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Preaching the Gospel.

“This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nation.; and then shall the end come - - (Matt. 24:14).

IN the words of our text our Lord Jesus Christ makes a statement as to the purpose of the Gospel Message of the present Age. That purpose is quite different from what Christian people in general have thought it to be. Many have supposed that the object to be attained during this Age has been the conversion of the world. But not so, according to the Scriptures. The end mentioned in our text is not the end of the world, but the end of the Gospel Age. The work of this Gospel Age, as laid out by the Master, is, not the conversion of the world, but the preaching of the Gospel as a witness to “ all The nations.

There is a distinction between the Gospel of the Kingdom and the Kingdom itself. The Gospel of the Kingdom is the message concerning the Kingdom, the glad tidings of the Kingdom. When this message shall have accomplished its work of gathering out a special class from amongst the people to constitute the Bride of Christ,, then the Kingdom itself will be inaugurated and will begin its work, which will be for the salvation of the world at large. So we make the distinction between the Gospel of the Kingdom and the Kingdom. The Gospel is the announcement beforehand that the Kingdom is coming. When the Kingdom comes, of course, the preaching that it is coming will be at an end; for the entire object of ,This preaching is to prepare for this coming Kingdom.

Why But Few Have Hearing Ears.

The Scriptures inform us that since our Lord’s ascension to the right hand of the Majesty on High; He has been waiting until the time shall come for the Heavenly Father to make His enemies His footstool, (Heb. 10:12, 13; Psa. 110:1). In other words, He is waiting until His glorious Kingdom shall be inaugurated for the blessing of all the families of the earth. Meantime, those who hope to reign with Him have an important work to do, in themselves, co-operating with their Lord in the preparation of themselves for their great future exaltation. Additionally,, they are to proclaim the, Gospel, preaching it to every one who has an ear M. hear, in order that the ‘full number of the Bride class may be gathered in and fitted for their positions in the Kingdom.

But not many will hear this message of the Kingdom. The great majority of people are filled with their own ideas. Some are engrossed in money-making, in pleasure seeking, in art, in music, etc. As a result, comparatively few have an ear for the Truth of God, but upon the few who have the hearing ear, this glorious message has, a marvellous effect; for it transforms their entire lives.

In calling out this class God uses no force, no coercion. It is strictly a voluntary matter. The Gospel message is only for those who appreciate it; and they will receive a great blessing. As the Master said to His disciples, “Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear.” (Matt. 13:16,17). When our Lord was preaching in Palestine, comparatively few had an ear to hear. The majority were too full of their own ideas and projects. And thus it has been all down the Gospel Age.

However, God is not blaming those who have no ears to hear the message of the Gospel; and neither should we. We do not smite a blind man because he does not see. On the contrary, we sympathise with him. So we’ should do with those who have no spiritual sight. There are very many who’ lack spiritual sight, many who cannot exercise faith in what they cannot see; and according to the Scriptures they are not responsible for their failure. As the Apostle Paul says, “The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not.” For this reason they cannot see. (2 Cor. 4:4). Later on,

under the Messianic Kingdom, these blind eyes will be opened. —Isa. 35:5-10.

God never purposed that the Kingdom message should convert the world during this Age, but that the Kingdom itself should do that work when it is established in the earth. The message is at present designed for only a “little flock.” “Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the Kingdom/” said the Master. (Luke 12:32). All others will be the subjects of the Kingdom. -

The Priceless Pearl Now Offered.

The earth is the one rebellious province in God’s Universe. There are only a few members of Adam’s race who to listen to the Word of God, and to follow its instructions. By -nature our minds are all more or less twisted through the Adamic fall, and not one is fit to be a member of God’s Royal Family. But there are some who have a’ disposition of heart to do right, who hunger and thirst after God and righteousness. It is to such that the good message of the Kingdom appeals. The gospel attracts those who have an interest in the things of God, but passes by those who lack such interest.

