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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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The Great Sunday Morning Tragedy; How It Takes Place

It is the Sabbath morn. The old home town with its lovely trees and lawns and flowers is smiling in the morning sun. The fragrant stillness brings memories of Galilean Sabbaths hallowed by the presence of the Saviour Himself.

The town clock has just struck eleven. Listen! From the sanctuary of the church the first strains of music are heard. The organ is softly playing. The Sunday School is closing; and presently, in beautiful spiritual climax, the voices of young and old will mingle in the sanctuary, and the doxology will ascend like sweet incense to the throne of God.

But wait! From the Sunday School annex a conflicting melody is heard. The children begin to sing. "The Sunday School is over, and we are going home. Good-by, good-by—". From cradle days they have been singing the song, and through the years they have not ceased singing it and suiting the action to the words.

A door opens. An attractive young woman comes out, carrying her Bible under her arm. A little group of twelve-year-old girls is thronging around her. Affectionately they follow her down the street. Another door opens. Another teacher comes out, Bible in hand. He is a middle-aged man. He is going home. So is his class of adolescent boys. Another teacher comes out, and still another; and their pupils are following them.

The angels weep. The very teachers to whom the destinies of boys and girls have been entrusted are leading them away from the Lord's

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Sin's Deceptiveness

In his early life, and before his conversion, Raymond Lull, who afterward became the great pioneer missionary to the Moslems, eagerly and repeatedly sought to win the love of another man's wife. On one occasion, his passion moved him to follow her into the doorway of the church where she had gone to worship. The woman turned to him and said: "Raymond Lull, I have something to say to you." Thinking that his overtures of love were meeting with a favorable response, Lull listened with great expectancy. But the woman then bared her bosom and showed him that it was eaten with hideous cancers. At the same time she pleaded with him to repent of his sinful life. That unfortunate woman, noble though she was, is typical of all sinful pleasures. They present a fair face, but they conceal a cancerous bosom. In every sin there is a cancer.—W. E. Schramm, in Our Great Salvation.

The Master Of My Boat

I owned a little boat a while ago
And sailed a morning sea without a fear.
And whither any breeze might fairly blow
I'd steer the little craft afar or near.

Mine was the boat, and mine the air,
And mine the sea, not mine, a care.

My boat became my place of nightly toil.
I sailed at sunset to the fishing ground,
At morn the boat was freighted with the spoil
That my all-conquering work and skill had found.

Mine was the boat, and mine the net,
And mine the skill and power to get.

One day there passed along the silent shore,
While I my net was casting in the sea,
A man, who spoke as never man before;
I followed Him,—new life began in me.

Mine was the boat, but His, the voice,
And His the call, yet mine, the choice.

Ah, 'twas a fearful night out on the Lake,
And all my skill availed not at the helm,
Till Him asleep I waken, crying, "Take,
Take Thou command, lest waters overwhelm!"

His was the boat, and His the sea,
And His the peace o'er all and me.

Once from his boat he taught the curious throng,
Then bade me let down nets out in the sea;
I murmured, but obeyed, nor was it long
Before the catch amazed and humbled me.

His was the boat, and His the skill,
And His the catch, and His, my will."

—Sunday School Times.

He Took My Place

An ungodly sea-captain lay in his cabin in mid-ocean, death staring him in the face. He shrank back in the presence of "the King of terrors," and the dread of eternity took fast hold upon him.

Captain Coutts sent for his first mate, and said: "Williams, get down on your knees and pray for a fellow. I have been very wicked, as you know, and I expect I shall go this time."

"I am not a praying man, you

know, captain, so I can't pray. I would if I could."

"Well, then bring a Bible and read me a bit, for my hope is about to run out."

"I have no Bible, captain; you know I am not a religious man."

"Then send for Thomas, the second mate; perhaps he can pray a bit."

The second mate was soon in the presence of his dying captain, when

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"The Fifth Saying Of The Saviour On The Cross"

"After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth."—John 19:28, 29.

