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Can One Sin Away His Day Of Grace?

The pastor of the First Baptist Church, (J. C. Lilly, Marion, Ky.) recently drove a round-trip distance of approximately fifty miles, and made that trip for six nights, to hear a Baptist brother of some fame preach in a series of meetings. He heard some good sermons. One sermon on "The New Birth" was sound to the core, as well as some others he was privileged to hear. At one evening service this famous brother preached a sermon on "Why Every Man Ought to be a Christian." In one of the main divisions of his message he declared that every man ought to be a Christian because of the danger of "sinning away his day of grace." He developed this section of his sermon very much along the usual line. Such preaching belongs to sensational evangelism, and has no foundation in scripture! In this brief article it is our purpose to call attention to the scriptures commonly used to prove this doctrine, and to see if it can be found in any of them. Let us view the first one first. It is that one which has been quoted with an apparent evangelistic fervor from the very earliest moments of our religious recollection. It is found in Genesis 6:3; "My spirit shall not always strive with man," and here the flaming evangelist stops, but God does not stop there. He tells why His Spirit shall always strive with man, when he goes on to say, "for that he also is flesh; yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years." Now what is the real message of this text? It is that God convicts man by His Holy Spirit, and then, after trying to wake them up to their dead state, and their need of salvation, turns away in defeat, never to return again? No, that is not the message of this text at all. It simply declares that mercy time is TIME! Man's allotted time was an hundred and twenty years." If he is to have any of the benefits

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His Witnesses

An ignorant jinriksha coolie named Ode San, sixty-seven years of age, was converted, and returned from the mainland of Korea to his native island village to preach, as he said. Since he could not write, could read the Bible only by spelling out each word and spoke somewhat crudely, Captain Bickel was the first representative of Christianity in his town. But three months after Ode's conversion, the Captain received a card from him saying, "Come preach." He went, and found an audience of four hundred waiting for him. How had Ode aroused their interest? He had gone to a house where a sick

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Jesus Christ, Our Saviour Makes The Difference



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THE FIRST BAPTIST PULPIT

"When The Lord Shakes This World Again"

"For thus said the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come; and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts.

And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother."

—Haggai 2:6, 7, 22.

"Whose voice then shook the earth; but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven."—Hebrews 12:26.

It is strange how we read and re-read and read again portions of God's Word, and the truths within the sacred pages never burst upon us; and then all of a sudden, the same Scripture that you have read again and again, will take upon a new meaning and when you have read it, you will see something there you never saw or thought of before. It is thus I discovered this text of Hebrews 12:26.

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Masonry Is Anti-Bible As Well As Anti-Christ

A Georgetown reader of News and Truths quit us the other day because we said there is nothing Christian about Masonry. A few days thereafter a Marshall county Mason handed us the Masonic Home Journal with the article below in it and told us he had quit his lodge because of the teachings of Masonry. The Editor does not want to offend Masons or anybody else unnecessarily; but he is not careful of the feelings and cares not for the good opinions of the Masons or anybody else, who can write or speak of Christ and the Bible as does this article. All I am and all I hope to be for time and eternity I owe to the Lord Jesus and the Bible. If I love anybody or anything passionately, my whole heart's devotion centers in the Person of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the Bible, the Holy Bible. My chief aim in life is to know Christ and the Bible, to feed my spirits to satiety upon them, to rest in peace and quietness on them and to preach Him and His Word until He shall say: "Saviour, it is enough; come home." But read the article and I will remark further.

MASONRY NOT A RELIGION Treating of a Subject Very Often Misunderstood

It is contrary to the ethics of our order for a member to enter into argument with those who through ignorance may ridicule or oppose it; but perhaps it will not be out of place for me to briefly state my understanding of the attitude of Freemasonry to religion. In the first place Masonry is not a religious institution. We have never formulated a system of theology nor discussed the doctrine of atonement, adopting no particular creed or dogma, forbidding all sectarian discussion within our lodgerooms, urging each man to stand fast to the faith of his acceptance. Masonry takes the neo-

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Small Town Gossip

I once heard a very interesting story of a woman who was somewhat of a gossip in a small town. She could stand on one side of the street and lick the doorknob on the other, so they said. One day she was in the office of the Daily News, and leaning up against the wall where were pasted several copies of back editions of the paper. It was warm, her dress was white, and some of the print came off onto the back of her dress. Unnoticed by her, she walked down the street, but was conscious of giggling and tittering whenever folks came near. She reached home, and there her poor little husband who was greatly hen-

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HOW EMBARRASSING!

