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"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

"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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## Real Spirituality Marked Russell's Largely Attended Thanksgiving Services

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."—I Samuel 7:12.

Well might we say this concerning our Thanksgiving service on Thursday morning, November 21. Surely everyone of the several hundred present could go home singing the Doxology in his heart in view of God's wondrous goodness to us.

Just where everyone came from, I do not know, but in addition to those of our own local church, friends from Raceland, Catlettsburg, Huntington, Louisa, Vanceburg, Fullerton, Greenup, Ironton, Coalgrove and Ashland were in attendance. What an inspiration and a blessing it was to face such a congregation!

Besides the editor, twenty preachers were present:

Elder L. A. Music.....Raceland, Ky.  
Elder Homer Grooms.....Russell, Ky.  
Elder Forest Sparks.....Catlettsburg, Ky.  
Elder W. C. Pierce.....Catlettsburg, Ky.  
Elder Sam Sloan.....Catlettsburg, Ky.  
Elder Cameron Welch.....Ashland, Ky.  
Elder W. H. Crofts.....Huntington, W. Va.  
Elder O. F. Hutton.....Huntington, W. Va.  
Elder A. N. Morris.....Huntington, W. Va.  
Elder H. Spurlock.....Huntington, W. Va.  
Elder W. B. Cornutte.....Louisa, Ky.  
Elder Nelson Webb.....Vanceburg, Ky.  
Elder Ralph Webb.....Fullerton, Ky.  
Elder Roy Hamilton.....Greenup, Ky.  
Elder J. A. Banks.....Rush, Ky.  
Elder C. C. Smith, (Fourth St. Colored Baptist Church).....Ironton, Ohio  
Elder Jacob Rosenthal.....Rochester, Minn.  
Elder Clarence Walker.....Lexington, Ky.  
Elder Lloyd Mahanes.....Lexington, Ky.  
Elder William S. Dixon.....Dallas, Texas

It happens that the last three, Elders Walker, Mahanes, and Dixon were assisting churches in Huntington in their simultaneous evangelistic campaign, and therefore were close by that they might worship with us.

Brother Ralph Webb acted as master of ceremonies, and led the congregation in what was the most fitting and inspirational congregational song service to which the editor has ever listened. "Count Your Many Blessings," "Faith of Our Fathers," "Blessed Be The Name," and "All Hail The Power" were among the songs which Brother Webb selected. Brother L. A. Music of the Raceland Baptist Church very fittingly read a number of Scriptures from various portions of the Bible relative to Thanksgiving, Brethren

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## Twenty-Five Cents

I am twenty-five cents.  
I am not on speaking terms with the butcher  
I am too small to buy a quart of ice cream.  
I am not large enough to purchase a box of candy.  
I am too small to buy a ticket to a movie.  
I am hardly fit for a tip, but believe me, when  
I go to church on Sunday, I am considered some money!

## A PICTURE MADE BY C. W. D. IN BELEM



A Catholic woman in Belem doing penance publicly in fulfillment of a promise to an image. May God bless Bro. Dickerson as he deals with these deluded souls who need the Gospel (Rom. 1:16) so badly.

## WHO SUPPORTS THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

Realizing that sufficient funds cannot accumulate from the subscription price charged by this paper (fifty cents per year) to support it and pay all of its bills, many of our friends often ask as to what support or subsidy we have.

You will notice first of all, that we have no advertisements, and therefore there is no income from this source. This means that the paper is supported entirely by those who love the Lord and who appreciate the messages contained herein, and who believe in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER as a mission agency. Truly it is such, for among others,

we reach every week two thousand Baptist preachers scattered throughout the nation.

That you might know how all of our expenses are met, we list below a number of our friends who have graciously made contributions toward this phase of our work within the last few days:

Henry Roberts, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Margaret Sutton, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Ralph Hicks, Russell, Ky.	1.00
W. B. Cornutte, Louisa, Ky.	1.00
Paul Reese, Russell Ky.	1.00
Claude Creech, Campton, Ky.	1.00
A Friend, East Lynn, W. Va.	2.00
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## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "REDEMPTION THROUGH THE BLOOD"

(Delivered Thanksgiving Morning, Nov. 21, 1940. Read Rev. 5.)

There are many things about the book of Revelation which are hard to understand. There are many of its symbols and mysteries concerning which I cannot speak dogmatically. However, the meaning of chapter five is obvious.

