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## The Golden Rule.

“Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth ; and he that seeketh findeth ; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him ? Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.” (Matt. 7:7-12.)

WE have such wonderful instruction in Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, of which the above verses form part. It has been suggested by a very devoted. Christian of much experience who stated many years ago, that the thought in chapter 7 is, that if the Lord’s people have any failings along the line of fault-finding and harsh criticism of their brethren or anyone else in their hearts, as described in the early verses of this chapter, they should ask the Lord sincerely in earnest prayer for help to overcome this difficulty. There is surely much encouragement in our Lord’s statement in verse 7, that by asking “it shall be given.” “If ye seek,” He declares, “ye shall find.” “If any knock,”

He assures us, “it shall be opened unto I you.” By sincerely asking, seeking, knocking for help from the Lord to overcome any failings, especially those mentioned in this 7th chapter of Matthew, the encouragement of verse 8 is most satisfying,—”For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth ; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.”

Our Lord’s words to His own disciples on the last night of His earthly ministry were—”And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” (John 14:13.) Also from James 1:5, 6 we have these helpful words of encouragement,—”If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not ; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.”

In verses 9 and 10 of Matthew 7 Jesus gave two simple illustrations of the natural affection of a father for his son. “What man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he *give* him a serpent?” No indeed; what parent would not gladly supply the need of his children, and delight to do so if in his power at all. Then in verse 11 we have the helpful comparison. Human parents will love and delight to work to supply the needs of their children. What will our

Heavenly Father do, who so loved us as to give His only begotten Son that we might have life, if we only accept it on His terms! Yes, our Heavenly Father is more willing to grant blessings to His people who ask in sincerity, than is any earthly parent to supply good things to his children.

From Luke 11:13 we read the additional thought,—”How much more shall your heavenly Father give the holy spirit to them that ask him?” We realise that this promise is to the fully consecrated children of God, those who have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and presented their bodies a living sacrifice. Then they receive the holy spirit, and then only. Thus, we see it is the Father’s good pleasure to give the holy spirit more and more to those who ask in full sincerity and faith for this choicest of all blessings from above. This implies, of course, a continual desire, a longing and yearning for the infilling of the Lord’s spirit of love and holiness.

Then in our *verse* 12 of Matthew 7, we have the lovely Golden Rule presented to us, for our highest welfare. “Therefore” — seeing our Heavenly Father is so abundantly willing to give us of His holy spirit, that we might have His mind, His disposition in our hearts and lives,—”all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.”

One has written of this helpful message from the Lord,—”Perhaps the nearest teaching this Golden Rule was the words attributed to Confucius, ‘Do not do to others what you would not have them do to you.’ This latter is also a grand teaching, but it is far inferior to the Golden Rule, which is sublime. Christians are not to be negative, but positive. They are not merely to follow the standards of others, but to raise up the Lord’s standard before the people.”

It may be asked, How is it possible for the Lord’s people, Christians, to observe this Golden Rule which the Lord Jesus exhorts us to keep? The answer is that it is possible, to keep this wonderful pattern of conduct only by bringing our hearts and minds under the influence of the Lord’s spirit, allowing His controlling power in us to will and do His good pleasure, as the Apostle declares in Phil. 2:13, —”For it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” How it humbles us when we realise that God, the great Almighty One, condescends to work in us, to will and do His good pleasure. He is accomplishing this work in His obedient children who submit their lives to Him through the merit of Christ!

In Rom, 8:11, 14 we read,—”If the spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised, up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his spirit that dwelleth in you. For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of. God.” That is a lovely thought,— .”as many as are led.” Not driven, not forced, ..not compelled, but those who delight to be led, guided and blessed by the holy spirit of God ; they are the sons of God, they are real Christians, they are anointed followers of Christ.

