

# Signs of the Times



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of the gospel. At first the Catholic Church leaders accepted it as a genuine epistle coming from Barnabas, and also accepted the doctrines it taught, which had no foundation in the New Testament. Eusebius and Jerome at first believed it was genuine and put it among the apocryphal epistles of the New Testament Catholic Bible, but later repudiated it as "spurious" and a "forgery." A standard Catholic Church encyclopedia is forced to make the following admission: "By far the greater number of theologians deny that it was written by Barnabas; and really its

While the Catholic Church rejects the Barnabas epistle as "spurious" and a "forgery" invented many years — as some estimate, from 100 to 150 years — after Barnabas lived, written by some Gnostic at the close of the second century, yet the Catholic Church and many Protestant churches that observe Sunday instead of the Sabbath quote this Barnabas epistle as their authority for Sunday observance, together with other spurious epistles attributed to Ignatius, Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Melito, Polycarp, all who lived during the second century, whose "spurious" epistles

# CATHOLIC INVENTIONS and TRADITIONS

**D**URING the fourth, fifth and sixth centuries of the Christian Era, Catholic writers wrote many epistles which they attributed to the early church fathers of the first and second centuries, and some of these pseudo epistles they even assigned to the apostles as having come from their pens by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Several of these epistles were credited to Barnabas, and also some to Ignatius, who was one of St. John's disciples. Many of these epistles were at first accepted by the Catholic Church as genuine, but later the church, upon a thorough investigation, discovered that the name to these epistles had been forged by unscrupulous writers of the fourth, fifth and sixth centuries, who had been overzealous for the traditions of the Catholic Church which had no basis in the approved writings of the apostles or in any of the New Testament epistles. They were repudiated by the Catholic Church as pseudo or forged epistles and unworthy of credence. Yet the Catholic Church has accepted many of the unscriptural doctrines taught in these false epistles, and to this day has not repudiated these errors which have no scriptural foundation.

One of the first of these spurious epistles was attributed to Barnabas, St. Paul's associate in the preaching

contents are of such a nature that it would be very hard to reconcile them to his authorship. The author takes such a hostile position toward the Old Testament as could scarcely be conceived of by an apostle. He teaches that the Old Testament has never been of any force."

He states that the Jewish people never stood in covenant relationship with God, and that the law of God was abrogated by the gospel. He says that the Jewish use of the Old Testament was inspired by the devil, and that Christianity is all-sufficient for salvation and has abrogated Judaism, with all its laws and ceremonies. He declares that the six days of creation represent "six thousand years," and that the seventh day, on which God rested, represents "the seventh thousand" year period. Then he draws the following conclusion by saying in the fifteenth chapter of his epistle: "Your new moons and your Sabbaths I can not bear them. Consider what He [God] means by it. The Sabbaths, says He, which ye now keep are not acceptable unto Me, but those which I have made when resting from all things, I shall begin the eighth day—that is the beginning of the other world; for which cause we observe the eighth day with gladness, on which also Jesus rose from the dead, and, having been manifested openly, He ascended into heaven."

refer to Sunday's being observed by the Christians at that time in honour of Christ's resurrection from the dead on the first day of the week. The best Catholic Church authorities now regard all these epistles which refer to Sunday observance and which are attributed to the church fathers of the second century as having been written, some of them, as late as the fifth and sixth centuries, and as "spurious"; yet the Catholic Church which first accepted them as genuine and adopted Sunday observance on the strength and authority of these false epistles, has never had the moral fortitude to abandon the errors which these epistles taught, but on the contrary has perpetuated them and many other similar errors taught in these spurious writings.

*The Evangelist*, a Roman Catholic periodical, published as the official church organ of the Albany (N.Y.) Diocese, in the issue of December 10, 1948, contains a painting of St. Francis, holding the Christ child in his arms, and under the picture it states: "Once at midnight Mass the Holy Infant appeared in St. Francis' arms," and in the article that describes the picture, it states that St. Francis celebrated Mass at midnight in the little town of Greccio on Christmas night, where they had the "figures of the Blessed Virgin, and St. Joseph and the Wise Men placed

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According to Catholic invention and tradition, Saint Francis was conducting the ceremony of the Mass at Christmastime, when suddenly the Holy infant Jesus appeared in his arms.

around the manger. It was just like a new Bethlehem. . . . Midnight Mass was offered over the manger, and Francis, who was a deacon, sang the Gospel. When he had sung the words, 'and laid Him in a manger,' he began to think how wonderfully good our Lord was to become a little child so that He might save us. And while he was thinking of this beautiful mystery, suddenly there appeared in his arms a child surrounded by a brilliant light. The Christ child Himself had come to bless the saint and all the people who had come to honour Him so lovingly."

This story was invented centuries after St. Francis lived, and the people who were supposed to have been

present and seen it all were all dead and gone. It was invented to give sacredness to the observance of Christmas, for which there is no scriptural authority.

The Catholic bishops presented numerous letters which they claimed fell from heaven while they were officiating at the altar during the Mass, exhorting the people to observe Sunday. Between the tenth and twelfth centuries there were a large number of such letters, all of which misapplied the fourth commandment in order to clothe Sunday with the sanctity it lacked in the Scriptures. These letters required the people to do penance for doing certain acts on Sunday. For instance, Mr. Roger de

Hoveden's *Annals* state that in the year A.D. 1201 Eustace, abbot of Flaye, returned to England and forbade any person to hold a market of goods on sale upon the Lord's day. He told the people that the following commandment had come down from heaven:

"The Holy Commandment as to the Lord's day, which came from heaven to Jerusalem. . . . The Lord sent down this epistle, which was found upon the altar of S. Simeon, and after looking upon which three days and three nights, some men fell upon the earth, imploring mercy of God. And after the third hour, the patriarch [Peter] arose, and Acharias, the archbishop, and they opened the scroll, and received the holy epistle from God. And . . . they found this writing therein:

"I am the Lord who commanded you to observe the holy day of the Lord, and ye have not kept it, and have not repented of your sins, as I have said in My gospel, 'Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away.' . . . Once more, it is My will that no one, from the ninth hour on Saturday until sunrise on Monday, shall do any work except that which is good.

"And if any person shall do so, he shall with penance make amends for the same. And if you do not pay obedience to this command, verily, I say unto you, and I swear unto you, by My seat, and by My throne, and by the cherubim who watch My holy seat, that I will give you My commands by no other epistle, but I will open the heavens, and for rain I will rain upon you stones, and wood, and hot water in the night, that no one may take precautions against the same, and that so I may destroy all wicked men. . . . I will send unto you beasts that have the heads of lions, the hair of women, the tails of camels, and they shall be so ravenous that they shall devour your flesh, and you shall long to flee away to the tombs of the dead, and to hide yourselves for fear of the beasts; and I will take away the light of the sun from before your eyes, and will send darkness upon you, that not seeing, you may slay one another, and that I may remove from you My face, and may not show mercy upon you. For I will burn the bodies and the hearts of you, and of all those who do not keep as holy the day of the Lord.' "

This epistle is recorded by numerous accredited historians. In fact, upon the strength of this letter from heaven an English law was enacted by Edgar and Canute, requiring the

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# God's Way of Salvation

**NOTE TO READER:** After you have carefully read and studied Pastor Flynn's Bible lesson, turn to page 18 and see if you can answer the questions of the Bible Quiz. This is your Bible comprehension test.

**I** MUST say that last week's subject really set me thinking," said Mr. Hoover to the study group prior to the arrival of Pastor Flynn. "I have been reading about it in the Bible this week, and while everything is not entirely clear, it seems to be just as Pastor Flynn presented it."

"You are not the only one who learned some new things," said Miss Clement. "I took down those references and have read and reread them. I am convinced now that Satan is going to have an end."

"I never knew before that sin started in heaven, and I never knew that the devil and the wicked were going to be destroyed with fire and brimstone," commented Mrs. Ryan. "I thought the wicked went to purgatory, but I couldn't find a thing about purgatory in the whole Bible."

"Here are Pastor and Mrs. Flynn now," announced Mrs. Goldstein. "I wonder what he has for us to-night."

"It is something good, you can depend on that," said Mrs. Saunders as she went to the door.

