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--Luke 8:10

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"How Great Thou Art"

IN THE fields of science 1965 has been an eventful year. The discovery of "blue galaxies" in the heavens gave rise to speculations as to the manner in which the universe was created. Photographs of Mars have stimulated great interest in that planet, particularly as to whether or not it is the home of intelligent creatures similar to man. Close-up pictures of the moon have also been attained. Then there was the announcement by another group of scientists that they are on the verge of discovering how to create synthetic life.

Surely the scientists have made much progress in discovering the laws that govern the universe of which this earth is a part. It was this knowledge that enabled them to guide the Mariner IV rocket through 135 million miles in space, and pass by Mars close enough to take pictures. These facts of science cannot be denied. The difficulty is that deductions and guesses are built sometimes upon facts and sometimes upon half-facts and the general public is unable to make a distinction between what the scientists actually know, and what are false conclusions.

Without doubt blue galaxies have been seen in the far reaches of the heavens. This, shall we say, is a fact; but the new theory of creation built upon this fact is a guess. This theory is that the universe is not continually expanding, as once thought, but is pulsating, having started from a tremendous central explosion millions of years ago, and has now reached its maximum expansion and has begun to recede. This recession, the theory suggests, will continue for the necessary billions of years, until all the heavenly bodies come close enough together to collide in a "big bang" which will destroy everything. Then the process will start over again.

As believers in the inspiration of the Bible, we rejoice in the actual findings of the scientists, for they always help to enhance our appreciation of God, the great Creator of all; but we do not need to be concerned about their guesses, particularly if they are out of harmony with the Bible, which is the case in connection with the "big bang" theory of cosmogony. This theory calls for the ultimate destruction of the earth and also of man, whom God created to live forever on the earth. The Bible tells us that God did not create the earth in vain, but formed it to be inhabited; and we believe that as a result of the thousand-year reign of Christ the earth will yet be inhabited fully, not by a sinful dying race, but by a race restored to human perfection, enabled to live forever.—Isa. 45:18

God's Glory in the Heavens

To believers, which include many scientists, the design and immensity of God's creation as seen in the heavens is a great stimulus to faith. The Psalmist David wrote, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork." (Ps. 19:1) The galaxy of which our sun is a part is estimated to contain 30 to 100 billion stars, and there are innumerable millions of such galaxies. It is estimated that we can see only 3,000 stars with the naked eye. Such was the number of stars that scientists estimated in Christ's time. But the earlier testimony of the Bible was nearer the truth—"The host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured."—Jer. 33:22

It is impossible for us to grasp the idea of millions and billions. A simple illustration has been used to convey the thought of a billion. Should we pile a billion one-dollar bills on top of each other, and press them well together, the stack would reach sixty-four miles into the air. We measure heavenly space by light years. A light year is the distance light will travel in a year, at the speed of 186,000 miles per second. Through radio astronomy scientists know that there are galaxies 20 to 30 billion light years away. Even with the dollar bill illustration this distance is beyond our comprehension.

Our nearest star, Alpha Centauri, is only four light years away. A capsule traveling 17,500 miles an hour would require 153,000 years to reach this star. A radio signal will travel around the earth in a fraction of a second, but it required more than eight minutes for similar signals to reach the earth from Mariner IV when it was in the vicinity of the planet Mars, which is said to be 135 million miles from the earth.

The Sun's Power

By controlled nuclear fusion scientists today are able to destroy all life on the earth; and they are able also to use this power in almost unlimited ways for the good of man. The sun is a seething mass of nuclear fusion which is controlled in a remarkable manner. Our orbit around it is, in speed and distance away, just right to make possible life on the earth as we know it. The earth's speed of rotation is approximately 1,000 miles per hour. If it were only 100 miles per hour our days and nights would be ten times as long, and the heat of the sun would preclude the growing of vegetation, and the long nights would produce temperatures unendurably cold.

It is the Creator's design in the controlled nuclear energy of the sun that makes the earth such a wonderful place on which to live. Without its all-pervading power all the wonderful things which many attribute to nature could not exist. Every ocean, sea, and river would be frozen solid; even the air itself would fall over them as a shroud of solid matter.

This would mean that not only human life, but no life could be brought into being. All our five senses would be nonexistent. There would be no sight, no hearing, no smelling no sense of touch or taste. There would be no clouds and no rain would fall, and no river could flow. There could be no radio, no television, and no telegraph could function. There could be no lightning, nor could fire be kindled. Nor could the other heavenly bodies be seen, were it not that in their orbiting they intercept and reflect the light of our wonderful sun, the greatest of all examples of controlled nuclear energy.

Our Earth

Think of the marvelous design of the Creator in connection with man's home, the earth. Three thousand years ago Job said that God "hath set the earth upon nothing." (Job 26:7) Isaiah spoke of "the circle of the earth." (Isa. 40:22) Our earth is an orb approximately 8,000 miles in diameter, and is twisting and turning upon its axis like a spinning gyroscopic top. Because of God's design of gravitation's unfelt but inflexible pull, birds, airplanes, automobiles, and men can safely travel on and above its surface. It is gravitation that also keeps our earth in its proper relationship to the rest of the universe, and this is done in absolute silence, and without friction, without strain, without jar or shock, yet the earth is projected through space at unbelievable speeds.

Isaiah 40:22 informs us that God "sitteth upon the circle of the earth" and "stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in." During our space age we have become especially aware of the "tent" about our earth in which man dwells. In our day man has been thrust by rocket to the edge of our "tent," and beyond, and we now know that it is possible to escape the gravitational pull of the earth.

When our astronauts circle the earth in the outer fringe of atmosphere, great preparation must be made to supply a proper environment for them. Space suits are designed to provide pressure and warmth, in addition to the space ship itself with its oxygen supply, heat shield, and lights. Compare man's tiny space ship with the earth twisting through space with a rotational speed of 1,000 miles an hour, and at the same time circling the sun at about 66,000 miles an hour.

As we travel with the earth on this twisting turning trip we are unmindful of the motions, and the "tent" of atmosphere provides our needed outside pressure. It also provides warmth and light through the reproduction of sunlight. It also becomes our heat shield, and devours possibly harmful meteors from outer space.

The Earth Watered

The earth's circulatory system of moisture, so much taken for granted, is a source of wonder. Through God's design, and beyond our comprehension, the sun draws water from the oceans of earth, and the clouds thus formed flow generally noiselessly through the sky to the land masses. Winds to propel these clouds are formed by the earth's rotational movement. Also breezes and winds develop because of the difference in heat retention, and reflection of the earth and sea. The precious cargo of the clouds is dropped on the mountains and plains, and after watering the gardens of man, reaches the rivers to search out the sea again, and hence continue the life-giving cycle.

Thus it is that the Lord, in his abundant mercy, supplies his creatures with "meat in due season." Without this watering system God's provision for his living creatures here on earth would come to naught. God said, "Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so." (Gen. 1:29, 30) How could one logically believe that the tree, bush, grain, flower, grass, moss, and plant life which live by the nutriment of soil and water, and reproduce in kind, are not the skillful design of an all-wise Creator?

The Lower Animals

The lower animals and birds give evidence of a Creator who designed within them certain instincts, without which they would perish. The squirrel hordes its food for the winter. The lowly bat uses sound waves to fly its tortuous route in the caverns of darkness. Flocks of geese and other birds fly south when the long shadows of winter approach, and in the spring return unerringly to the place from which they started. The homing pigeon, cooped up, and taken far from home, when released,

rises into the sky and in a short time streaks, by instinct, to the place from which it came. Salmon and other fish, spawned in rivers far inland, make their way to the oceans, and when sufficiently matured to reproduce, find their way back to the exact locations from which they originally came.

The Human Species

We could properly speak of man as God's masterpiece among the creatures of earth. He was created in the image of God, not needing to be guided by instinct, but able to reason and to plan. It has been suggested that instinct is like a single note, but the human brain with its ability to reason contains all the notes of all the instruments in an orchestra.

Man is the one being that can plan for centuries. He can fashion from the stores of earth's materials and minerals complex skyscrapers. He can soar on wings of his own making, higher and faster than any bird. With ease he can traverse sea and land. With his specially designed intellect and powers of reasoning he can "see" deeper than any microscope, and farther than any telescope. He can compute the miles to the moon, sun, and stars. He can measure the heat of the sun, the cold of the moon. He can search out and record the elements which make up our earth, sun, and the stars.

In man's design we can observe special provisions by God for his enjoyment. Man—as virtually all the lower animals—has been designed with senses which enable him to move about, forage and plant seed for food, and protect himself. These we speak of as the five senses—taste, touch, hearing, smelling, and seeing. While most lower animals possess these senses, because of man's better brain which enables him to reason and to store information, the stimuli received through his five senses are much more meaningful.

And in the design of man's senses, and his great brain capacity, we see a very loving provision of the Creator. In addition to his senses providing necessary contact with the world about him, God has provided man with some plus values which contribute immeasurably to his joy. When the cattle graze in

the meadow it appears to be an almost mechanical procedure, with the beasts unmindful of the beauty with which they are surrounded. We are told that animals are color blind. Dissection of their eyes does not reveal the chemical reaction necessary to perceive the wide diffusion of color.

We stand in the meadow, reacting to the beauty surrounding us in the sweep of the greenery, and the symmetry of the trees on the brow of the hill. We see the cloud-flecked sky, and at the close of day thrill to the beauty of the clouds when the setting sun for a time gives to them its colorful glory. We cannot understand why we react to the beauty of field and flower, hill, and sky, except to realize it is from God. He designed our eyes to see and enjoy the tint and tone of color which he has so lavishly splashed in vivid hues all about us. In this we see God's tender love for man.

And so, too, with the sense of hearing. In man there are built the faculties that respond to many sounds which bring special joy. There is the rhythmic lap of the ocean's waves, and the sigh of the zephyrs in the trees overhead. There is the happy sound of laughter. There are the sweet notes of the violin and other instruments, and the melody of voices blended in "The Hallelujah Chorus." There is the joyous sound of the babbling brook, and of the myriads of sweet-singing birds. There is almost no end to the happy sounds which bring joy to our hearts because the Creator has given us the sense of hearing, and an appreciation of the marvels of his creation.

The Psalmist wrote of God, "Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing." (Ps. 145:16) And with man how marvelous has been this provision. The food for cattle consists largely of the grass of the field. But for man the viands provided by the Creator are innumerable, having a wide range of taste, and prepared so delectably. A hostess presents food tastefully prepared and beautifully arranged. Think of some of God's tasty and beautiful preparations—the sweet orange, the deep-hued tangy plum, the crisp red apple, the grape, the peach, the pear.

And so with our other senses. How grand to feel the gentle breeze, the warmth of the sun, and the glowing, friendly hearth! We smell the fragrance of the rose as well as see its beauty. In the realm of feeling and smell we are daily provided with joys which should be telling us over and over again of the greatness and love of our Creator.

Why the Evil

Nature is wonderful, but it is only as we come to understand the loving plan of nature's God for the eternal happiness of his human creatures that we can know why so many things have apparently got out of hand, with the result that we are surrounded with so much that is evil, so much that contributes to human unhappiness. While, through our five senses we are made conscious of the Creator's marvelous abilities, and of his love for his human creation, those same five senses bring us overtones of evil, of pain, of decay, of strife. While our hearts thrill by appreciating the blessings with which we are surrounded, our eyes are filled with tears as we observe the travail of the suffering world, and sense that the seeds of death are working in our own bodies.

