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WHEN THE MASTER-ARTIST UNDERTAKES



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### Jewish Persecutions Some Day To End

"Several days after the Germans entered Kiev I went to Lovovskaya Street. An incessant procession of people was streaming through it, and both sidewalks were lined with German patrols. This human stream kept flowing for three days and three nights without interruption.

"The Germans were driving the Jews to Babyi Yar Gully beyond the city. I also stealthily made my way to that place. I was able to stand the sight I saw there only for ten minutes, and after that everything went black before my eyes.

"The Germans forced people to undress and then methodically gathered their clothes and loaded them on trucks. In separate trucks they put underwear. Then they tore off from naked people — there were men and women among them — rings and watches if they had any, dragged them up shivering from cold or mortal terror at the edge of the gul-

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### God In Human Experience

BASIL MILLER

"You'll go down on the Meganic. Stay on the Titanis. It's the safest boat afloat. They have even made it so it is practically unsinkable, and besides this is its second trip across," said a Scottish friend to C. E. Roberts who had just closed a revival for George Sharpe in Glasgow, Scotland.

The famous Titanic had just made its maiden voyage and was soon sailing for New York City. Coming over, many famous persons had sailed on it, and on the return voyage numerous others had booked passages. It was a novel idea for one to sail on this the newest of ocean liner. The press had ballyhooed it as unsinkable, safer even than Noah's Ark, many had said.

C. E. Roberts and his wife Mae, had made their first trip to England for revival meetings. God had signally blessed their services with many souls being converted.

They were laboring with George

Sharpe, Glasgow, their last meeting before returning to America for their campaigns. By taking the Titanis, the fastest ship afloat, they could give more time to evangelism in the British Isles and still get home early enough for their spring campaigns. Besides, the vessel being the largest ocean liner was equipped with the newest safety devices and instruments which eliminated ship-shock. Hence the voyage would be much easier on them.

Reasoning thus, these Christian workers booked passage on the ship.

They reserved Stateroom 134 on the second deck, a room about in the middle of the ship, where they would miss much of vibration which the end rooms caught.

When their meeting was on with Dr. Sharpe there was a serious coal strike which tied up many vessels as well as other transportation facilities. It became so acute that several ships missed their sailings, and others

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### The Passover Lamb — A Type Of Christ

Carefully read Exodus 12:1-13, 21-23, 46.

1. As Israel's redemption from Egyptian slavery was for them a new beginning, so deliverance from sin is for the believer the first step in real life (vs. 2-2, Cor. 5:17).

2. As Israel's redemption centered in a divinely appointed lamb, so our redemption centers in Christ Jesus the Lamb of God (vs. 3 — John 1:29; 1 Pet. 1:18, 19. Rev. 13:8).

3. As the lamb was selected on the tenth of the month and slain on the fourteenth, so the Lamb of God was foreordained in eternity and manifested in time (vs. 3, 6 — 1 Pet. 1:20).

4. As the lamb was without blemish, so the Lamb of God is absolutely sinless (vs. 5 — Isa. 53:9; 1 Pet. 1:19. Heb. 7:26).

5. As the lamb was slain by the whole assembly of the congregation, so the Lamb of God was crucified by the united will and action of men

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### The Evils of the Mourners Bench

Dear Brother: I have been reading the Examiner for about a year and have enjoyed it very much. At times you have mentioned the heresy of the mourner's bench. Would you please publish in your paper a sermon on this subject? May God bless you in your work. — Harry Bayless, Macedonia, Illinois.

It is heretical talk of an altar of prayer. It is penance instead of repentance to talk of a mourner's bench. There are two words for altar in the New Testament. One refers to the heathen altar spoken of in Acts 17:23. The other is found 23 times in the New Testament. 22 out of the 23 times it is used in the New Testament, it refers to the altar in the temple or in heaven and when the temple veil was rent from top to bottom, everything connected with that altar in the temple was done away with. The only instance in the New Testament where the word altar refers to believers is Heb. 13:10. There it refers to eating. There is not in the New Testament anything that looks like an altar of prayer. All the talk about "an altar of prayer" is Romish and ritualistic.

Because of this, I want to call attention to the evils of the Mourner's Bench.

1. It magnifies a bench or altar instead of magnifying Christ. There isn't an instance in the New Testament of an altar of prayer. The Holy Spirit knew all things and He tells of folks being saved every where except at a mourner's bench.

2. The mourner's bench put mother or wife or a preacher as a mediator between the sinner and Christ. It is as bad as Catholicism. The Bible says there is one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus. The song "Tell Mother I'll be There in Answer to Her Prayer" has damned thousands; because it has led them to go out into eternity depending on mother's prayers to save them instead of depending on Christ. Emotional

women are called upon to pray around the mourner's bench. They insult God by disobeying the Scriptures, when the Bible plainly says that He will not hear those pray, who disobey His Word. Ps. 66:18, 1 John 3:22, Zech. 7:11-13. All so-called conversions, that are worked up by feelings and sob-stuff are spurious. No man is saved except by the truth. "If the truth shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." The meditation of Christ, not the prayers of mothers, is what saves lost sinners. God has respect to Christ and His intercession and to nothing else.

