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# Highlights of Dawn

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## Man's Failure, God's Victory

THE beginning of a new year, following closely the commemoration of the birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, affords an excellent opportunity to appraise the result of human efforts to establish peace and goodwill toward men. The professed Christian segments of humanity again joined in the angelic anthem first sung more than nineteen centuries ago, and in their enthusiasm once more swelled the volume of that glorious theme of peace on earth, and goodwill toward men, so that as usual it was heard the world around.

But above this sweet melody of hope were heard the ominous overtones of threatening war, as the distress of nations with perplexity foretold by Jesus continues. Thus it was emphasized anew that the only basis for hope that the Christmas message will ever be anything more than a beautiful song is the sure promise of the Word that "the zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this."—Isa. 9:6, 7

This should lead to sober reflection on the part of lawmakers and militarists the world over. Nearly two thousand years ago Jesus, the Prince of Peace, declared that those who take to the sword shall perish by the sword. Thus did the Master not only outline a divine principle of righteousness, but he also uttered a prophecy. Only the footstep followers of Jesus—who have always been a very small minority—have really believed Jesus' teachings on this point and endeavored to apply them in their daily lives. The unbelieving world has gone on record time and time again in defiance of what Jesus said. But now the truthfulness of his words stands out in bold contrast to the wisdom of this world.

All down through the centuries since Jesus walked up and

down in the Holy Land proclaiming those principles of love and a better way of life, the wise of this world have flouted his teachings. They have said that the only way to prevent war is to be prepared for war; so the mad armament race has continued, and so has war. As science and invention have produced ever more deadly weapons of destruction, each nation has sought feverishly to acquire them ahead of other nations, in the belief that thus they could cow the others into fear of starting another war, so the world would have peace.

The record of history is that this method has never prevented war. Instead wars have not only continued, but have constantly become more deadly, more destructive, more horrible. And now the end is reached; it is common knowledge that the nations now have it in their power to destroy the entire race. This being true, there is little purpose, or so it would seem, in continuing to make bombs, or to improve them, unless it be for the doubtful advantage of being able to survive for a few days or weeks longer than some of the other nations.

Yes, the world has at last demonstrated the truthfulness of the Master's teachings. Having chosen to depend upon the "sword" for self-preservation, all nations have now come to the place where, apart from divine intervention, they might well perish by the "sword." How eloquently this speaks for the truthfulness of God's Word! How glad we are that the time is so near when the nations will recognize the folly of following their own theories, and be willing to observe the LORD'S ways; for it will be then that they "will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks." It will be then that "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."—Mic. 4:1-4

Against the background of the angelic message of peace on earth and goodwill toward man, we look at the world just after another Christmas celebration, and the question arises

as to whether or not the theme of the angels on the night Jesus was born is ever to be anything more than inspirational words, or an idealism around which the righteously inclined of earth may do their wishful thinking. The answer is, Yes, those words are still true, and still vital in their implications of blessings for all mankind. Call them a description of utopia, or of the millennium, or what you will, they outline the divine purpose toward the human race; and all the mighty power that was used to create the universe stands pledged to guarantee their fulfillment.

The reason that millions have lost faith in the angels' message—except as it serves each year temporarily to help create a spirit of goodwill and cheer—is that they have lost sight of God's part in its fulfillment. This loss of the true vision of the messianic purpose of God stems from what the Apostle Paul prophesied as a great "falling away" from the faith which would occur after the death of the apostles. (II Thess. 2:3) The incidental errors which developed as a result of that apostasy from the true faith of the Gospel have been almost innumerable, but one of the basic ones is the idea that God depends upon men to fulfill his promises pertaining to peace on earth and goodwill toward men.

This came about in a seemingly natural, although unchristian way. For many, the transfer of faith in God to faith in human institutions became just about complete in the formation of the church-state governments of Europe. The Scriptures are implicitly plain in stating that all the wonderful blessings of peace and health and life referred to in the promises of God are to be realized through the kingdom of Christ. Even the most casual students of the Bible recognize this. And when, in the Middle Ages, the church united with the state, the claim was that now the promised kingdom of Christ was established.

Thus it was logical for the people to look to the church and to the state for the blessings of Christ's kingdom. But it has been a very disappointing experience. The various church-

state governments of Europe, instead of cooperating to bring peace to the world, themselves made war with one another. The Founding Fathers of America recognized the evils of this church-state form of government, and the Constitution of the United States prevents it from rearing its ugly head in this country, but the basic idea introduced by such governments claiming to be the kingdom of Christ still lives in most of the professed Christian world.

As we have seen, that basic thought was that God depends upon and waits for man to fulfill his promises of peace on earth and goodwill toward men. It is interpreted in various ways by different groups. The most general theory is that the kingdom of Christ was set up at Pentecost, and that since then it has increased as new converts were added to the church. This viewpoint depends for support to a considerable extent upon a faulty translation of Jesus' words, when he said to the scribes and Pharisees, "The Royal Majesty of the heavens is among you." The King James Version reads, "The kingdom of God is within you."—Luke 17:21

These words were addressed to a class of people whom Jesus himself described as hypocrites and likened to whited sepulchres. (Matt. 23:27) It would be difficult to imagine how the kingdom of heaven, or anything else righteous, could be in the hearts of such as these. But the correct translation clears up the matter. Jesus was the Royal Majesty whom the God of heaven had sent to set up a kingdom. He was at the moment in the midst of the scribes and Pharisees, but they were denying his true identity and sarcastically questioning him as to how his kingdom would come, hence the answer which Jesus gave them.

Another view arising out of the original erroneous theory that the church-state governments of Europe were Christ's kingdom is the one which prompts sincere men and women of many churches to work zealously for reform in government, local, state, and national. With the same thought in

mind, they pin their hopes on the United Nations, just as they formerly did on the League of Nations. It will probably be remembered by some that when the now defunct League of Nations was formed, it was hailed by well-meaning churchmen as the political expression of Christ's kingdom on earth.

But regardless of these different viewpoints as to how the kingdom of Christ will be established in the earth, the basic thought is the same—that through human efforts we are to look for the fulfillment of God's promises. No wonder the professed Christian world is non-plussed and disappointed!

The continued failure of human efforts, regardless of how well-intentioned they may be, is sufficient cause for disappointment, until we can lift our eyes above this human viewpoint, which took such deep hold upon the church in the Dark Ages, and focus our vision upon the glorious assurances of the Bible that God has his own way of fulfilling his promises—a way that has steadily progressed throughout the ages and is now about to manifest itself in a glorious triumph of the divine purpose, bringing to fruition the angelic message of peace on earth and goodwill toward men.

### **This Ending Age**

Jesus, whose birth the angels announced, did not expect the triumph of his principles among the nations during the present age. He, like the apostles, forecast apostasy even among his own professed followers. In his parable of the wheat and the tares he indicated that a false, counterfeit following would overrun the field, as it were, and would well-nigh choke out the "wheat." Not until the end of the age would this situation be remedied, and then there would be a great conflagration of the "tares," after which the wheat would shine forth "as the sun, in the kingdom of their Father."—Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43

When the disciples asked Jesus about the signs which

would mark the time of his second presence and the end of the age, he mentioned several things to indicate apostasy throughout the age, the persecution of his own true followers, with the age ending in a time of great tribulation such as never was since there was a nation. In connection with this trouble—foretold also in Daniel 12:1—Jesus said that unless it was shortened it would result in the destruction of all flesh. He added, however, that for the elect's sake the trouble would be shortened, which is most reassuring in view of the solemn warnings of scientists and statesmen today.

One of the symbols used in the prophecies to illustrate this time of great tribulation is fire. It is this "fire" which destroys the symbolic tares referred to by Jesus in the parable. Tares are an imitation of wheat. The ultimate position of the wheat, as we have seen, is to shine forth in the kingdom of the Father. The tares, being a counterfeit, are evidently those who are supposed to be a part of the kingdom, but are not. It is difficult to escape the significance of the picture which Jesus presents in this prophetic parable, which is that at the end of the age there would be a destruction of all false claims of Christianity, and that these would perish together with this "present evil world."—Gal. 1:4

It will be when the fire of this great time of trouble has accomplished its full purpose that divine power will intervene and the authority of Christ's kingdom will make itself felt among the nations of the earth. This will not be accomplished by human efforts. No, the Prophet Isaiah wrote, "The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this." (Isa. 9:6,7) Again, in Daniel 2:31-45, where we are given that illuminating prophecy pertaining to Gentile rulership and its final overthrow at this end of the age, we read that "in the days of these kings [represented by the toes of the image seen by Nebuchadnezzar in his dream], shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, . . . and it shall break in pieces

and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.”—Dan. 2:44

Yes, the God of heaven will do this! It was not, and could not be done by church-state governments of Europe. It has not been and cannot be done by the best and most laborious efforts of well-meaning religious workers today. It could not be done by the League of Nations, and will not be done by the United Nations.

This does not mean that we should deprecate the efforts of those who are trying to make a better world, but it does mean that we should not be discouraged, and should not lose our faith in the promises of God as we watch the continued failure of human efforts. Instead, we should realize that conditions today are just as the Bible foretold them, and they indicate that the time when the God of heaven will set up his kingdom is at hand.

### **Goodwill toward Men**

With this proper viewpoint of the angelic message of peace on earth—that God himself, through Christ, will establish peace—we are prepared for a deeper understanding of the statement, “goodwill toward men.” A failure to grasp the intent of this entire prophecy and how it would be fulfilled, has resulted in these words being erroneously rendered, “Peace on earth among men of goodwill.” Since, after more than nineteen centuries, men of goodwill seem still to be very much in the minority, there is little peace on earth.

But this rendering of the passage is not justified by the original Greek meaning. In reality, what is referred to is God’s goodwill toward man, not goodwill among men. The complete thought of the text is that there would come peace on earth because of the expression of God’s goodwill toward his human creation.

For four thousand years God had been expressing his goodwill toward men by means of the many promises he

aised his prophets to record concerning the fact that he would send a savior and a ruler to redeem the people from their sins, and restore the willing and obedient to life and to their lost edenic home. Now this promised one was born, which was a further expression of God's goodwill toward men.

This thought is given beautiful expression in John 3:16, where we read that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Failing to see that all the wonderful promises of God toward the human race are to be fulfilled during the thousand years of Christ's reign, men have placed an unwarranted limit upon them. They have insisted that one must believe before he dies in order to receive life through Christ, but the Scriptures do not warrant this restricted viewpoint.

However, one error leads to another. Since, in the church-state systems of Europe the people had what they thought was the kingdom of Christ, it was but natural to believe that all the promises of blessings to be provided through that kingdom could apply only here and now; that is, during this present short span of life. This reasoning was correct, but the premise was wrong. The kingdom was not set up in the Dark Ages, nor will the prerogatives and authority of the kingdom of Christ ever be entrusted to imperfect, fallen human beings.

There are texts of Scripture which show that the preparation of the kingdom began at Pentecost, and those who are promised joint-heirship with Jesus in the kingdom are, as a class, referred to as the kingdom, but only in its preparatory stage. Those whom the New Testament refers to as sons of God are said to be "heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ." The first of these sons were those from among the Jewish nation who accepted Jesus. See John 1:11, 12. But there were not enough of these, so, as we read in Acts 15:13-18, God visited the Gentiles, not to

convert them all, not to reign over them through church-state governments, but to "take out of them a people for his name." In Revelation 14:1 these are shown, together with Jesus, on symbolic Mount Zion, where they are said to have his "Father's name written in their foreheads." In the last verse of Obadiah the same ones are again pictured on Mount Zion, and called saviors. Here we are told that when these "come up on Mount Zion" the kingdom will be the LORD'S.

These, and many other texts of both the Old and New Testaments indicate beyond question that thus far since the coming and death of Jesus to be the Redeemer and Savior of the world, God's work in the world has been merely preparatory for the glorious future work of establishing actual peace among the nations. But even in this he has been manifesting his goodwill toward the people.

The world has not been aware of the manner in which the love of God has been operative on their behalf. They have witnessed the continual failure of human effort, and millions have concluded either that God was not interested in human welfare, or else he was powerless to prevent the evil which has so continuously triumphed in the affairs of men.