A Soprano soloist, engaged to sing at a funeral, decided to do a bit of shopping before the service. Reaching the church just on time, she caught an usher, handed him a box containing her purchase, and asked: "Will you take care of this for me?" He nodded solemnly. When she rose to sing, she saw atop the casket her new spring hat, a mass of violets and hyacinths.—Copied.

WHERE FASHIONS COME FROM

An old Scotch preacher is reported to have said, in one of his sermons at Aberdeen, "Ye people of Aberdeen get your fashions from Glasgow, and Glasgow from Edinburgh, and Edinburgh from London, and London from Paris, and Paris from the devil."—News And Truths.

MORE APPRECIATED COMMENTS

"Inclosed please find one dollar for which enter my subscription to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I was fortunate enough to have passed on to me several copies of the Examiner and am glad to say that the paper in its entirety has the backing of the Bible."

Clinton Browning,
Wheelersburg, Ohio.

"It is a great pleasure indeed to read and study the messages in The Baptist Examiner every week. I feel that there is no more timely reading than that found in it. I wish it could be placed in every Christian home throughout the land, for certainly there is, as never before, a need for sound Biblical teaching."

Mrs. W. H. Johnson,
Keysville, Virginia.

BOOK REVIEWS

From Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

ARMENIAN ROMANCE. By Marie S. Banker, 167 pages. Price \$1.00.

A book every Child of God will be blessed by reading. No one can read this beautiful story of those who left all for Christ, without feeling the power of God and realizing more fully the meaning of Rev 7:14-17; 14:13, and the priceless

blessings in store for all who walk by faith—who believe in prayer and the power of prayer—who live not for this world nor the things of this world but who can truthfully say, "For me to live is Christ, but to die is gain."

Human speech would be too poor to describe worthily all the struggles these people went through, but there is no crown without a cross. The way to the throne passes Calvary. Through the pages of this story, we see the great suffering of a broken nation—Armenia—but one also sees the haloes of faith that are born from spilt blood and the anguish.

We do not agree in part with the religious beliefs of these people. The belief of the Fatherhood of God—so prevalent in Protestant and Catholic churches—a belief upon which every lodge is founded and the greatest lie the Devil ever told—a heresy handed down by the Brahmins of India, direct descendants of Ishmael—An anti-Bible, anti-God, anti-Christ doctrine—(John 8:44), yet in spite of this heresy, a good book to read.

THE LONG WAY HOME

(By Edith Snyder Pederson)

This book features the story of two beautiful twin sisters, who, through childhood and high school have been inseparable, and then suddenly find themselves rivals.

When Carol Dorn accepts the Christian faith which Stephen Redlin so earnestly confesses, she solves one problem which the girls have been facing. However, no sooner is this problem settled than a more serious one arises, when Holly Dorn becomes an entertainer in a night club.

After living a life of dissipation for a time, Holly becomes seriously ill, and her hard heart softens when Carol makes the greatest possible sacrifices for her—even postponing her marriage to Stephen in order that she might work and send Holly to a western sanatorium.

Through Carol's patient dealing with her family, she is overjoyed at being able to lead her mother, father, Holly and Holly's husband to a saving knowledge of her Saviour.

Through the story, the sweet romance of Carol and Stephen is paramount. How they overcome anxieties, difficulties, and discouragement is something that you will long remember. We predict that THE LONG WAY HOME, and the characters of Carol and Holly Dorn will linger in the reader's memory.

MASONRY IS ANTI-BIBLE AS WELL AS ANTI-CHRIST

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phyte by the hand, leads him to the altar and points to the open Bible thereon. It urges him to direct his footsteps through life according to the light he there shall find and as he there shall find it. Our vital fundamental beliefs are concentrated into one triune tenet: "Faith in God, Hope in Immortality, and Charity to all Mankind." A belief in God is absolutely essential. Without it, no man can ever view the interior of a Masonic lodge and its importance is emphasized throughout the degrees.

"Hope in Immortality" is the most beautiful, the most sublime, the most impressive lesson taught in Masonry. When we came into

this world we knew nothing of what had been. We saw the flowers bloom as they had bloomed for centuries. We beheld the great orbs of day and night pursuing their endless courses among the stars as they had done since time began. Gradually, we learned what other men had said and thought and done. We learned something of their joys and sorrows, their ambitions and aspirations. We realized that, for us, history had mirrored the accumulated achievements of the ages. But when we began to inquire what was to come after this life, we were unanswered; history was silent; the past was dumb, and the future was dark. We found that previous generations for countless ages had pondered over the same problem without a solution and it is unsolved still.