The Apostle Paul assists us’ greatly in this matter of -being led by the spirit of God, by which alone we are able to keep the Golden Rule, in Phil. 2:5,—”Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” Notice how the thought is expressed,—”Let this mind be in you,” as though the Lord is just waiting for His sincere people to open their hearts so that’ this mind, this disposition, the holy spirit of Christ, can enter in and possess us. As we sing in the verse of our hymn

“Redeemer, come! I open wide  
My heart to thee: here, Lord, abide;  
Let me Thy constant presence feel,  
Thy grace and love in me reveal.”

It is the opening of our hearts that enables us to receive this mind of Christ. “Let this mind”—try not to

have any hindrances to the free inflowing of this wonderful mind of Christ. How important is our co-operation with the Lord, so that He may freely work in us to will and to do of His good pleasure.

It is interesting and helpful to note also that the Greek word translated “mind” is the same as that translated “affections” in Col. 3:2 —”Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth.” It shows the Christian’s co-operative effort with the Lord Himself. It has been stated that the Christian’s privilege, the Christian’s duty and responsibility, is to set his affections on the Lord first thing in the morning. As we arise, think of the Lord and His wonderful goodness and mercy, and have praise in our hearts to Him. If our affection drifts away and we are absorbed too much in earthly things, we must set it back on the Lord continually throughout the day. So doing, we shall gradually have the mind of Christ more and more, ;and we will find less and less inclination to think on earthly things, and especially on unworthy earthly things. There are many worthy earthly things that we need to think about, but even so., concentration on the Lord will help us that even the work we do can be done while in contact with the Lord.

The opening of our hearts and minds to the Lord is’ expressed so helpfully in Malachi’ 3:10, and it is as appropriate for, the Lord’s people -now as in the days of Malachi. Speaking for the Lord, the prophet says,—”Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven; and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.” Isn’t this just what we desire, -for the Lord to open the windows’ of heaven, so to speak;’ and pour Us out a blessing? It surely is; and this is just what the Lord desires to do. He is waiting for us to open our hearts to Him in full surrender of heart and mind, that He may be able to come in and sup with us, and we with Him. (See Rev. 3:20.)

From Mal. 3:16 we read,—”Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another ; and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name.” Examining this verse, we find many helpful lessons for us. Firstly, “They that feared (or revered) the Lord spake often one to another.” What would be the topic of conversation amongst those who revered the Lord, should we think ? “And the Lord hearkened, and heard it.” Would He hear some things unworthy of us as we speak often one to another? Many of the Lord’s people have in their homes the motto which reads, “Christ is the Head of this house, the unseen Guest at every meal, the silent Listener to every conversation.” Haven’t we all found at times that our conversation is unfit for the Lord to hear? But He has heard it! When we remember that our words to others are reckoned of the Lord as spoken to Him, we can grasp that. His appreciation of us is in keeping with our attitude or conversation to others, and not only others who are our brethren but all with whom we come *into contact with*.

However, there is encouragement in Mal 3 for all who desire that mind to be in them which was also in Christ Jesus, for we read that the outcome of the Lord hearkening or listening to those who really revered HIM and spoke acceptably one to another was that a Book of Remembrance was written before Him for them. What joy to, have’ ‘What joy, to have our names written in the Lord’s Book of Remembrance, —”in the Lamb’s book of life.”—Rev 21:27.. (See also Heb. 12:22, 23; Luke .10:17, 20.) To have one’s name written in the Lord’s Book of Life implies the gaining of the heavenly inheritance with Christ, and which is also indicated in Mal. 3:17,—”They shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels.” Those that speak often one to another in spirit and in truth, delight to have the Lord hearken to them, to listen to what they say; that Book of Remembrance is written for them, because they reverence the Lord, and they are the ones the Lord makes up into the Bride of Christ, His special treasure.

Another important point in Mal. 3:16 is the explanation that those worthy of inclusion in the Lord’s Book of Remembrance are those who not only speak acceptably in the hearing of the Lord, but who also think

upon His name. Their thoughts are in accord with their conversation, and that is also an essential characteristic of God's people. How appropriate are the well-known words—"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." It does not mean the little slips here and there, wrong thoughts coming in, but as one thinks continually, mainly, generally. "Thinketh in his heart"—the inmost thoughts determine what sort of a man or woman one may be. We are told in Heb. 4:12 that the Word of God is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. How important, indeed how essential that the message of Psa. 19:14 be fulfilled in us. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer."