God, is seeking .for those who, when they learn of His wonderful Plan for human salvation from sin and death, will become so thoroughly engrossed in it that they will practically forget everything else. Thenceforth His Plan will be the only thing of special value to. them. Some of us have found it even so in our own cases. All other things are but secondary—eating, drinking, the kind of clothing we wear, whether we are poor or rich, etc. We desire merely to be neat in person, and to have sufficient food to give us the strength required for what our Lord has given us to do. •

With us the main object in life is the attainment of the great Heavenly treasure to which the Gospel called our attention. We are like the merchantman who was seeking goodly pearls, and who, when he had found one pearl of great price, sold all that he had and bought that pearl. (Matt. 13:45, 46). The Kingdom of Heaven, the Messianic Kingdom, with its glory and honour, and with its privileges in connection with the world’s uplift to human perfection, constitutes the great prize peculiar to this Gospel Age. Never before this Age was this prize possible of attainment; and the opportunity to attain it will end with this Age.

Everybody is seeking something in life.’ The vast majority have before their minds some object or aim, to the attainment of which they expend their energies. Some are seeking the pearl of large financial influence in their community. Others. seek the pearl of ()Teat wealth, the’ finest house in town, etc. Still others t end every effort to become famous musicians or great singers. A young woman may have before her mind the pearl of a cosy home, with a kind husband and little children.’ So there are pearls of many kinds and sizes. Whoever has no worthy object in life, no high ideal before his mind, is indeed; a pitiable creature.

But the Pearl of Great Price presented to us in the Scriptures far eclipses all other pearls in value. Whoever possesses this Pearl will be in harmony with God. The majority of mankind have no God, although everybody really needs Him; for we were created so. The highest organs in the human head show that worship of our Creator is a natural requirement of man’s being. But the race is so fallen from its original perfection, and our God has been so grossly misrepresented to us that few realise their need. What we were told concerning Him was so terrible that we did not care to know anything more about Him. Contrary to our nature, we turned aside because of these misrepresentations of His character. Nevertheless, the first step is to come into harmony ‘with God to become His child, and to learn that “like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that reverence Him.”—Psa. 103:13.

How To Secure This Great Pearl.’

As we examine this pearl more closely, we see a .marvellous beauty that we had not noticed before. - We see that God has made a wonderful offer to those who will renounce the world and consecrate themselves fully to Him, to follow in the footsteps of their Redeemer; faithful even unto death. For these the Heavenly Father has in reservation great glory, high honour, and a change of nature from human to Divine. (2 Pet. 1:4). These constitute the • Church of Christ, and the Church will be joint-heir with Christ Jesus in His Kingdom, through which God ,has purposed to bless the world.

Whoever gets the Pearl will have the. privilege of being associated with, our Lord Jesus in the work of helping the world up out of ignorance, superstition and sin. For a • thousand years this wonderful privilege will be afforded to Christ and His Church—the privilege of raising to human perfection and everlasting life all of the poor, fallen race of Adam who will accept the offer. Who would not rejoice at the prospect of uplifting the world from sin and death conditions to perfection and life! What would we not give thus to bless and uplift all our relatives and friends who are not now interested in the Kingdom! How glad we are that all mankind will have the privilege-of hearing and knowing about God.

But this is not all. After Christ and the Church shall have brought the poor world back to perfection, righteousness and life, the Church will be forever associated with her Lord, to show forth the riches of Jehovah’s grace throughout the

ages of eternity. (Eph. 2:4-7). Surely this is a wonderful prospect.

Are we asked what we must give to secure this pearl? In the parable, the Merchantman sold all that he possessed—to obtain that pearl; and so must we. It makes no difference whether we have much or little, we must give our all. We must yield ourselves wholly and unreservedly to God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. In one sense the pearl is very cheap—practically a gift; for the most that any of us may possess is as nothing in comparison. Yet in the sense that in order to purchase it we must submit ourselves fully to the Lord, henceforth to have no will of our own in anything, to suffer reproachful scorn, persecution, loss of friends, tribulations—all necessary to our preparation for future service—the cost is considerable. But whoever has once gotten a glimpse of the pearl will gladly pay the price.

Conditions For. Obtaining The Pearl.