We follow the remains of our loved ones to the grave. We can go no farther. They must cross the dark river alone. And from the ethereal realm whither they have gone, no message can ever reach us. Not a word, not a sign, not a token ever comes to the loved ones left behind. We peer into the impenetrable shadows, we see nothing. Unutterable longing, unspeakable sadness, unfathomable gloom. And yet that all is well with them, we do not doubt. Otherwise, duty is barren of reward and lives of honest endeavor and tireless industry are but spasmodic efforts, beginning in nothing and ending in nothing and humanity has steadfastly refused to accept such a solution. Even in the age of mythology, before the dawn of the Christian era, we find the prevalence of this universal belief. A new made King of Argos, who in obedience to the mandates of his gods, was about to be immolated, was asked by her whom he fondly loved, if they should meet again. He replied: "I have asked that dreadful question of the hills which look eternal; of the streams which lucid flow forever; of the stars among whose fields of azure my raised spirit hath trod in glory. All were dumb. But when I took a look into thine eyes, I knew the love that there is kindled can never wholly die. We shall meet again."

Yes, belief in immortality has been the common heritage of the ages. Man revolts at the idea of annihilation, and as Freemasons today, whether we believe in the tenets of the Christian religion, or whether we cling to the old dispensation and look for a Messiah, yet to come, or whether at the voice of the Muezzin, we turn our faces to Mecca and bow to the Allah of Mahomet; yet we all believe in the immortality of the human soul that there dwells within this tabernacle of clay an imperishable immortal spirit over which the grave has no dominion and death no power. Beyond this we do not go, because upon this basis all good men can unite in perfect accord and harmony. We have a profound respect for all creeds but we have never attempted to usurp the prerogatives of the church by adopting any particular one. For this reason, the Mohammedan, Buddhist, the Jew, the Parsee and the Christian may jointly kneel at our altar without sacrificing one iota of his individual religious opinions and beliefs.

Occasionally, some over zealous brother will remark that Masonry is all the religion he needs; but such a one has not drunk deeply at the mystic fountain of Masonic

knowledge. Masonry is the grandest human institution the world has ever seen; but it makes no covenant with God for future salvation. Its altars are sacred but they are hallowed only by the frailty of human ties. It teaches the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, but it makes no atonement, offers no sacrifice, speaks of no mediator. The basic principles of Masonry antedate all religion, back of all creeds and back of all beliefs, is the One, the Boundless, the Unknown. It is the attempt of finite man to construct a personal God with human attributes from this unknown God whom Paul referred to on Mars Hill that leads to confusion because it is paradoxical and yet mankind cling to and wrangle eternally over the irreconcilable paradox and insist that their own interpretation or dogmatic assertions are orthodox and final, and then make faces and call names at all who fail to agree with them.

Masonry is neither pantheistic, nor atheistic, but deistic. It postulates Divinity and leaves it there for every brother to work out in his own way. Its object is human obedience, not human domination. Freemasons, as such, cannot collaborate organically with any profane body whether religious, political or social. Its mightiest instrument lies in the generation of a loftier idealism, the elevation of the standards of morality and the alleviation of poverty and distress. God speaks to the intelligent Mason today in every blade of grass, in every flower, every tree, and in all the harmonies of sight and sound with which the world overflows.

"Earth's full of heaven and every common bush aflame with God, but only he who sees, takes off his shoes."

(Note—The above address was delivered by Hugh W. Hughes, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, in 1909. It is here reprinted from the May, 1925, Grand Lodge Iowa, A. F. and A. M., Bulletin.—Editor M. H. J.)

In addition to the endorsements at the bottom this was published in the Masonic Home Journal of Kentucky with their endorsement.

Remarks. 1. This article is headed "Masonry not a Religion;" yet before it gets through, it says Masonry is Deistic. Deism was the religion of Hume and the other English Deists, who denied the Deity of the Lord Jesus and the inspiration of the Bible. Masonry thus officially puts itself down in black and white as Deistic; which means it is anti-Christ and anti-Bible.

