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Jonah And The

By R. I. Humberd

sick? Because I have a corruptible

body. Yet I am confidently expect-

ing a body some day that will

never be sick, that is a resurrec-

tion body. But if Jonah was not

in the whale's belly three days I

As John bought a sack of flour

so Henry bought a loaf of bread.

Now if it is proven that John did

not buy the flour, then Henry did

not buy the bread, for Henry did

"as" and "so" as John did. What

Henry did depends on what John

did, so to prove the flour was

not bought, for the truth of Hen-

ry's action depends on the truth

of John's action. As Jonah was

three days and three nights in

the whale's belly: so shall the Son

of Man be three days and three

nights in the heart of the earth

(Matt. 12:40). Now if it be prov-

ed that the book of Jonah is not

true then Christ's resurrection is

not true for Christ did "as" and

"so" as Jonah, and the resurrec-

tion stands or falls on the truth

of Jonah. What Christ did depends

on what Jonah did, and so to

prove Jonah was not in the whale's

belly is also proving that Christ

was not in the heart of the earth.

Now it is the resurrection of

Christ that gives me a living hope

of my resurrection. In fact my

resurrection body absolutely de-

pends on whether Christ arose or

not. If Christ be not raised I am

yet in my sins and all dead Chris-

tians are perished. But now is

Christ risen from the dead (1 Cor.

To the average Christian, the (Continued on Page Two)

will be disappointed.

WHY call a doctor? Why be

Resurrection

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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Isa. 8:20)

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### THE DOLLAR AND THE CENT

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A big silver dollar and a little brown cent, Rolling along together they went, Rolling along the smooth, sidewalk, When the dollar remarked (for the dollar can talk) : "You poor little cent! You cheap little mite, I'm bigger and more than twice as bright! I'm worth more than you a hundredfold, And written on me in letters bold Is the motto, drawn from the pious creed, 'In God we trust,' which all can read." "Yes, I know," said the cent; "I'm a cheap little mite, and I know I'm not big, nor good, nor bright. And yet," said the cent; with a meek little sigh; "You don't go to church as often as I."

-Wall Street Journal

## Another Letter From Dickerson's

The following letter was written, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patton, members of First Baptist Church at Russell, Ky. Being exceedingly interesting, we are sharing it with our readers.

Belem, Para Dec. 25th, 1939.

Dear Friends:

Your splendid letter was receiv. ed by us this morning, and we surely do appreciate the many fine things you had to say. So "understanding" and sympathetic! I thank God for fellowship in service with those who love the Lord Jesus in Truth! When we, who are so unenlightened here, can yet see and (Continued on Page Five)

, The First Baptist Pulpit

### He Had No Song

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Several years ago, as I was passing out of meeting one evening, a lady sought me and asked me to go with her and see her husband who was quite sick. On the way she told me he was anxious about his soul, knowing he would soon have to die. When I entered the room I found him sitting in an easy chair, as he could not lie down without coughing. After a few words about his bodily sufferings, I ask him about his soul; and if he thought his sufferings and death came.

"Well," he said, "I think my (Continued on Page Two)

## "How 1940 Can Be Made Prosperous"

"And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.

If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble mselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their lands." -2 Chron. 7:12-14

At the close of this day, we are entering upon a new year Long ago, God said to the Jews when they were about to pass over would end when his body yielded Jordan into Canaan, "Ye have not passed this way heretofore." (Joshua 3:4) Everything in this year that is before us, will be new. There will be new joys, new sorrows, new achievements, new

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## Pyramid

Atop The Great

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"Go Ye Into All

Preach The Gospel."

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The World, And

By Tom M. Olson

Cairo, Egypt, is a metropolis and a cosmopolis! Here one meets all peoples, nations and languages customs strange and customs familiar, civilization in all stages from the most primitive to the most advanced. Here Orient meets Occident - they mingle but do not mix. Everywhere the ancient rubs shoulders with the modern, and the East with the West. In the streets one awaits the passing of a string of camels and then, perhaps, dodges an automobile.