3. The first parable the Master gave was the parable of the sower. The good ground hearer represents those who are saved. He heard and

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### The Sweetest Name Ever Spoken By Man

The sweetest name under Heaven given among men is the Name of Jesus. It means Saviour; and that is why it is so sweet and precious. "For He shall save His people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). The Name of Jesus dispels all fear, it lifts heavy burdens, it puts a song in the heart, it charms us from the world with all the world's deceptive allurements.

"Jesus! the Name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinners ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the pris'ner free;  
His Blood can make the foulest clean,  
His Blood avails for me."

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men,

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### HE GOETH BEFORE

I think it was Dr. Robert E. Speer who told of an experience with his little boy. They were away from home and, of course, must sleep in a strange room and bed. The little fellow wanted his daddy to go to bed with him, and made him promise not to leave him. Along in the middle of the night the little laddie awakened and was frightened by the darkness.

"Daddy," he cried, "Daddy."

His father answered, "Yes, my boy," and reached his hand over to take his boy's in its grasp.

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### The First Baptist Pulpit

#### "The Rainbow Of God's Providence"

"And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud." — Genesis 9:14

Sometime ago I read of an earthquake out west which ruined a fine spring which was considered an invaluable asset to the ranch upon which it was located, as the owner of that ranch depended upon it as an unailing source of supply for the

entire ranch. The owner mourned his loss, feeling that the earthquake had beggared him in that his source of water for man and beast was gone. Yet, on the day following the sinking of the spring, a big gushing oil well came up in its place. Hence, the earthquake, which brought the loss of the spring, in like measure brought the gain of the oil well. That which seemingly, for the time, beg-

gared him, had actually made him indescribably rich.

It is thus with the providences of God. What seems to beggar us many times actually enriches us. Our text takes us back to the days of earth's first clouds and rain. From that time whenever a cloud has come over the earth, the rainbow has always been seen. In every cloud there

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### FIRST THINGS FIRST

A story is told of a colored man who came to a watchmaker and gave him two hands of a clock, saying: "I want you to fix dese han's. Dey jest doan keep no mo' kerec' time for mo' den six munfs." "Where is the clock?" answered the watchmaker. "Out at de house on Injun Creek." "But I must have the clock." "Didn't I tell you dar's nuffin de matter wid de clock 'ceptin' de han's? An' I done brought 'em to you. You jes want de clock so you can tinker wid it an' charge me a big price. Gimme back dem han's."

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## RAMBLING WITH THE EDITOR

Elder R. P. Hallum, Baptist Missionary in Equitos, Peru, orders four issues of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER now each week to give to other missionaries. He says: "We are always glad to get THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. It is the best food we get outside the Bible."

Then there's Brother R. G. Low of Mountain View, Arkansas, who sent us five dollars and ten subscriptions recently. He said: "I enjoy your paper more than any paper I read. I like the way you contend for the faith. We need more preachers like you."

Speaking of those who send us subscriptions, there's Brother G. F. Walden of McLeansboro, Illinois, who continually sends us subscriptions from time to time. In the same mail in which he sent us two new ones, recently, we received a letter from Brother Thomas E. Robinson of Norris City, Illinois, whereby he subscribed for himself and two daughters, saying that he was doing so in view of sample copies that had been given him by Brother Walden. Why can't we have more brethren like R. G. Low, D. L. Brainard, and G. E. Walden who will assist us in getting new readers for our paper?

"The Word And Way" says that a negro church in Kansas City has as its slogan, the following: "Wake up, sing up, preach up, pray up, study up, pay up; but never give up, or let up, or back up, or shut up until the cause of Christ in this church and in the world is built up."

"I would miss the paper so much if I did not get it." This is what Mrs. Anna Dawson of Piketon, Ohio, says about THE BAPTIST EXAMINER when she sends us a gift of five dollars. You will notice she not only praises the paper with her pen, but with her means as well.

"I have come to appreciate the many articles and sermons which you print, very much," so says Charles L. Collum of Shawnee, Oklahoma when he sends us one dollar for his subscription.

Within the past few days we have heard from Brother Wendell Pledger of Jackson, Michigan, who sends us ten new subscriptions to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

We have received ten new subscriptions from Brother Carey E.

Witt of Franklin, Kentucky, in which he says: "Find inclosed remittance of five dollars for the above ten subscriptions and five dollars for the renewal of my own Baptist Examiner for ten years. Also find inclosed fifteen dollars as my gift for the subsidy of our splendid paper." Thank you, Brother Witt, and may your tribe increase.

Brother J. Broadus Henry of Central City, Kentucky, writes: "Will you please send me the name of the Louisiana doctor who discontinued displaying the Western Recorder on account of the new editor's compromise with Dr. Carver? I would like to write him a letter of commendation as I had a somewhat similar experience in that I discontinued my subscription to the Western Recorder after having been a subscriber for a number of years on account of the editorial note by 'L. C. R.' on page 4 of the October 8, 1942 issue, in which 'L. C. R.' defended and white washed Das Kelley Barnett."

J. E. Musgrave, formerly of Amsterdam, Missouri, but now of Concordia, Missouri, not knowing the exact date that his paper expires, sends us a dollar saying that he wants to "make sure it does not expire."