But all this time God's plan has been going forward gloriously toward its goal of peace on earth—and not only peace, but joy and life as well. For be it remembered, that the first message of the angel in announcing the birth of Jesus was, "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." The world was lost in sin, and the "wages of sin is death." (Rom. 6:23) Jesus came as a manifestation of his Heavenly Father's goodwill toward men, to die for the people—for Adam, and for all who lost life through him. What a marvelous message of hope it was that the shepherds heard that night!

The interest of the Heavenly Father and of his beloved Son in the human race is beautifully illustrated in Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. (Matt. 18:11-14) The ninety and

nine sheep in this parable who were safely in the fold clearly represent all the various orders of God's intelligent creatures in the spirit world—angels, principalities, and powers. But God's human creation had gone astray, so Jesus, the Good Shepherd, left his heavenly home, and came to earth to rescue the "lost sheep."

At the time of Jesus' birth the lost sheep had been wandering in the bleak wilderness, as it were, for four thousand years. Nearly two thousand years more have elapsed since, but the time is now near when the human race will be restored to the fold of divine favor and life. Meanwhile, each generation of the human race has had an opportunity to experience the dire result of straying from the fold, and all will be awakened from the sleep of death to have brought to their attention the great love of their heavenly shepherd, and of the fact that he died in order that they might live.

Then the people will know that the prophecy of the angels was true, that the divine plan did not fail. Then there will not only be peace among nations, but peace within nations. There will be community peace, and family peace. And best of all, and indeed, fundamental to all peace, there will be peace between God and men.

The ultimate in this is described in Revelation 21:3-5, where we read that the "tabernacle of God" will be with men, and that he will "dwell" with them, and be their God. Dwelling with them, he will bless them by wiping tears from their faces, and destroying pain and death. "And he that sat upon the throne said, . . . Write: for these words are true and faithful."

So, looking back upon past years we are not discouraged nor disappointed. The nations did not find a solution to their problems; they did not find the road to peace. But this does not mean that God's plan has failed. It simply bears testimony to the truthfulness of the prophecies which so clearly portray continued human failure.

And we look ahead into the future with the assurance that God has the situation firmly in hand, and that he will permit misguided human judgment to disrupt world affairs only to the point where his purposes will not be hindered. Meanwhile, we will place our confidence in his promises, and will continue to proclaim to the world the good tidings of Christ's kingdom which so soon is to manifest itself in power and great glory.

And we will rejoice in anticipation of that global hallelujah chorus which will ascend to God when the knowledge of his glory fills the earth, and all the people know the full significance of what occurred nineteen centuries ago when the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, and goodwill toward men." □

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## What Shall I Wish Thee?

What shall I wish thee? Treasures of earth?  
Songs in the springtime, pleasure and mirth?  
Flowers on thy pathway, skies ever clear?  
Would this ensure thee a happy new year?

What shall I wish thee? What can be found,  
Bringing thee sunshine, all the year round?  
Where is the treasure, lasting and dear,  
That shall ensure thee a happy new year?

Faith that increaseth, walking in light,  
Hope that aboundeth, happy and bright;  
Love that is perfect, casting out fear;  
These shall ensure thee a happy new year!

Peace in thy Savior, rest at his feet,  
Smile of his countenance, radiant and sweet;  
Joy in his presence! Christ ever near!  
This will ensure you a happy new year!





*"This indeed is the Christ, the Savior of the world."*—  
*John 4:42*

*"I am the living bread which came down from heaven."*—  
*John 6:51*

*"If any man thirst, let him come unto me."*—*John 7:37*

*"The Father . . . beareth witness of me."*—*John 8:18*

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# International Bible Study Lessons

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LESSON FOR JANUARY 6

## Signs of New Life

**KEY VERSE:** "We have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."—John 4:42

**SELECTED SCRIPTURE:** John 4:39-42, 46-54

THROUGHOUT the long ages following father Adam's fall and condemnation, his progeny suffered the wages of sin, and went down into the grave. But even before the foundation of the earth Jehovah God had purposed man's escape from death through a ransom price to be paid by a redeemer, whose oft-promised advent kept alive in the heart of man the hope of life. Indeed, from the very beginning God had said to Satan, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." (Gen. 3:1-15) Vague though it was at the time we know from subsequent events that this seed of the woman pictured Jesus, who would give himself a ransom for all. (I Tim. 2:5, 6) Later, Abraham's faith in the promises and power of God was severely tested when the LORD told him to offer his dearly beloved son for a burnt offering. Although the angel of the LORD,

under God's instructions, stayed the hand of Abraham from slaying his son, Jehovah thereby supplied his people with another precious insight into his plan to redeem mankind by picturing the offering of his only begotten Son for the sins of the world. At the time of this same incident God promised Abraham that in his seed all the families of the earth would be blessed, and the Apostle Paul confirms that this foretold seed was our Lord Jesus. (Gen. 22:1-18; Gal. 3:16) A further hopeful preview of God's loving purposes is found in the animal sacrifices offered for sin on the typical Day of Atonement by the nation of Israel.—Lev. 16:1-34

Many of God's holy prophets also foretold the coming of the world's Savior. Job voiced confidence that his Redeemer lived. (Job 19:25) Isaiah wrote of the Redeemer that would come to Zion, and of him upon whom would be laid the iniquity of us all, and by whose stripes we

would be healed. (Isa. 59:20; 53:1-6) Daniel gave a prophecy so explicit in detail that just prior to Jesus' entering upon his ministry "the people were on the tiptoe of expectation [Hebrew, suspense], all wondering about John, whether perhaps he was the [promised] Messiah."—Luke 3:15, **NEB**

Many and convincing are the Old Testament prophecies that were literally fulfilled at our Lord's first advent. As foretold, he was born in Bethlehem (Mic. 5:2; Luke 2:4, 5, 7); of a virgin (Isa. 7:14; Luke 1:26-31); his parents fled to Egypt with the young child (Hos. 11:1; Matt. 2:14, 15); he was announced by a forerunner (Mal. 3:1; Luke 7:24, 27); he ministered in Galilee (Isa. 9:1, 2; Matt. 4:13-16); he was a prophet (Deut. 18:15; Acts 3:20, 22); he preached to the poor and humble (Isa. 61:1, 2; Luke 4:18, 19); he was rejected by his own people (Isa. 53:3; John 1:11); he entered Jerusalem riding upon an ass (Zech. 9:9; Mark 11:7-11); he was betrayed by a friend (Ps. 41:9; Luke 22:47, 48); he was sold for thirty pieces of silver (Zech. 11:12; Matt. 26:15); he was spat upon and smitten (Isa. 50:6; Matt. 26:27); he was numbered with the transgressors (Isa. 53:12; Mark 15:27, 28); he was looked upon by those who pierced

him.—Zech. 12:10; John 19:37

Surely, after all those endless centuries that saw no relief from suffering and death, it was of utmost importance that the advent and identity of the Messiah should be established beyond the shadow of a doubt! And by the LORD'S abounding grace so, indeed, it has been! It is interesting and somewhat sad to note that when he was thrown into prison even John the Baptist, Jesus' faithful and humble messenger, began to doubt—perhaps wondering why the Messiah would permit him to be cast into a dungeon. John sent two of his disciples to ask Jesus, "Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?" Jesus said, "Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them."—Matt. 11:2-5

So also with the many other miracles that Jesus wrought. They were signs graciously provided by our Heavenly Father to prove our Lord's messiahship, so that we might know, and believe, and gain life. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the LORD, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word! □

## The Bread of Life

*KEY VERSE: "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever."—John 6:51*

*SELECTED SCRIPTURE: John 6:35, 41-54*

FROM time immemorial bread and water have universally symbolized that which is essential to life. Thus when our Lord Jesus spoke the words of our Key Verse, he used a figure of speech that would be easily understood in every age and every language.

After the LORD had delivered the Israelites from bondage in Egypt, the people complained to Moses of hunger. The LORD graciously arranged to supply what they needed to preserve life. "Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day. . . . And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna. . . . Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat."

It was required of the people that they gather sufficient for but one day's need, for the manna would not keep over to the following day—it was corruptible.

But "some of them left it unto the morning, and it bred worms, and stank." Nonetheless, the LORD directed Moses to place an omer of the manna in a pot to be placed in the Ark of the Testimony before the LORD "to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt." Obviously, the portion of manna that was placed in the golden pot in the Ark was incorruptible.—Exod. 15:22-27; 16:1-36

At one point in the course of his ministry our Lord Jesus found himself in the presence of a multitude who had followed him because of the miracles which he did through the power of the Holy Spirit, and which served to prove his Sonship. The people were in a mountainous area and without food, and Jesus, from a few small loaves, had the disciples distribute sufficient bread to feed some five thousand men. "Then those men, when they

had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that Prophet that should come into the world." The next day the people sought him out again. Jesus said, "Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled." The people responded, in effect, that Moses had performed a much greater miracle in the wilderness when he fed the entire nation of Israel with manna for forty years. Jesus replied, "Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven [of which the manna was but a picture]. I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; . . . this is the true bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead; [but] he that eateth of this bread shall live forever."

Jesus, indeed, gave his life "as a ransom for all." He said, "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." But the Bible speaks of two kinds of life—immortal (deathless) life, and everlasting, or eternal life. The present Gospel Age is the accepted time during which justified believers in the merit of

Christ's sacrifice may run for the prize of the high calling by walking in the sacrificial steps of their Master. If faithful unto death these will gain immortal life like that possessed by Jehovah God and the resurrected and glorified Lord Jesus. Jesus said to these through the Revelator, "To him that overcometh will I give the hidden manna," picturing immortality, as typified by the golden pot of incorruptible manna that was placed in the Ark of the Covenant.—I Tim. 2:5,6; John 6:51; II Cor. 6:2; I Tim. 6:16; I Tim. 1:17; I Cor. 15:53; Matt. 25:46; Phil. 3:14; Heb. 9:4; Rev. 2:17

But let us notice the boundless mercy of our loving Heavenly Father in his provision that, even for the unjust, there is to be an acceptable time to gain life! Jesus said concerning "those who have done evil" that they, too, shall be brought forth from the grave "to the resurrection of judgment." Jesus was the bread of life for these also! The acceptable time for these to gain everlasting life on the human plane is during the coming millennial reign of Christ, which is described by the Apostle Peter as "the times of restitution." Truly, Jesus is the bread of God which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the whole world! —Matt. 25:46; Acts 3:19-21 □

## The Water of Life

**KEY VERSE:** "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink."—John 7:37

**SELECTED SCRIPTURE:** John 7:30-44

WE SAW in our study last week that literal bread—or food in general—is essential to the sustenance of human life. Today our study stresses another fundamental need—water. How fitting it is, therefore, that our Lord Jesus should be pictured in the Scriptures as the source of the water of life! And his promise is that all who sincerely thirst for that life-giving water shall be filled!

The setting for today's lesson is again the wilderness, and again the LORD God graciously supplies the needs of his people. When the Israelites complained about the lack of water the LORD directed Moses to smite the rock, assuring him that it would bring forth life-sustaining water for them to drink. "And thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel." (Exod. 17:1-7) Recalling this divine illustration in the life of God's typical people, Paul writes, "Our fathers . . . did all drink of the spiritu-

al Rock that followed them; and that Rock was [or pictured] Christ."—I Cor. 10:1-5

On one occasion it was necessary for Jesus to pass through Samaria, and thus he came to Jacob's well. A woman of Samaria came to draw water, and at once our Lord seized the opportunity to give a lesson. When he asked the woman for a drink she said, "How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria?" with which people, as the woman knew, the Jews had no dealings. Jesus answered, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. . . . Whosoever drinketh of this [literal] water [of the well] shall thirst again: but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst." Jesus then reminded the woman of details relating to her personal life, to which she replied, "Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. . . . I know that Messiah cometh,

which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things." Jesus replied, "I that speak unto thee am he." The account continues, "And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman . . . and . . . believed because of his own word; and said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."—John 4:1-42

Thus we see that Jesus' mission at his first advent was to preach the word of salvation; to prove by miracles that he was truly the long-promised Messiah; and to invite believers to walk in his sacrificial footsteps, seeking to gain the glorious prize of life and immortality as sons of the Most High God. To these Jesus said, "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation," or judgment, with the world of mankind. To those who are faithful unto death he promised, "I will give to thee **the** crown of life [immortality]." (Rev. 2:10, **Diaglott**) These faithful ones are the little flock who drink deeply of the water of life, and who will become the honored bride of their Lord Jesus in the kingdom. And the invitation

to sacrifice is still going out!