"As soon as man sinned, God announced a plan whereby he could be saved," said Pastor Flynn following



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*In every age of the world's history men have tried to save themselves. Likewise, in every age men have come forth declaring their ability to save others. Woe unto the man who trusts his own ability, or that of another man, to effect his eternal salvation. Said Jesus, "I am the way."*

the opening prayer. "Sin did not come as a surprise to God. Christ was 'the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.' There have been innumerable critics through the centuries who found fault with the way in which God has dwelt with the sin problem. Some think that He should have destroyed sinners immediately and started all over again. But God could not do this. Sin affects the entire universe.

"God must deal with it in such a way that it will be completely eradicated, so that it will not rise up a second time. Its terrible and horrible

nature must be fully revealed. All the inhabitants of the universe must be satisfied that God's government of love is good, and that Satan's accusations are false and without foundation. Sin made an impassable gulf between God and man; however, the divine plan of salvation bridged that gulf and now it is possible for man to return to God, the source of all life.

"It came to pass that an apartment house several stories high caught fire, and it seemed certain that a family trapped in one of the upper-floor apartments would perish. Then the



father noticed that the window of the building directly opposite was open, and he determined to make of himself a bridge whereby the children could pass to safety. The space between the buildings was only about four feet, and the father bridged that with his own body over which the family crept to safety. When the last one was over the father lost his grip, and falling, lost his life. The plan of God's salvation is the story of how God bridged the gulf that sin had made by the gift of His only-begotten Son."

"You spoke about God having a plan to save sinners," said Mr. Saunders. "When did God first make this plan known to man?"

"The record of that is found in Genesis 3:15: 'I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel.' God spoke these words to Satan, and they contain the promise that One would come who would bruise Satan's head. Jesus did this by His death on the cross. Jesus' sacrifice was a voluntary one. However, the Father's suffering and sacrifice are portrayed by Abraham offering his only son Isaac."

"This thought occurred to me," said Mr. Hoover. "If I understand it correctly, there were no books back in those days. Did God repeat this promise to every generation, or did He depend upon one generation to tell the next one?"

"That is a good question," observed Pastor Flynn. "It is true, we believe, that they had no books in those times. Of course one generation did pass on to the next the promise received from God, but God did not rely wholly upon this means to keep these things fresh in the minds of the people. He depended also upon individually enacted object lessons to keep ever in the minds of the people the fact of the coming of the Messiah and His sacrifice. The first of these object lessons was enacted at the very gateway of the Garden of Eden. We read in Genesis 4:3-5:

"In process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: but unto Cain and to his offering He had not respect."

"The sacrificial offerings were ordained by God to be to man a perpetual reminder and a penitential acknowledgment of his sin, and a confession of his faith in the promised Redeemer. They were intended to

impress upon the fallen race the solemn truth that it was sin that caused death. To Adam, the offering of the first sacrifice was a most painful ceremony. His hand must be raised to take life, which only God could give. It was the first time he had ever witnessed death, and he knew that had he been obedient to God, there would have been no death of man or beast. As he slew the innocent victim, he trembled at the thought that his sin must shed the blood of the spotless Lamb of God. This scene gave him a deeper and more vivid sense of the greatness of his transgression, which nothing but the death of God's dear Son could expiate."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, Mrs. E. G. White, p. 65.

"The first thing Noah did when he came out of the ark was to offer sacrifices to God: 'Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the Lord smelled a sweet savour.' Genesis 8:20, 21."

"I take it that those sacrificial offerings depicted Christ's death upon the cross," said Miss Clement. "Did God through the prophets make any predictions concerning the life and work of Christ?"

"Yes, He did, Miss Clement," replied Pastor Flynn. "Christ was the theme of old Testament writers. They looked forward to the cross as we look back to it, and as we look forward to His second coming. Isaiah wrote: 'Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Fa-

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ther, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.' Isaiah 9:6, 7.

"David in the Psalms foretold the events connected with the crucifixion. Isaiah foretold His sufferings and sacrifice. Daniel gave the time of His birth, and Micah foretold the place where the Saviour would be born."

"Did Jesus come as had been foretold?" inquired Mrs. Ryan.

"Yes, He came exactly as the

prophets had revealed. He was born at the exact time foretold by Daniel, and at Bethlehem, as foretold by Micah. Every act of His life was in fulfilment of the prophetic blueprint. Time and again Jesus, as He performed some act, declared it to be a fulfilment of prophecy. Galatians 4:4 says: 'When the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law.'"

"Why was it that when the Son of God was born He was given the name Jesus?" asked Mr. Pierson.

"The reason for that is found in Matthew 1:21: 'She shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.' The name Jesus means Saviour. Man having fallen into sin was unable by his own efforts to free himself. He must have help from outside himself, and that help was provided in Christ. In Isaiah 53: 5 we have this beautiful verse: 'He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.' We can each one read that verse, putting our own name in place of the pronoun. Suppose I read it, inserting Harry Pierson's name: 'He was wounded for Harry Pierson's transgressions, He was bruised for Harry Pierson's iniquities: the chastisement of Harry Pierson's peace was upon Him; and with His stripes Harry Pierson is healed.'"

"That is beautiful," said Mr. Goldstein, "but why was it necessary for God's Son to become a member of the human family?"

"Man could be redeemed in no other way. I am going to read Hebrews 2:14-18: 'Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. . . . Wherefore in all things it behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted.'"

"Because Jesus was made a man and suffered as a man, He can now enter sympathetically and understandingly into all the trials and problems peculiar to man. He is now qualified to act as man's representative in the courts of heaven. Of course it might be asked, 'Why could not a good and righteous man or an



angel have made the sacrifice for the race?' The answer is that neither man nor angel was great enough in his created right to redeem the human race. Man had broken a divine law, and it was therefore necessary that one as great as the law die to redeem man from its condemnation. In all the universe there was but One who was able to do this. No created creature could do it, although many would have been willing; therefore it came to pass that man's Creator became man's Redeemer. Too, it was necessary that Jesus become a member of the human family that He might 'destroy him [Satan] that had the power of death.'"

"Would you please explain how man was condemned by the law?" asked Mrs. Saunders.

"Let me answer that question by reading Galatians 3:13: 'Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree.'

"Every person who breaks the law passes immediately under the law's condemnation. We can see that by the operation of our civil laws. As long as we obey them we are free from them, but as soon as we break them we are condemned by them and are subject to arrest and trial. In like manner does the law of God condemn its violators. Since the law which Adam transgressed was a

divine law, man must of necessity have a divine Saviour."

"A question has occurred to me that I should like to ask, if I may," said Mrs. Hoover. "Is Jesus doing anything at present in the furtherance of the plan of salvation?"

"Jesus is now performing a most vital part of the plan of salvation. He is man's Mediator and Intercessor. 'Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.' Hebrews 7:25."

"Do we have any part in the plan of salvation?" asked Mrs. Saunders. "It doesn't seem right that Jesus should have to do it all."

"Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He gave what we call 'the great commission.' It is found in Matthew 28:19, 20: 'Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.'

"Then again, at the time of His ascension, He said: 'Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.' Acts 1:8.

"The disciples of Christ have taken these instructions seriously. After the ascension of our Lord they began to preach the gospel boldly in Jerusalem, and when persecution arose, they went to other places, preaching the good news as they went. Paul said in his day that the gospel had been preached to every creature under heaven. During the Dark Ages the Waldenses and Albigenses were active in their missionary endeavours. In fact it was they who sowed the seeds of the Protestant reformation.

"Thousands of missionaries have been sent to less favoured lands in the last one hundred years, and literally thousands of missionaries are in foreign lands at this moment preaching the gospel of a soon-coming Christ. This Bible that I hold in my hand has been translated either in whole or in part into more than one thousand different languages. It is said that fifteen out of every sixteen people in the world can now read some portion of the Sacred Word in their own tongue. However, I would not want you to think that it is always necessary to go to a mission field to preach the gospel—we may do that right at home among our friends."

Now that you have read and studied the lesson on God's Way of Salvation, turn to page 18 and fill in the answers to Pastor Flynn's Quiz.

# IS THE SABBATH OBSOLETE?

IN THEIR persistent efforts to discredit the ten commandments, critics almost invariably fasten upon the fourth commandment as their starting point. The Sabbath, they say, is wholly and strictly a Jewish institution. The command to observe it, they allege, arose out of an exclusively Jewish experience—the deliverance from Egyptian bondage.

## A Threefold Memorial

The passage relied on to support this assertion is in Deuteronomy 5:15, which reads thus: "Remember that thou wast a servant in 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."