Although not in Cairo itself but about ten miles away, the Pyramids and Sphinx are generally considered first in popular interest of all of Cairo's attractions.

In the pyramids, Egypt has one of the wonders of the world relics of civilization which flourish ed before the dawn of the Christian era. When one mentions the pyramids, it is generally the pyramids of Giza to which reference is made.

The Great Pyramid, the largest of the Giza group, was built by Cheops. The greatest length of each of the sides is 775 feet, but the original length must have been about twenty feet more for the facing of the pyramid has been removed. The present height is 451 feet but formerly it was probbably 481 feet. The flat space on the top of the pyramid is about thirty feet square.

The three greatest pyramids may be entered but the first and, third are considered of greatest interest. These two pyramids may also be ascended with the aid of guides. To climb alone would be dangerous (Continued on Page Four)

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#### NEXT WEEK

We begin the second year of our publication with the next issue of our paper. This will be a special anniversary edition, and will be much larger than any issue of the paper ever yet published. It will and will carry a large number of pictures. We have been working on it all this week, and for that reason, have held our paper down this week to six pages. However, we have given you as much reading matter as usual in this issue of the paper. The only thing is, we have not printed as many advertisements, which means our loss. We think you will be unusually pleased with next week's issue when you receive it.

#### JONAH AND THE RESURRECTION

(Continued from Page One) endorsement of Christ in Matthew 12 is enough. But there are some who say it is not reasonable. But I believe it is in perfect accordance with God to send to Nineveh a prophet, in the way they were looking for him.

Christ must go through Samaria because there was to be a woman at Jacob's well and that woman was the key to a city. Christ knew hearts, and know the key that would unlock them and the key to the city of Sychar was a certain woman. Convert that woman and the whole city was open. The key to Wineveh was a fish. Unlock Nineveh with a fish, and the way was open for the conversion of the wh de et ncy.

part fish — part man — god. They thought he founded their nation and sent a messenger from the sea from time to time. Least sea from time to time. Jonah was there a great deal." told to go to Nineveh, but he was | Turning to Rev. 1:5, I said:

author and the finisher of salvation and could give it to whom He would. So the very moment Jonah said. "Salvation is of the Lord," he received his diploma and God spake to the fish before Jonah had time to say more.

Doubtless some people along the bank saw the tail of a great fish lashing the water into a foam. They were surprised to see it throw something on the bank and then disappear again into deep water. Their surprise would know no bounds when the object began to move and a man stood up and began to ask about Nineveh. Doubtless some set out for Nineveh and published the tidings that God had sent the messenger and he was coming. When Jonah arrived the city was unlocked for his message, and a mighty revival swept Nineveh from the king to the lowest subject. The revival was a greater miracle than Jonah being kept in the fish's belly.

Some people think it impossible for God to make a submarine to keep one man alive under water, but men make submarines that can keep a dozen men allve under water.

The men of Nineveh shall rise up in the judgment with this generation and shall condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and behold a greater than Jonas is here (Luke 11:32). The men of Nineveh will condemn Israel for they were looking for a messenger from God out of the sea. He came and they accepted him. Israel was looking for a messenger (Continued on Page Six)

#### HE HAD NO SONG

(Continued from Page One) chances for getting to Heaven are pretty good."

I felt he was not sincere. So I said. "Do you believe Heaven is a reality?

He said, "Yes."

"Is it true there is a hell?" He replied, "Yes, I believe it." "You just now said you thought your chances for Heaven were pretty good; you believe Heaven is a reality, and hell is a reality, and your soul will soon be happy in Heaven forever. You must have some reason for it. Will you please tell me what it is?"

His voice was weak and I waited for his answer as it came slowly. It was this: "Well, I've always been kind to my wife and children and I have not intentionally wronged my fellowmen."