Two great events have prominent mention in the Bible. They are, namely, the resurrection and the translation. Some day—we trust it won't be long—all the righteous dead shall be resurrected and all the living saints shall be translated. Immediately thereafter, the fifth chapter of Revelation becomes a reality. What is prophecy to us today will become history immediately after every saint is garnered off this earth. Hence when we come to this fifth chapter of Revelation, we are reading the description of that which takes place in Heaven just as soon as the righteous are caught up from the earth.

I

First of all, John presents to us a sealed book. "And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals." (Rev. 5:1.) Many regard this as an inexplicable mystery, and consider it as belonging to those things of the Scripture which we will not be able to fathom and understand until we

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## C. W. D. Tells More About Catholic Superstitions And Heresies In Brazil

Belem, Para, Nov. 11, 1940.

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Received your letter containing the check for the amount of \$141.87. Many thanks for it. The boat brought us two "Examiners" last Saturday. We enjoyed them greatly. Glad to hear of the progress of the work. May the Lord revive the backslidden and cause His name to be glorified through His church there.

Your tract is doing good. Only this past week I received a letter from a man in prison here, thanking me for a copy of your tract which had been such a blessing to him. As he didn't ask for anything but my prayers, I feel sure it is "on the level." He said a Baptist preached there in the prison and he was saved, and later, upon reading your tract, came to know that now he would never be lost again. That sounds like he really has faith in Christ. I wish a lot of so-called Baptists had the same; and also those who believe in salvation by works.

Only yesterday I was thinking that the lives of these Catholics show how an unregenerated man lives when he thinks he is sure to go to heaven. Everyone of these seem to think they are all right, or will be after death through the prayers of the priests and their relatives.

Last Saturday week was the day that is annually observed as the day of prayer for departed loved ones. Nearly everyone goes to the cemetery sometime during the day and prays for his or her departed loved ones. In a barber shop on the day before, I was asked by the barber (who, by the way, has attended our services twice) if I were going on the next day to pray for my loved ones who had passed on. I rejoiced to bear witness to the Truth. I was hoping the conversation would run in that direction. In fact, I had counted on it.

We enjoyed one of our best services last Wednesday night. We had eleven Catholics, five of whom were men—one a man of means and his wife. I preached on the "Priesthood of Christ." We are having three poorly attended services each week, but we may have to drop our Sun-

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## Some Church Members

When some people become members of the church they say:

"Now I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray the Lord, my soul to keep.  
If I should die before I wake,  
I pray the Lord my soul to take.

What all should say is:

"Now I get me up to work,  
I pray the Lord I shall not shirk.  
If I should die before the night,  
I pray the Lord the work's all right." —Roger T. Nooe.



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CLETUS WILEY

We take great pleasure in pre-  
sents herewith a photographic  
likeness of Brother Cletus Wiley,  
who was ordained as a Baptist min-  
ister on Sunday, November 3, by the  
Leach Station Baptist Church. We  
predict for him a successful minis-  
terial experience.

## ORPHANS' HOMES

In addition to an exceedingly large  
amount of edibles and food neces-  
sities which was contributed in be-  
half of our two Baptist Orphans'  
Homes (Louisville and Glendale,  
Kentucky), the following cash  
amounts were likewise received:

W. E. Fleck, Russell, Ky.	1.00
J. H. Lowe, Raceland, Ky.	1.00
F. W. Patton, Russell, Ky.	1.00
B. H. Mansfield, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Mrs. W. L. Wray, Huntington, W. Va.	.85
Paul Reese, Russell, Ky.	1.00
John Price, Russell, Ky.	2.00
Peggy Smith, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Mrs. Basenback, Russell, Ky.	.50
Mrs. Belcher, Russell, Ky.	.30
L. D. Bruce, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Paul Patton, Russell, Ky.	.50
Mrs. R. C. Oney, Worthington, Ky.	1.00
Mary Jo Ball, Russell, Ky.	.50
Philathea Class, Russell, Ky.	.25
J. P. Williams, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Mrs. Frank Nelson, Russell, Ky.	1.00
C. H. Williams, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Anonymously	7.08
I. J. Crosby, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Wayne Jordan, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Total	\$24.98

## C. W. D. TELLS MORE ABOUT CATHOLIC SUPERSTITIONS AND HERESIES IN BRAZIL

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day morning service. If one hundred  
of these people faithfully promise  
to attend a service, one may reason-  
ably expect three or four to do so.

Satan is busy. The news seems to  
be abroad that I am not a regular  
Baptist. We are still inviting pray-  
ing, studying, preaching, and dis-  
tributing tracts. Oh, that God would  
send an awakening to this city.