Such critics overlook the fact that the deliverance from Egyptian bondage was by no means the only reason given to Israel for the observance of the Sabbath. The Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep: *for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you.* . . . It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh

day He rested, and was refreshed." Exodus 31:12-17.

Here the Sabbath is set forth as the centre of a spiritual experience. This experience was first of all enjoyed by God Himself, at the close of creation week. It was for Him an occasion of rest and refreshment. This blessing Jehovah offers to His people through the weekly Sabbath, instituted by Him in the beginning, for man's spiritual uplift. As applied to man, it is called sanctification. Nor is this something that man earns or does for himself. It is something God does for man, as soon as man is willing to let God do it for him. The word conveys the idea that the whole of Israel, each one in particular, was made holy by God, and hence set apart for a holy service. Each Sabbath, as it came around, was to be a reminder

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of this fact, so movingly expressed in those well-known words:

"Every virtue we possess,  
And every conquest won,  
And every thought of holiness,  
Are His and His alone."

Nor is this reason unconnected with the one given in Deuteronomy 5:15. As the guarantee that He is the delivering and sanctifying God, His power to create is set forth in His appeal to His people to observe the Sabbath. Hence the Sabbath becomes a threefold memorial of God's creative, redeeming and sanctifying power. Only He who created man could redeem man. He who brought man into being by an act of creation, could alone deliver and preserve him from every kind of bondage and oppression. The time, therefore, will never come, either here or hereafter, when the Sabbath can be regarded as obsolete. Throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity the saints of God will never cease to extol this threefold power of God, of which the Sabbath is the everlasting sign.

### **The Sovereign Creator**

Creative power is God's guarantee of sovereignty. And inasmuch as "God is love," that sovereignty is always exercised for man's eternal good.

The deliverance from Egyptian bondage was to every trusting Israelite of that generation, not only a physical deliverance, but also a great spiritual experience. Each and all had, with their own eyes, seen the wonder-working power of Almighty God, who loved them with an everlasting love, and had therefore set His hand to deliver them from the oppressor.

Every message about God is inadequate to the spiritual needs of mankind unless it first sets forth His almighty power as Creator of "heaven and earth." The fall of man can have no meaning unless the human mind is carried back to the perfection in which God made man in the beginning. No redemption story can be rightly and properly told apart from the story of creation. Both are inseparably bound up together. The story of God's love in Christ is therefore vitally and indissolubly connected with creation and Sinai and the recorded messages of Hebrew patriarchs and prophets. That sublime story is but the development of the Genesis story. The Bible begins with God as Creator, that man too might begin with Him as his Maker. Dispensations come and go, eras dawn and vanish, but this basic fact is of perpetual significance. To ignore it, is to drift in hopeless confusion. Hence the Sabbath, instituted by God

at the very beginning of time, before ever Abraham and his posterity saw the light, was designed by Him to be a perpetual reminder to man of his relation to God and his dependence upon God. It is the very sign and seal of the living God, in whom we live and move and have our being.

So when the law was proclaimed in dreadful majesty from Sinai, we find the fourth commandment placed in the very heart of the ten. Around it the life of Israel revolved. And since it sets forth the sovereignty of God, by reason of His being the Creator, the Sabbath should be the symbolic centre of the spiritual life of every "Israelite indeed," who has experienced the salvation of God, through His Son Jesus.

### **Law and Gospel Linked Together**

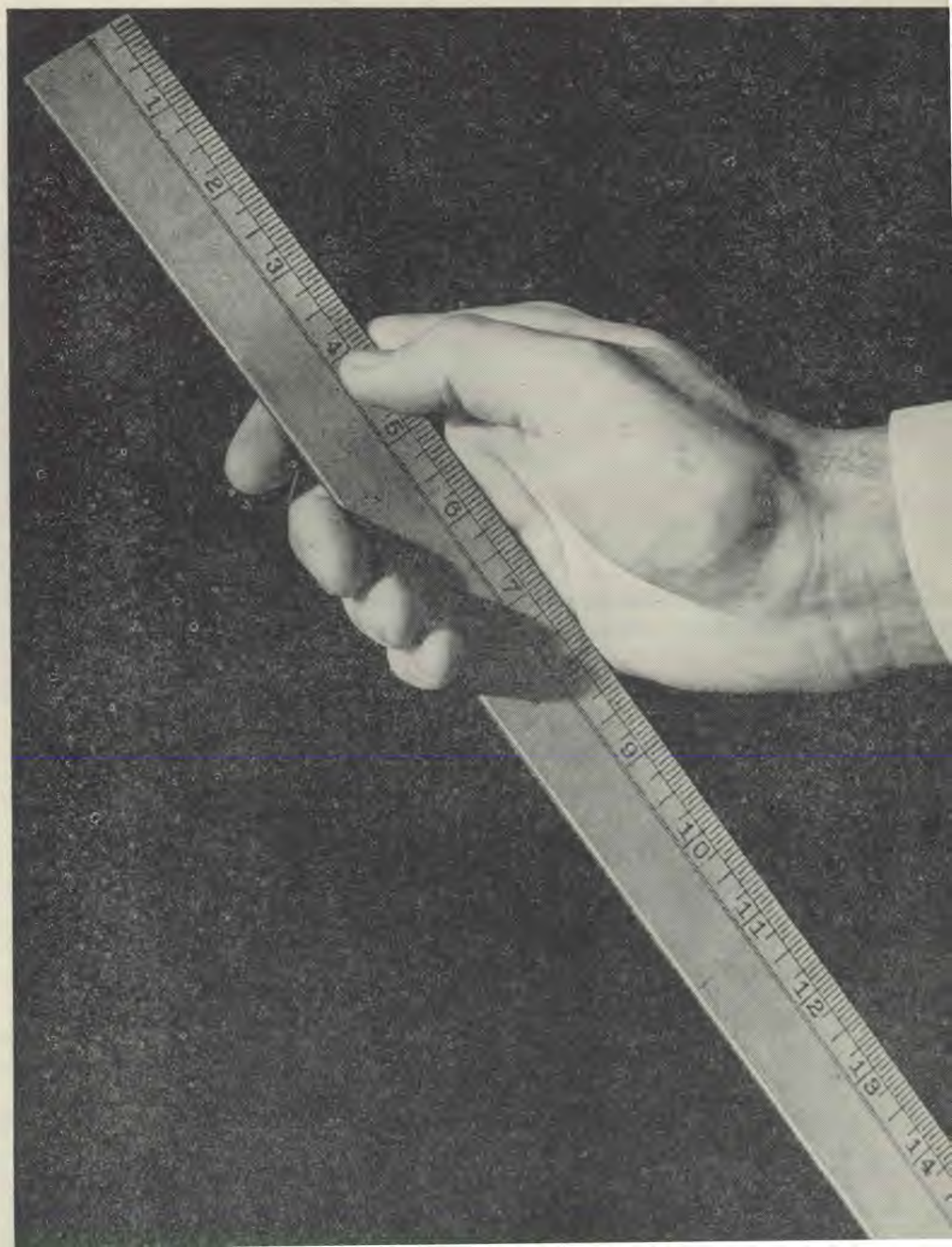
Jesus, the Saviour of the world, and God's only-begotten Son, knew

*The fourth commandment could no more be taken out of the Decalogue than the fourth inch could be taken out of the ruler.*

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of no conflict between His message of salvation and the law of Sinai. More than once He reproved His own generation for making "the commandments of God of none effect" by their "tradition." He assured them again and again that His message and work were but complimentary to the basic laws of Israel. His avowed purpose was to fulfil the law, and fulfilment is not abrogation. As touching the ten commandments, nothing could be brought against Jesus by His enemies. He fulfilled them all, not only in the letter, but in the spirit also. And herein He has left us an example, that we should follow in His steps.

This solemn fact should make men pause in their misguided efforts to discredit God's holy law, obedience to which alone can guarantee peace and stability in human affairs.







# WORLD AS WE SEE IT!

**A Prophetic Interpretation  
of Current Events!**

## **Those Strategic Straits**

NEWS WEEK for July 18, in its periscope, has this to say about the most strategic straits in the world: "There are indications that the Kremlin soon will renew its diplomatic pressure on Turkey. The Moscow home radio is giving detailed attention to a new Soviet book titled *The Black Sea Straits*, outlining the diplomatic history of the Dardanelles. Pointing out that in the last ninety years Russia's enemies four times invaded the Black Sea through the straits, the broadcasts make a special villain of Turkey. They cite Turkish co-operation with Britain on straits policy in the past and stress current U.S.-Turkish military interest in the area. Incidentally, Turkish uneasiness about Russia was greatly heightened by the recent 'suicide' of a Turkish courier on a train in the Russian Caucasus. Although nothing was found missing from his diplomatic pouch, the Turks are convinced that its contents were photographed by the Russians before it was released."

