stars look  
down on Babylon.

—McIntyre.

And He was with them—the Saviour who had promised, "Go: . . . and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The message they preached stirred that old world. See in Ephesus, that great city of the shrine of Diana, the crowds coming to throw their books of magic and their pagan charms into the bonfire that Paul's flaming message had kindled. When the messengers reached Thessalonica, across in Europe, the Jews cried out, "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also." Acts 17:6.

It was a message of power to cleanse from sin. It was a message of life—a new life here, and life eternal in the world to come. That dark age needed the message of hope, with assurance of meeting and knowing the loved ones once again at the resurrection, at the second coming of Christ. What a contrast to the comfortless religions of the day! As Politeyan says: "Amongst the aristocracy of Rome, pessimistic views were held; the grave is called 'eternal home,' and death 'eternal sleep'! One met such typical inscriptions on tombstones as 'Farewell forever.'"

Over against this dark background the gospel message lifted up the bright hope of eternal life by the resurrection at Christ's second coming to save all who put their trust in Him.

And now we see by all the signs that the second coming of the Saviour is at hand. Now there is to be preached a gospel message again to prepare the "high-way for our God." It is a message of joy and hope and life for our day.

## Prophecy and the Crisis

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complished today. It declares that the last days of earth's history will be filled with strife and commotion: "Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth." Jeremiah 25:32. Could any words more accurately describe what we are seeing today?

God, the prophecy states, "hath a controversy with the nations, He will plead with all flesh; He will give them that are wicked to the sword;" "and the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried." Verses 31, 33. This points out what will be the outcome of present world conditions.

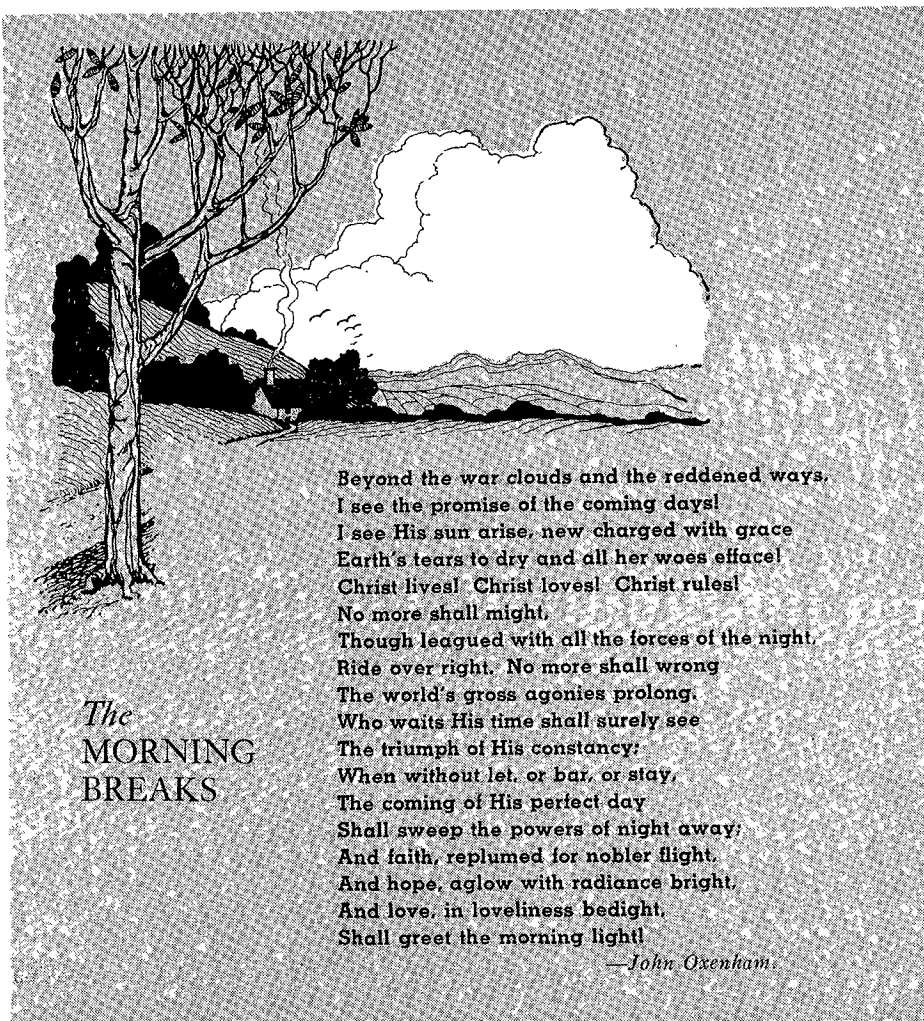
In the plainest language Bible prophecy declares that moral and political conditions on the earth will grow worse to the end of time, that the final scenes will be scenes of war; and that the end of this world and all that pertains to it will be utter destruction by fire. Revelation 19:19, 20; 2 Peter 3:10, 12. In the face of these and other similar statements, it should be very clear that it is not the mission of the Christian church to at-

tempt to adjust political relations and establish world peace.

Another prophecy that should by no means be overlooked at this time is that of Revelation 14:6, 7, which depicts an angel flying "in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come." This angel is, of course, not literal, but symbolic of a great universal gospel message to be given in the closing days of the work of salvation; following which, as described in verses 14-19, Christ comes to reap the harvest of the earth.

This great prophecy is now in process of fulfillment before the eyes of the world. Its message has been given and is being given to the nations and peoples of the earth, in more than eight hundred languages and dialects.

All these and other prophecies relating to our time show plainly what the people of God must do to connect with His program, and to avoid working against it. Well may the church leaders of today give heed to these words of the apostle Peter: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place." 2 Peter 1:19.