Why is this? The Bible alone answers, revealing that man, whom God created in his own image, transgressed his Creator's law, and brought upon himself and his progeny the condemnation of sin and death. While God continues to love his human creatures, he withdrew from them his life-giving favor, and, like a plant deprived of the sunlight, the human race is withering and dying. This has resulted in the world's being filled with suffering and death. The Bible reveals, however, that this condition will not continue forever. The Psalmist wrote that God's "anger endureth but a moment," and adds, "In his favor is life: weeping may endure for a night [margin, **in the evening**], but joy [margin, Heb. **singing**] cometh in the morning."—Ps. 30:5

The marginal translation, "weeping may endure in the evening," is revealing. The epochs of creation are referred to in Genesis, chapter 1, as "days," and the expression is used concerning each of these, "The evening and the morning." Man

was created in the "morning" of the sixth day. (Exod. 20:11) Then he transgressed divine law and in the "evening," or obscure beginning of the seventh day, or epoch of time, began to die. It will be in the morning period of the seventh day that joy and life will be restored to man. That will be the thousand-year period of the reign of Christ and his church.

Moses, in Psalm 90:3-7, confirms this. We read, "Thou turnest man to destruction, and sayest, Return, ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night." (vss. 3, 4) Then, presenting symbolically the idea of destruction, the sentence of death, Moses continues, "Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep; in the morning [of the sixth creative day] they are like grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening [of the seventh day] it is cut down, and withereth. For we are consumed by thy anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled."—vss. 5-7

But what joy it will be for the human race in the "morning" of the seventh "day" when the Lord says, "Return [from death], ye children of men." This bright hope thus expressed in beautiful figurative language is plainly stated by Paul in his well-known promise of the resurrection, when he wrote, "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." (I Cor. 15:21, 22) The world of mankind is to be made alive through Christ because he took the sinner's place in death and thus became the Redeemer and Savior of the world.

Thus seen, God's great plan for man did not get out of hand in the sense that he was taken by surprise and could not control the situation. It is simply that in his wisdom he permitted evil to reign for a while, in order that man might ultimately learn that the only true way to lasting peace, happiness, and life is through obedience to the laws of his Creator. With that lesson learned, there will be no more sorrow, no more pain, no more death. (Rev. 21:4) Then the glory of God will fill the earth as the waters cover the sea.

THE BIBLE ANSWERS TV SCHEDULE

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ARKANSAS

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San Jose KNTV-TV Channel 11
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MINNESOTA

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Asuncion
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URUGUAY

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Saturdays, 4:30 p.m.

ARIZONA

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Saturdays, 1:45 p.m.

CALIFORNIA

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FLORIDA

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TEXAS

Corpus Christi KCCT 1150 10:30 a.m.
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"Frank and Ernest"

BROADCAST SCHEDULE

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Phoenix	KUEQ	740	8:30 a.m.	KENTUCKY			
ARKANSAS				Bowling Green	WLB	1410	10:05 a.m.
Jonesboro	KBTM	1230	12:05 p.m.	Louisville	WAVE	970	8:15 a.m.
CALIFORNIA				Newport	WNOP	740	9:00 a.m.
Chico	KPAY	1060	10:35 a.m.	Winchester	WWKY	1380	10:30 a.m.
El Centro	KICO	1490	10:30 a.m.	MAINE			
Los Angeles	KBIG	740	10:30 a.m.	Bongor		WABI	910 12:00 noon
Napa	KVON	1440	10:35 a.m.	MASSACHUSETTS			
Redding	KVCV	600	7:45 a.m.	Marlboro	WSRO	1470	12:05 p.m.
Sacramento	KGMS	1380	8:30 a.m.	New Bedford	WBSM	1420	1:45 p.m.
San Diego	XERB	1090	9:45 a.m.	Orange	WCAT	1390	9:15 a.m.
San Francisco	KSAY	1010	9:45 a.m.	MICHIGAN			
Tulare-Visalia	KCOK	1270	10:35 a.m.	Detroit		CKLW	800 6:00 p.m.
COLORADO				Saginaw		WSGW	790 10:30 a.m.
Fort Collins	KZIX	600	10:05 a.m.	MINNESOTA			
Pueblo	KDZA	1230	10:05 a.m.	Duluth-Superior	WAKX	1480	12:15 p.m.
DELAWARE				Minneapolis		KQRS	1440 12:30 p.m.
Wilmington	WTUX	1290	10:15 a.m.	MISSISSIPPI			
FLORIDA				Biloxi		WLOX	1490 10:05 a.m.
Palatka	WSUZ	800	11:05 a.m.	Waynesboro		WABO	990 2:00 p.m.
Tampa	WFLA	970	9:30 a.m.	MISSOURI			
IDAHO				Joplin		WMBH	1450 6:05 p.m.
Lewiston	KRLC	1350	9:35 a.m.	Farmington		KREI	800 9:00 a.m.
Montpelier	KVSI		10:05 a.m.	Kansas City		KCMO	810 9:35 a.m.
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Chicago	WEAW	1330	10:00 a.m.	MONTANA			
LaSalle	WLPO	1220	9:45 a.m.	Miles City		KATL	1340 9:15 a.m.
West Frankfort	WFRX	1300	9:15 a.m.	NEBRASKA			
INDIANA				Grand Island		KRGI	1430 10:05 a.m.
Gary-Hammond	WJOB	1230	8:30 a.m.	NEW JERSEY			
Indianapolis	WIBC	1070	10:30 a.m.	Newark		WJRZ	970 9:30 a.m.
Muncie	WLBC	1340	8:45 a.m.	NEW MEXICO			
South Bend	WJVA	1580	11:35 a.m.	Silver City		KSIL	1340 10:05 a.m.

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New York	WJRZ	970	9:30 a.m.

NORTH CAROLINA

Beaufort	WBMA	1400	9:00 a.m.
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Leaksville	WLOE	1490	12:05 p.m.

OHIO

Akron-Canton	WHLO	640	7:45 a.m.
Cincinnati	WNOP	740	9:00 a.m.
Columbus	WBNS	1460	10:05 a.m.
Piqua	WPTW	1570	11:30 a.m.
Zanesville	WHIZ	1240	11:45 a.m.

OREGON

Astoria	KAST	1280	10:35 a.m.
Lebanon	KGAL	920	9:00 a.m.
Portland	KLIQ	1290	9:30 a.m.
The Dalles	KODL	1440	9:15 a.m.

PENNSYLVANIA

Allentown	WHOL	1600	10:45 a.m.
Connellsville	WCVI	1340	12:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh	WWVA	1170	9:30 a.m.
Pottstown	WPAZ	1370	8:30 a.m.
Scranton	WSCR	1320	10:00 a.m.
Wilkes-Barre	WBRE	1340	9:00 a.m.

PUERTO RICO

Aguadilla (Fri.)	WGRF	8:00	p.m.
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SOUTH DAKOTA

Yankton	KYNT	1450	11:05 a.m.
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TENNESSEE

Clinton	WYSH	1380	7:00 a.m.
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TEXAS

Lubbock	KDAV	580	9:45 a.m.
Pampa	KPDN	1340	12:00 p.m.
San Antonio	KBOP	1380	7:15 a.m.

Sherman-Dennison	KRRV	910	11:45 a.m.
Wichita Falls	KWFT	620	10:15 a.m.

UTAH

Brigham City	KBUH	9:05	a.m.
Logan	KLGN	9:05	a.m.
Salt Lake City	KSOP	1370	9:30 a.m.

VIRGINIA

Richmond	WLEE	1480	10:10 a.m.
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WASHINGTON

Bellingham	KPUG	1170	11:15 a.m.
Centralia-Chehalis	KELA	1470	10:35 a.m.
Olympia	KGy	1240	10:35 a.m.
Seattle	KAYO	1150	9:45 a.m.
Tacoma	KMO	1360	9:45 a.m.

WEST VIRGINIA

Wheeling	WWVA	1170	9:30 a.m.
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WISCONSIN

Fond du Lac	KFIZ	1450	11:05 a.m.
Janesville	WCLO	1230	11:05 a.m.
Milwaukee	WEMP	1250	8:45 a.m.
Nielsville	WCCN	1370	9:15 a.m.

WYOMING

Cheyenne	KVWO	1370	10:05 a.m.
Laramie	KLME	1490	9:05 a.m.

CANADA

Calgary, Alta.	CKXL	1140	9:00 p.m.
Corner Brook, Nfld.	CFCB	570	10:30 a.m.
Dauphin, Man.	CKDM	730	10:30 a.m.
Oshawa	CKLB	1350	9:45 a.m.
Prince Albert, Sask.	CKBI	900	10:30 a.m.
Vancouver	CKLG	730	9:00 a.m.
Winnipeg	CKY	580	7:15 p.m.

ENGLAND

Isle of Man	188m.	MANX	
		Fridays,	8:30 p.m.

NIGERIA

Enugu	ENBC	10:15	a.m.
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RADIO TOPICS FOR NOVEMBER

- 7—"Miracles of Healing"
14—"In the Days of these Kings"

- 21—"The Last Days"
28—"Paradise Restored"

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 7**Hannah**

MEMORY VERSE: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."—Proverbs 22:6

I SAMUEL 1:1, 2, 10, 11, 20-28

HANNAH was one of the two wives of Elkanah, but more importantly the mother of Samuel, one of the Lord's holy prophets, and the last judge to serve in Israel during the period of the judges. The custom of Elkanah was to go up each year to the house of the Lord which was in Shiloh. Hannah made these pilgrimages with her husband, and on the occasion mentioned in our lesson was very heavy of heart because she was childless.

She prayed to the Lord about this, and made a vow that if the Lord would give her a son she would dedicate him to the Lord's service. Hannah prayed very earnestly, but silently, and Eli, the priest, observing her from a distance, concluded that she was intoxicated. But Hannah denied this, and explained the situation to Eli, who sent her away with his blessing.

In due course the Lord answered

her prayer, and she gave birth to a son whom she named Samuel. This is another of the Old Testament miracles which the Lord performed for the accomplishment of his purposes. After Hannah had weaned the boy Samuel, she again went up to the house of the Lord in Shiloh and presented her son to Eli for him to use in the Lord's service as he saw fit. This was a fitting token of her appreciation to the Lord for enabling her to bear a son in answer to her prayer. Samuel, as we know, became an outstanding servant of the Lord.

Hannah's love for the Lord, and her appreciation of his greatness, are reflected in a prayer or hymn of thanksgiving recorded in I Samuel 2:1-10. She said, "My heart rejoiceth in the Lord; . . . my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies, because I rejoice in thy salvation. There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside thee, neither is there any rock like our God."—vss. 1, 2

Describing some of the works of the Lord, Hannah said, "The Lord killeth, and he maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up." (vs. 6) In the Garden of Eden, when our first parents disobeyed the divine law, they were sentenced to death, and their entire progeny came under this condemnation. But this is not the end of human experience. As Hannah reminds us, the Lord also maketh alive. He accomplishes this through Christ, the Redeemer and Savior of the world. Paul wrote, "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."—I Cor. 15:22

Amplifying the thought of death and the resurrection, Hannah said of the Lord that "he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up." Here the Hebrew word translated "grave" is *sheol*. This is the only word in the Old Testament which is translated "hell." It is translated "hell" thirty-one times, "grave" thirty-one times, and "pit" three times. It is descriptive of the only hell mentioned in the Old Testament. It literally means "the state or condition of death."

Both the Old and New Testaments assure us that the dead are to return from hell. This is what is involved in the resurrection of the dead. In Revelation 20:13 we read of the time when death and hell will deliver up the dead which are in them. This will be another outstanding miracle in the furtherance of God's loving plan of re-

demption and recovery of the human race from sin and death.

Our memory verse contains good advice for parents. A proper religious training for children is very important if they are to become good men and women. Samuel was dedicated to the Lord and his service by Hannah, but it was essential that Samuel, as he matured in years and experience, should concur in his mother's action to become the truly faithful servant of the Lord which he was. Without doubt this proper decision by Samuel was greatly influenced by the instruction and example of his godly mother and father.

Elkanah and Hannah continued to make their yearly pilgrimages to Shiloh to offer sacrifice to the Lord, and each year Hannah brought a little linen coat for Samuel to wear as he assisted Eli the priest. Her heart was with the boy, which emphasizes the great sacrifice she made in permitting her firstborn and miracle son to remain in Shiloh, where she could see him but once each year.