Several years ago near Somerset, Kentucky, there lived a husband, wife, and daughter about eighteen years of age. The father of the home was a farmer, and although he had been successful in his pursuit of agriculture, this occupation had always been detestful to his wife. Especially was this true, in that a young farm lad living near at hand,

was paying considerable attention to the daughter. About the time that the daughter became nineteen years of age, the father died, and the mother concluded that it was a good time to get rid of the farm, move into the city, and perhaps get rid of the young farm-lad who was paying court to her daughter.

A young artist, supposedly from Cincinnati, came to Somerset to paint some of the beautiful mountain views to be found near there. In the course of time, he met this young nineteen year old girl, and urged on by her mother, she accepted his proffered hand in marriage. When the day came that this young

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Ten Bible Reasons Why Hitler Can't Be The Antichrist

Hysteria is created by war, war-mongering, and war-propaganda. Minds become warped. People become panicky. A few years ago old Kaiser Bill was the antichrist. The last time a reporter interviewed him on his birthday, he was reading the Bible. A pretty bum antichrist!

Today Hitler is the antichrist. Tomorrow it will be somebody else. The story is told of a southern preacher who was found weeping. Somebody said, "What's the matter?" He said, "I feel terrible. My fifth antichrist had just died."

By approaching the Scriptures with an open mind any discerning Christian should be able to see that Hitler is not the antichrist.

TEN REASONS

1. The Antichrist Will Be the Most Popular Man in the World.

When the antichrist appears, the whole world will sing his praises, according to the Word of God. Hitler is not popular. On the contrary he is one of the most unpopular men in the world.

2. The Antichrist Will Acquire His Power Peaceably.

The antichrist will preach "peace" and "by peace shall destroy many" (Dan. 8:25).

"But he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries". (Dan. 11:21).

In Rev. 6:2 the antichrist is portrayed riding upon a white horse. He will be a counterfeit of the Prince of Peace who comes on another white horse seven years later. (Rev. 19:11-16).

The antichrist will eventually fight to retain his power, but he acquires

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Resignation

A visitor was once walking along a high part of the shore of the Dead Sea when he lost his balance and fell into the water. He could not swim and, in desperation lest he should sink and be drowned, he began to fling his arms about. At last he was exhausted and felt he could do no more. Then he found something happen: the water bore him up. The water of the Dead Sea is so heavy with salt and other minerals that when he lay still in it he found he floated on the surface. He could not drown so long as he resigned himself to the power of the deep. So, too with us. There is a power beneath us and around us waiting to bear us up. We should cease from all our floundering and fruitless efforts and let the power of God undergird us.—R. H. W. Shepherd.

Even the best must own that patience and resignation are the pillars of human peace on earth. —Young.

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PERSEVERANCE

Among some skaters was a boy so small and so evidently a beginner that his frequent mishaps awakened the pity of a tenderhearted, if not wise, spectator.

"Sonny, you are getting all bumped up," she said. "I wouldn't stay on the ice and keep falling down so; I'd just come off and watch the others."

The tears of the last downfall were still rolling over the rosy cheeks, but the child looked from his adviser to the shining steel on his feet, and answered, half-indignantly:

"I didn't get some new skates to give up with; I got 'em to learn how with."

Life's hard tasks are never sent for us "to give up with;" they are always intended to awaken strength, skill, and courage in learning how to master them.

FROM BLINDNESS TO LIGHT

An oculist called in a friend to witness the removing of the bandage from the eyes of a boy upon whom he had been operating, and to whom he had restored sight. The child had been blind from infancy, and this was the first moment that he was allowed to use his eyes and really see. When the bandage was taken off and the boy saw the pictures and the faces of his friends, he stood in silent wonder, until he heard the familiar voice of his mother calling to him, "Willie, can you see me?" As he rushed into her arms, he said, "Oh, mama, is this heaven?" Such is the joy of the soul that passes from darkness to God's marvelous light.

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he said to him: "I say, Thomas, I am afraid I am bound for eternity this trip. Get down and pray for me. Ask God to have mercy upon my poor soul."

"I'd gladly do it to oblige you, captain, if I could; but I have not prayed since I was a lad."

"Have you a Bible, then, to read to me?"

"No, captain, I have no Bible."

Alas for the dying sinner! How awful his condition. On the brink of eternity, and without Christ!

