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# Highlights of Dawn

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## The Increase of the Earth

**“Earth will have given her increase, God, our own God, will bless us.”—Psalm 67:6, Rotherham**

PSALM 67 is a prophecy foretelling the future joy of mankind when they behold the blessings of the millennial kingdom of Christ. It also expresses the sentiments of all the faithful people of God, past and present, who having a knowledge of that kingdom long for its establishment in the earth. The Rotherham Version of this psalm reads as follows: “God be favorable to us and bless us, cause his face to shine upon us, that thy way may be known throughout the earth, throughout all nations thy saving help! Peoples will praise thee, O God, Peoples will (all of them) praise thee. Races of men will be glad and shout for joy, because thou wilt judge peoples with equity, and races of men throughout the earth thou wilt lead. Peoples will praise thee, O God, peoples will (all of them) praise thee. Earth will have given her increase, God, our own God, will bless us. God will bless us, that all the ends of the earth may revere him.”

The Rotherham Translation, which is here quoted, differs slightly from the King James Version in that it declares that the events described will be accomplished, which inspires the people to praise God. And what joy it will be, when the full potential of the earth for providing man's needs is successfully utilized! The word “increase” in our text comes from the Hebrew word “yebul,” which means “produce,” and has also been translated “fruit.”

The curse of death that came upon man also included the curse of the earth, which is plainly stated in Genesis 3:17-19: "And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

Because of this sentence imposed by God, the history of man has been one of continual struggle against the adverse vicissitudes of life in this present evil world. Man has had to work hard (by the sweat of his face) to coax from the ground the necessary sustenance for life. At times, because of drought, freezing cold, floods and pests, famines occurred which often led to wholesale starvation of large populations.

These difficulties in tilling the soil, and the laborious toil associated with agriculture, might cause us to overlook the miraculous natural processes that have been set in motion by our wonderful Heavenly Father. God told Adam: "Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the 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) Little did Adam realize how complex was the process by which this was to be accomplished. Today scientists, in their probing and study of the process called photosynthesis (upon which all agriculture depends), have uncovered some very interesting facts. These scientists like to look upon all agriculture as a means of collecting and storing solar energy (an energy that man finds difficult to capture) in the form of food or other useful products—for example: wood, rubber,

cotton, hemp, flax, etc. Hence, since Adam, all the farmers of the world have been engaged in promoting this miraculous transformation of energy. Through experience farmers learned that all they needed was good soil (capable of holding water and containing nutrients), and sunlight. Then they depended upon the chemical laws upon which God ordained to do the rest, that is, to set in motion the remarkable process of photosynthesis, thus converting solar energy into food and other useable products.

Scientists have progressed in their study of this remarkable process so that today they understand in considerable detail the systems and stages involved (as many as nine) in what is a very complicated chemistry. This chemistry consists of the conversion of a waste product called carbon dioxide gas, which is exhaled by all animal life, into useful carbohydrates. The process first converts the energy of sunlight into the chemical energy that is used by green leaves to assimilate the carbon dioxide and transform it into carbohydrates, plant constituents, and food. All of this is carried out in the chloroplasts of the green leaves, which contain chlorophyll; this substance gives the leaves their green color and is the key to the photosynthesis process. We note how simply the Lord pointed out this entire process to Adam by saying in Genesis 1:30, "every **green** herb" is given to animals as food.

About ninety to ninety-five percent of the dry weight of a food crop is derived from the carbon dioxide gas absorbed by green leaves from the air during photosynthesis. Only about five to ten percent comes from minerals and nitrogen taken up from the soil. Yet these minor elements are also very important. Here, again, we see the remarkable way God has provided for man's needs by placing nitrogen-fixing bacteria in the soil.

Nitrogen-fixing bacteria include both those that live free in the soil and those that live enclosed in nodules or tubercles on the roots of plants called legumes (alfalfa, peas, beans, clover, soybeans and lupine). These bacteria enter the roots chiefly

through root hairs and then work their way to the inner tissues, causing a nodule or tubercle to form, through which they live in a mutually beneficial relationship with the green plant. The bacteria obtain their carbohydrates (as food) from the green plant, and the green plant obtains its nitrogen from the bacteria. This nitrogen becomes protein in the plant. If nitrogen is added to the soil in the form of a nitrate or ammonia, as found in chemical fertilizers, the bacteria's task is made easier, and the nitrogen from these fertilizers is transformed to protein. Otherwise the bacteria fix the nitrogen directly from the atmosphere.

Nitrogen is a very inert material, composing seventy-nine percent of our atmosphere. To combine it with another element of compound takes much energy. For example, it was not until the twentieth century that man was able to make ammonia from nitrogen. In order to do so, he had to use high pressure (15,000 pounds per square inch) and high temperature (400 to 600 degree centigrade) with a catalyst. But for eons of time God's natural law has performed a similar task with tiny organisms that combine nitrogen into useful material seemingly without effort.

Since it is easier for these organisms to make protein from compounds of nitrogen, God's arrangement of nature assists these tiny organisms by causing fertilizer to be made whenever a bolt of lightning flashes through the atmosphere and converts the inert nitrogen gas to a nitric compound which falls to the soil and is used by plants. It has been estimated that the amount of fertilizer made in this manner (via thunderstorms) is greater than the output of all the fertilizer plants in the world.

As we review these wonderful mechanisms in nature, designed and set in motion by our Father in heaven, it makes us wonder why man has not been more successful in providing sufficient food for all. But in reality, man has done better in this respect than we may think, though he has fallen far short

of what could be achieved. Considering the multitude of people who have lived upon the earth since Adam's day, and the vast amounts of food required to feed them, man, imperfect as he is, has succeeded more than he has failed in meeting his needs. Primitive agriculture did not have the challenge that it has today. Yields were low, not only because inorganic plant nutrients or water were inadequate, but also because the quality of the plants being grown was poor. Moreover, the losses by reason of diseases and pests were large. All of this we recognize as a part of the curse. Hence, famine and starvation have almost always been present in some part of the world. This was prophesied by Jesus as an experience to be endured many times by the world of mankind in the period spanning his first and second advents. (Matt. 24:7) His prophecy has indeed been fulfilled.

It was not until the beginning of the nineteenth century that worldwide population growth began to be recognized as a threat to man's existence. An English economist, Thomas R. Malthus, in his essay published in 1798 predicted man's inability to keep food production in pace with population growth. The outcome, he believed, would be worldwide starvation. Malthus was unaware that the time was near for knowledge to be increased, as a result of which improved methods of agriculture would be devised. (Dan. 12:4) But Malthus would be appalled to see the level of population in the world today!

The first significant change in agriculture was already under way in Europe when Malthus was making his analysis of population growth. European farmers were learning how to till the ground to prevent erosion of the topsoil, and were experimenting with crop rotation as early as 1650. It required time to teach these new farming methods to the farmers of Europe, but by 1850 Europe achieved higher yields in all crops than they ever had before. The principle of crop rotation was widely adopted as good agricultural practice, especially of

leguminous crops which returned nitrogen to the soil. However, with the passage of time, these good practices went into decline and, as usual, man in his greed reverted to monoculture (one crop, year after year), with the attendant penalties of loss of efficiency, soil erosion and soil degradation.

As new agricultural practices at the turn of the nineteenth century were improving crop yields, another development came along in the 1830's to 1850's—the invention and introduction of mechanical reaping equipment. This development occurred in the United States at a time when this young, growing nation was starting to become a leading food producer of the world, lending its support to solving the food shortage problem. These events made it possible to set aside again, for the time being, the fear of worldwide hunger.

Population growth fears diminished as people occupied themselves with other problems, until the period following World War II. Then came the postwar population explosion, which reawakened great worldwide concern. There was no doubt, it was believed, that the world was facing potential widespread starvation. But again another event occurred which was to forestall the impending crisis. It was called the "green revolution." The significance of this revolution, its accomplishments and problems, were summarized in an article recently published:

"In the 1960's, the conviction dawned on many people that if continued population growth was not matched by dramatic increases in the world's food supply, large parts of the globe would face widespread hunger and famine. One response to this potential crisis was the green revolution, a term first used to herald the development, by American plant geneticists working in Mexico and the Philippines, of dwarf varieties of wheat and rice capable of doubling or tripling yields per acre in those regions. The new plants had shorter, stiffer stems and, if heavily fertilized and irrigated, could produce much

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larger heads of grain that did not fall over from their own weight.

“In the late 1960’s and early 1970’s, the new grains spread rapidly over wide areas of Asia, Africa and Latin America. Previously unplanted lands were opened for cultivation while plant geneticists in many developing countries refined the dwarf varieties for better adaptation to local conditions.

“But the achievements of the green revolution, dazzling as they have been, may have reached their limit as a solution to the problem of hunger. The rate of growth in world food supplies is now slowing while the world’s population continues to increase. At the same time, large-scale farming of dwarf grains has created new economic and social problems for the developing countries.

“The high-yield grains are particularly vulnerable to insects and disease. To prosper, they require large quantities of fertilizer and pesticides, more irrigation water, and ever more expensive fuel to pump the water and to run machinery. As developing countries struggle with the transition from simple, labor intensive farming to high technology agriculture, antiquated transportation systems need to be modernized to move larger crops to expanding urban centers and to nonproductive back country areas. All this takes hard currency. It now costs more than \$5 billion annually to provide fertilizer, pesticides and equipment for India’s farms. The country’s irrigation systems are nearing capacity, and new sources of water will have to be found within the next twenty years if the grain output is to keep pace with population growth.

“Lester Brown, director of Worldwatch, an international food and resource study group, says the green revolution has not been the final solution to world food supply problems. ‘It has been a way of buying time until the brakes can be put on population increases,’ he explained. ‘There may be other

important breakthroughs down the road if the scientists do find the key to increasing photosynthesis. But the gains from those discoveries would also be only time buying if population increases aren't checked.' ''

In the midst of this struggle to provide enough food for everyone is the need for energy. As scientists convene in international congresses concerning plant genetics, plant protection, and the supply of food, the problem of providing energy is more evident. In making comparisons, these scientists relate productivity to energy usage. For example, one American food grower supplies food for 60 people, compared to the Western European food grower supporting 9.2. The Japanese food grower supports 13.7 and the United Socialist Soviet Republic grower supports 10 persons. The world average is 5.1. However, the American food grower uses forty barrels of oil per year for his achievement, which is approximately two to three times more than the European food grower uses. This energy usage includes all of the aspects of high technology agriculture, that is, mechanization, fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides, storage, packaging and transportation. This enormous energy appetite in developed countries as it relates to food production has created another difficult problem for the world. It has been estimated by one scientist, D. Pimental of Cornell University, that high technology agricultural practice could deplete our known oil reserves in thirteen years.

