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Why Every Christian Should Look For Christ's Coming

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There seems to be several schools of thought on this important Bible subject, "The Coming of Christ." Some make their understanding of the subject a test of fellowship with sincere brethren, which is not to be the case unless the other brother questions the word itself! There are some who propose a brother for holding to it, that they call the "Extreme Views" of the coming as outlined by pre-millennial believers and scoff at his charts or whatever means he uses to teach. Then some of these brethren will have a good word for the other brother who ignores the coming altogether, although he loves Christ and wins souls. Now I am not going to get these different groups to become reconciled. Very few men will change their views even if they are convinced, for prejudice is a very heavy hammer held over most heads! I believe in the coming of Christ and believe that the Bible teaches that we should have a continuous expectancy of his arrival! I believe that such hope is called "The Blessed Hope" and that it has certain practical values that every Christian should have.

We should look for the imminent coming of Christ because He asked us to "watch" and "be ready" for in such "hour that ye think not the Son of Man cometh." It is a matter of obeying His Word to look for His coming and to believe that it may be any time rather than some far off distant date. It is not our business to set the date of His coming but it is our business to believe that the current date may be the one of His coming! Thus obedience to the Word of God is most valuable to the child of God.

We should look for the coming of Christ (not for signs of the coming! Signs are to be recognized but the Bible does not say

look for them; rather look for Him!) because it will make us better soul winners. I know many who claim to look for Him that seem to make this statement untrue. Yet to have a clear conception of what is involved in this matter will certainly help stimulate our activity relative to winning people to Christ before the curtain of grace is drawn across his horizon. I am not saying that there will not be people saved after the rapture of the saints but I am saying that what happens then is of no immediate concern to the Christian. The immediate concern is embraced in the Great Commission and when I have fulfilled that as to my activity it will take all my time and energy in winning people and teaching them. So the hope of His coming spurs one to win all he can before the Lord does return.

Then the coming of the Lord, held in expectancy by the believer will comfort him when sad

In I Thess. 4, after Paul discussed the coming of the Lord and told how we would be caught up in the air to be with him, said, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words," (Verse 18). He did not give another word of comfort except the blessed fact that our Lord would come and death would not have a chance at the believer! That is more comforting than anything else I know of in the hour of sadness. I have found that people are relieved more in the hour of sadness, caused by the death of one in the family, by drawing their attention to the imminent coming of the Lord, than most anything else. In that the sting of death is seen to disappear; the glory of the resurrection is made more real; the beauty of heaven is involved and the wonderful glory of the saints after death is made consciously near.

Another fact that is beyond debate or argument, is that those who hold to the expectant return

of the Lord at any moment, have a motive for holy living that others do not have. I do not say that others are not as holy but I do say that others are void of this help to accomplish this place in their Christian experience. John made this clear in his first letter (3:2,3) when he said, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know when He shall appear we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."

Dear reader, avail yourself of the opportunity that is yours by being a child of God in looking for the coming of your blessed Lord every day! It will make the Christian life better, more glorious and wonderful than you ever knew if you have ignored this wonderful doctrine or have been indifferent to it.

Then, should you be lost, claim the value of His death NOW.

Why Was The Veil Of The Temple Rent In Twain When Christ Died?

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First it would be well to read up on the veil of the temple. It was a curtain of great thickness, and of great costliness, and when Christ was on the cross, without any human hand touching it, it suddenly tore open, from top to bottom. The question is, what was the significance of such an event? (Note Matt. 27:51).

Where The Veil Hung

This separating veil hung where it divided the "holy place" where the priests ministered, from the "holy of holies" which was entered only by the high priest and that only once a year. (See Exodus 26:31 and also Leviticus 16:1-30).

What Was The Veil A Type Of?

It was a type of the human body of Christ. (Proof: Heb. 10:20). Let us examine the Scripture a few verses mentioned and its context for a moment:

Note: The O. T. priests had to offer daily sacrifices of animals, which really could not take away sins. (Heb. 10:11).

TWO BEARS

In a village there lived an old couple who often had sharp quarrels. Everybody in town knew how much they quarreled. Suddenly they quit quarreling, and you never heard them dispute or quarrel after that. The town folk wondered what made the change, and at last one brave woman asked, "Two bears did it," said the wife.

"Two bears?"

"Yes, two new bears which we found in the Bible. 'Bear ye one another's burdens,' and 'forbearing one another in love.' — Ser-

RED RUSSIA

We have all been reading the accounts from American correspondents who were sent into Manchuria. The Reds refused for a long time to let the Americans in, but when they finally were admitted and Russian troops were withdrawn after a greatly protracted stay far beyond their agreement, they found the province stripped of its industrial plant machinery and also manufactured products. The stripping of the factories leaves the people without employment or any means of a livelihood. Starvation and typhus are taking an enormous toll of life. Everything that could be of value to the Russian preparation for world conquest is being taken from each occupied area. The headlines tell the

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Mused Uncle Mose

Ole Satan, he purty good — good 'nough to fool a lot of peoples.