"The meditation of my heart." What a lovely exhortation, isn't it, and it brings to mind one of the Most wonderful passages of Scripture, which we have for our wellbeing in the Pilgrim Way. We refer to Phil 4:4-8. This lovely message from the sanctified Apostle is so helpful for us to meditate upon. "Rejoice;,,, in the Lord always and again .I say, rejoice." - As one has said, "We cannot have too many rejoicing Christians, so long as they are rejoicing in the Lord."

Phil 4:5—I let your moderation be known until all men, the Lord is at hand." "Moderation" in the Greek means appropriateness, mildness. This word is translated gentle in James 3:17. We are remind also of God's disposition towards us and the effect it has on us in Psa. 18:35—"Thy gentleness hath made me great." --Great in thankfulness and praise, surely. It is lovely to think isn't it, that God is gentle with us, kind longsuffering with His people. Let your moderation, your gentleness, your kindness, be known unto all.

In Phil. 4:6, 7 the Apostle continues, "Be careful for nothing." - A better 'translation is "Be anxious about nothing," that is 'overanxious.' We know that "'God Is' in control 'of affairs, and our dear Lord is at His right hand and supervising the affairs of nations as well as our own affairs on earth. "Be not overanxious .. 'but let your requests be trade known unto God and the peace of God, which passeth all - understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." "The peace of God"—the -peace of the great Eternal One—"shall keep your hearts and minds." We see again how closely our hearts and minds are linked together in this verse.

Verse 8, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true." There are many things which are true, but are not worthy to be thought upon. We must qualify the "true" things here by all the other qualities mentioned in the verse. But some other Scriptures help us to determine the "true" things that we should think upon, such as John 3:33, and 2 Cor. 6:8.

"Whatsoever things are honest." This helps to justify the "true" things to think on. The word "honest" carries the thought of venerable, honorable. These are the things that we should think' upon. "Whatsoever things are just." The thought here is that of equitable, innocent and holy. Rom. 1:17 reveals this thought so helpfully; see also Rom. 3:26, and 1 Pet. 3:18. "Whatsoever things are pure" The meaning here is clean, innocent, modest, perfect. It is lovely to think upon the things that are pure. "The wisdom that is from above is first pure,"—James 3:17. Further, in 1 John .3:3 the Apostle tells us of anointed by God's spirit,—"Every man that hath this hope in him (of seeing Christ as He is) purifieth himself, even as he is pure." That is, even as Christ is pure. They that have this hope in their hearts, yearning arid longing to receive this wonderful inheritance with Christ, are the ones who, by the Lord's grace, are seeking purity "even as he is pure."

"Whatsoever things are lovely"—the things that are acceptable in the sight of God. What lovely things we have in the lengths and breadths of the Word of God! We are living below our privileges if we allow other things to becloud our meditations upon the lovely things of His Word. "Whatsoever things are of good report." There are many things in the world of little or no value. But the things of good report, well spoken of, reputable, that will bear the sunlight, that will be pleasing to the Lord, think upon these things.

“If there be any virtue,” contains the thought of excellence. There are many things of virtue to be thought upon, but particularly, the lovely truths this same Apostle has given us. “If there be any virtue,” bringing honor to the Lord’s name and cause’ and His people, anything that will promote the welfare of anyone seeking God, “think on these things.” “If there be any praise.” The Apostle Peter uses this same expression to describe the overcomers of this Gospel Age, those who “show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.” (1 Pet. 2:9.) These are the, things to think upon,—”If there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think oh these things.”

There can be no doubt about the vital necessity of right thinking, for the Lord’s people to make progress in the Christian way and merit the approval of the Lord Himself. This is done only by continuous and complete communion with our Heavenly Father day by day and hour by hour. So doing, we shall be able, by His grace, to really keep the Golden Rule,—”All things whatsoever ye would that men, should do to you, do ye even so to them.” This lovely rule can be worked out in the hearts and minds, the words and thoughts of all God’s people, wherever they are located. It doesn’t matter in the slightest if they are in isolation, God’s holy spirit reaches them just as easily. Even on beds of sickness, or in blindness the Lord has blessed and developed His people by the indwelling of His holy spirit.