Whoever accepts this wonderful offer which God has made must enter into a Covenant of Sacrifice with - Jehovah. (Psa. 50:5). Day by day he must thereafter carry out his Covenant. He must study the course, by our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our great exemplar; then he must walk in the Saviour's steps. He must deny himself—put himself fully into the hands of our Lord.—and enter the School Of Christ, learning daily lessons of faith and obedience.

After, we have consecrated ourselves fully to the Lord, all that we have is His; and we are only His stewards, who must render to Him an account for our use of time, influence, means, strength, and all. We have very little to render to the Lord at best. When the time necessary for eating, sleeping, earning a livelihood, etc., is deducted, we have not much left for active service for God. Therefore, we are, so far as we are able, to redeem the time from earthly affairs, spending as little as possible commensurate with duty and necessity in housework, business, etc. Some of the earthly treasures can be relinquished in the interest of the Heavenly treasures, that more time may be given to the study of God's Word, in helping the brethren along the good way, and in proclaiming the message of grace to others, that they may be blessed.

Doing Good To Others.

The number who will obtain this pearl is limited. During the entire Gospel Age only 144,000 are to be selected to form the glorified Church class. This number, we believe, is very nearly complete. Therefore, if we wish to be winners of the prize we must be up and doing. The time is short; and we must be about our Father's business. It is the Father's business that we cultivate “the fruits of the holy spirit—putting away malice, hatred, strife, and putting on meekness, gentleness, patience, brotherly-kindness, love. This is the Father's business; and by so doing we are getting ready to carry on His business by and by. He wishes us to attend to our own education now and to do all that we can to help others to get their education also. This is not the time to attend ‘to the interests of the world.

This does not mean that we shall do nothing for the world, however, for we are to do good unto all as we have opportunity, especially to the Household of Faith. Seek first the Kingdom of God for yourself; and afterwards look after the brethren and those needing your assistance. Be kind and considerate toward all, and watch for opportunities to give a pleasant word or a smile. It will be seen that you are different from others, and that you are not trying to pick a flaw in everything that they have. This does not mean that you are willing to be taken advantage of, but that you are showing a kindly spirit ‘towards them. By so doing you may pave the way for peaking the Gospel message to them afterwards.

We cannot know how much good may result from these seemingly small things. Thus doing, we shall be showing forth the Lord's praise, which is to be our constant aim. All of this is preparing us for the Kingdom; laying up treasures to buy this great pearl. To do so will take all we have, however much or little. There is no other Way to secure it.

With the majority, the sole object in life seems to be 'something to eat or to drink, a little pleasure, some attractive apparel, etc. Comparatively few know for what they are living or why they are in the world. To live in this way is to live like an animal. But how glorious it is to lift our thoughts and minds to things above, to live for God and for the eternal future! Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive the glories which God has prepared for ‘then that love Him above all else.

Gospel Witnessing Almost Completed,

The Gospel of the Kingdom has been preached in all the world as a witness unto all nations. The end of the present Dispensation is at hand. The shaking process, which is to remove everything not in full harmony with the incoming Messianic Kingdom, ‘is progressing. The Bride of Christ will soon be complete beyond the veil. The time of the deliverance of the Church is at hand. The end may come very suddenly. We wish only our Father's time and way. Let us, then, be faithful unto death. Daily we are learning patience; cheerful endurance, submission to the will of the Lord. All this, is shown in the faces of the Lord's dear people. Let us continue thus to let our light shine; and soon, we trust, we shall gain the Pearl of Great Price—in the Kingdom.

I Trust in Thee.

Across the varied sea of time,
A twelve-months' space;
I trace the Father's guiding hand,
The work of Grace.

When trials came, and testings,
Ah! did I then
Turn to the One who never fails,
Comfort to send!

And when the cares of life
Crossed o'er my way,
Did I with hope and trust invoke
My every stay?

The days when doubts and fears
Assailed my breast,
Did I with simple faith look up,
And, looking, Rest?

And when the hosts of Satan
'Gainst me arrayed,
Did I the sword of spirit wield,
E'en while I prayed ?

