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

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

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These Things Are Definitely A Call To Real Prayer

By GORDON WATT

The demand of our day is very distinct and urgent. It is for a spiritual force, which will enable the Christian warrior effectively to antagonize adverse powers, as they seek, at each point of conflict, to hinder through him the accomplishment of the Divine plan of redemption.

What can supply that demand, in the greatest possible measure, is prayer. To know how to use all that is implied in that is to bring on to the battlefield an irresistible power.

Much has been written on this subject, but the great text-book of prayer is the Word of God. It shows men at prayer in different surroundings, under varied conditions, faced by strong difficulties, yet triumphant.

Think of Abraham pleading for the cities of the plain (Gen. xviii.); of Moses at Rephidim (Ex. xvii.); of Joshua before Ai (Josh. vii.); of Daniel in Babylon (Dan. ix.); of the disciples in Jerusalem (Acts iv.); of Paul in Rome (Eph. iii.).

Demands were made upon their spirit, their faith, their courage, which drove them to God.

Need created within them the prayer sense, which could find rest only at the throne of God. Revealed to them by the Spirit of God was the fact of peril. Burned into them, this feeling of danger forced out of their beings, in red-hot earnestness, the spirit of prayer, and its answers were great and far-reaching.

THAT WE ARE UP AGAINST ALTOGETHER NEW CONDITIONS IN SPIRITUAL CONCERNS IS APPARENT TO ALL.

It is nothing short of folly to shut our eyes to the developments of evil in the spiritual realm, of which in the past we have scarcely known anything. Forces, inspired and directed by Satan, are at work in the most subtle manner, and the Captain of the Lord's host is bidding us rally to His side in a great conflict.

Prayer is the God-given means of waging war against those powers of evil which are pressing in upon the Church of God to silence her witness, defeat her aims, and hinder her translation; and it is the consciousness of need in this struggle which constitutes the call to prayer. The need of today has two sides.

I. The Darkness of the Situation.

Look at it in relation to the world.

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BLESSED ASSURANCE

A Negro, carrying a bag of potatoes on his back, was asked by a skeptic: "How do you know you are saved?"

The Negro took a few steps and then dropped the bag. Then he said:

"How do I know I have dropped the bag? I have not looked around."

"No," replied the man. "You (Continued On Page Three)



The Voice of God Is Never Hushed at Cumberland Falls, Kentucky.

What Has Become Of Feminine Modesty?

Thirty-five years ago a company of discreet and noble women, in the interests of modesty, went to our street car company officials and asked that the car steps be lowered so that unnecessary exposure of women's ankles would be avoided. Those were the days when public sentiment rose against the practice, just beginning in the business world, of having girls work in private offices as stenographers for business men. Think of it! Girls working with men in private rooms.

What has happened since then? Girls parade the streets in whistle-provoking outfits; they waddle along in slacks that pull tight across the rear, making themselves the center of male attraction; they wear tight sweaters, galvanizing men's eyes on their figures. They smoke cigarettes from morning till night; they stand and drink at the same bars with men; their conversation is loud, ribald and unrefined; they swear as fluently as any low-down sinner and tell stories

that could bring the blush of shame to many.

Girls accost men on the streets, picking up a date; they have become aggressive in leading men into sin. Gangs of girl hoodlums are not uncommon on the streets of our larger cities. What has produced this liquor-drinking, nicotine-dazed, foul-mouthed, sexy-dressed, brazen, aggressive type of woman?

God's Word commands women to be dressed in MODEST apparel (I Tim. 2:9) and to wear the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit (I Pet. 3:4), "which is in the sight of God of great price."

WOMEN HAVE LOST THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACE. God made man to face the public and the world; women were made to be shielded in the home and to be protected by the chivalry of men. The home is woman's greatest sphere of service, as well as the castle of her protection. God's Word tells women to be "sober, to love their husbands, to love their children (and that would most certainly mean to look after

their children's welfare), to be discreet, chaste, diligent at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the Word of God be not blasphemed." (Titus 2:4, 5). Because our women have gone into men's sphere in industry, our homes and the virtue of our women suffer. We have left the Divine order that MAN is to provide for his own, and make the living by the sweat of his brow. MAN is to fight our wars: "Males . . . from twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war." (Num. 1:2, 3). Woman is to guide the house, bear children and bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. WHENEVER MANKIND DEPARTS FROM GOD'S STANDARDS, CHAOS FOLLOWS. MAN'S DEGENERACY IS ALSO FAR ADVANCED.