2. This article slanders the Bible as the only Divine revelation when it says that all they know of immortality is derived from tradition and mythology. That is the worst form of Deistic disbelief. The Bible reveals not only to us an heaven of bliss and joy and endless felicity for all the redeemed in Christ but also a hell of woe and agony and darkness for all rejectors of Christ. If this article tells the truth about death being a leap in the dark for dying Masons, it is a confession that death means to them eternal night and woe with the Christ-rejectors in hell. Death to a child of God is not a leap in the dark; but a departure to be with Christ which is far better. Read Acts 7:54-60, 2 Cor. 5:1-10, Phil. 1:21-23, Jno. 14 and many others, which reveal the infinite superiority of a Christ-

ian's hope as contrasted with dark and gloomy hope of Masonry.

3. The God of Masonry is Unknown God of the heathen Athenians. Masonry reveals supreme ignorance of the God of the Bible in their teaching the universal fatherhood of God. God is a heathen myth; for God of the Bible is not the father of any Christ-rejector. He is known only through Christ. This 10:27. And all Jews and Pagans and Buddhists and Mohammedans and other Masons, who deny God-hood of the Lord Jesus, are not only not God's children; but as Jesus plainly said they are the children of the devil. Jno. 8:41-44. God of the Bible is not only not unknown God but is known personally and individually by every child of grace. Jer. 31:31-34, 17:1-4, 1 Jno. 1:3. With His obedient children this knowledge most intimate and our fellowship with God the Father is most lightful and most precious.

4. The worst thing in that title is putting the Lord Jesus Christ down on a level with founders of Judaism, Mohammedanism, Buddhism and Parseeism. Says: "The Mohammedan, Buddhist, the Jew, the Parsee the Christian may jointly kneel at our Masonic altar without sacrificing one iota of his individual religious opinions and belief." God bid! What does the Christian sacrifice who kneels at that altar? He sacrifices his belief in the God of the Bible. Buddhism is idolatrous and worships fire, the sun as symbols of deity. The Christian who kneels at that altar sacrifices his belief in the Deity of the Lord Jesus and the person of the Holy Spirit. Jews, Mohammedans, Buddhists and Parsees alike and with one voice vociferously deny that either Jesus or the Holy Spirit is God. Peter's denial of his Lord is nothing as compared with the baseness of the deed of a Christian Mason who kneels down at the same altar with the disbelievers in that name who is above every name. How can there be any "concord between Christ and Belial? What agreement hath he that believeth an infidel?" Parsees and Buddhists and Jews and Mohammedans are all infidels as to the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Holy Spirit. And they can a Christian, who believes we can not pray except in the name of Jesus, kneel at the altar with those, who are rejectors of that worthy Name, considering whom the Bible declares hold ye dispensers and wonder ye perish?" How can Christians kneel at an altar like that of themselves the friends of God when they thus betray Him into the hands of His enemies? wonder a Texas pastor said one of his Masonic members the other day in our presence that he never knew an active Mason who was a spiritual and loyal worthy church member.

And then the Christian kneels at that altar puts the Holy Bible down on a level with the uninspired sacred books of the Mohammedans and Buddhists and agrees with Jewish brother Masons' New Testament and the Jesus whom he deifies.

If Jews, Buddhists, Parsees, Mohammedans are anti-Christ, anti-Bible so is Masonry for all meet on the same level. And Truths.

"WHEN THE LORD SHAKES THIS WORLD AGAIN"

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I don't know how many times that I have read the book of Hebrews. I don't know how many times I have studied it through. I have even written a comment on it from beginning to end, and yet this 26th verse never impressed me until within the last 48 hours' time. When it impressed me, I said, "It is strange that I have never seen anything in it before, but it is likewise strange that I don't remember having read anything in the various commentaries on the Bible relative to this text." I went to my library and I started reading the various commentaries written on the book of Hebrews, and I did not find a single commentary that even discussed this 26th verse, with but one slight exception. The only comment I could find on it in a great number of books I went through, was just about as much material as you could write perhaps on a postal card. Yet, to me, it's a marvelous text of Scripture. I want to re-read it to you before I bring my message: "Whose voice shook the earth: but now he said more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven."

I.