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"That's all very good," I said, "And it is nice to be able to say that; but now tell me, what kind Nineveh worshipped Dagon, a of a place do you think Heaven

like many today. They will only "Yes they do sing there, and I'll allow God to save those in their just read you a song they sing. own domomination. Jonah would It is this: 'Unto Him that loved bare God save only Israel. So us and washed us from our sins

Editor Jonah was sent to school in the in His own Blood.' You see they have done, there would be no Grace belly of the great fish until he was are praising their Saviour, the about it. You would know nothing willing to admit that God was the one who loved them and died for them. But they have not a word to say about what they have done. It is all about, what He has done. He loved them and died for them. Now, suppose you were there and had gotten there in the way you state, because you had been good to your family and so on, then you could not join in the song they sing could you?"

> "Well, I never thought of that before," was his only reply.

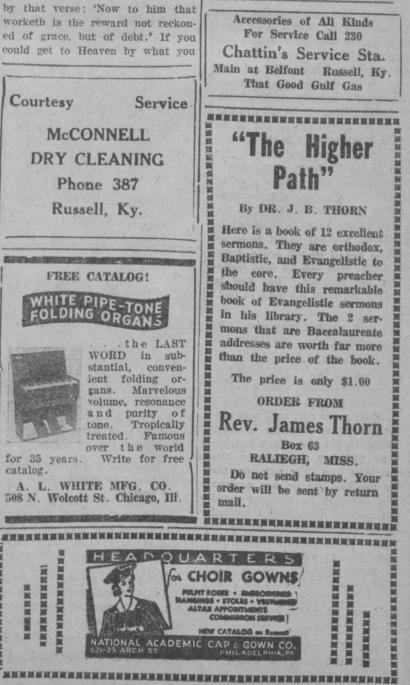
But I said: "God has, and has written a verse for persons just like you, who are willing to take their chances as you said, on their good works, and are deceiving themselves by the false hope of getting to Heaven in that way. I'll read the verse. It is the 4th verse of the 4th chapter of Romans: 'Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of Grace, but of debt.' Let me explain this: When you were well and you could work you received wages because you earned them. You were under no special obligation to the man that paid you. You would come home to your wife and say, 'Here is what I made today.' You could talk about what you had done, and what you had got and you would not have to say a word about the man that paid you. That is just what God means by that verse: 'Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.' If you



about it. You would know nothing of God's love as shown in Jesus." He was now ready to give up his ground and for the first time frankly confessed that in splte of all the good he claimed, he was a sinner and needed a Saviour. It was with joy I read to him this Scripture, I Tim. 1:15, "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." He repeated, "To - save - sinners! - to - save - sinners !"

"Yes," I said, "To save sinners - not to HELP sinners to be saved, but to SAVE sinners. He is not a helper, but a Saviour, and God's Word is to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly; his faith is counted for righteousness. And again, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." " He did believe. I left him that night, after reading other Scriptures to him, with a new hopenot based on what he had done, but believing what God says about what Christ has done.

I called the next morning to see him. As I entered he looked up with joy in his face ond said: "Oh, I'll have a song now. It will be 'Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own Blood." "



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difficulties, new paths, and new battles to fight. Even the old experiences will be in a new form.

This past year may not have been as successful as you would have wished it to be either materially or spiritually. There may be sins, errors, and mistakes in it that you sincerely regret. Today you have an opportunity for a fresh start. As we pause at the close of the old year, standing as it were today on the very threshold of the new year, may we let the words of Paul characterize us. "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 1 press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (PhN. 3:13,14) As the poet has said:

He came to my desk with a quivering lip,

The task was done. "I want a new sheet, dear teacher," he said,

"I've spoiled this one." I took the sheet so stained and blotted

And gave him a new one all unspotted

And into his tired eyes smiled,

"Do better, now, my child."

I came to God's throne with a quivering soul, The year was done.

"Hast thou a new sheet, dear Father," I said, "I've spoiled this one."

In place of the sheet so soiled and blotted He gave me a new one all unspotted And into my tired heart smiled,

"Do better, now, my child."

With this thought in mind, I come to our text. This was spoken at a time of great prosperity. Solomon had just completed the building of the temple at Jerusalem. It was dedicated unto the Lord, amidst a great religious service of prayer, sacrifice, and rejoicing. In the midst of this season of prosperity and religious joy, Jehovah appeared to Solomon and spoke the words of our text which thus constitute both a warning and a promise.