They searched the ship over for a man who could pray, but they searched in vain; and for a Bible, but one could not be found until one of the sailors told the captain he had seen a book that looked like a Bible in the hands of the cook's boy, a little fellow named Willie Platt.

"Send at once," said Captain Coutts, "and see if the boy has a Bible."

The sailor hurried off to the boy and said to him, "Sonny, have you a Bible?"

"Yes, sir, but I only read it in my own time."

"Oh, that is all right, my lad; take the Bible and go to the captain's cabin. He is very sick and wants a Bible. He thinks he is going to die."

Away went Willie Platt with his Bible to the captain's cabin.

"Have you a Bible, my boy?"

"Yes, captain."

"Then sit down, and find something in it that will help me, for I am afraid I am going to die. Find something about God having mercy on a sinner like me, and read it to me."

Poor boy! He did not know where to read, but he remembered that his mother had him read the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah just before he left home for that voyage.

Willie turned to that blessed chapter that so fully sets forth the love and mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ in dying for poor sinners such as John Coutts, and commenced to read. When Willie got to the fifth verse—"He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed"—the captain, who was listening for his very life, realizing that he was surely having his last chance of being saved, said: "Stop, my lad; that sounds like it; read it again."

Once more the boy read over the blessed words: "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed."

"Aye, my lad, that's good—that's it, sure."

These words from the captain encouraged Willie, and he said: "Captain, when I was reading that verse at home, mother made me put my name in it. May I put it in now just where mother told me?"

"Certainly, sonny; put your name in just where your mother told you, and read it again."

Reverently and slowly the boy read the verse:

"He—Jesus—was wounded for Willie Platt's transgressions, He was bruised for Willie Platt's iniquities; the chastisement of Willie Platt's peace was upon Him, and with His

stripes Willie Platt is healed."

When Willie had finished, the captain was halfway over the side of his bed, reaching toward the lad, and said: "My boy, put your captain's name in the verse and read it again—John Coutts, John Coutts."

The lad slowly read the verse again: "He was wounded for John Coutts' transgressions, He was bruised for John Coutts' iniquities; the chastisement of John Coutts' peace was upon Him, and with His stripes, John Coutts is healed."

When the boy had finished, the captain said: "That will do, my lad; you may go now."

Then the captain lay back on his pillow and repeated over and over again those precious words of Isaiah 53:5, putting in his own name each time, and as he did so, the joy of heaven filled his soul. He was saved? Yes, praise the Lord, reader, he was saved! Another poor sinner for whom Christ had died had "received Him" (John 1:12).

The soul of Captain Coutts soon passed away. His body was rolled in canvas, placed upon the plank and allowed to glide overboard into the water, to be seen no more until Jesus comes and the sea gives up its dead (John 5:24, 29).

Before John Coutts fell asleep in Jesus he had witnessed to every one on his vessel that the Christ of God—the man of Calvary—was wounded for his transgressions, bruised for his iniquities, that the chastisement that he rightly deserved had fallen on his blessed Substitute, and with His stripes—the stripes that fell on Jesus—he had been healed!

Beloved reader, do you know anything about this salvation? Have you taken your true place as a poor "ungodly sinner" before God and trusted in Christ for pardon? Blessed be His name "yesterday, today, forever" (Heb. 13:8). What He did for John Coutts He waits to do for you. Will you let Him?—The Moody Church News.

Ten Bible Reasons Why Hitler Can't

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it peaceably, not by military conquest.

Hitler is gaining power, not by flatteries, but by the bloodiest war in history.

3. The Antichrist Will Be Pro-Semite, Not Anti-Semite

The antichrist will make a covenant of peace with the Jews. "He

shall confirm the covenant with many for one week" (Dan. 9:27). It is true that a "remnant" of Israel will be persecuted by the antichrist, but that remnant will be those orthodox Jews who believe the Old Testament to be a supernatural Book, and who retain their faith in God. The issue in the end of the age will not be anti-Semitism, but anti-God, anti-Christ, anti-Bible, and anti-everything-supernatural. The remnant of Israel will be classified with the true Christians, and all will be under death sentence—not because they are Jews or Gentiles, but because they believe in the God of Heaven, and refuse to worship a man—the antichrist, who will be Satan in human form.