We are being blessed in the dis-

tribution of tracts. Not many refuse  
them. We have passed the 75,000  
mark. The Russellites have surely  
been reading the "Examiner" and  
what I have written about the open  
door here. Only recently they sent  
a man here to scatter their pern-  
icious literature, but we were ahead  
of him. I have included in the tract  
on "Who Is a Christian?" a knock-  
out on the Holy Rollers. So obscure  
are the Baptists here that I was  
afraid the Holy Rollers might profit  
from our labors. I do not think they  
will now. I stated I was a Baptist,  
and not a Pentecostal.

I should love to see a Baptist  
church here out on a car line where  
passersby could see that there was  
such a thing as a Baptist Church in  
the city of Belem. Maybe we shall  
have one in God's own good time.

We are enjoying pretty fair health.  
Glad to hear it is the same with  
you and your family.

We shall send some pictures on  
the next boat if the Lord wills.  
Please pray for the salvation of  
these who have heard the gospel,  
and that through the tracts souls  
may be turned to the Lord—and to  
us. Our services and my address is  
included on one tract.

Praying the Lord's blessings to  
abound upon you all, I am, your  
companion in service.—C. W. Dick-  
erson.

P. S. The sermon on "Foot Wash-  
ing" was fine, as are they all.

## MISSION REPORTS

### Radio Fund

Amount previously reported	\$ 70.09
Bascom Hillman, Ashland, Ky.	1.00
Norman Thompson, Kenova, W. Va.	1.10
Olla Wilson, Collinwood, Tenn.	1.50
J. S. Carman, Russell, Ky.	15.00
Mrs. Irwin Hall, Ironton, Ohio	1.00
Roy Powell, Russell, Ky.	2.50
W. H. Pifer, Russell, Ky.	1.00
W. E. Fleck, Russell, Ky.	1.00
J. H. Lowe, Raceland, Ky.	1.00
F. W. Patton, Russell, Ky.	.50
A Friend, Evansville Ind.	.50
B. H. Mansfield, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Ralph Hicks, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Paul Reese, Russell, Ky.	1.00
A Friend, East Lynn, W. Va.	1.00
Philathea Bible Class, Russell, Ky.	.25
Mary Jo Ball, Russell, Ky.	.50
Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Smith, Russell, Ky.	1.00
J. P. Williams, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Mrs. Frank Nelson, Russell, Ky.	.25
C. H. Williams, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Greenbottom Baptist Church, Lesage, W. Va.	3.33
Anonymously	7.07
Total	\$114.59

After paying our bill for October,  
this leaves us with \$42.45 to aply on  
our broadcasting for the month of  
November. In other words, it means  
we need at once \$29.69 to finish  
paying for our broadcasting service  
for the month of November.

### Brazilian Missions

Amount previously reported	\$ 56.87
Norman Thompson, Kenova, W. Va.	1.00
Mrs. Geo. Lycan, East Lynn, W. Va.	2.50
Olla Wilson, Collinwood, Tenn.	1.50
J. S. Carman, Russell, Ky.	15.00
1924 Bible Class, Russell, Ky.	5.00
Roy Powell, Russell, Ky.	2.50
W. H. Pifer, Russell, Ky.	1.00
W. E. Fleck, Russell, Ky.	1.00
J. H. Lowe, Raceland, Ky.	1.00
F. W. Patton, Russell, Ky.	.50
Primary Department (First Baptist Church), Russell, Ky.	.46
A Friend, Evansville, Ind.	.50
B. H. Mansfield, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Cherryville Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	3.05
Ralph Hicks, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Paul Reese, Russell, Ky.	1.00
A Friend, East Lynn, W. Va.	1.00
Mary Jo Ball, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Philathea Bible Class, Russell, Ky.	.25
Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Smith, Russell, Ky.	2.00
J. P. Williams, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Mrs. Frank Nelson, Russell, Ky.	.50
Mrs. C. H. Williams, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Greenbottom Baptist Church, Lesage, W. Va.	3.34
P. B. Dirks, Arlington Wash.	1.00
Anonymously	10.08
Total	\$115.55

We invite each of our friends to

read Brother Dickerson's letter in  
this issue, and to observe the photo-  
graph on page one, and then we  
urge you to ask God to show you  
what part He wants you to have in  
the evangelization of city of Belem.

## REAL SPIRITUALITY MARKED RUSSELL'S LARGELY ATTEND- ED THANKSGIVING SERVICES

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A. N. Morris, Clarence Walker, W. C.  
Pierce and C. C. Smith lead the con-  
gregation to a thorne of grace in  
public prayer.