First of all, here is a decided warning which Jehovah gave to the Jews. It is a warning that if Israel sins, God will shut up Heaven so that there be no rain, or that He might send some pestilence among the people, or a plague of insects may devour the increase of the land. This then was God's warning to the Jews.

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We have a great illustration of this as to how God kept His promise, by simply following the history of Israel. Take for example, Israel's sins in the days of Amos, the prophet. Listen to Amos' denunciation of the Jews for their sins: "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came! Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines; be they better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border? Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near; That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall: That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of music like David." (Amos 6: 1-5) In these verses, Amos condemned the Jews for their luxury, indolence, and neglect of God. He had already condemned them for their oppression of the poor, their adultery, and their drunkenness, as we notice in Amos 2:7,8. "That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and a man and his father will go in unto the same maid, to profane my holy name: And they lay themselves down upon clothes laid to pledge by every altar, and they drink the wine of the condemned in the house of their god." He had also condemned them for their insincerity of religion, for though they brought their sacrifices daily and offered tithes to God, they had simply multiplied their transgressions. "Come to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years." (Amos 4:4) Furthermore, they had perverted justice and judgment, and actually abhorred any one who stood for that which was right. "They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly." (Amos 5:10) Even Amaziah, the priest, rebuked Amos for his plain denunciation of their sins. "Also Amaziaa said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judab, and there eat bread, and prophesy there: But prophesy not again any more at Bethel: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court." (Amos 7:12,13) In these verses, the priest actually told Amos to go back to the "sticks" and preach there, but not to preach, as he were, in the cultured city of Bethel. These verses

thus give a good illustration of the sins of Israel. Now in view of their sins, God visited them. Of this we are assured in the Scriptures: "And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord. And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. So two or three cities wandered into one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord. I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord. I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord." (Amos 4:6-11)

Our text then gives us a warning as to how God will deal with thuse who turn their back on Him and go off in sin; and Israel in Amos' day, serves as a good illustration of how God keeps His n omise.

And that, beloved, which was true concerning Israel, is just as true concerning us today. Whenever we have gotten away from God, He has treated us in precisely the same manner. Whenever any saved person who has been redeemed by the grace of God. turns his back on the Lord to sin, he can expect the chastisement of God to fall upon him. Listen: "If his children forsake my (Continued on Page Four)



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law, and walk not in my judgments; If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.' (Psalm 89: 30 33)

#### II

With this warning before us, we ask a question: Who is to be blamed for financial conditions which exist today? Only recently I heard a radio speaker condemn the rich for withholding their money, and for refusing to spend it. Said he in substance, that the blame for all poor financial conditions through which we have been Lassing for the last few years, could be placed at the door of the rich.

Just a few days later, I heard another speaker say that our poor financial condition was the direct out-growth of the violence and sit-down strikes which have characterized labor for the last few years. And only recently, I heard another speaker declare that the cause of this world's financial condition, was the ungodliness ce pople in general.

Personally, I do not agree with any of these. I do not blame the rich for withholding their money, nor do I blame labor for its violence and sit-down strikes, nor do I say that the unsaved vorld is responsible for poor financial conditions because of its ingodliness. Rathar, I stand ready to declare that God's people, and no one but God's people, are to be blamed. In our text, God says, "If my people." Note this expression, "My people", and remember that it is God that is speaking. Therefore, God declares to us that the blame for financial reverses is not to be placed upon the rich for withholding their money, nor upon labor for its violence and sit-down strikes, nor upon the world for its ungodliness; but the blame for all the poor financial conditions tirough which we have passed, is to be placed upon God's own people.

I mean to say by this, beloved, that the saved folk - those who have been born again and are genuinely saved - hold the key to prosperity or adversity, and that as the saints of God live today, so do prosperity or reverses come to us.

#### III

In the light of this, God calls upon His people to do certain things if they would bring about prosperity.