Hitler is an anti-Semite. The antichrist will be a pro-Semite.

There is positively no Scriptural authority for limiting Christ's "brethren" to the people of Israel in Matthew 25:31-46.

The Lord is here talking about a spiritual, not a natural relationship.

In Luke 8:21 our Lord clearly says, "My brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it." This of course includes both Jew and Gentile—men of every race and color.

4. According to Leading Bible Expositors the Antichrist Will Be a Jew

The Moody Monthly is authority for the statement that the antichrist will doubtless be a Jew.

Mr. R. Hickson is quoted as follows in the May 1933 issue of "Prophecy" magazine of which Keith L. Brooks of Los Angeles is editor:

"The word 'anti-christ' really means a false Messiah. Consequently it is only reasonable to assume that anyone pretending to be the Messiah of the Jews must come out of that race. . . . When we refer to the prophet Daniel, all doubt as to antichrist's nationality appears to be set at rest in these words: 'Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers. . . nor regard any God: for he shall magnify himself above all' (Dan. 11:37). Looked at in these terms his ancestry could scarcely be anything but Jewish. Antichrist will be an apostate Jew—there are many such today—despising and defying Jehovah of the Old Testament, and His promise concerning the coming of the rightful Heir to the Throne of David."

5. The Majority of Jews Will Accept the Antichrist

From the July 1932 issue of "Prophecy" magazine we quote the following:

"Dr. Nathum Sokolow, newly elected president of the World Zionist Congress looks for a super-man soon to appear, a 'spiritual leader for humanities of the world'. . . . Such will come as a solution of the troubles of the world."

"Of the coming antichrist, our Lord said to the Jews: I am come in my Father's name and ye receive me not; if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive!"

According to Zechariah 13:8, 9 two-thirds of the Jews will accept the antichrist.

"And it shall come to pass, that in all the land saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried; they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people; and they shall say, The Lord is my God."

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PARODY ON MARY'S LAMB

(By B. F. VANCE, Bristol, Tennessee)

"Behold the Lamb of God"—John 1:29

Mary had a little lamb, 'twas born in Bethlehem
His Father was the great "I am", His mission to save men.

He went to a great high school one day—His questions so propounded
Arrayed in such a wondrous way the Rabbis were astounded.

Nor did they turn Him out that day, like the lamb of Mary Sawyers
For he held spell-bound with magic sway the Sanhedrin school of lawyers.

He held His own with this learned cult 'till Mary did appear
Gave burning thoughts as a result which caused them all to fear.

He went with her to a marriage feast, at Cana, Gallilee
Since then His fame has never ceased in Heaven on land or sea.

He turned the water into wine which made the people glad
The Governor said, "This is fine, the best that we have had."

For many days Nicodemus thought, nor did this Lamb reject
But at His death sweet spices brought to show his great respect.

Mary loved this Lamb you know as only MOTHERS do
And when to death He had to go her heart was broken in two.

But when His grave gave up its dead the first immortal birth
Her heart was whole, her sorrow fled—and Heaven came down to earth.

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artist and the girl left for Cincinnati, to be married, the mother placed in the hands of her prospective son-in-law, all the money she had gotten from the sale of the farm, and instructed him to buy a home in Cincinnati, and to wire her as soon as he had, and that she would come to Cincinnati to live with them. After a few days spent in Cincinnati, the young artist proposed a business trip to Cleveland, and took his wife of a few days with him. Just after they had gotten a room in the city of Cleveland, he turned to her said, "Well, you may as well know the truth now as any time". And with that introduction, he told her that his real business was that of dealing in white slaves, that he did not care for her as a wife, that he did not even marry her with that intention in mind, and informed her that she was then in the hands of the "madam" to whom he had sold her body and soul.

Ere I proceed further, may I say that prior to her marriage to this young artist, the young farm lad she really cared for, near Somerset, had said to her, "If ever you need me, you can always still consider me a friend." In a round about manner extending over a period of several weeks, this young man kept his promise, and eventually rescued this girl from the life of prostitution into which she had been sold.