Meanwhile, although scientists are working on increasing crop yields, the effort is not enough. Dr. Israel Zelitch of the Connecticut Agricultural Experimental Station in New Haven recently said, "Although about 100 laboratories currently are doing research on some aspects of photosynthesis, only about a dozen academic laboratories in the United States are engaged in research on photorespiration. Despite the threatening world food crisis, research budgets in the plant sciences have been reduced (in constant dollars) during the

past decade. Increased research funding in crop-oriented areas is needed, but greater funding alone will not be sufficient. Chemists, biochemists, plant physiologists, crop physiologists, geneticists, and plant breeders will have to work together.'

But it is precisely this lack of wise and loving cooperation between men and nations that is at the very root of all the world's problems today! Today, as a result of the fall, man has an imperfect mind, and a selfish heart, and he lives in a world that is largely motivated by self-defeating self-interest. Thus, in spite of his best efforts and his present day scientific knowledge, he cannot effectively or for long solve the problem of world hunger, any more than he can solve the many other problems confronting him in this present evil world.

But when Christ's kingdom is set up in the earth, man will gradually be led back to the glorious perfection of mind, body and heart that was enjoyed by father Adam before he disobeyed the righteous commandments of Jehovah God. He will learn to love his neighbor as himself. And then will come a wonderful fulfillment of the prophecy of Psalm 67. In that kingdom the curse over the earth will be removed; Satan will be bound; greed and selfishness will be supplanted by love and unselfishness. There will be cooperation among all fellowmen in the maintenance of the perfect society upon earth. And all the necessary natural conditions will be present—sunlight, rainfall, freedom from disease or pests—for the earth to "yield her increase." Thus, the great potential possessed by mother earth to feed her billions will have been realized. It is our wonderful Heavenly Father who will do this because, as the Apostle Paul reminds us when using agriculture as an example of Christian growth, it is God who will give the increase. (I Cor. 3:6) In the kingdom all will be adequately fed. To him be the honor and glory forever! □

**"I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even My hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded."**—Isaiah 45:12

## PRECIOUS MOMENTS

Precious moments, rich in blessing,  
At the throne of grace I spend;  
All my joys and griefs expressing,  
To my best and truest Friend.  
Here I find that sweet communion  
With my Father and my Lord,  
Earnest of that blessed union  
Promised in the Holy Word.

Christ says, "Come, thou heavy laden,  
I will give thee sweetest rest;  
All the way my feet have trodden;  
Come to me when sore oppressed.  
Take my easy yoke upon you,  
Rest from earthly care and strife,  
I will sweetest comfort give you,  
Walk with me the ways of life.

Lord, we praise thee for this blessing,  
For this privilege so sweet,  
For thy tender love's caressing,  
For this safe and sure retreat.  
Never weary of our coming,  
Never spurning our request;  
With complaint or with rejoicing,  
Still thy love is manifest.

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# Bible Study

LESSON FOR JUNE 7

## Hearing God's Commands

**MEMORY SELECTION:** "Therefore thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, alway."—Deuteronomy 11:1

**SELECTED SCRIPTURE:** II Kings 23:1,2; Deuteronomy 10:12—11:1

THE Law Covenant that God gave the nation of Israel was an expression of the divine principles that would measure the stature of a perfect man. The Lord speaking through Moses said: "Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the Lord your God. Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the Lord." (Lev. 18:4,5) The thought is that anyone who could keep God's perfect law would be perfect, and as a result would earn the right to life.

Because of inherited adamic weaknesses, no man, and certainly not the nation, could keep God's perfect law. The Apostle Paul states the matter thus: "Now we know that what things

soever the Law saith, it saith to them who are under the Law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the Law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the Law is the knowledge of sin." (Rom. 3:19,20) The constant striving to keep the precepts of the Law, without ever being able to attain to it, should have led the Israelites to the conclusion that they were fallen human beings and that they would never, by their own endeavors, be able to attain to perfection. The Apostle James states, "For whosoever shall keep the whole Law and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."—James 2:10

The Apostle Paul in explaining the real purpose of the Law

said: "Wherefore then serveth the Law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made. . . . Wherefore the Law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith." (Gal. 3:19,24) Their experience in trying to obey the precepts of God's law should have brought the nation of Israel to the realization that they needed a better mediator than Moses.

God, knowing their imperfections, did not expect the people to be able to render perfect obedience, but he did expect that they would try, and, having failed, be repentant of heart. Also in recognizing their failure to actually perform, God expected them to manifest the spirit of the Law to the best of their ability. The Prophet Micah, we believe, expresses the thought, "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"—Mic. 6:8

The Scriptures tell us that at the time of the death of Jesus, he nailed the ordinances of the Law to the cross. His death opened a new and living way whereby it became possible to

recognize that Jesus was the propitiation (satisfaction) for our sins, and thus, by faith in his blood, be justified in God's sight. Under this arrangement the Heavenly Father accepts the obedience of the spirit for the deed. The Apostle Paul in Romans 8:2-4 states: "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the Law of sin and death. For what the Law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin [a sin offering], condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

How then do we hear the commandments of God under this new arrangement? God has given the thoroughly consecrated followers of Jesus the Holy Spirit, and it is this holy influence of God that reveals to them his will. The Apostle Paul states: "God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. . . . Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."—I Cor. 2:10,12 □

## Claiming God's Promise

**MEMORY SELECTION:** "Behold, the Lord thy God hath set the land before thee: go up and possess it, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath said unto thee."—Deuteronomy 1:21

**SELECTED SCRIPTURE:** Deuteronomy 1:19-26, 29-31

BECAUSE of Abraham's faith, God made a covenant with him concerning the land of promise. The circumstances are recorded in Genesis 15:13-18. He first explained that Abraham's offspring were going to be slaves in Egypt during a period of four hundred years, but at the proper time God promised he would deliver them from Egypt and they would come out with great substance. "But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full. . . . In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates."

In fulfillment of this prophecy by God, we know that the Israelites were slaves in Egypt during the latter part of the four hundred years. At the end of the specified time the Scriptures tell us "it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day, it

came to pass, that all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt." (Ex. 12:41) (Apparently, the difference of thirty years from the Genesis account was understood and probably resulted from dates of reckoning.) The point is that God fulfilled his promise.

The wonderful demonstration of power God displayed in delivering the Israelites from Egypt was to be forever remembered by them. In Exodus 12:14 we read, "This day shall be unto you for a memorial and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever."

Then followed the deliverance of the nation through the Red Sea from certain death or from re-enslavement by the Egyptians; and from the Red Sea to Mount Sinai, the Lord, on several occasions, demonstrated his power and overruling providence on behalf of this people.

At Mount Sinai God himself was represented as meeting

with them, and the conditions were such as to strike terror in the hearts of the people. The account in Exodus 19:16 reads, "And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled." This culminated in the making of a covenant with them—the Law Covenant—and by this they had God's full assurance of blessing and his overruling providence in their behalf, if they were obedient and faithful.

It was after all of these experiences that Moses brought the children of Israel to the borders of the promised land. The details are recorded in Numbers 13:1-33; 14:1-45. The Lord instructed Moses to select twelve men, one from each of the twelve tribes, to search out the land. They found that the land was rich and fertile and they brought back samples of the fruitage of the land which were more wonderful than anything they had ever seen. But while they were in the land, they saw the inhabitants who were strange in appearance, and larger than they were. Also, according to historians of the

time, the inhabitants had constructed small garrisons in various parts of the land to help them ward off attacks. The combination of the size and appearance of the people together with their fortifications made ten of them fearful and they conveyed a message of fear to the people. Only Joshua and Caleb had faith in the Lord, that he, by his mighty power already fully demonstrated, would deliver them from the Canaanites and give them the land.

In claiming God's promises, we too are sometimes prone to forget the mighty demonstrations of God's power which he has exerted on our behalf, and not have sufficient faith to believe he will do what he has said he will do. Some of life's problems appear to us to be giants in the land—insurmountable obstacles. It is then that we should turn to the Lord and claim his promise to help in every time of need. One of these wonderful statements is found in I Corinthians 10:13, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape [or will direct the issues, Diaglott] that ye may be able to bear it." □

## Recalling God's Action

**MEMORY SELECTION:** "Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons."—Deuteronomy 4:9

**SELECTED SCRIPTURE:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 5-10

THE principles expounded in the laws God gave to the nation of Israel were truly an expression of divine wisdom. Deuteronomy 4:6 reads, "Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." The Apostle Paul referred to these admonitions as a peculiar advantage to the nation of Israel. "What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God." (Rom. 3:1,2) This set the Jews apart from other nations as the people of God.

In order for the nation to benefit from this advantage, it

was required of them that they be obedient to these precepts. Compliance was to bring great rewards of material blessings, and disobedience was to be rewarded with very severe punishment. (Deut. chapter 28) On the face of it, exercising a choice between blessings and curses would seem to be a simple matter; but it did not prove to be such for the nation of Israel. The problem had its root in their inherited weaknesses. They were imperfect men and God's law was perfect and made no allowances for failure. The Apostle James tells us, "For whosoever shall keep the whole Law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." (James 2:10) It was not only impossible for the nation of Israel to keep the Law, but the whole world is condemned by it. The Apostle Paul states: "Now

we know that what things soever the Law saith, it saith to them who are under the Law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the Law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the Law is the knowledge of sin."—Rom. 3:19,20

By this we might conclude that the Law was not a true representation of God and his character. But again the Apostle Paul tells us that "the Law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good." (Rom. 7:12) The problem was that only a perfect man could keep it. Repeated failure by the Jews in attempting to keep the Law should have resulted in the recognition of their weaknesses and brought them to the point of realizing the need for help. In harmony with this the Apostle Paul states that the relief that they sought was to be found only in Christ. (Rom. 10:5-9) The Scriptures tell us that, because of pride and hardness of heart, Jesus became a stumbling stone to most of them, and the liberty and freedom that could have been theirs through the Gospel was lost.—II Cor. 3:13-17

What is the lesson in this for us? It should remind us that we,

like the nation of Israel, are imperfect, and if we desire to come into harmony with the Heavenly Father and receive his blessings it can only be done through Jesus. The Apostle Peter, speaking of Jesus, said: "This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."—Acts 4:11,12

Jesus has opened a new and living way whereby his footstep followers are able to keep the spirit of the Law because the weaknesses of the flesh are covered by the merit of his sacrifice. We read in Romans 8:3,4: "For what the Law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin [for a sin offering], condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

We, like the Apostle Paul, give thanks to God that through Jesus we can, with our minds and hearts, serve the law of God acceptably even though we do have many weaknesses of the flesh.—Rom. 7:25 □

## Experiencing God's Presence

**MEMORY SELECTION:** "Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy."—Psalm 16:11

**SELECTED SCRIPTURE:** Deuteronomy 4:32-40

THE experience of the children of Israel at Mount Sinai was designed by God to be such a revelation of his power and glory that the terror of being in the divine presence would be remembered from generation to generation. In Deuteronomy 4:33 Moses, in his admonitions to the people, said, "Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?" A more detailed account of this experience is given by Moses in Exodus 19:16-19: "And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. And Mount Sinai

was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by a voice."