### The MORNING BREAKS

Beyond the war clouds and the reddened ways,  
I see the promise of the coming days!  
I see His sun arise, new charged with grace  
Earth's tears to dry and all her woes efface!  
Christ lives! Christ loves! Christ rules!  
No more shall night,  
Though leagued with all the forces of the night,  
Ride over right. No more shall wrong  
The world's gross agonies prolong.  
Who waits His time shall surely see  
The triumph of His constancy:  
When without let, or bar, or stay,  
The coming of His perfect day  
Shall sweep the powers of night away;  
And faith, replumed for nobler flight,  
And hope, aglow with radiance bright,  
And love, in loveliness bedight,  
Shall greet the morning light!

—John Oxenham



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## God Will Never Surrender to Evil The Doom of Sin Decried

by EDWIN R. THIELE

*"When he came to himself, he said, . . . I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee."*

THE greatest battlefield of the world is not the ground where thousands of young men are called upon to lay down their lives in a day of slaughter; it is the human heart. The greatest struggle now in progress is not one between opposing political groups or national forces; it is the age-old conflict between right and wrong.

The prophets dwelt in an evil age. They lived amidst a sinful people. More and more was the world forsaking the ways of God, and plunging ever deeper into wickedness and corruption.

It was to meet such conditions as these that the prophets of Israel were sent. They came to make known to man the exceeding sinfulness of sin. They came to teach man the folly of evil. They came to show man that sin is an enemy, not a friend; that it will bring ruin, not prosperity; that it will result in tears, not laughter; and that its end will be destruction, not everlasting bliss. The message of the prophets was to call men away from the ways of sin and to save them from its results. They came to show the world that the God whose representatives they were is the bitter enemy of wickedness; that He will not forever tolerate it in His universe; and that sinners, unless they forsake their sins, will ultimately disappear from the face of the earth.

The prophets had no illusions concerning the type of people with whom

they were dealing, or concerning the nature of the message they were called upon to bear. It was to sinners that they were sent, and it was sinners whom they were to attempt to save: "He said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against Me: they and their fathers have transgressed against Me, even unto this very day." "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear." "Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye." Ezekiel 2:3; Isaiah 58:1; 59:1, 2; Ezekiel 18:30-32.

The prophets did their best to point out to the people that the pathway of sin is a path of folly and not of wisdom, and that it will rob them of the greatest joys and blessings of life: "Your iniquities have turned away these things, and

your sins have withholden good things from you." "The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the Lord; and what wisdom is in them?" "The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." Jeremiah 5:25; 8:9; Isaiah 57:20, 21.

In the very beginning of earth's history God pointed out the fact that the way of the transgressor is hard: "Because thou . . . hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." Genesis 3:17-19.

Through all the years of history have the dreadful results of sin been manifest to the world. To all has it been made clear that sin is a curse and not a blessing. Yet obvious as the lesson is, it is one of the most difficult for man to learn. There is something so deceptive, so alluring, about sin that man finds himself enmeshed and accursed before he fully realizes what is going on. This is the reason why the prophets went to such pains to keep ever before the world the terrible fruitage of evil.

"Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies." "They have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind." "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee." "Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a



seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? . . . Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers." "Jerusalem hath grievously sinned." "Many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbor, Wherefore hath the Lord done thus unto this great city? Then they shall answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord their God, and worshiped other gods, and served them." "Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong." Hosea 10:13; 8:7; 4:6; Isaiah 1:4-7; Lamentations 1:8; Jeremiah 22:8, 9, 13.

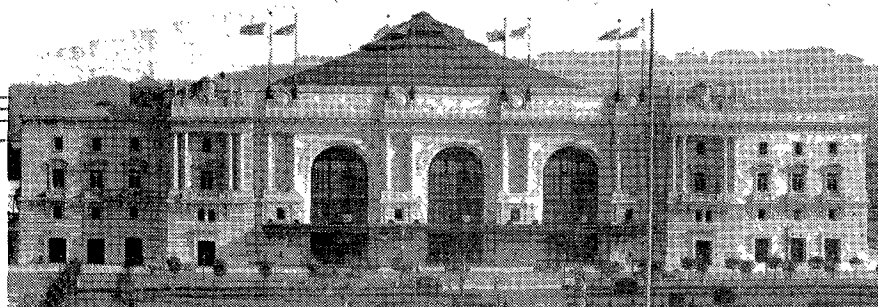
Above all did the prophets of Israel

try to make it plain that sin is revolt against the government of God, and that the forces of heaven are totally, unequivocally, and eternally arrayed against evil. The man who sins, sins against God. The man who refuses to obey the law of God is a rebel against the Ruler of the universe. The man who persists in sin has arrayed against him the forces of heaven. In such a struggle he cannot win. God is against him because God is against sin. Never will He compromise with evil.

"Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood." "They consider not in their hearts that

I remember all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them about; they are before My face." "The Lord saith, Because they have forsaken My law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice, neither walked therein; but have walked after the imagination of their own heart: . . . therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink. I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them." "I will persecute them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will deliver them to be removed to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse, and an astonishment, and an hissing, and a reproach, among all

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The Civic Auditorium in San Francisco.

## ADVENTISTS GATHER IN SAN FRANCISCO

### World Conference Convenes

**T**HIS week many thousands of representatives of Seventh-day Adventists are gathered in world conference in San Francisco. Owing to war conditions the delegations from overseas divisions are necessarily smaller than upon other similar occasions, but sufficient have braved the dangers of ocean travel to make this a truly international gathering.

The famous Civic Auditorium has been crowded to capacity and the city by the Golden Gate has once more witnessed the phenomenon of fifteen thousand people of many nations and languages singing the old advent songs and praying fervently for the Lord to come.