Ah, yes, full well I know ,
It must be done, 1337
Before my crown is gained,
And victory's won.

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So let me with a childlike faith
Keep near my Lord:
E'en though it means a straiten way,
The way to God.

And through the coming days
Of earth's dark night,
Lord ! grant me grace and strength
To live aright.

And when my pilgrimage is o'er,
And Jordan's past,
O Lord, I pray that Thou wilt bring
Me home at last.

Cards, Desolation—Restoration.

This poem is now available in post card size, in a variety of colours. Many of our friends will know the very helpful message it contains for the bereaved. It is also very unfit in conveying the hope of salvation in a general way. It is supplied at 3 for 6d., 1/8 per dozen; or 1/6 per dozen in 3-dozen lots.

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The Radio Work.

IT is a pleasure at this time again to report respecting the witness by radio over the past six months. Many of our friends have co-operated energetically and have gladly used their various talents in this work, as unto the Lord, and God's blessing has been manifest upon all these efforts in the service of the Gospel.

While the number of enquirers for copies of the broadcasts and other literature has been fewer than previously, yet the responses and continued interest and appreciation of the sessions by so many listeners have been most encouraging. It is with thankfulness to the Lord for the privilege and opportunity of spreading the glad message of His truth that the past six months are thus reviewed.

In July last a change from Station 3BO Bendigo to 3SH Swan Hill was made in Victoria, while in N. S. Wales a change was made from 2CA Canberra to 2HD Newcastle and some good enquiries have been received from the new areas. The change to 6KY Perth was also made by the friends there earlier in the year.

At the close of October the management of 5AD Adelaide and 5PI Port Pirie did not renew our yearly contract, and the appreciation of the Dialogues by listeners to these stations was clearly revealed by their disappointment of not having them continued. However, it may yet be possible to commence again in South Australia at a later date, but up to the present no such arrangements have been possible. In the meantime all interested friends may procure the printed Dialogues along with the "Peoples Paper" each month.

Enquiries are being made in other parts to test the possibility of reaching new localities, and if it be the Lord's will to open up other avenues for spreading the glad news of the Kingdom, it will be a further privilege and joy to extend this work accordingly.

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Booklet Replacing January "Peoples Paper."

For next month's issue of "Peoples Paper" the booklet "Good News" is being substituted, and copies are being posted out with this "Paper" to all subscribers. The "Good News" booklet is a helpful presentation of the truth by our brethren in U.S.A., and further copies may be procured as 'desired.

No Christmas Cards.

Will our friends please note that we are unable to stock Christmas Cards again this year. Please do not send money for card

Strength and Peace.

“The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.”—Psa. 29:11

AS we look back over the years that have passed since first we learned to “know the joyful sound” of the true Gospel and consecrated ourselves fully to the Lord, we view with sorrow the imperfections of even our best efforts; and as looking forward we see the difficulties that seem to obstruct our onward course, we shall greatly need to reinforce our waning courage with the special promises of Divine grace to help in every time of need. Among others, we have the blessed assurance that “The Lord will give strength unto His people”; “Call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.*—Psa. 50:15.

As soldiers under our great Captain, we have enlisted in no uncertain struggle, unless our own faint-heartedness or unfaithfulness should make it so. We are fully supplied with the whole armour of God, which will amply protect us against the fiery darts of the Adversary, if only we accept it and carefully buckle it on. We have with us the constant presence of our Captain, so long as we are closely following His leading. Above the din of battle His inspiring voice may be heard saying, “Fear not, little flock; for it is the Father’s good pleasure to give you the Kingdom”; “Be of good cheer; I have overcome!” (Luke 12:32; John 16:33.) If we are weak, and incline to faint-heartedness, we have only to remember the blessed promise, “The Lord will give strength unto his people”; and by our faithfulness we shall glorify God, who will deliver us from all our foes, both seen and unseen.