Brother Hollace Combs of Jacksonville, Texas, has been a real blessing to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, having sent us a large number of subscriptions and also having scattered a number of sample copies of the paper. As a result of his efforts, we received a subscription this past week from Harley L. Groom of Cartheage, Tennessee, who says that he received a sample through Brother Combs, and liking the paper, thereby ordered a subscription for himself. May each of you remember that we are always glad to send sample copies of the paper to anyone who will make use of them.

Sister Elma Fisher of Ashland, Kentucky, is another of those fine helpers to the truth who sends us eleven new subscriptions and incloses an extra five dollars by way of a gift. She says: "I believe THE BAPTIST EXAMINER to be the soundest Baptist paper that I know of. I am sure it is doing a great deal of good. May God grant that it shall continue to do so."

We appreciate fine letters and contributions from Dr. K. Moyle of Rifle, Colorado, Lon Bellamy, North Kenova, Ohio, (this is a regular habit that Lon has of writing us and inclosing a good size piece of folding money), and Milton H. Stone of Pasadena, Calif.

Then there's also Mr. and Mrs. Riley Branham of Portsmouth, Ohio, who sent us recently a contribution of five dollars, and in addition, two dollars worth of subscriptions. Blessings on these dear friends who love to see the work of God go on.

## The Evils Of The Mourner's Bench

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understood and received the Word. Men and women whose main stock in trade is dying testimonies and pathetic stories damn many and do not save any. Philip took time to teach the eunuch until he understood the Scripture. That is how men are saved. Understanding the Word is essential to the salvation of any sinner. The average mourner's bench is

a regular babel or bedlam. Even an honest inquirer can not understand anything in a confusion like that.

4. The contention of the mourner's bench crowd is that it takes tears to save. It isn't so. The publican, the thief, the woman at the well, Saul of Tarsus, Matthew and a host of others shed no tears. Faith saves, no tears. Weeping will not save. The water that runs out of a sinner's eyes will no more save him than the waters of baptism.

5. The gospel that saves is a gospel of grace. The gospel of tears is as truly the gospel in water as the Campbellite gospel, which they call the gospel in water. Neither one of them ever did or ever will save a lost sinner.

6. The mourner's bench magnifies seeking Christ instead of receiving Christ. Christ is seeking the sinner. He waits for the sinner to receive. The whole mourner's bench theory is wrong. Christ's work is a finished work and the preacher is Christ's representative, beseeching the sinner to receive Christ. 2 Cor. 5:18-21. What would you think if you had provided a sumptuous feast and announced that all things are ready and invited whosoever will to come and some one should begin to mourn and wail and run around seeking and begging something to eat? The whole mourner's bench system is a slander of the finished work of Christ.

7. The mourner's bench belongs to a gospel of works and has the idea that a man has to seek and do penance and get better and then when he gets good enough, he may finally get the Lord Jesus in the notion of saving Him. It is a gratuitous slander of God's free and abounding grace.

8. The mourner's bench is another gospel from that Paul preached. Gal. 1:6-8, 2 Cor. 11:2-3. Paul preached Christ's finished work; they "plus" the work of Christ with man's prayers and tears and penance and works.

9. The mourner's bench gospel is Arminian and not Pauline.

10. Mourner's bench gospel is wholly a gospel of "confidence in the flesh." The feelings belong to the flesh. Paul "had no confidence in the flesh" but depended wholly on the Spirit, not on feelings.

11. The mourner's bench gospel is no gospel. The gospel is received by faith, not by feeling. Justification is by faith, not by feeling. Sanctification is by faith, not by feeling. Eternal life is received by faith, not by feeling. Pardon is received by faith, not by feeling. The Holy Spirit is received by faith, not by feeling. Sonship is received by faith, not by feeling. The blood of Christ is received by faith, not by feeling. No man would ever know he had the blood except by believing the Word. "Faith come by hearing (not by feeling) and hearing by the Word of God." — Rom. 10:17.

12. The mourner's bench manipulators and the Campbellites are exactly alike in a good many ways. One of the chief ways in which they are alike is that both of them make salvation to depend upon some bodily act. The bodily act the mourner's bench folk depend on is, not baptism like Campbellites, but it is kneeling or shaking hands or beating them in the back or some other bodily act. I have heard them again and again come out in the open and tell those engaged in altar work to get them up and get them to doing something. That makes salvation depend on the activity of the body. Sal-

vation is wholly of the Lord and men are saved by believing with the heart, not by bodily acts.

13. Talking about altars, Catholics have altars, Episcopalians have altars, Methodists have altars, the Masons have altars, the heathen idolaters have altars, Holy Rollers have altars; but there are no altars in New Testament churches. A throne of grace, not an altar of prayer is the Bible form of sound words. All, who speak of an altar of prayer, put works of the flesh somewhere, somehow in the place of the finished work of Christ. Altars belong to ritualists and formalists. They speak the language of Judaism not of Calvary. When Jesus cried "it is finished" and the temple veil was rent from top to bottom everything than an altar typified was fulfilled and done away with. The Book of Hebrews is full of proof of that. The only time an altar is spoken of in New Testament worship is Heb. 13:10. There it is spoken of as a place to eat, not a place to pray. The Lord's Supper represents all altar work as finished and belonging to Old Testament types and shadows. Altar work was a shadow and in Col. 2:13-17 Paul shows all shadows had been done away. Paul plainly says in Heb. 13:10 that all who do altar work have no right to the Lord's table. Altar work belongs to types and shadows and so had to do with the unfinished work of Christ. The Lord's Supper symbolized the finished work of Christ and that meant all altar work was dead.