Figures released by H. E. Rogers, the statistical secretary, reveal that the world membership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has now passed half a million, with 185,788 in North America, 37,607 in Inter-America, 39,471 in Northern Europe, 42,387 in Central Europe, 31,991 in Southern Europe, 32,964 in South America, 32,289 in Southern Africa, 19,481 in China, 7,042 in Southern Asia, 33,602 in the Far East, 16,513 in the U. S. S. R., and 20,378 in Australasia.

The contributions made for the support of this work during 1939 totaled no

less than thirteen and a half million dollars. Altogether, from the founding of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in 1863 to the close of 1939 the total amount given to advance this cause was \$279,595,710.51.

At the present time there are 28,900 evangelistic and institutional laborers connected with this great work, using 820 languages, and proclaiming the soon coming of the Lord in 404 countries and islands. There has been an increase of one language every six days during the past four years.

In 1920 Seventh-day Adventists were employing only 99 languages, so there has been a gain of 721 languages in 19 years, or an annual gain of 38 languages during this period. This is surely an amazingly rapid expansion which would have been utterly impossible if the Lord's hand had not been in this work.

The publishing activities of this body are equally remarkable. They operate 79 publishing houses and branches, issuing 321 periodicals and almost 9,000

books, pamphlets, and tracts in 199 languages. The total value of gospel literature issued annually runs into millions of dollars.

Of special interest, also, is the Adventist school system, which has, of course, expanded with the movement. At the close of 1939 there were 2,511 primary schools with 3,491 teachers and with 83,786 pupils in attendance. Advanced schools number 252, employing 2,479 teachers, with a total enrollment of 32,920. These advanced schools are valued at ten million dollars.

The medical work carried on by Seventh-day Adventists is well known to most of our readers. They are operating, in North America alone, 39 sanitariums, having a capacity of 2,500 patients. They have more than a thousand physicians, making a total, with nurses and helpers, of 4,747 engaged in this ministry of healing. About 300,000 patients were treated last year.

Thus the second advent movement, which began in obscurity and penury nearly a hundred years ago, has expanded into a vast enterprise wide as the world and embracing "every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Surely "this is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." A. S. M.

# DO MISSIONS PAY?

*Are They "Worth While"?*

*Should Churches Continue to Support  
Workers in Foreign Fields?*

by N. P. NEILSEN

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DOES mission work really pay? Is it really worth while for us to give of our means for the support of mission endeavor? Is it worth while to send missionaries abroad to teach the heathen the Christian religion? Is it not just as well to let them live and die in their own manner? Are they really benefited by changing their religion and adopting our way of doing things? Is it worth while to give our offerings to the cause of missions? After all, do missions really pay?

These and other similar questions are frequently being asked today. To these questions we unhesitatingly answer, Yes! The real facts will prove this statement correct. Missions do pay. True missionary work for the heathen is not in vain. The results fully substantiate this statement.

True, there may be some missionaries who have gone to heathen lands and who have lost their bearings. This we deeply lament. Their faith may have become weak, and they may have lost the vision

that a true missionary must have in order to do his work. But it would be unfair to judge the value of missions by them; they have become counterfeits. We would not evaluate a country's currency by a few counterfeit coins we may happen to find. No, and as the counterfeit money is discarded, so these counterfeit "missionaries" had better be returned to their homeland as unworthy of the name of missionaries for God.

But, first let me ask, What, after all, is the thing that is really worth while in life? To those who have faith in God and confidence in His word and who believe that there is a life to come the answer to this question is not difficult. We believe that Jesus died to save the sinner. Man in his sinful state is undone and lost. He needs to hear the glad news of a Saviour who loves him and can save him eternally from his lost estate. The true child of God has found joy and peace through believing. The love of God is the motive power that impels him to

tell the good news to others. He sacrifices that others may be blessed. To help others, to make them happy for time and eternity, is uppermost in all his plans. This is that which is "worth while" in his life. This is what he lives for.

To change the drunkard into a sober man and bring peace and joy to the wife and children is well "worth while" in any home. To change the thief and robber into an honest man and make the neighborhood a safe place in which to live is also "worth while" and saves money in any place. To change the degraded and immoral into kind and lovable persons is surely "worth while" and a blessing to any society. To change fiends and murderers into law-abiding citizens is "worth while" and good business in any community. To change the superstitious and blasphemous into rational and thankful beings is "worth while" and helpful to any country. To bring cleanliness and health where filth and sickness have raged is surely "worth while" and will increase the value of property in any town.

And this is what true mission work is doing in the dark lands of all the earth. It brings hope to the sorrowing, peace to the sin-burdened, comfort in the hour



*The Adventist church and congregation at Choiseul, Solomon Islands.*



*An Adventist mission teacher and his family.*



*Natives of Central New Guinea as yet not reached by the gospel.*





of death, cleanliness for filth and degradation, hygiene and health for squalor and dirt, peace and joy for fear and superstition, and the worship of a loving God for debauchery and devil worship.

Whole islands have been changed and countries have been influenced by mission work in so far as the gospel principles have been received by the people. These principles have elevated their standards of living, and love, instead of hatred, has become the molding influence in their lives. Thus they are being helped both for this life and for that which is to come.

It was in 1831-36 that Charles Darwin made his trip around the world. On this trip he visited the coast of Tierra del Fuego, which place he spoke of as being "the most savage spot in the world, so savage that he would not put the practices of that tribe into writing, and gave it as his opinion that that tribe was the missing link between man and monkey, and that it would be useless to attempt civilization with such people." But finally the missionary went there, and, according to the report given by W. B. Riley, in the *Christian Fundamentalist*, "the truths presented by this missionary transformed these heathen, and

the savage people became one of the most Christian tribes in all the world. So much so that when Darwin saw them again he was amazed at the mighty change which had come over them, and admitted the desirability of Christian missions."