QUESTIONS:

Who was Hannah?

Relate the circumstances in connection with the birth of Samuel.

Explain Hannah's statement that the Lord killeth and maketh alive.

Is it important that parents give wholesome religious instruction to their children?

Jonathan

MEMORY VERSE: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."—John 15:13

I SAMUEL 20:12-17; 23:15-18

JONATHAN was the eldest son of King Saul. The name means "Jehovah given" (Strong) or "the gift of Jehovah." It is through his relations with David that Jonathan is chiefly known to us. These two men had a deep attachment for each other. So far as we know, Jonathan and David first became acquainted following David's slaying of the giant, Goliath, when he was taken into King Saul's house.

Shortly before this David had been anointed king of Israel in the place of Saul, although at the time it is doubtful if Saul knew this. However, because of David's great popularity with the people, Saul became insanely jealous of him, and sought to kill him. Jonathan, on the other hand, loved his father. The record indicates that they were almost constant companions. He was nearly always present at his father's meals.

This placed Jonathan in a difficult position, because he loved David also, and the hearts of the two were knit together. But despite the difficulties involved,

Jonathan's love for David continued, although he remained close to his father. During the time that Saul was seeking David's life, on every needful occasion Jonathan sent due warning to David of his father's plan, and thus helped David to escape the clutches of his jealous enemy.

Jonathan would ordinarily have been next in line to occupy the throne of Israel when his father died. However, it would seem that David, because of his friendship with Jonathan, had informed him that he, David, had been anointed by Samuel to be the king, and we find Jonathan quite reconciled to this, and willing to become second in the nation under David. But this situation did not materialize, for Jonathan was killed in battle with the Philistines at a time when the army of Israel, under Saul, was being put to flight, and Saul fell upon his sword, taking his own life.

We have in this relationship between Jonathan and David a noble example of friendship. Many in Jonathan's position would have

chosen between the father and David, but he did not. He remained loyal to both. And probably one reason for this was the fact that despite Saul's hatred of David, and his efforts to destroy him, David remained loyal to him, in the sense that he refused to do anything to injure the near-insane king. This was a quality of character which would call forth the respect and love of every right-thinking person.

In keeping with the sentiment expressed in our memory verse, Jonathan risked his life because of his great love for David. And while this is a marvelous example of what love accomplishes in the human heart, it is by no means the greatest example of love that is presented to us in the Bible. After saying to his disciples that no man hath greater love than that which is displayed in the sacrifice of life for his friends, Jesus continued, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." (vs. 14) One of the things which Jesus commanded his followers was that they should "love one another."—vs. 17

This means that we have the privilege of laying down our lives for the brethren. It also means that if we do not display a willingness to sacrifice our all, even life itself, on behalf of the brethren, and in the Lord's cause in general, we do not have a proper degree of love in our hearts. John wrote that we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.—I John 3:16

Love is a crowning characteristic in the outworking of every feature of the divine plan of salvation. It was the Heavenly Father's own love which motivated him to give "his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) Jesus, in turn, exemplified this same quality of unselfish love in his willingness to lay down his life for all mankind.

And while Jesus spoke of the great love manifested in willingness to lay down one's life for friends, he actually laid down his life, not only for his friends, but for his enemies also. Besides, he sacrificed his life under most trying circumstances. He was beaten, railed upon, and taunted by those who sought his life. They said, "He saved others; himself he cannot save." (Matt. 27:42; Mark 15:31) How little they realized that by refusing to save himself he was providing salvation for them, and for the whole world of mankind! Truly this was the greatest of all demonstrations of love.

QUESTIONS:

Who was Jonathan, and what does the name mean?

How is Jonathan best known to us?

How did Jonathan manifest his love for David?

What example of love greater than Jonathan's is presented to us in the Bible?

Naaman

MEMORY VERSE: "Without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."—Hebrews 11:6

II KINGS 5:1-5, 9-15

NAAMAN was a Syrian, and an outstanding warrior. He was "captain of the host of the king of Syria," and "a great man with his master." He was "honorable because by him the Lord had given deliverance [margin, or, **victory**] unto Syria." (vs. 1) The meaning of this last expression is obscure. However, there is an old tradition to which Smith's Bible Dictionary gives considerable credence; that it was Naaman's arrow which struck the deadly blow to King Ahab, who was an adversary of God as well as of Syria.

To most students of the Bible Naaman is best known as the Syrian captain who was cured of leprosy by the Prophet Elisha. The circumstances leading up to this miracle are interesting. It seems that Naaman was utilizing the services of a young Israelitish girl in his household as a slave. Her chief duty was waiting on Naaman's wife.

This young girl expressed the wish that her master, Naaman, could be with the prophet of the

Lord who was in Samaria, being assured that the prophet could heal him of his leprosy. This statement by the young girl reached the ears of Naaman, and he lost no time in having his servants take him to Elisha, and he took with him a suitable reward for the prophet in case he was cured.

Arriving at the home of Elisha, the prophet did not greet Naaman personally, but sent a servant to instruct him to go and wash in the river Jordan seven times. Naaman was annoyed with this reception. He expected that Elisha would appear before him, and go through some sort of ritual, and call upon the name of his God to cure his leprosy. To have a messenger instruct him to go and bathe in the Jordan was rather humiliating, and Naaman turned to go back to Syria.

But Naaman's servants reasoned with him, and he listened, and did as instructed by Elisha through his messenger, and his leprosy was cured. Naaman rejoiced, and was greatly impressed. Properly he gave credit to Israel's God, saying, "There

is no God in all the earth, but in Israel."—vs. 15

Naaman then offered Elisha the gifts he brought as a reward for this great favor. But Elisha refused to accept the gifts. Elisha considered it a privilege to serve his God, and to impart the blessings of his miracle-working power. His joy in the Lord was his reward.

We should not overlook the part played by the Hebrew captive girl who was serving in Naaman's household. Although surrounded by heathen worshippers, she took the opportunity to bear a testimony concerning the true God of Israel, and of his ability, through his prophet, Elisha, to cure leprosy. In keeping with our memory verse, her faith was rewarded.

In Bible times leprosy was considered an incurable disease. It is a very fitting symbol of sin, which from the human standpoint is also incurable. During Jesus' earthly ministry he miraculously healed all sorts of diseases, including leprosy, and thus illustrated the great restitution work of his kingdom.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin." (I Cor. 15:55, 56) The entire human race has been, so to speak, stung to death by sin, and is helpless to do anything about it. But God has made provision for the destruction of death. (Hos. 13:14) That provision is through Jesus, who took the sin-

ner's place in death, dying "the Just for the unjust."

Many miracles of healing are recorded in the Bible, both in the Old and the New Testament. The miracle-working power of God was also demonstrated through the awakening of a number who were asleep in death. The best known example of this is recorded in the 11th chapter of John—the awakening of Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary.

But the blessing of healing received by Naaman was only temporary, for in the end he died. This was true of all healed by Jesus, and by other ancient servants of God. Lazarus eventually went back into death again, as did the others recorded in the Bible who were awakened from the sleep of death. But this will not necessarily be true of those who are healed during the "times of restitution." (Acts 3:21) During that kingdom period those who are healed and restored to life will, if obedient, enjoy their health and life forever.

QUESTIONS:

Who was Naaman, and how did he learn about Elisha?

What is one of the purposes served by the miracles recorded in the Bible?

How and when will the malady of sin be destroyed?

How long will the subjects of the kingdom enjoy their health and life?

Amos

MEMORY VERSE: "But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream."—Amos 5:24

AMOS 7:12-15; 5:14, 15, 18-24

AMOS was one of the Lord's holy prophets. He was a native of Tekoa in Judah, which was about six miles south of Bethlehem. He was originally a shepherd and "dresser" of sycamore trees. As he explains, he was not originally a prophet, nor the son of a prophet. His statement in this connection may refer to the fact that he had never been associated with any of the groups known as "the sons of the prophets."—II Kings 2:3

At the time of Amos' ministry the nation of Israel was divided into two kingdoms. The northern kingdom was known as the kingdom of Israel, and the southern as the kingdom of Judah, and many times referred to simply as Israel and Judah. The territory of Israel was also known as Samaria.

The center of religious worship in Israel was Bethel, but heathen gods were almost exclusively the objects of worship. While Amos was a native of Judah, he was sent to deliver a message to Israel. His message was a forecast of the dire calamities which were to come

upon Israel, including their being taken away captive into Assyria.

Amaziah was the priest of Israel, serving at Bethel, and he implored Amos to desist from prophesying against Israel, and to return to Judah. But Amos continued to prophesy against Israel. He summed up the meaning of his message, saying, "Behold, the eyes of the Lord God are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the Lord."—ch. 9:8

"Hate the evil, and love the good," said Amos, "and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph." (ch. 5:15) These sentiments are similar to those expressed in our memory verse. While the Lord had made it plain that because of Israel's sin the nation was to be taken into captivity, a sincere turning to him even at this late date might well have caused the Lord to look favorably upon the people, in keeping with

the lesson he taught Jeremiah. See Jeremiah 18:6-8.

"Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord!" said Amos, "to what end is it for you? the day of the Lord is darkness, and not light." (vs. 18) Desiring "the day of the Lord" is evidently a reference to the desire of the people for the Lord to show his hand in their midst. Because of their idol worship and other sins, the Lord could only do this in terms of punishment for their wrongdoing, and this would bring woe upon them. This, indeed, is what did ultimately happen.

The expression, "the day of the Lord," is used in the Bible with respect to divine intervention in the affairs of men at the time of the Lord's second presence. The Prophet Joel wrote, "The day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand; a day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains." (Joel 2:1,2) The Apostle Paul expressed a similar prophetic thought. We quote: "Of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."—I Thess. 5:1-3

The "dark" day of the Lord which came upon Israel resulted in the destruction of the kingdom of Israel. Now this "day of the Lord" will result in the destruction of all the kingdoms of this world, and thus the way will be prepared for the full establishment of Messiah's kingdom. Then, all the people will have an opportunity to receive the long-promised blessings of that kingdom.

One of the prophetic evidences that Christ's kingdom is at the door is presented in Amos's prophecy. It pertains to the regathering of Israel to the Promised Land. He wrote, "I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord God."—ch. 9:14, 15

QUESTIONS:

Who was Amos?

Explain the circumstances under which he served as the Lord's prophet.

What does the expression, "day of the Lord" imply?

What is one of the evidences that we are now approaching the full establishment of the kingdom of Christ?

The Objective of Our Lord's Return

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began."—Acts 3:19-21

TO THE brethren of the Early Church the return of Christ was anticipated as that feature in God's great plan of salvation which would solve all the problems of fallen humanity, and mark the fruition of their own blessed hope of living and reigning with Christ in the long-promised messianic kingdom. The truth concerning our Lord's return was presented on all suitable occasions, and related to the subject involved. We have an example of this in Peter's well-known sermon on "restitution."

What is "restitution"? As a word, it means essentially the same thing as the word "restoration." If a man stole a watch from another he could make restitution by restoring the watch. As Peter used this word in his sermon, the reference is to the restoration of health and life. Peter's sermon was the outgrowth of the miracle in which a man lame from his birth was restored to health. After the sermon was finished, the religious rulers of Israel were "grieved that they [Peter and John] taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead."—Acts 3:1-18; 4:2

The "times of restitution," Peter declared, had been spoken by the mouth of all God's holy prophets since the world began. Many and eloquent are the forecasts of the prophets concerning

the blessed time in the plan of God when health and life will be vouchsafed to the people. The lame will walk, the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the dumb will speak. "The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: . . . and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."—Isa. 35:5-10

Men's selfish and stony hearts will be exchanged for hearts of flesh, and the divine law will be written in their inward parts. (Jer. 31:31-34; Ezek. 11:19, 20; 36:26, 27) Death will be swallowed up in victory, and tears will be wiped away. (Isa. 25:6-9; Rev. 20:4) The work of restitution will be accomplished by the mediatorial kingdom of Christ; that kingdom which will establish universal and lasting peace; that kingdom which will enlighten the people concerning the will of God, and enforce his will, subduing all enemies of God and of righteousness, and destroying man's great enemy Death.—I Cor. 15:25, 26

Not Then

The apostles, in their limited understanding of God's plan prior to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, expected that Jesus would at once begin to fulfil these restitution promises. Their belief in this would be strengthened by the fact that Jesus did heal the sick and raise the dead. They did not then understand that it was necessary for Jesus to die to redeem man from death, giving his life for the life of the world, ere he could commence the actual work of restitution.