First of all, He calls upon His people to humble themselves. In the various characteristics which are given concerning the last unys, you will find these words: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers; disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are ; ood, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the rower thereof: from such turn away." (2 Tim. 3:1-5) Among these many characteristics, you will find that in the last days men are characterized as proud, heady, and highminded." This is one reason for financial adversity and financial reverses. The very first thing that God calls upon His people to do, is humble chemselves, for He says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves."

This, of course, beloved, is in line with all the balance of Ged's Word. Listen to these Scriptures: "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." (James 4:10) "dumble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time." (1 Pet. 5:6) Even Jesus Himself declared the same truth: "And whoseever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted." (Matt. 23:12) Therefore, beloved, the first thing that God's people are called upon to do if they would guarantee financial prosperity to this country, is to humble themselves.

In the second place, God's people are to pray. Listen to our text again: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall huble themselves, and pray." Oh how prayerless even God's peop are! While the mourners were praying to their heathen gods, and the vessel was about to sink, old Jonah lay sound asleep. Proverless hackslider that he was and perplexity to these heathen men who surrounded him. Oh how prayerless are God's people today! Yet, one of the requirments w ich God gives for prosperity, is that His people must pray.

The Bible gives us abundant encouragement relative to our prayer life. Look at Elijah on Mt. Carmel praying for fire to lick up the sacrifices on the altar. It was merely a brief prayer that ne prayed — only sixty-three words, and yet those words were filled with the power of God; and when we remember that Elijah was just a man like us, it gives us encouragement in our prayer (Continued on Page Five)

#### ATOP THE GREAT PYRAMID

(Continued from Page One) and is therefore forbidden. Only the physically strong should attempt the ascent of the Great Pyramid, as it is very fatiguing. The writer visited the Great Pyramid and climbed to the top of it. While enjoying a magnificent Panorama of the Giza ruins, the desert, and the Nile valley, an Arab guide approached and made a Crusader's cross in the dust on the top of the pyramid. Then addressing me, he said: "Choose one of the points of the cross."

"Why?" I asked.

"Because I will then tell your fortune."

"But I don't believe in fortune, chance, or luck."

"What do you believe in?" asked he in surprise.

"I believe in the living God," was my answer.

"In the Living God, too." exclaimed he.

I then asked him, "Can you tell me anything better than this? As for the Past, I know my sins are forgiven; at Present, I am happy in the Lord and in His service;

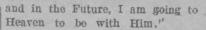
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A Bible Christian does not read his future in the stars, the cards, the crystal ball nor yet in the palms of his own hands. He hears it not from fortune-teller, clairvoyant, astrologer, sooth-sayer; nor medium. But having become a child of God by faith in Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:26), he hears none other than the Lord Jesus say to him: "In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you . And if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again, and receive you unto Myself: that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14: 2,3).

He also hears the Word say: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know



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life. "Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit." (James 5:17,18) Another great encouragement to prayer is that of the church at Jerusalem. Listen to the Scripture which tells of one of their prayer meetings: "And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that, by and by"? They are very fine. they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth; and the sea; and all that in them is: Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a immediate family) so unlike what truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Christmas has always been. But we Herod, and Potius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. And now, Lord, behold happy in the midst of circumstantheir threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to these poor people don't know. heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy noly child Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place was "festas" drink, frolic, and have a shaken where they were assembled together." (Acts 4:23-32) Since general good time in the flesh, and God heard this church when it prayed, surely God will hear to- imagine they are saved and going day.

Another great incident of prayer in the Bible which should encourage us in our prayer life, is that of the church praying for Peter's release. This was at a time when there were sixteen soldiers, two chains, and three gates which stood between Simon Peter and liberty. Yet the church prayed, and God delivered Peter miraculously from the jail. Whenever I read this, I come back to the text of Scripture which says, "Ah, Lord God, there is nothing too hard for thee." (Jer. 32:17)

This then, beloved, is the second thing God tells us to do if we are to make this year financially successful - we are to humble ourselves, and pray. I confidently believe that if we would Iray more and scheme less, that God would bless us in far greater ways than we have ever known before.