But what of the countless billions, remembered only by Jehovah God, who lived and died during those long centuries prior to our Lord Jesus' first advent? And what of all those since who have never heard, or never clearly understood the call to walk in Jesus' steps? Again we see the boundless love and mercy of the Heavenly Father, and the lengths and breadths of his great plan of salvation, not only for the relatively few, faithful ones of the present Gospel Age, but for the entire world of mankind! The Scriptures abundantly show that when Christ's kingdom is established during his second advent these too, shall all, every one, be resurrected from the dead, and be given a sympathetic opportunity to gain perfect, everlasting life here on the restored planet Earth. To these our Lord Jesus and his glorified church will lovingly and patiently minister for a thousand years. To these the Spirit and the bride will gently say, Come! "Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." And live forever! Truly, our Lord Jesus gave himself a ransom for **all**, to be testified in due time.—John 5:25, 26; Acts 3:19-22; 24:15; 1 Tim. 2:5, 6; Rev. 22:17 □

## The Judge of Life

*KEY VERSE: "I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me."—John 8:18*

*SELECTED SCRIPTURE: John 8:12-27*

A JUDGE'S duty requires more than simply the rendering of a verdict. Its preeminent requirement is that he first conduct a fair and just examination of all the facts concerning those who are on trial, and then to render a true and honest judgment of his findings. Jehovah God is "the Judge of all the earth." (Gen. 18:25) And Jehovah is a God of love, mercy, compassion, and justice. (Ps. 7:9; 19:7-11; Isa. 45:21; I John 4:8) His first act of judgment took place in the Garden of Eden, when the whole human race, as represented in Adam, its head, stood on trial before God. His verdict was Guilty, and the penalty inflicted on the human race was death. The Apostle Paul explains this act of disobedience by father Adam and the far-flung effects of this judgment in a few words. He says, "By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Rom. 5:12) The result of the judgment upon the human race is plain for all to see, for all the

world continues to this day to go down to the grave in death.

The only members of the human race who have in any sense escaped from this sentence of death are the fully consecrated, spirit-begotten, justified believers in the merit of Jesus' shed blood as covering their sins. These, because of their faith, are looked upon by the Heavenly Father as righteous. Calling our attention to the scriptural example of justification by faith, Paul tells us Abraham's faith was counted, reckoned, or imputed to him for righteousness. (Rom. 4:3, 9, 11) Drawing on the same Old Testament picture, James says that Abraham's faith gained him friendship with God. He writes, "Abraham believed God, and it [his faith] was imputed to him for righteousness; and he was called the Friend of God." (James 2:23) And Paul sums up his own argument on this point by saying of Abraham's faith, "Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it [righteousness] was imputed to him; but for us also, to

whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification.” (Rom. 4:23-25) These justified believers of this Gospel Age are counted by God as his sons, and they are now running for the great prize of the high calling. (Phil. 3:14) The Apostle John writes, “Behold [consider, examine, indeed—marvel at], what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: . . . Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that . . . we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.” (I John 3:1, 2) These shall live and reign with Christ for a thousand years in his coming kingdom wherein dwelleth righteousness.—Rev. 20:4-6; I Pet. 3:13

But to gain that glorious prize requires faithfulness and sacrifice unto death! It is only to those who are faithful to their covenant by sacrifice that Jesus promised to give the crown of life. (Ps. 50:5; Rev. 2:10) This present Gospel Age is the day of judgment for Jesus’ footstep followers. These are now on trial for the highest form of life in the universe—immortality. But let us never forget that it is possible to lose the prize! Paul says, “It is a faithful saying:

For if we be dead with . . . [Christ] we shall also live with him; if we suffer, we shall also reign with him; [but] if we deny him, he also will deny us.” (II Tim. 2:11, 12) Again, Paul cautions us, “If we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.” Therefore, Paul urges us to “hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised.)” And how glad we are that he reminds us it is “The LORD God [who] shall judge his people!”—Heb. 10:23, 26, 30; I Pet. 4:17

But after the church, the bride of Christ, has finished her course, there is to be yet another day of judgment—this time for all the remainder of the world of mankind. The inspired apostle tells us that “God . . . hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man [Jesus] whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.” This coming day of judgment will last a thousand years. All who obey the laws of Christ’s kingdom then to be in operation will live forever. What a glorious prospect our loving Heavenly Father holds out to a suffering world of mankind!—Acts 17:31; Rev. 20:6; John 5:25; Acts 3:19-21; Matt. 25:31-46 □

# **Christian Life and Doctrine**

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## **GOD AND REASON—PART 5**

### **The World's Only Hope— Restitution**

THE full restoration of the human race to a state of perfect health, happiness, and everlasting life, in a worldwide edenic home, is the expressed purpose of the Creator as recorded in his Word, the Bible. Reason tells us that this is as it should be. If God created the earth for man, and man for the earth, it would be illogical to suppose that he would permit opposing forces of deception and rebellion forever to thwart his loving designs; or that he would be forced to adopt some alternative arrangement in order to salvage a few of his human subjects by transferring them to another state of life.

When God created man and provided him with that wonderful Eden home, the commission was given to multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it. Nothing was said to Adam and Eve about going to heaven when they died; indeed, death was not in the offing for them as long as they remained obedient to the Creator's laws.

They were to live—on the earth—and not die. They were to fill the earth—not heaven—with their progeny. Try, then, to imagine the glorious, ideal conditions that would have obtained on this planet Earth if sin and death had not come upon the scene and the original edenic paradise had been enlarged to embrace the whole earth, as God had commanded. Picture that worldwide paradise filled with a perfect and happy human family, all enjoying eternal life and the eternal favor of their Creator. It is this practical, blessed boon that is yet to come to the human race, such restitution having been provided through the death of Jesus.

## Promises of Restitution

When, in the very beginning, God said that the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head, he actually meant that the results of the serpent's work of death would be destroyed, and man would be restored to that which he was then forfeiting by disobeying his Creator. When God told Abraham that through his seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed, it was in reality a promise of restoration to all of Adam's posterity.

When the angel announced the birth of Jesus, saying, "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord," it meant that the whole world was to have an opportunity of being saved from death, and restored to life upon the earth. (Luke 2:11) When Jesus taught his disciples to pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven," he simply was reminding them of the real and ultimate purpose of the kingdom of God—the restoration of man's lost estate. Every Christian who has uttered this prayer—whether he realized it or not—has prayed for the restoration of paradise conditions on the earth.

When our Lord and his apostles promised all faithful Christians that they would become joint-heirs with Jesus and would reign with him, it meant that ultimately they would share with him as the spiritual seed of Abraham, in the glorious work of dispensing the promised blessings of restored life. (Rev. 5:10) When the Scriptures tell us that Jesus "by the grace of God tasted death for every man," it means that the penalty of death, which rests upon every man because of original sin, will in due time be set aside, thus opening the way for every man to live again upon an earth made perfect.—Rom. 6:23; Heb. 2:9

It is in order to accomplish this work of restoration that the church, as well as Jesus, is exalted to such a high position, both of nature and of glory. And what a better hope of glory this is for the church of Christ than the Dark Age theory

that God has been trying to get the whole world to join the church in order that they might be saved from hell-fire!

It is this glorious work of restoration, or restitution, that follows the second coming of Christ. The Apostle Peter indicates this in Acts 3:19-23. Just before making the statement here recorded, Peter had healed a man who had been lame from his youth. Using this incident as an illustration and as a basis for the important lesson he was about to impart to his hearers, he said, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the LORD; and he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." And what an all-comprehensive prophecy this is, restitution of all things! What a different sequel to the second coming of Christ is this from the traditional crack of doom that was supposed to follow his return to the earth.

Yes, times of refreshing—not of gloom and torture—shall come from the presence of the LORD. The expression, 'from the presence of', in the Greek, literally means 'out from the face of it'. It is based on the oriental idea that to turn one's back upon another is an evidence of disfavor, but to look upon another indicates that he is considered a friend. How full of meaning then is this expression, as the apostle uses it in this prophecy! In the Garden of Eden, God turned his back upon his human creation because his law had been disobeyed. "In his favor is life," says the prophet; but the world lost God's favor because of sin, and, like the flower deprived of the sunlight and rain, the people have withered and died.—Ps. 30:5

### **The Promises Will Be Fulfilled**

But while God's back, figuratively speaking, has been turned against the human race for more than six thousand

years, nevertheless he has been making promises concerning the future time of blessing, and also making preparation for the things which he has been promising. The second coming of Christ and the establishment of his kingdom mark the time when these promises begin to be fulfilled. Because of this Peter tells us that then God will turn his face toward the human family, and that as a result, times of refreshing shall come.

The apostle also says that there shall come times of restitution of all things, spoken by the mouth of all God's holy prophets since the world began. It was perfect life on earth that man lost, and it is perfect life on earth that is to be restored. How could the world be restored to heaven, when it has never been there? And think of it, all of God's holy prophets have foretold these coming days of blessing for the distressed and dying world of mankind! Did you ever wonder about deserts blossoming and fig trees growing in heaven? It is earthly things of this nature that the Old Testament prophets wrote about, and now we see that their messages pertained indeed to earthly blessings of life and happiness in the restored paradise.

Peter's restoration to health of the one man who had been lame was used merely as an illustration of the fact that when the messianic kingdom is established there will be similar restitution for all. Isaiah, for example, said that when the kingdom time comes, "the lame man shall leap as an hart," that the "tongue of the dumb shall sing," that the "ears of the deaf shall be unstopped," and the "eyes of the blind" opened. (Isaiah, chapter 35) Not only will these restitution blessings affect those unfortunate ones who are maimed and crippled, but all others who desire it shall be benefited thereby. And then, too, there is a spiritual blindness that will be removed when the "knowledge of God's glory" fills the earth "as the waters cover the sea."—Isa. 11:9; Jer. 31:34

The messianic kingdom is symbolized in prophecy as a mountain. It is this mountain-kingdom that Daniel foretold

would grow until it fills the whole earth. (Dan. 2:34, 35, 44) This same mountain is mentioned by the Prophet Micah where we read, "But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it."—Mic. 4:1-4

### **The Last Days**

The expression, last days, as used in the foregoing passage, is descriptive of the closing days of the reign of sin and death upon the earth, and the period in which a new and better order will be established, under the direct administration of the Messiah. The Dark Age hallucinations concerning the last days are found to be entirely erroneous when compared with this and other hope-inspiring scriptures. For example, instead of the last days signaling the end of all hope as well as all opportunity for repentance, the prophet presents an entirely opposite picture. He says that then God will teach the people his ways and that they will walk in his paths; that they will cease their selfish, warlike tendencies, and will devote their time to the promotion of peace and goodwill: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Not all the details of the messianic kingdom arrangements are revealed in the Bible, but we are assured that the same

divine power and unerring wisdom that brought into being and now controls the orderly movements of all the millions of heavenly bodies, vouchsafes the kingdom methods by which the knowledge of God's law of love will be enforced throughout the lengths and breadths of the earth immediately following the present debacle of human sin and selfishness.

The symbolisms of Micah's prophecy, of course, are based on things with which the prophet himself was familiar. Spears and swords are not much in vogue as effective implements of warfare today. If this prophecy had been written in more modern times it doubtless would have mentioned submarines, airplanes, poison gas, and nuclear warfare.

Likewise, the vine and fig tree picture is that of peace and contentment, based on an adequate assurance that the necessities and comforts of life will continue to be available for all when Christ's kingdom is in full operation. A comfortable cottage, free from mortgage, and a two-car garage, would be the modern conception of the same glorious condition.