How thankful we should be to have health and strength to go about in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord and commend His Word to others with whom we come in contact! What a privilege and joy to be ambassadors for Christ, to represent Him in some way! We all, of course, have misrepresented Him at times. That is what we must strive to overcome. We have not reflected His likeness as we should have done, but we want to give diligence to keep this Golden Rule so that we will reflect much better in the days ahead. Giving a good witness for the Lord in this way is what manifests the Christian life. If we do not let the mind be in us which was also in Christ Jesus, the world and its spirit of discontent, of envy and malice will affect us also. The mind of Christ must really possess us if we are to keep out that contrary spirit which seeks to press in and captivate us. The Lord expects us to cast all our cares upon Him, and to “ask and receive,” that our joy may be full—our joy in Him through His holy spirit. With the Lord’s spirit dwelling in our hearts and minds, we shall be able to fulfil the desire of the Psalmist in our own lives—”Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.” (Psa. 19:14.)

## The Institute's Work

ANOTHER twelve months for the work of the Berean Bible Institute has passed with the close of April, and once again our desire is to express sincere thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His blessings and providential overruling in connection with the work undertaken in participation with *the* brethren in Australia and overseas. All efforts have been esteemed as a privilege in which there has been much encouragement from our dear friends situated in various localities, and it is realised that all who have assisted so willingly have done so as unto the Lord.

The work of the past year has been of a similar nature to previous times, being mainly concerned with the encouragement of our brethren who are walking in the Christian way, appreciating the truths of the Bible as of vital importance, and seeking to serve and please the Lord, by His grace and strength. The message of the kingdom is also gladly made known as a witness to those who may have ears to hear, realising that this is also a privilege of service, inasmuch as the assurance is given that God's Word will not return unto Him void.

Our periodical "Peoples Paper" has continued to reach our brethren in Australia and in some lands overseas. It is also forwarded to many interested friends who are seeking for Bible truth.. It has been encouraging again to hear of the appreciation of the messages contained, in the "Paper" and to all who have contributed to its pages sincere appreciation is expressed for this help in the service of the Lord.

The subscriptions to the "Peoples Paper" are much nearer meeting its cost of production since it has been published bi-monthly. However, there is a deficiency to be covered by the General Tract Fund mainly on account of the high postage rates, but as numbers of the "Paper" are supplied free to interested friends to encourage their interest, this expense *is* used to good advantage *in* the Lord's service. Some of our Melbourne friends have continued to assist with the proof reading and other work connected with the "P. Paper" and this service is greatly appreciated. Any of our readers who can use extra copies of the "Peoples Paper" where good may be done are gladly supplied, and others who have assisted with subscriptions for their friends \*re also helping in the work, as unto the Lord.

Tracts are supplied from the General Tract Fund to friends able to use theses to advantage, and Consolation Cards for use amongst the bereaved are available also for those able to *engage in* this work. The sale of used stamps kindly sent in by various friends has, also assisted the work, and the much labor of one Sister in particular in another State in preparing the stamps for sale is warmly appreciated.

Public lectures have been continued regularly, the messages being arranged from the Scriptures to benefit our brethren and also any newcomers who may accept the invitations *fa* attend through the radio or other advertising. It is our privilege and responsibility to sound forth at every opportunity the glad message of the kingdom which is such a blessing 'our own hearts.

The Frank and Ernest broadcasts have continued over the year past on 3GL Geelong only, having been discontinued in Sydney and Brisbane the previous year. It is encouraging to know that a good circle of listeners appreciate the messages over the air, as 3GL serves Melbourne and much of southern Victoria as well as the city stations, and also covers much of Tasmania. The number of responses to the broadcasts is not as great after over 21 years of service, but the appreciation is likely greater, for many look forward to the session week by week. We are glad that the Lord can use His message from His Word to prompt those with hearing ears to apply for more information about the wonderful plan of salvation through Christ.