We can well believe that the Russians are interested in the Dardanelles. This is not new—they have been interested since the days of Peter the Great. Russia, although the greatest landed power, has no warm-water port. The seaport, Leningrad, to the west is icebound six months out of the year, and Vladivostock, Russia's seaport to the east, is six thousand miles across the tundra of Siberia. Peter the Great expressed Russia's ambitions in this respect in the "will" which he left as a guide to successive rulers. The ninth article is given as follows:

"To take every possible means of gaining Constantinople and the Indies (for he who rules there will be the true sovereign of the world); excite war continually in Turkey and Persia; establish fortresses in the Black Sea; get control of the sea by degrees, and also of the Baltic, which is a double point, necessary to the realization of our project; accelerate as much as possible the decay of Persia; penetrate to the Persian Gulf; re-establish, if possible, by the way of Syria, the ancient commerce of the Levant; advance to the Indies, which are the great depot of the world."—*Daniel and the Revelation*, by Uriah Smith, p. 313 (1926 edition).

Consistently the great powers have resisted Russian aggression against Turkey. Whenever Russia

made war upon Turkey, Great Britain, France or some other nation came to the aid of the "sick man of the east." This was done in an effort to maintain the "equilibrium of Europe," because as the Russian Czar, Peter the Great, stated, the nation who rules Constantinople will be the true sovereign of the world.

That the policy of keeping Russia out of the southern seas is the policy of the present is evidenced by the aid that the United States and Great Britain are giving Turkey and Greece in money, munitions and military leaders. The acquisition of some nations and territory by the Russians is merely incidental. The real goal is the straits of the Dardanelles.

It may come as a surprise to some to know that this situation is a subject of Bible prophecy. Daniel 11:45 has reference to Turkey and to events that are yet future: "He shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him."

According to this the time is coming when Turkey will change the seat of his government to Jerusalem, to "between the seas in the glorious holy mountain." Yet, despite this manœuvre he will come to his end for the reason that none are able to come to his aid as heretofore.

At this time, according to Daniel 12: 1, 2, other notable events begin to take place: "At that time shall Michael [Christ] stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

We must understand that the standing up of Christ indicates His imminent return to this earth. During the period, however, between the time that He stands up and the time when He actually returns there is an unprecedented time of trouble among the nations. Nevertheless, God's true and tried people will be delivered out of it by the coming of Jesus, and at this time some of those sleeping in the dust of the earth will be awakened out of their sleep.



Right: *The Dardanelles, without question the most strategic military spot on earth.*

Below: *Candy "smokes" will lead the child on until at last he becomes an inveterate user of the "filthy weed."*



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## Candy Smokes

THERE seems to be nothing that the cigarette manufacturers won't think of and won't do to increase their monetary gain. Midas gold far outweighs, in their estimation, the physical health and spiritual welfare of the victims they exploit. I can remember, not too many years ago, when the cigarette companies started their drive to capture the women of the nation as smokers. First, on the billboards, appeared a beautiful and captivating young woman looking admiringly at a handsome man smoking a cigarette. The next step in the campaign was to depict a woman handing a package of Luckies, Camels, Old Gold or what have you to the man and expressing her admiration for his selective taste. She was next portrayed as lighting one for the handsome smoker, and finally, as the last step, she was shown smoking one herself.

Having achieved such uninhibited success in the

female field, the cigarette people next directed their attention to the college and high school young people, and they met with equal success. Now, having exhausted the possibilities in these two fields, these insatiable gluttons for gold are seeking new fields to conquer—this time our children, children of the grammar-school age. How are they doing it? By granting tacit permission to the candy makers to make candy cigarettes and to package them in packages virtually identical to those of the various brands of cigarettes.

The cigarette manufacturers figure that by accustoming children to a package bearing close resemblance to the cigarette package itself, it will not be much of a job to switch the child over to the use of their soul and body destroying product as soon as he reaches the sixth, seventh or eighth grade.

Here is a propaganda programme the effects of which will be felt even in the best homes, Christian homes, if something is not done about it. Already the candy counters of drug stores, five-and-ten-cent stores and grocery stores are filled with these "tobacco packaged" candy smokes. Shall we allow our children to be prostituted that the cigarette manufacturer may be enriched? Shall we allow the tobacco octopus to fasten habits upon our children that they may never be able to break? Shall we allow the nicotine drug habit to be fastened upon our children, which will drain away a substantial percentage of the physical and mental vigour, and make them tobacco anæmics, susceptible to every disease germ that pounces upon them?

Our nation, as is fitting and proper, has laws protecting its citizens from being exploited, debased and corrupted. Liquor laws prevent intoxicating beverages being sold to minors. Pure food laws protect all of us. Restaurants and eating establishments must comply with certain sanitary regulations. Why should not our children, babies out of arms, be protected by law from the nicotine habit that will blight their future? We call upon our lawmakers to become alert to this new and subtle propaganda which is designed to lead our children into tobacco addiction in the years before they are able to determine what is best for them by their own processes of reason and judgment.



# The Bible and the Church

**I**F THE records of the New Testament are not trustworthy, there is no possible way of explaining the Christian church. Its very existence constitutes what amounts to an absolute demonstration of the reliability of the Bible.

Among all the institutions established in the world there is not another one like the church of Christ. Before assailing its foundations, its enemies would do well to give some study to its origin, its nature and its construction.

It cannot be explained on other than supernatural grounds. It certainly is not a human institution. It bears within itself the evidence of its divine origin. It cannot be overthrown by men or devils. "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

There is a power in the church inexplicable to its enemies. And that power has been constant and unflinching over a period of nineteen hundred years. It has bound the members of the church together by forces beyond the power of the human mind to estimate. It has laid upon the brotherhood of Christians obligations which have been paramount to every earthly obligation. A bond more potent than any ties of blood, than any of the charms of pleasure, than the authority of kings, than any and all motives, from the highest to the lowest that sway the minds of men, has controlled them.

Through all these nineteen centuries there have been members of this mysterious brotherhood of the church who have put aside earthly ambition, and suppressed every appetite, desire, passion and hope that has been contrary to the mystic influence that has swayed their souls. This strange power has changed enemies into lifelong friends. It has, in an instant, made friends of those unknown to one another before. It has linked in closest sympathy individuals of different dispositions, tastes, customs, manners, habits and culture. It has caused men to yield their dearest ambitions and highest hopes to go forth as strangers in unknown lands. It has separated them from fellowships and associations in which they have found the keenest delight. It has sent them far from home across the seas, traversing des-

erts and waste places, their feet pressing the sands of every shore, building their homes on far-off islands, climbing Alpine and Andean heights, making their dwelling among savages and cannibals. It has sent them out from homes of luxury and ease to endure hardship, poverty and toil; it has given them courage to brave the cold of the Arctic Circle and the burning heat of the tropics; it has made them cheerfully endure hunger, thirst, reproach, scourging, chains, imprisonment, and death itself.

They have done all this not because they have been reckless adventurers, indifferent to their own interests. On the contrary, they have been men of prudence, wisdom, understanding and the highest culture, fitted to fill the most exalted positions in social life. They have turned their backs upon the delights of home and the love of friends to confront the malice of foes; and they have done all this, not from any motives which ordinarily influence men. It has not been for honour, or grandeur, or personal gains, or fame.

For many, many centuries this has been going on. It is going on now. There are still leaders to be found for forlorn hopes, and thousands ready to step into the broken ranks when a hero goes down. For ages they have fought on and on, without having won wealth, or honour, or power. Toil, conflict, affliction and death have been their portion. They have been hunted through life, hated and defamed in death.

## *Under Whose Command?*

Can you explain it? What mighty force has bound this brotherhood together? What mysterious power has sent them into the world and held them true and steadfast through the passing centuries? Under whose command have they gone, and under whose direction have they acted? Let those who attempt to answer remember that the members of this brotherhood do not yield to human authority in their highest concerns, that they do not bow to any ruler's orders as above those of God, that emperors have never awed them, that monarchs have never controlled them, that warriors have never frightened them. How, then, can they be ac-

counted for? From what motives do their actions spring? What has drawn them from all earthly associations and made them such a mighty power in the world?