Removed, I believe definitely that Jesus Christ is coming back to this world again. He is the only hope which the child of God possesses today. You can have your confidence in peace conferences, in leagues of nations; you can have your confidence in democracies, in armies; but my confidence is in the near, immediate, imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Only just a little while before Jesus was crucified, He said His disciples in John 14:3: "And I go and prepare a place for you, and I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." We know that it is true that He did go away. Then on the basis of His own words, He must come

On the day that He left this world, His disciples stood on the Mount of Olivet and saw Jesus go up into the skies. I don't know just how He managed it, but I rather have an idea that suddenly He started lifting Himself up and up until finally the Lord Jesus was developed in the clouds and the disciples saw Him no more. As they stood there gazing up into the skies, the Word of God says that the angels came down and stood beside them and said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into the heavens? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you to heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11).

The Apostle Paul would remind us also that Jesus must come back again, for when the apostle Paul was giving to us the story of the Lord's Supper, how that Jesus instituted the memorial supper which was to symbolize His death, Paul said, "As oft as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show forth his death till he come." Therefore, even the observance of the memorial supper is a promise that Jesus is coming back again. Jesus then, beloved, you have the words of Jesus, the words of the apostles who spoke concerning His coming, and the words of the

apostle Paul to give confidence to your fainting heart that Jesus is coming again; and this message that I bring to you this morning is to help you to appreciate the fact of His soon coming.

II.

In the light of this text, I want you to notice that there has been a previous shaking of this earth. My text talks about this fact. God says, "I will shake this earth." But beloved, while it is true that once again God promises to shake it, it is also true that once previously God has already shaken this earth. Go with me back to the book of Exodus, and listen to this Scripture: "And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voices of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that were in the camp trembled. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly." (Exodus 19:16-19).

The Psalmist also tells us of that same event. Listen: "O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah! The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel. (Ps. 68:7, 8).

If you would know the effect which this previous shaking of the earth had upon even Moses, the man of God, who was God's appointed leader of Israel, at the time when God shook the earth at Mt. Sinai—if you would know the effect it had even upon this man—listen: "And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake." (Heb. 12:21).

These verses from the book of Exodus, from the Psalms, and from the book of Hebrews, take us back to that day long gone by when the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, and for six months they encamped at Sinai to get the law of God in behalf of His people, the Jews; and when they encamped at Sinai, God literally shook the earth. So great was the shaking of it, so mighty was the manifestation of it that Moses said, "I did fear exceedingly and quake."

Marvelous was the effect which this shaking of the earth had upon Moses and upon the children of Israel when they encamped at Sinai when God first shook this earth.

III.

So, beloved, while our text tells us of a previous shaking of this earth, it likewise points forward to a time yet to come when it shall be shaken again, for my text says, "Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven."

This is not the only place within the Word of God that it is thus prophesied that God shall yet shake this old earth. Listen: "The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise

again." (Isa. 24:19, 20).

Not only does Isaiah prophesy of the time when God shall yet shake this old world, but the apostle Peter likewise tells us of this future shaking of the earth. "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." (2 Pet. 3:10).

There have been numerous times when we have had earthquakes in Ohio, Kentucky, and elsewhere, but there never has been but one time when God shook this whole earth, and that was when the Jews encamped at Sinai, and there never will be but one time that God will shake it again, and that will be at the time of the Tribulation when the Lord God brings the curse of the ages upon a world that has left God out of consideration.

I read of this in Rev. 6:12-17. Listen: "And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"

Some day God is going to garner His saints off this earth up into the skies, and when that day comes, He is going to shake this old world so that the stars of the heavens are going to fall, and even the elements of the earth shall melt. Oh, it's so hard to get kings and great men and rich men and mighty men to think about God today. I am amazed over the fact that it took over nine years before our president ever asked the people of America to call on God in prayer. I am amazed that God had to send this war before our chief executive would even ask the people of this country to call on God. The first thing he should have asked when he went in office, was that men and women who believed in prayer, might pray God's blessings upon us. Nine years passed by before he even dared ask the people of America to pray. You can't get kings, mighty men, and noblemen, you can't get men of this world to ask for prayer. However, notice that the day is coming when God is going to make this old world reel to and fro like a drunkard—the day is coming when God shakes this earth, and then every king on the earth, and the rich men, and the mighty men, and the captains are going to pray. And what a prayer meeting that is going to be! Talk about emotionalism and feeling in a prayer meeting! There must be emotion, and there must be feeling, and there must be sensationalism there when that day comes that they shall cry to the rocks and mountains, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the Lamb,

and from the wrath of him that sitteth upon the throne."