We quote another interesting prophecy of the times of restitution: "In this mountain [kingdom] shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees . . . well refined. And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory; and the LORD God will wipe away all tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it."—Isa. 25:6-8

What more could be asked than that which is described in this heart-cheering prophecy of restitution blessings to come? A feast indeed it will be, when "the desire of all nations shall come." (Hag. 2:7) The feast symbolizes the life-restoring and life-sustaining provisions of the messianic kingdom.

The veil, symbolizing the blinding influences of that "old

serpent,' will then be removed. This will be made possible because, as the Revelator points out, Satan will then be bound that he should deceive the nations no more.—Rev. 20: 1-3

And death is then to be swallowed up in victory! Ah, yes, it was death that entered the world and destroyed the happiness of all; but "that which was lost" is to be restored, hence death must be destroyed.

In Revelation 21:4 we are told that "there shall be no more death." The difficulty in the past has been that we tried to make all these glorious earthly promises apply to heaven, overlooking the fact that only a few—the genuine footstep followers of the Master during this age—are to have a heavenly reward. It is here on earth that death has reigned; and it is here, therefore, that there shall be no more death.

How happy the people will then be to accept the kingdom blessings of life and salvation! Note what the prophet says on this point: "It shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

How many millions of people, indeed, have waited and longed for a better understanding of the true God! And how many, also, have hoped and prayed for the salvation that he alone can give! Yes, the world has been waiting for the sunrise of God's returning favor—ignorantly waiting, perhaps, not having much idea of how or when it was to come about. But when the blinding influences of the archdeceiver have been removed and the knowledge of God's glory fills the earth, then the world will know its God, and actually and enthusiastically return to him with its whole heart.

### **God's Mighty Power**

Let no one's faith be staggered by the immensity of the things which God has promised to do for mankind. Remember that we are now considering what the all-

powerful eternal Creator of the universe has promised to do. The God who produced life in the first place is abundantly able to reproduce it in order to fulfill his promises.

And this restitution is to include the dead as well as the dying. It is this that is involved in the Bible teaching of the resurrection. This wonderful doctrine of the resurrection from the dead has been made void by the traditional theory that there is no death. How could one be raised from the dead unless he were dead? How utterly impossible it has been for a confused world to grasp the simple but soul-satisfying hope of restitution while their minds have been blinded by the immortal-soul tradition! But now, thank God, we can see what constitutes salvation; that it means an awakening from the dead and a restoration to life upon the earth. The Bible pictures death as being a sleep, from which all are to be awakened, refreshed, in the morning of the new day soon to dawn. The divine time clock of the ages already marks the early morning hour; and while the darkness is still dense, the day is rapidly approaching; yea, it is very near.

Yes, the most interesting part of it all is the fact that these life-giving blessings of restitution are indeed just around the corner. And it does not require a superabundance of faith to believe it, either. The prophets of the Bible have been so accurate in their foretelling of present world conditions—the conditions that were immediately to precede the establishment of God's kingdom—and of the many blessings which already have materialized, many of which would have been considered impossible up to a few years ago, that it is not hard to believe that the same divine power and wisdom that must have guided in giving prophetic utterance to the things which we now accept as realities must also have guided in foretelling the still more wonderful things which lie just ahead.

Let us then rejoice in the inspiring prospect that is before us; and may the vision of those joys to come enable us to bear patiently the trials of the present. The reign of sin and death

has been a long and weary night for the world as a whole, yet for each individual the time goes quickly by, and with its passing, each one has laid the foundation of a very valuable lesson. If now we can realize that the wise and loving Creator has allowed the reign of evil for the very purpose of enhancing our appreciation of him and his laws, we can patiently wait for, and continue to pray for, the ushering in of the new day.

Let us remember, too, O blessed fact! that those who fall asleep in death while waiting for the divine kingdom to come, either ignorantly waiting or joyfully expecting and praying for it, will not miss the blessings of the new day any more than those who live all the way through the present transition, because all sleeping ones are to be awakened: "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth."—John 5:28

But while all will, in the new day just at hand, have a full opportunity of returning to God and of receiving the blessings of everlasting life then available, this boon will not be forced upon anyone. Obedience to the laws of the messianic kingdom will be required; and those who will not obey shall be destroyed in what the Scriptures term "the second death."—Acts 3:23; Rev. 20:13-15

### **GOD'S NEW ORDER**

A brief, but comprehensive, description of God's new order is found in this text of scripture: "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new."—Rev. 21:4,5

If it were possible to imagine our earth, or any of the other planets in the boundless expanse of the universe, disobeying the divine law that governs the heavenly bodies, we know

that such anarchy would result in the utter destruction of that planet. The reason that scientists are able to foretell the exact second of a solar eclipse years in advance is because they know that the orbs of space are all subject to certain definite laws which can be depended upon to produce uniformly accurate results.

Is it not reasonable to suppose, then, that man, the highest of God's earthly creatures, and the only one who has a conscience more or less attuned to the principles of right and wrong, is also subject to divine law? It is even so, and it was man's disobedience to God's law that plunged him into a quagmire of sorrow, suffering, and death. And it will be only through obedience to divine law that mankind will be able to return to God and to the blessings of life and happiness that were forfeited because of sin.

But let no one suppose that any present attempt to obey God's law will result in the return of God's favor. No, God's law was violated by the perfect Adam—who had both the knowledge and ability to do better—which resulted in his being sentenced to death. Adam's posterity, therefore, have been the children of a condemned and dying man; so all have been born imperfect and under condemnation of death. Thus man, in his enfeebled, dying state, is unable to keep God's law inviolate, hence is hopelessly lost so far as providing salvation for himself is concerned.

The Scriptures say that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) From this it is seen that in Jesus alone is centered all hope of salvation. He paid the penalty of death by his own death on Calvary's cross. It was for this very purpose that Jesus was made flesh. It was a man (Adam) who had sinned, and it therefore was necessary that another man—a perfect and uncondemned man—become the Redeemer. This Jesus did. But while God, in his love, sent Jesus to die for the race, thus providing a way of escape from death, a mere mental assent

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Groton	WSUB	8:15 a.m.	Cincinnati	WNOP	8:00 a.m.
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>			<b>OREGON</b>		
Washington	WYCB	2:30 p.m.	Portland	KLIQ 1290	7:00 a.m.
<b>FLORIDA</b>			<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>		
Cypress Gardens	WGTO 540	7:30 a.m.	Allentown	WHOL 1600	10:45 a.m.
Jacksonville	WBIX 1010	1:15 p.m.	Jenkintown	WIBF (Wed.)	2:00 p.m.
Tampa	WFLA 970	10:00 p.m.	Pottstown	WPZA 1370	12:45 p.m.
<b>GEORGIA</b>			<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>		
Albany	WALG 1590	6:15 a.m.	Charleston	WOKE 1340	7:06 p.m.
Augusta	WHGI	10:45 a.m.	Lancaster	WAGL 1560	9:30 a.m.
Vidalia	WVOP	1:00 p.m.	<b>TEXAS</b>		
<b>HAWAII</b>			Fort Worth	KJIM 870	6:15 a.m.
Honolulu	KNDI	5:15 p.m.	Pearsall	KVWG 1280	9:15 a.m.
<b>ILLINOIS</b>			<b>VIRGINIA</b>		
La Salle	WLPO 1220	4:30 p.m.	Richmond	WGGM	7:45 a.m.
Rockford	WXTA	6:15 a.m.	<b>WASHINGTON</b>		
West Frankfort	WFRX 1300	9:15 a.m.	Clarkston	KCLK	10:00 a.m.
<b>INDIANA</b>			Kirkland	KGAA 1460	9:15 a.m.
Hammond	WJOB 1230	8:30 a.m.	Spokane	KUDY 1280	9:45 a.m.
La Porte	WCOE	10:00 a.m.	Tacoma	KAMT 1360	7:30 a.m.
<b>KENTUCKY</b>			Yakima	KUTI 980	6:45 a.m.
Bowling Green	WLBG 1410	8:00 a.m.	<b>WISCONSIN</b>		
London	WLPQ	9:00 a.m.	Milwaukee	WLZZ-AM	7:15 a.m.
Winchester	WWKY 1380	10:30 a.m.	<b>WYOMING</b>		
<b>MAINE</b>			Cheyenne	KSHY 1370	10:15 a.m.
Portland	WDCS-FM	9:45 a.m.	Sheridan	KWYO 1410	12:00 noon
<b>MARYLAND</b>					
Baltimore	WCBM	7:15 a.m.			

**PUERTO RICO**  
Aguadilla (Fri.) WABA 8:00 p.m.

## FOREIGN RADIO BROADCASTS

### BRITISH ISLES

Isle of Man MANX Radio 7:00 p.m.

### BRITISH WEST INDIES

Grand Cayman Radio Cayman 9:30 a.m.

### CANADA

Edmonton, Alta. CJOI 3:00 p.m.

Lethbridge, Alta. CJOC 7:15 a.m.

Penticton, B.C. CIGV 10:15 p.m.

Vancouver, B.C. CJJC 800 9:45 a.m.

Churchill Falls, Lab. CFLC 7:15 a.m.

Winnipeg, Man. CKJS 9:00 a.m.

Fredericton, N.B. CFNB 10:15 p.m.

Corner Brook, Nfld. CFCB 570 7:15 a.m.

Deer Lake, Nfld. CFDL-FM 7:15 a.m.

Goose Bay, Nfld. CFLN 7:15 a.m.

Pt. au Choix, Nfld. CFNW 7:15 a.m.

Pt. aux Basques, Nfld. CFGN 910 7:15 a.m.

St. Andrews, Nfld. CFCV-FM 7:15 a.m.

St. Anthony, Nfld. CFNN-FM 7:15 a.m.

Stephenville, Nfld. CFSX 7:15 a.m.

Wabush, Nfld. CFLW 7:15 a.m.

Hamilton, Ont. CKOC 7:00 a.m.

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

Windsor, Ont. CKLW 9:00 a.m.

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

Prince Albert, Sask. CKBI 900 7:30 a.m.

### CEYLON

Columbo Radio Sri Lanka (Sat.) 7:15 p.m.

### ITALY (Italian)

Europa Radio Milano  
FM83.300 11:30 a.m.

Euro Tele Radio Calabria  
102MHZ (Fri.) 5:30 p.m.

Radio Corleone Centrale  
FM88-500 FM92 11:00 a.m.

### MEXICO (Spanish)

Mazatlan XECQ 8:30 a.m.

### NEW ZEALAND

Dunedin 4XD 11:15 a.m.

Whakatane LXX 6:45 a.m.

### NIGERIA

Radio Africa (Wed.) 8:00 p.m.

### PANAMA

Panama City HOQ 1250 10:30 a.m.

### PHILIPPINES

Manila (Sat.) DWXX 7:15 p.m.

### SOUTH AFRICA

Joubert Park (Thurs.)

SWAZI Music Radio 9:00 p.m.

### SPAIN (Spanish)

Radio Gerona (Mon.) 9:45 p.m.

### TONGA

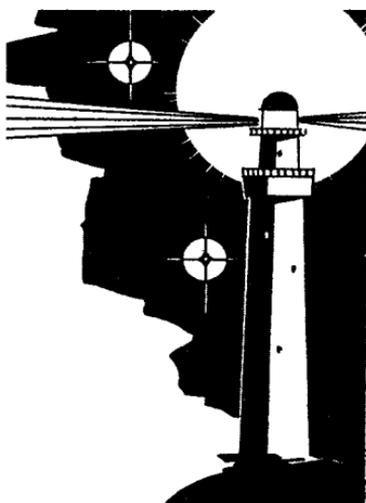
Nuku' Alofa (Mon.) 5:30 p.m.

### URUGUAY (Spanish)

Montevideo (Sat.)  
Radio El Espectador 810 1:30 p.m.

### VIRGIN ISLANDS

St. Croix WSTX 970 9:00 a.m.



**Ye are the light of  
the world. — Matthew 5:14**

## U.S. RADIO BROADCASTS SPANISH LANGUAGE

### ARIZONA

Nogales KFBR 1340 9:00 a.m.