Like all others, the Lord’s people need fortitude and patience, else they might soon become discouraged in the conflict with the world, the flesh, and the Adversary. They need strength; they need encouragement. In the text under consideration, the word strength means, in large measure, courage. The Lord will give courage to his people. He encourages us in a variety of ways; He encourages us through each other, as we build one another up in the most holy faith.

Milk For Babes—Strong Meat For Those More Developed.

We, nevertheless, look to the individual, innate strength and to its importance. “Be of good courage, and He will strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.” (Psa. 31:24.) We are assured that we shall be strengthened in the “inner man” through the spirit of the Lord. None have this particular kind of strength, that of the “inner man,” except those who have become New Creatures in Christ, to whom “old things have passed away, and all things, have become new.” (2 Cor. 5:17). With this particular spirit-begotten class all of the Lord’s dealings are intended to develop character.

“Desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby,” and become strong. (1 Pet. 2:2.) This milk of the Word the Lord gives at first to His children, that the, new nature may grow thereby and become able to digest stronger food and thus develop in character-likeness to Our Lord. To all His own He has provided nourishment—milk for babes, strong meat for those more developed. (Heb. 5:12-14.) And any who would be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might (courageous) will avail himself of the Divine provision.

Our faith, however, is the basis of both our strength and our peace. No matter how fiercely the storms of life may assail us, we must never let go of our anchor and allow ourselves to drift; but always remember that “The foundation of God standeth sure”; that “His truth is our shield and buckler”; that “What He has promised He is able also to perform,” notwithstanding our human imperfections and frailties; that, covering these, we have the imputed righteousness of Christ, our Surety and Advocate; that “The Father

himself loveth us,” and that “He knoweth our frame and remembereth that -we are dust,” and so has compassion for the sons of His love and is very pitiful and of tender mercy. (2 Tim. 2:19; Psa. 91:4; Rom. 4:21; John 16:27; Psa. 103:14.) Indeed, “What more could He say than to us ;He hath said” to assure our faith and to steady and strengthen our hearts to patient endurance in the midst of the trials and conflicts in the narrow way of sacrifice?

With abounding compassion and tenderness our Lord, on the last night of His earthly life, bestowed upon His beloved disciples His parting blessing, His legacy of peace. It was the richest legacy He had to bequeath, and was of priceless value. It was the promise of that tranquility of soul, that rest and ease of mind which He himself possessed—the peace of God. It was the same peace which the Father has always enjoyed, even in the midst of all the commotion which the permission of evil has brought about; but it was not derived from the same source. In Jehovah, this peace is self-centred, because He realizes in himself omnipotence and Infinite wisdom; while the peace of Christ was centered not in himself, but in God, through faith in His wisdom, power and grace. So also, if we would have the peace of God, the peace of Christ (“my peace”), it must, like His, be centered in God; by faith.

The peace promised is not the short-lived peace of the world, which is sometimes enjoyed for a little season; but “my peace,” the peace of God which Christ himself by faith enjoyed, who, “Though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor” (2 Cor. 8:9); who lost friend after friend, and in His last hour was forsaken by all of the few that remained—the peace that endured through loss, persecution, scorn and contempt, and even amidst the agonies of the cross. This peace is something which none of the vicissitudes of this life can destroy and which no enemy can wrest from us.

“Marvel Not If The World Hate You.”

“There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked.” (Isa. 48:22.) “The wicked are like the troubled sea, continually casting up mire and dirt.” Their hearts are not in accord with peace and righteousness, but are filled with selfishness. The wicked are self-seeking and grasping; filled with anger if they cannot always get what they want; with malice if they see some one enjoying what they cannot have. All of these things indicate a lack of peace.

To the extent that any of the Lord’s people’ have any of these evil propensities they cannot have the “peace of God, which passeth all understanding”—which passeth all description. It is a rest of heart by faith. In this peace lies a satisfaction for all the various qualities of the mind; in proportion as the mind develops the ambition of pleasing the Lord, of communicating to others the knowledge of the truth and the blessed opportunity of salvation, it becomes our ambition to do good, instead of evil. So ambition, being turned into a right line, the peace of God, which none can comprehend save those who possess it, comes to the mind and heart.