I tell you, beloved, God, back there at Sinai shook this entire world. There have been local earthquakes through the ages gone by wherein God would shake one little portion of the earth here and there. Yet, there never has been but one time when He shook the whole world, and that was at Sinai. There will never be but one time when He will shake the earth, and all the planets of the earth, and the islands shall move out of their place, and the sea will become dry ground—there never shall be but one time when this shall take place, and that is when God judges this world at the end of the Tribulation period.

IV.

Who is to be affected by this shaking? You will notice in the light of this sixth chapter of Revelation, that all nations are going to be affected since it talks about the kings of the earth being affected. Listen: "I will also gather all nations, and will bring for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land." (Joel 3:2). Therefore, beloved, "all nations" are going to be affected by this shaking.

Not only will all nations be affected, but all kings are going to be affected. Listen: "And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains." (Rev. 6:15). Listen again: "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." (Ps. 2:2, 9). I tell you, beloved, when God shakes this world again, all nations and likewise all kings are going to be affected.

The anti-Christ is also going to be affected by this shaking of the earth. You can talk today about the dictatorships of the world. Some of these days there is going to come a dictator in this world that will far exceed all the dictators this world has ever known anything about. Stalin, Hitler, Mussolini, and all other dictators won't be a drop in the bucket in comparison with the anti-Christ. When that time comes that God shakes this world, it is going to greatly affect the anti-Christ, for his power will then be broken. Listen: "And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." (Rev. 19:19, 20).

You ask as to who is going to be affected when God shakes this world. All the kings of this earth, all nations, the anti-Christ, and, beloved, all realms are going to be affected. The social realm, the political realm, the commercial realm, the religious realm—every realm you can imagine will be affected and brought to nought as far as this world is concerned.

Even the heavens themselves shall be affected. Listen: "For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. Therefore, I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the Lord of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger." (Isa. 13:10, 13).

And even the Devil himself is going to be affected. Listen: "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season." (Rev. 20:1-3). Thank God, beloved, even the Devil is going to be affected when God shakes this world again.

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If it is true, and it is true that God shook this earth once, and as it is prophesied, it shall come to pass that God will yet shake this earth again so that the earth will reel to and fro like a drunkard—since this is true, may I ask a question: What is going to remain when God gets through shaking the heaven and the earth?

I say to you, beloved, above all else, primal, first, last, always,—Jesus Christ will still remain. Listen: "They shall perish; but thou remainest." (Heb. 1:11). Thank God, beloved, when God gets through shaking up rotten politics, when God gets through shaking up rotten businesses, when God gets through shaking up rotten religions, when God gets through shaking this old world—thank God, Jesus Christ is going to remain. It thrills my soul tonight just to know that there is a day coming when the earth is going to be moved, and the waters of the world are going to be moved so that there will be no more sea. It makes me happy to know that all the political life of today which is so nauseating and so disgusting to the true child of God—it makes me happy to know that when God gets through with all this mess, Jesus Christ is going to remain.

But, beloved, what else is going to remain when God gets through shaking this world? Not only will Jesus remain, but this old Book—the Bible—is still going to be here. Men make fun of it, they scoff at it, and yet when God garners all the saved out of this world, and when He gets through shaking this earth, the Bible will still be here. Listen: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." (Matt. 24:35). Men come to me every once in a while and say, "I'm afraid the Bible is soon going to be laid away." A man wrote me from out on the Pacific Coast sometime ago, and said, "I'm afraid the time is coming when modernists are going to be in control." I was talking to a woman a few months ago, and she said, "I believe the time is coming when people in this world are going to look upon the Bible about like we look upon witchcraft today." Oh, no, beloved, I don't believe that. I tell you tonight this Bible is going to remain when all the modernists of this world are gone. When God gets through

shaking this world, and gets out of it all that is wrong, thank God this old Book is still going to be here. I like the words of that little poem which says something to this effect:

"Last eve I stood beside the blacksmith's door
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;
Then looking in, I saw upon the floor
Old hammers worn with beating years of time.

How many anvils have you had, said I,
To wear and batter these hammers so?
Only one, said he, the anvil
Wears the hammers out, you know.

And so, I thought, the anvil of God's Word
For ages skeptics' blows have beat upon,
And though the sound of falling blows was heard,
The anvil is unhurt — the hammers gone."

Thank God, beloved, the Bible is going to remain.