"Kibroth-Hattaavah" Or A Message Concerning The Graves Of Lust

(A sermon preached at the Wilson Baptist Church, Wilson, Kansas, on Sunday evening, March 3, 1946, by the pastor, John Kejr, Jr.)

When I tell you that tonight I am going to speak on the subject of Kibroth-hattaavah, you, no doubt, will wonder what I am going to talk about and you may even be amused at the sound of the strange words. I am sure, however, that a sobering effect will at once be produced when I tell you that in the Hebrew language Kibroth-hattaavah means: "The graves of lust." It became the name of a cemetery where lay buried the bodies of a vast number of persons whose death was the result of a life of excess and lust.

A record of this tragedy is found in the book of Numbers, chapter 11:4-10, 18-20, 31-34. Please take your Bibles and turn to this passage and read: "...

And the mixed multitude that was among them fell a lusting; and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic: But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, besides this manna, before our eyes. . . . And the manna was as a coriander seed, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium. And the people went about and gathered it, and ground it in mills or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil. And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it. . . . Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the Lord was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased. . . . Say unto the people, Sanctify yourselves unto tomorrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye (Continued on page four)

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"The Experience Of A Dead Man"

Read John 11:1-45.

No more interesting Scripture story appears in the Bible than that of the supernatural and the miraculous raising to life of Lazarus. Jesus and His disciples were absent from the city of Bethany when Lazarus sickened and apparently when Jesus heard of his illness, He tarried purposefully waiting that Lazarus might die before He returned to Bethany.

After two days of thus waiting for Lazarus to die, Jesus and the disciples went to the home of Mary and Martha where death already had come and from which

their brother Lazarus had been taken.

In a very characteristic manner, Mary sat weeping in the house while Martha went out to meet her Lord. With a plaintive note which seemingly would accuse Jesus of His indifference to their need, she said, "If thou hadst been here my brother had not died." Growing out of His conversation with Martha concerning Lazarus' death and the resurrection of all sleeping saints, He commanded that she call Mary, and with these two sisters He stood waiting before the grave of Lazarus.

In spite of the protest of Martha as to the decomposition and disintegration and putrefaction of the body of her brother — in spite of this, Jesus commanded that the stone be rolled away from the grave, and then with a loud voice, cried, "Lazarus, come forth." Immediately that one who had been dead for four days, came forth bound hand and foot with grave clothes to hear the voice of Jesus when He said, "Loose him and let him go."

To me, there is no more interesting story in all the Word (Continued on page two)

IN BUT NOT OUT

I remember when I was a little boy, how my mother would draw me to her knee and speak to me so solemnly of the importance of trusting the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, and I would say, "Well, Mamma, I would like to do it, but the boys will all laugh at me."

Mother used to say, "Harry, remember, they may laugh you into hell, but they can never laugh you out of it." And oh, how that used to go home to me, and it stayed with me all through the years! Yes, men may sneer and ridicule and not understand us as we come out for Christ, but after all, His is the only approval worth having. — H. A. Ironside.

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RED RUSSIA

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story and assist in identifying
God. "While Reds rob and sack
China, U. S. aids Nations;" "Reds
strip Rail Line to Mukden even
of Seats;" "Reds Loot His plant;
Chinese gets a Receipt;" "Muk-
den Industrial Area Now is Deso-
late."

These are the tactics used by
Gog (Russia) and his armies so
vividly described in prophecy.
Russia plunders all nations she
controls only to make herself
strong for the future struggle
described in Ezek. 38:7. In this
verse she is told to prepare for
herself and for all those that
are assembled unto her. This pre-
paration has been going on dur-
ing the war but in a more mark-
ed manner since the fall of Ger-
many and the occupation of na-
tions under Soviet control. Both
England and the United States,
by way of appeasement, all
through this bloody second world
struggle poured into Russia from
every available avenue billions of
dollars worth of equipment. No
other nation can fit the picture
given to us in Ezek. 38.

It is to be noticed that when
Russia moves against Palestine,
Britain (Tarshish), and her col-
onies, called "young lions," stand
in defense of the holy land and
say, "Art thou come to take a
spoil? Hast thou gathered thy

company together to take a prey,
to carry away silver and gold,
to take away cattle and goods
and great spoil?" (Ezekiel 38:
13). It is very evident that what-
ever nation is represented by
Gog and all of his bands, their
practice is to loot conquered
countries and to bring their sub-
stance under national control.

Yes, Russia fits this picture
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WHY WAS THE VEIL OF
THE TEMPLE RENT?