Phoenix KPHX 1480 7:00 a.m.

### CALIFORNIA

El Centro KJCO 1490 10:30 a.m.

Fresno KGST 1600 12:15 p.m.

### FLORIDA

Miami WRHC 8:30 a.m.

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## REGULAR TELEVISION BROADCASTS

We regret that we are unable to furnish the date and time of the broadcasts for the stations listed below:

<b>CALIFORNIA</b>		<b>IOWA</b>		<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	
Chico	KMPN-10	Cedar Rapids	KTS, 13	Charlotte	WHKY
	Sunday, 8:30 p.m.	Mt. Vernon/ Lisbon	WMVL Cable	<b>OHIO</b>	
<b>FLORIDA</b>		Every weekday	7:00 a.m.	Dayton	WHIO
Miami	WKID	<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>		<b>TEXAS</b>	
Jacksonville	17	Jackson	WAPT	Lubbock	KCBD
<b>GEORGIA</b>		<b>MISSOURI</b>		<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>	
Albany	WTSG, 31	Springfield	KOLR	Logan	12-Monday
	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	<b>NEW MEXICO</b>		<b>GUAM</b>	
Atlanta	WATL	Roswell	KSWs	KUAM, 9:00 a.m., Sun.	
<b>ILLINOIS</b>	Champaign-				
Decatur-					
Springfield	WBHW				

## SATELLITE TRANSMISSION CABLE NETWORK SCHEDULE

This is a new schedule of stations and times of our satellite transmission broadcasts. The broadcasts are on Sundays, and the schedule is on Standard Time.

CITY	CHANNEL	CITY	CHANNEL	CITY	CHANNEL
<b>ALABAMA-8:00 a.m.</b>		Englewood	35	<b>GEORGIA-9:00 a.m.</b>	
Dothan	3	Fort Collins	28	Atlanta	27
Montgomery	6, 22	Greeley	22	Augusta	C
<b>ARIZONA-7:00 a.m.</b>		Longmont	29	Decatur	27
Phoenix	17, 30, 31, 38, 42	Parker	28	<b>IDAHO-7:00 a.m.</b>	
Tucson	37	<b>CONNECTICUT 9:00</b>		Boise	18
<b>ARKANSAS-8:00 a.m.</b>		Bridgeport	35	Caldwell	18
Joplin-Pittsburg	10	Groton	G20	Idaho Falls	10
Little Rock	7, 23	Plainville	33	<b>ILLINOIS-8:00 a.m.</b>	
<b>CALIFORNIA-8:00 a.m.</b>		West Haven	32-S	Belleville	24
Alhambra	48	<b>DELAWARE-9:00 a.m.</b>		Elmhurst	19
Arroyo Grande	31	Dover	14A	Joliet	21
Bakersfield	29, 31	Wilmington	2	Mount Prospect	1
Beverly Hills	29	<b>FLORIDA-9:00 a.m.</b>		Sunnyside	36
Laytonville	61	Coral Gables	6	Waukegan	33
Los Angeles	14, 23, 30, 44, 48, 50, 56	Florida City	18	<b>INDIANA-9:00 a.m.</b>	
Mountain View	34B	Fort Lauderdale	25	Hammond	22
Palm Desert	33	Fort Myers	9	Indianapolis	5
Sacramento	25	Kendall	33	Lafayette	5
San Francisco	21	Key West	5	Munster	31
Tulare	23	Madison	4	New Haven	10
Ukiah	47	North Miami Beach	12	<b>IOWA-8:00 a.m.</b>	
<b>COLORADO-7:00 a.m.</b>		Orlando	28	Dubuque	22
Cortez	2	Pompano Beach	32	Sioux City	23
Denver	20	Sarasota	4	Waterloo	R(31)

CITY	CHANNEL	CITY	CHANNEL	CITY	CHANNEL
<b>KANSAS-8:00 a.m.</b>		<b>NEW JERSEY-9:00 a.m.</b>		Providence	30
Roland Park	5A, 10A	Fort Lee-Edgewater	S	Warwick	30
Wichita	13	Suffern (NY)	10	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA-9:00</b>	
<b>KENTUCKY-9:00 a.m.</b>		Newark	24	Charleston	P
Bowling Green	20	Trenton	34	Columbia	4, 19F
Covington	B-16	<b>NEW MEXICO-7:00 a.m.</b>		<b>TENNESSEE-8:00 a.m.</b>	
Dayton	B-16	Alamogordo	26	Bristol (VA)	18
Lexington	31	Albuquerque	12	Chattanooga	18
Louisville	25	Santa Fe	22	Knoxville	H, 15, 21
Westwood	21	<b>NEVADA-6:00 a.m.</b>		<b>TEXAS-8:00 a.m.</b>	
<b>LOUISIANA-8:00 a.m.</b>		Las Vegas	21	Arlington	41
Lafayette	7	<b>NEW YORK-9:00 a.m.</b>		Austin	16
St. Bernard Parish K(24)		Albany	29	Brownwood	17
<b>MASSACHUSETTS-9:00</b>		Brookhaven	6	Bryan	19
Arlington	32	Buffalo	11	Dallas	71
Beverly	43	Manhattan	10	El Paso	13
Boston	B5	Niagara Falls	3	Fort Worth	16
Lynn	27	Rochester	12, 32	Galveston	31
Quincy	43	Schenectady	8	Harris	25
<b>MARYLAND-9:00 a.m.</b>		Syracuse	17	Hitchcock	31
North Brentwood	A-22	<b>NORTH CAROLINA-9:00</b>		Houston	22, 31
<b>MICHIGAN-9:00 a.m.</b>		Apex	17	Irving	B30
Birmingham	51	Greenville	27	Odessa	25
Clinton	10	Rocky Mount	26	San Antonio	34
Coldwater	27	<b>OHIO-9:00 a.m.</b>		Victoria	55
Dearborn	38	Blue Ash	38	Waco	17
Flint	23	Cincinnati	33	<b>VIRGINIA-9:00 a.m.</b>	
Lincoln Park	31	Cleveland	17	Alexandria	30
Plymouth	39	Columbus	5, 8, 19	Chesterfield	28
Southfield	43	Mentor-on-Lake	12	Danville	A
Warren	10	Poland Village	10	Newport News	13
<b>MINNESOTA-8:00 a.m.</b>		Youngstown	0	Richmond	11
Alexandria	UHF34	<b>OKLAHOMA-8:00 a.m.</b>		Staunton	8
Richfield	34	Tulsa	10	<b>WASHINGTON-6:00</b>	
N.W. Minneapolis	56	<b>OREGON-6:00 a.m.</b>		Tacoma	10
St. James	48	Portland	30, 44	Vancouver	28
<b>MISSISSIPPI-8:00 a.m.</b>		Salem	26	Yakima	16
Lafayette	12	<b>PENNSYLVANIA-9:00</b>		<b>WISCONSIN-8:00 a.m.</b>	
Meridian	7	Aston	3	Ashwaubenon	31
<b>MISSOURI-8:00 a.m.</b>		Erie	B29	Green Bay	12
Chesterfield	32	Lansdale	18	Hustisford	26
Columbia	11	Norristown	29	Madison	29
Kansas City	8	Pittsburgh	57	Manitowoc	30
Overland	23	Stroudsburg	23	Milwaukee	31A/B
St. Louis 13A, A13, 28, 33		Uniontown	22	New Berlin	31
<b>NEBRASKA-8:00 a.m.</b>		<b>RHODE ISLAND-9:00</b>		Portage	33
Columbus	29	Lincoln	46	Shoebogyan	13
Lincoln	36	<b>WYOMING-8:00 a.m.</b>		<b>PUERTO RICO</b>	
Omaha	29	Douglas	7	San Juan	24

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to this vital truth will not bring salvation, either now or later when the kingdom is established. What does God require?

God expressed his law to Israel in what is known as the Ten Commandments. These constitute the basis of most civilized laws today. Jesus summed up these commandments in two major requirements—supreme love for the Creator, and an equal love for our neighbor as we have for ourselves. This latter requirement is comprehended in what is commonly known as the Golden Rule. These two major commandments constitute the foundation of all true righteousness, and no one, either now or in the age to come, can be in harmony with the true God while ignoring this law or refusing to be governed by it.

Selfishness, up till now, has always been preeminently in the saddle. From the material and outward appearance, selfishness has been profitable and necessary. It has too often seemed true that those who did not remain on the bandwagon of self-interest have been hopelessly left behind in their pursuit of happiness. “Now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up,” declares the prophet of the LORD.—Mal. 3:15

### **Love to Replace Selfishness**

During the past six thousand years, Satan has been the great taskmaster of the human race, and he has governed by the evil principle of selfishness. With the establishment of the new kingdom, the whole order of things will be reversed. Then Jesus will be the ruler, and love, instead of selfishness, will be taught and encouraged and rewarded.

Then will come the actual fulfillment of that wonderful angelic prophecy, “On earth peace, goodwill toward men.” This change from selfishness to love will not come suddenly. The prophet suggests the gradual method by which the world will be instructed in the law of love when he says that “when Thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.”—Isa. 26:9

The judgment work mentioned by Isaiah will be coincident with the dispensing of kingdom blessings. But it will be nothing like the traditional judgment day which has been used to frighten so many people into joining a denominational church organization. So thorough will be the kingdom system of instruction in righteousness that the prophet tells us God's law will be written even in the hearts of the people.—Jer. 31:33

### **The Blessings Around the Corner**

No one needs to wait, however, until the kingdom is actually established in order to begin learning and putting into practice the law of God. What should hinder any of us, even now from making a sincere effort actually to love our neighbors as ourselves? There are so many ways of doing good to others—ways that are within reach of all of us. It doesn't cost money to give a smile, a word of cheer, or otherwise to share with others the joy that should be in our own hearts. To the extent that we know of the love of God as it is revealed in his Word we should be glad to tell others about it. There is no better way to comfort distressed hearts than to tell them the glad message concerning the messianic kingdom soon to be established.

Today, the comparatively few of earth's millions who may not for the moment be afflicted with one or another of the countless maladies with which fallen man is tormented are living in almost constant fear of the time when they will be among the sufferers. Because of the dread spectres of poverty, disease, bombing planes, and nuclear weapons which are ever in the offing in this selfish, sin-sick world, men's hearts are continuously filled with fear, and this mars the slight happiness that might otherwise be enjoyed temporarily by a few. But in the new world, when the rule of Christ's kingdom is in full operation, even the fear of evil will be removed. The promise is that nothing will be permitted to hurt nor destroy in all that holy kingdom. (Isa. 11:9) Ah yes, how wonderfully true it will be then that the weeping

bereaved ones will have their tears, as well as the causes of their tears, all wiped away, when thus they realize the kingdom work complete.—Isa. 25:8

What a glorious privilege, then, is now ours, of telling the whole world these blessed tidings, as we have and can make opportunities! When we note the fearfulness of our friends and neighbors as they look after those things which are coming upon the earth, let us be quick to heed the instructions of the LORD bidding us to “say to them of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even with a recompense; he will come and save you.”—Isa. 35:4

There is nothing better we can do at the present time to show our appreciation to God for the hope of the kingdom which he has given us through his Word than thus to make it known to others. We cannot stop the mad rush of a selfish world toward the precipice of sure destruction; but we can tell as many as will listen that God is soon to establish a new world, once inhuman selfishness has completely destroyed this “present evil world.” (Gal. 1:4) Thus we can be ambassadors of the new kingdom and, from the vantage point of faith in the sure fulfillment of the promises of God, can take our place beside those described by the prophet, who are saying unto Zion, “Thy God reigneth!”—Isa. 52:7; 61:1-3 □

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## God Bless Thee

God grant you grace, this coming year,  
For every time of need;  
And strength to follow day by day  
Where'er your path may lead.



God shower upon you blessings rich,  
To cheer you hour by hour;  
And fill your heart and keep you through  
His Holy Spirit's power.