Woman is not alone in her departure from God's standards of refinement, chastity, purity, and faith. It just shocks us more to see a drunken woman in public, (Continued On Page Three)

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"THE ATOMIC BOMB"

(A message delivered by D. B. Eastep in Calvary Baptist Church, Covington, Ky., Sunday night, August 13, 1945.)

For our Scripture reading this evening we shall read the third chapter of Second Peter. If you have your Bible or Testament you may follow me as I read this great chapter:

"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you: in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

"Knowing this first, there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts.

"And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

"For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

"Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

"But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that

all should come to repentance.

"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.

"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

"Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

"Nevertheless, we according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

"Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye (Continued on page three)

BIBLE ARITHMETIC

Someone with a mathematical turn of mind has compiled from the Bible the following rules for practical Christian arithmetic.

Notation: "I will put my laws into their mind and write them into their hearts."—Heb. 8:10.

Numeration: "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."—Ps. 90:12.

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Mused Uncle Mose

Dat young pahson do mighty good preachin'; but ef'n he evah git to thinkin' he do as well as he do, he ruint sho'.

A CALL TO PRAYER

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What is the predominant feature in its life—Helplessness, absolute and universal.

In no nation is there a leader of outstanding ability able to cope with and solve the problems of unprecedented difficulty.

It seems as if we were in the shadow of what is foretold in Rev. xvi. 13-15, where the governing bodies of earth are interfered with by the unseen powers of darkness.

Behind the chaos and confusion in which the nations of the earth are wallowing, can be seen the plan of Satan, namely, to break down all human government, creating a world-wide condition of things which will make possible the manifestation of his representative.

The world is rushing on towards the Niagara of satanic domination.

What then is the claim of God upon the prayer-warrior? It is not to accept any fatalistic position that, because evils are prophetically revealed as certain, it is therefore needless to oppose them.

That is to allow the prince of evil to have his way. Rather it is to remember the meaning of Calvary, and translate it into the most determined action on the battlefield.

It is in this sense that prayer must be considered as a warfare. Prayer is really opposing a great spiritual force to the onslaught of evil, and asking God to put into operation the work done by His Son on the Cross, which was not only the redemption of man, but the defeat of the prince of this world.

Therefore, the responsibility of the Christian is to stand, in prayer, on the ground of Christ's finished work at Calvary, and withstand the plans and powers of the evil one, preventing them reaching fruition, until the hour strikes for the Lord to say to him, "Come up hither."

We are in a confused world, driven on by evil powers; but we are in it to claim that Christ shall have His way, and that the will of God shall be done.

That marks out the line of conflict. Now, prayer is our weapon with which to rally to the side of the Lord. And just as the defectiveness of human governments is leading up to the reve-

Hallelujah
What A Savior!

"Man of Sorrows," what a name
For the Son of God Who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing
rude,
In my place condemned He
stood;
Sealed my pardon with His
blood;
Hallelujah, what a Savior!



Guilty, vile and helpless, we;
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
"Full Atonement!" Can it be?
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die,
"It is finished," was His cry;
Now in heav'n exalted high;
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious
King,
All His ransomed home to
bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

lation of the man of sin, so effectiveness in prayer-warfare is preparing the way for the coming of Christ, and the establishment of His millennial government over the whole earth.

The one fact which, amid this confusion, stands out clear as a star, is that "the despotisms, the empires, the forces that control and govern this dark world" (Weymouth) are going out, even though for a time they may seem to triumph, and the empire of the Son of God is coming in. That is a call to prayer.

The condition of the Church is extremely perilous. We are in a perfect landslide of apostasy from the faith once delivered to the saints.

It is not, I think, untrue to say that the Church is losing ground in every direction, and her appeals for financial support are pathetic.

Nothing is to be gained from hiding the truth, or refusing to look at facts.

A challenge is being flung in her face by the great enemy of God and man.

As you read your Bibles you can see how this evil personality has challenged God at every step, and frequently spoiled His plan, or delayed the fulfillment of His purposes. What is that challenge?