## *The Absent Lord*

Stranger, and more unaccountable still! They have a Commander, a Leader—but they have never seen Him nor heard His voice! During all these nineteen centuries He has been the "absent Lord," having taken His journey "into a far country," and in all that time He has not made one single appearance. But His influence has never diminished, and His Word is still clothed with mighty power.

But not yet is the wonder ended. This Commander is no great historic conqueror, no ruler of myriads of warriors, with an iron cross on his breast.

Who, then, is He? One entirely without wealth or prestige, a poverty-stricken, despised Jew, labouring with His hands in a carpenter shop, a person whose very existence is doubted, whose authority is denied, whose words seem to many as idle tales, whose very birth is discredited, and who went to His ignominious death as a malefactor. And this Man promises poverty, offers suffering and death, foretells reproach to His followers, and makes the loss of all things one of the conditions of fellowship with Him.

Nineteen centuries ago, this Man, standing on the slope of the Mount of Olives, speaking to a few poor fishermen and lowly toilers, quietly and seriously gave utterance to amazing words. He said: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:18-20.

It is this word, spoken so many centuries ago by an obscure Jew to a little group of labouring men, that is the warrant, the obligation and the marching orders of this mighty brotherhood. It has held them steady in their allegiance, true to their loyalty, devoted to their Master's service. To



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*The Bible has lighted the pathway of the church across the centuries. Any failure or stumbling on the part of the church has been due to the fact that it has not followed the light closely.*



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doubters, to scoffers, to deniers, both in and out of the church, it is the word of a dead Jew who has not been seen for nearly two thousand years. To them it is an idle tale, a dream, a fancy.

#### *Wide Sway of the Nazarene*

*But that Word has power to-day.* Tens of thousands of men who never saw that Leader are ready now to risk life itself to carry out His word. No monarch ever lived on earth who

had a sway so wide, so grand, so glorious, as that of this despised Nazarene.

What manner of Man, then, is this, whose very whisper stretches over twice a thousand years of history, whose quiet command, spoken to a group of lowly toilers, rolls through the ages and centuries to the end of time, penetrating hearts, convicting consciences, controlling minds, and ruling the lives of such myriads of men as conquerors never dreamed of?

Surely such power is more than human. Surely the One who spoke such words is more than man. Standing on Olivet, He has dominated the Christian centuries. His influence has made and unmade kingdoms. He has "lifted with His pierced hand empires off their hinges, and turned the stream of centuries out of its channel, and still governs the ages."—*Jean Paul Richter.*

Only on supernatural grounds can

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### "Gold Dust"

The new anti-biotic, aureomycin, seems to be the answer to a doctor's prayer. It can be given by mouth, thus doing away with the necessity of a doctor or nurse for administration by injection. It has proven in many instances more effective for human beings than for experimental animals. It is effective against pneumococcus, streptococcus, staphylococcus and rickettsia organisms which cause such diseases as scrub typhus, Q fever and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. In conquering primary atypical pneumonia it marks the first time an infectious disease has been successfully combatted before its cause is known. Reactions to the substance, made from a golden-coloured mould, are mild and can usually be counteracted by the use of aluminum hydroxide. It should be used only at the physician's direction.

### Turboprop Liner

England's latest bid for a part of the commercial aircraft manufacturing business is the Viscount 700. The plane has four turbopropeller motors which utilize the jet principle to rotate its propellers, thus enabling the plane to travel efficiently at speeds under that of a jet plane. Carrying forty passengers it can cruise at 325 miles per hour, and although it burns more fuel than a conventional type plane, it can carry an extra ton of pay load because of the lightness of its engines. Outstanding advantage from the passengers' viewpoint is that it is as quiet as an ordinary passenger automobile and almost totally vibrationless.

### Cast Thy Bread

One of the most unusual instances of dividends from foreign missions came about recently in the gift of \$1,000,000 to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions from an anonymous Chinese businessman. The businessman stated that he gave the money in gratitude to God for his Christian education and in appreciation of Christian missions.

### Record Liquor Bill

During the fiscal year of 1947-48 citizens of British Columbia paid out a thumping \$55,249,375 for liquor, according to public accounts presented to the provincial Legislature. Indications are that expenditures for the current year will reach at least \$60,000,000. The government made a profit of \$16,598,430 on liquor sold in 1947-48, and stands to make as much as \$18,000,000 this year. In addition, sales taxes for the first three months of the current year have amounted to \$311,778.

### Domestic Tragedy

According to Bureau of Census figures, out of every eight married persons in the United States one has been married more than once. Asked by Gallup pollsters, only 49 per cent said they would remarry their present partners if they had the chance of making a fresh start.

AT NO time in recorded history has the human mind been more troubled with what the future holds than at the present moment when the world is in a chaos of chronic crises, and the menace of an unprecedented holocaust stirs nervously just around the corner, giving rise to speculations from every walk of life as to just what will happen next.

This is the golden age of charlatan seers in the guise of clairvoyants—fortunetelling by means of teacups, cards, horoscopes, et cetera—presuming to divine the future. Reliable sources inform us that many distinguished personages in every field of endeavour will not make an important decision without consulting a soothsayer of some kind.

On the other hand, champions of Holy Writ staunchly declare that the Sacred Page is the only reliable medium predicting events which shape the future of the individual and the world. They will go even further and state that not one single prophecy of this Book has failed of fulfilment in its appointed time. Among Bible scholars to-day are to be found those who contend that the Bible is not so much a religious book as a compendium of jurisprudence and the exact sciences. Some declare that it is the source of all wisdom and divinely inspired foreknowledge, quoting numerous passages to support their belief, such as, "*God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.*" Acts 3:21.

In the scientific realm we laud and honour our learned leaders who can predict to the split minute an eclipse of the sun or moon, or a celestial fireworks display. But how much greater praise should accrue to the Creator and Controller of all the universe for His marvellous works! For those who demand that Scripture be buttressed with the findings of modern scholarship and relevant science there is probably no better example than the work of W. M. H. Milner, M.A., F.R.G.S., A.V.I. (Oxonian), author and distinguished philologist, in his *The Russian Chapters of Ezekiel*, who adduces proof by Greek and Hebrew history and geography that Gog, the Prince of Rosh, mentioned in the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth chapters are what we know to-day as Russia; that Meshech is Moscow, and Tubal (Tobolsk), plus other dovetailing factors.

Canada is called a Christian Dominion, nominally at least, whose common law is founded on that given at Mount Sinai. Believing this, it is fair assumption that the great Architect of the universe, the Creator of





*The Bible plainly predicts the event of our Lord's return.*

every good thing, the One who regulates all that we call nature with faultless precision, had a perfect foreknowledge of what would happen all down the course of time, and, like any inventor, did not leave us without a book of instructions. The Scriptures contain the blueprints and specifications necessary for the salvation of every soul. These guides are set forth in a code of laws, statutes and judgments that are declared to be *perfect* (Psalm 19), but we have been false to our trust as custodians of God's precepts and have for the most part cast them aside, with the result that the world is to-day in a perilous plight.

The twenty-eighth chapter of Deuteronomy is only one of the many instances of His prescience. It is a condensed prophetic chart of Israelitish history which contains a masterful summary of the blessings and

curses that ensue according to conduct toward the conditions stipulated, thus—*"If thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all His commandments."* This unusual chapter gives a pre-television picture of future events with a brevity and accuracy marvelous beyond expression. For example, verse 24: *"The Lord shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed."* This was written about thirty-five hundred years ago, and we see, therefore, that the barren condition of Palestine is no accident, but rather a result of the vengeance of an angry God.

Verses 52 to 57 leave nothing to the imagination in the declaration that cannibalism would be practised. In the siege of Jerusalem in A. D. 70, for instance, when that city fell to the Roman legions, and the nation of Israel came to an end forever, the besieged were in such dire straits that they did this repulsive thing.

With unfailing foresight the Bible gives a graphic account of the greatest battle of all time—and the last—yet future. It is called *"The Battle of the Great Day of God Almighty,"* the final act of which will be staged in Palestine, where the invading hosts will be so vast and formidable that they will resemble storm clouds. However, as they near their goal, the Almighty, grieved by the age-long lawlessness of the wicked, gives vent to *"My jealousy and . . . the fire of My wrath"* in a display of supernatural forces—earthquakes, hailstones of enormous size, and pestilence.