# Christian Life and Doctrine

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## Covenant Relationship with God Essential to Life-Everlasting

GOD is not in covenant relationship with the brute creation; for to them he has made no promises, although he has made a general provision for their needs. But we may understand that with all his intelligent creation he has a covenant, or agreement, to the effect that so long as they will do his will they shall possess life. Because of violation of that arrangement, the fallen angels were cast off, "reserved in chains of darkness unto the judgment of the great day" (Jude 6), to receive their final punishment. When Adam and Eve were disobedient, they violated this covenant, and came under the sentence of death. "They like men [Hebrew, **Adam**], have transgressed the covenant; there have they dealt treacherously against me."—Hos. 6:7, margin

Because of Adam's transgression, the world is not in covenant relationship with God in any sense of the word. On the contrary, they are aliens, strangers, foreigners. (Eph. 2:11-13) To some extent God brought Abraham back into covenant relationship, but not fully so. To the nation of Israel he made certain promises in the form of a Law Covenant, to the effect that whoever kept that covenant would thereby demonstrate his worthiness to receive God's blessing promised to Abraham—that through him should all the families of the earth be blessed.—Gen. 12:3

The Law Covenant was given to the Jewish nation; Moses was the mediator, for it was impossible to make the covenant with Israel directly. Although they were unable to keep that covenant because of inherited weaknesses of the flesh, yet it brought them a measure of blessing, as St. Paul points out. (Rom. 7:7) While it lifted Israel above the degradation into

which the Gentiles were falling, nevertheless it did not bring the blessing for which they longed. It did not remove the death penalty—it did not give them life.

In the clear light now shining for the people of God, we see that the Law Covenant was only a type of a better covenant to be made with Israel after the church of Christ has been glorified; that Moses himself was only a type of a better mediator; that the sacrifices of the Law were only types of the "better sacrifices" mentioned in Hebrews 9:23, and that their priesthood was a type of the royal priesthood of the Gospel Age.—Heb. 7:27

### **Israel's Covenant Relationship Actual**

An actual covenant relationship is one that is fully established—not merely suggested or proposed, but accomplished. As Israel approached Mt. Sinai, God proposed to make a covenant with them. When all was in readiness, the covenant was made through Moses as the mediator. The work of mediation was twofold: the first part was the sprinkling of the Law, representing the satisfaction of justice; the second part was the sprinkling of the people, representing the bringing of the people into covenant relationship with God.—Exod. 24:3-8

With the Israelites, God was making a covenant which was to last for centuries. It was good for only one year at a time, however. For the first year the people were in harmony with God, but at the end of that time the cancellation of sins ceased, for the blood of bulls and of goats cannot take away sin. The whole arrangement was only a type. At the end of that first year, the Day of Atonement was inaugurated, and the sacrifices were made for another year. The fact that the Atonement Day sacrifices were repeated year by year shows that they were efficacious for only a year at a time, and so never really took away sin.—Heb. 10:1-4

After the Day of Atonement, the people made various kinds of offerings. Some of these seem to typify the presentation of

the worshiper himself to God, as an indication that he wished to do the will of Jehovah. Others were for sin-offerings, indicating that the worshiper realized that there had been a measure of willfulness in his conduct. So rigid are the requirements of the Law Covenant that only one Jew, the Lord Jesus Christ, was able to keep them. This he could do because he was perfect, and the Law is the measure of a perfect man's ability.

### **The Covenant Confirmed for One Week**

At the close of the Babylonish captivity, the Prophet Daniel asked the LORD for an explanation of the prophecies relating to his people. The answer to his prayer is given in detail. "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy."—Dan. 9:24-27

For an elucidation of this prophecy, the reader is referred to **Studies in the Scriptures, Volume II, Study III**. All these things were to be done in those seventy weeks. Of this period of time, we find that the seventieth week was the most critical, for it was the week during which Messiah was to confirm the covenant. In our Study III, we show that this week began October, A.D. 29, and closed October, A.D. 36—from the beginning of our Lord's ministry until the conversion of Cornelius, the first Gentile to receive the Holy Spirit.

During that period of seven years, God bestowed special favor upon the Jews. At the beginning of that week of years, our Lord, who was then thirty years of age, presented himself to God as a sacrifice. This presentation was the first feature of the antitypical Atonement Day work, and corresponded to the sacrifice of the bullock in the type. Our Lord began the antitypical sacrifices; as St. Paul says, "Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second." (Heb. 10:9) Our Lord there began

to take away the type and to establish the antitype. It was necessary not only to begin the work with the antitypical bullock, but to complete it and take his place as the antitypical Moses, so to speak. This he did not accomplish until after his death on the cross.

Many other features of that antitypical Atonement Day work are not yet completed. It was a part of the atonement for the high priest to offer the LORD'S goat and to take its blood into the Most Holy and to sprinkle it there. It was also a part of the Atonement Day work for him to come out and confess the sins of the people on the scapegoat, and a still further part for him to bless the people. During our Lord's ministry, he fulfilled various features of the types. At Calvary his work of sacrificing himself was finished, and the divine acceptance of that sacrifice was manifested.

The prophet's statement that in the midst of the week Messiah would cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, implies that our Lord would there terminate the efficacy of the typical work for Israel as a people, and that they were rejected from divine favor at the time that they crucified him. A few days before his death, our Lord had said, "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." (Matt. 23:38) This rejection seems to have been symbolized when the veil of the Temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom, an indication of a breaking down, rather than of an opening up.

After our Lord's ascension, it was possible for greater work to be done than ever before. Under the LORD'S blessing, thousands of Jews were gathered into the Gospel garner within comparatively a few days. The work of our Lord was cut short nationally, but it increased the opportunity of the Jews individually. During the three and a half years following our Lord's death, God did not recognize the Gentiles, for he had said that he would give seventy weeks to the Jews, and therefore he allowed no favor to go to the Gentiles until that period had expired.

After the expiration of the seventy weeks of years set apart for Israel, the Gospel began to go to the Gentiles, to gather from among them "a people for his name." (Acts 15:13-18) During this Gospel Age, the antitypical atonement work has been progressing. Our Lord has already offered the antitypical bullock in the sacrifice of himself. Since Pentecost, he has been offering the antitypical goat—the church class. This work has been in progress for nearly two thousand years. As soon as it shall have been finished, the blood will be taken into the Most Holy, to sprinkle the Mercy Seat and to "make atonement for all the people," as in the type.

### **The Covenant of Sacrifice**

The Abrahamic Covenant, as it was given to Abraham, is a complete covenant, whose provisions include all mankind; for it reads, "In thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." (Gen. 12:3; 28:14) Its promise is to the seed: (1) Jesus) (2) The Christ, Head and body; (3) the earthly seed through them. Its provisions extend to all who have the faith of Abraham. The promise of God was that a blessing shall come to all the families of the earth. This promise was confirmed by an oath on the part of God so that the heirs of the promise may be sure of its fulfillment.—Heb. 6:13-18

The seed of Abraham, which is to bless all the families of the earth, was intended to be a spiritual seed. Since Abraham and his posterity were natural men, the only way by which they could become the spiritual seed was by the sacrifice of the earthly nature and the attaining to the spirit nature. The opportunity for making this sacrifice was first given to our Lord Jesus. By carrying out his covenant of sacrifice, he became the Head of the seed which is to bring the blessing.—Ps. 50:5; 40:7-10

During the Gospel Age, Jehovah has been selecting the members of this spiritual seed, that they may lay down their human life and earthly interests in order to attain to the spirit nature. The selection of this seed has been the work of the

Gospel Age. Soon the seed will be all gathered; then the work of blessing the natural seed will begin, and through them the blessing will subsequently spread to all nations, as these shall accept the divine favor.

The church will always be in covenant relationship with the Father. The fact that he calls them sons implies that they are bound to him. (John 1:12) Every father is in covenant relationship with his children, and they with him. Every child has a responsibility to his father, and the father to the child. The fact that God has received the Lord Jesus and the church as sons (Heb. 3:6) signifies that they are in covenant relationship with him. St. Paul says, "We are the children of God; and if children, then heirs." (Rom. 8:16,17) His statement not only implies that relationship, but proves it; for the sons have a right to the things which the father has provided for his children.

All who hunger and thirst after righteousness (Matt 5:6), all whose souls long for God "as the hart pants after the water brook" (Ps. 42:1), and who, having found him, have consecrated themselves to him—these have received the anointing of the Holy Spirit, witnessing with their spirit that they are sons of God. (Rom. 8:14-16) As anointed sons these can discover in themselves the worthy traits of true sons—loyalty, zeal, energy, discretion, faithfulness, obedience.

There are, however, conditions attached to this covenant of sacrifice; there are certain requirements which must be fulfilled. All must become partakers of the sufferings of Christ, if they would participate with him in the glories to follow. But the arrangements for keeping our contract are complete in Christ. Therefore if we put ourselves under his care, this covenant will be everlasting with us, and we shall have "the sure mercies of David."—Isa. 55:3

### **Covenant Relationship to Be Reestablished with Humanity**

In Jeremiah 31:31-33 we read, "I will make a New Covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah . . . after

those days.’’ The expression, ‘those days’, we understand to refer to Israel’s ‘‘seven times’’ of punishment promised by the LORD for the violation of their Law Covenant. This New Covenant is to be made with Israel alone; for God never purposed to make a covenant with the Gentiles. The New Covenant will properly be so called because it will take the place of the old Law Covenant, which God made with Israel and which was broken by them. After Israel shall have been fully established under their New Covenant, all other nations will be privileged to come into this relationship after the manner set forth in the Law. All the world will eventually be blessed thereby.

The New Covenant, then, is to be made with such of Abraham’s descendants as are able to receive it. Since the people are not worthy to enter directly into relationship with God, that covenant must have a mediator. The mediator is the Lord Jesus Christ, and the church, his body. The Scriptures indicate that the mediator is nearly completed.

The Word of God distinguishes between a covenant and its mediator. A covenant does not go into operation until after it has been fully mediated. When Moses mediated the Law Covenant, he first offered sacrifices; then he took the blood of the animals and, dividing it into two parts, sprinkled both the Book of the Law and the people. (Exod. 24:4-8; Heb. 9:19-24) After he had done this, the Law Covenant was in force.

The Mediator of the New Covenant will be **the** Christ. For more than eighteen hundred years, our Lord has been offering the great antitypical sacrifices of himself and his church. As soon as he will have finished making application of the blood, he will have made satisfaction for the sins of the world. This act will correspond to the sprinkling of the book by Moses. Divine Justice having accepted this arrangement, the mediator will antitypically sprinkle the people; that is, he will show them how to come back into full accord with God.

### **Change of Heart in the Millennium**

The Prophet Jeremiah, speaking of the New Covenant says,

“They shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” (Jer. 31:34) The sins and iniquities of Israel will no longer be remembered against them. Christ will have appeared on their behalf and made satisfaction for their sins. They will then be as free from original sin as the Gospel church is. The atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ is the sufficiency for all.—I John 2:2

The Prophet Ezekiel tells us that during the next age the hearts of mankind will be changed. He says, “Thus saith the LORD God; . . . A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.” (Ezek. 36:22-27) This change of heart is entirely aside from the making of the New Covenant. It will take a thousand years to remove the stoniness out of the hearts of mankind and to make them stand without a mediator. Those who receive everlasting life must attain this condition; for all of God’s creatures who would live forever must keep his law perfectly.

During the millennium, God will not recognize the people, because of their imperfection, their weakness; but all of their dealings will be through the mediator, until they shall have been brought up to perfection. At the end of the thousand years, they will be delivered up to the Father, unblamable before him. (I Cor. 15:24) God will then receive them as sons, heirs of the earthly blessings which he has provided for mankind—the things given to Adam. The very moment when the merit of Christ is applied for the world is the same moment when they will be turned over to the mediator. Then they will be in covenant relationship with God, but only through the mediator, until they shall have reached human perfection and shall enter into this relationship directly with the Father.

At the end of the thousand years, when the Messiah will have accomplished his work of restitution, he will cease to act

as mediator. But the covenant will continue to stand; for if that relationship with God were to be removed from the people, they would have no blessing of everlasting life. That blessing depends upon covenant relationship with God. Under the favorable conditions of the New Covenant, whosoever will may have an opportunity to become the children of **the** Christ, the seed of Abraham.