God called Moses up into the mount and gave him the details or terms of the Law Covenant. While Moses was with God, the awesome display of his power and glory continued. But when Moses appeared to the people, they said, "Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die." Later we find that Moses did read the terms of the Law Covenant to the people and the people answered they would do all the words of the Lord and because of their agreement, the Law Covenant was inaugurated. --Exod. 24:3-8

The circumstances of God's presence with Israel were to impress upon them the power and glory of the one who was supervising their affairs, thereby increasing their faith that God was able to accomplish the things he promised. Also, God's presence assured them that the covenant they had entered into was made with God. This experience was a touchstone for the nation, but in spite of it, we know they were not faithful to its terms.

The Apostle Paul tells us that this experience of the nation of Israel was a picture or a type of the inauguration of the New Covenant. In Hebrews 12:18-21, he recounts the circumstances we have previously noted and then he indicates that the footstep followers of Jesus are approaching the reality of Mount Zion. In verses 22-24 we read: "But ye are come [approaching] unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of the New Covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, —

that speaketh better things than that of Abel."

The apostle then reminds us that in the figure God spoke to the children of Israel under marvelous circumstances but they did not listen and were disobedient. But now God is speaking to us and we should "see that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven."—Heb. 12:25

The point the apostle is making is that Israel was disobedient and, therefore, lost the exclusive opportunity to be a nation of kings and priests. (Exod. 19:5,6) Because of their disobedience the Gospel message was directed to the Gentiles. The account is recorded in Acts 13:46. "Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles." (See also Acts 26:16-18; Rom. 9:25,26.) It is at this present time that God is speaking and inviting Gentiles to receive the Gospel message, with the prospect of becoming a part of God's spiritual house.—I Pet. 2:5-10 □

# Christian Life and Doctrine

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BEHOLD YOUR KING  
PART 3

## The Intervening Age

**“Go ye, and teach all nations.”—Matthew 28:19**

THE apostle explains that Jesus was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit. (1 Pet. 3:18) Having given his flesh for the life of the world, he was now exalted again above the human plane. As a man, Jesus was a little lower than the angels; but in his resurrection, as the apostle declares, he was made “better” than the angels. (Heb. 1:4) Indeed, the apostle writes that Jesus was exalted far above angels, principalities, and powers, and every name which is named, and is now set down at the right hand of the throne of God—the throne from which the whole universe is ruled.—Eph. 1:20-23; Phil. 2:5-11

We honor our heroes and reward those who risk death in order to save or benefit others. There is a righteous principle involved in this—a principle which had its origin with the Creator. He thus honored Jesus for his faithfulness. He “decorated” his Son with glory and immortality. He exalted him above the angels, and above every name that is named. Jehovah, whose wisdom and power operated to create the universe, now used his power to raise Jesus from the dead and gave him a nature which was above the human and above the angelic—the divine nature itself.

Mere man, by discovering and harnessing the energy in the atom, has made racial suicide possible. God, who created that energy, and therefore is vastly superior to it, laid hold

upon the dead Christ, restored him to life, and exalted him to his own right hand, giving him "all power in heaven and in earth."—Matt. 28:18

We are awe-inspired with the thought! Is it any wonder that divine intervention such as this on behalf of one who, while he died for the sins of the world, nevertheless was unjustly killed, should have such a profound effect on the course of the world? If the discovery of the use of nuclear energy has ushered the world into a new age, is it any wonder that the direct use of divine power by him who created nuclear energy should also mark the beginning of a new age, even the Christian Age?

But we should not labor under any misapprehensions concerning the Christian Age. During this age many things have occurred in the name of Christianity which have not been Christian. It has not been Christian for one nation to go to war against another in the name of Christ. The wars of the Crusades were unchristian. The so-called "Holy" Inquisition was unholy, the product of inhuman religious intolerance and hate, and among the most unchristian of all the diabolical practices of the Dark Ages. Persecution of the Jews has not been Christian.

The fear-instilling teaching of eternal torture for the wicked is not Christian. Masses for the dead, and the claim that such masses ease and shorten the suffering of those alleged to have gone to purgatory, are wholly without authority by Christ or any of the inspired writers of the Scriptures. Selling indulgences, blessing images, etc., in consideration of a fee, are unchristian and unholy practices and no part of God's work during the Christian Age.

That for which the now nearly obsolete word "Christendom" stood was not Christian. This term had its inception in the claim that the church-state governments of Europe constituted the kingdom of Christ, but that was a false claim. This union of apostate churches with civil governments was

foretold in the Scriptures and portrayed as spiritual harlotry. The teachings of the Bible relative to this illicit union of the church with the state are symbolized by a dissolute woman sitting upon a scarlet-colored beast who made all the people drunk with “the wine of her fornication.” No wonder the nations of Europe were almost continuously engaging in a carousal of war, bloodshed, and hate during the heyday of ecclesiastical power in the Old Roman world. Surely such debauchery was not Christian and was no part of God’s plan for the Christian Age.

All these evils are but the work of selfish man. That they were practiced in the name of Christ has confused the true issues and principles of Christianity in the minds of millions, and it is this confusion that is now causing so many to lose faith in the Bible. The enlightenment of our day is causing those with thinking minds to realize that a religion which countenances and promotes such evils is a very bad religion and that the world would be better off without it.

We agree with this but at the same time bid the earnest truth-seeker to look further, to search deeper, to push aside the rubbish of superstition and discover the bright and genuine jewels of truth hidden in the Bible—truths which in the light of present-day events reflect beams of light from the God of heaven, which pierce the gloom ahead and reveal the remaining steps in the pathway to peace and everlasting life which God has outlined in his Word.

What, then, **has** been the work of God since Jesus went away? To the limited extent that the moral and ethical teachings of Jesus have been practiced, we have had a better world—of this there can be no doubt. On the other hand, the fact that nations and individuals comprising nations have not always practiced Christian principles in their dealings with one another does not mean that Christianity itself has failed; for strange though this may seem, Jesus did not commission his followers during this age to convert the world to his way

of life. To the extent that the influence of his teachings in the lives of his true followers has made the world better, it has thus far been but a by-product of true Christian work.

Jesus commissioned his followers to go into all the world to preach the Gospel and to make disciples of all nations. It was not expected that every individual in all nations would become a disciple. As for the world at large who heard the message, it was to be in the nature of a witness only, a testimony. (Matt. 24:14) Instead of all being converted by this effort, the Scriptures explain that its purpose has been merely to "take out" of the world "a people for his name."—Acts 15:14

A great deal is said in the New Testament about the "calling" of this class. The promise is given that if they suffer and die with Jesus they will live and reign with him. They are to share his "glory." They are to sit on his throne. (Rom. 8:17; II Tim. 2:11,12; Rev. 3:21) Jesus promised to prepare a place for them and to "come again" and receive them unto himself. (John 14:1-3) All of these amazing promises indicate that the true disciples of Christ during this Christian Age are justified in expecting to be exalted above angels, to share the divine nature and glory which the Father gave to Jesus as the reward for his faithfulness. The apostle speaks of it as a "heavenly calling."—II Pet. 1:4; Heb. 3:1

The divine program for this age has been the calling and the selection of these joint-heirs of Christ, based upon their acceptance of and loyalty to the Gospel. This program began at Pentecost. There the invisible power of God, the Holy Spirit, came upon the waiting disciples, enlightening their minds and giving them power of speech to declare the message of truth concerning the purposes of God. The response to the Gospel on that first day was tremendous, but the enthusiasm of the believers was commingled with persecution by the intolerant and prejudiced. A great fight between light and darkness was there renewed, and the

struggle has continued even until now. The truth and those who have believed it have always appeared to be on the losing side.

It was thus with Jesus who, although he was the light of the world, was crucified. He told his disciples that they also were to be "the light of the world"; but their light, although they have let it shine as brightly as possible, has been but a glimmer in the world of darkness and sin. The light-bearers have been ostracized, persecuted, and killed. Jesus foretold this, saying, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) Jesus' true followers have also overcome the world, not by conquering and ruling over it through the civil powers, but by overcoming its spirit of selfishness in their hearts and, like Jesus, laying down their lives in sacrifice that others might be blessed.

It may have appeared that the truth and the truth people have always been on the scaffold. But it hasn't really been a scaffold. It has been an altar—God's altar of sacrifice. His people have, like Jesus, been proving their love for his ways and principles by faithfulness in sacrificing. They have been demonstrating their unselfishness, their devotion to righteousness, and their harmony with the divine principles of justice and love. They have loved their enemies as God loves his. In these ways they have qualified to be associated with the highly exalted Jesus in the future work of restoring humanity to life upon the earth.

It is the calling out from the world and the testing of those called that has been God's work during the Christian Age. In it we see a further manifestation of divine wisdom and mercy. Paul speaks of Christians as "workers together" with God. (II Cor. 6:1) Surely the Creator, with all his resources of wisdom and power, does not need the limited aid that can be given to him by puny and dying human beings. But he has arranged it that way, and there must be a reason for it. One of the terms applied to Jesus in his relationship to God and

men is that of Mediator, that is, one who stands between to effect reconciliation. (I Tim. 2:5,6; II Cor. 5:18) They, as representatives of the human race, are to be on the future mediatorial board with Jesus and will share with him in the work of reconciling the estranged world to God.