Before she was rescued from this forced life of sin and shame, try to imagine her, if you can amidst her surroundings. Picture her if you will, a nineteen year old girl, honorable, virtuous, and moral, now shut up in this den of iniquity, from which apparently there is no escape. Daily she must associate with the vilest men, and the impurest women. She must listen to their foul-mouthed oaths, witness their drunken revelry, hear their ribald songs and jests of filth, and is compelled by brutal force to merchandise her womanhood. Can you imagine her sufferings amid such iniquity and impurity? If you can, then think of Christ's sufferings. He was absolutely pure. He infinitely abhorred sin; He loathed it; His soul shrank from it. "For he hath made him, who knew no sin, to be sin for us" (II Cor. 5:21). Paul speaks of Him as; "Holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens" (Heb. 7:26). The purest woman of morality, virtue, and honor could not begin to compare with Jesus. Yet Jesus willingly associated with sinners, and allowed all of our sins to be laid on Him.

What a scene our text presents to us. His forehead is bleeding from the crown of thorns which has pierced the skin. His hands and feet have been mutilated by nails, and from the nail prints, the blood gushes forth. Now hanging there upon the cross, suspended between earth and heaven, dying, he said, "I thirst". Is it possible for you to imagine the scene, with the maker of Heaven and earth suffering from parched lips? Yet it is thus we see Him, suffering and dying for our sins.

I

This shows us, first of all, Jesus' reverence for the Scriptures. It had been prophesied that Jesus would thirst on the cross. "They gave me gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink" (Psa. 69:21). As He now hangs

upon the cross, He remembers this Scripture, which as yet is unfulfilled. He will not over-look it; He loves them too much. Thus He speaks, "After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst" (Jn. 19:28).

Oh, how we pray today for Christians who love the Scriptures like Jesus, and who are willing to bow to the authority of the Scriptures. In the question of church going, how few there are who are willing to take God's word as final. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is" (Heb. 10:25). On the question of tithing, how we pray for those who are not willing to accept the authority of God's word. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and 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" (Mal. 3:8-10). "Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone" (Matt. 23:23).

Then there is the question of worldliness. How God's people do need to bow to the authority of the Scriptures in this respect. "Abstain from all appearance of evil" (I Thess. 5:22). "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Cor. 10:31). Then there is the question of baptism. "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:13-17). What a Scripture is this! What a wonderful example the Lord Jesus gave us, in that He walked sixty miles over desert sands, in order to receive immersion at the hands of John the Baptist, the only one with constituted authority to administer the ordinance.

My prayer for you of my invisible audience, is that you might bow daily to the authority of God's word, and that you might reverence the Scriptures like Jesus. Out in Texas, after a terrible train wreck in which one engineer had disobeyed his orders, the engineer of the other train, walked among the dead and dying, and said, "Gentlemen, do not blame me, here are my orders". It is my prayer that the Scriptures, shall mean much to your life, and that you shall reverence them like Jesus.

II

This expressed a universal need. Everyone is thirsting for something, and yet he remains unsatisfied. This is true of the millionaire or the pauper; the globe-trotter or the stay-at-home; the wise or the unwise;

the educated and the illiterate. A man may take his full of pleasure; or surround himself with comfort and luxury; or attain to the highest pinnacle of fame; he may become a master of art, science, or philosophy, and in the end will say, "I thirst".

The man does not live, who has ever found satisfaction in which this world has to offer. Voltaire tried unbelief and scepticism and died saying; "I wish I had never been born". After Lord Byron had taken his fill of every kind of sinful pleasure, he wrote, "The worm, the canker, and the grief are mine alone". After that Jay Gould had amassed a fortune apparently enough to satisfy anyone's thirst, he said, "I suppose I am the most miserable devil on earth". Even military glory and success can not bring satisfaction to the thirsty soul for, Alexander the Great, after he had conquered a world, sat down on the shores of the Aegean Sea, and wept because there were no more worlds to conquer.

But is not all this illustrative of the experience of Solomon for after he had tried the world in it's fullest, said, "Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: for all is vanity and vexation of spirit" (Ecc. 2:17). Thus, when Jesus said, "I thirst", He expressed the universal need of all mankind.