14. The mourner's bench legalists, like the Baalites in Elijah's day, think that they are heard for their noise. "Cry louder" is their call. Make more fuss. Beat them on the back; perhaps the demons may be driven out that way. God pity such perversions of the gospel of grace.

15. In conclusion, may I give one more testimony to the finished work of my adorable Lord? Preach Jesus and His finished work if you want men saved. The Holy Spirit delights to honor Jesus as we hold Him up. Anywhere that men see and receive Him, they are saved. No sort of manipulations, no altar, no bench, no prayers, no tears, no works, no penance, no church, no ordinance, no hitting the trail, no anything between the soul and Christ. Preach Him and the Spirit will reveal Him. Paul found Him on the road, the thief found Him on the cross, the publican standing in the temple, the woman at the well, Zaccheus up a tree, and Matthew at his business. Take Him, and ignore the mourner's bench and all other works of men.

## FIRST THINGS FIRST

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This mistake of this colored man is the mistake of "Social Service." The negro thought the watch could be fixed by fixing up the outside. That is the vital defect in "Social Service." The right kind of "Social Service" is a by-product of the gospel. It is the fruit of regeneration. The Master's order was "Make The Tree Good And The Fruit Will Be Good."

The "Social Settlement" work of the Louisville Training School and the emphasis put by our W. M. U. sisters upon "Social Service" is a case of trying to get men clean on the inside by cleaning up the outside. The Master's order is "Cleanse First The Inside." Preach the gospel of the cleansing blood of Jesus to lost men and women is the crux of all real mission work. When that

cleans up the hearts of men they will clean up the outside themselves for "out of the heart are the issues of life." Another reason why God prohibits women from being leaders. They get the cart before the horse. They do not put things first.

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(vs. 6 — Acts 4:27, 28).

6. As no bone of the lamb was broken, so no bone of Christ's body was broken (vs. 46 — John 19:36).

7. As it was a slain and not a living lamb that furnished protection for Israel, so it is the death and not the life of Christ that provides the basis of our redemption (vs. 7 — Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:22).

8. As the blood of the lamb was of no avail to protect unless applied to the door, so the blood of Christ of no effect unless applied to our hearts by faith (vs. 7, 23 — John 3:6; 6:53).

9. As the blood applied to the door was the one and only ground of safety for the Israelite, so the blood of Christ applied by faith is the one ground of safety for the believer (vs. 13, 23 — Rom. 5:9).

10. As the blood applied to the door was their only ground of peace, so the blood of Christ applied by faith is the believer's only ground of peace (vs. 13, 23 — Col. 1:20).

11. As the lamb was to be roasted with fire, so Christ endured the fiery wrath of God (vs. 8 — Psalm 22:15, 16; Isa. 53:10; Matt. 27:46).

12. As the lamb provided not only deliverance and safety, but food as well, so Christ is not only our liver, but our spiritual food (vs. 8-10 — John 6:35).

13. As the lamb was to be eaten with unleavened bread, so we may not allow sin in our lives if we would enjoy communion with Christ (vs. 8 — I Cor. 5:7; Psalm 66:15).

14. As they ate the lamb with bitter herbs, a reminder of their former state, so our communion with Christ includes the memory of our former state and why He died for us (vs. 8 — Isa. 53:5; I Pet. 2:24).

15. As they ate the lamb prepared for their journey, so we are not to enjoy communion with Christ, a walk of obedience and service (vs. 11 — Col. 2:6, 7).

— Faith and Works

## HE GOETH BEFORE

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"Daddy, are you here?"

"Yes, my boy!"

"And have you been with me the time, Daddy?"

"Yes, my boy, I have been with all the time."

"Even in the darkness, Daddy?"

"Yes, my boy, even in the darkness."

With a sigh of content the lad dropped off to sleep again, the father lay awake pondering new thought which had come to him. How often I am like my boy, full and afraid of the darkness, life with its unknown terrors. I my frightened cry Heavenward, "ther, are you there?" "Yes, my boy, I'm here." "Even in the darkness?" "Yes, even in the darkness." Then can lie contentedly in His arms, love, and trust.

Fellow Christian, can you His voice even in the darkness? Then you may know that the true Pathfinder is near you, and may follow Him. — The Standard



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# "THE RAINBOW OF GODS PROVIDENCE"

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is a bow. Many times we don't see it because we are not at the proper angle of vision. Yet, the rainbow always appears in the cloud. In like measure when sinister events cast their clouds and shadows over our lives, the rainbow of God's love can always be seen shining through if we can only get to the proper angle of vision.

## I

*Clouds come into the life of each of us.* Just as clouds continually appear in the skies above us, so our lives are continually overcast by clouds. There is not a man whom God ever used in the Old Testament whose life was not exceedingly filled with clouds.