#### ***The World's Greatest Earthquake***

Concerning the earthquake of that time, Revelation 16:18 has this to say: *"A great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great."* *"In that day there shall be*

a great shaking in the land of Israel; so that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at My presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground."

Ezekiel 38: 19, 20.

Touching this great upheaval of nature, Major-General H. N. Sargeit, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., in his book *The Marvels of Bible Prophecy*, page 389, states:

*"During recent years, says Mr. Geo. T. B. Davis, earthquakes have severely damaged buildings on the famous mount . . . the geographical formation of the soil of the Mount of Olives is all set for the coming event. It awaits God's appointed time.*

*"Professor Bailly Willis, Seismological expert at Leland Stanford University, made this striking statement before the British Association for the advancement of science:*

*"The region around Jerusalem is a region of potential earthquake danger. A fault line, along which an earth slippage may occur at any time, passes through the Mount of Olives."*

#### ***The Consummating Event of Human History***

Then shall be fulfilled the prophecy of Acts 1:11, *"This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven."*

The second coming of our Lord is the consummating act of Christian history. Harbingers of that glad day, signs and events foretold in the long ago, advise us that the time is at hand. Together with the forecast of doom is the invitation to *"come"* and be saved. Nothing is or can be more dangerous than procrastination. *Sinner, why not come to-day—now?*





# BIBLE ANSWERS

## by your Bible Answerman

Send your Bible and religious questions to "The Bible Answerman"  
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**Dear Bible Answerman:** Can God be good if He metes out endless punishment to a single soul? M. Y., Ont.

Sinners will be punished, to be sure, but endless punishment will not be inflicted upon a single individual in the world—not even Lucifer, the originator of all evil. The Bible tells us of a "lake of fire," but its burning comes to an end. Sinners will not writhe in the agonies of unutterable and unending torment. Before we present the Bible evidence of the above let us reason as human beings. What father, what mother, would turn his offspring into hell there to burn time without end, even though that son or daughter had sinned against him? Punish him he would, to be sure, but not endlessly. In almost every civilized land we have societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals. Laws have been passed to protect the animal creation from the unnatural cruelty of a few.

Yet, admittedly, present-day man, the inheritor of six thousand years of sin, is far more hardhearted than God, whose compassionate heart moved Him to give His only-begotten Son as a sacrifice upon the cross. If, therefore, a mother would not burn her daughter endlessly in the fires of hell, how can it rightly be reasoned that God would do this awful thing? The record of the cross presents the strongest testimony that sinners will not burn endlessly. We conceive that such an act on the part of God would beget in the hearts of all the created intelligences of the universe nothing but hatred and ill will for their Maker. God will punish, yes—and in the lake of fire—but not endlessly.

Let us now give the Bible texts supporting the proposition that sin and sinners will come to their end, and will not be tormented time without end. Speaking of Satan, the prophet Ezekiel declares the following to be a fact: "Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore will I bring

forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee; thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more." Ezekiel 28:18, 19.

The psalmist is not altogether silent upon this momentous subject: "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." Psalm 37:10, 20.

When Jesus was upon earth He declared that the time was coming when the "meek" would inherit the earth. In making that statement He was speaking in harmony with that

which had been stated by David a thousand years previously. "The wicked," said David, "shall not be." And even though you should search diligently for the place where the wicked formerly resided you would not find it, because it, too, "shall not be." The wicked can no more be found in the "new-earth state" than can a wisp of smoke be found that has disappeared into the atmosphere. The wicked shall "burn up." "They shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away."

As if the foregoing were not plain enough, the prophet Malachi in the last chapter of his book speaks even more plainly: "For, 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. . . . Ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts." Verses 1, 3.

No one will say that there is consciousness of feeling in "ashes." Yet we are told unmistakably that the wicked are brought to a state of ashes. Therefore, such being the case, they cannot possess any feeling of consciousness; and not being conscious until they are made so in the resurrection, they cannot be suffering the anguish of burning fire, either at present or in the endless eternity to come.

God's original intentions were that this earth should be a dwelling place for a holy and happy people. True, sin has temporarily interrupted this beneficent design, yet not permanently. God will have His way. "The meek shall inherit the earth."

Peter tells us of the burnings of the last days which purify the earth, and of the act of God in restoring it to its pristine purity: "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

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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, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." 2 Peter 3:10-13.

**Dear Bible Answerman:** If Christ was crucified on Friday and rose again on Sunday, how can it be said that He was three days and three nights in the heart of the earth?

If I were to say to a friend, "I am going to spend the day and night with you to-morrow," it would not necessarily follow that I would spend every minute of the twenty-four hours with him. I might not arrive at his home until late in the morning or early in the afternoon, and it might be necessary for me to catch a 3 A.M. train. Yet it would not be considered that I had violated my word. No more did Jesus when He spent a part of three days and three nights in the tomb.

**Dear Bible Answerman:** Will you please explain Genesis 1:27 and also Genesis 2:7. Did God create another man and woman before He created Adam?

It will be necessary to get these verses before us. Genesis 1:27 reads this way: "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them." Genesis 2:7 gives us the following record: "The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

Genesis 1:27 and 2:7 are statements of the same event. In the former God is making a general statement; in the latter He adds a few more details.

## CATHOLIC INVENTIONS AND TRADITIONS

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people in England to observe "the Lord's day" from "the ninth hour on Saturday until sunrise on Monday." Matthew Paris, the noted English chronologist, himself a monk and rector of St. Albans, states that the pope and bishops gave their sanction to this letter and authorized the custom. Pope Innocent III, who was then supreme ruler over both the church and the States of Europe, favoured the extensive circulation of this scroll from heaven in favour of Sunday observance as prescribed therein. It was

also confirmed by Catholic Church councils. A prominent Protestant writer, in his summary of these Catholic scrolls which they alleged had fallen from heaven, expressed the wish: "I wish no Protestants had vented the like tales."—*Hessey*, p. 321, Note 261.

May all those who believe in the sacredness of Sunday meditate upon these spurious epistles, invented by their forefathers in the Middle Ages, and attributed to Christ, and discover that Sunday sacredness has no other foundation than these forgeries perpetuated in the name of Christ. No wonder Christ said: "Many will say to Me in that day [the judgment], Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity." Matthew 7:22, 23. The Lord told Moses to tell the people: "Thou shalt not raise [receive] a false report. . . . Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil." Exodus 23:1, 2.

## THE BIBLE AND THE CHURCH

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His power be explained or accounted for. He is a supernatural Man, not of the "earth, earthy," but "the Lord from heaven."

And even this does not tell it all. There is more to add to the explanation. The conquerors of history wielded mighty power, and influenced myriads of men, while they lived. But they are dead. And their power and influence are ended. But Jesus, the great Commander of the church, is not dead! He is the living Christ. And He is alive forevermore. It is because He imparts His own glorious life to His Word and to His people that His Word has power, and that His church cannot be overthrown even by "the gates of hell."

It is, therefore—or ought to be—no source of surprise that the enemies of the Word of God and of the church of Christ deny and assail the fact of Christ's resurrection. If Christ were not raised, there would be no Christian church. It is here that the question of the trustworthiness of the Bible comes in.

Few to-day attempt to deny the fact of the birth of Jesus. Some question that He was born of a virgin, but not that He was born. No one denies to-day the fact of the death of Christ. Some question that it was a substitutionary death, but not that He died.

But that is not enough to explain the existence of the Christian church. The church did not result from His birth, His life, or His death. The fact that Jesus was born did not create the Christian church. He might have been born, even miraculously, and have accomplished all the wonders attributed to Him, and have died in the way recorded in the Sacred Writings. And if that were all, there would have been no church.

## The Disciples' Hope Destroyed

As a matter of fact, His death brought an end to the hope of His followers which had been created by His birth, His life and His miracles. While His death did not change their love for Him, it did practically destroy their belief in His Messiahship. They had looked forward while He lived to His heading a great movement which would develop into the kingdom of God. At His death they abandoned these hopes, and their glowing expectations were buried with Him in Joseph's new tomb.

It was a dreary Friday night after the crucifixion. It was a hopeless Sabbath. And then on Sunday morning, not to greet a living Christ, but to anoint and weep over a dead Christ, they returned to the tomb, to say a last farewell to hope.