At the conclusion of the thousand years, the willing and the obedient receive the commendation, "Well done," and will be accepted as fit for the condition of everlasting life on the human plane. Those who prove to be unworthy of life will be destroyed in the second death. —Extract from Reprints, Pages 5162-5164 □



*"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."*

—*Psalm 90:12*

THE beginning of each new year serves to remind us afresh that time is fleeting; and, realizing that our days and years are limited, it is well that we, like the psalmist, seek divine guidance in using them wisely and properly. In this psalm, Moses contrasts our brief span of life with the eternal existence of the Creator. "From everlasting to everlasting, thou art God," he declares, and a thousand years to him are but as yesterday, and as a watch in the night when it is past. However, our present three-score-and-ten-year limit of human life is not all that we have to consider. The human race is dying because, as Moses reminds us, God has turned man to destruction—"In Adam all die"—but not everlastingly, for he will later say, "Return, ye children of men." "In Christ shall all be made alive." Every thought, word, and deed of the present will have some bearing on that life beyond the grave. If we are seeking for "glory, honor, and immortality," to live and reign with Christ, let us be diligent in the wise use of each moment of the new year, that the wisdom from above may dwell ever more richly in our hearts.

—James 1:5

# Test Your Knowledge

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## How Many of these Bible Questions Can You Answer?

1. What Old Testament character is referred to in the New Testament as "queen of the south"?

2. How high was Mount Calvary, more frequently mentioned in the Bible as Golgotha?

3. Solomon was considered the most famous son of David. Was Jesus a direct descendant of Solomon?

4. Complete this scripture: "The seventh angel sounded, and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are . . ."

5. Is the expression 'present truth' found in the Scriptures?

6. In providing a Redeemer and Savior, how did God manifest his great wisdom and economy?

7. What is the sixth Commandment?

8. Which is correct? (a) In the resurrection of the dead, the body will be resurrected, or (b) In the resurrection, the body, which has returned to dust, will not be resurrected, but God will give to each a body as it pleases him?

9. In the resurrection, will all

have spiritual bodies, or will all have human bodies?

10. Will the time ever come when it will be unnecessary to ask your neighbor whether or not he knows and worships God?

11. What is the scriptural meaning of the word hell?

12. According to the Lord's words, where was Lazarus between the time of his death and his awakening?

13. How many children did Abraham have? Can you name them?

14. What book of the Bible contains the following prophecy? "Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD to serve him with one consent."

**(Answers on Page 54)**

# Christian Life and Doctrine

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## “But for a Moment”

*“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”—II Corinthians 4:17, 18*

AT THE beginning of a new year, the minds of all are centered more or less on the thought of time, of time that is passing—that another year has slipped away, bringing us that much nearer to the end of the present span of life. While we can rejoice in anticipation of God’s blessings throughout the new year, we should also realize the seriousness of the responsibilities which are upon us as followers of the Master, and face the coming days with the determination that we will, by God’s grace, try harder than ever before to discharge those responsibilities.

Fully consecrated Christians should be the happiest people on earth, for no matter what their circumstances in life may be they are certain, under divine guidance, to work for their very best spiritual interests. However, our joys are not because the LORD shields us from trials and provides us with a carefree life. God has not promised to do these things for us, but he has promised that regardless of what our experiences may be his overruling providence will cause them to be assets rather than liabilities—that they will work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

Paul speaks of our light affliction, which is but for a moment, and then contrasts this with an exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Any affliction which we may have, therefore,

is light when contrasted with the weight of glory which will be ours if faithful, and ours for eternity instead of but for a moment. What better thought than this could we have as we begin the year 1985? We will have afflictions, yes, but how light they will be, and how brief in duration. True, they may last all the year. Perhaps we have been enduring some of our afflictions throughout many years of the past, and their weight is still upon us. But even so, when contrasted with the eternal glories which have been promised to those who are faithful even unto death, they are light indeed, and momentary.

Throughout 1985, by the self-sacrifice of the brethren, the truth will be reaching millions. It is not expected that many will accept it and consecrate themselves to the LORD; but large numbers are being comforted, and are learning to know our great and loving God a little better. The attitude of the vast majority is one of indifference. Let us be watchful lest this attitude have a chilling effect upon our zeal and self-sacrifice in proclaiming the message. From some stand-points, indifference to the truth is more difficult to endure than outright opposition, hence we should be well fortified against this method of attack by the adversary.

Irrespective of how much or how little persecution there may be during 1985, and regardless of how much we may sacrifice in the way of time and strength and means in order to forward the interests of the kingdom, our afflictions will be light, oh, so very light, when compared with the eternal weight of glory which shall be revealed in us who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. The world, noting that we are not interested in its ways and that we shun its pleasures, will think us very impractical and unwise, but we will not be influenced by this, for we will know that they are looking at the things which are seen, and we know that these are very temporary, even as the year that has just passed.

Our rejoicing, on the other hand, is due to the fact that we are looking at the things which are not seen by the natural

eye—those spiritual values which can be appreciated only by the eye of faith. And how precious to us are those unseen things! Perhaps the most valuable of all is the hope of being made in the likeness of our Heavenly Father. John wrote concerning this, "Not yet hath it been made manifest what we shall be, we know that if it should be made manifest, like unto him shall we be, because we shall see him [God] just as he is." (I John 3:1-3, **Rotherham**) The natural eye cannot see, nor can the natural mind grasp the glory of God, but we know that if faithful we shall be raised to be like him, and in this we rejoice.

And while rejoicing in this hope, we glory, or triumph in tribulation—our light affliction—because we know that it is working out for us the fruition of our glorious hope of being with Jesus and sharing in the work of his kingdom. (Rom. 5:3) Let us be determined that by God's grace we will triumph in every affliction we encounter during the year; and, if still this side the veil, may the year's end find us zealously pressing on in the narrow way of self-sacrifice, more determined than ever to be faithful unto death and thus to receive the crown of life.—Rev. 2:10



## 1985 Memorial Supper Date

The proper time for the annual observance of the Memorial Supper will be after 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 4th.

We have a complete Memorial service for isolated brethren or for any who care to have it on cassette. It may be purchased for \$3.00, or sent on loan. Please request early.

# Answers to Test Your Knowledge Questions

(See Page 50 for Questions)

1. The Queen of Sheba.—  
I Kings 10:1; Matt. 12:42

2. Eighteen feet. See Young's  
Concordance under "Calvary."

3. No. Because of the unfaith-  
fulness of Solomon, the seed  
of promise came through Da-  
vid's son, Nathan, who was a  
progenitor of Mary.—Luke 3:31;  
I Kings 11:1-12

4. "... become the kingdoms  
of our LORD, and of his Christ,  
and he shall reign forever and  
ever."—Rev. 11:15

5. Yes. The Apostle Peter urg-  
es the elect to be established in  
"present truth."—II Pet. 1:12

6. Paul writes, "As in Adam  
all die, even so in Christ shall all  
be made alive." (I Cor. 15:22)  
One man was made the repre-  
sentative head of the race, so  
that all are redeemed by one,  
and yet all, through experience,  
learn the sinfulness of sin and  
their need of a Savior.—Rom.  
5:18

7. "Thou shalt not kill."—  
Exod. 20:13

8. (b) is the correct answer.—  
I Cor. 15:37, 38

9. The faithful church will have  
spiritual bodies and will be with

Christ in his throne. The fami-  
lies of the earth will have earthly  
bodies.—I Cor. 15:39, 40; and  
Rev. 3:21

10. Yes. Jeremiah 31:34 reads:  
"They shall teach no more every  
man his neighbor, and every  
man his brother saying, Know  
the LORD: for they shall all know  
me, from the least of them unto  
the greatest of them, saith the  
LORD." This will be the result of  
Christ's reign.

11. The grave, the state of  
death. In the Old Testament,  
hell is a translation of the  
Hebrew word **sheol**, and in the  
New Testament it comes from  
the Greek words **hades** and **Ge-  
henna**. None of these words can  
properly be made to mean a  
place of eternal torment as  
taught by the creeds.

12. Asleep in death.—John 11:  
11-14

13. Isaac, Ishmael, Zimran, Jok-  
shan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak,  
and Shuah—eight sons.—Gen.  
16:16; 21:2, 3; 25:1, 2, 6; and  
I Chron. 1:42

14. Zephaniah 3:8, 9 tells of the  
time of trouble and that follow-  
ing it, a pure message will go to  
the people who shall voluntarily  
turn to the kingdom of Christ. □

# Talking Things Over

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## Brother Panucci's Pilgrim Trip in Italy

THIS past summer, Sister Lucy and I had the blessed privilege of once again visiting the brethren in Italy. Our trip there followed the International Convention in Obsteig, Austria, where we were wonderfully blessed in the company of many brethren from various parts of Europe. Before arriving, we had an extraordinary experience of witnessing to a woman of that town seated beside us on the bus. She showed great interest, so we invited her to the convention. We were delighted when she accepted, and subsequently came all four days, sharing with us some of her refreshments at mealtime, and even participating in a final testimony meeting. Since arriving home, we have received a letter stating that she has purchased a Bible, and is continuing to meet with some of the brethren in Austria!

The convention was a great encouragement to us. The discourses were translated into the various languages of the attending brethren, which helped to make the program profitable to all.

Our first stop in Italy was in the city of Milano, where we received a warm welcome by the manager of the radio station which broadcasts the "**Frank and Ernest**" program in the Italian language. He volunteered to take us in his car to visit some of the listeners who had expressed enthusiasm about the program and had requested copies of the tapes. Our experiences turned out to be rewarding, since the people we visited wanted to know more about the truth. One of them had given a tape of the program to a minister of the Waldese Church, who in turn requested twenty Italian **Dawns** and two **Divine Plan of the Ages** to give to the members of his congregation.

As we all know, there are many things which contribute to the joy of the brethren. One of them is the knowledge of present truth. The hearts of those who do not know the truth are filled with fear today. They may try to drown their feelings in worldly pleasures, but deep in their hearts they remain fearful. This situation was most evident as we traveled in Europe. While in Milano, therefore, we placed an advertisement in one of the largest newspapers, promoting the booklet, **Why God Permits Evil**, as well as announcing the "**Frank and Ernest**" radio program.

From Milano we went to Torino, and spent three days with the little class in that city. Brother Todisco, their elder, sacrifices greatly to serve the brethren. One member of the class has a mother who is an invalid, and because she is unable to leave her home, the brethren go there for the meetings. They also meet at other times in the home of a brother who has a disabled wife. This brother has been in the truth forty years, and to add to his trials he has three sons who, because of different beliefs, oppose him quite vigorously. But, thank God, he is like a rock—faithful to the LORD and the truth! None of these brethren own cars, and to attend meetings they have to change buses three times, and then do some walking, in this highly congested city. We were warmly welcomed by them, and privileged to stay a few days discussing the truth with this little class. Our visit was a great encouragement to all of us.

From Torino, we went to Naples, where we met Brother Bonamico, who always opens his heart and his home to all of the LORD'S people. It was a joy to be with him and his wonderful family. Because he has a car we were able to go with him and to visit some of the brethren living in the vicinity of Naples. In the town of Caivano we met with another little group of Bible Students who were having some trials in their fellowship. We did our best to give them some encouragement, and leave the rest in God's hands. We know that in view of the course that the LORD'S people are called

to take, described by the Master as the “narrow way” to life, they must of necessity meet many trials and tests of faith as they seek to take up their cross and to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

The next day we went to the town of Ercolano to meet the Solaro family. Last year they went to the island of Sicily for vacation; while there the husband became very seriously ill, and being in a strange area they were quite concerned. Brother Cacioppo, who resides there, seeing the condition of the husband, brought them to his home where he was able to assist them, and to make use of the opportunity to present the message of the truth to them. They became very interested, and felt that the LORD had a hand in arranging the events so that they could receive a knowledge of the truth. During our visit we discussed at length the plan of God, and gave them a copy of **The Divine Plan of the Ages**. When we left they expressed a desire to meet and study with Brother Bonamico, who lives nearby.