He challenges the right of God to the obedience of the will of man, and the right of the Lord Jesus Christ to the throne of the world.

The black trail of the serpent can be seen throughout the Holy Scriptures in sin and rebellion, in the Fall of man, in the age before the Flood, in the bondage of Egypt, in Israel's failure and captivity, and in the rejection of the Son of God.

It is seen in the history of the Church (in Rev. ii. and iii.) as she is dragged from her high place in Ephesus through the darkness of Paganism, the corruptions of Romanism, and the influences of materialism, down to that point in the present Laodicean age, when the Lord will have to say to her, "I will spew thee out of My mouth."

And, today, it is impossible to be blind to those facts which prove the controlling power of Satan over men; God's day desecrated; His House forsaken; His Book dishonored; His Commandments broken; His Warnings disregarded; His Promises scorned; and His Son despised and rejected. These things are a call to prayer.

In every quarter we are up against the challenge of the devil; and the Church to a great extent

confesses her helplessness to meet it.

She is at a loss to know how to stem the current of apostasy, and break through the insensibility to sin which is one of the saddest and most alarming features of present-day life. She is baffled in her attempts to recover her lost position of authority and meet the clamant needs in her work. And each member of the Church is called by these tremendous facts to enter into this prayer-warfare, that the forces of evil may be beaten back and the Church set free for her God-appointed work.

That can be done. For, let us never forget, a weapon has been provided for her against which nothing can stand.

It is the finished work of Christ on the Cross. That she must thrust, with all boldness, into the vision of men, let the Church only summon up courage to be true to her Divine mission, proclaiming once more the message of the Cross with fearless faith, throughout the world, and she will know that the victory won by it is real.

Satan Challenged With Calvary's Finished Work.

That message embraces not only the pardon of sin, and the deliverance of the believer from its power, but also the indisputable fact that Satan, the challenger of God and the hinderer of the Church, has been judged and defeated.

Christ Jesus has died, not only to take away sin and give the individual believer conscious joy in freedom from its enthrallment, but His death has expelled the prince of this world from its sovereignty, and stripped him of his powers.

The Church requires to have burnt into her soul the truth that the devil is a conquered foe. In the victory of Christ over him on Calvary, is to be found the ground on which she can by faith stand to resist him and drive back his powers, for the accomplishment of her work in the deliverance of sinners and saints.

These, then, are needs to the existence of which it is useless to shut our eyes.

God Is Calling For Intercessors

The world is in a state of confusion. Individual life is beset with perils of the most terrible kind. The Church is faced with tremendous difficulties. God is calling for intercessors who will stand in the gap, daring to oppose, with unflinching purpose, the evils which abound, and with unshaken faith in the victory of the atoning sacrifice of our Redeemer will bring that to bear

upon the spiritual situation.

The supreme power on the battlefield today is the prayer which wages war upon the rulers of darkness.

In the world it is the prayer-warriors of God who are controlling events and men. The Church may yet triumph, and hasten the dawning of earth's glad morning, if, here and there, led by the Spirit of God, there are those who will co-operate with Him in the fight, through the weapon of prayer.

There is, however, another side to the present need which must not be overlooked, namely:

II. The Hopefulness of the Hour.

What is there to inspire us in the work of prayer-warfare?

Christ seeks witnesses to the fact and force of Calvary. A witness must have personal experience of the delivering power of the Cross. Then he will make that experience tell.

What will change things in the Church, and defeat the world-rulers of darkness in every nation is the life of God manifested by His children. The passion of Christ over His world is at once the call to enter into union with Him in His death, and the command to take our places among those who believe that prayer can win the day.

The Vision of the Coming Kingdom is a call for prayer.

We can pray it in. Prayer can beat back the armies of the evil one, by which he seeks to block the way to the translation of the Church and the return of the Lord.

The Son of God reigns in the presence of His Father. He reigns in the heavenly realms. He is reigning in each surrendering heart, and He is coming again to reign on earth.

Then, but not till then, will the world be "a safe place for democracy." And prayer can hasten that great event.

Revivals create a spirit of aggressive prayer. The past is an encouragement for the present. There is a throb of hope among the children of God. The expectation of coming victory fills many hearts. There are movings among men which only the Spirit of God can produce; and they whisper to hearts, awake with hopefulness, that "the night is far spent, the day is at hand."