III

This text tells us further though, that Jesus can sympathize with His suffering children. This world is only a vale of tears. Sometimes we veneer it with gaiety, but in reality, it is a place of wretchedness and suffering. Quite often each of us are called upon to turn away from the open grave with a tear choked voice to ask, "Does He know, does He care?"

Since Jesus suffered Himself, and since He knew what it was to thirst, He is not indifferent to our pain. "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:15, 16). "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (I Pet. 5:7).

Does Jesus care when my heart is pained

Too deeply for mirth or song;
As the burdens press,
And the cares distress,
And the way grows weary and long?

Does Jesus care when my way is dark

With a nameless dread and fear?
As the daylight fades
Into deep night shades,
Does He care enough to be near?

Does Jesus care when I've tried and failed

To resist some temptation strong;
When for my deep grief
There is no relief,
Tho' my tears flow all the night long?

Does Jesus care when I've said "good-by"

To the dearest on earth to me,
And my sad heart aches
'Till it nearly breaks,
Is it aught to Him, Does He care?

O yes, He cares, I know He cares,
His heart is touched with my grief;
When the days are weary,
The long night dreary,
I know my Saviour cares".

During the days of the Reformation, it looked often as though Martin Luther would fail, and the cause which he espoused, would come to nought. Often he became temporarily depressed and downcast. One day his wife came into his presence clothed in black from head to foot, and weeping hysterically. Martin asked her at once the cause of her weeping, and she said, "Martin, it is too bad, I just can't tell you". When he pressed her for an answer, she finally threw aside the veil, and said, "Martin, God is dead". Thus he caught the meaning of her message. He knew that God was not dead, but that God was very much alive. He knew that it was only his faith which had become temporarily eclipsed. Therefore, he arose and wrote:

"A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing."

IV

This text likewise introduces us to the intensity of Christ's suffering. When he said, "I thirst", we get a hint as to what He was suffering.

He had been under an intense physical strain for many hours. The evening before, He had instituted the Lord's Supper, following which He preached one of the longest sermons of His ministry. John 14, 15, 16, might well be called the "sermon in the valley", for it was preached in the valley of the shadow of the cross. Then He had prayed that memorable high priestly prayer of intercession given in the entire 17th chapter of John's Gospel, the longest recorded prayer which Jesus ever prayed. Following this He had gone into Gethsemane, and there in His agony of prayer, He sweat drops of bloody perspiration. Then came the betrayal of Judas, and the arrest of Him, who had made the world. Before the night passed by, He had gone through the mockery of three Jewish trials before Caiaphas, Annas, and the Sanhedrin. Early in the morning, He was brought to Pilate. After a trial which was only a farce, He was scourged, which meant that His clothing was stripped from Him, and that His back was beaten with rods until it became a mass of quivering flesh, gore, and blood. Then, He was led all the way across the city to Herod's judgment hall, where He was mocked by the brutal soldiers who placed a crown of thorns upon the forehead which should have been crowned with the most lustrous diadem which was ever placed upon a monarch's brow. They placed a sceptre of reed in His hand, which one day will hold a sceptre of iron, and upon His bruised body, they placed purple robes, and bowed saying, "Hail, King of the Jews". After this mockery, He was led back across the city to Pilate, for His third Roman trial, making the sixth trial He had had since His arrest during the sleepless night before. Eventually Pilate yielded to the clamor of the crowd, and gave Jesus to them to be crucified. Carrying His cross on His bleeding back, He went forth to Calvary, eventually falling beneath the weight of it, so worn was He from the suffering through which He had gone.

Can you imagine that scene at Calvary, where the hands and feet of Jesus were nailed fast to the cross? Is it possible for you to see that cross as it is lifted up, and with a thud is allowed to fall in the hole which has been prepared in the ground to receive it. Listen to the rabble that has gathered about

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Ten Bible Reasons Why Hitler Can't

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One-third of the Jews will refuse to accept the antichrist. They will survive the Great Tribulation and accept the true Messiah at the Lord's coming in glory.