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veil, betokening that the way of
direct approach to God is open.

"The High Priest." Christ has
entered once into the holy of
holies — the presence of God,
bearing his "own blood" which
was shed for us. Therefore we
need no pope — no priesthood —
nor Virgin and no saints to help
us.

And as suggested before we
need no altar. An altar had no
place apart from a sacrifice.
What sacrifices can one offer
to God for salvation today? None.
To offer the sacrifice of tears,
prayers, penance, mourning —
this is to ignore that one great
sacrifice has already been of-
fered.

And when people are invited
down to the altar "to be prayed
for" that puts the preacher in the
position of a priest who mediates
between sinner and God. This is
pure confusion, confounded. There
is no mention of such procedure
in the New Testament. What a
lot of junk has been lugged into
our churches. Most of it consti-
tutes an utter perversion of the
Bible way of salvation. Why is
such stuff anyhow? The answer
is — Satan devises these things
to get people deceived concerning
the true way of salvation.

Why The Veil Rent From
Top To Bottom?

Doubtless because it was fit-
ting to symbolize that the rent
was from above. Salvation — the
approach unto God — is not
something that originates with
man, but with God.

In Summary

When the veil was rent, it was
symbolized that no longer must
man deal with God through a
priesthood of men, but that by the
"rent" or slain body of Christ,
believers approach God directly.

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"A DEAD MAN"

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of God than this which relates
itself to the experiences of this
dead man. From this story there
are a number of interesting spiri-
tual lessons from which we can
learn Scriptural truths.

IN THE VERY OUTSET, IT
APPEARS THAT LAZARUS
WAS DEAD. There wasn't any
doubt about this. It wasn't that
he had swooned and that Jesus
resuscitated him. It wasn't that
he was unconscious and life was
still within him, but rather, we
have Jesus' own words when He
said, "Lazarus is dead." (John
11:14).

That which was true of Lazarus
naturally is likewise true of
everyone of Adam's fallen de-
scendants spiritually. As Lazarus
was dead physically, so each one
who has been born of the flesh
of Adam is dead spiritually. In
fact, no corpse is more dead phy-
sically than each of us are spiri-
tually in God's sight.

"And you hath he quickened,
who were dead in trespasses and
sins." — Ephesians 2:1.

This was Paul's statement to
the Ephesian Christians as to
what their previous experience
had been. In writing to them he
thus described the spiritual ex-
perience of these Ephesian Chris-
tians prior to their conversion. At
that time he declared that they
were "dead."

God has strange ways of giving
messages unto His servants. Once
upon a time He called his prophet
Ezekiel out into a cemetery and
as Ezekiel stood in the graveyard,
the wind suddenly began to blow
at a terrific gale until all the
graves were uncovered and
stretching out before him was
a whole valley filled with dead
dry bones, — bones from which
the flesh had disappeared, and
there all over the valley was a
multitude of skeletons. Through
the operation of God, flesh came
upon these skeletons, and life
came into them so that they be-
gan to move. God taught the Jews
through the prophet Ezekiel that
these dry bones represented the
whole house of Israel who some
day were to be brought to life.
However, that which is true of
Israel is just as true of the Gen-
tile races of this world. In fact,
all of Adam's descendants stand
spiritually dead before God in this
very hour, and no one will ever
be made alive spiritually without
the direct supernatural and mi-
raculous work of God.

Some years ago I visited an
elderly man who was sick. I had
been called to the hospital to
talk with him as to his spiritual
condition. Yet I was called there
too late, for as I attempted to
talk with him, the death rattle
in his throat was suddenly hush-
ed, his eyes closed, and he was
no more so far as this world was
concerned. As I turned loose of

his hand, I realized that I was
attempting to talk to a dead man.

Yet this is a common exper-
ience, for every time I face a
congregation wherein there are
lost people, I talk to those who
are spiritually dead — just as
dead spiritually as was this man
who had died physically.

II
NOT ONLY WAS LAZARUS
DEAD — HE WAS CORRUPT.
When Jesus stood by his grave,
Lazarus had already been dead
for four days. Putrefaction, de-
composition, and corruption had
already set in so far as his body
was concerned. When Jesus com-
manded the stone to be removed,
Martha said, "Lord, by this time
he stinketh: for he hath been
dead four days." (John 1:39).
While the body of physically dead
Lazarus was corrupt, the spirit
of each of Adam's descendants is
corrupt before God today. Jere-
miah forcefully declares this to
be true in his prophecy when he
said:

"The heart is deceitful above
all things, and desperately wick-
ed." — Jeremiah 17:9.

He declares that man's heart
is "desperately wicked." "Desper-
ately" literally means "incur-
ably." While Lazarus' body was
corrupt, Jeremiah declares that
the heart of each of us is in-
curably corrupt before God.