It is not an outward peace, however, for the Lord’s people, individually and collectively, have most distressing experiences. The church has always been persecuted, as Jesus forewarned us: “Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you”; “If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.”-1 John 3:13; John 15:19.

“In The World Ye Shall Have Tribulation.”

The peace promised is not such as the world can always recognise and appreciate, for the possessor of it, like the Lord and the apostles and prophets, may have a stormy pathway. They did not have peace outwardly. They were beset, harrassed on every hand; they were persecuted and obliged to flee from place to place; some of the saints of old were stoned to death; some were sawn asunder. Yet the peace of God,

abounding in their hearts, enabled them to endure all these trials joyfully. Indeed, that it must be so with all the faithful until all the purposes of God in the permission of evil are accomplished, we are distinctly forewarned, but with the assurance that through all the storms of life this peace shall abide—"In the world ye shall have tribulation," but "in me ye shall have peace." —John 16:33.

This promise, that God will give peace to His people, seems to apply only to a peace of heart but Lord and the Apostles possessed it to such an extent that they enjoyed themselves much more than did their enemies. While Paul and Silas were in orison they sang praises to God, instead of berating the governments and threatening what would be done to them; instead of butting their heads against the bars and saying, "God does not care for us; we will go about our own business, hereafter." So with us. In proportion as we see matters from the Divine viewpoint and appreciate the precious promises and let them inspire our hearts, we shall rejoice in those promises, and our hearts will be blessed. Even if we have trials and difficulties that we are not able to surmount, if these are working out for us the fruits and graces of the spirit, we may rejoice and give thanks for these evidences of God's love.

"My Peace I Give Unto You."

We see that the peace of God is compatible with great commotion and with sorrow and pain of various kinds; for it is not dependent upon outward circumstances, but upon a proper balancing of the mind and the condition of a perfect heart. Such peace—the peace of God—was enjoyed by our Lord Jesus in the midst of all the turmoil and confusion of His eventful life. - And this brings us to the consideration of our Lord last legacy to his disciples when He was 'about to leave the world, as expressed in His own words: "Peace I leave with your thy' peace give unto you; not as the world giveth (in stinted measure or in perishable quality), give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."—John 14:27.

The promise in our text—"The Lord will bless his people with peace"—evidently belongs to this age, When all creation groans and travails in pain. (Rom. 8:4') When the Millennial age shall have been ushered in, there will be prevailing conditions of peace and thus He will give peace to all people. ,

Let us, then, have for our watchword, "LOYALTY" to God and to the principles of righteousness; and let each of us write upon his heart the gracious promise—"The Lord will give strength unto His people." Let us be faithfully "His people," and let us earnestly desire and faithfully use the strength promised. "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it"; "He is faithful that promised-1 Thes. 5:24; Heb. 10:23.

So then, if we lack the strength or the peace promised, the fault is our, not God's. Either we have not the interests of His service closely enough at heart, or else We do not make use of the strength He provides. "The Lord will give strength unto His people (His trusting, faithful servants, those who are using to His praise the talents consecrated to their Master, however many or few those talents may be); the Lord will bless His people with peace."

Christmas Conventions.

Melbourne.—As announced last month the Annual Convention of the Melbourne Class will be held as usual over the holiday period (D.V.) . Visiting friends will note that the four days for the gatherings will be Sunday 23rd December to Wednesday 26th December, and the meeting place /will be Masonic Hall, 254 Swan Street, Richmond, which is accessible from any part of the city. The Melbourne brethren extend a heart} invitation to all able to attend these gatherings for worship, fellowship and study of God's Word. Programmes will be ready shortly, and these and further information respecting accommodation, etc., may be obtained from the Class secretary—Mr. J. Hiam, 44 Heath Avenue, Oakleigh, S.E.12, Victoria.

Perth.—The brethren of the Perth Class will gladly welcome all friends who can attend their Convention which will • be held (D.V.) on Saturday 22nd December, Sunday 23rd December, Tuesday 25th, and possibly Wednesday 26th December. Information respecting the meeting place, programmes and accommodation, etc., may be obtained from the Class secretary—Mrs. N. Hiam, "Illawarra," Karragullen, Western Australia.