*Jonah stands as a good example.* He experienced the greatest single day's spiritual results of any man in all the Bible. Six hundred thousand people enjoyed physical and spiritual salvation as a result of his preaching. We think of Peter's experience on the day of Pentecost as wonderful wherein three thousand souls were saved, but this was nothing to compare with the results of Jonah's message to the city of Nineveh. However, when Jonah had thus preached and the city had been saved, Jonah feared for his life for he knew that he would suffer at the hands of his own countrymen if ever he were to go back to Israel and let them know that it was the result of his preaching that God had saved the city of Nineveh since Nineveh was the ancient enemy of Israel. Listen to his lamentations:

"But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry. And he prayed unto the Lord, and said, I pray thee, O Lord, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil. Therefore now, O Lord, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live. Then said the Lord, Doest thou well to be angry?"

So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.

And the Lord God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceedingly glad of the gourd.

But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered. And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live." — Jonah 4:1-8.

Look at the many clouds in Jonah's life. It was clouded over with the realization that his life was in danger if ever he were to go home. Then his gourd which sheltered him from the sun, withered. The sun mercilessly poured its rays upon him, while God sent a vehement east wind. It is no wonder that with all these clouds in his life, Jonah said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

Then there's Joseph whose life was likewise over-cast with many clouds. He was hated by his brothers, placed in a pit, left to starvation there, sold

to the Ishmaelites, resold as a slave in Egypt, lied upon by his master's wife, and was finally placed in a dungeon for two years' time. There is an old adage which says, "Where there's so much smoke, there's bound to be a little fire." There was plenty of smoke in Joseph's life. Even a woman held his garment that he had fled from, and with a Satanic tongue cast accusations unfairly and unjustly and falsely upon Joseph. There was plenty of smoke, but not one ember of fire. Certainly the clouds descended low over him.

Then there's Jeremiah who was placed in a mirey pit because his preaching offended the king. They left him there to die as he sank into the mirey clay. Finally, Ebed-Melech, a negro, lowered him some old cast clouds to place under his arms in order that it might not tear his skin in lifting him out of this pit. With these placed under his arms, and with the aid of a rope, Jeremiah was pulled up out of the pit, though he almost perished therein ere being rescued. I imagine that Jeremiah practically despaired of life when the clouds thus hung over him.

Then there's Daniel who, because of his stand for what he knew was the will of God, was placed in the lion's den. Yet God gave those lions lock-jaw that night so that they did not hurt him. God protected him, yet it was a cloudy day so far as Daniel was concerned. No one could doubt that the clouds descended and hovered about him.

There were plenty of clouds that came in the life of Paul. From the beginning of his ministry to its end, this was true. Observe one of his experiences in particular. On his fourth missionary tour, he was on his way to Rome when the vessel on which he was sailing, encountered a terrible storm. Listen to Paul's description of it:

"And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away." — Acts 27:20.

Paul himself declares that these were sunless days and starless nights. Many of us have had the same. There may be some lonely soul — some aching heart here this morning who may be passing now through a period of sunless days and starless nights. If so, remember that this was Paul's experience and that it was the experience of every man whom God ever used in both the Old and New Testament. Through the ages, clouds have continually come into the lives of God's people.

## II

While it is true that clouds come into the life of each of us, our text also makes the revelation that the cloud is of God's appointment. Listen: "When I bring a cloud over the earth." There never has been a cloud appear in the sky above us but what God was responsible for it, and there never has been a cloud come into your life nor mine but what it was according to the appointment of God.

We have a good illustration of this growing out of the life of Jesus. Listen:

"And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him." — John 9:1-3.

Here was a man who had been born blind. The disciples philosophi-

zed as to his condition. They argued that his blindness was because of the sin of his parents or because of his own sin. Jesus declared that they were wrong in every particular, and said that his blindness was in order "that the works of God should be made manifest." Here was a man then who had never seen the light of day. All of his life had been one of blindness. All of his life had been one of continual and perpetual clouds. Yet, these clouds of blindness through all his days, had been of God's appointment.

Job stands as a classic example of suffering — of one into whose life many clouds came. He lost his prosperity; his children were taken from him by a terrible tempest; his wife forsook him; his friends deserted him; and his morale was broken. He even went so far in the loss of morale, that through his suffering he longed for death. Listen:

"Why did I not from the womb? why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?" — Job 3:11.

Yet all this was of God's appointment, for God said to Satan, "Thou movest me against him." (Job 2:3). There was not a sorrow then that came into Job's life but what was appointed of God.

That which was true of the man born blind, and that which was true of Job, is true of every child of God, — the clouds are always of God's appointment. It is often said that each of us is the architect of his own soul. There may be a limited sense whereby this is true. Yet, in a more complete manner, it is true that God is the architect back of each of us. Hence, every cloud and every dark experience which has come to us has come through God's appointment. Listen:

"And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it." — Jeremiah 18:4.

## III

If it be of interest to notice that the clouds which come into each of our lives are of God's appointment, then it is even more interesting to notice that the God who brings the clouds also puts a rainbow in every cloud. Listen to our text:

"And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud." — Genesis 9:14.

In every rainbow, though there are multiplied thousands of tints and shades and hues, there are only a few actual colors. Scientists tell us that while there are thirty odd thousand and possible tints and shades from these colors in the rainbow, that there are actually only seven real colors. I have a conviction that God's rainbow which shines in every cloud, is colored with seven great truths based upon His Word.