God's Prayer Call Is to YOU!

Earth needs you in a real prayer-warfare. God calls you to it. To "wrestle and fight and pray" is the greatest work in which you can be engaged. It is the most necessary.

—The Standard Bearer.

BR'ER MOSE
PREACHING

Keep up de prayin', brethren,
De powers ob Hell am loose,
Ole Satan's cotchin' white folks,
An' niggers in his noose.

Ef you've been hookin' chickens,
De debbel's got a pull,
Yo' won't come nigh to glory,
Wid feathers in yo' wool.

St. Peter's been a'watchin',
Yo' capers here and there,
Down on yo' knees, poor sinners,
An' bust yo're hearts in prayer.

I hear dem loud hosannas,
I sees dem white robed saint,
Salvation's free, my brethren,
But this here preachin' aint.

Yo' pore ole hard shell niggers,
Wha' fo' you want to wait?
Now, jine in hallelujahs,
While Sam Jones pas de plate.

(This is doubtlessly the latest picture we have of Uncle Mose.)



THE ATOMIC BOMB

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for such things, be diligent that ye be found of him in peace, without and blameless.

And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our loved brother Paul also according to wisdom given unto him hath written you;

As also in all his epistles, speaking of these things; in which are things hard to be understood, which that are unlearned and unstable as they do also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction.

Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and ever. Amen."

It has been two weeks since I have been in this pulpit, but in these two weeks world-shaking world-shaping events have taken place. We are living in a different world from the one in which we lived two weeks ago. I did not any of us think that world-changing events could take place during a fortnight. I refer to the Atomic Bomb and what its appearance has done to change the future look of the world. When the appearance of this instrument of death and destruction broke out I was in Chicago. I saw all I saw in the papers something about the atomic bomb. Though few know anything about it, everybody is talking and thinking about it. It is the newspaper headlines in the war. And there is no doubt but that from the human standpoint, it will bring the end of this present war, though it may make future wars appear like what Sherman declared war to be. To say the least we are living in a different world from the one we lived in two weeks ago.

Though this atomic bomb is new to the world, it is not new to God. The very energy packed in this instrument of death God stored in the heavens. He created this nineteen hundred years ago. There is no doubt but very fire with which the heavens are stored is atomic in nature. And yet God told us of centuries ago. You see, the Bible is hundreds of years ahead of time—not behind time as some would have us to believe.

In dealing with this subject this evening I want to do so by asking and answering three questions, namely:
When will God's atomic bomb appear?
What will it do?
What ought we to do?

We shall answer them in the order named. Let us then consider:

WHEN WILL GOD'S ATOMIC BOMB APPEAR?

We can best answer this by finding its place in relation to preceding events. When we study the Bible concerning the future we find that the first event of consequence is:

The Rapture. God's Word teaches that some day, we do not know when, every living Christian will be caught up to meet Him in the air and every Christian who has died will be raised to meet Him in the air with the living saints. This event Bible scholars call the RAPTURE. There will come a day, and it will be soon, when there will not be a living Christian in this world. So far as I can see there is not one passage of Scripture that may take place before mid-

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Let's be specific when we praise
The One Who blesses all our days;
The One Who from His gracious store
Pours on us mercies more and more;
The One Who gives us food and drink,
Hands for our tasks, and minds to think;
The One Who gives the bird its song,
The child his laughter; He Who long
Ages past formed earth and heaven;
Who now upholds it all, and even
Each moment gives the breath we breathe
In loving kindness, though we grieve
Him constantly by greed and strife,
Evil and lust and self-filled life.

Let's be specific when we praise
The One Who blesses all our days.
Let's gladly own His holy name
And mouth no words that would lend fame
To gods devised by wayward mind,
Who hear not, know not, and are blind.
Not "Power Supreme," or "God Unknown,"
Or "Thou Who Dost The Skies Enthroned,"
Or other buttery, unctuous phrases
Intoned with sanctimonious faces.
But let us heartily accord
Our thanks to Jesus Christ the Lord.

—D. M. T.

we get home; it may take place before we finish this message. Wouldn't it be wonderful to hear the voice of the archangel and the trump of God calling us up higher! Some people do not know, and some seem to have forgotten, that these passages are in the Bible. I shall read them to you:

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

"For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."—I Corinthians 15:51-53.