During the three nights preceding,  
Brother Nelson Webb preached each  
evening, having been followed in  
each night's service by Elders Sam  
Sloan, W. K. Wood, and Bert Cald-  
well, on Monday, Tuesday and Wed-  
nesday evenings, respectively. Also,  
on Wednesday evening, Brother Ja-  
cob Rosenthal, a converted Jew,  
brought a message by way of per-  
sonal testimony.

I can say truly that these brethren  
who assisted us in the services never

*"It was my pleasure to at-  
tend the First Baptist Church  
of Russell, Kentucky, on No-  
vember 21, and to hear John R.  
Gilpin preach to the largest  
crowd I ever saw on Thanks-  
giving morning.*

*His subject was, "Redemp-  
tion Through The Blood." It  
was a great sermon by a great  
preacher. What a blessing it  
was to be in the service!*

*The First Baptist Church of  
Russell is the most Godly  
church I know of in the state."*

JACOB ROSENTHAL

(A converted Jew)

Box 446

Rochester, Minn.

preached better, nor were their mes-  
sages ever received more heartily  
than on this occasion.

Don't forget: This wasn't any un-  
ion service, but just a glorious time  
in the Lord enjoyed by these, our  
Baptist preacher brethren and other  
friends who worship with the editor  
and his flock.

After our services were ended, the  
Holiness, Campbellites, and Metho-  
dists had a union service in Russell,  
with approximately forty persons  
present, so one of the members told  
me. This in itself is enough to con-  
vince me that it is best to stand on  
Bible principles and for the truth of  
the Scriptures.

Truly it was a day never to be  
forgotten with us. May I urge you  
who were not in the service, to  
make your plans now for our  
Thanksgiving service in 1941 (DV).

## REST-A-WHILE MISSION

L. R. SHELTON, Superintendent

While sitting here in the office  
this cool November morning we are  
rejoicing over the work of our  
Risen Lord through the Rest-A-  
While Mission, located at 226 Rob-  
ertson St., New Orleans, for the  
first 15 months of her history. This  
mission is located one-half block in  
front of the great State Charity Hos-  
pital on Tulane Avenue in the down-  
town section of the city of New Or-  
leans, "America's Most Interesting  
City," with her half-million popu-  
lation.

Some three and a half years ago  
one night while sitting in a home  
in the uptown section of New Or-  
leans talking with a friend of ours  
shortly after the contract was let

for the \$13,000,000 unit of this hos-  
pital which was completed last year,  
which increased the bed capacity of  
the Charity Hospital to nearly 4,000  
beds, we dreamed and visualized the  
possibility of mission work in this  
great institution through a mission  
located nearby. At that time all  
doors were closed and every effort  
made seemed to spell failure.  
Months passed by, a year was gone  
and then one night while sitting in  
my own home, my heart burdened  
for the thousands connected with  
this institution, I rested again the  
whole matter at the feet of the Risen  
Christ. Time seemed to pass un-  
noticed as I sat there in fellowship  
with Christ laying at His feet the  
burden of this mighty work. That  
night I was constrained to ask Him  
for twenty missionaries and was so  
convinced that God had spoken in  
regard to this great opportunity that  
I wrote a penciled note to a friend  
in Chicago. In the meantime we  
were doing what work we could  
among the patients in this Institu-  
tion but in a very limited way.