But, beloved, there is something else going to remain. I grant you God is going to shake a lot of immorality and sin loose, but something is going to remain. Jesus is going to remain, this Bible is going to remain, and, beloved, we are going to have a new heaven and a new earth, and it's going to remain so. Listen: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." (Rev. 21:1, 2). Beloved, some of these days, all of God's elect throughout all ages are going to be gathered together in one place, and marvelous will it be when we stand upon a new earth from whence all sin has been removed, in a new heaven to enjoy the presence of God evermore.

I like to think about this. When I was but a child, I didn't like to think of heaven. Whenever I would hear a preacher talk about heaven, all I could see was just a place with streets paved with gold, and with the spires of the buildings ever pointing up into the blue etherial spaces. I was a stranger to that place, and I didn't know anybody there. But, you know, beloved, the years have made a difference, and the days that have passed have changed my outlook, and tonight, heaven looks entirely different to me. It isn't just a place where the cherubim give forth their melodies, but heaven is a place now where I have some friends. I look back across the days gone by, and I see loved ones that have died. I can think of a father and a sister that I have assurance are over there. I can think of friends here and there who, I'm sure, are over there. As I think of those that have died and gone on to the other side, I know that I'm not a stranger over there now.

Every once in a while when I get to feeling so poorly physically, I just say, "Lord, take me on home. I want to be with You, I want to be with my Saviour, I want to be in that city where the angels are, where the redeemed are, and where many of my friends are." I tell you, beloved, when all else

is gone, heaven is still going to remain.

Who would not be glad to have God shake all sin away. What is there in this old world? What is there to interest you? Who wouldn't be glad to have God shake it all away tonight if only it might usher us into an abundant entrance into heaven itself. I tell you, when all else is gone, my Lord will remain; this Bible, my Book of Life, shall remain; my home, my new home, will still remain.

But I'll tell you something else that's going to remain. I wouldn't be honest if I didn't tell you that hell will likewise remain,—a hell that's just as fearful as heaven is beautiful—a hell that's just as terrible as heaven is wonderful—yes, hell is going to remain. Some of the men that have been shaken from high positions in this world—presidencies and royalties—are going to awaken some day in hell.

"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb." (Rev. 6:15, 16). The punishment that begins for sinners in the Tribulation period is only a prelude to that punishment which they shall suffer throughout a never-ending eternity, and hell is going to remain for the man who knows not Jesus Christ.

In view of these facts, I would say to those of you who are saved, if you are a child of God, then you ought to live acceptably before men. Paul says, "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear." (Heb. 12:28). Though this world is going to be moved, and though God is going to shake this earth, thank God, we have a kingdom that cannot be moved. Therefore, let us serve God acceptably with reverence and Godly fear.

Oh, since it is true that God is going to shake this world, how ought each of us to live tonight? We ought to serve Him and be ready when that hour comes.

In view of the fact that this is true, how about the man who knows not Jesus Christ? If God were to shake this world tonight, where would you be? What would be your status tonight? If God were to shake this world tonight, where would you be tomorrow? In view of the fact that some day God will shake this earth, you need to be ready when that hour comes. You need to know Jesus Christ as your Saviour. Oh, may God open your heart and may you receive Him now as your Saviour.

CAN ONE SIN AWAY HIS DAY OF GRACE?

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of the divine Spirit it must be during his existence in time. The Spirit of God does not come to the lost in eternity. It declares that time is the day of salvation, and not eternity! God tells why He will not always strive with man, when He says, "for that He also is flesh." Man does not live always. Man is flesh. He goes back to the earth from this life's existence and never returns to this life, and it is in this life only that a

man can find salvation! According to the divine plan and purpose, sinners are daily having the offer of the Spirit of God made to them, and the offer is good as long as life lasts, but who knows when life will cease? Who knows how life will cease? Who knows just how much longer he or she will be conscious of what is about them even in this life? O sinner, if the Spirit of God is ever to be of any saving benefit to you, it MUST be in this life. You are "flesh," and your days are numbered. God knows what the number of your days and mine is, but we know none of these things. Do not wait till you have crossed the mercy line, for death is that line! I think the passage in Genesis bears this message, and to read the common evangelist's appeal out of it is to be guilty of perverting truth, in my humble judgment.