Christian Courage.

“Stand but your ground, your ghostly foes will fly;
Satan trembles at a heaven-directed eye.
Choose rather to defend than to assail;
Self-confidence will in the conflict fail.

When you are challenged, you may dangers meet:
True courage is a fixed, not sudden heat,
Is always humble, lives in self-distrust,
And will itself into no danger thrust.

Devote yourself to God, and you will find
God fights the battles of a will resigned.
Love Jesus; love will no base fear endure:
Love Jesus, and of conquest rest secure.”

Bible Study Meetings.

Assemblies for undenominational Bible Study are to be found in the various States, and all earnest truth seekers will be very welcome.

Please note the times and meeting places in current issues of 'People's Papers' as changes are sometimes necessary. Melbourne.-Masonic Hall, 254 Swan Street, Richmond (near Church Street) -Sundays, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thurs.. days, 19 Ermington Place, Kew, E.4.-7.45 p.m

Adelaide.-Druids Hall, Flinders Street-Sunday, 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Sydney.-75 Liverpool Street (few doors from George Street).--Sunday, 3 p.m. and 5.15 p.m.

Perth.-Chancery House (First Floor) , 3 Howard Street,- .Sunday, 3,30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

About Christ's First and Second Advent

At Christ's first advent He lived here a fleshly human being for thirty years, before He was recognized as the Son of God.

All Bible students know that our Saviour comes the second time, with His glorious spiritual body. With our human physical eyes we cannot see spirits. We cannot see God nor satan because they are spiritual beings, then why should it seem incredible that Christ, at His second advent, should appear in His glorious spiritual body, and yet be invisible to our physical eyes. Though we were educated to believe that we would see our Saviour at His second coming with our physical eyes, that education was erroneous. Bible students all over the world now agree that the only way we can see Christ before our resurrection change is with our mental eyes-the eyes of our understanding. See Eph. 1 :18.

Diaglots Available.

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Correspondence.

Victoria.

Frank and Ernest—I have been listening on Sunday mornings to your Talks, and have, been very much interested, and now I have received a small “Dodger”—Special Radio Announcement—inviting listeners to send for Free Literature. I would be glad of some of it sent to the above address. Yours etc.

Dear Frank and Ernest—Thank you for sending’ me the Dialogues and “Peoples Paper” and booklet, also a later “Paper.” I shall study them very carefully ; I think you are doing a wonderful work. Am enclosing a donation for expenses. Thanking you again ; Yours sincerely.

Dear Frank and Ernest—Would you please forward the leaflets on the subject “The Trinity” which began on Sunday, 7th October. If possible, I would like to have a leaflet sent each week. And oblige, Yours faithfully.

Berean Bible Institute, Dear Sir—I duly received Frank and Ernest Dialogues you sent me, also several other papers which I have much enjoyed and for which I thank you.

In the little book “Good News” I found at the bottom of page 12 a statement I never knew was taught, and which I certainly did not believe ; still if you can give proofs of teaching from the Scripture I give in ; and it is for matter on that subject I am now asking you to please send me. I believe that the wicked will be destroyed (Mal. 4:1, 3) , after the resurrection and judgment ; there seem to be many texts in the Bible that state this will be so. And besides, if all the people who have lived in this world were to come back from death there would not be standing room., I am greatly interested; I am teaching a Sunday School Class and I must teach them the truth, so please post me anything that will help me. Yours faithfully.

(The reference to “Good News” booklet is at the bottom of page 13 of the edition being sent out with, this month’s “Peoples Paper.” The Scriptures .very definitely state that “All in the graves (death condition) shall hear the voice of the Son of Man and come forth” (John 5:28, 29 (Revised Version) and liberal calculations show that there will not be the slightest crowding of human beings on the earth, when the general resurrection is complete. For example, the state of South Australia alone will provide about 30 square feet for every human being who has ever lived, on a very liberal estimate. When “the desert is blossoming as the rose” we may be sure that abundant provision will be available for all humanity who Will obey the laws of Christ’s Kingdom, during “the times of restitution of all things.” Those who will not obey the Lord at that time will be destroyed from among the people.