Yet, this is not all that He asks of us, for our text says, "if my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face." What does it mean to seek the face of God? May we let Scripture interpret Scripture. When the famine was in the land of Canaan, and Jacob desired his boys to return to Egypt to buy food, Judah said, "The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you." (Gen. 43:3) Thus from this Scripture, we gather that the expression "see my face", means to have felluwship with one whose face you desire to see. Thus, if we are to see God's face, this means that we are to live in such a way that we can expect His approval and His blessings when we stand in need of Him.

Yet, beloved, God asks more than this of us. It is true that He wants us to humble ourselves, and pray, and it is also true that we are to bring ourselves in submission to Him that there shall be fellowship between us and Him; and yet God makes a fourth request when He says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways." Here's a great lesson for that individual who believes in sinless perfection, for God declares that even His people have sinful ways, and that they need to repent. He even goes so far as to say that His people have wicked ways, ard He positively declares that if we are to be blessed of Him, we must turn from our wicked ways.

This then is what God calls upon His people to do. He, therefore, demands four things of us. We must humble ourselves, we must pray, we must seek His face, or rather, seek to be in fellowship with Him; and above everything else, we must turn from our wicked ways, if the new year is to be prosperous for US.

IV This text, however, does not stop here. It is true that it dues furnish us an illustration and a warning, and it tells us who is to blame for bad financial conditions. It tells us what (Continued on Page Six)

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#### ANOTHER LETTER FROM DICKERSON'S

(Continued from Page One) enjoy so much of God's goodness what must Heaven be like? "What must it be to be there!" Did you ever hear that song? Or the one "We'll understand it better

It doesn't seem like Christmas here. Doors open, coat off, sleeves up, and yet sweating. No one to visit, no loved ones with whom to rejoice (except of course, the are happy to be here and bear witness for One who can make us ces like this. One Whom most of Poor things, they go to their to Heaven. What a score their priests will have to settle at that great "Day". How good the Lord Jesus has been to us, to reveal Himself to us as He has,

and given us a "peace that passeth understanding."

Indeed, little did any of us think last Thanksgiving that conditions would change so in one short year. If only I had known I would be separated so soon from my son, I would have given him some teaching he needs. We do neglect so many things. I do, I am such a failure. But thank God, my Saviour isn't. And some day I am going where I'll make no more.

We enjoy fair health. Are learning the language slowly. I certain-(Continued on Page Six)

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### "HOW 1940 CAN BE MADE PROSPEROUS"

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God's people are to do, and now it goes further by giving us a promise, for God says, "I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.'

To "hear from heaven" means that God will hear us when we pray. To "forgive our sins", means that those wicked ways which we have confessed and turned from, God will forgive. To "hear from heaven" and to "forgive their sins" means spiritual prosperity; and then at the very last of the verse, God says, 1 will heal their land." This is material prosperity, which does not come until after spiritual prosperity, and spiritual prosperity does not come until after God's people have humbled themselves, and prayed, and sought His face, and turned from their wicked ways.

Hence, beloved, our text furnishes to us a remarkable promise in the end - a promise as to how we ian make this new year prosperous from a material or financial point of view; and this beloved, can only come as God gives to us spiritual prosperity, and spiritual prosperity can only come as we meet the conditions which He has laid down for us, - namely, that we shall humble ourselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from our wicked ways.

I say then, beloved, that this text gives us a glorious promise. is a promise that 1940 can be financially prosperous only as 1940 is spiritually prosperous; and that both the spiritual and material prosperity can only come as we, as God's people are willing to meet the conditions.

Oh how I pray that we might have just such a year, that it reight be a year of revival, that it might be a year of material and spiritually prosperity, growing out of the humbling, the praying, the seeking of God's face, and the turning from wicked ways on the part of God's people.

I remember when I was but a lad in school - my first year in school - that everybody carried his slate. When that slate was all written over, I can remember wetting it - it usually meant that I would spit on it, and then rub it with my sleeve, or some rag - whichever came handler; and then when the slate was all cleaned off, I could start all over again. We have come to the end of a year. It is my prayer that you might clean up your life, and that you might start all over again with God today.