6. The Antichrist Will Oppose Christianity

Protestants, Catholics, and Jews have gotten into trouble in Germany because of their political activity against the government, for this happens in all countries that have dictatorship; but according to reports, the people of Germany have full liberty to worship God.

Dr. J. Frank Norris of Detroit and Fort Worth, traveled in Germany several years ago and wrote glowing accounts of the fine treatment accorded him there, even under the Hitler government. His statements indicated that he had the same liberty to preach the gospel there as he had in the United States.

Niemoller was in a concentration camp, but not for preaching the gospel. He was there for sedition—for starting a movement to get his very personal friend, the ex-Kaiser Bill, back on the throne of Germany. When the antichrist reigns, everybody will be forbidden to preach the gospel of Christ.

7. When Antichrist Reigns the Whole World Will Worship a Jew.

Since the antichrist will be worshipped as God, the whole world will eventually worship a Jew (except those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.)

"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." (Rev. 13:8).

The spirit of antichrist, therefore, is not anti-Semitism, but Jew-worship. The rising tide of Jew-worship is in the air today. This then, is the spirit of antichrist. Preach against the sins of 100 Gentiles and you are applauded. Preach against the sins of one Jew, even if you didn't know he was a Jew, and immediately you are branded an Anti-Semite, Hitlerite, Bundist, Fifth-Columnist, Traitor, Pole Cat, Fascist, Merchant of Hate, Bible Belt Nazi, and every other stigma that the demon-crazed sons of perdition and their stooges can attempt to pin on you. The fact that none of those terms have any true application whatsoever to the persons they try to smear, makes no difference to Satan's imps who are skilled in the art of falsehood and have fallen so low that they no longer have self-respect or honor.

The so-called "anti-hate" laws are forerunners of the coming international law of the antichrist which will compel every person on earth to worship a godless Jew, the antichrist, or be under death sentence.

Soviet Russia is the only country that has a law forbidding anyone to say anything against the Jews. (It is rumored that New Jersey and California have aped Soviet Russia in this. We do not know if this is true, but we do know that bales of literature still emanate from California reeking with hatred for Gentile Christians. Therefore, if there is a law to protect Jews, there is nothing to prevent anyone from opposing Christians. The condition will be world-wide when the antichrist reigns.)

8. England and the United States Will Worship the Antichrist.

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shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." (Rev. 13:8).

Though these nations should lose their national identity, their inhabitants will worship the antichrist—and it won't be Hitler.

9. International Socialism Will Be the System of Government of the Antichrist—Not National Socialism.

"Nazism" means "National Socialism." That is Germany's system of government. Fascism is nothing but state Socialism.

The U. S. S. R. stands for the "Union of Soviet Socialist Republics." What Russia has is "International Socialism" combined with an effort to stamp out Christianity and kill all Christians. In Russia, a few super-capitalists own everything. The people are slaves—chattels of the state. They can own nothing, and they have no liberty.

We expect that the antichrist will arise out of the "Sea"—the Mediterranean area, but his system of government will be "International Socialism."

The late Dr. I. M. Haldeman, writing in his remarkable book, "The Signs of the Times," prior to 1910, foresaw that Socialism would prepare the world for the counterfeit Utopia of the antichrist.

The Fascist government aped Soviet Socialism; the Nazis aped Soviet Socialism; the New Deal apes Soviet Socialism, with the exception that the latter three are "National," while the former is "International."

Any regime in which the resources of the nation in men and materials, are regimented by the state, and for the state, eventually results in dictatorship.

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Soviet Russia has no enemies. She indulged in the bloodiest butchery of Christians known in the annals of history. Yet the United States clasped that hand, still wet and warm with the blood of Christians, and extended to her the right hand of fellowship. England tried to make an alliance with Russia the same time as Hitler was making his overtures. England is still trying to woo and win Russia to her side. China lined up with Russia. Russia double-crossed the Chinese and joined with Japan. Italy and Russia are at peace. Is it not significant that the one government on earth that boasts of its plan to overthrow all others, and destroy Christianity in every part of the world, is universally praised and liked—except by Christians. International Soviet Socialism has no enemies except the people of God.