Last year I was up on the Andirá River, which flows into the Amazon, a thousand miles in the interior of Brazil. Here we visited one of our mission schools established for the Indians. We found a fine group of Indian children at the school. They were clean and well dressed, quite different from some of the other Indian children we met in that section. These mission-school children could read their Bibles and sing songs of praise to God.

We also met a certain Indian by the name of Quirino, who attended our meetings. Some time before this he had gone up the river as a guide on the mission launch. On the trip our missionaries sang the song, "*Christo salva o peccador*" (Christ saves the sinner). On the return trip the Indian asked the missionaries to sing the song several times. His heart was touched, and he asked if Jesus could also save the Indians. Upon being assured that Jesus could save poor sinners, this Indian confessed that he had been

a very wicked man; that he had killed six men; and that for a long time he had tried to kill the schoolteacher. He said he could not kill the teacher, for the Lord protected him; the Lord always broke up his plans. Then, there in the boat, the missionaries prayed for the Indian, and he gave his heart to God. When I met him, he wanted to be baptized along with others.

Yes, there is a power that can change the hearts and lives of poor sinners. They are changed into better men and women. Many such experiences could be given. Missions do pay!

But, as missionaries, we must learn to love the people for whom we work. We must sympathize with them in their sufferings and need. We must manifest kindness and warmth of heart in dealing with them. Cold, stiff argument may sometimes convince the mind, but it cannot convert the heart. It takes the love of God to warm up the soul. We must experience a passion for souls in our own hearts if we would win others to Christ.

How can we be cold and indifferent when a world lies in sin and wickedness, and we carry in our hands the letter of pardon for sinners? Surely we must try to save as many as possible before the world goes down in the destruction of the last days. We should have a passion for saving the perishing ones. We should feel some of the passion for souls that swayed the heart of David Brainerd, missionary among the Indians, when he said: "I cared not where or how I lived, or what hardships I went through, so that I could but gain souls for Christ. While I was asleep I dreamed of these things; when I waked my first thought was of this great work."

Yes, it pays to give to missions. This has been demonstrated over and over again. The atheists, with all their boastings, cannot show such an uplift in morals and life as the true Christian missionary can point to as he works for the downtrodden and depraved peoples of earth. *Missions pay!* Let us support them with our means and with our prayers.

## God Honored in the Life

A GODLY education, under the influences of the divine Spirit, which can never be withheld where they are earnestly sought, is sure to produce the fruits of righteousness; and he who reads, prays, and meditates will ever see the work which God has given him to do; the power by which he is to perform it; and the times, places, and opportunities for doing those things by which God can obtain most glory, his own soul most good, and his neighbor most edification. —Adam Clarke.

# For LOVE of the MASTER

*India's Christians Prove  
Their Loyalty*

by ROBERT H. PIERSON  
*Superintendent, Tamil Mission  
of Seventh-day Adventists,  
Ootacamund, India*

IN JESUS' day there were many who followed the Master because they saw, or thought they saw, possibilities in His wonderful miracles which appealed more to their stomachs than to their hearts. So in the experience of modern missions there are those living in such straitened economic circumstances that the promise of a handful of rice daily would easily persuade them to change their religion. Some of these "rice Christians" naturally find their way through the portals of the Christian church.

While this is so, it is also encouragingly true that the gospel genuinely changes hearts and bears fruit in the darkest corners of the mission field even as it does in the homelands. Thousands of earnest souls have learned to walk with Christ down trails of test and hardship, not for any material gain, but, rather, because a great love for their Lord has possessed them. They are willing to despise the shame and endure the cross for the joy that is set before them. They do it for the love of the Master.

There were tears in his eyes. I had seen that kind of tears before, and knew that deep down in Joseph's soul welled a spring of disappointment.

The situation was one that missionaries have to face often—a consecrated young man, his college course completed, ready for work, and no funds available from the mission budget with which to place him in the field of service. The frequency of these occasions somehow never seems to ease the difficult task of the missionary in imparting the disappointing news. In Joseph's case there was a reason why it was doubly difficult.

Some years before, the gospel of Christ had been preached in the little Hindu village of Alagainalloor. The work had not gone easily, for in Hindustan the enemy of souls bitterly contests every effort of the Christian worker to advance the gospel. However, as the meetings progressed, there were those who manifested a keen interest in the stories told and the truths ex-

plained. Among this number was young Joseph, who was then approaching the teen age. He loved to see the pictures of Jesus and the other Bible characters with whom he soon became well acquainted.

But Joseph's parents were not pleased with their son's interest in a new and strange religion. Their early words of dissuasion failed to keep the boy from frequenting the home of the Christian teacher, so they determined to resort to more drastic measures to prevent his accepting Christianity.

Joseph's mother, especially hostile to the new teachings, locked the lad in a small room of their mud hut to forestall his efforts to attend the services. He was chided, reproved, reproached, threatened, and punished. But the fire that had been kindled in the youthful heart could not easily be quenched. Joseph's determination to follow Jesus at all costs increased in spite of opposition.