First of all, God's rainbow which shines in every cloud in our lives, is colored by His promise of a safe retreat. Listen.

"And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." — Isaiah 32:2.

Many of us do not seek Him amid the world's bright sunshine and in uninterrupted prosperity. However, when clouds gather, it is then that we cry for the Rock. The Psalmist says:

"From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock

that is higher than I." — Psalm 61:2.

How we rejoice that when each cloud comes over us, there is the rainbow of God's promise which shines through and which is colored with this blessed truth that there is a safe retreat in Him for us.

"From every stormy wind that blows From every swelling tide of woes There is a calm, a sure retreat — 'Tis found beneath the mercy seat."

In the second place, God's rainbow which shines in every cloud which comes into your life and mine, is colored by His knowledge of our sorrows. There are no sorrows which come apart from His knowledge. There is never a grief that has been our lot but what He has known all about it. As the Lord spoke to Moses when He called him at the burning bush, He said:

"I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows." — Exodus 3:7.

I remember reading several years ago of a bridge that was being built across some stream. They had built from each side of the stream, and were just ready to put in the missing link, making the bridge complete.

When the center span was swung into space, it was found that it fell short about two inches. Apparently the architect had made a mistake for no human ingenuity could bridge the gap of two inches in the middle of the stream. When the designer was appraised of this which seemed to be a fatal error on his part, he sent back a simple common place, nonchalant answer, "Wait until tomorrow noon." By noon the next day the sun had expanded the metal until every piece came together perfectly. The architect thus knew.

It is thus that the Great Designer and Architect of our lives knows what He is about. All the sorrows that come to us are of His knowledge and every time that a cloud comes into our lives, God's rainbow is colored with His knowledge of these sorrows.

"Sometimes I feel I'm all alone, Forsaken and forgot; Sometimes I think that no one cares, What e'er may be my lot. But I'm mistaken, up in heaven, Is One Who cares for me, He watches o'er me day and night, His eye my need doeth see."

In the third place, God's rainbow which shines through every cloud is colored by His promise to deliver. Here are two remarkable Scriptures telling us how God delivers His own:

"Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." — Psalms 50:15.

"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the Godly." — 2 Peter 2:9.

It was indeed a dark day when Moses lead the Children of Israel through the wilderness toward the Red Sea. Here was an impassable barrier with this mighty body of water before them. Behind them was the formidable foe of the army of Pharaoh. They could not go forward and neither could they go backward. All they could do was stand and suffer and die. Yet they neither suffered nor died, for God opened a path through the Sea and they were delivered by the direct hand of God.

How marvelous it is then that every cloud which comes into our lives has God's rainbow shining through and that rainbow is colored with His promise to deliver.

In the fourth place, God's rainbow shining through every one of our clouds is colored with the promise that He will never forsake us.

"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." — Heb. 13:5,6.

Sorrows have come into your life and mine. Other sorrows will come as the days pass by. In view of His promise that He will never forsake us, then how boldly we can say, "I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

It is interesting to notice that while the sun beat upon Jonah's head and he was troubled with a vehement east wind, and his gourd withered — it is interesting to notice that the God who gave the gourd still remained. Regardless of what troubles come to us, we know that God is, and that He has promised never to forsake us.

There were many troubles and sorrows which came in Paul's life which almost broke his heart. As his life was brought to a close, he wrote to Timothy. He himself was in jail awaiting death. He realized that false teachers were rising. Demas had already forsaken him. Crescens had gone to Galatia. Titus had left him and had gone into Dalmatia. He himself was suffering with the cold of his Roman prison, so that he asked Timothy to bring him a cloak. Those who had been his friends all along had fallen by the wayside. He said of this, "No man stood with me, but all men forsook me." (2 Tim. 4:16). Though all these sorrows had piled up in Paul's life one by one, he is strengthened with the fact that the Lord has never forsaken him. Though it grieved him to see others turning from the gospel, and though the loss of his friends, Demas, Titus, and Crescens grieved him, still he could say: "Notwithstanding the Lord stood with, and strengthened me." — 2 Tim. 4:17.

Have you ever noticed the simplest illustration that Jesus ever gave in the Bible. On one occasion He said: "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father." — Matt. 10:29.

Still later He declared: "Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?" — Luke 12:6.

The sparrow — Jesus' simple illustration — was a common article of diet in Palestine. It was so cheap you could buy two sparrows for one farthing, and if a purchaser would buy an extra farthing's worth, the seller would throw in an extra sparrow for good measure. Yet that little sparrow which was considered of but little consequence to both buyer and seller, was unforgotten before God. It could not cease in its flight nor flutter for a single instant and then fall to the ground without the great Father taking notice of it. Have you ever learned this lesson of "sparrow mathematics?" To be sure it isn't learned in school such as one learns algebra, geometry, and other principles of mathematics. It is to be learned in the school of God wherein we find that God's rainbow which shines in every cloud which comes into our lives is colored with His promise that He will never forsake us. Regardless of our experience, He remains.

"Be still, sad heart, and cease repining, Behind the clouds the sun is still."



shining."

In the fifth place, God's rainbow is colored with His promise of strength for today. It is amazing that while God gives us strength for our lives, in no place does He ever promise us strength for more than a day. Listen:

"And as thy days, so shall thy strength be." — Deut. 33:25.