In October of 1938 there came to  
us a missionary from Faith, South  
Dakota, M. D. Weedman, just a lay-  
man saved by the grace of God with  
a burning zeal in his heart for the  
souls of men. He soon found his  
place as missionary in the Charity  
Hospital, giving his full time among  
the patients and visitors of this in-  
stitution. Thousands have been the  
copies of tracts, portions of Scrip-  
tures, booklets, New Testaments,  
and Bibles distributed among these  
patients and visitors. He soon caught  
a vision of a mission hall located  
near this great Charity Hospital.  
Daily prayers ascended to the  
throne of God's Grace, "Lord, pro-  
vide such a hall." So the first Sat-  
urday night in July, 1939, Missionary  
Weedman came into my office say-  
ing, "Brother Shelton, the Lord has  
given us the building. I have con-  
tacted the landlady and we can rent  
it, but she must have our answer  
Monday morning." In company with  
Bro. Weedman we met this landlady  
Monday morning at 9:00 and closed  
out the deal for this mission hall  
with not one penny of money in  
sight, but believing God had spok-  
en, we dared not refuse. On July  
15th rent money was in hand and a  
receipt received marked paid in full  
until September 1, 1939. Then we  
faced the question of equipping the  
mission, which was a two-story, ten-  
roomed building which included the  
two front downstairs rooms reserved  
for the mission hall. To equip such  
a building would cost us around  
\$1,000. A group was called to prayer  
and the whole matter laid before  
the Risen Lord. A group of men of  
the First Baptist Church, Algiers,  
shouldered the larger part of the  
load by furnishing money and ma-  
terial with the women coming in  
for their part on a large linen show-  
er. The word went out to other  
friends and in like manner quilts,  
sheets, kitchen equipment and other  
furnishings began to come in in an-  
swer to prayer. Fifteen months have  
gone by and there are now four  
missionaries living in the Mission,  
giving their full time in work with  
the patients, among the nurses and  
doctors and the visitors of the hos-  
pital, as well as the residents living  
around the Mission. Two services  
are held weekly in the hospital for  
the patients and one for the nurses  
and doctors. From July 15, 1939, to  
October 1, 1940, over \$2,500 in cash  
and material have come in for the  
support of the Mission.

Two months ago Bro. Weedman  
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## "REDEMPTION THROUGH THE BLOOD"

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get to heaven. Personally, I do not agree with those of my brethren who thus consider this glorious chapter.

We do not have to even get outside of this chapter to get a hint as to the meaning of this seven sealed book, for verse nine would lead us to believe that it is a book which has to do with redemption. "And they sung a new-song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation." (Rev. 5:9).

Then by referring to an Old Testament incident, we have a further key of explanation by noting the Jewish custom of the buying and selling of property. When the Babylonian army was drawn up outside the city of Jerusalem, and it looked as though there was no hope for the Jews, God told Jeremiah to buy a certain field from his uncle Hanameel. Though that field was then occupied by the army of Babylon, Jeremiah did so, and concerning the purchase of this field we read: "And I subscribed the evidence, and sealed it, and took witnesses, and weighed him the money in the balances. So I took the evidence of the purchase, both that which was sealed according to the law and custom, and that which was open. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days." (Jer. 32:10, 11, 14). The statements of this Scripture referring to the evidence which was sealed, and the similar evidence which was open, is merely a reference to what we speak of as deeds today. One was sealed, whereas the other was open that the public might read.

I think then that when we come to the book of Revelation and look at this sealed book which has to do with redemption, that we can see thus that this sealed book was the sign of an alienated inheritance. When John saw this book, he saw the title deed to the whole creation. Somebody had bought it; somebody had paid for it; somebody had the exclusive right of proprietorship. You remember, of course, that the original possessors of the earth—Adam and Eve—sinned, and this world passed out of their hands to the disinheritance of their seed. However, Christ bought it back.

Though purchased by Christ, it has not yet been completely delivered from the bondage of sin. Even this world itself groans today because of sin. Listen: "For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now." (Rom. 8:20-22). Some one has said in this connection that even the bark of the dog is out of tune, so completely has this earth been corrupted by reason of sin.

Even the material world itself has not been redeemed, for it still produces thorns and thistles. The desert has not yet blossomed as a rose. The wilderness and the solitary place have never yet been made glad. Though the earth has been bought

back to God, it isn't yet fully redeemed.

Furthermore, society has not been redeemed. No one can even glance at a daily newspaper and observe the conflict now raging between totalitarian powers and democracy, without saying that society itself is far from a state of redemption. Even in our own country both politically and economically we see abundant evidences of lack of redemption. Economically our country has been torn between the strife of the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O., while politically we have just passed through a season of unholy warfare. All this presents a positive evidence of a lack of redemption on the part of society.

Even our bodies have not been redeemed. They are still as subject to sin and as capable of sinning as they were the day we were born into the kingdom of God. Not only does our flesh sin, but our bodies have aches and pains which indicate that our fleshly bodies have not yet been redeemed.

I say, beloved, that though Christ has bought back this world to God and has the exclusive right of ownership to it, that the world and society therein has not been fully delivered from the bondage of sin, and is not as yet fully redeemed. Things are not as God made them. I observe a drunkard stumbling and staggering along the street, and then I read God's Word: "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." (Gen. 1:26). Surely all of us must be convinced that this is not as God made the world. I saw sometime ago an armored motor car drive up before a bank. Six men with sawed-off shotguns and pistols stood on either side of the car and stopped the traffic coming in each direction that the money inside the car might be carried into the bank. I am ready to admit, beloved, that this is efficiency, but certainly it isn't Christianity. I say that though Christ has bought this world back to God, the world at large has not yet been redeemed.