Marvelous grace!

These promises relating to the "high calling" of Jesus' disciples have been misunderstood. From them the false theory has been deduced that the Creator desires that as many humans as possible be transferred to heaven; that he never intended man to remain a human; that his human existence is only the first stage of life, and death but a gateway into the next phase, which is to be spiritual, or heavenly. The theory is that all who accept Christ as their Savior before they reach the portal of death go to heaven and that all others go to purgatory or to hell and there suffer excruciating tortures. It has also been supposed that the work of Christians during this present age has been to convert as many humans as possible in order to rescue them from this terrible fate of eternal torture in hell, which otherwise would be sure to overtake them at death.

Due to this misunderstanding, the real destiny of the human race has been overlooked. Few have noticed the many promises of God to restore the dead to life as humans, that they might live on the earth forever. They have failed to realize that the promises of God which speak of spiritual blessings and a heavenly home and of glory, honor, and immortality are intended only for the footstep followers of Jesus—given to encourage them to faithfulness in laying down their lives as Jesus did, that they might live and reign with him in his future mediatorial kingdom here on this earth. The casual reader of the Bible has failed thus to see that the divine program in selecting the church of Christ during the present age is that the church in heavenly glory, exalted high above angels and principalities and powers,

should, together with Christ, be the channel of life-giving blessings to all mankind.

The work of God during the present age began auspiciously at Pentecost. That work has continued largely unnoticed and unknown to the world. Its implications have been so far-reaching, and its magnitude so great, that there is little wonder it should be misunderstood and misrepresented. Through misrepresentation, spurious works have been undertaken and a counterfeit kingdom of Christ established. Meanwhile, the whole human creation of God has groaned and travailed together in sin and pain, waiting, although unknowingly, for the work of this age to be completed, when all those called to be sons of God and joint-heirs with Jesus shall be exalted above the angels, to live and reign with him in the kingdom of blessing now near.—Rom. 8:22, 19 □

### OUR HOPE IN JESUS

OUR confidence in Jesus that he was the sent of God, the Redeemer, the Messiah, the Deliverer of his people, rests not merely upon the testimony of the apostles in the New Testament records, wonderful and convincing as these are. These testimonies of the New Testament writers gain nine-tenths of their weight and importance from the fact that they evidence the fulfillment of promises, types and prophecies given by the Lord with more or less explicitness from time to time throughout the preceding 4,000 years. Whoever, in his study of the Old Testament, does not discern something, at least, of the divine plan of the ages in connection with our Savior, his birth, his three and one-half years' ministry, his sacrificial death, his resurrection, his ascension, etc., fails to get the real strength of the divine revelation, designed by the Lord to be the firm foundation for his people's confidence in him and in all the glorious things which he has promised he would yet accomplish through this great Savior. □

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## Consider Him

**“And what of ourselves? With all these witnesses to faith around us like a cloud, we must throw off every encumbrance, every sin to which we cling, and run with resolution the race for which we are entered, our eyes fixed on Jesus.”**

**—Heb. 12:1,2, NEB**

THE Apostle Paul, having held forth to us as examples of the power of faith the lives of God's servants in the past, suggests that we are his servants now and that this same power of faith should be active in our lives. But this is a new age and new circumstances and requirements prevail, and as a consequence we have a new pattern—Jesus. He was obedient and faithful in carrying out God's instructions, and because of this he was persecuted, and suffered as did the servants of old. But more was required of Jesus and also of his footstep followers. The Apostle Paul explains, “Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author [or cause] of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.”

**—Heb. 5:8,9**

It is evident that the suffering which resulted from obedience had an associated result in perfecting, or fully consummating, his character. We know that Jesus as a man was perfect, and as a man his character was also perfect. This was demonstrated by the fact that he kept the terms of the Law Covenant perfectly, it being a measure of a perfect man's ability to keep. (Heb. 7:26; James 2:10) But when Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan by John, the account tells us that Jesus was begotten of the Spirit. (Matt. 3:16) The effect of this baptism of the Holy Spirit is described in the text as “the heavens were opened unto him.” This

means that the hidden mysteries of God's plans and purposes—especially for Jesus himself—were revealed to his newly spirit-begotten and enlightened mind (Ps. 40:6-8), and from this point forward one of the principal objectives of Jesus' consecrated walk was to conform his natural mind, or manner of thinking, to be in harmony with the mind of God.

Jesus tells us that "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24) And the Apostle Paul states that "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (I Cor. 2:14) It was only after Jesus was begotten of the Holy Spirit that he fully understood the transformation that must take place in his mind and the reason for it, that is, so that the "perfected" spiritual mind could be placed in a spirit body when he was resurrected. This is also true of his footstep followers.

Jesus was aided in this work of restructuring his mind by his experiences. Many of these experiences were difficult and required the suppression of natural instincts to retaliate or to vigorously defend himself when wrongly accused or when persecuted for doing good. The Apostle Peter, speaking of our Lord's perfection in this regard, said, "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously." (I Pet. 2:22, 23; Isa. 53:5-12) In the previous verse of I Peter 2 the apostle points out that Jesus is our example in these things, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." (vs. 21) The Apostle Paul also instructed the footstep followers of Jesus, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove [ascertain] what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."—Rom. 12:2

As we observe the account of Jesus' life in the Gospels, we are struck by his singleness of purpose. He was always about his Father's business. He was anointed to preach the Gospel (Isa. 61:1), and we note from the record that he covered hundreds of miles on foot. He talked to the people on lakeshores and hillsides, in cities and villages, synagogues and Temple, marketplaces, streets, and houses. He addressed large crowds and individuals, men and women, old and young, rich and poor. His mission was not confined to a single-handed effort, but he organized an intensive and extensive witness effort which made use of his disciples. (Matt. 10:5-39; Luke 9:51, 52; 10:1-16) Jesus was tireless in his service, rising early and laboring on into the night. In addition to this intense activity he found much time to minister to his disciples, teaching and comforting them.

In all of this Jesus literally spent himself in service to the Heavenly Father and his cause. This is what the Apostle Paul meant when he said, "I die daily." (I Cor. 15:31) In other words, he laid down his life every day, spending his strength and his all in the Lord's service. This is also what the Lord would have us do, not because of what we will accomplish, but as evidence of our love for him and his cause. This activity will bring upon us the necessary experiences for our development. We all have extenuating circumstances that keep us from expending all of our time and energy in the Lord's service. Some of these hindrances, such as family obligations, may have a first priority on our time and strength. Others of us may have physical limitations. But as we "consider him" and the example he set for us, it behooves all of us to evaluate our activities and our use of the time and strength that we have consecrated to the Heavenly Father.

As we consider Jesus and his consecrated walk, it is well to note how the course of this walk was directed. God did not move him about like a man on a checkerboard, or implant in his mind the things that he should do or say. To the contrary, Jesus was constantly exercising judgment as a free moral

agent. But to make the proper decisions, it was necessary for him to have a perfect knowledge of the Lord's will. (Isa. 53:11) This was accomplished by spirit-begetting, giving his mind a new dimension that enabled him to discern spiritual things. When the Holy Spirit came upon him at the river Jordan, he was able for the first time to fully discern the meaning of the types and shadows and prophecies concerning the divine plan, and his role in bringing about the consummation of that plan.

It is fascinating, for example, to contemplate some of the scriptures that Jesus, with his enlightened mind, probably used to predetermine the time sequence of his short ministry. From the prophecy in Daniel 9:25, 26, we are told that from the time of the commandment to build Jerusalem unto Messiah (Jesus did not become the Messiah until his baptism at Jordan) was to be sixty-nine weeks. But then in the midst of the seventieth week Messiah was to be cut off. Since the prophetic week in this instance was seven years, he knew that his ministry was to be three and one-half years long.

He knew from the type of the Passover, which was instituted at the time of the deliverance of the children of Israel from Egypt (Ex. 12), that this was to be the occasion of his death, for he knew that he was the reality of that typical Passover lamb and that he was to die in order to bring about the release of the whole world of mankind from the captivity of sin and death. In all the experiences leading up to these events there were decisions to be made. Jesus had the full weight of responsibility and complete freedom of choice in making those decisions. Jesus said that all the prophecies concerning the Messiah must come to pass (Luke 24:44-47), but it was necessary for him to do his part in making them come to pass.

One of the most striking examples of the intense personal effort that it took on one occasion for him to submit his own will to the will of his Heavenly Father is recorded in Luke 22:41, 42, which states, "And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my

will, but thine, be done.” The Apostle Paul amplified the circumstances of this account, saying, “He, who in the days of his flesh, having offered up both prayers and supplications, crying aloud with tears to him who was able to deliver him out of death, and was heard for his devotion.” (Heb. 5:7, Diaglott) We know that Jesus was successful in overcoming his own will and feelings in this trial, and that in some way he was given assurance. He went on to face the terrible ordeal of the next few hours in peace and perfect fulfillment of the prophecy, “He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.—Isa. 53:7

When we consider Jesus in these things, and realize that in this walk he was alone, we stand in awe. The disciples, while sympathetic to a degree, did not understand. His comfort and strength was from the Scriptures and fellowship through prayer with the Heavenly Father. In only a few instances did he receive a direct and personal assurance from the Heavenly Father. Our Lord’s walk was one of unparalleled faith.

We, as his footstep followers, are in a different position than was Jesus. Nevertheless there are general principles that should likewise control the direction of our Christian walk. Our minds have been enlightened by the Holy Spirit, and because of this we are able to discern God’s will for us. Knowing this, we must have the confidence and courage to obey those instructions regardless of consequences, and also to claim for our own the many great and precious promises.

We have the absolute assurance of Jesus himself that if we are faithful in our walk we will have trials and our faith will be thoroughly tested. Jesus said, “The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household? . . . Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.”—Matt. 10:24, 25, 32

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Jacksonville WBIX 1010 1:15 p.m.  
Orlando WGTO 540 7:30 a.m.  
Tampa WFLA 970 8:30 p.m.

## GEORGIA

Albany WALG 1590 7:30 p.m.

## HAWAII

Honolulu KNDI 5:15 p.m.

## IDAHO

Nampa KFXD 580 7:30 a.m.  
Sandpoint KSPT 1400 10:15 a.m.

## ILLINOIS

Elmhurst WKDC 1530 8:15 a.m.  
La Salle WLPO 1220 9:45 a.m.  
Rockford WRRR 1330 6:15 a.m.  
W. Frankfort WFRX 1300 9:15 a.m.