It is just like the children of Israel gathering manna. They could gather enough for one day only. God fed this host of the Jews numbering almost three million, daily for forty years. He lead them, He directed them, He clothed them, He gave them water, and He gave them food. He did this for forty years, and yet He only did it on a day by day basis. Truly Israel could say that they were living from hand to mouth — that is, from God's hand to Israel's mouth.

Well, God can provide strength for us day by day in just that manner.

Did you ever notice that God does not send the bow before He sends the cloud? Instead, the cloud comes first and the bow is visible. It is thus that He provides strength for us each day. He gives us the day, He gives us the need, and then He gives us the strength with which to meet it. As the poet has said:

"It's just like Him to take my sins away,  
It's just like Him to keep me day by day,  
It's just like His great love."

In the sixth place, God's rainbow is colored with His promise that mourning shall end. Listen:

"Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended." — Isa. 60:20.

Here's a promise which primarily was given to the Jews, yet it is just as applicable for Gentiles.

Life is but one vale of tears after another. Have you ever noticed how that Adam went weeping from his paradise and the we in turn go weeping toward ours. We are but pilgrims of grief. However, our tears are numbered and mourning shall have an end. It may be that there is some one here today who sighs,

"Oh for the touch of a vanished hand  
And for the sound of a voice that's still."

It may be that there is some one who looks at the garments formerly worn by a departed loved one, and the tears flow fast and free. It may be that when you pick up a package of letters as a reminder of the days gone by, that your tears rain down over them. Thank God there is a promise for these who mourn that mourning shall end. Listen:

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." — Rev. 7:17.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." — Rev. 21:4.

"There will be no more tears  
Within the pearly gates of the heavenly home;

No conflicts, griefs, or cares;  
No wandering hearts to roam.

"There will be no more tears."

In the seventh place, God's rainbow is colored with His everlasting love. Very few things in this life

are enduring. Our houses, our homes, our friends, our health and our bodies are but fleeting and temporal, yet God's love is everlasting. This everlasting love casts a sheen over all the rainbow. Listen:

"Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love." — Jer. 31:3.

"But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him." — Psa. 103:17.

I have said that in every rainbow there are seven colors and that God's rainbow is thus colored. What wonderful colors they are! Let me repeat them: This rainbow is colored first by His promise of a safe retreat. Second, this rainbow is colored by His knowledge of sorrows. Third, by His promise to deliver. Fourth, His rainbow is colored with the promise that He will never forsake us. In the fifth place, God's rainbow is colored with His promise of strength for today. Sixth, it is colored by His promise that mourning shall end. Seventh, this rainbow is colored with His everlasting love.

#### IV

Finally, the Word of God reveals to us the completed rainbow. "And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald." Rev. 4:3.

You never saw a rainbow like that. You have never seen but half a bow — just one reaching from horizon to horizon, but now around God's throne we find the rainbow as a complete circle.

All this would but tell us one grand truth that here we have only been able to understand half of God's providences, but then, when we stand before God's throne, we will understand it all. When the mist and film and doubt and fear are all wiped away, we will understand God's providences fully.

I like the experience of Jacob, for it is so much like my own. He had many sorrows. His beloved Rachel died, Joseph was sold into Egypt as a slave, and Simeon was held captive. The sons returned from Egypt to report that the price of bread had raised and that it was needless to return unless Benjamin accompanied them. Thinking of all of these sorrows, Jacob said:

"Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me." — Genesis 42:36.

Yet, what he said was not true. The boys returned from Egypt and Jacob learned that his sorrows were only imaginary. He journeyed down into Egypt and there learned the whole story. It never was true that "Joseph was not." It never was true that "Simeon was not." It never was true that "all these things are against me."

Sometime, like Jacob, we too will learn the sequel to life's distresses, disappointments, privations and painful experiences. Then it is that we will understand fully the truth of Paul's words when he said: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." — Romans 8:28.

"Not now, but in the coming years,  
It may be in the better land,  
We'll read the meaning of our tears,  
And there, sometime, we'll understand.

We'll catch the broken thread again,  
And finish what we here began;  
Heav'n will the mysteries explain,  
And then, ah, then, we'll understand

We'll know why the clouds instead of sun

Were over many a cherished plan;  
Why song has ceased when scarce begun;

'Tis there, sometime, we'll understand.

Why what we long for most of all,  
Eludes so oft our eager hand;

Why hopes are crushed and castles fall,

Up there, sometime, we'll understand.

God knows the way, He holds the key,

He guides us with unerring hand;  
Sometime with tearless eyes we'll see

Yes, there, up there, we'll understand.

Then trust in God thro' all thy days;  
Fear not, for He doth hold thy hand:

Tho' dark thy way, still sing and praise, . . .

Sometime, sometime, we'll understand.

And this rainbow which we see around God's throne is not only unusual in that it is a complete circle, but it is likewise unusual in its color. It is the color of an emerald — green — the color of beauty and rest, which would tell us that heaven will be a place of perfect beauty and perfect rest.

Every student of art knows that actually there are only three primal colors, — blue, yellow and red. The other four colors of the rainbow are but mixtures. Now notice, if you will mix yellow and blue the result will be green. Of the three primal colors, the blue and yellow thus blend into green. Red, the third of the primal colors, is absent from this completed rainbow. Red — the color of suffering and sorrow, is absent, which would tell us that no sorrow can enter the gates of pearl.