Then another passage:

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

"Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

"Wherefore comfort one another with these words."—I Thessalonians 4:13-18.

These are plain words and God expects us to take them at their face value.

2. The next important event will be the GREAT TRIBULATION. To realize the seriousness of this period all one has to do is read his Bible and use his imagination. As we stated previously, some day the Lord will descend from Heaven and take to Himself every Christian, living and dead. That will leave the world without a Christian. Do you know what the Lord said of Christians? He said that they are the "salt of the earth." And what is salt? It is a preservative. It is a preventative. It prevents decay and putrefaction. When Christians, the salt of the earth, are removed the world will quickly go into corruption and decay. Christians are also the light of the world. The universities, schools and other organizations are not the light of

the world, but the true Church is the light of the world. Therefore, when the Christians are raptured the world will go into moral darkness. It takes very little imagination to know what will happen to the world when this hour strikes it. For our information, I want to read to you two passages of Scripture. One is found in Daniel 12:1. Please pay close attention:

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and that thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."

Not only did Daniel see this period but our Lord saw it also and spoke of it. Now let us read what He said in Matthew 24:21:

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

You can see that both Daniel and Christ spoke of the same event. Friends, that will be a dreadful day! Regardless of what false prophets and faithless politicians promise, the world's midnight hour is ahead. Maybe it isn't pleasant to contemplate, but it is sure. So why try to deny it? Heaven and earth shall pass away, but His Word shall not pass away; every jot and tittle shall be fulfilled.

3. The next great event in God's order will be THE MILLENNIUM or the Thousand Year Reign of Christ upon the Earth. Both Old and New Testament writers mentioned this event. Every time we pray the so-called Lord's Prayer, we pray for this coming Kingdom. We pray: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." The last prayer in the Bible is a prayer for this coming Kingdom. Listen to these words in Revelation 22:20: "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." What do those words mean but an earnest crying to Christ to come! If they do not mean that, then words fail to have any meaning. And His coming means that he will bring in the Kingdom when He comes. Some go so far as to deny that there is a millennium, but God's Word teaches that there is. The word "millennium" is a combina-

tion of two Latin words which mean "one thousand years." Will you now open your Bible and turn with me to Revelation 20:1-8.

"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.

"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

"But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

"And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

"And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea."

Do you know how many times the term "thousand years" occurs in these eight verses? Exactly six times! Someone says, "That is the only place in the Bible where the idea of a Millennium occurs." Well, what of it? How many times does God have to tell us a thing before we believe Him? We find the word "eternity" but ONCE in the Bible, but what man would be so foolish as not to believe in eternity? Yet in a few short verses God mentions a period of a thousand years six distinct times and some will not believe. Why are people so blind about these things? Our Scripture lesson tonight gives us the answer: "For this they are WILLINGLY ignorant of" (II Peter 3:5). Yes, friends, immediately following the Tribulation our Lord will appear in glory to set up His Kingdom on the earth where He will reign from the rivers to the ends of the earth and the knowledge of the Lord will cover the face of the deep. God grant that it may come soon! Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Of this wonderful period the Psalmist sings and the prophets prophesied. We are told it will be a time of peace, plenty, happiness and blessing. Time forbids our mentioning many more blessings which will be enjoyed under His beneficent reign. We must leave that for a further message.

If I understand my Bible correctly, these events we have men-

tioned will take place in the order in which we have given them to you tonight. Immediately following the Millennium the eternal judgment of the wicked, both men and angels, will take place, and then will take place:

4. THE DESTRUCTION OF THE PHYSICAL UNIVERSE. This is the time that God's Atomic Bomb will do its devastating work. This brings us to the second question, namely:

WHAT WILL GOD'S ATOMIC BOMB DO?

Let us see what will happen. I would first call your attention to II Peter 3:10:

"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."

Notice these things: 1. The heavens shall pass away with a great noise. 2. The elements shall melt with fervent heat. 3. The earth and its works shall be burned. This is not hard to understand when we read verse 7. We are told that the heavens are literally stored with fire.