Toward the close of Jesus' earthly ministry the disciples seemed vaguely to understand that he was about to leave them, so they went to him on "the Mount of Olives" and asked concerning the time of his return, and the signs which would accompany it. According to a correct translation of their question, they asked, "What shall be the sign of thy presence, and of the end of the age" (Matt. 24:3) They had not accepted Jesus as their Messiah because of his physical appearance. There was nothing in the Old Testament Scriptures to indicate the personal appearance of the Messiah. They had recognized

Jesus by the signs which accompanied his presence and ministry; they assumed that it would again be so when he returned, and Jesus' reply to their question indicated that they were correct in their assumption.

Indeed, on this point the disciples were more nearly correct than they realized at that time, for then they did not know that Jesus would not return as a human, but as a divine being, quite invisible to human eyes. They were not prepared to understand this, for as yet they did not realize that Jesus was about to sacrifice his humanity as a substitute for Adam in death, and consequently for all of Adam's offspring. Since Jesus was to be invisible to human eyes, even as God is invisible, the only way his presence could be recognized was through signs—signs which Jesus indicated to be the peculiar conditions then prevalent in the earth and among his own people.

In response to the apostles' question, Jesus described a number of signs. One of these is presented in Matthew 24:27. We quote the Emphatic Diaglott translation: "For as the lightning emerges from the east, and shines to the west, so will be the presence of the Son of man." In Psalm 97:4 we read that God's "lightnings enlightened the world." It is evident that Jesus also used lightning as a symbol of enlightenment, even as did the Psalmist, and thus revealed that his second presence would result in a world-wide diffusion of knowledge.

In Daniel 12:4, which is descriptive of conditions in "the time of the end," we are told that there would be a great increase of knowledge, and that there would be much running to and fro in the earth. It has been given to our generation to witness in large degree the fulfilment of this promise. One means of travel which has come out of this increase of knowledge has been the automobile. It may well be the automobile that is referred to in Nahum 2:3, 4, which reads, "The chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken. The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against

another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings."

Preparation

The prophet identified the time of the fulfilment of this prophecy as the day of the Lord's "preparation." We think that this is an important word in connection with our day, for the events taking place around us are in preparation for the ultimate purpose of our Lord's return—the full establishment of his kingdom. The world-wide diffusion of knowledge leading to the production and use of all the myriad inventions which have so changed the lives of millions in this "time of the end," is first of all leading to a "time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation." (Dan. 12:1) At the same time it is preparing the people to receive and to rejoice in the blessings of Messiah's kingdom. In the kingdom it will not only be secular knowledge that will fill the earth, but also a knowledge of the Lord and of his glory.—Isa. 11:9; 40:5

Household Enlightened

Another sign of the Master's second presence is presented in Luke 12:37, which reads, "Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them." Food is used in the Scriptures as a symbol of truth pertaining to God's will for his people and his plan for the world. Thus in this promise by Jesus we see that one of the things he would do when he returned would be to make known precious truths to his people, referred to as "meat in due season."—Matt. 24:45

Jesus said "blessed" are those servants who have the opportunity of participating in this feast of truth. In Daniel's prophecy concerning "the time of the end," he refers to this blessedness. He wrote, "Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days." (Dan. 12:12) While we will not here present the details, we believe that the time measurement referred to in this

prophecy pointed to the year 1874 as the time when the foretold special blessing would come to the Lord's people, a blessing which Jesus described as resulting from the receiving of "meat in due season" from the returned Lord.

It was at that time that the great feast of truth which we are enjoying so much today began to be dispensed through "that servant" to those who were faithfully watching for, and attendant upon, our Lord's return. Among the items made clear is the great truth concerning the one true God, in contrast with a trinity of gods; that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, not God himself. And how precious is the knowledge that in addition to the glorious hope of a heavenly reward for the church, God has earthly blessings for all mankind, blessings of restitution foretold by all his prophets.

The Harvest

Matthew 24:31 reads, "And he shall send his angels, . . . and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." This also is part of Jesus' reply to his disciples concerning the signs of his second presence. Here Jesus reveals that he would at that time be the Chief Reaper to direct a world-wide gathering of his people, his chosen ones.

The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares throws further light on this point. (Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43) It also describes a gathering of the Lord's people at the end of the age who are referred to in the parable as "the children of the kingdom." We believe that this gathering has been going on since the beginning of our Lord's second presence. It is accomplished by the dissemination of the precious truths which the returned Lord has continued to serve to his people.

This is another preparatory work for the kingdom in which "the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings." (Mal. 4:2) Explaining what is meant in the parable by the gathering of the "wheat" into the "barn," Jesus said, "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father."

These will, in effect, be a part of the great Sun of Righteousness which will heal and restore mankind to life during the "times of restitution of all things." We all look forward to our gathering into the Lord's "barn," that exalted heavenly condition in which we will live and reign with Christ a thousand years.—Rev. 20:4, 6

Servants Rewarded

In the Parable of the Pounds another feature of the Master's work at his return is set forth. (Luke 19:12-26) It is the work of reckoning with his servants to whom he had given the "pounds," and giving them their rewards. This reckoning does not take place in heaven, but on the earth, even as is true with respect to the serving of "meat in due season." It is a further work of preparation for the kingdom, since the reward given to those who had been faithful in the use of the pounds was the privilege of exercising kingdom authority.

In Matthew 19:28 this exercise of authority is symbolized as sitting upon thrones. We quote: "And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." The time when Jesus sits upon the throne of his glory is again mentioned in Matthew 25:31, 32. This is the introduction to The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats, a parable which also portrays the judgment of the people, and the restoration of the obedient to that which was lost when sin entered the Garden of Eden. It is, in other words, a restitution parable.

The introductory words to this latter parable read, "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations." This coming of the Son of man in his glory is not another coming, but a further aspect of his return and second presence—the restitution aspect of the parable. When this phase of his coming takes place his holy

angels, or messengers—those who have followed him into death and have been raised from the dead in the first resurrection—will be with him.

Saints Glorified

Many are the promises assuring the footstep followers of the Master that in the resurrection they share his heavenly glory, and will reign with him to judge and bless the world. Jesus said to his apostles and those who believed on him through them, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go . . . I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." (John 14:2, 3) This harmonizes with I Thessalonians 4:16, 17, which we quote: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

There is much symbolic language in this prophecy. Meeting the Lord "in the air" is part of it. This signifies meeting him in the spiritual realm. We wish to call special attention to the fact that according to this prophecy all those throughout the age who proved worthy are caught up in the first resurrection essentially at the time of our Lord's return. They thus receive their reward. These do not need "meat in due season" upon which to feast and grow spiritually. They are now complete in him in heavenly glory. There is no need to reckon with these, for they have already demonstrated their zeal for the Lord and for his work.

And Paul adds, "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them." It is those who are "alive and remain" after the Lord returns to whom the "meat in due season" is served. These are eventually exalted to be together with the Lord; that is, after they have made their calling and election sure. The Greek word here translated "together" is used again by Paul in the next chapter, where, in exhorting a close walk with the Master, he says, "Who died for us, that,

whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him."

A Mystery

IN Paul's masterful presentation of the doctrine of the resurrection he refers again to those who are "alive" when the Lord returns, and who "remain" in the flesh until they have proved their worthiness of living and reigning with him. In his letter to the Thessalonians he associates the coming of the Master with the "trump of God," and in his message to the Corinthian brethren he also mentions this "trump." We quote: "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So, when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"—I Cor. 15:50-55

The "mystery" Paul here refers to is the fact that at the sounding of the last symbolic trump, when the Lord returns and those who sleep in him are raised, those who remain, and are later changed, will not need to sleep in death as did all the saints throughout the age. The kingdom is then in the process of being established, and an important part of the work of establishing the messianic kingdom is the resurrection and exaltation of those who will live and reign with Christ, for, as Paul declares, "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God." "Flesh and blood" could not inherit the kingdom at the beginning of the age, nor can flesh and blood inherit the kingdom now. All must be "changed," and when they are, then shall be brought to fulfilment all those wonderful promises of restitution, which will mean that death will be swallowed up in victory.—Isa. 25:8

This transition period at the close of the age, when the old world of Satan is passing away, and when the kingdom is being prepared which will govern the new world, is again referred to in Revelation 14:13-19. This follows the return of the Master, and we read, "Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."—vs. 13

This was not true of the saints throughout the age, but it is true now. The following verses describe a work of harvest, supervised by One who sits "upon a cloud," which is evidently our returned Lord. This One "like unto the Son of man" has both a sickle and a golden crown, indicating that he returned to be the Chief Reaper in the harvest which is the end of the age, and also, as King, to establish his kingdom. This harvest work includes the harvest of "the vine of the earth" in the great time of trouble.

This twofold harvest work is portrayed in The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares as the harvesting of the wheat, and the gathering into bundles and burning of the tares. As we have noted, it is not until the wheat are gathered into the "barn" that the "children of the kingdom" "shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father." How beautifully all these various prophecies harmonize as they set forth the progressive work of the returned Lord.

"These Kings"

Daniel 2:31-44 presents a prophecy pertaining to the kingdoms of this world, and the Lord's kingdom, which is very revealing. Again, we must be brief, but we understand that the ten toes of the image which Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream illustrate the divisions of the old Roman Empire as they existed up to 1914. We understand that it was then the due time in the plan of God for the destruction of those kingdoms to begin, and that this work of destruction would continue until all the selfish institutions of men would be demolished, and Messiah's kingdom fully established.

It is this that is referred to in verse 44, which reads, "In the

days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." We have witnessed the beginning of the breaking to pieces, but this work is to continue until all the kingdoms of this world are completely consumed.

In this prophecy it is "the God of heaven" who sets up the messianic kingdom, but he uses Jesus, the returned Lord, to accomplish this. When Jesus was raised from the dead he announced that all power had been given to him in heaven and in in earth. (Matt. 28:18) He has used this power throughout the age in caring for his followers. He is using it still in this way, feeding his people with "meat in due season." He is using it to conduct the harvest, which is the end of the age. And since he is pictured as having a crown on his head at the time of his return, we can conclude that he is using his power in this day of preparation for the overthrow of Satan's empire.

It is this that is referred to in Revelation 11:17, 18, where we are told that the Lord takes unto himself his great power and reigns. Then the nations become angry, and the Lord's wrath is upon them. This period in his plan is called the day of his wrath. It is called the day of Jehovah because, though Christ, with royal title and power, is present as Jehovah's representative, taking charge of all the affairs during this day of trouble, it is more as the general of Jehovah, subduing all things, than as The Prince of Peace, blessing all.

Doubtless the resurrected saints on the other side of the veil are participating in this work. Indeed, there are scriptures which clearly indicate that before the kingdoms of this world are completely destroyed and consumed, all the Lord's true followers will be with him in glory, and thus all will have an opportunity to participate in this work. "This honor have all his saints," the Psalmist wrote. (Ps. 149:7-9) Again, in Revelation 2:26, 27 we read, "He that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the

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end, to him will I give power over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father." (Ps. 2:8, 9) None but the overcomers will have this honor.