I'm not much for making new year's resolutions, but I do pray that this may be one of yours, that you shall resolve now to meet the conditions which God gives in this text, with the full assurance that this will bring to you, first of all, a spiritual revival, and that in the end, it shall mean financial prosperity; for God has said. "I will heal their land."

Thus far, beloved, I have spoken to those who love the Lord, and who are the redeemed of God. Now may 1 in closing, say just a word to those who are outside of Jesus, and who have never yet trusted in Him as a Saviour. May God in His grace and mercy help you to receive Jesus as your Saviour. May you not start into this new year as you did the last, without Jesus, but may you start in this new year trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ, depending upon Him to save you, and may the precious blood of Jesus Christ blot out your sins. Then it is my prayer that you shall walk in the light of our text throughout this new year, for a spiritually and financially prosperous 1940. God bless you all!

#### ATOP THE GREAT PYRAMID

(Continued from Page Four). when He shall appear, we shall be know your need of Him." Because like Him; for we shall see Him "Christ died for our sins according as He is" (1 John 3:2).

that he is going to be where the he personally believes on the Lord Lord Jesus is and as He is "With Jesus Christ. "Giving thanks unto Him" and "like Him," the best the Father, which hath made us possible future that a person could meet (or fit) to be partakers of desire, awaits everyone who has the Lord Jesus Christ as his Sav- light: Who hath delivered us from

admit their unworthiness of such His dear Son: In whom we have a glorious destiny. It is not per- redemption through His blood, even

sonal holiness on their part which makes them fit for such a destiny. "All the fitness He requireth is to to the Scriptures," a person is The true believer therefore knows made fit for Heaven the moment the inheritance of the saints in the power of darkness, and hath Believers are perfectly willing to translated us into the kingdom of

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the forgiveness of sins" (Col. 1: 12-14).

Dear reader, have you believed on Him? If not, do so now and be assured of that glorious future as well as a present portion of "joy unspeakable and full of glory."

#### ANOTHER LETTER FROM DICKERSON'S

(Contninued from Page Five) ly enjoy my watch you folks so graciously gave me. You have been so wonderful to us, to take us into your hearts as you have, in the twinkling of an eye, at the when we were unknown to you. May the Lord's grace prove sufficient to us to the extent ed incorruptible, and we shall be that we may ever prove worthy changed" (1 Cor. 15:51 and 52), of your confidence.

Deeply do we appreciate your desire to help care for Charles. He is very young and inexperienced to leave alone that way - but we know he isn't alone.

We enjoyed your letter so much. The only one from members of the church except Maude on this boat.

May the Lord Jesus richly bless, keep, and use you; is our prayer for you both. A Happy New Year! Yours in Ohrist, O. W. Dickerson

#### JONAH AND THE RESURRECTION

(Continued from page Two) from God, out of Bethlehem. He came and they rejected Him.

Just outside of Jerusalem a man was buried. A great stone was placed against the door of the tomb. The greatest government placed its seal over that stone. All the armies of the world were behind the watchmen. But the third day the grave was empty. A few days later men were preaching the resurrection of Christ. Why did not they show the body if He did not arise? Christ was three days in the heart of the earth. Jonah was three days in the belly of the great fish. Christ arose from the dead and the very event is given to assure men of a judg-

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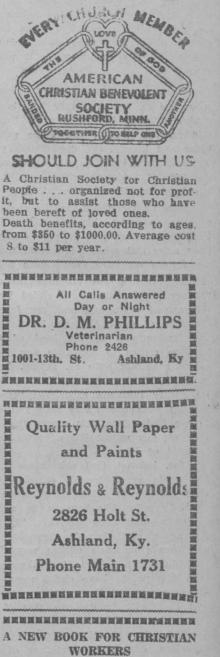
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ment (Acts 17:31). Happy is that person that has the faith of a little child to believe what the Bible says, all reasonings to the contrary.

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"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth" (John 5:28).

"We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be rais-



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