However, eventually all will be redeemed. Of this we are assured in the Scriptures: "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession unto the praise of his glory." (Eph. 1:13,14). God will not be defeated and driven out. He will never withdraw His hand until He is completely and eternally and finally victorious. Such is the meaning of the sealed book. It tells us that this world has been bought by God and that ultimately the process of redemption which began in the souls of God's elect will be completed in the final restoration of the earth, the transformation of our bodies, and the ultimate remaking of this world and all things therein to the glory and the praise of God.

### II

While considering this sealed book, which is the title deed to creation—the book indicating our redemption, the angel issued a challenge. Listen: "And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read

the book, neither to look thereon." (Rev. 5:2-4).

In substance, the angel said, "Find some one who is worthy to open the book—to loose the seals—to claim the inheritance and say 'it is mine.'" I wish you would notice this angel's voice, for our Scripture indicates that all those in heaven, earth and even those under the earth heard him when he spoke. How we long for such a voice that we might be able to let the gospel go forth from this place to the ends of the earth.

First of all, when this angel issued his challenge, looking for some one who might claim the inheritance and say, "it is mine," he turned in the direction of heaven, "Come on, Moses, you wrote the law. You were God's great human instrumentality by whom the law was given. Step forward now and see if you can claim the inheritance and thus redeem the world back to God." Though mighty man that he was, and though his influence has stirred both Jew and Gentile through the ages, Moses is as silent as the tomb which might have marked his resting place on Nebo's lonely mountain. It is thus when the angel turns to each of the Old Testament writers. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel might prophesy of events to come, and might foretell the coming Messiah; but not one of these nor any of the Old Testament writers could redeem or bring this world back to God. In fact, as the angel searches through heaven issuing this challenge for some one to loose the seals, to open the book, and to claim the inheritance—as he does so, we might call the roll of martyrs, prophets, angels, arch-angel, cherubim, and seraphim, and yet not one could open it. Not one in heaven possessed the ability to open the book and to claim the inheritance. Not one in heaven has the ability to redeem this world back to God.

Convinced that no one in heaven was able to accept his challenge, the angel then turned toward the earth, and though there are many within the world today who lay claim to redemption, the angel found that there was no one on earth who might loose the seals and say, "I have redeemed the world back to God." Philosophy, with all of its writers of human wisdom is silent. Incidentally, beloved, practically all of these man-made Arminian churches who stress salvation by works merely have re-vamped the old heathen, pagan doctrines that were abroad in the days of the apostle Paul. Yet, philosophy is silent as it has nothing to offer by way of redemption.

Even science is powerless. Science may be able to hurl thousands of horse-power per minute through a tiny wire. Science may be able to tunnel through mountains and to change the course of rivers. Science apparently is able to work miracles in the material world, and yet when face to face with redemption, all science and all scientists shake their heads negatively. None are able to redeem it.

Even when we turn to education we find no one who is able to redeem it. We go out to Chicago University and talk with Shailer Matthews and hear him say that what the world needs is not regeneration but reformation and education. We will go to the seminaries with all their skill and learning, and ask those who teach that one church is as good as another, and that baptism and the Lord's Supper are to be decided by the church's wishes

and not by Scriptural edicts, and who teach young preachers to get all the folk possible to join the church in hopes that they may be converted afterwards—we will turn thus to the seminaries and ask them what they have to offer in the realm of redemption, and all these are silent. In fact, there isn't an individual in the educational world with all his skill and learning and training that offers any answer when the angel challenges the earth to open the book of redemption and to claim the inheritance.

Even religion is silent. Confucius, Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, Charles T. Russell, Amy Semple McPherson Hutton, all Arminians, and all the religious heretics of the world stand silent. Even religion itself cannot bring redemption to pass.

Now that the angel has challenged heaven and challenged earth, and there is no one who is able to accept his challenge, he then turns to speak to those under the earth; and as heretofore, there is no one from the abyss to make answer. The devil, though he brought sin and originally wrecked the human family, had nothing—absolutely nothing to offer whereby the world might be brought back to God and thus redeemed.

It looks like God is to be defeated. There is no one to take possession. No man on earth nor in heaven, no angel in heaven and no demon in hell, has ought to offer whereby the lost estate of man could ever be recovered. It is no wonder in the light of this experience—since heaven, earth and hell are silent concerning redemption—it is no wonder that John wept much.