Divine Intervention

This harmonizes with what Jesus said concerning the "great tribulation" which would be one of the signs of his second presence. (Matt. 24:21, 22) He said that this tribulation would be so severe that unless it was shortened all flesh would be destroyed. This tribulation is permitted by Jehovah as a means of destroying the selfish institutions of earth, governmental and otherwise, but Jesus assured us that it would be cut short before the human race was destroyed.

The divine intervention which will bring about the end of the great tribulation will be accomplished by God's "elect," or chosen ones. Jesus, primarily, is God's elect One, but associated with him will be all his true followers, those who have overcome and thus have proved worthy to share his rulership in the heavenly phase of his kingdom. These are also God's "elect." (I Pet. 1:2) Not any of these will be with Jesus in the rulership of his kingdom until they have made their calling and election sure. And under the leadership of their Head, their first work in the kingdom will be to carry out the divine command to halt the time of trouble, and to dash the remnants of the nations to pieces like a potter's vessel.—Ps. 2:9; 46:10

These will then be sitting with Jesus on the throne of his glory. Together with him they will initiate the work of judgment outlined in The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats. (Matt. 25:31-46) This day of judgment, ushered in when the Son of man comes in his glory, and his holy messengers with him, will also be the period which ultimately will lead to the complete restoration of man to that which was lost. Then the Lord will say to the obedient ones, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."—vs. 34

The Apostle Peter indicated that the day of judgment would be a thousand years in length. (II Pet. 3:7, 8) In the 20th chapter of Revelation we are assured that those who are faithful unto death will live and reign with Christ a thousand years, and in this chapter we also have the work of judgment portrayed. The dead, small and great, stand before God, the books of divine revelation are opened, and Satan, who then will be bound, will not be permitted to deceive the people as to the meaning of the things contained in the books. Then the knowledge of the Lord will fill the earth as the waters cover the sea, and those who conform their lives to that knowledge will be restored to human perfection and live forever.

Thus we see that the great objective of our Lord's return is to "judge the world in righteousness," and to restore to human perfection those who in that time of judgment prove worthy of life which was made available for them through his death. (Ps. 9:8; Isa. 26:9; Acts 17:31) This work of redemption was the principal feature of the divine plan accomplished at our Lord's first advent, but other things were accomplished there also. So now, in the days of his second presence, preparatory features of the plan are accomplished prior to the full establishment of the kingdom, when the Holy Spirit will be poured out upon all flesh, as it was poured upon the Lord's servants and handmaidens at the beginning of the age.

We rejoice to see so many of the signs of the Master's presence, and we lift up our heads with courage, knowing that our own deliverance into the kingdom is drawing near. And this enables us also to rejoice for the poor sin-sick world, because we know that soon the "Sun of Righteousness" shall arise, and we will have the privilege of "shining forth" with him for the healing and restoration of all the willing and obedient of humanity. We rejoice to realize that with the thousand years' work of the kingdom finished and all enemies subdued, including death, God's will shall be done in earth as it is in heaven. Let us continue to pray for this glorious consummation of the divine plan!

Understanding

THERE are various Hebrew and Greek words in the Scriptures that are translated "understanding." One word so interpreted seems to have the thought of "being able to distinguish mentally"; "able to grasp a thing fully with the mind"; or "the ability to see through a thing." For instance, the Psalmist says, "Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law." (Ps. 119:34) Another word used, for example, in Psalm 119:99, seems to suggest that quality which enables one to be circumspect, intelligent in conduct, with the ability to act wisely in difficult circumstances, a quality which, as a rule, follows a clear knowledge and understanding of the truth, together with experience in the way of the Lord; that is, "I have more understanding than all my teachers: for Thy testimonies are my meditation."

In some scriptures the whole of the Old Testament (Law and Prophets) is referred to as "God's Law"; and in our day we

may think of the divine revelation as a whole—revealing God's great plan of salvation, which includes his course of action through the ages—as his law and "revelation" of the infinitely wise and just and loving way God's plan is being carried out. How very important it is, therefore, to have this understanding of the divine Word if we would walk in harmony with it, and in addition, become active in the work the Lord has been from time to time carrying forward. "Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart."—Ps. 119:34

The importance of understanding something of the divine will and the divine Word is emphasized by our Lord's words to his disciples: "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou has sent."—John 17:3

How do we acquire the amount of understanding here suggested? The Psalmist by inspiration tells us in Psalm 119:104: "Through Thy precepts I get understanding." Hence we realize the importance of Paul's exhortation to

Timothy, "Study [be diligent, **Diag.**] to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15) Again the Psalmist says, "The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple."—Ps. 119: 130

The hearts and minds of mankind in general during the Gospel Age are not open to receive the Lord's message of salvation. But to "the simple"; that is, to those without a knowledge of the truth but who realize their lack, and on this account are earnestly feeling after God, the Lord says, "Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all things are done in parables: that seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand."—Mark 4:11, 12

One of the most vivid things impressed upon our understanding when our eyes are opened to behold the lengths, breadths, heights, and depths of the plan of salvation, is the infinite wisdom and power of God. As the Psalmist truly says, "Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; his understanding is infinite." (Ps. 147:5, R.V.) The prophet, telling how Messiah, when he came,

would reveal some of these treasures of wisdom and knowledge, says, "The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding [revealing how best to use the blessing of wisdom], the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord."—Isa. 11:2

Even at the age of twelve our Master astonished the wise doctors of the law in the temple with his wisdom and understanding. "All that heard him [the on-lookers as well as the doctors] were astonished at his understanding and answers." (Luke 2: 47) Not only was our Lord, even when in the flesh, filled with a full measure of the wisdom and knowledge of the Heavenly Father, but the Scriptures tell how all who become members of Christ must develop a full measure of the same spirit of wisdom and knowledge of God, with the understanding of how best to use the same to his glory, and for the blessing of all with whom they may meet.

And in the great day of blessing to come, the day of Messiah's kingdom, the prophet says, "In that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book [the books of divine revelation will then be opened], and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity,

and out of darkness." (Isa. 29:18; Rev. 20:12) "They also that erred in spirit [in mind, sometimes even denying the Lord that bought them] shall come to understanding, and they that murmured [grumbled or rebelled whenever the pure truth was presented to them] shall learn doctrine." (Isa. 29:24) In that day the knowledge of the Lord shall fill the earth as the waters cover the sea.—Isa. 11:9

Importance of Understanding

Coming to the New Testament, we find the importance of a true understanding of God, his will and Word, is quietly but repeatedly emphasized, especially in the case of those who would be footstep followers of the Master in the narrow way to life. In Matthew 15:10,11 we have a simple and easy-to-be-understood parable that Jesus gave to the multitude to illustrate his message: "And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man. . . . And Peter answered and said unto him, Declare unto us the parable. And he said, Are ye also even yet without understanding? Perceive ye not, that whatsoever goeth into the mouth passeth into the belly, and is cast

out into the draught? But the things [words] which proceed out of the mouth come forth out of the heart; and they defile the man." (Matt. 15:15-18, R.V.) Thus the Master emphasized to his followers that in order to understand his Word aright and to proclaim the truth in its purity, we must keep our hearts with all diligence; for out of the heart are the issues of life.—Prov. 4:23

The saddest experience to come to the nation of Israel was their complete rejection from divine favour after eighteen centuries of instruction and training, because of failure to recognize their Messiah, and even to fulfil the voices of the prophets by crucifying him. In other words, our Lord tells us that this great tragedy was the result of Israel's lack of understanding. The same thing even caused the disciples at the first advent to doubt his resurrection. But before he left them, the Master did establish their faith upon this fundamental feature of truth.

Luke 24:45-47 (R.V.) reads, "Then opened he their minds, that they might understand the Scriptures; and he said unto them, Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer, and rise again from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be

preached in his name unto all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem." And Paul says, "Had they [Israel, particularly her leaders] known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."—I Cor. 2:8

Hence we see that Israel's greatest national sin resulted from their lack of understanding. If, therefore, we would be guided aright, how important it is that we should have the spirit of understanding concerning what is written, and that we should have the experience which came to the disciples when the Lord appeared to them. "Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures."—Luke 24:45, **Weymouth**

Specially for the Church

When we examine the epistles, we find that the importance of an understanding of the truth is specially emphasized. Paul prays, "I . . . cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints."—Eph. 1:16-18

Paul later draws the contrast between the saints at Ephesus to whom he is writing, and other Gentiles not so favoured: "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness [hardness] of their heart."—Eph. 4:17, 18

And the Apostle Paul made requests at the throne of grace for the Colossian brethren: "For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding." (Col. 1:9) The purpose of this blessing of an understanding of God, his Word, and his requirements is not that we may cause those to whom we witness to marvel at the amount we know concerning the divine purpose, but that our lives may become worthy of the Lord and pleasing to him "while we bear fruit in every good work, and increase in the knowledge of God."—Col. 1:10, **Weymouth**

In Paul's final message to his "son" Timothy, written from his Roman prison probably shortly

before his death by beheading, he says, "Consider what I say." Some have the ability to take in things very quickly, and a considerable amount of knowledge soon gets lodged in the mind, but Paul would not have us study the Lord's message to this end only. The Greek word translated "consider," according to Strong, suggests taking in what we hear or what we may read by a careful "exercise of the mind," for if we do this humbly and trustfully, Paul says: "The Lord shall give thee understanding in all things."—II Tim. 2:7, R.V.

Another scripture in connection with this subject of "understanding" is I John 5:20: "The Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding." These words were true as a result of our Lord's first advent, and they are even more true in these days of his second presence. Truly, the Lord who was proved "worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof," has now made its writings sing "a new song." (Rev. 5:7-9) Seemingly new, because so long lost sight of, causing those blessed with the spirit of understanding as they view the divine plan of the ages, to say, "Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints [mar-

gin, or, **nations**, or, **ages**]."—Rev. 15:3

Therefore, "Let your loins be girded about [continual activity], and your lamps burning [well supplied with oil—the Holy Spirit—and well trimmed]. . . . Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them sit down to meat [feasting mentally and spiritually upon the richest bounties of his grace], and shall come forth and serve them [by faith we are already seated at the Master's table, and he himself, as promised, has come forth and is serving us]."—Luke 12:35, 37, R. V.

"Blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear." (Matt. 13:16) As "new creatures," who have already, in a figurative sense, risen with Christ to walk in newness of life, to walk in his footsteps, we have the eyes and ears of our understanding opened, enlightened, and our tongues loosed, so that we may not only enjoy the grace of God ourselves, but that we may speak of his goodness and love to others. "Thy faithful followers shall bless thee, telling of thy glorious kingdom, talking of thy might, letting men hear of

thy mighty acts, of the glorious splendour of thy kingdom. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion lasts from age to age."—Ps. 145:10-13, **Moffatt**

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Let Us Give Thanks

"I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord."—Psalm 116:17

THROUGHOUT the United States on the fourth Thursday of November millions of people will, for a few hours, turn away from the regular pursuits of life and, in a nominal way at least, give thanks to God for the blessings of the year. Among these will be sincere worshipers of God, those who at heart are desirous of doing his will in all that they think, say, and do. With many, Thanksgiving Day will be one of feasting and merry-making, and happy indeed will be those who remember that all the blessings of life which they enjoy from day to day come to them from the Giver of every good and perfect gift, even the Lord, the Creator of heaven and earth.

It is appropriate at all times to give thanks unto the Lord, and the consecrated followers of the Master do not wait for special occasions to express their appreciation to their Heavenly Father for the spiritual and material blessings which are daily their portion. The Apostle Paul wrote that we should give thanks in everything, and if we follow out this admonition, to us every day will be one of thanksgiving; yes, in every hour of the day there will be much for which our hearts will turn to the Lord in grateful appreciation.