The time came when he left home to attend a Christian college. Here he was

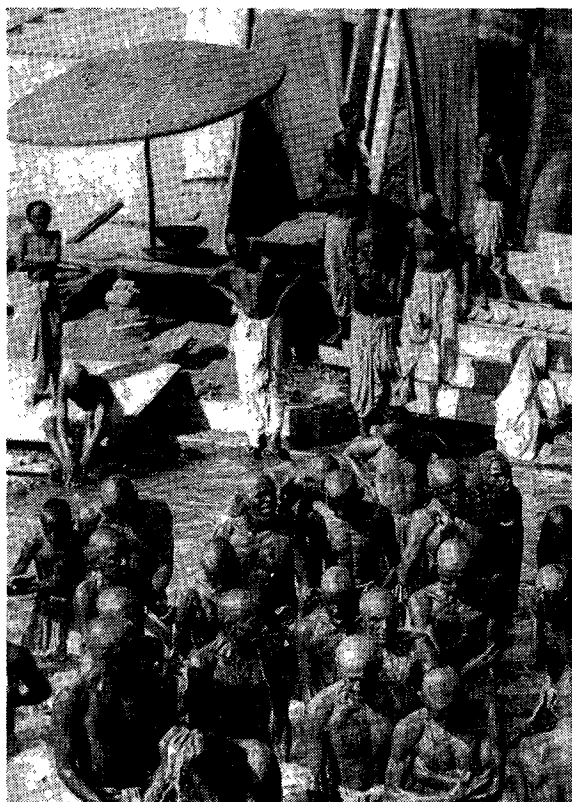
to realize his ambition to prepare himself to preach the gospel to others. Those years in school were not easy, but they were happy ones for the young man because he looked forward to the time when he could return to his own village to carry on the work of God. During the months of summer vacation Joseph sold Christian literature, and did all he could to acquaint others with the Saviour whom he had accepted. His faith was strong. His zeal was great; his hopes were high.

School days were over. Joseph was ready for work. The budget committee convened. The funds were not available to make additions to the mission staff. Joseph must wait, and it was my unhappy task to communicate this word to him. All his early days of trial were vivid in my mind as I spoke to him; the small locked room, his mother's stinging words, the years of persevering preparation, all made it the more difficult to disappoint him.

But if Joseph's disappointment was great, his resolution of purpose was greater. With trembling lips he replied,—and I shall never forget his words,—“Anyway, I must do the Lord's work; He will provide for all my necessities.” Then he spoke to me of his heathen father and mother, still bound by the fetters of sin, but not as bitter as they had been. He must work for them. There were other relatives and neighbors in his village for whom he also carried a heavy burden. His mind was made up. He would go. God would provide. And Joseph went—back to his Hindu village!

The sequel? It is a blessed one! God has richly rewarded the faith and the zeal of this young soldier of the cross. Joseph has opened a day school and gathered in about twenty-five of the village children to teach them how to read and write, but most of all to know Jesus. Morning and evening he calls them together for worship, and their voices blend with his in ascribing praise to Jesus in song and

*Hindu pilgrims bathing in the Ganges, believing that this act will wash away their sins.*



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prayer. Outside of school hours Joseph spends his time reading or studying the Bible with older folks in the village, a number of whom are coming to his meetings and are interested in the gospel story.

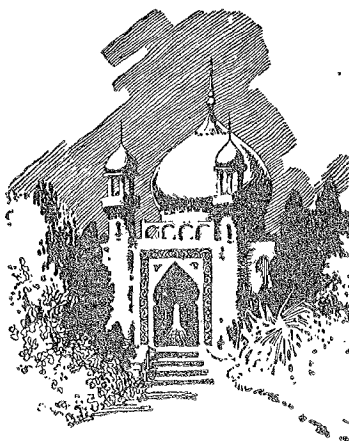
But what of his father and mother, who so opposed and punished him in the olden days? To answer this question I must take you down to the edge of the village irrigation tank. A large number of curious villagers throng around to see what strange scene is about to take place. Our Indian pastor steps down into the water as some of the Christian believers on the bank sing in the vernacular, "Just as I Am." An elderly man follows the pastor, and stands quietly with his hands folded in an attitude of prayer. Now we can hear the pastor's voice: "My dear brother, upon your profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His power to save you from your sins, I now baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen." And as the old Indian brother is laid beneath the shimmering wavelets the group on the shore join in singing the second stanza of "Just as I Am." There are tears in Joseph's eyes—the old man is his father! Next a frailly built old woman steps down into the water, and the same procedure takes place. Joseph's mother! A great victory for Joseph, for his parents, and for the cross has been won.

Today as you read these lines Joseph is still working away, happy in his self-sacrificing task of working for his own people. Mission support? No! He's there for love of the Master.

Fifty miles south of Joseph's station we have only recently established a new school and mission work in a village called Achampetty. This station is difficult of access, being located in a desert-like area some distance from any transport facilities. To make things less attractive, the village is located in the heart of the thief caste or criminal tribe district. These people are called Maravas, or Thevars, and are notorious for their acts of criminal violence and lawlessness. Daylight robberies are common, while murders and acts of physical violence fill the records of the police in this area. Living conditions in Achampetty are, to say the least, unenviable, for food is scarce and water must be carried for some distance.

The worker who has responded to our call to labor in this field is one who has sacrificed much for love of the Master. In fact, following his Saviour meant giving up his wife and family and a good position. Yet he did not deem the sacrifice too great.

When the call of God came to Arumanayagam, he was bitterly opposed by his wife and children. They did everything



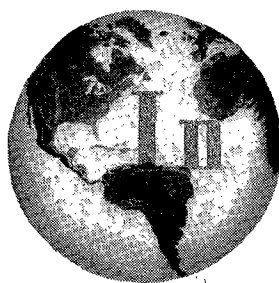
they could to ridicule and to persecute him. All these domestic hardships he bore patiently, ever praying and seeking to win over his family to the side of the Saviour.

Finding her efforts to change him of no avail, Arumanayagam's wife finally demanded that he give up his "foolish ideas," or she would take their children and leave the home. All reasoning and efforts to persuade her failed, and finally she packed up her belongings, took the children, and left never to return. Imagine the conflicting emotions that must

have been in that young man's heart as he saw those whom he loved walking out of his life forever! Some easy job in the mission, with a fat salary held out to him, you say? Oh no! It was several years before he found a place on the mission staff, and they were years of heart-ache, hardship, and real test. Yet he has remained faithful, and today the thing that impresses one most about Arumanayagam is the smile that lights up his face when you visit with him. A "rice Christian"? I should say not! He is where he is today for love of the Master.