The financial position in connection with the work is shown from the balance sheets of the General Tract

Fund and Radio Fund. The voluntary contributions of all who desire to have a part in the efforts being carried on from the Institute has enabled the work to continue steadily, in the Lord's providence, and the sacrifices made by all in this way are encouraging indeed, and much appreciated, as unto the Lord. As in past years, so now as we enter upon another year's service, we look to the Lord and ask His blessing and guidance upon all that is undertaken in His name. It is requested also that the prayers of our brethren join with us that all service may be rendered humbly and faithfully in the days ahead, in this corner of the Lord's harvest field, that all may be to His praise. "Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work." (2 Tiles. 2:16, 17.)

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## Convention News.

THE Psalmist says—"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." The prospect of meeting with others of God's people awakens in our hearts joyful thoughts. The reason for this is that where the Lord's truly consecrated people are met together "in His name," there He is in the midst.

It was a privilege to be able to meet together with those of "like precious faith" at the Adelaide Convention during the Easter weekend. We have many happy memories of the helpful, spiritual fellowship we enjoyed during the four-day Convention. It was a pleasure to welcome in our midst a number of brethren from Melbourne and Geelong, Victoria; also a brother and sister from Perth, W.A., and a brother from New Zealand.

During the Convention we listened with interest and profit to eleven addresses, the topics being as follows—"Things that Work Together"; "Wonderful Words of Life"; "Michael the Great Prince"; "The First Man and the Second Man"; "The Gift of Wisdom"; "The Resurrection Hope—Mankind Coming Back from the Land of the Enemy"; "Truth and How Presented"; "Light and Salvation"; "Striving for the Mastery"; "Underneath are the Everlasting Arms"; and "Jacob's Ladder and Wrestling with an Angel."

We also had three Bible Studies, and the portions chosen were—Rom. 8:9-14; Psalm 119:97-104; John 14:15-23. These selections of Scripture were profitable to meditate upon and provided helpful discussion as we were reminded of the lovely promises and, assurances of the Word of God written aforetime for our learning and encouragement.

Another interesting feature was the presentation of two TV films produced by our brethren at the "Dawn". The films "The Unknown God," and "The Divine Plan of the Ages" were kindly loaned to us by Brother and Sister Crouch, of Toowoomba, Queensland.

The Convention closed with the Love Feast, the *singing* of the hymns "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love," and "God be with you till we meet again"; and the closing prayer of thanksgiving to God for all blessings received, and requesting His continued blessing and favor upon the Israel of God in every place. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

### Books Available.

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"Cod's Promises Come True"-22/-

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"The Book of Books," Reviewing the Bible as a whole-11/-.

"The Divine Plan of the Ages," Cloth bound-5/6; paper covers-3/6.

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## Memorial Observances

### MELBOURNE

THE Memorial of our Lord's death was observed by the Melbourne brethren with great thankfulness to our Heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. The Attendance at our service was very good, some brethren not able to attend the regular meetings were present, also a number of our Polish brethren who have been 'in this land for various periods were gladly welcomed on this occasion. ,

Previous studies of Paul's wonderful presentation of our Lord's Memorial, received by revelation from Him, contained in' 1 Cor. 11:23-34, proved very helpful again, impressing the solemnity and sacredness of this annual institution: which our Lord desires all His true-hearted followers to' observe "in remembrance of Him."

The suitable hymns, the prayers of 'thanksgiving to God for the great gift of our Saviour,: the Bible, readings and an address in explanation of the, deep significance of our Lord's Memorial all contributed to prepare our hearts to partake of 'the emblems with gratitude and sincerity. Both emblems also, impressed the privilege of our understanding the Apostle's words--" For unto you is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his ,sake." (Phil. 1:30.)