It is also appropriate that we observe special occasions of thanksgiving. At such times we can recall in a more particular sense the many ways in which the Lord has blessed us throughout the year. Recalling these blessings we will renew our determination to show our appreciation to the Lord by more zealously paying our vows of consecration to him, rendering to him

with our lips and by our lives the praise that is due his great and holy name. Yes, we are glad for a special occasion to "give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever."—Ps. 106:1

Causes for Thankfulness

There is never a time in the Christian life when the blessings received from the Lord are not more abundant than we could reasonably ask or expect. If we are not in the habit of noting from day to day the many ways in which the Lord manifests his blessings toward us, we will be surprised when we do note them to realize what he is continually doing for us. We cannot count all our blessings. If we attempted to do this, we would find, even as did the Psalmist David of the wonderful works of God, and his thoughts toward us, that "they are more than can be numbered."—Ps. 40:5

Many of the Lord's blessings are common to all his people, differing only in the manner in which they apply to their individual experiences in life. Along material lines there are the blessings of the sunshine and the rain, the blessings of food, shelter, and raiment. To all of his people the Lord gives spiritual strength and guidance. He fills them with his Spirit in proportion as they are emptied of self and devote themselves to the doing of his will. How thankful, indeed, we should be for the assurance that he is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him than is an earthly parent to give good gifts to his children.—Luke 11:13

We can all be thankful for the Lord's grace that through another year he has kept us from falling; that we are still rejoicing in the truth, and in the privilege we have of laying down our lives in his service. This is a great cause for thankfulness! True, we expected that the Lord would continue to hold us in the hollow of his hand, for we relied upon his grace to help in every time of need. But we recall the Apostle Peter's admonition in which he informs us that it is only if we "do these things" pertaining to the cultivation of the graces of the Holy

Spirit, that we have the assurance we shall "never fall." (II Pet. 1:10) If, therefore, we have been kept from falling by the wayside it means that the Lord has been pleased with our efforts to do his will, and consequently has blessed us with his sustaining grace.

Some of us have been "in the truth" for many, many years, and how thankful we can be that throughout these years the Lord has become ever more precious to us, and that his glorious truth of the divine plan has continued to increase in brilliance as we have learned to understand it more fully. That we have maintained a clear vision of the great fundamentals of the divine plan is evidence of the Lord's keeping power in the lives of those who have no will of their own, but are determined that his will shall rule supreme in their lives, regardless of what this might entail in the way of sacrificing the flesh and its interests.

Others of us have been blessed with a knowledge of the truth within more recent years. Some, indeed, have been blessed with this glorious vision during the present year. How we rejoice in this! It is impossible adequately to give thanks to the Lord for thus opening the eyes of our understanding to behold his glory; that glory of his character which is revealed through the truth of his Word. We know that whereas once we were spiritually blind, now we can see, and how glorious the vision that enables us to comprehend the divine plan for the blessing of both the us to comprehend the divine plan for the blessing of both the church and the world. May our appreciation daily increase, and our thankfulness overflow more and more!

The Fear-filled World

Today the world is filled with fear. The people see the gathering clouds of discontent which threaten another global war. They know the probability of the frightful destruction that will be wrought as the opposing forces of conflicting ideologies seek to conquer one another, or at least subdue one another by the use of the heart-sickening and fiendish modern methods of

destruction. Poor world! It knows not that our present Lord, at the exact moment called for in the divine timetable, will intervene, and set in motion the agencies of his mediatorial kingdom, to bring peace and joy and life to all mankind.

But we know this! The Revelator depicts our position in this time of world fear and chaos as standing on "a sea of glass," the sea representing the restless, discontented of the world as it passes through the prophetic "time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation," (Rev. 4:6; 15:2; Dan. 12:1) To us, however, the situation is transparent, understandable. Truth's vision enables us to see through and beyond the "sea," and to know that soon there will be a great calm, when, by the administrative powers of the messianic kingdom, the people will be guided into their desired haven of security and peace. To have this assurance is truly great cause for thankfulness.

During the year many of us have been richly blessed through the privilege of fellowship with one another in our local ecclesias and at our convention gatherings. How spiritually stimulating this has been! And if our fellowship has been truly of the Spirit, it has meant much more than merely rejoicing together in the Lord, for we have had the Lord's presence with us. Of those who speak often together concerning the divine plan, the Bible informs us that the Lord hearkens, and that a "book of remembrance" is written. (Mal. 3:16 17) Yes, even where as few as two or three join in fellowship the Lord is in their midst; and how we should praise him for the blessing he thus bestows upon those who gather in his name.—Matt. 18:20

Thankfulness for Service

The Lord has continued to give his people opportunities to serve him by serving one another, and by bearing witness to the truth. Surely we should always be thankful for our privileges of ambassadorship. Many of these opportunities have been ours as individuals. Individually we have been able to speak a word for the Master and for the truth, perhaps to a neighbor, or a friend, or perhaps to some we have met in our association with

the public in one way or another. It has been possible to give a tract or a kingdom card here or there. Some have enjoyed the privilege of distributing literature from door to door, thus conveying the kingdom message to many.

Still others have been blessed in their experiences of calling on those who have written for literature in response to the radio or television witness, or as a result of reading a tract or a kingdom card, or responding to an advertisement in a magazine. How thankful these have been for such opportunities! In many cases deep interest in the truth is found, and a genuine desire to know the way of the Lord more perfectly. Those who have enjoyed these opportunities of service know that there is no time when the Lord seems so near to them, and when his truth is a greater inspirational power in their lives than when they are explaining it to others, especially to those who earnestly want to know, and give evidence that the Lord has blessed them with "hearing ears" and understanding hearts.

And we should not forget that these opportunities enjoyed by the follow-up workers are made possible because all of us sacrificed together to make the general witness work by radio, television, magazines, tracts, and kingdom cards possible. Thus we all share in the joys resulting from the knowledge that here and there throughout the world the light of truth is shining into the hearts and lives of those to whom the Lord has given the ability to see. How much would we take for our knowledge of the truth? We know that it is priceless, that it means more to us than life itself. How thankful we should be, then, that our sacrifices are being used by the Lord to witness this precious treasure to others.

Exhibits at Fairs

One of the latest methods of bearing witness to the Gospel of the kingdom is by exhibiting truth literature at fairs. A number of years ago this was undertaken at Sacramento, California, and in recent years has been taken up by the brethren in many parts of the country. These are efforts of the

local ecclesias to a large extent, with The Dawn co-operating. As the brethren now know, The Dawn maintained an exhibit during the entire two years of the New York World's Fair. This was possible only through the co-operation of the brethren in many parts of the country.

The blessings received by those utilizing this means of service have been many and rich, whether the efforts have been local or general, as at the World's Fair. Here, also, is a great cause for thankfulness as we near the end of 1965. It is our hope that this method of service will expand through the coming years. Truly the Lord is good to his people in pointing out to them this additional means of making known the glad tidings!

We "stand all astonished with wonder" as we contemplate what the Lord is accomplishing by the sacrifices of his people—a people so small in number, and so unknown to the world. Yes, the evidence is irrefutable that the Lord is with his truth-inspired, consecrated people today, even as he was with his servants in ancient times.

We are awe-inspired when we read the experience of Moses at the burning bush. "A miracle," we say, and truly it was. But was the setting on fire of a bush more of a miracle than the proclaiming of the message of the kingdom by methods which convey it into millions of homes every week? We think not! Even though modern methods of communication, such as radio, television, and the printed page may have become commonplace and accepted as normal in this modern age, the fact that the Lord has, through the co-operative efforts of his consecrated people, made possible their use for disseminating the Gospel of the kingdom, is in itself a miracle.

When the Lord spoke to Moses at the burning bush he was bidden to take off his shoes, with the explanation that the place where he was standing was holy ground. Should we not feel the same concerning the "ground" on which we are standing today, the "higher ground" of opportunity and honor to which

the Lord has now led his people? Realizing the sacredness of the position which is now ours of being the Lord's ambassadors, let us give attentive ears to his voice, and respond loyally as he makes clear the various ways in which he wants us to lay down our lives for him. Surely we can do no less at this thanksgiving time of the year than to echo the sentiments of the Psalmist when he wrote: "I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people."—Ps. 116:17, 18

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Denmark, Germany, Rome, and Israel

THE reports received thus far from Brother G. R. Pollock are very interesting as Brother and Sister Pollock continue on their journey to India, Australia, and New Zealand in connection with their ministry of the truth—a journey which is taking them virtually around the world. Brother Pollock writes as follows concerning experiences in Denmark, Germany, Italy and Israel:

“The stay at Copenhagen was pleasant from the new creature viewpoint. The weather was good—for raincoats. The brethren were spiritually hungry, and we had four meetings of one and one-half hours each in the two days we were in Copenhagen. Most of the time was spent indoors, and in spiritual fellowship.

“The friends in Copenhagen are well established in present truth, due largely to the eldership of two spiritually strong brothers. The meetings were smaller than those of four years ago, as the brethren are older, and some were ill; and some have finished their earthly course since our last visit. But a sister from Jutland and a brother from Sweden, hungry for fellowship, made the trip to be with the rest of us during our short stay.

“Two brethren who have just lately left the J. W’s, and found the little class in Copenhagen, seemed to enjoy the message of truth. One here and one there are found in these latter days, and how they enthuse with what they find! The pure water of truth refreshes thirsty souls.

Germany

"Our stop in Germany this trip was restricted to Freiburg, the city where The Dawn office for the German-language activity is located. The friends arranged for a convention for the two days we were in town. About one hundred of us met—from Italy, Holland, Switzerland, France, Berlin, West Germany, and America. It was really an international gathering. It was a sweet season of refreshing to all of us as new creatures.

"The German brethren gave us a warm welcome, and surely we all left Freiburg renewed in spirit, and determined to be better sons of God. Old acquaintances were renewed, and new ones made.

"The work of the German Dawn office is heavy upon the shoulders of a few. Surely even today the work is great, and the laborers few, but there is much evidence that the Lord is blessing the labors of his people.

Rome

"We stopped off for a short stay in Rome. While there we again visited the prison of the Apostle Paul, and as many other places as possible, to remind ourselves of the great work of this stalwart man of God. Because of imprisonment he was restricted from visiting the brethren in Rome, but under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit he wrote epistles while in Rome that were an encouragement to the brethren of the Early Church, and are still a source of help and strength to us, even at this end of the age.

In Israel

"Every student of the Bible is interested in the nation of Israel, for he knows that this new country exists only because of the providences of God and the fulfilment of prophecy. I am glad that we were permitted to visit Israel ten years ago, when it was struggling hard for survival, and that we have been privileged to visit the country again this year to see some of the fruits of the pioneering labor.

"The land of Israel itself, as a homeland for the Jewish people,

is not only a political reality, but also a marvel to believers and unbelievers alike. The prophecies speak of the desert blossoming as the rose. This prophecy is fulfilled today in many parts of Israel. In days of old, Israel was a land flowing with milk and honey, and through sweat and tears, and the sacrifices of many idealists, the land has again become one of produce and beauty.

"Possibly the greatest change we saw after ten years was growth. Jerusalem existed then, but now its population has doubled. Tel Aviv, which means 'the New and the Old,' is now a metropolis of more than half a million souls. Small towns of a decade ago are now growing cities. Building is going on everywhere, and the quality and the type of buildings have improved. The population has increased tremendously in the last ten years. There are today two and one-half million people in Israel, and already the question of population saturation is being discussed.

"To the Bible Student, however, the question is not alone one of building and re-forestation, and vineyards, and orchards, and universities, thrilling as these aspects of Israel's growth may be. The religious aspect is also important if we are to bring the question of Israel's place in the divine plan into proper focus.

"In the space of this very short report I must restrict myself to statements without giving the details that substantiate them. The subject of the Messiah is always an entree into conversation in Israel, but to carry the discussion into the life of Jesus as the Savior of the world, and into the kingdom of God as the hope of Israel and of the whole world, I found most difficult. And this was true both with the tourists at the hotels and with the people of the land.