In the land where Travancore's friendly palm trees stretch out their hands to you in kindly welcome we pause again. This time we want to visit a little thatched-roof school almost hidden away in a garden of coconut palms. The little building is an interesting one, typical of many more like it in this section of the country. Its mud walls—about eight inches thick—rise three feet from the ground. Atop this, rising to the thatched eaves, is bamboo trellis work which amply provides for the ventilation and the

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In the

# NEWS

by DONALD W. McKAY  
Our New York Correspondent

**NEW USE FOR QUININE** Quinine, long a medical standby for combating high fevers, has a similar value in aviation, according to researches made recently in the laboratories of the Standard Oil Company, at Cleveland, Ohio. It was found that small quantities of the drug added to lubricating oil keeps the oil from decomposing at the high temperatures produced in airplane engines.

**CALLS RELIGION TOO SOFT** Religion has been made too soft in its presentation and practice, declared Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of Christ Methodist Church of New York City. "The days ahead are not made for romancing," he said. "The note of sacrifice must be stressed not by comfortable clergy talking about the cross to comfortable people in cushioned pews, but by a quiet, personal tightening of the belt."

**\$554 A SECOND** The "total defense" budget calls for expenditure of a little more than \$554 a second throughout the new fiscal year—day and night, Sundays and holidays.

To meet this outgo, approximately \$262 would be collected in taxes each second, and an additional \$292 raised by borrowing. The 31,536,000 seconds of the "total defense" fiscal year start ticking off July 1.

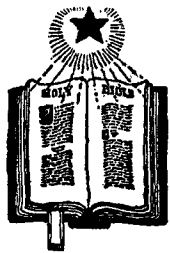
**DOMESTIC GOLD PRODUCTION AT PEAK LAST YEAR** Domestic gold production set a record in 1940, in both quantity and value, according to a summary by the United States Treasury Department.

Estimates by the Bureau of the Mint, in collaboration with the Bureau of Mines, placed production at 5,914,109 ounces valued at \$206,993,800, at \$35 an ounce.

**PIGEONS FOR DEFENSE** The New York Times writes that a request has gone out from Army headquarters in Washington for the registration of all homing pigeons in the United States.

The Times continued: "Pigeons, one of the oldest auxiliaries of fighting armies and beleaguered cities, provide a certain means of communication when all else fails. Not so swift as a radio beam, they can nevertheless fly a mile a minute. They carry their own power, plant, and travel in darkness or storm straight to their destination. When planes have been driven from the sky, when telephone lines are down, when radio stations are bombed out, the meek pigeon comes into his own. The pigeon of today has ever been streamlined into a more efficient courier." As national defense proceeds, each completed organized American Army will require 5,000 pigeons. In March, 3,000 of the swiftest sailed to fly for Britain.





LET THE BIBLE  
ANSWER

# Who Gave Us the Weekly DAY OF REST?

by

RICHARD FRANKLIN FARLEY

**1. What evidence do we have that the Sabbath was known before the presentation of the written code at Mount Sinai?**

"It came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. And he said unto them, This is that which the Lord hath said, Tomorrow is the rest of the holy Sabbath unto the Lord: bake that which ye will bake today, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein. And Moses said, Eat that today; for today is a Sabbath unto the Lord: today ye shall not find it in the field. Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the Sabbath, in it there shall be none." Exodus 16:22-26. (Compare Exodus 16:1 and Exodus 19:1.)

**2. What was the first reformation that Moses insisted on when he began organizing for the great deliverance of the Hebrews from bondage in Egypt?**

"Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now are many, and ye make them rest from their burdens." Exodus 5:5. (The original text here indicates that Pharaoh's accusation was that Moses was causing the people to observe the Sabbath.)

**3. What demonstrates that Abraham, four centuries before Mount Sinai, knew and observed God's laws?**

"Because that Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws." Genesis 26:5.

**4. What further suggests that the knowledge of the weekly cycle of days was known to, and observed by, Cain and Abel?**

"In process of time [margin, "at the end of days"] it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord." Genesis 4:3. ("At the end of days," the last day of the week; this is the only period of days known at that time.)

**5. What is the inspired record of the origin of the Sabbath and of the weekly cycle?**

"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on

the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made." Genesis 2:1-3.

**6. What three distinct steps did God take in making the Sabbath?**

- He rested from His work.
- He blessed the day.
- He sanctified it, that is, He set the day apart for holy use.

**7. How is this origin of the Sabbath confirmed in the Ten Commandments?**

"In six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." Exodus 20:11.

**8. Nearly forty years after the giving of the law on Mount Sinai, what additional reason did Moses give to the Hebrew nation for observance of the Sabbath?**

"Remember that thou wast a servant in

*The law given to Moses, written by the finger of God, is the model law for all time.*



the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched-out arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the Sabbath day." Deuteronomy 5:15.

**9. As the active agent in the work of creation, who really gave us the seventh-day Sabbath?**

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made." "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." John 1:1-3, 14.

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds." Hebrews 1:1, 2.

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son: in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins: who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature: for by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him." Colossians 1:13-16.

**10. Who, then, is the Lord of the Sabbath?**

"The Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath." Mark 2:28.

**11. For whom did the Lord intend the Sabbath when He made it?**

"He said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." Mark 2:27.

("Man" is here used in the generic sense to mean all mankind, as distinguished from the narrow confines of the Hebrew nation alone.)