## INDIANA

Evansville WIKY 7:15 a.m.  
Gary (Sat.) WWCA  
Hammond WJOB 1230 8:30 a.m.  
Muncie WLBC 1340 7:00 a.m.

## KENTUCKY

Bowling Green WLBK 1410 8:00 a.m.  
Corbin WYGO-AM/FM 8:30 a.m.  
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Winchester WWKY 1380 10:30 a.m.

## LOUISIANA

New Orleans WRNO-FM 6:45 a.m.

## MAINE

Caribou WDHP 96.9 FM  
Portland WDCC 97.9 FM 10:30 a.m.

## MASSACHUSETTS

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## MICHIGAN

Detroit CKLW 800 7:45 a.m.  
Grand Rapids WMAX 1480 8:45 a.m.

## MINNESOTA

Minneapolis KTCR 690 9:45 a.m.  
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Farmington KREI 800 9:00 a.m.  
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## MONTANA

Kalispell KGEZ 600 9:30 p.m.

## NEW JERSEY

Hackensack WWDJ 970 10:30 a.m.  
Salem WNNN-FM 101.7 10:15 a.m.

## NEW MEXICO

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## NEW YORK

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WHLN 1270 12:00 noon  
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Beaufort WBMA 1400 9:00 a.m.

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Columbus WTVN 610 6:00 a.m.  
Dayton WAVI 10:45 p.m.  
Zanesville WHIZ 1240 6:40 a.m.

## OKLAHOMA

Norman KNOR 1400 7:30 a.m.  
Pawhuska KXVQ 1500 8:00 a.m.

## PENNSYLVANIA

Allentown WHOL 1600 9:30 a.m.  
Pottstown WPAZ 1370 12:45 p.m.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston WOKE 1340 7:06 p.m.  
Hemingway WKYB 10

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Knoxville WITA 1490 4:00 p.m.

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Fort Worth KJIM 870 6:45 a.m.

Pearsall KVWG 1280 8:00 a.m.

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WJLM-FM 93.5 1:15 p.m.

## WASHINGTON

Clarkston KCLK 10:00 a.m.

Spokane KICN-FM 99 3:00 a.m.

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Tacoma KMO 1360 9:45 a.m.

Yakima KUTI 980 6:45 a.m.

## WISCONSIN

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## WYOMING

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Aguadilla (Fri.) WABA 8:00 p.m.

## CANADA

Edmonton, Alta. CJOI 12:45 p.m.

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CFCB 570 10:00 a.m.

Deer Lake, Nfld.

CFDL-FM 10:00 a.m.

Port au Choix, Nfld.

CFNW 10:00 a.m.

Port aux Basques, Nfld.

CFGN 910 10:00 a.m.

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CFNN-FM 10:00 a.m.

Stephenville, Nfld. CFSX 10:00 a.m.

Hamilton, Ont. CKOC 6:45 a.m.

Oshawa, Ont. CKLB 1350 7:15 a.m.

St. Thomas, Ont. CHLO 10:45 a.m.

Montreal, P.Q. CFMB 5:15 p.m.

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Yorkton, Sask. CJGJ 940 10:00 a.m.

## BRITISH WEST INDIES

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## CEYLON

Radio Sri Lanka (Sat.) 9:45 p.m.

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Dunedin 4XD 7:15 p.m.

Whakatane IXX 6:45 a.m.

## NIGERIA

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## PANAMA

Panama City HOQ 1250 10:30 a.m.

## PHILIPPINES

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### CALIFORNIA

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Unlike Jesus, we do not walk alone. We have the comfort, fellowship, and encouragement of our brethren. But like Jesus, our primary source of strength and comfort must come from the Scriptures and fellowship with the Heavenly Father through prayer.

Our individual walk is not critical to the divine plan of the ages as was that of Jesus, but in a general sense the Lord has designed that there will be a church to which we have been invited and of which we hope to be a part. The church is a part of the divine plan, and so the Heavenly Father is greatly interested in us as individuals that we be successful. But he does not move us about like men on a checkerboard either. To the contrary, he lets us make the decisions that determine the direction of our walk. These are, for us also, free will decisions that are motivated by a good conscience toward God—the expression of the spirit of a sound mind. It is true that if we make the wrong decisions, the Heavenly Father will permit us to have experiences that will show us the error of our way, and if we are responsive, we will be able to make the desired correction. (Rom. 8:28) And we also have the assurance that the Lord will not permit us to have experiences that will be more than we can endure.—I Cor. 10:13

Jesus, with his perfect mind and his close and favorable relationship to the Heavenly Father, could have manifested an attitude of superiority, but he did not. He was warm, friendly, sympathetic, and easily approached. His perfection did not make him arrogant and overbearing toward the imperfect, sinful Jewish people among whom he lived and worked. This was in contrast to the scribes and Pharisees, who maintained a hypocritical, pious attitude toward the people. He was not an ascetic, practicing self-denial to an extreme degree without regard to the circumstances at hand. (Luke 7:33, 34) He accepted many invitations to meals and even banquets, visiting the homes of persons of some wealth. (Luke 5:29; 7:36; 14:1; 19:1-6) His first miracle contributed to the enjoyment of a wedding feast when he turned water into wine. We, of course,

realize that the miracle was primarily of prophetic significance and that the occasion was used by the Lord for this very important purpose.

As we look to Jesus, what can we learn from this aspect of his conduct and manner of life? There was no guile in his mouth. He attributed everything that he had—abilities, knowledge, and power—to his Heavenly Father. He sought no honor for himself, but rather to honor and glorify God. (John 7:16, 18; 5:30, 31) There was no attitude of superior holiness or self-righteousness in his character such as was the case with the scribes and Pharisees whom the Lord severely criticized as hypocrites and whited sepulchres. We must realize that while Jesus was actually perfect and just in the sight of God, we are only reckoned so through the application of the blood of Jesus on our behalf. No matter how hard we try and how much progress we might think we have made toward being righteous, we are but as filthy rags (Isa. 64:6) in the sight of God, except as he views us through the merit of Christ. This becomes the common denominator for all of the Lord's people. None have any standing above the other in the Lord's sight. Therefore, there can never be found a place for a holier-than-thou attitude among the Lord's true followers.

Jesus was not prudish concerning the conduct and activities of the people, but he accepted many of the things as evidence of the fallen state of humanity. On the occasion when Jesus called Matthew (Levi) to be his follower, apparently Matthew made a feast in his house celebrating the occasion. "There was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them. But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners? And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.'" (Luke 5:29-32) This does not mean to imply that Jesus fully entered into all the activities of the

feast, but he certainly accepted it as a custom of the time and used the occasion to witness to the kingdom.

Jesus, during the course of his ministry, demonstrated great courage and strength in dealing with the opposition to God and his plans and purposes, but he did not defend himself, accepting these experiences as from the Lord for his good. Like Joshua and David, however, he fought for God's cause. He fearlessly exposed hypocritical religious leaders, and he thoroughly defeated these opposers in a series of verbal encounters. He wielded the sword of the Spirit, God's Word, with strength and ability, cutting through subtle arguments and trap-like questions advanced by the opposers, leaving them without defense or words.

We, of course, cannot match our Lord's skill with the sword of the Spirit, but we can manifest courage and determination in speaking out in the interest of the truth. We, like Jesus, must also differentiate between opposition to ourselves and opposition to God and his cause. We can and must defend the latter, but accept opposition to ourselves as permitted by the Lord for our development. And as the Apostle Paul states in our text in Hebrews 12:3, we should "think of him who submitted to such opposition from sinners: that will help you not to lose heart and grow faint."—NEB

The objective of all our endeavors to pattern our lives after the life of Jesus is expressed by the Apostle Paul in Hebrews 12:2, who again holds Jesus forth as our forerunner: "Our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom faith depends from start to finish: Jesus who, for the sake of the joy that lay ahead of him, endured the cross, making light of its disgrace, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God." (NEB) The joy that was held forth to Jesus, and is now held forth to us, is the prospect of being used by the Heavenly Father to reconcile the world to himself in the kingdom operating under the terms of the New Covenant.

May the Lord help us to more perfectly conform our new minds to the pattern that is set before us. □

# **Christian Life and Doctrine**

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## **God's Promises**

**“While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.”—Genesis 8:22**

THE downward course of fallen, sinful man is described by Jesus as a “broad” road that leads to destruction. (Matt. 7:13) Not only is it broad, but its downward grade is so steep that those who travel over it are unable to turn about and retrace their steps but are being drawn ever nearer to destruction—death. It is only by divine grace and help that man will escape lasting destruction. God has made provision that those who accept Christ, when they have the opportunity, shall “not perish” everlastingly but have “everlasting life.”—John 3:16

A millennium and a half after the original sin of Adam—which started the human race over the downgrade of the broad road—very little thought of God or of righteousness remained in the earth. The account reads, “God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that . . . his heart was only evil continually.” (Gen. 6:5) Originally Adam knew God and understood his righteous requirements. Abel’s faith in offering an acceptable sacrifice to God indicates that he desired to serve the Creator and to glorify him as God. (Heb. 11:4) “Enoch walked with God.” (Gen. 5:22, 24) “Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. . . . And Noah walked with God.” (Gen. 6:8, 9) And there were probably a few others who endeavored to resist the downward pull of fallen human passions.

But these were exceptions. The vast majority desired to forget God and were permitted to do so. Paul says that "God gave them up to uncleanness"; that is, he did not interfere with what they desired to do. (Rom. 1:24) When the Scriptures inform us that God does not interfere with the sinner, it does not mean that there is no penalty attached to wrongdoing. It simply means that God allows man to exercise his own choice; but God's law, "The wages of sin is death," never ceases to operate.—Rom. 6:23

In the days of Noah the wickedness of the human race was increased by an intermingling of those whom the Scriptures identify as the "sons of God." These, we read, "saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose." The children born as a result of these illicit unions became giants, "mighty men," "men of renown," who "filled the earth with violence."—Gen. 6:1-4, 11

In the New Testament the Apostles Peter and Jude furnish additional identification of those who intermarried with the daughters of men. They were "angels" who "kept not their first estate." (Jude 6; I Pet. 3:18-20) The God-given "estate" of angels is on the spirit plane of existence. Jesus explains that they neither marry nor are given in marriage. (Mark 12:25) Hence, when these angels materialized as human beings and took the daughters of men as their wives, it was contrary to God's arrangements and was therefore sin. (I John 3:4) That is why the apostle refers to them as the "angels that sinned."—II Pet. 2:4, 5

Surely the condition of the human race had become deplorable. Genesis 6:6 states that "it repented God that he had made man." We are not to suppose from this that God had not foreseen the result of sin or that he was sorry he had made man. The thought is, rather, that the time had come in

the outworking of the divine plan when a change was necessary. Man's gross sin justified the destruction of a world order, for no useful purpose could be served by permitting it to continue.