### Geelong

A small company met again this year seeking to comply with the Master's request to "do this in remembrance of me." It was with humble hearts that we attended the little service that was conducted without ostentation of any kind. The two previous studies in the usual Class meetings consisted of meditational readings of the 18th and 19th chapters of John's Gospel, and proved of good profit in assisting preparation to come to the Lord's table. Bible readings and an address on the evening of the observance assisted further to good reflective meditations as we partook of the emblems.

### Adelaide

How glad and thankful we are to God for the Memorial Service which our Lord Jesus requested His people to observe in remembrance of His death for us, and for all mankind. It serves to remind us, as we keep it at the appropriate season each year, of the costly sacrifice of our Lord Jesus who gave Himself so willingly to be our ransom- sacrifice to redeem us from the curse of sin and death. What a debt of gratitude we owe to our Heavenly Father, and also to our Lord Jesus Christ. God's great love to us begets love in our hearts for Him, and we delight to offer our ransomed lives to, Him "a living sacrifice." Being justified by faith in His blood we rejoice to be invited to offer our justified humanity to Him who so freely Sacrificed His perfect and spotless life for us.

We came to the Memorial Service with hearts prepared by prayer and meditation on the meaning of the solemn service. In the days and weeks preceding the Memorial we read and meditated upon the meaning of the Passover type in Exodus 12, also in Isa. 53. We read, the -account, given us -in the four gospels concerning our,,Lord's last days hours, and we asked God to, grant to us 'a ' deeper understanding of the love divine, all love excelling" Which the giving of this "unspeakable gift"—the Son of His love—conveys to us... By nature we were "enemies," but now, by the grace of God, are the "children of God" through faith in Jesus Christ':"

A- rich blessing was bestowed^ upon us as .we sang hymns of praise and worship to God, .and listened to the records of our Lord's last hours as found in Matthew 26th and 27th chapters.. Prayers of thankfulness

to God were offered for His mercy and goodness continually bestowed upon us, and after' beseeching His blessing upon each consecrated heart, known and unknown to us throughout the wide world, we partook of the broken bread and the cup, the fruit of the vine. These, symbolizing our Lord's broken body and shed blood sacrificed for us, also remind us of our pledge of consecration to be broken with Him, and with each other, as fellow-members of the body of Christ.

How we rejoice in our Lord's victory over , sin and death, and look forward with joy to our union with Him in His great work of delivering all mankind from the curse of sin and death. We surely long for God's kingdom to come, and rejoice in the many evidences we now have of the near approach of that glorious day when God's will shall be done on earth, even as it is done in heaven.

#### Perth

Fifteen brethren partook of our Lord's Memorial in Perth on the night of the 26th of March. With solemnity we reviewed again the events which led to our dear Lord's betrayal, trial and crucifixion. With thankful hearts we accepted our Lord's admonition to partake of the emblems in remembrance of Himself. The broken body and shed blood speak of our dire need of a Saviour; One who came from heaven and divested Himself of His former glory, humbling Himself and taking the form of man to be man's Ransomer and Redeemer.

Besides feeding on the Lamb and accepting His blood as an atonement we were pleased again to renew our pledge to be broken with Him, and to be dead with Him. "For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him." (2 Tim. 2:11.) "Praise ye the Lord."

#### Sydney

Amidst an apprehensive and fearful world we were amongst the privileged few who assembled to keep the Memorial of our Lord's death. An able and lucid address by the presiding elder stressed the significance of the emblems, also our privilege of suffering with our Lord and Master. (1 Cor. 10:16, 17; Col. 1:24.) In conjunction with the faithful may we be buttressed by the anticipation of the glory which will follow.

The observance of the Memorial by two Sisters in isolation is reported as follows—We met here at our place to celebrate our dear Saviour's Memorial ; it was indeed a blessing to us and drew us back to a fresh awareness of our eternal obligation to our Heavenly Father and His matchless Son. It brought us to a fresh realization that we are weak and weary and helpless and defiled, and but for God's unfathomable love and His dear Son's matchless purity and devotion, we must soon go down into "the land of the enemy," and there remain. What wisdom and foresight in our Saviour is shown by His instituting this annual memorial; how well He knew, how often we might need this gentle reminder of our debt and our incredible privilege to be thus enlightened now, and have the unspeakable honor of 'entering even now "into His rest," of joining the "feet 'of Him."