**12. What blessing is consequently promised in these last days to all who observe the Sabbath of the Lord?**

"Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the Lord, speak,

saying, The Lord hath utterly separated me from His people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. For thus saith the Lord unto the eunuchs that keep My Sabbaths, and choose the things that please Me, and take hold of My covenant; even unto them will I give in Mine house and within My walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. Also the sons of the stranger, that

join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, and to love the name of the Lord; to be His servants, everyone that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of My covenant; even them will I bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon Mine altar; for Mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people." Isaiah 56:3-7.

But God did not abandon the people of Israel, even though they abandoned Him. Some two hundred years later He sent the prophet Malachi with the message: "Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from Mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto Me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts." Malachi 3:7.

John the Baptist, just before Christ took up His work, preached the same message, again to *those who claimed to be followers of God and who believed that they were His chosen people*: "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 3:2. In Luke 3 we read that it was not just an emotional response that John, as the spokesman for God, was demanding from the people, but a complete change of character. Said John: "O generation of vipers, . . . bring forth . . . fruits worthy of repentance." Verses 7, 8.

Christ began His ministry on this earth with the same message addressed to the same people: "Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 4:17.

Christ sent His disciples forth with the same message, for "they went out, and preached that men should repent." Mark 6:12.

This was the message of Peter on the day of Pentecost, when three thousand were converted in one day: "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." Acts 2:37, 38. Later we find Peter and John preaching the same message at the temple, the very headquarters of the church: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." Acts 3:19.

Paul preached the same message on Mars' hill, not to the Jews it is true, but



*To turn away from sin has been the message of God's servants to His people in every age.*

## God's MESSAGE for TODAY

*His Call to  
Repentance*

by MURL VANCE

A STORM of hatred and strife has struck our world, and not a statesman knows which way to steer us to safety. Everybody senses the gravity of the situation. In our hearts we know that the words of Christ have come to fulfillment in our day: "Upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Luke 21:25, 26.

Listen! A radio message is coming through from the Master Pilot, telling us how to reach the harbor. It is not a new message; it is the same one given to our world many times before. It is the message God has been sending for centuries, and, if we had heeded it in the past, we should have avoided the present catastrophe.

As we trace the giving of this message through the centuries, we notice that it is not sent primarily to the pagan peoples of the world, but rather to those who claim to be followers of God. The message calls for repentance on the part of those who profess the name of the Creator. Note its giving in times past:

Nearly four hundred years before Christ the message was given by Ezekiel to "the house of Israel," God's chosen people, when they had set up their idols in their hearts: "Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations." Ezekiel 14:6.

The same message, again addressed to "the house of Israel" was repeated a little later: "Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye." Ezekiel 18:30-32. The message was: Hypocrites, repent! but the hypocrites did not repent, and, as a result, they were enslaved by the pagan nations of the world.



## Coming Next Week

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nevertheless to those who believed themselves to be worshipers of the true God. Said Paul, "The times of this ignorance God winked at ["overlooked," R. V.]; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." Acts 17:30.

Thus we trace the message on down till we reach Revelation, the last of the Scriptures. There, in chapters 2 and 3, we find the message repeated, and *addressed to the churches*. Even the Laodicean church—the church taken by scholars to be a type of the church in the last days before the coming of Christ—has these words addressed to it: "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Revelation 3:19-22.

Yes, God has a message for the world today, for every individual in the world, and for professed Christians in particular. We are in a storm, a hurricane of destruction, but God has not abandoned us, even though we may have abandoned Him. To our hearts comes His message of loving entreaty, fragrant with hope of better things to come. That message is **RE-  
PENT!**

## For Love of the Master

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lighting of the little structure. The floor, of course, is of hand-packed clay made smooth with cow dung.

For some time the people of Pulipanam had been calling for a school to be opened in their village. True, there were government schools already there, but they wanted one that included the teaching of Bible stories. There were no mission funds available with which to respond to their appeal. However, a letter came to my desk in the office one day asking me to visit the school in Pulipanam, which, the district leader said, had been operating for some months.

Rachel Rose, a young married woman, formerly a student in our mission boarding school, had decided to do a little missionary work of her own, and although she lived five and a half miles from Pulipanam, she opened the little school, and walked the distance morning and evening. A visit of inspection revealed that the group of children she had gathered together were being well instructed, and were taking an enthusiastic interest in their schoolwork.

Rachel Rose has been operating this school now for over a year and a half.

Every day she walks eleven miles in the hot south Travancore sun, and is faithfully teaching "her children." Her salary? Oh, she is on the same wage scale with Joseph! Her scrip comes from the Bank of Heaven. She is also working for love of the Master.

These are only a few of the many experiences I could relate, if space permitted. I should like to tell you of Santhanaswamy, who refused a good position with an attractive salary in order to respond to the call of God. You would also be interested in the experience of Yesudian, who sold his land and all that he had in order to obtain a Christian education. Here in darkened and economically depressed India, where it is such a struggle for the masses to obtain a few handfuls of rice each day, where hundreds of thousands actually go through their entire natural lives never knowing what a square meal is, such experiences shine forth with brilliant luster, illustrating the transforming power of the gospel of Christ. Thousands today are seeking the gold that perishes not. They are willing to turn their backs upon all the world offers them, and lay hold upon the Saviour of mankind, not because of any material gain for which they may hope but for the love of the Master. Do missions pay? Can you value the souls of such men and women?

## Have You Pledged Allegiance?

by I. A. CRANE

THE matter of saluting the flag and pledging allegiance to the republic for which it stands has been given quite a bit of prominence of late, some state laws making it obligatory upon all children in the public schools. Until late years no special effort was made to inspire reverence for the flag; it did not seem necessary. People loved the flag because of the great principles of liberty, justice, and equality which it represents,

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and they rejoiced in their loyalty to the government which protects them in the enjoyment of these blessings.