## Belief That Christ Was Raised

In the morning they were hopeless. By night they were a group of men and women holding a belief that has turned the world upside down and still dominates the minds of men. That belief is the belief that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead.

The resurrection of Christ is denied to-day, and by those who claim the name of "Christian." Such need to give an explanation of the existence of the Christian church. It cannot be explained on any other ground than the fact of Christ's resurrection.

Those early disciples believed that they had seen Him. That belief transformed them from a group of discouraged, disheartened, depressed, dejected, hopeless men and women, into such a vital, powerful, resistless force that the strongholds of paganism crumbled before their cry of "Jesus and His resurrection."

From that day to this, through all the generations intervening, and in all countries and climes, that message has been repeated with tremendous power, winning believers by the million who have clung to this truth so tenaciously that they have been willing to part with life itself before yielding their faith. And to-day this message is being preached more widely than any other truth in the world.





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## Epilepsy

The following questions regarding the treatment of epilepsy as reviewed by Dr. Fetterman of the Neuropsychiatric Institute, Cleveland, are of general interest:

Shall I marry?

"My answer is in the affirmative. I would discourage a person who is mentally retarded and otherwise abnormal. It is desirable that the partner of the patient should be a sympathetic and broad-minded individual who is aware of the nature of the affliction."

Shall I have children?

"We should allow an epileptic to have children provided that the person concerned is otherwise normal and partner in marriage is normal and free of epilepsy."

Should my epileptic child play with other children?

"Although an epileptic child may have an attack while outdoors and at play, this hazard should be taken. You will harm his personality if you try to overprotect his person."

Shall I send my child to school?

"By all means encourage his educational development. Explain to the school nurse or principal, who may forewarn teacher and pupils. A classroom should be prepared for such an unpleasant occurrence—explained by gentle terms such as a fainting and shaking spell."

Shall I guide my child vocationally?

"Clerking, bookkeeping, sewing, tailoring, farming and shopkeeping are quite safe and common endeavours for epileptics."

What care should be given during an attack?

"If the epileptic is seen at the warning stage before the fall, he should be assisted to bed, a couch, or even onto the floor. Insert between the teeth a folded handkerchief or a narrow eraser which he may carry in his pocket or have available at the bed table. Avoid injuring the tongue or teeth by attempting to force a spoon or hard wooden object between the

teeth. Free any tight clothing, especially neckwear. Turn the patient upon his back if he is on his face. Otherwise, allow the seizure to run its course until the patient awakes. It is not necessary to arouse, particularly if the attack has occurred in sleep. He may sleep off the uncomfortable effects."

Should I be permitted to drive?

"My answer is, no. If a patient has been attack free for two years, and remains faithfully under a doctor's care, he may be permitted to drive."

Should I take medicine when well?

"The answer is, yes. An abrupt cessation of such drugs invites a series of attacks, so-called *status epilepticus*. After the patient has continued well for two years, I permit a gradual reduction, unless symptoms reappear."

Will epilepsy cause mental deterioration?

"This answer is, usually not."

## Prepared Cereals

**Question:** What is the nutritional value of Kellogg's All Bran and Grape-Nuts?

**ANSWER:** Bran provides bulk but has no appreciable nutritional value. Grape-Nuts essentially has no more food value than whole-wheat bread, if as much.

## Nerve Spasm

**Question:** Will you please state symptoms of nerve spasm of stomach, the cause and cure?

**ANSWER:** If there is spasm of the inlet of the stomach (cardiospasm) there is difficulty in swallowing, and in severe cases actual regurgitation. If there is spasm of the outlet of the stomach, the stomach is slow in emptying, and there is usually pain after meals simulating ulcer pain. In severe cases, as in infants, or scarring due to old ulcer with associated spasm, there is nausea and vomiting. The cause of the simple types is primarily nervous tension, overfatigue, worry and anxiety, and nutritional deficiency, often including vitamin deficiency.

**D**IABETES MELLITUS is a disease characterized principally by a high blood sugar and the appearance of sugar in the urine. Symptoms of the disease are dependent upon the degree of severity. Classical symptoms are loss of weight, thirst, excessive urination and hunger. Fatigue, drowsiness, susceptibility to infections and fluctuations in visual acuity are also suggestive. These symptoms come on gradually. The first indication in the child may be bed wetting.

It is due to an actual or relative insulin deficiency. Insulin is a hormone manufactured by the pancreatic gland, located back of the stomach. When the supply is inadequate, sugar in the diet is not stored normally in the liver after meals. Consequently, the blood sugar is abnormally high and fluctuates widely, after meals particularly. The elevated blood sugar in an uncontrolled diabetic predisposes to complications, chief of which are impaired vision (even blindness), premature hardening of the arteries, kidney infections, boils and carbuncles, high blood pressure, and of course diabetic coma. Treatment calls for special diet with restricted carbohydrate (sugar and sugar-forming foods), or diet plus insulin.

It is estimated that there are as many unknown diabetics as there are known; that the diabetic population is increasing about twice as rapidly as the general population. In the United States there are approximately 500,000 to 1,000,000 known diabetics, as many unknown cases, and the disease is increasing at a rate of about 50,000 cases annually. Divide these figures by ten and conditions in Canada would be approximated. About one half of the new cases appear in persons less than fifty-five years old. The peak incidence is between the ages of sixty and seventy. Women diabetics outnumber men by a ratio of almost two to one between forty and seventy. According to Dr. Arthur Colwell of Chicago, noted diabetic specialist, the sharpest rise in incidence occurs in women between forty and sixty. Of every one thousand persons living in urban communities, three to four are diabetic.

At least three fourths of all patients were overweight before onset of the disorder, and occurrence is rare in persons who are twenty to thirty per cent underweight. It must be truthfully said, however, as Doctor Colwell indicates, that "overeating alone is not primarily responsible for the disease, for diabetes not infrequently appears in persons of average or subnormal weight; it cannot be caused experimentally by overfeeding, and many obese persons



# DIABETES

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escape diabetes, even after gross overfeeding of long duration. Like infection, trauma and emotional stress, excessive food intake and obesity must be considered precipitating rather than primary causes. Factors such as these probably tip the balance toward diabetes in persons previously susceptible to the disease for other, more fundamental reasons."

Heredity is a definite predisposing factor. It can be said that if both parents have diabetes, all offspring may be expected to become diabetic if they live long enough. If one parent has diabetes and the other does not come from a diabetic family, none of the children will have diabetes, although some may carry it to the next generation by marrying into another diabetic family. Two parents who are carriers may be expected to produce diabetes in one child out of four. If one parent is diabetic and the other a carrier, half of their children may be diabetic. There is a tendency for the disorder to appear about twenty years earlier on the average in each succeeding generation. The course of diabetes apparently begins about the time of birth, no matter how late in life it is recognized.

Further facts brought out by Doctor Colwell are the following: "The earlier in life the diabetes appears the more rapidly the need for insulin increases. During the first few years after its recognition it tends to improve temporarily, probably as a result of treatment. For this reason it is important to recognize it early and treat it meticulously. Temporary improvement could become permanent if mild diabetes were taken as seriously as severe diabetes. After ten years or more of known existence there are indications that it may show progressive and permanent improvement." Dr. Howard F. Root and associates of the New England Deaconess Hospital also emphasize the importance of the adequate treatment of diabetes as follows: "Severe diabetes always begins as a mild case, but it does not follow that mild cases must progress through the moderate to the severe stage. It is largely the lack of any treatment or the improper use of insulin, diet and exercise which causes the progression of the disease. Realism bids

us remember that the mild case seen to-day may be the gangrene, the carbuncle, or the coma case of to-morrow."

A long continued inadequate diet with great weight loss, in an effort to avoid the use of insulin, is fraught with grave danger, as many unfortunate experiences have shown. Vascular (blood vessel) complications of diabetes, including impairment in vision, usually develop within twenty years of the onset. Dr. Priscilla White of Boston found that eight per cent of her juvenile diabetic patients were absolutely free from vascular degeneration after twenty years. These were among her most meticulously controlled patients. The life expectancy of the diabetic since 1929 has been increased from two thirds to

three fourths that of the general population.