From there we went to the city of Salerno, and called on various people who had received the Italian **Dawn**. There we met another family interested in the truth, but being isolated, with no brethren to meet with, it is very difficult for them. We trust that the truth they have learned will encourage them to continue their studies and to grow in knowledge and in wisdom.

In Calabria I met two elders of a group of twenty-five students of the Bible. We were very much impressed with their knowledge of the truth. They are not affiliated with any denomination, and appreciated the fact that we, too, are nondenominational. They expressed the desire to have contact with us and requested spiritual help. I promised to send twenty-five **Divine Plan of the Ages** to begin with, and additionally will send the Italian **Dawn** every month to each of them.

We enjoyed many other experiences with our brethren in Italy, about which space does not permit us to tell. We

appreciated the care of the LORD and the privilege of being able to serve the LORD'S people in other lands, and also the prayers of the brethren from this country for them.

Yours in the blessed hope,  
Joseph Panucci

The Dawn magazine is read onto tape each month for those who have difficulty seeing. Requests should be sent to the **Dawn Recorded Lecture Service**. Cassettes will be sent on loan, or may be purchased for \$4.00.

### For Your Newspaper

To the right is a suggestion for a small advertisement in your local newspaper. This outline is designed for three-and-one-half inches in one column.

### January Special:

On Sunday, January 20, "Frank and Ernest" will discuss a topic of interest to many. Attractive circulars will be available for announcing this program, and you are invited to send for as many as you can use. They are free. Address your request to: The Dawn, East Rutherford, NJ 07073

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# Talking Things Over

## Statistical "Good Hopes" Report

for the year ended September 30, 1984

	Receipts	Expenditures
General Fund .....	\$225,045.97	
Radio (domestic only) .....	20,026.39	\$97,381.86
Television .....	4,751.39	43,290.50
Traveling Speakers .....	2,137.86	11,173.22
Overseas (including foreign radio) ..	37,435.68	85,181.07
Recorded Lecture Service .....	819.00	6,004.49
Free Literature .....	3,701.00	3,701.00
Free Subscriptions .....	195.00	195.00
Sales of Dawn Publications .....	34,140.43	210,257.89
Advertising (Magazines & Newspapers)	342.00	31,480.21
Film Service .....	853.41	113,373.18
Other (Interest, Securities, Etc.) ..	39,058.65	
Totals (before bequests) .....	<u>\$368,506.78</u>	<u>\$602,038.42</u>
Bequests Received .....	505,824.56	
Totals .....	<u><u>\$874,331.34</u></u>	<u><u>\$602,038.42</u></u>



For the fiscal year ending September 30, 1984, the Dawn recorded an operating loss, before bequests, of \$233,531.64. Bequests received during the year were in the amount of \$505,824.56, leaving a net gain of \$272,292.92.

We are maintaining the long-standing Dawn policy of making the truth literature available to all who request it at the lowest possible cost—much of it is free.

This is made possible by the LORD'S people all over the world who cooperate and sacrifice together so that these

activities can continue. We at the Dawn greatly appreciate the privilege of sharing this mutual responsibility of spreading the good news of the kingdom.

## **DAWN ACTIVITIES**

### **RADIO**

There are approximately one hundred radio stations broadcasting the "Frank and Ernest" radio program. This includes stations in the following countries outside the United States: British West Indies, Canada, Ceylon, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Panama, Philippines, Puerto Rico, South Africa, Spain, Tonga, Virgin Islands, Uruguay, and the recently negotiated contract for broadcasting throughout the British Isles from the Isle of Man.

### **TELEVISION**

Our television efforts remain mostly confined to cable networks. We are currently using Satellite Program Network, which has a broadcast potential of reaching 11,000,000 households; also, Modern Motion Pictures distributes our films to interested groups such as schools, clubs, churches, and nursing homes.

### **DAWN FILM SERVICE**

Our own film service distributed 2,358 films to schools, churches, clubs, and other interested groups, and 2,723 booklets were distributed as a result of the film showings.

We are endeavoring to increase this activity by sending our film catalogs to user organizations acquired from purchased mailing lists.

### **ADVERTISING**

Ads have been running in Farmers' Almanac, Greer's Almanac, and ads in the Family Weekly and Parade Magazine. We have increased our activities in direct mail advertising, using homeowner mailing lists and sending booklets and sample Dawn magazines.

## LITERATURE

Printing continues on a normal basis. Sales of literature included 252,000 Dawn magazines, 8,200 books of all kinds, 123,631 "Hope" booklets, 92,183 other booklets of all kinds, and 87,500 tracts.

We continue to send the "Hope" booklets to mortuaries. The response is very encouraging with requests for over 123,000 "Hope" booklets.

## RECORDED LECTURE SERVICE

This department transcribes and mails the tapes of the radio programs on a weekly basis to all of the radio stations that we use. They also provide a free recorded lecture service, and each month The Dawn magazine is recorded on tape for the blind. □



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## Weekly Prayer Meeting Texts

**JANUARY 3**—Pray without ceasing.—I Thessalonians 5:17 (Z. '96-162 Hymn 162)

**JANUARY 10**—Take my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the LORD, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.—James 5:10 (Z. '95-3 Hymn 301)

**JANUARY 17**—Keep yourselves in the love of God.—Jude 21 (Z. '02-173 Hymn 165)

**JANUARY 24**—Let not mercy and truth forsake thee; bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart.—Proverbs 3:3 (Z. '02-171 Hymn 324)

**JANUARY 31**—The meek will he guide in judgment; and the meek will he teach his way.—Psalm 25:9 (Z. '00-68 Hymn 145)

# Encouraging Letters

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## Oldtime Listener

Dear "Frank and Ernest": I listened to your program Sunday, as I do quite often, while waiting for my ride to church. I think your program is very good. It seems to me that I used to hear it back in Nashville, Tennessee, in the '40's. This morning you mentioned a booklet I surely would like to have, called, "The Church." I'd like my good friend, whose address is below, to have one too. Thank you!  
—OH

## Seeks Peace of Mind

Dear Sirs: Please send me the booklet, "God and Reason," and three or four copies of "Hope." I found the booklet of "Hope" the day my husband was buried, and I would like a few copies to give to friends who have lost their mate. I read it many times during the week. Do you have any booklets on prayer, or something that would give me peace of mind? Thank you very much.—KS

## "Muslc" to His Ears

Dear Sirs: Please send me the booklet, "The Church." You talked Sunday morning on this subject, and about water baptism, and no hell in the Bible. It

was music to my ears to hear that! Thank you.—WA

## Prophecies Fulfilled

Sir: Please send me a copy of "The Lord's Return," as offered on "The Bible Answers" program. I hope that this booklet will enlighten me and the rest of my family regarding the second coming of the Lord, based on the signs of the times. The present happenings all around the world show the fulfillment of the prophecies found in the Bible. Hoping for your kind attention, and an early reply, I am, Very sincerely yours.—CA

## Good to Hear

Dear Friends: Please send me "The Future of Israel and the World." I listen to you in Salt Lake City, Utah. It is so good to hear about the Bible and its truth! Sincerely.—UT

## Hard to Find!

Dear Sirs: I seem to have a hard time finding your program, but caught the one last Sunday morning. I do enjoy your programs immensely. Please send me the booklet, "The Truth about Hell." Thank you very much.—OH

# Speakers' Appointments

## MINISTERING THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL OF CHRIST

These speakers are associated with the Pilgrim Department of the Dawn. Their services are furnished free upon request. Address your request to Dawn Bible Students Association, East Rutherford, NJ 07073. A visit will be arranged when possible.

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<b>G. JEUCK</b>		Orlando, FL	8, 9
Middletown, NY	January 20	Warm Mineral Springs, FL	11
<b>N. KASPEROWICZ</b>		St. Petersburg, FL	12, 13
Philadelphia, PA	January 27	Columbus, GA	15
Pottstown, PA	27	Macon, GA	16
<b>G. PASSIOS</b>		Evans, GA	17
Sayville, NY	January 6	Virginia Beach, VA	19
		West Newton, PA	22
<b>E. K. PENROSE</b>		<b>L. POST</b>	
Birmingham, AL	January 4	New Haven, CT	January 13
Louisville, AL	6	Detroit, MI	27

## Obituaries

The following brethren have recently finished their Christian course. We wish to express our sincere sympathy to the families and friends in their loss of these dear ones.

- Sister Christine Conrad, West Brownsville, PA—June 24. Age, 87.  
Sister Mary Nannini, Charleroi, PA—November 14. Age, 70.  
Brother John Lunda, Detroit, MI—November 9. Age, 76.  
Sister Marie A. Bosch, Salem, OR—November 13. Age, 89.  
Brother Clyde E. Harp, Columbus, OH—November 14. Age, 84.  
Brother Ben Zbrojski, Detroit, MI—November 14. Age, 89.  
Sister Mabel Johnson, Richmond, VA—November 16. Age, 85.  
Sister Emma Tiffany, The Dalles, OR—November 16. Age, 86.  
Brother Joseph Piekut, Detroit, MI—November 17. Age, 96.  
Sister Gwen Elliot, Vancouver, B.C.—November 21. Age, 88.  
Brother Cornovius Benjamin, New York, NY—November 26. Age, 86.  
Sister Katherine Zolynski, Syracuse, NY—December 1. Age, 87.

# Conventions

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**MINNEAPOLIS, MN, January 6**—Northeast YMCA. Mr. C. R. Newham, 1722 N.E. 5th Street.

**ST. PETERSBURG, FL, January 13**—Heilman's Mobile Home Park, 8300 Seminole Blvd. (Alt. 19), Seminole. Mrs. Lloyd Hagensick, 8003 Seminole Blvd., Lot 8, Seminole 33542 Phone: (813) 391-1772

**PALO ALTO, CA, January 26, 27**—San Jose Masonic Temple, 2500 Masonic Dr., San Jose. Irene Altuvilla, 1201 Sycamore Ter., Sp. 67, Sunnyvale 94086

**DENVER, CO, January 27**—Wyatt Cafeteria, 5801 W. 44th Ave. Mrs. D. Kuehmicel, 10201 Riverdale Rd. #53, Thornton 80229

**DETROIT, MI, January 27**—Redford YMCA, 25940 Grand River. R. Gorecki, 4093 Justin Ct., Bloomfield Hills 48013

**SACRAMENTO, CA, February 15-17**—Sierra Inn Travelodge, 2600 Auburn Blvd. Mrs. E.F. Lankford, 6000 19th Ave. 95820  
Phone: (916) 457-0569

**DELAWARE VALLEY BIBLE STUDENTS, February 17**—Hilton Inn, Northeast Philadelphia, 2400 Old Lincoln Highway, Trevose, PA. Barbara Marshall, 291 Oaktree Dr., Levittown 19055 Phone: (215) 949-3876

**OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, February 16, 17**—406 Oak, Yukon. Faye Savage, 1213 Warren Pl., Oklahoma City 73107

**ALL-FLORIDA CONVENTION, March 2-4**, Howard Johnson's Executive Center Hotel, Highway 50—Interstate 4, Orlando. Reservations must be made by February 15. Write or call: Ernest Kuenzli, 330 Jasmine Rd., Casselberry 32707  
Phone: (305) 831-2098

**NEW ORLEANS, LA, March 9, 10**—Best Western Seaway Motor Inn, I-10 & U.S. 49, Gulfport, MS. For reservations: Mrs. W. C. Buel, 214 Magnolia Dr., Pass Christian, MS 39571  
Phone: (601) 452-4351

**NEW YORK, NY, March 23**—Rutherford Woman's Club, Montross & Fairview Aves., Rutherford, NJ. Mrs. Ann-Truth Lange, 76 Longview Ave., White Plains, NY 10605  
Phone: (914) 948-5428

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA, May 24-27**—Asilomar Convention. Mrs. Wm. Blong, 713 Sycamore Ave., San Bruno 94066  
Phone: (415) 588-3982

**BIBLE STUDENTS GENERAL CONVENTION, Albion, MI, July 27-August 1.**

  
"Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD."

—Psalm 31:24