10. The Antichrist Will Not Be Revealed Until After the Rap-ture of the Redeemed.

None of the present dictators are the antichrist. All dictators are forerunners of the coming international dictator—the antichrist. From the very outset of their rise to power, we have consistently, continually, and Scripturally, denounced all forms of dictatorship—whether Communism, Fascism, Nazism, or any of their offspring—as being Satanic. Present dictators are "setting the stage" for the antichrist. Before he can be revealed the Lord must come and take out His own. The ungodly will be left behind to endure the eventual tribulation which will come as a result of their rejecting Christ, and worshiping Satan in the person of the antichrist.

—W. D. Herstrom

"The Fifth Saying Of The Saviour On The Cross"

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the cross, taunting Jesus and urging Him to come down from the cross. His only answer being, that He clinched His hands over the nails that held Him fast to the cross, suffering on in silence for the sins of the world. For three hours, He hung thus beneath the pitiless rays of the sun. Following this, came three hours of darkness, wherein the sins of the world were laid on Him.

Hear Him now as He speaks, "I thirst". How remarkably this expressed the intensity of the agonies through which He was going.

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Further, this text shows us that Christ's soul actually underwent the pangs of Hell. While Jesus was yet alive in the flesh, He told us of a rich man who died impenitent. Listen to Jesus' own words, "And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame" (Lk. 16:23,24). In hell, one of the agonies through which this unsaved man passed was the agony of thirst. On the cross Jesus thirsted; He thus suffered our hell at Calvary.

But is not this the teaching of all of God's word, for the Scriptures in their entirety, teach us that Jesus suffered our hell for our sins. "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3). "For he hath made him, who knew no sin to be sin for us" (II Cor. 5:21). God thus treated Jesus just like every sinner ought to have been treated. That is to say, that God treated Jesus just like every adulterer, adulteress, liar, thief, murderer, and drunkard should have been treated. How marvelous it is that since Christ's soul bore the pangs of hell at Calvary, He treats us today, who accept Him by faith as our Saviour, like Jesus Himself, should have been treated.

VI

In view of the fact that Jesus suffered thus, then the unsaved will surely suffer in hell. If God did not spare His Son, then God will not spare sinners either. "He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (Jn. 3:18). "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (Jn. 3:36). "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power" (II Thess. 1:7-9). "The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation: and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their

torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of of his name" (Rev. 14:10,11).

Further, since He suffered thus, then the saved shall never thirst; Jesus thirsted for us. He gave us a wonderful promise in the days of His flesh, "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14). What a wonderful assurance this is, since He thirsted, we shall never thirst. It is thus that the Holy Scriptures speak of that blood washed throng, who are before the throne of God, clothed in white robes, which have been made white in the blood of the Lamb. "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor the heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of water: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes" (Rev. 7:16, 17).

Since Jesus suffered thus, then the saved are saved eternally. As previously stated, Jesus told us the experience of the man suffering in hell, and how He cried for water to cool His tongue, because of His thirst. Yet Jesus said, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him, shall never thirst" (Jn. 4:14). Since this is true, then the saved are saved eternally. This is just what Jesus told us in all His ministry. "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which give them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand" (Jn. 10:28,29).

In closing, may I ask you a simple question: "Are you thirsting for something better?" Then listen to the words of Jesus, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink" (Jn. 7:37).

May you tonight put your trust in Him, and may the thirst of your soul now be quenched.

The Great Sunday Morning Tragedy

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house, on the Lord's day, at the Lord's appointed hour of worship. Unwittingly they lead the unsaved away from the Saviour. Unwittingly they help to destroy the Sunday morning worship service, with which the church must ultimately stand or fall.

What an awakening, when the judgment shall disclose the consequences of that mistaken leadership which labors and prays for the salvation of the children in the Sunday School and then frustrates God by leading them away from that further blessing in the house of God through which they might be saved! —Dr. Koller, in The Watchman-Examiner.

Do not make things comfortable for yourself in such a way as to make them uncomfortable for others.—Chinese Proverb.

With such a starting point as the cross and such a goal as the Lord's coming, how can a Christian love the things of the world, the flesh, and the devil?

Joy in one's work is the consummate tool.—Phillips Brooks.