A rather interesting thing about this atomic bomb is that it seems to utterly destroy material things within the scope of its devastation. Houses, buildings and objects are extinguished. When the first experiment was made in New Mexico the bomb was dropped from a high steel tower. The tower was never found—not even a piece of it. Those who worked with the experiment say it was driven into nothingness. This is contrary to former teaching but it is true. This is only another of thousands of proofs that the Bible is God's Word and it is true. For years we were told that matter is indestructible. That is what I was told when I went to school. Later as I grew older and made a study of the Bible I had a hard time to reconcile that idea with the Bible where it says that the heavens would pass away. In Revelation 20:12 we are told that the earth and heaven melt in the effulgent light of the face of Jesus Christ. It appears that the elements and heavenly bodies are driven into nothingness from whence they came. There was a time when they did not exist. There will come a time when they will cease to exist. Don't ask me to explain it. I cannot do it, but I know what the Bible says. Knowing these terrible things are coming it behooves every unsaved person to find refuge in the only place of safety—the heart and bosom of the Saviour.

"Day of Judgment! Day of wonders!

Hark the trumpets awful sound,
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Uninspirational Wood Pile

This is the way
the church
sometimes looks to
the pastor when he
goes into the pulpit.
The pastor would just
as soon preach
to a wood pile as to
empty benches. There
is no inspiration
in vacant pews.
Be regular!

THE ATOMIC BOMB

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Louder than a thousand thunders

Shakes the vast creation round!
How the summons
Will the sinner's heart confound!

"See the Judge our nature wearing,
Clothed in majesty divine!
You who long for His Appearing,
Then shall say, 'This God is mine!'
Gracious Saviour!
Own me in that day for Thine."

There are some other passages in the Scriptures which eventually refer to this event. As I read, notice these words in Isaiah 24:18-20.

"And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake."

"The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly."

"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."

God says that when He arises to shake terribly the earth that it will reel to and fro like a drunken man.

During the Tribulation we are told of some of the judgments of God that will come upon the earth in Revelation 6:12-17.

"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 heavens 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?"

But this is only child's play compared to what we see in II Peter 3.

In the past, the earth has experienced some judgments which should remove any doubt from the minds of honest people concerning God's power in the physical universe. Just as a mere illustration I read to you a brief article from the pen of a scientist: (Reading)

"In a magazine section of the Los Angeles Times for November 20, 1932, appeared a feature article by Ransome Sutton, Science Editor, entitled, 'When a Comet Struck the Earth.' The summary of the article that appears at the head of the opening page is this:

"A ball of iron, red hot, weighing 12,000,000 tons, crashed out of the sky, sucking the very life out of every living thing. Startling new information on the famous 'Arizona Meteorite' which solves the puzzle why a whole people disappeared from the southwest in 1278 A. D."

The article presents photographs and drawings of the mummified human beings which have been found sitting upright in ruined dwellings. The cliff dwellings of this vanished people have long been a subject for scientific research. On a diagram

of the region within a radius of 225 miles from the meteor crater are sketched over thirty prominent groups of ruins of the villages of these cliff-dwellers. But we will let Ransome Sutton speak for himself:

"Some six and a half centuries ago an Indian civilization flourished in Arizona. Then—as if in one breath—this civilization disappeared. It was one of the most spectacular happenings in the history of the world."

Out of the sky came an appalling chunk of red-hot iron—a thing weighing from 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 tons. A 'falling star'! The basin of the hole it made when it plunged into the earth, is even today, centuries after, forty acres in size!

And the wake of destruction it left spreads out 225 miles in all directions from that great hole. A circle 450 miles across.

It is the conclusion of Ernest W. Sutton, the sage Pasadena whose hobby is hobnobbing with Indians, that it was this great 'falling star'—(the vacuum-creating lick of flame in its wake, the clatter of swarms of accompanying meteorites over the vast area)—that wiped out the civilization which, as all scientific evidence shows, disappeared from Arizona about that time.