"The Sabra, or the younger generation of Israel, are not religious, even in the Jewish tradition. To them the Bible; that is, the Old Testament, the 'Book,' is part of their educational course in history, and is a compulsory subject. But to most of them the vitality of the Spirit is not there. To most with whom I spoke the Messiah is a future dream, unrelated to Jesus Christ, a vague someone who will do even more for Israel than they have been

able to do for themselves. With others, the Messiah is the Jewish people themselves, who, through sacrifice and courage, have brought about deliverance, and have established their homeland. I heard many say, 'The Messiah is the power of the human will, together with faith.' This, of course, is but another theory of self-salvation.

"One exception to the 'cold shoulder' treatment was one of our driver guides. I asked him what he thought of life after death. He did not know, but asked me if I had an opinion. I did. After I explained the point to him, he agreed that it was 'a pleasant hope.' We gave him 'God and Reason,' and later he asked if we would get an English Bible for him, containing the New Testament. We will of course do this.

"Definite conclusions are not easy to draw from such a paradoxical situation as we found here. However, I am sure that Israel is not a theocracy, but a secular state, ruled by politicians. The younger generation especially are leaving the formal religion of their fathers. I found myself quoting again and again, 'Blindness in part is happened to Israel.' I am personally convinced that at present this blindness continues, and will continue 'until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.'

"The tensions which exist between Israel and the Arab countries could well be the preparation for Jacob's trouble. As we visited Israel this second time we again recognized that we were seeing prophecy fulfilled, and we were thrilled in knowing that we were standing in the midst of the works of Almighty God—the glory of prophecy in course of fulfilment.

"To look over this land, knowing even better than the inhabitants themselves what the future holds—and not too far in the future, either—was an inspiration. Soon this time of 'preparation' will have been completed, and the Ancient Worthies resurrected to take their place as the earthly representatives of the kingdom of God. Then the millennial reign of the Messiah will begin within the area of this land, bringing blessings not only to this people, who will have lost their blindness, but to all the

families of the earth. To realize this makes one feel very humble.

"We spent a pleasant time of fellowship with Stuart and Jean Livermore while in Israel. We also visited the house of Simon the tanner in ancient Joppa, and the ruins of Caesarea, as we followed Peter on his pilgrimage to visit Cornelius."

A Pilgrimage in Greece

THE brethren in Greece, in co-operation with the Greek-speaking brethren in the United States, are very active in the service. We believe that the following report of a pilgrim trip made by one of the elders of the Athens Ecclesia will be of interest. It was sent to Brother Pantel Hatgis of New York.

Dear Brother Hatgis: Grace and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ to you and the dear brethren in America. I have just come back from a tour of twelve days in which I visited and served the dear friends in Salonica, Drama, Xanthi, Kavala, and Philippi in Macedonia. I also visited interested ones who have come into the truth from the newspaper advertisements. The blessings of this trip were greater than those of any trip in the past.

First, I visited the friends in Drama in Macedonia. We had a two-and-a-half-hour meeting and blessed fellowship. Though but few, they are all faithful in holding on to present truth. We all rejoiced in this blessed Christian fellowship.

My second stop was Xanthi, where there is a person who came to be interested in the truth through an advertisement in the local newspaper three years ago. He has received all the booklets; he bought a Bible, studied all the volumes, and has started to read them again. He entertained me in his home and we spent many hours talking about God's plan. I pointed out to him the

purpose of preaching the Gospel to the world throughout the past nineteen centuries, and consecration to the Lord took on a new meaning for him. He showed a great interest in consecration and wanted me to stay with him. I promised that Brother Kastanis would follow up on this subject with him in the next few weeks, and he will have time to consider well the cost of being a fellow member of the body of Christ. I stayed with him a day and a half, and I was happy to see that the seed of truth fell into good ground.

The third stop was Kavala (old Philippi). There is a good class here, but poor living conditions compelled the only elder to move to Germany to find work. A sister, well established in the truth, opened her house for meetings when I was there. Her husband and daughter, who became interested in the truth during your visits in 1962 and 1964, also showed much interest during my stay there. There is a possibility that the elder will return from Germany with his family. If this happens, the meetings in Kavala will be resumed.

The fourth stop was Salonica. The class consists of about twenty-five to thirty brethren. The only elder is now eighty-five years old, but he is full of the Lord's Spirit and sound in the truth, and he keeps the meetings going. We have many interested ones in Salonica, and I shall relate the blessings that I had with one woman.

Two years ago she received the booklets and subscribed to the Greek Dawn, which she enjoys reading every month. She asked for the first volume, and then the second, and now she is reading the third. Previously she was a Sabbatarian. She is a very intelligent and kind lady. She wanted me to go with her to see another Sabbatarian lady, who has read the first volume and is now reading the third. We went there, and as we approached her home I became skeptical, wondering whether my time would be profitably spent with these two ladies (one 60 and the other 65 years old). I quickly corrected my thoughts, remembering that the Lord does not make exceptions in ages. We sat in the guest room and before I had time to breathe

she started to ask questions, one after the other, without giving me a chance to answer any of them. I said to myself that she looked like a quarrelsome lady who wouldn't give me a chance to say anything. After twenty minutes I said to her, "Please, you do not give me a chance to say anything in all those questions that have troubled you." "My son," she said, "do not worry, because you will not be able to leave tonight, so you will have plenty of time until the morning. You do not know how much I was waiting to see you. See these books?—the booklets 'God and Reason,' 'Hope Beyond the Grave,' the first and third volumes, The Dawn Magazine—they have made my mind topsy-turvy. I was a Catholic and then became a Sabbatarian, and I thought that I was serving and worshiping the true God. But now your books have proved to me that I know absolutely nothing. I am thirsty to know and worship the true God. Do you understand?" "Oh please," I said, "I understand you. You are noble like the Bereans," and I started from there to unfold the plan of God. For three hours she was like a mute lamb, speechless. She knew the Bible, and when I explained the two phases of the kingdom, the two salvations, the restitution of all mankind through the redemptive price that Christ paid, she exclaimed, "So my family will be resurrected here on the earth? They are not lost? Our priests taught us differently and we could not understand anything about the true and wondrous plan of God."

Many phases of the truth were explained, and at 11:30 P. M. her son came. He sat and we again continued talking about the truth until 2 o'clock in the morning. The next day was Sunday, and both ladies and their husbands came to the meeting and showed a willingness to come again. They want to read the rest of the volumes.

On Monday, the following day, I visited another couple. They were Orthodox by birth, then became Pentecostals, then Jehovah's Witnesses. Through the newspapers they wrote to you and received the booklets, then The Dawn. They wrote again and received the first and second volumes. They asked me to stay for dinner, and we talked much about the truth. I answered

some of their doubts, and they were very well pleased and asked me to visit with them again. I told them that Brother Kastanis would visit them in a few weeks.

I then visited another man who also was very much interested. He received the booklets and *The Dawn* and is now reading the first volume. He marvels at the truth, and wants to read the rest of the volumes.

I also visited the ministry Chief of Agriculture, who had received all the booklets, but he showed concern, or fear, as I gathered, about his position as a government employee. He has the Bible, and we talked of many things, but he returned the three booklets with a faint smile.

There are many more interested ones in Salonica, but I could not visit them this time. We plan to have Brother Kastanis follow up this work in a few weeks.

I then came to Larisa in Thessaly, where there are isolated brethren, and I visited with them. In Tyrnavos, we had a meeting with the Katsouras family, and all agreed to continue to have Berean studies twice a week. I went to Tricala, where an interested person had received all the booklets, and is now studying the first volume by himself. He was a Jehovah's Witness before, and in the Second World War he was sentenced to death by a military court for refusing to bear arms, but the Germans occupied Greece, and he was released. The doctrines of the Witnesses did not satisfy him, so when he saw the advertisement, he wrote and received the booklets and *The Dawn*. He became interested and is now reading the second volume. He has a small shoeshine place, at which he makes his living, and I spent the night there with him. He said to me, "In the Jehovah's Witnesses I could not be satisfied, and if I had been executed for refusing to bear arms, I would have died without the real knowledge of the truth of the high calling," It was a blessed evening with this brother.

Now I would like to tell you an interesting story about a family in Athens. The father and mother and their eighteen-

year old son came to our meeting. The father was a navy man and an accountant on a commercial ship. By chance of Providence, he found an old New Testament in the archives and started to read it. When he came to the story of the prodigal son he started to cry, comparing himself to the son.

He sailed to different ports in South Africa and South America. In one port of South Africa a colored man came up to the ship. He was a customs inspector, and he examined his papers. Then the colored inspector said, "I have a Greek book that I cannot read, so you can have it." He gave him the Old and New Testament Bible and wrote a dedication to him on the inside cover.

The brother continued his story to me, "I do not know what he believed or to what denomination he belonged, but I began to read the whole Bible. I was so impressed that I started writing many precepts of the Bible to my wife and parents, and I signed my letters, 'With holy kisses, Your husband in Christ.' My wife was a religious woman, but she was surprised and incredulous at receiving letters like that from me, and she said to herself, 'What has happened to my husband lately? He writes to me as though he were the Apostle Paul.'

"After a year, the captain of the ship made the proposition to me that we steal the provision of food, worth hundreds of dollars, and divide the money between ourselves. I refused. Then the captain accused me of stealing \$2,000, but the court dismissed the case because my papers and my accounts were in order.

"Then I left the ship and went back to my family in Chios, Greece. I started to preach what I knew from one end to the other, and I became an enemy to all of them. I moved with my wife and son to Athens. I struggled hard in Athens, but my eyes were fixed on God. A year ago, I saw the advertisement, 'Where Are the Dead?' in an Athens newspaper, and I wrote to the address in the United States. I received the booklet and a pamphlet, 'God's Kingdom, the Hope of the World,' with The Dawn.

"My wife was first to read the leaflet. All she had believed in before crumbled. She took the images and burned them, and together with tears we kneeled and prayed to God. One evening a man came to our house, Brother Velissarios. Oh, what an evening! I said to him that the Lord through the advertisement, opened our eyes to the truth. Some one or many paid for this advertisement. We are not rich, but now we are rich with the knowledge of the truth. Here are 1,500 drachmas (\$17.50) for the work of the Lord."

The whole family now come to the meeting, and the three of them are thinking of water immersion.

Brother Ferizes came from visiting brethren in Crete, and he also had a blessed experience with the friends there and the interested ones that he visited and interviewed. It is a blessed privilege and opportunity, heralding the good tidings of God's kingdom to the people. I write these experiences to you that you also may be partakers of the joy and blessings that we have had, because you are partakers in the means of advertising in the newspapers. Your zeal and sacrifice are commendable to all of us. With Christian love, your loving brother, H. Gonos

The Witness in South America

It would not be true to say that a general work is being conducted in South America, but during the past year the truth did reach into that continent in considerable volume. This was by radio through the "Francisco and Ernesto" broadcasts. We have received an encouraging response to these broadcasts from a number of the countries in South America. These **Spanish-language programs** are also broadcast over several stations in the United States, some of them reaching into Mexico, where there already is a group of interested listeners who have been visited by our Brother Montero, of San Diego. We rejoice in the overruling providences of the Lord in connection with the Spanish-language work.