As a result of the intermingling of the fallen angels with the daughters of men, much of the adamic stock had become corrupt—hybrid. Of Noah the Scriptures explain that he was "perfect in his generations." His progenitors were not the offspring of the fallen "sons of God," or angels; hence his sons were of pure adamic stock. This, together with their faith in God and obedience to his will, made them eligible to be carried over to the new world.

Following the Flood, God promised that he would never again destroy all flesh; that seedtime and harvest would thenceforth continue as long as the earth remained, which is eternally. (Gen. 8:21, 22; 9:9-17; Eccles. 1:4) The "world," or order of things, that began at the Flood is, however, to be destroyed. (II Pet. 3:6, 7, 10-13) While righteous Noah and his family were the first citizens of this new world, nevertheless it soon became what the Apostle Paul describes as "this present evil world."—Gal. 1:4

The destruction of this world is even now in progress—not by a flood of literal water, but by symbolic storms, earthquakes, fire, etc. Wars, revolutions, anarchy, and general chaos in the affairs of men are the agencies used by God in bringing to an end "the heavens and the earth, which are now." (II Pet. 3:7) But we thank God that "all flesh" will not be destroyed. The whole symbolic earth is to be destroyed by the "fire of God's jealousy," but not all of humanity will be destroyed; for after this great conflagration, God "will turn to the people a pure language." (Zeph. 3:8, 9) Even those who die in the trouble will be revived and be given an opportunity to live forever.—I Tim. 2:3, 4; John 5:25, 28; Acts 3:19-22 □

# Christian Life and Doctrine

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## The Sure Mercies of David

**“Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.”—Isaiah 55:3**

THE thought of our text is taken from an experience of David recorded in II Samuel, the 7th chapter. After many years of faithful service to the Lord and his people, David was beginning to reap some material benefits from his prosperous reign. He had built for himself a house of cedar, and he enjoyed rest from all his enemies. But the desire of David's heart was still to honor and serve the Lord, and in an expression of this desire the king announced to Nathan, the prophet, his plans to build also a house for the Lord.

The prophet at first assured David that the Lord would surely bless him in this expression of love and devotion. But later the word of the Lord came to Nathan and instructed him to inform David not to build him a house but rather that it was the Lord's intention to build David a house. The text reads as follows: “Also the Lord telleth thee that he will make thee an house. And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his Father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: but my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. And thine house and thy kingdom shall

be established forever before thee: thy throne shall be established forever.”—II Sam. 7:11-16

We recognize in this wonderful promise to King David a confirmation of God's original promise to provide a seed that will be the instrument he will use to bless all the families of the earth. God first suggested this in the Garden of Eden (Gen.3:15); Noah was eventually the one who carried the line of the seed through the Flood. Later the line of the seed was traceable through Abraham, who received God's promise that “in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.” (Gen. 22:18) The line of the seed was passed on to Isaac and to Jacob and then to Judah, one of the twelve sons of Jacob. In conveying his blessing upon his sons, Jacob prophesied, “The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.” (Gen. 49:10) The promise made to David, who was a descendant of Judah (Luke 3:30, 31), was an extension of the original promise by the Lord to provide a Seed who would be the deliverer of his people and who would establish his kingdom of righteousness.

David appreciated the greatness of the promise and the fact that it was to be fulfilled in the far distant future; for he said: “Who am I, O Lord God? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord God; **but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. . . . For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart,** hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know them.” (II Sam. 7:18-21) From this text it is also evident that David was aware that the promise was a fulfillment of the prophecies concerning the seed and the kingdom.

One of the beautiful prophecies concerning the actual fulfillment of God's promise that from David's loins would come a Seed who would deliver the nation of Israel and establish his long-promised kingdom was proclaimed by the angel when he announced to Mary her role in providing the seed: “And the

angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: **and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:** and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.” (Luke 1:30-33) And also Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, prophesied concerning Jesus: “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed [or provided a ransom for] his people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; . . . **to perform the mercy promised to our fathers,** and to remember his holy covenant; the oath which he swore to our father Abraham.”—Luke 1:68-73

Jesus was the actual fulfillment of this wonderful prophecy. The statement in the 14th verse which reads, “If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men” probably has a literal reference to David’s son Solomon, but in a general sense the expression applies to David’s people, who are his seed and one with him. This thought is witnessed to and elaborated on in the 89th Psalm, which is also a prophecy concerning the sure mercies of David. In verses 30 to 33 we read: “If his [David’s] children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; if **they** break my statutes and keep not my commandments; then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him [David], nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.”

David’s children were not faithful and therefore they were chastised. Nevertheless the Lord’s loving-kindness was not taken from David; and his seed, Jesus, will sit on the antitypical Davidic throne forever.—Ps. 132:11, 12

In the 54th chapter of Isaiah, verses 1 to 3, the prophet foretells of the time when the previously barren Abrahamic Covenant will be activated by bringing forth Jesus the long-promised Seed. Isaiah describes how the seed, under the

Sarah feature of the Abrahamic Covenant, will multiply. The text reads: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited."

This original promise to be a part of the seed of blessing was held forth for a time to Israel only. In Exodus 19:5,6 the Lord told the Israelites, through Moses: "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation." And the Apostle Peter, speaking to the Jews in Acts 3:25,26 states: "Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities."

Then in Isaiah, the 55th chapter, the prophet elaborates on the wonderful promise that was held out to those Israelites who had an ear to hear. But we must also be mindful that three and one-half years after our Lord's death on the cross the Gospel went to the Gentiles, and also the opportunity to become part of the seed of blessing. So in the broad sense the message in this chapter is directed to all who, down through the Gospel Age, seek the Lord.

The first verse of this prophecy reads: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." One of the primary qualifications to receiving the Lord's blessings during this age is a heart that yearns for truth and righteousness. Jesus said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." (Matt. 5:6) These will be filled with the waters

of truth. This wonderful knowledge of God and his plan is made known to those who thirst in only one way. It is the gift of God through the Holy Spirit. The Jews, who were under the Law, were endeavoring to attain to righteousness by works, but the Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 3:20, "Therefore by the deeds of the Law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight." And so it is only by God's grace that the thirsty are enabled to partake of the wine (the doctrines, the sacred secrets). Milk is used in the Bible as a symbol of food (basic doctrines) that promotes spiritual growth, which through God's undeserved kindness he has provided to those who yearn for righteousness.

The second verse of our prophecy reads: "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness." The promise to Israel was that if they could keep the terms of the Law Covenant the Lord would give them life. "Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the Lord your God. Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: **which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the Lord.**" (Lev. 18:4,5) This was bread to the nation of Israel. But it proved not to be a life-sustaining bread because it was not possible for fallen man to attain to the perfect standard of performance as set forth in the Law. The Apostle James tells us that "whosoever shall keep the whole Law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." (James 2:10) All of this should have been a lesson to the nation of Israel, pointing out the necessity for an intercessor. This lesson was learned by a remnant at the time of our Lord's first advent, but the nation as a whole lost that for which it sought—Rom. 11:1-7

Jesus held forth the real life-giving bread. He said: "I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I

am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” (John 6:48-51) This is the Bread that the Lord, through the Prophet Isaiah, is urging the Israelites to partake of. How were they to partake of it? The Apostle Peter explains: “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission to sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”—Acts 2:38,39

Therefore the Lord urges all who have an ear to hear, to listen: “**Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.**” Those who do incline their ear, both Jews and Gentiles, will have the wonderful privilege of sharing with Jesus “the sure mercies of David,” that is, to sit upon the antitypical Davidic throne forever. Jesus said, “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.”—Rev. 3:21; Matt. 19:28

God demonstrated his foreknowledge as to the eventual broadening of the call beyond the borders of Israel when he said, “Lo, a nation thou knowest not, thou callest, and a nation who know thee not unto thee for the sake of Jehovah thy God, do run, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified thee.” (Isa. 55:5, Young’s Literal Translation) The nation the Lord has promised to call is referred to by the Apostle Peter as “a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” (1 Pet. 2:9) These are selected from every kindred, and people, and tongue, and nation, and they will be made kings and priests and shall reign on the earth.—Rev. 5:9

Surely the Lord is gracious, and his promises are sure, and his ways past finding out. Let us follow the advice of the

Apostle Paul and lay aside every weight and run the race with enthusiasm tempered with patience, seeking the Lord while he may be found and calling upon him while he is near.—Isa. 55:6; Heb. 12:1 □

### Bringing Home the Flock

Through pastures fair,  
And sea-girt paths all wild with rock and foam,  
O'er velvet sward, and desert stern and bare,  
The flock comes home.

A weary way,  
Now smooth, then rugged with a thousand snares;  
Now dim with rain, then sweet with blossoms gay,  
And summer airs.

Yet safe at last,  
Within the fold they gather, and are still;  
Sheltered from driving shower and stormy blast,  
They fear no ill.

Through life's dark ways,  
Through flowery paths where evil angels roam,  
Through restless nights, and long, heart-wasting days,  
Christ's flock comes home.

Safe to the fold,  
The blessed fold, where fears are never known,  
Love-guarded, fenced about with walls of gold,  
He leads his own.

O Shepherd King,  
With loving hands, whose lightest touch is blest!  
Thine is the kingdom, thine the power, to bring,  
Thy flock to rest!