(Acts 3:20-23.) For a full explanation of this subject we advise a careful study of the book “Divine Plan of the Ages,” which is supplied at 2/6 in handy pocket size.—B.B. Institute.)

Dear Frank and Ernest—It is with sincere gratitude that I inform you that I have received your booklet, Dialogues and copies of the “Peoples Paper.” I have found these very interesting and helpful and I am looking forward to receiving further copies. You could also send me any other booklets or pamphlets which you may have. Once again thanking you and with kindest regards. Yours in His service.

South Australia.

Frank and Ernest, Dear Brothers in the Lord—As an earnest listener for nearly two years it with much

disappointment I hear over 5AD radio yesterday morning the cancellation of your 9.30 weekly broadcasts in Dialogues.

I desire to thank you for all the help these Talks have been to me, and enlightened my vision of the Holy Word and things to come. Always praying God to richly bless you and keep you faithful in your glorious ministry. Yours most sincerely.

P.S.—Please post printed Dialogues with “Peoples Paper” monthly, as usual, and enclosed find postal note for 5/- for another contribution towards the work.

Dear Frank and Ernest—I was very sorry to hear yesterday morning that you would not be speaking over 5PI again,

I shall miss your Talks very much; would you please forward them to me by post? I am enclosing postal note 5/-, for your work. Do you intend any time later to resume/your Talks over 5,PI ? I remain, Yours faithfully.

(Enquiries are under way to determine if the broadcasts can be resumed in South Australia; all information will appear in “Peoples Paper” as soon as possible.\—B.B. Institute.)

Frank and Ernest, Dear Sirs—I regret that the public “are likely to be deprived of hearing your interesting discussions on Sunday mornings. I have enjoyed some of them very much.

I missed the discussion on “Jesus, the Son of God” in the series on the Trinity and would be glad if you could forward me copies of the last three discussions given. Please find herewith postal note for 3/- which might help in postage. Yours faithfully.

Berean Bible Institute, Dear Christian Friends—Please find enclosed subscription to your very inspiring “Peoples Paper.” The messages it contains are well chosen, and Well edited; being so easy to understand all can enjoy its help.

Also Frank and Ernest broadcasts each Sunday morn bring the meaning of the Bible to all who are fortunate enough to be listening in. Thanking you. Yours sincerely.

Dear Sir—As we cannot listen to the radio session, would you kindly send us the literature on these questions, as advertised in the Adelaide “Chronicle.” Yours faithfully.

N. S. Wales.

To Frank and Ernest, Dear Sirs—I am a listener-in to ,your’ broadcasts over the air on Sunday afternoons, which I enjoy very much. I am very much interested in your discussions on the Scriptures, which can make us wise unto salvation. The world is wanting something very badly and apparently does not know how to get it. The trouble today is that very many of our leaders and teachers do not understand God’s great plan for the world; they are the blind leading the blind. May God open their eyes that they might See. A copy of your address yesterday would be much appreciated, also Sunday week, if you can manage it and oblige. Yours in the Master’s service.

Berean Bible Institute, Dear Brethren—Enclosed please find postal note 3 /- as subscription to the “Peoples Paper” .

I have greatly appreciated reading “Foregleams of the Golden Age” and also other literature ‘sent : it

clears up much wrong interpretations of the Scriptures as taught by practically all the orthodox churches, and your explanations from the Greek and Hebrew original texts are both lucid and logical. With best wishes, Yours in the Faith, by grace.

P.S.—I listen in to Frank and Ernest at a neighbour's , whenever possible on Sundays.

Dear Frank and Ernest—Please find enclosed 5/- subscription to “Peoples Paper.” Though I cannot get your broadcasts since you left -2WG, I appreciate your kind thought in sending me your papers. It has helped me to understand the Scriptures and God's great plan: May God bless you in your work. Thanking you ; I am, Yours faithfully.

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