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Finds Harmony

"Dear Sirs: We wish to thank you very kindly for your booklets and your magazine. We have read much literature on the Scriptures, but I don't think we have ever read anything that compares with what you publish. Your booklets and magazine make everything fall into place and in harmony right along with what the Scriptures say. We wish again to thank you kindly. If my wife had not tuned in the radio at a certain hour we would not have known about your programs or magazine or booklets."—California

Appreciates Dawn

"Dear Friends: I want you to know how helpful The Dawn Magazine is to me as each issue brings greater light and comfort. It not only keeps the reader informed and up to date on world events as related to the prophecies, . . . but is a beacon of light as it reveals the indisputable and glorious plan of God. The Bible lessons are inspiring and helpful."—California

In Truth Three Months

"Dear Friends: My husband and I have just returned from the Fresno Convention. We both had a wonderful time. It was our first convention as we have been in the truth only three months. We met so many nice people, and all had such a love for each other and for our dear Heavenly Father and his Son Christ Jesus. I was studying very hard with another group, but wasn't happy in this faith. They

were always judging people. I kept praying for the dear Lord to show me the right way. In due time I came in contact with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davis. I could see by discussing these things with them where I was wrong. I am so happy that the Lord led me to these people. I expect to be baptized at the Asilomar Convention. Love to all."—California

Now Friends

"Dear Sirs: I send you many greetings, for you are now my friends, and I must thank you for the help received. I will be very happy if you will arrange for me to have the continued monthly visits of The Dawn Magazine. I like it very much. Postal order for subscription is enclosed."—Nigeria

Appreciation

"Dear Sirs: I can hardly wait for your program. I enjoy seeing it so very much. I am just a babe in Christ, and your talks mean so much to me, as I am one who has been so confused. You have enlightened me more than I can express."—South Carolina

For Study in School

"Dear Sirs: In school we saw one of your films, and it said to send in to receive ten free lessons. Our teacher wished us all to get these lessons so we can go through them together in school. I would appreciate it if you will please send them to me."—Minnesota

Young and Earnest

"Dear Sirs: I am a sixteen-year-old senior in high school. I arise in the morning and wait for your program, The Bible Answers, to come on. It is truly an inspiring time for me, and it reveals many biblical things to me. I am dedicated wholly to the Lord Jesus Christ. I would appreciate it very deeply if you would send me a copy of 'God and Reason' that I may grow in the grace and knowledge of my precious Lord Jesus Christ."—Ohio

Much Comfort

"Gentlemen: We have derived much comfort from the publications we have received, including The Dawn Magazine. We have found answers to questions none of the ministers we know could give us. Your little pamphlet, 'Hope,' we have read many times. When one loses an only son in the tragic way we lost ours it certainly takes a lot of faith to carry on. We are thankful we have found something to help us carry on."—Illinois

Appreciates the Method

"Dear Sirs: In reply to your television program, please send me the booklet, 'Life After Death.' Our family tries always to rush home after church on Sunday in order to catch your program. This is the best way to present the Bible. Please try to keep it up. Our prayers are with you."—Florida

Wants to Help Others

"Dear Sirs: I have read your booklet entitled 'Hope', and it has certainly given me hope. I am much more at ease since I have read it.

In fact, I have read it several times. Could you send me six additional copies for members of my family. I will be happy to pay for them. I would also like six copies of 'God and Reason'. Knowing how miserable I was before receiving 'Hope', I am sure this message will also help my loved ones."—Louisiana

For Fifty-seven Years

"Dear Brethren in the Lord: I am a regular reader of The Dawn, and must say that never in my life have I received such wonderful comments on Bible truths as contained in your publications. I have been a Bible Student for fifty-seven years. Two days before I left Scotland, more than seventy years ago, I had the great privilege of hearing Brother Russell in Glasgow. I am very glad and grateful to have your association available in these days, still supplying the Studies in the Scriptures, and other valuable publications of present truth. May our Heavenly Father continue to richly bless you in his work. Much love in the Lord."—Australia

Convinced

"Dear Sirs: I just listened to your program. I enjoy it more each week. I am so happy to have found the truth of God's Word, and I believe it is the truth. I am subscribing to The Dawn Magazine, and please send me a copy of 'God and Reason.'"—Florida

At a Bus Stop

"Dear Sirs: On a recent trip my bus stopped at Orlando for a rest stop, and being a student of religion I picked up a copy of The Dawn from the nice display of

literature that some of your students place there. It was the first time I had seen The Dawn, and I am greatly enthused and impressed with it. I would like to subscribe to The Dawn, and am enclosing one dollar for this purpose. (P. S) I am sorry to have had to unseal this envelope, but it is for a very good reason—I have another subscription for you.”—Florida

Wants More

“Dear Friends: I am a regular reader of The Dawn, and have enjoyed all my copies. Many thanks for the help and blessing received. I would like to further broaden my knowledge in the Scriptures by supplementing my reading of your valuable magazine with some of your other spiritual publications. For this purpose kindly send me your books and booklets, also your tracts, as shown in the attached list, for which I enclose postal order. Yours sincerely.”—Nigeria

Comforted

“Dear Sirs: Your booklet, ‘Hope,’ has brought me much comfort. I recently lost my beloved husband very suddenly, and twelve days later our dear, good son, thirty-one years old. My heart is broken, and I live for the day when I shall be with them forever. Thank you for the wonderful help I have received from ‘Hope.’”—New York

Prayers Answered

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“We are fully behind you brethren for we are of the one calling, and for years have accepted the present truth, including, of course, the presence of our Master. We only wish we could pay you a little visit; however, we hope to be united above. We belong to a class of twelve to fourteen which represents the truth brethren in West Australia—a piece of land one-third the size of the United States. However, the Lord has his witnesses here and there throughout the world. We esteem the booklet on ‘Creation’ as a truly wonderful exposition. We like to let others have this to clear their minds of evolution.”—West Australia

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SPEAKERS' APPOINTMENTS

These speakers are associated with the Pilgrim Department of the Dawn. Their services are furnished free, upon request. Address your request to Dawn Bible Students Association, East Rutherford, N. J. A visit will be arranged when possible.

O. D. DEIFER	L. P. LOOMIS	Stockton, Calif.	19
Washington, D. C. Nov. 21	Catawissa, Pa. Nov. 7	Fresno, Calif.	20, 21
PANTEL HATGIS	M. C. MITCHELL	Bakersfield, Calif.	22
Buffalo, N. Y. Oct. 31	Allentown, Pa. Nov. 7	Phoenix, Ariz.	24, 25
N. J. HIAM	R. E. MITCHELL	Yuma, Ariz.	26
San Jose, Calif. Nov. 1	Paterson, N. J. Nov. 28	San Diego, Calif.	28
Stockton, Calif.		Riverside, Calif.	29
Antioch, Calif. 4, 5	E. K. PENROSE	Ontario, Calif. Nov. 30	
Fresno, Calif. 7	New Haven, Conn. Nov. 14	C. A. SMITH	
Bakersfield, Calif. 8		Baltimore, Md. Nov. 28	
Los Angeles, Calif. 9, 10	H. W. PRICE	Philadelphia, Pa. 28	
San Diego, Calif. 11, 12	Wenatchee, Wash. Oct. 29	STEPHEN SURACI	
Los Angeles, Calif. 14	Spokane, Wash. 31, Nov. 1	New London, Conn. Nov. 21	
THOMAS HICKS	Clarkston, Wash. 2, 3	F. S. WASSMANN	
Pottstown, Pa. Nov. 7	The Dalles, Oreg. 4, 5	New Haven, Conn. Nov. 14	
A. H. KRUMPOLT	Portland, Oreg. 6, 7	G. M. WILSON	
Gettysburg, Pa. Nov. 6	Salem, Oreg. 8, 9	Orlando, Florida Oct. 31	
York, Pa. 7	Albany, Oreg. 10	New Haven, Conn. Nov. 14	
R. J. KRUPA	Redding, Calif. 11, 12	W. N. WOODWORTH	
Sayville, N. Y. Nov. 7	Chico, Calif. 14	New Haven, Conn. Nov. 14	
New Haven, Conn. 14	Sacramento, Calif. 15, 16		
	Antioch, Calif. 17, 18		

His Course Finished

In September, Brother S. C. DeGroot, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, finished his earthly course. In the 1940's Brother DeGroot served faithfully as a member of The Dawn staff, and also in the pilgrim work, and was well known by the brethren throughout the country. During his earlier years in the truth he served as a colporteur. He loved the Lord, the truth, and the brethren, and was faithful unto the end. Our sympathy goes out to Sister DeGroot, and other members of his family.

The listings in this schedule have been arranged by local ecclesias co-operating with the Dawn.

GEORGE BALKO Akron, Ohio Nov. 7	GENE JEZUIT Saginaw, Mich. Nov. 21	NORMAN RICE Fullerton, Calif. Nov. 28
MIKE BALKO Jackson, Mich. Nov. 7	HENRY KWOLEK Chatham, Ont. Nov. 21	GEORGE RIPPER Phoenix, Ariz. Nov. 14
NICK BARACOS E. Liverpool, Ohio Nov. 14	EDWARD LORENZ Ontario, Calif. Nov. 21	ALBERT SHEPPELBAUM Minneapolis, Minn. (Cedar Ave.) Nov. 21
L. P. BORGES St. Petersburg, Fla. Nov. 14	ADAM MISKAWITZ Aurora, Ill. Nov. 7	FRANK WEBBER Sonora, Calif. Nov. 21
PAUL DAVIS Monterey, Calif. Nov. 28	D. J. MOREHOUSE St. Louis, Mo. Nov. 21	HOWARD YOUNG Duquesne, Pa. Nov. 7 Monessen, Pa. 28
JOSEPH FENCHAK, JR. Duquesne, Pa. Nov. 21	FRANK NIEMCZAK London, Ont. Nov. 14 Adrian, Mich. 21	IRWIN WYSOCKI Connellsville, Pa. Nov. 7
JOHN HULL San Diego, Calif. Nov. 14	HARRY PASSIOS Connellsville, Pa. Nov. 21	L. W. ZBIK Flint, Mich. Nov. 7
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NEW HAVEN, CONN., Nov. 14—YWCA Building, 42-48 Howe St., Mrs. Stephen Suraci, 19 River Road, East Haven, Conn.

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ONTARIO CALIF., Nov. 21—Ontario Women's Club, 738 N. Euclid Ave. Mrs. A. B. Dickey, 1228 N. Third Ave., Up-land, Calif.

CHICAGO, ILL., Nov. 28—Central Masonic Temple, 912 N. LaSalle St. Mr. John Trzyna, 340 Bonnie Brae, Itasca, Ill.

DETROIT, MICH. 28—McGregor Memorial Bldg., Second Blvd. and West Ferry. Mr. L. W. Zbik, 8946 Sorrento St.

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WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING TEXTS

NOVEMBER 4—"He made himself of no reputation, and took upon himself the form of a servant."—Philippians 2:7 (Z. '00-318 Hymn 167)

NOVEMBER 11—"Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, [fortitude]."—II Peter 1:5 (Z. '04-10 Hymn 197)

NOVEMBER 18—"The angel of the

Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."—Psalm 34:7 (Z. '97-120 Hymn 294)

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That meantime the chiseling, shaping, and polishing of consecrated believers in Christ's atonement for sin progresses, and when the last of these "living stones," "elect and precious," shall have been made ready, the great Master Workman will bring all together in the first resurrection; and the temple shall be filled with his glory, and be the meeting place between God and men throughout the Millennium.—Rev. 15:5-8

That the basis of hope for the church and the world lies in the fact that "Jesus Christ, by the grace of God tasted death for every man," "a ransom for all," and will be "the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world," "in due time."—Heb. 2:9; John 1:9; I Tim. 2:5, 6

That the hope of the church is that she may be like her Lord, "see him as he is," be a "partaker of the divine nature," and share his glory as his joint-heir.—I John 3:2; John 17:24; Rom. 8:17; II Pet. 1:4

That the present mission of the church is the perfecting of the saints for the future work of service to develop in herself every grace; to be God's witness to the world; and to prepare to be the kings and priests in the next age.—Eph. 4:12; Matt. 24:14; Rev. 1:6; 20:6

That the hope for the world lies in the blessings of knowledge and opportunity to be brought to all by Christ's millennial kingdom—the restitution of all that was lost in Adam, to all the willing and obedient, at the hands of their Redeemer and his glorified church—when all the wilfully wicked will be destroyed.—Acts 3:19-23; Isaiah 35