The American Diabetic Association is planning for mass surveys and promotes the policy of a urine test for everyone every year. Tests are particularly important in relatives of diabetics, obese individuals, adults over forty, and individuals who feel below par. Tests are best made within ninety minutes of a full meal. In a doubtful case a blood-sugar test must be done. As the saying goes, "Someone in your family may have diabetes, it may be you."

As for the prevention of diabetes, a simple diet, with emphasis on natural foods, and restriction of sugar and other concentrated carbohydrates, abstemiousness, and adequate exercise are most conducive to health.

*The failure of the pancreatic gland, in whole or in part, causes diabetes. The discovery of "insulin," however, provides a way of life to the diabetic sufferer.*



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# God's Way of Salvation

(This is Pastor Flynn's Bible Quiz. After you have studied the lesson, see if you can answer the questions.)

1. Draw a line through the false statements:
  - a. Sin made a breach and fixed a gulf between God and man.
  - b. The plan of salvation was an afterthought to God.
  - c. The Father did not suffer with His Son as He died upon the cross.
2. Give the text which first made known to man the plan of salvation.
3. Why did God not destroy sin and sinners immediately?
4. What object lesson did God use to portray the plan of salvation?
5. Fill in the following blanks: "The sacrificial offerings \_\_\_\_\_ to be to man a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ of his sin, and a confession of his faith \_\_\_\_\_"
6. List the five names which Isaiah applies to Christ: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_
7. What did David foretell in the Psalms?
8. What did Daniel foretell?
9. What does the name Jesus mean?
10. Can you truly and with good conscience write your name in the following blanks? "He was wounded for \_\_\_\_\_ transgressions, He was bruised for \_\_\_\_\_ iniquities; the chastisement of \_\_\_\_\_ peace was upon Him; and with His stripes \_\_\_\_\_ is healed."
11. Write false or true after the following statements:
  - a. Jesus died that He might destroy him that had the power of death.
  - b. Because of Jesus' temptations He is better able to help us.
  - c. The violators of God's law are free from its condemnation.
12. What is Jesus' work at the present time?
13. What is the great commission?
14. Into how many languages has the Bible been translated?

SUPPOSE the last great day had dawned, and you and I could stand at the end of the road and look back over the paths we have travelled through life. What do you think are the things that would make us glad? Do you think we would sense the danger of shortsightedness?

Things will certainly look different to us in that great day of the Lord's advent. Then only the supreme things in life will count. All else will be dross. The sceptre will fall from the ruler's hand. The fame of the great will vanish away. The atom bomb will be powerless. The farmer's deed to his broad, fertile acres will be worthless. Mansions and hovels alike will become heaps of ruin. Jewel-decked garments and filthy rags will perish together. Worldly pleasure will come to a sad, sudden and tragic end.

There will be a great prayer meeting when the grey dawn of that great day shall streak the heavens—the biggest the world has ever known, and the saddest, too! In that meeting there will be no caste. Rich and poor, learned and ignorant, famous men and obscure toilers, will mingle their tears and their sighs of bitter regret because of their shortsightedness. Too late they learned to appreciate the *supreme* things in life. Too late! The last prayer will have been answered; the last name written in heaven's Book of Life; the last sinner saved! In bitter agony of soul they cry, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

But what are the supreme things in life? What are the things that will give us joy at the end of the way and ensure to us an eternal life of genuine happiness? Not position, not wealth, not power, not fame, not pleasure! Oh, no. The value of these depends on the use we make of them. When we reach the end of the way, we shall not find joy in being able to say: "Our family owned the finest auto and the only airplane in our community; I dressed better than any of my friends; I read every 'best seller' each year; my musical accomplishments made others green with envy; I had a better education and a better position than any of my associates."

Neither these nor hundreds of other distinctions for which many are striving to-day are the supreme things in life—not the accomplishments that will bring joy at the end of the road. More than thirty years ago an incident occurred to which the hand of memory has been pointing all these years. It has been a sort of red lantern before my eyes. I was living in Canon City, Colorado. One day when the long passenger train,

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# LOOK AHEAD

No. 5, pulled into the station, the flagman was seen helping a sick man off the train. He wished to get a breath of fresh air. Being too faint to stand, he lay down on the platform. But, alas! In a few seconds he was dead. In his pocket was a ticket from New York to Los Angeles. I learned no particulars; but ever as I recall the incident, the two words "Too late" keep ringing in my ears. Poor man! He never reached his goal. He started too late. But infinitely more sad, infinitely more tragic, is the experience of the traveller on life's highway who starts too late for the true goal of life, the supreme things, the things that mean eternal happiness!

The apostle Paul started for the wrong goal and was racing headlong toward ruin. He was giving his life to the destruction of the early

Christians. But when Paul met Jesus on the way to Damascus, he became a changed man. The scales fell from his eyes. He saw his mistake and repented of his wrong course. Henceforth his one question was "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" God controlled his life and he thus lived for the supreme things. Nor did he ever regret that decision!

Hear Paul exclaim: "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ."

There were persecutions and many other hardships for Paul to endure. But he never turned back. He never regretted his decision to live for Christ and the supremely important things in life. Writing to Timothy from the prison in Rome, Paul as-

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sured the younger worker that his confidence in God was unshaken. Said he, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

And that blessed assurance never grew dim to Paul. Sweeter and sweeter grew his communion with Jesus as they walked together. Brighter and brighter grew his hope; stronger and stronger waxed his faith; and deeper and deeper became the peace of God that filled his heart, till the executioner's axe ended a life that had been lived for God and for the salvation of men.

He was a hero of the cross. He died a conqueror. One of his biographers gives us this glimpse of his last moments: "Even the hardened soldiers who attended him, listened to his words, and with amazement saw him cheerful and even joyous in the prospect of death. To some who witnessed his martyrdom, his spirit of forgiveness toward his murderers and his unwavering confidence in Christ till the last, proved a savour of life unto life. More than one accepted the Saviour whom Paul preached."

Just before his execution he left a message for men to ponder till the close of time. Many have read it and determined to follow Paul. The scales have fallen from their eyes too. No longer are they shortsighted! No longer are they blinded by the fleeting things of this life. Unflinching they press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. And now here is Paul's dying message:

"I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."



*The Christian cannot, must not, be shortsighted. His is the long-range view of life and events. He looks ahead, not to the cessation of life, but to an eternity to come.*





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# ORDINARY PEOPLE

By Martha E. Warner

Contentment with godliness is said to be great gain. If you are being a good husband or wife, father or mother, you are perhaps doing exactly what the Lord wants you to do.

IT WAS a friend who set my thoughts racing along the line of talents and ordinary people. She had been telling me about her neighbours: one a painter, one an author, one a musician. But she finished with, "All of them can do *something*, but I can do nothing." It seems that she had been to an art gallery where some of her friends had paintings on exhibition. And she felt she wanted to do *something* that would win for her recognition.

I suggested that she keep right on doing the things she had been doing; that is, being a good wife and mother. She was helping her neighbour who was ill, and caring for a tired mother that this mother might get a few hours' rest. But all these things, she averred, were simply *nothing*. She wanted to do something great.

However, when I called her attention to what the Saviour had said about a cup of cold water given in His name constituting an act of kindness of great magnitude, she shrugged her shoulders and said she had to "hurry home."

As I watched her go down the street I thought, how human we poor mortals are, not satisfied to make use of the talents God has given us, but ever reaching out for those we think would suit us better, but which God knows would spoil our lives.

Then my thoughts took me back to

the third floor of the Peabody Museum here in New Haven, Connecticut, where there is an enclosure containing a case of rather ordinary mineral specimens. With a snap of a switch, the place is dark and a tube hidden in the top of the case begins to send forth ultraviolet rays, which cause the minerals to glow with almost indescribable beauty, a thing which science is unable to explain.

As I watched those rainbow colours, I was thrilled with the thought that ordinary people, the one-talent folk, who faithfully go about doing their work so quietly that the world is not even cognizant of their existence, will on the new earth be touched with the ultraviolet rays of God's Holy Spirit, and will glow with greater intensity, greater beauty and brilliance than the ordinary mineral specimens I saw in the museum.

While I know God recognizes the work of the great people of the world, I know also that He recognizes the work of ordinary people, for did He not leave for us the story of the poor widow who cast into the treasury her two mites, which in the eyes of the Saviour was more than all they which had cast into the treasury.

Why not read that story, friend of mine? It is found in the latter part of the twelfth chapter of Mark and it is written especially for the people who think they can do *nothing*.