Our second notice is to Acts 7: 51, 52. This passage has been commonly used to make more effective the Genesis passage, and vice versa, but in the judgment of this poor scribe it is a sad mistake, and a miserable twist of the scriptures. In this passage we read, "Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted?" This passage teaches us three things very clearly and simply: (1) That these men resisted the Holy Ghost. (2) That they did it just like their fathers did. (3) That their fathers did it by persecuting the prophets. Therefore this resisting of the Holy Ghost was not a resisting of His work in personal conviction, but it was a resisting of His work in persecuting the preachers whom God had sent to preach to them! What could be plainer! How can men go so far afield to prove their own petty notions, and especially when to do it means to shut their eyes to the plain truth of scripture! May the Lord have mercy.

Our third notice is to Hebrews 3:4-6. This passage reads, "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost. And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come. If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame." This passage was the chief passage used by the brother already mentioned. It was my first time to hear this passage used to prove that a man could "sin away his day of grace." This passage is in no sense discussing the work of the Holy Spirit in convicting sinners! It is addressed to the saved. It is a very strong passage in defense of the security of the believer. It declares that if it were possible for a man to "fall away" then he could never be saved the second time! The apostle is here meeting the arguments of the apostate teachers of his day, and he meets them all, declaring that the work of Christ is all there is that ever saved a sinner, and if that should fail in a man's salvation then there is no other resort! Now we do not care to further enlarge upon these scriptures as they are plain within themselves as to what they really mean and teach. It is our desire in a closing word to give our readers some plain reasons why we do not believe that God ever convicts a sinner and fails to convert him:

(1)—We believe in the divine omniscience.

Now my dear brother, can you harmonize the false doctrine just treated with the divine omniscience? Does God know all things? In Isaiah 46:9-10 we read, "Remember the former things of old: for I am God and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, MY COUNSEL SHALL STAND, AND I WILL DO ALL MY PLEASURE." Yes, God knows all things, and, according to this passage "declares the end from the beginning." He knows all things, and declares that His counsel "SHALL STAND!" Now if God knows all things, then it naturally follows that before He begins His work of convicting a sinner, He knows whether that sinner will be saved or not, and if He knows that that particular sinner will not be saved, then would it not be to charge God with folly in trying to save a man whom He knew would not be saved! I say to you that the most charitable view I can take is to say that such preaching has little faith in the divine omniscience.

(2)—We believe in the divine omnipotence.

Our paper is too small to take up a great many scriptures in any one discussion, so we here call attention to another passage from Isaiah. It is recorded in Isa. 14:27, and reads, "For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?" Is God all-powerful? If He is He can afford to say what Isa. 14:27 says, but if He is not then He cannot afford to say that. Yes, God is omnipotent, and when He begins a work with any sinner He will finish that work in glory! Thank God for that blessed truth. In Phil. 1:6 the apostle rejoices in a holy confidence as he says, "He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Brother, is conviction for sin a "good work"? Is it not God's very beginning of a good work in the sinner? My faith in the divine omnipotence allows me to believe that God never tried to convict any sinner and had to leave that case in failure! Shame on any Baptist preacher with such a miserably low conception of the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! How could it be said the He "worketh all things after the counsel of his own will" (Eph. 1:11) if He tries to get a sinner saved and fails? It is not so. Is it any wonder that we have so many church-members who cannot be enlisted? They have come in, many of them, under just such a form of evangelism. It is some more of that kind that is spurious and spasmodic! God help us! Now let our readers turn to Romans 8:28-39, and quietly read what is written there: "If God be for us, who can be against us?" is raised in verse 31. Is God for the sinner whom He comes to in conviction? Is He for the sinner whom the Holy Spirit deals with in such a personal way? or is He just "monkeying" with the sinner? Brethren, I believe it would be profitable if all of us would more frequently pray the prayer of the Psalmist when he said, in Psa. 119:66. "Teach me good judgment and knowledge." Just a little "judgment" would help men to a better understanding of the truth than many of us seem to have. May the Lord of mercy, have mer-

cy upon us in our reckless use of His holy Word. Amen.—The Baptist Review, Marion, Ky.

SMALL TOWN GOSSIP

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pecked, was asked if there anything on her back that she not be there. As she stood around he read in black "Daily News." He could not see the chance, and meekly and said, "No ma'am, there is nothing there that does not belong to me."—Ralph E. Stewart.

HIS WITNESSES

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man lay and had offered to the wife in any way he could have had drawn water and carried it until the man was well. He visited all the sick of the town, had offered help in the same way, preaching by his kindly and simple words. When he attended a meeting, four hundred townspeople responded. He spoke personally to 58,000 people and had opened up four since his conversion. White Ship of the Inland Sea.

JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOUR, MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

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