### III

Then when it is revealed that heaven, earth and hell stand silent in the realm of redemption, Christ, in His kingly character, opens the book. All through the Bible there is prophecy after prophecy that Christ must put an end to Satan's dominion and thus redeem the earth. Listen: "And 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. 3:15). This is the fountain-head of prophecy. It is the first prophecy in all the Bible, and in it you find a definite statement that Christ must bruise the head of the serpent, which means that He must put an end to the dominion of Satan.

When no one could be found who would accept the angel's challenge to redeem the earth and claim the inheritance, one of the elders comforted John and called attention to "the lion of the tribe of Juda." Will you notice that Jesus is thus spoken of as a lion. Mr. Pacifist, Mr. Middle-of-the-Roader, that self-complacent molly-coddle, that gelatin-like gentleman says that we ought to be sweet and tender and never offend anyone; yet, beloved, Christ Himself was lion-like. Listen: "The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee. And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected. Nevertheless I must walk today, and tomorrow, and the day following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem." (Lk. 13:31-33).

We sing today of Him as the "lowly Nazarene." That which we ought to sing is of Christ, the "lordly Nazarene." I say again that Christ was

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**"REDEMPTION THROUGH THE BLOOD"**

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lion-like, and we need more of the lion-like element in our characters if we are to be Christ-like.

However, when John turned to see Him, He saw Him as a Lamb slain. You will notice that in heaven He still bore evidence of the fact that He was once slain for sin. In fact, beloved, the only remembrance of sin in heaven will be the marks of death upon the Lamb.

In view of the fact that John saw Jesus as the Lamb slain, I would insist upon the fact that the title deed of creation is signed in the blood of the Lamb. Listen: "And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you." (Ex. 12:13). "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." (Col. 1:14). "And without shedding of blood is no remission." (Heb. 9:22).

I say, beloved, that church letters and certificates of baptism are valueless. Nothing can or will effect our redemption but the blood of the Lamb.

We are living in a remarkable day in this modern twentieth century, when modern science adds a "less" to practically everything of consequence. For example, we have horseless buggies, and iceless refrigerators, and smokeless shells, and beardless wheat, and seedless fruits; and the sad thing is in too many of our churches we have a bloodless religion. I am ready to grant that smokeless shells, beardless wheat, seedless fruits, iceless refrigerators, and horseless buggies are all improvements over the past; and yet, beloved, a bloodless twentieth century religion will send souls to a first century hell. In view of the fact that there is no way in heaven of opening this book which is the title deed to creation, apart from the blood of the Lamb, then why in the world should any one waste time down here looking for anything else. Though the angel searched heaven, earth, and the abyss, nothing was found that could suffice for redemption except the Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world.

It is interesting to notice that John saw Jesus in the midst of the throne. In other words, he saw Him on His throne. What if there is great apostasy? What if the foundations seem to be shaking? What if Christianity is on trial? What if there are modernists and evolutionists? Christ is still on His throne.

What if women are out of their God-given sphere in business, in church, and in politics, God is still on His throne.

What if sorrows come in battalions? What if the Devil does destroy your home? There are those here in this presence this morning who have buried husbands and wives and children since last we met together a year ago on this Thanksgiving occasion. What if your home has been destroyed? What if God has led you through the wilderness? What if friends forsake you and foes arise? Remember, Christ is still on His throne.

Then marvel of marvels, the slain Lamb accepted the angel's challenge to loose the seals, to open the book, to claim the inheritance, and say, "It is mine." When He did so, all heaven was set rejoicing. Listen: "And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that

sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints." (Rev. 5:7, 8). You will notice by these verses when the Lamb took the book all heaven said, "Hallelujah, hallelujah, every prayer is to be answered!" Mothers' prayers are to be answered. Maybe she prayed her last time ten, twenty, thirty, or forty years ago; now she is in glory, and her prayers are to be answered. Fathers' prayers, and wives' prayers, and husbands' prayers, and children's prayers, and pastors' prayers, and teachers' prayers, and martyrs' prayers, and everybody's prayers, that have been offered in Jesus' name will be answered;—perhaps not precisely as they were offered, and yet all will be satisfied in knowing that these prayers have been answered for the glory of God.

And then as soon as Christ claims the inheritance, notice the singing that takes place. "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation." (Rev. 5:9). There is just one subject of their singing, and that is the blood of the Lamb. That's why I preach on it so often. That's why I like to sing about it. In heaven the only theme that will ever excite our hearts to sing will be that of the blood of the Lamb.