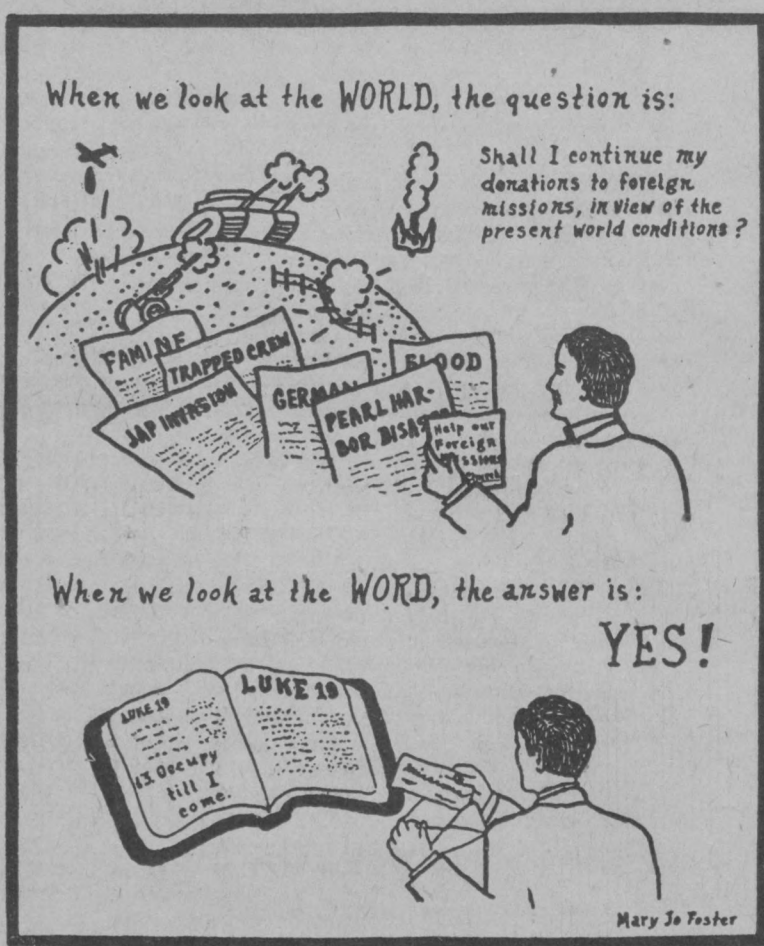
The huge chunk of iron is known scientifically as the 'Arizona Meteorite.' Around the 225-mile radius from the hole it made, amid the ruins it left in that large area, Mr. Sutton has been traveling since he was a boy.

In the twinkling of an eye, at the instant the 'meteor' crashed he believes, the fate which befell Sodom and Gomorrah, when brimstone and fire came down from heaven and 'overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities,' was thus repeated here.

Instead of a curse, however, this must have been only a chance catastrophe. The Great Spirit had no reason to be angry with the cliff-dwellers. They were a peaceful people, living under a democratic form of self-government in many more communal centers than are to be found in all of present-day Arizona; and apparently they were at the peak of their 'golden age' when the crash came.

'With my own eyes,' says Dr. Sutton, 'I have seen mummified human beings sitting upright in family circles inside of ruined buildings, exactly as if something had suddenly sucked the life out of them. In a tumbledown cliff house near the great beehive dwelling known as Yucca House, there were three aged adults and a child, the adults sitting with their backs to the wall, while the child lay on the floor. You can hardly call them skeletons, because the skin had dried to the bones. They were sitting amid plenty. A pot with charred sticks under it shows that a meal was being cooked, and beneath a thick coat of plastering we found a cache of corn. Now, if this scene were unique, it might be accounted for in various ways. But many persons have seen such scenes, in widely separated villages, before the ruins were ransacked by souvenir hunters and curio collectors.' (Read from THE COMING KINGDOM AND THE RE-CANOPIED EARTH by Kellogg.)

These are only samples of what is coming. Sinner, it is extremely to your interest that you be prepared. The only way to be prepared is to come to Christ. The last and third question that



I put before you tonight is the most important of all:

WHAT OUGHT WE TO DO ABOUT IT?

It is very, very important how you answer this question. You are the only one who can answer it. But you must and will answer it. Believe it or not, you will answer it when you leave this auditorium. When you leave in a few minutes you will either be prepared for this Day or you will not be prepared. It all depends on what you do with Christ. Let us now turn to this third chapter of Second Peter again.

First, a word to you Christians. Note verse 14: "Be diligent." That means, "Be on the job for Christ." Don't waste your time, life and money. Be "without spot." That means "be clean." When Jesus comes we don't want Him to find us in filth and dirt. "Be blameless." That means just what it says. Christian friend, there is nothing more purifying to your life than an honest looking for the Lord's return. If you are really looking for Christ, you WILL be cleaned up by practical Christian living.