Sister came round at an appropriate hour, and quietly we asked our Lord's blessing on our celebration; then in turn we read from the Passover chapter in "The New Creation," 'pausing to discuss it as we felt moved to do. At Sister's request I asked the Lord's blessing on the wafer, then she read an appropriate 'passage from the gospels, before we took the broken bread, and ate with a keen appreciation of its significance. Likewise, I asked His blessing on' the cup, and we drank in silent communion. It was good for us to reflect on His anguish at Gethsemane; to realise how nobly He bore His lonely suffering, while we are blessed with so much fellowship "one with another" and with our risen Lord.

We thought of brethren everywhere and of how they too were joining this solemn feast, and earnestly

asked the Lord to bless them and send them forth inspired for another year of service. As always we felt most blessed and inspired ourselves, and continue with our readings and studies together.

## Correspondence.

Berean Bible Institute,—Thank you for your very prompt forwarding of the books I requested, and which I am interestedly reading, particularly “The New Creation”; also the little “Papers” which I pass on to friends after I have read them. Thank you for sending them.

Till about six years ago I belonged to the Church of England, but I realised -for some time how very empty that religion is, so like lots of others I went seeking and for a short time joined the S.D. Adventist Church, but I soon realised that they didn’t have the answers. I feel that they are trying to be *Jews as well as Gentiles* and I felt as though I was in bondage, particularly to the sabbath.

After I had listened to my friend and read the books she had loaned me and especially read of the example God showed through Abraham and his life and his wives representing the covenants, I felt I had at last understood what the Bible was teaching and the meaning of life. I know, of course, I have only just touched upon the message and there is much more for me to understand, so I thought I would like you to kindly send me “Tabernacle Shadows” this time, for which I have enclosed a postal note. Once again, thank you for your kindness, I remain, Yours sincerely.

Dear Brother in Christ,—Would it be possible for you to send me words and music of “Zion Stands with hills surrounded”? I’ve heard it for the second time now in your session via 3GL Geelong. The words and music stir my spirit to its very depth, praise God. Could I take this opportunity also of thanking you for heavenly manna—I listen to your session whenever possible. Yours in His great love.

To Frank & Ernest, Dear Sirs—I was wondering if you would kindly oblige and post me another couple of copies of your latest “Peoples Paper.” I have some friends, who, like myself, were very interested in the articles and would very much like a copy also. I am enclosing £1 as a small donation to help you in your good work. Faithfully yours.

Frank and Ernest, Dear Sirs—I have been passing around my pamphlet “Was the Apostle Peter the First Pope?” and others think it very plain and true. Could you possibly send me three more copies, as I want one to keep, and for others I loaned it to. I am enclosing a little token for your trouble. Yours in the Master’s service.

Frank & Ernest, Dear Sirs—Would you please send me your leaflet on “Solving World Problems” which I heard today on 3GL Geelong. Your talks are most interesting and are at a time when I am able to listen. Thank you, yours sincerely.

Berean Bible Institute, Dear Sirs—It is our pleasure to listen to your broadcast each Sunday morning and in appreciation send a small donation to assist the good work. Sincerely.

Dear Frank and Ernest,—Would you please send me the booklet “God and Reason.” I listen to your broadcast over 3GL Geelong, a station I think is wonderful. Your session is so interesting and very enlightening. I hope you keep up this good work. Thanking you, yours sincerely.

Frank & Ernest, Dear Sirs—Will you be so kind as to forward me copies of broadcasts on “Is There a Second Chance of Salvation After Death?” and “Was the Apostle Peter the First Pope?” Wishing you

God's blessing on your talks—addresses that we do not hear from our churches. Yours sincerely.

Dear Sirs—As we listen every Sunday to your Biblical Dialogues we would be much obliged if you'd send us a copy of each of your talks for the past two Sundays. Thanking you sincerely, Yours faithfully.

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