A firm foundation for such loyalty was laid by the founders of our government when they set forth in the Declaration of Independence the basis of just government in these words: "All men are created equal," and "are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights," among which "are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." As fast as these heaven-born truths became more fully comprehended they were incorporated into the Constitution and its successive Amendments. When officials and people appreciate and practice these "self-evident truths," respect for the flag and for the government it represents will come spontaneously.

There is a higher and holier government than any to be found on earth, and for it there has been ordained a more sacred emblem of loyalty and allegiance than the flag of any nation in this world. Just as the Stars and Stripes is the worthy symbol of allegiance to America, so the Creator of heaven and earth has sanctified the seventh day as His Sabbath to be a sign of loyalty to the government of heaven. He has commanded that we shall "remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Exodus 20:8-11. The Creator has said the observance of the Sabbath is "a sign between Me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God." Ezekiel 20:20; Exodus 31:13-17. Those who honor the Sabbath, therefore, show their loyalty to the Creator and to His government.

The Sabbath is the test of loyalty to the Creator. How sad it is that many professed Christians today are denying the Creator by adopting evolution. They say it makes no difference which day we keep. No sincere servant of God can feel that way. He can no more disregard the Sabbath of creation than a true American can show disrespect for the flag of his country. He can no more trample underfoot the Sabbath and honor a spurious sabbath than a true American can tear



down the beautiful Stars and Stripes and hoist some alien flag.

How is it, reader, with you? Is it in your heart to be loyal to your Creator and Redeemer?

## The Wicked Cannot Win

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the nations whither I have driven them: because they have not hearkened to My words, saith the Lord, which I sent unto them by My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but ye would not hear, saith the Lord." Hosea 4:1, 2; 7:2; Jeremiah 9:13-16; 29:18, 19.

Sin will not always last. It is an intruder, utterly alien to the plan and purpose of the Creator. It is a foul blot in the fair universe of God, and it must and will be eradicated, once and for all, never again to lift its vile head to disturb the peace and bliss of heaven. God desires this fact to be thoroughly understood, and He sent His prophets to make

it plain before all mankind. The man who persists in sin should know that he is fighting a losing game, for the great God of heaven has decreed that this foul thing shall at length be utterly wiped out. The doom of sin has been decreed by none other than the universal Ruler of all, and events are rapidly hastening toward that final day of destruction.

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

"The destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the Lord shall be consumed."

"Behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch."

"Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity." "For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be." "The wicked shall perish,

and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away." "He will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time."

"The heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. . . .

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?" Ezekiel 18:4; Isaiah 1:28; Malachi 4:1; Psalm 37:1, 10, 20; Nahum 1:9; 2 Peter 3:7-11.

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For long years men have tried to attain perfection of life—perfection of society and of natural surroundings. They have attempted to subjugate the baser passions, to control the destructive forces of nature, to search out the hidden blessings of knowledge.

Yet centuries of effort have brought only deepening confusion and bewilderment. The old wounds are bleeding afresh. The old fevers are again raging. The old aches and pains afflict us. The old infirmities limit our activities.

Can we plan a perfect order of life with our own wisdom? Can we call it into existence by the exercise of our own power? Is it to be accomplished within the bounds of our allotted years?

No, it is not. If it is to come at all, it must come through some other means, through the exercise of a higher wisdom and power than that possessed by man.

Science and invention unleash forces which man is incompetent to direct. Leagues and treaties have not the

strength of the papers which bear them. Hosts of marching men only create new and deeper wounds while avenging old. Vast armadas of war engines do much, but it is all negative—they move the world back from, instead of toward, the desired goal.

The desire of mankind is beyond the strength of flesh to achieve. It is a landmark man can never pass. Only Jesus Christ coming in the clouds of heaven as King of kings and Lord of lords can ever establish it as a fact in reality.

Then let us pray for His coming. In the breaking dawn, at high noon, in the hush of evening, go down on your knees before God. Wrestle with the angel of His strength. Beseech Him, implore Him, importune Him to pour out His Spirit upon His work. Plead with Him to complete the heralding of His saving message. Entreat Him to hasten the day of His revelation.

Compared to the kingdom He will establish, the brightest Utopia of man's dreams is a land of dreary shadows. His kingdom is not one wherein the baser passions of man are merely suppressed. Its enemies do not lurk in the shadows beyond the firelight, healing their wounds, marshaling their forces, plotting overthrow.

No indeed. The enemies of Christ's kingdom, once it has been established, will be completely overthrown. Their pain will not be soothed. Their wounds will not heal. Devouring fire will take

hold upon them and consume them. They will be reduced to ashes, will become cold, lifeless, sterile. They will be terminated, and will thenceforth possess neither body, spirit, nor means of perpetuation. "Affliction shall not rise up the second time" to mar the handiwork and disrupt the purposes of God. Nahum 1:9.

How we should pray for His coming! Every added day of tarrying will be but an added day of increasing suffering and woe. Nothing better than His coming can be imagined. Nothing better could befall this groaning, war-torn world.

We of this generation have the promises of His appearing. We have the fulfilling signs everywhere about us.

Shall we disregard them? Shall we value them lightly? Shall we go on as though we did not possess them, and had not heard or seen them?

Why do we pray so little for His coming! Why do we seek it with so little fervor? Why do we loiter so in indifference and carelessness?

Is it because we wish it delayed? Do we do so that sin may flourish another day? that we may make another effort to achieve perfection in our own strength?

Daily, hourly, momentarily, with holy fervor and unyielding faith, pray for His coming. Pray for it. Work for it. Live for it. Look for it. Believe in it. Pray that the rule of sin may be terminated at the earliest possible moment.

Pray for the coming of Jesus Christ in the clouds of heaven.