Second, I want to speak a final word to you dear souls who are out of Christ. Do you know why you are not in hell right now? Do you know why God has postponed this judgment? Here is the answer. Now notice carefully while I read:

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."—II Peter 3:9.

We saw evidence of mercy on the part of our military leaders who are not thought of as being particularly "soft." They could have dropped hundreds of atomic bombs on Japan and blown her off the face of the earth—but they did not do so. They offered terms of peace and waited for an answer. They had the power in their hands to destroy every person in Japan, but they chose to save them if they would surrender—they preferred to show mercy even to a ruthless enemy. That is exactly what God is doing today. He is postponing

judgment because He is not willing that any should perish, but that ALL should come to repentance. That is why God has postponed this awful day—to give you a chance to be saved.

"Account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation." (verse 15).

Then why not come tonight! For the sake of Christ! for the sake of your never-dying soul, come right now:

How oft behind yon hill
The sun has hid His face;
How oft returned to fill
With joyful light the place.
And shall the sun forever thus return?
Shall morn succeed to eve, and eve to morn?

O no! the time will come
Some morning, night, or noon,
When dark shall be that sun,
And red the silver moon:
When sun or moon shall never more return,
But all the world in fervent heat shall burn.

O say, shall I be there,
To see the fearful glare,
The dreadful sound to hear,
The burning heat to bear,
Of falling crags and rocks, of roaring seas,
Of smoking hills, and flaming earth and skies?

Oh yes, I shall be there:
The graves shall opened be;
ALL shall the trumpet hear,
The Judge's face shall see;
The vain shall upon the mountains call,
To hide their heads from Him who judges all.

The books shall then be read,
In which our God has note
Of all that we e'er said,
Or ever did or thought;
And many cheeks with burning shame shall glow,
And many souls be plunged in deepest woe.

Ah, how shall I avoid
Eternal misery?
My sins, a heavy load,
Show I deserve to die;
And yet to think upon that burning lake
Makes my flesh tremble, and my bones to shake.

Lord, by the blood He shed
Who hung upon the tree,
BEFORE the books are read,
May my sins pardoned be:
And then my tears shall all be wiped away,
And I shall dwell in everlasting day.

FEMININE MODESTY

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exposing her shame, or to hear her swear and tell smutty stories. Man is becoming hard and ruthless. In countries where Christ-rejection is far advanced, men take a sadistic delight in inflicting pain and suffering on others. To them, watching humans die in mass executions is an orgy. Horrible "murder factories" have been invented. Mussolini's son once said that to watch a bomb hit a group of natives in Abyssinia was like watching the opening of a rose. Men, the world over, are slipping into the mould of hardness and evil—"only evil continually" (Genesis 6:5), as it was in the days of Noah. Men are becoming proud, haughty, lovers of pleasure, lovers of money. Dishonesty is becoming common and truthfulness and dependability the uncommon virtues. Only one man in ten retains his moral integrity in high school and college—and that is usually taunted as being a "virgin." Gambling, drunkenness and the vices of men increase with the passing years.

Parallel with the growing hardness of man is increasing unbelief. Atheism and the godless ideologies of totalitarianism and Communism have taken deep root, not only in Europe but in other countries as well.

OUT OF THE DARK BACKGROUND of this Christ-rejecting age, God is calling both Christian men and women to FOLLOW HIM, obey His Word, believe Christ implicitly and shine as lights in the world in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation. (Phil. 2:15). To all believers who overcome, our Lord promises special rewards. (Revelation 2:17, 25-28; 3:5, 12).

—Christian Victory.

BLESSED ASSURANCE

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can tell the lessening of the weight."

"Yes," went on the Negro, "that is how I know I am saved. I have lost the guilty feeling of sin and sorrow, and have found peace and satisfaction in my Lord and Saviour."

"He that hath the Son HATH life."—I John 5:12.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you he that heareth my word and believeth on Him that sent me HATH everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto life."—John 5:24.

ARITHMETIC IN THE BIBLE

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Addition: "Add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity."—2 Pet. 1:5-7.

Subtraction: "Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light."—Rom. 13:12.

Division: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."—2 Tim. 2:15.