# Weekly Prayer Meeting Texts

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**JUNE 4**—That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.—I Peter 1:7 (Z. '95-135 Hymn 197)

**JUNE 11**—Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended.—Philippians 3:13 (Z. '95-250 Hymn 266)

**JUNE 18**—In Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.—Psalm 16:11 (Z. '96-54 Hymn 179)

**JUNE 25**—Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.—Colossians 4:2 (Z. '96-163 Hymn 37)

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## RADIO TOPICS FOR JUNE

7—Christ's Second Advent  
14—Creation and Resurrection

21—The Sheep and the Goats  
Parable  
28—The Three Ways

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# Your Questions

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## Texts Harmonized

**Romans 10:13,14 reads, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" I Timothy 2:3,4 reads, "This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." Do not these two passages of Scripture contradict each other in that one teaches that knowledge precedes belief and salvation, while the other speaks of being saved and then receiving knowledge?**

NO, THERE is no contradiction between these two statements by the Apostle Paul, for he is not discussing the same thing in both passages. In Romans 10:13, 14 the apostle's reference is to the salvation which is received during the present age upon the basis of faith. No one can exercise faith in that about which he knows nothing. So, in order to believe in Jesus, one must know about him, and know of the great redemptive work he accomplished by his death on Calvary's

cross. And this knowledge, Paul explains, must be imparted by teachers.

To be "saved" upon the basis of faith in Christ during the present age means to partake of that "great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him." (Heb. 2:3) This "great salvation" is what Paul describes as the "prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." —Phil. 3:14

The only way to attain this prize, which will be the privilege of living and reigning with Christ, is to suffer and die with him. We are invited to present our bodies a living sacrifice, assured that our offering will be acceptable to God. (Rom. 12:1,2) It is made acceptable through the blood of Christ, which is vouchsafed to us upon the basis of faith.

But, in his letter to Timothy from which you quote, Paul is explaining how and when all mankind, not just a limited number during the present age, will be given an opportunity to believe in Christ and receive life. It is God's will, he explains, that all these shall be "saved and

come to a knowledge of the truth." Here the word "saved" refers to an awakening from the sleep of death.

"The dead know not anything," the Bible tells us. (Eccles. 9:5) Since the vast majority of the world has died without any clear knowledge of the truth concerning Jesus and his atoning blood, and since it is God's will that they all receive this knowledge, they are to be "saved," or rescued from the sleep of death, in order to receive this knowledge.

Being saved, then, within the meaning of this text, is not eternal salvation, but an awakening from the sleep of death that they might be informed concerning Jesus and given an opportunity to accept the gift of eternal life through him. They are to "come to a knowledge of the truth," and Paul explains what the truth is, saying, "For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified [or made known to all] in due time."—I Tim. 2:3-6

No one will be eternally saved in ignorance. The heathen, and all others who die without a knowledge of Christ, will be awakened from the sleep of death, and enlightened concern-

ing Christ. Their receiving salvation then will depend upon their obedience and acceptance of God's grace through Christ. But the way will then be made plain, so plain that "the wayfar- ing men though fools, shall not err therein."—Isa. 35:8

### **When No Man Can Work**

**Jesus said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." (John 9:4) Do you think that we are now near to the "night" to which Jesus referred, and if so, does it mean that the time will come when the truth can no longer be published?**

HERE Jesus was referring to the close of his own ministry, a ministry that he knew would, in due time, be brought to a close by his arrest and crucifixion. When on trial before the chief priest Jesus said, "This is your hour, and the power of darkness." (Luke 22:53) Jesus' "dark night" was then upon him and his work in the flesh was virtually over, although he was able, even while hanging on the cross, to witness to the thief, saying to him, "Thou shalt be with me in paradise."—Luke 23:43

In keeping with Jesus' own experience, we could say that a

"night time" faces each individual Christian. It is that time when they reach the end of the way and their earthly ministry is brought to a close. In some cases this may be an exceedingly short period of "darkness." With others, due to a lingering sickness or other experiences, it might be much longer.

### **"Children" in the Kingdom**

**Jesus said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 19:14) Does this not prove that children go to heaven when they die?**

NOT at all! In this statement Jesus is not speaking of heaven, but of the "kingdom" of heaven, the kingdom which the God of heaven has promised, the kingdom in which Jesus is the great King, with the rulership shared with his faithful footstep followers, those who suffer and die with him. Nor did Jesus mean that little children would be joint-heirs with him in his kingdom. The true explanation of this text is given in the preceding chapter, where we read:

"At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and

set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted [change your attitude], and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso receiveth one such little child [one who has thus humbled himself] in my name receiveth me."—Matt. 18:1-5

From this it is apparent that when Jesus said, "Suffer little children . . . to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven," he meant that all who participate with him in the rulership of his kingdom must become childlike in their humility and trust.

Children who have died will, of course, be richly blessed in the kingdom, but not as rulers with Jesus. A prophecy recorded in Jeremiah 31:15-17 reveals that children who die are in the "land of the enemy," which is the state of death. The hope we may entertain for these is that they will be awakened from death, that "they shall come again from the land of the enemy." Then, under the laws of Christ's kingdom, they will grow to maturity as subjects of the kingdom, living forever if they obey its laws.

# Encouraging Letters

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## A Good Program

Dear Sirs: I have just watched your program for the first time, and enjoyed it very much. I wish there were more such good programs on TV. Please send me your booklet, "Jesus, the World's Savior." Sincerely yours.—W1

## "It Never Gets Old"

Dear Friends at The Dawn: Please send me a copy of your new book, "The People of the Bible." I enclose \$2.00 for the book, plus a donation. The Dawn just gets better all the time, and I know that I can't really appreciate all the work that goes into it. I have taken it for many years, but it just "never gets old." Very sincerely.—CA

## "A Worthy Center"

Dear Ones at The Dawn: We were only able to be at the General Convention one day, but it was a wonderful day. We left knowing that all was well with The Dawn, and that it was faithfully proclaiming the good news of the kingdom. With all the wild tempest raging throughout the world, and the troublous times experienced, it is pleasant

to find an unchanging group of the Lord's people.

After decades of association with The Dawn we see no change in its work, no deviation from the general principles of truth declared in the Scriptures and recalled by Brother Russell in the due time. While it is important to be in possession of Bible truth, it is equally important to be so filled by the Holy Spirit that one is compelled to display goodwill even to those who spitefully use him.

We are thankful that The Dawn has proven to be a worthy center for the brethren to gather to proclaim the Gospel to the world for a half century, and bind the hearts of many to a single purpose.—IN

## For Her Family

Dear "Frank and Ernest": I heard your program, and then I heard your offer of the booklet, "The Truth About Hell." Could you please send me seven of them? It is very important to me. I would like to give them to my family, and I would deeply appreciate it. Thank you very much, and may God bless you.—OH

### **Still Joyously Learning**

Dear Fellow Students: I am not sure when my subscription to The Dawn expires, as it was started for me by a dear friend who is now 91 years young. It has been a blessing to me and to others. I do not want it to expire, so will enclose check for two years more. I am now 84 years old, and still joyously learning! God bless you, and all who have a part in this excellent work.—CA

### **Searching for Truth**

Dear "Frank and Ernest": I listen to your program every Sunday morning, and it has helped me in my day-to-day living. You spoke about a booklet called "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit," and I would like very much to read it because so many people have told me such different things on the subject and I want to find out for myself. Thank you!—NY

### **"Preaching" to Friends**

Dear Brothers: I send you my best wishes, in Jesus' name! I am happy to enjoy your Christian program on the radio or watching on TV. I enjoyed your service last Sunday morning. God bless you always! I will be very thankful to have the booklet, "The Truth About Hell." I am a

Christian, and I am anxious to study and preach the Word to my friends, even though I am a visitor to the U.S. from Egypt. God bless you! Your brother.—OH

### **It's Wonderful!**

Dear Sirs: Please send me the two booklets, "God's Plan" and "The Kingdom of God." I saw your TV program for the first time, and it answered all the questions that have been bothering me lately. I plan to tune in every Monday from now on—it's wonderful! Thank you.—NY

### **"I Can't Wait"**

Gentlemen: Please send me the four booklets listed below, and bill me for them. I am very much pleased with The Dawn. I enjoy it, and can't wait for the next issue to arrive each month. Thank you!—LA

### **Wants Faith to Grow**

To Whom It May Concern: I have seen your program several times. I have just become a Christian, and I want my faith to continue to grow. I am 11 years old. I would like it if you could send me the booklet, "Born of the Spirit," which you offered. Thank you!—CA

### **Wonderful Work**

Dear "Frank and Ernest": We listen to your program on our local station and enjoy it so much. We would appreciate receiving a copy of your discussion on "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." Asking God's blessing on your wonderful work, I am, sincerely.—MN

### **"What a Joy!"**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Please enter my subscription to your publication, The Dawn. I found your magazine on a "free magazines" table where I work. What a joy! I am getting closer to God every day. Enclosed is my check for \$1.00. Yours in faith.—MD

### **Seeking for Truth**

Dear "Frank and Ernest": Greetings in the name of the Lord! I heard you on radio a few weeks ago talking about Christ's thousand-year kingdom. I have never before heard anybody explain this as you did. You made it so plain. I have been trying to get an understanding of the second coming of Christ. You invited your listeners to send for a booklet called "Christ's Thousand-year Kingdom," so that is what I am writing for. Thank you!—NJ

### **Believes Bible Account**

Dear Sirs: I saw your "Science and Creation" presentation Sunday morning on Channel 51. I have been gathering material on this subject for four years. I present all the major theories of evolution to my biology classes, together with the Genesis account of creation. Then I let the facts of geology and biology prove that evolution is impossible. I would like a copy of "Science and Creation," and any other material you can send me. Sincerely.—FL

### **To Study More**

Dear Sirs: I was reading my Old Farmer's Almanac when I saw your ad. I am a Christian, and I go to a Baptist church here. I want to study more about the Bible. Can you please send me your booklet, "Life After Death"? Thank you!—NY

### **Studies Diligently**

Dear Dawn Publications: I want to thank you for your services, and your attempt to increase Bible knowledge to the people. I am only 18 and I study the Bible diligently. I trust your materials will help me much. Please rush the enclosed list of booklets to me. The cost is enclosed. Thank you again!—WI

# Talking Things Over



## GENERAL CONVENTION BULLETIN

AUGUST 1-6, 1981

**“The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.”—Romans 13:12**

IN HARMONY with our theme text, the convention committee feels the night is far spent, and the events we see coming

upon the earth indicate the dawning of the new day is near. This portends an intensification of the Time of Trouble and the probability of more severe trials for those who are endeavoring to walk in the Lord's footsteps. Our text suggests that the only effective defense for the Lord's people is to cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light—that is, to set ourselves apart from the world with all of its error and allurements. Light in the Bible symbolizes truth and righteousness. The material for this armor of light comes from God's Holy Word, the Bible, and as this time of difficulty and trouble increases, it behooves us to meet together for mutual edification and encouragement. (Heb. 10:25) It is our hope that the convention will fulfill this need.