And what a crowd it is that thus sings of redemption through the blood! "Every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation." When I attended the World's Baptist Alliance in Toronto, Canada, in 1928, I heard men from China, and Italy, and South America, and the islands of the sea testify as to what Jesus meant to them. Dressed in their native costumes they came from the east and the west, the north and the south, to honor the name of Him who died for them. Somehow as I recall that experience, that conference fades from my memory, and I see the nations, the kindreds, the tongues, and the people of the earth rise up to sing the same song,—the blood of the Lamb. You might just as well learn how to sing now, you will have to when you get to heaven; and I certainly would hate for any of you, my people, to be in the primer class in heaven on the question of singing. I would hate to think of any of you having to learn, "do, ra, me," after you get to heaven.

And what a choir it was that John saw! The number of the choristers was beyond his calculation. "And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands." (Rev. 5:11). Bring on your adding machines, your posting machines, your stenographers, and your bookkeepers, and even after you have calculated the number of this choir, all you can know is that it is composed of ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands. This brings us lots of joy, for in our stand for the truth here we are often in the minority; but up yonder, we are going to be in the majority.

What a scene this is! When the choir leads off, do you notice that

which happens? Every creature in heaven, which includes the angels, the arch-angels, the cherubim, the seraphim, the writers of the Scripture, the saints and martyrs of days gone by, all fall down to praise the Lamb. And then down on earth, every creature in the earth does likewise. I verily believe that in that day when the earth is completely redeemed back to God, that even the animals—the elephant, the giraffe, the monkey, the lion and the wolf, and all the balance of the animals of this earth will prostrate themselves, giving honor and allegiance to Jesus. Even those under the earth do likewise. The Devil comes out of his abode, and the fallen angels who are reserved in darkness and chains likewise praise a redeemer who has never redeemed them. Even those within the sea, including the whale, and the fish, and all the forms of life that inhabit the water—all of these and all those in heaven and on earth—yea, every creature sings the praise of the Lamb so that in view of His redemption, we have universal adoration of the Lamb who is the King. Undoubtedly this is the greatest congregational singing ever known. We have never heard the like of it in this world, but some day we are going to sing in that group who sing the praises of the Lamb.

Doubtlessly this is what Paul had in mind when he wrote to the church at Rome. He looked at his troubles, and then he contrasted these with the glory he was going to have, and then said, "For I reckon that the suffering of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (Rom. 8:18). In all probability, the song writer was thinking of the same when he said,

"When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun."

Then you will notice that this group completes their worship by saying, "Amen." Just as I have said concerning singing, I will say also concerning the saying of this word, "amen." You might as well learn how to say it now, for some day you are going to say it yonder in heaven.

What a picture then this chapter presents to us. The sealed book is the title deed to this whole creation, which no one in heaven, earth, or hell could claim—no one save only the Lord Jesus Christ. Oh, I ask you, "Are you going to be in that crowd of the blood-washed who shall praise Him throughout eternity?" I insist, beloved, that if you are, you must be washed in the blood now.

You say, "What does this have to do with Thanksgiving?" Much every way. To be sure I am thankful today that our nation is not in war, and that we have this opportunity to meet here this morning to worship God without fear that a bomb shall drop on this building, or that we shall have to hurry to shelter to escape the bombs of an air-raid. To be sure, I am thankful that our nation has been blessed of God as it has; and yet, beloved, all these material blessings pale into nothingness and fade into insignificance when we remember and when we consider the great blessings that are ours through the redemption that comes by Jesus Christ. Greater than all material blessings is this one spiritual blessing that we have redemption in Christ.

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felt definitely led to open an extension department to the Mission and spend at least one week a month traveling over sections of the country in colportage work and visiting former patients of the hospital. This has proven very effective. We are now converting the front room of the Mission into a reading room and a Bible and Book House, as there is a great need for such. There are thousands of out-of-town visitors spending from one to five days coming to see their loved ones and friends while confined in this hospital. This reading room is to provide a place where they might come and read and rest between visiting hours. As the great majority of these have little or no money, we must depend upon the gifts from friends interested in this type of mission work for its support. So we face two great needs: (1) prevail upon prayer, so if led, place us on your daily prayer list and bring us constantly before the throne of God's Grace; (2) for money and material that the mission hall might stay open and serve the largest number of people possible. If you feel led to have a part in this great work of our Risen Lord, mail gifts to L. R. Shelton, Supt., 631 Sequin St., Station A, New Orleans, Louisiana.