All this being true, I am definitely reminded that:

#### HE LEADETH ME

"In pastures green? Not always;  
sometimes He

Who knoweth best, in kindness leadeth me

In weary ways where heavy shadows be.

Out of the sunshine, warm and soft and bright

Out of the sunshine into darkest night

I oft would faint with sorrow and afright.

Only for this — I know He holds my hand.

So whether in the green or desert land,

I trust, although I may not understand.

So, whether on the hilltops high and fair

I dwell, or in the sunless valleys where

The shadows lie — what matter?  
He is there!

Where'er He leads me I can safely go;

And in the blest hereafter I shall know

Why in His wisdom He hath lead me so."

## The Sweetest Name Ever Spoken By Man

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whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12).

And when the soul is in distress and the body in pain, to whom shall we go? When father and mother and friends forsake; when hopes are

crushed, and life is a burden, to whom shall we go? The Apostle

Peter said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life" (John 6:33). And then in the words of the Psalmist we cry:

"Whom have I in Heaven but Thee?"

And there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee. My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever" (Ps. 73:25,26).

"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name" (John 1:1,12).

"Your lofty themes ye mortals bring,  
In songs of praise Divinely sing;  
The great salvation loud proclaim,  
And shout for joy, the Saviour's Name."

The Name of Jesus speaks peace to the drooping spirit. It is the very breath of love from Heaven. It bids anxiety cease. It is a challenge to death. It is as eagles' wings to souls weary of earth longing for home. It is faith, hope, and love in one. It bids temptations and the devil flee. Ah! how it soothes the aching heart! It is healing balm for all life's ills.

"There is a Name I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth;  
It sounds like music to mine ear,  
The sweetest Name on earth.

It tells of One, whose loving heart,  
Can feel deepest woe;

Who in each sorrows bears a part,  
That none can bear below."

Oh, sing it, speak it, write it, breathe it! When the enemy comes raging, or when he comes pussy-footing.

Meet him with the precious Name of Jesus. He is the Saviour indeed. There is wonderful power in that Name. There is sweet and blessed comfort in it.

What a privilege and a joy to lie at His feet and look up into His eyes of compassion and love, and hear falling from His lips the wonderful words of life! The fullest meaning of that wonderful Name cannot be expressed in words of human tongue. But in the ages of eternity we shall have words to express our praise and gratitude to God, in Heaven's own language, for "the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Jesus Christ" (Eph. 2:7).

"His Name dispels my guilt and fear,  
No other name but Jesus;

Oh! how my soul delights to hear,  
The charming Name of Jesus.

Sweetest note in seraph song,  
Sweetest Name on mortal tongue;

Sweetest carol ever sung,  
Jesus, blessed Jesus."

— Church of Christ Advocate

## GOD IN HUMAN EXPERIENCE

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coaled as various ports where the strike was not so serious.

Closing their revival they made it a matter of prayer as to their return voyage to America. Their revivals in the States were already slated and without delaying too long, the Titanic would barely get them to America in time for their first spring meeting.

When the Titanic could not coal, they went to the steamship offices and inquired about other vessels on which they might book passage.

"If you can't wait for the Titanic, you can take the Meganic which is

sailing shortly from Liverpool," said the official.

After reasoning it through (they thought), they decided to change their bookings.

They rushed to Liverpool and sailed on the Meganic.

Strange things took place with the heralded as unsinkable, Titanic. The massive ship of 46,328 tons, struck an iceberg in mid Atlantic the night of April 14, 1912. That had been night of ship reveling, dancing until midnight, drinking and unbridled display of lust. When the shock came, passengers rushed on deck in a wild effort to board a lifeboat.

The great tragedy of the sea had ended them — there were not enough lifeboats!

The incident needs no repeating for the press and pulpit have told over and over again.

Fifteen hundred and thirteen lives were lost, but Ed and Mae Roberts were not among them! For God through prayer had directed them to change boats.

Mae had written her mother that she were sailing on the Titanic and she would soon meet her in Boston, and on the ship's list of passengers there was a Mae Roberts who went down, but not Mae Taylor Roberts!

When the Meganic arrived in Boston they were confronted with the news of the Titanic's tragic end.

Two humble Christian workers knelt on shipboard and thanked God for His directive power.

— Christian Life

## Jewish Persecutions Some Day To End

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ley and shot them.

"The Germans did not spend any bullets on little children but simply hurled them alive into the gulley."

"Those who were awaiting their turn stood silently or sang or even laughed. I could see that the whole thing lasted three days."

"All these whom the Germans yet did not drive to their death knew what was in store for them. Old men put on mourning clothes and gathered in their homes for prayer, then went out to Lovovskaya Street. Invalids were supported by others, and some were even carried."

"All of them were killed." — New York Sun.

Thus through the Tass News Agency, this horrible atrocity reached America. Yet this bestial story could be repeated dozens of times. There is, thank God, a better day coming for Israel. Listen:

"The spirit of the Lord is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

"To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

"To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified." — Isaiah 61:1-3.

That day will not come though until Jesus is received by the nation who rejected Him. May that day speedily come.