The college has asked us to remind the friends that there are airports in Battle Creek and Jackson which are closer than Detroit and more convenient for the college pickup bus. Greyhound bus has a terminal in Albion, and Amtrack also stops there. The college bus will continue to make pickups at the Detroit airport.

When making your reservation, if you want the bus service, please include exact information about the mode of transportation, where, and when you will be arriving. If there is a change in your plans, please let the college know.

The committee urges the young adults who are planning to attend the convention to write immediately for notebooks. Address your request to either:

Mr. Stephen Suraci  
19 River Road  
East Haven, CT 06512

or

Mr. Richard Suraci  
171 Johnson Road  
Hamden, CT 06518

Notebooks for the eight to twelve-year-old group will be provided in advance and we urge those planning to attend to write for their copy, including name, address, and age at time of convention, to:

Mr. Stanley W. Jeuck  
587 Queens Mirror Circle  
Casselberry, FL 32707

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Mrs. Vickie Balko  
321 Kentia Road  
Casselberry, FL 32707

Make your plans now to attend the Bible Students General Convention at Albion College, Albion, Michigan, August 1-6, 1981. The reservation form is in this issue of The Dawn and we urge you to send it in with your payment or deposit as soon as possible.



CLOSE your eyes for a moment to the scenes of misery and woe, degradation and sorrow that yet prevail on account of sin, and picture before your mental vision the glory of the perfect earth. Not a stain of sin mars the harmony and peace of a perfect society; not a bitter thought, not an unkind look or word; love, welling up from every heart, meets a kindred response in every other heart, and benevolence marks every act. There sickness shall be no more; not an ache nor a pain, nor any evidence of decay—not even the fear of such things. Think of all the pictures of comparative health and beauty of human form and feature that you have ever seen, and know that perfect humanity will be of still surpassing loveliness. The inward purity and mental and moral perfection will stamp and glorify every radiant countenance. Such will earth's society be; and weeping bereaved ones will have their tears all wiped away, when thus they realize the resurrection work complete.— Revelation 21:4 □

# RESERVATION FORM

**BIBLE STUDENTS GENERAL CONVENTION**  
**Albion College**  
**Albion, Michigan**  
**August 1-6, 1981**

Put an X in each square  
for which you will require accommodations:

|                   |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
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| <b>JULY</b><br>31 | <b>AUG.</b><br>1 | <b>AUG.</b><br>2 | <b>AUG.</b><br>3 | <b>AUG.</b><br>4 | <b>AUG.</b><br>5 | <b>AUG.</b><br>6 |
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Dinner will be served Friday, July 31, 1981, between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., for \$4.00 (cash), and breakfast on Friday, August 7, 1981, between 6:30 and 7:30 a.m., for \$2.75 (cash).

Children 5 years and under are free for lodging and meals.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of all other persons included in this reservation:  
(Give age if 6 through 17 years of age.)

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\_\_\_\_\_

Total number of persons for which reservations are being made \_\_\_\_\_.

**SEE OTHER SIDE FOR RATES AND OTHER INFORMATION**

## REGISTRATION

**It is important to register and pay in advance or make the required 10% deposit in order for the college to more accurately estimate food requirements. Your cooperation in this matter will also greatly facilitate the checking-in process. Please make payment by July 1, 1981.**

Registration will start Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. and will continue Saturday until midnight. Thereafter registration will be from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Registration will be in the upper lobby of Baldwin Hall.

The rate for food and room is \$112.00 per person, two to a room, which includes registration. (Food, 6 days, \$61.50; room, Friday—Thursday, \$49.00, registration, \$1.50)

The daily rate for meals is \$10.25 and room \$7.00 per person. If payment is not made in full, the college requires at least a 10% deposit.

Checks should be made to:      **ALBION COLLEGE**  
and mailed to:           **Mr. Morley Fraser**  
  Albion College  
  Albion, Michigan 49224

## SPECIAL DISCOUNT FOR CHILDREN

The convention will pay half (50%) of the above listed rate for children 6 through 17 years of age.

On making reservations, pay full rate to the college for the children 6 through 17 years. Convention Treasurer (Bro. Stephen Roskiewicz) will refund the 50% discount at the convention.

**To qualify for young people's rates, attendance at a specified number of sessions is required.**

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be available from airports, bus and railroad stations to the college at a nominal charge. **Indicate with your registration the time and place of arrival. Please be specific on name of airline, bus, etc.** Albion College limousine service pick-up will be made in the luggage area.

## FIGURE YOUR ADVANCE PAYMENT HERE

**Adults and children 6 through 17 years.**

Rate . . . . . X no. of days . . . . . X no. of people . . . . . \$ . . . . .

# Speakers' Appointments

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|-----------------------|----------|---------------------|---------|
| <b>C. BOUGHTON</b>    |          | <b>L. POST</b>      |         |
| Reigate, England      | June 7   | Chico, CA           | June 1  |
| Chesham, England      | 13, 14   | Portland, OR        | 3       |
| Hitchin, England      | 18       | Tacoma, WA          | 4       |
| Aldersbrook, England  | 21       | Seattle, WA         | 5, 6, 7 |
| Chesham, England      | 23       | Victoria, B.C.      | 8       |
|                       |          | Vancouver, B.C.     | 9       |
|                       |          | Vernon, B.C.        | 11      |
| <b>B. BROWN</b>       |          | Lethbridge, Alta.   | 12      |
| Bad Hersfeld, Germany | June 5-8 | Havre, MT           | 13      |
|                       |          | Kalispell, MT       | 14      |
| <b>P. HATGIS</b>      |          | Sandpoint, ID       | 15      |
| New Brunswick, NJ     | June 21  | Spokane, WA         | 16      |
|                       |          | Wenatchee, WA       | 17      |
| <b>G. JEUCK</b>       |          | Clarkston, WA       | 18      |
| Sayville, NY          | June 7   | Boise, ID           | 21      |
| Sacramento, CA        | 21       | Sacramento, CA      | 23      |
| Portland, OR          | 26-28    | Fresno, CA          | 24      |
|                       |          | San Luis Obispo, CA | 25      |
| <b>A. LANKFORD</b>    |          | Bakersfield, CA     | 26      |
| Bad Hersfeld, Germany | June 5-8 | Phoenix, AZ         | 28      |
|                       |          | Yuma, AZ            | 29      |
| <b>K. NAIL</b>        |          | <b>S. SURACI</b>    |         |
| Haverhill, MA         | June 21  | New London, CT      | June 21 |
| Pottstown, PA         | 28       | <b>J. TATE</b>      |         |
|                       |          | Berwick, PA         | June 28 |
| <b>J. PANUCCI</b>     |          | <b>F. WASSMANN</b>  |         |
| New Haven, CT         | June 14  | Philadelphia, PA    | June 21 |
| <b>G. PASSIOS</b>     |          |                     |         |
| Los Angeles, CA       | June 28  |                     |         |

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## Obituaries

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- Sister Freda Lambie, Alma, MI—November 23, 1980. Age, 79.  
 Sister Theodora W. Davis, Albany, NY—April 1. Age, 89.  
 Sister Laura Herrscher, Phoenix, AZ—April 26. Age, 99.  
 Sister Lenora A. Johnson Sealy, Brooklyn, NY—May 1. Age, 100.

# Conventions

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**CHICAGO, IL, May 23-25**—Forest View High School, 2121 S. Goebert Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005  
Phone: (312) 593-9268

**BUFFALO, NY, May 31**—Unity Temple Masonic Lodge, 1940 Niagara St., Buffalo. Mr. Eugene Buczkowski, 85 Rogers Drive, Cheektowaga, NY 14225  
Phone: (716) 634-2163

**MINNEAPOLIS, MN, June 7**—Northeast YMCA, 23rd Ave. and Jackson St. N.E. Mrs. Wilma Newham, 1722 5th St. N.E.  
Phone: (612) 789-3944

**WATERBURY, CT, June 7**—YWCA, 80 Prospect St. Ms. Anna Tsimonis, 227 Willow St. 06710

**ALLENTOWN, PA, June 12-14**—**New York-Allentown Joint Convention.** Cedar Crest College, Cedar Crest & Hamilton Blvds. Mr. Lawrence Young, P.O. Box 24, Riegelsville, PA 18077  
Phone: (215) 253-6715

**PONTIAC, MI, June 13, 14**—Southfield Masonic Temple, 26595 Evergreen Road, Southfield. Ora C. Lockwood, 110 W. South Blvd. Rochester, MI 48063  
Phone: (313) 852-4267

**MARSHFIELD, WI, June 20, 21**—Hewitt Village Hall, Hewitt. Mr. Gregory Kuehmichel, 214A S. Wisconsin Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449  
(715) 387-8740

**PORTLAND, OR, June 26-28**—Lewis and Clark College, Templeton Center, Council Chambers, S.W. Palatine Hill Rd., Portland. Mrs. Dawn Krupa, 11980 Zion Hill Dr., Gresham, OR 97030  
Phone: (503) 658-4115

**DETROIT, MI, June 28**—Redford YWCA, 25940 Grand River, Detroit. Mr. Robert Gorecki, 1585 Martinique, Troy 48084

**CHICAGO, IL, June 28**—Elmhurst Masonic Temple, York Rd. & Arthur St., Elmhurst, IL 60126

**LOS ANGELES, CA, July 3-5**—Golden State Masonic Temple, 933 So. Hoover St., Los Angeles. Mr. Michael R. Nekora, 1425 Lachman Lane, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272  
Phone: (213) 454-5248

**PRINCE ALBERT, SASK., July 3-5**—East Central School, Prince Albert. Mrs. Connie Melnyk, P.O. Box 152, Domremy, Sask.  
Phone: (306) 423-5449

**VERNON, B.C., July 11, 12**—Fernets' Home, Pearson Rd., Vernon, B.C. Mrs. Kay Phillips, 386 Clifton Rd., Kelowna, B.C. V1V 1A5  
Phone: (604) 542-6858

**ALBION, MI, August 1-6**—Bible Students General Convention, Albion College, Albion, MI

**DENVER, CO, August 14-16**—Loretto Heights College, 3001 S. Federal Blvd., Denver. Mr. Joseph Marks, 915 East 9th Ave., Broomfield, CO 80020  
Phone: (303) 466-2625