Paul gives a description of our
spiritual corruption when he
wrote to the church at Rome.
He said:

"As it is written, There is none
righteous, no, no one: There is
none that understandeth, there is
none that seeketh after God. They
are all gone out of the way, they
are together become unprofitable;
there is none that doeth good, no,
not one. Their throat is an open
sepulchre; with their tongues they
have used deceit; the poison of
asps is under their lips: Whose
mouth is full of cursing and bit-
terness: Their feet are swift to
shed blood: Destruction and mis-
ery are in their ways: And the
way of peace have they not
known: There is no fear of God
before their eyes." Romans 3:10-
18.

Men talk daily of world con-
ditions, and it is true that this
old world is in an exceedingly
sad state of affairs at present.
Gambling, lying, stealing, drunk-
enness, licentiousness, and all
manner of sin is prevalent on
every hand. These sins which
are apparent to the world are
but the outgrowth of the spiritual
condition of man. No man would
be corrupt in his life if he were

not originally corrupt in his
nature.

Yes, Lazarus in all of his cor-
ruption growing out of the de-
composition of his body, stands
a good illustration of the spiri-
tual condition of the lost of
this world. Surely this old world
is just rotting away. The souls of
men are just as rotten as was
the body of Lazarus when Jesus
stood before his tomb.

III
IN SPITE OF THE FACT
THAT LAZARUS WAS DEAD
AND CORRUPT, STILL
HE WAS LOVED. Two Scriptural
truths within this chapter indicate
to be true. Listen:

"Now Jesus loved Martha,
her sister, and Lazarus." — John
11:5.

"Then said the Jews, Behold
how he loved him!" — John
11:5.

In spite of the fact that La-
zarus had died and that his body
was moulding in corruption in
the tomb, still Jesus loved him.
That love was apparent even
about the tomb, and when Jesus
saw the Master weep, they com-
mented upon the love which Je-
sus had for this man.

How I rejoice that though we
of us are in the same spiri-
tual condition that Lazarus was
physically — how I do rejoice
that in spite of this Jesus
loves us.

There is no truth more force-
fully taught in all the Word of
God than this truth of God's love.
Listen:

"For God so loved the world
that he gave his only begotten
Son, that whosoever believeth in
him should not perish, but have
everlasting life." — John 3:16.
"But God commendeth his love
toward us, in that, while we
yet sinners, Christ died for us."
— Romans 5:8.

"May be able to comprehend
with all saints what is the breadth,
and length, and depth, and
height; And to know the love
of Christ, which passeth knowl-
edge, that ye might be filled
with all the fulness of God."
Ephesians 3:18,19.

What marvelous texts are there
which tell us of God's love for
fallen man. How marvelous
love is described by Paul (Eph-
esians 3:18,19), when he speaks
of the length, depth, height, and
breadth of God's love. That
love is so broad that it encom-
passes all classes, all colors and
all varieties of human nature.
So long that it reaches back to
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"The Sticker"

Oh, it's easy to be a starter, lad,
But are you a sticker, too?
'Tis fun, sometimes, to begin a thing,
But harder to see it through.

If you failed sometimes when you did your best,
Don't take it too much to heart;
Just try it again in a different way,
For it all depends how you start.

And sometimes a failure is best, dear lad,
To keep you from being too sure;
Success that is built on defeat, you know,
Will oftentimes longest endure.

'Tis the sticker who wins in the battle of life,
While the quitter is laid on the shelf;
You are never defeated, remember this,
Until you lose faith in yourself.

Oh, it's easy to be a starter, lad,
But are you a sticker, too?
You may think it a game to begin a task,
Are you game to see it through?

—SELECTED.



"THE EXPERIENCE OF THE DEAD MAN"

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ternity past and reaches out to ternity to come. It is so deep that goes down beneath the deepest depths of sin. It is so high that lifts one above all the heights that he might ever attain in this world and plants his feet securely on the eternal Rock of ages.

Oh, the marvel of the love of God! Is it any wonder then that the poet has said:

"Oh, love that wilt not let me go,
rest my weary soul in Thee:
give Thee back the life I owe,
that in Thine ocean's depths its flow
May richer, fuller be."

Sometimes we get discouraged, or discouragement is merely the lot of each of us here within this world. Sometimes each of us grow weary. We grow tired of life and we think that it is all in vain. Sometimes we feel that we have not a friend left in this world and that no one cares for us. Surely there isn't one to whom these words come but what has sometime in life felt despondent and weary to the extent that he believed, you have been badly mistaken. Though you might have been forsaken by all others, the truth still remains that God loves you in spite of all your imperfections, your sins, your failures, your mistakes and the wrong of your life — God still loves you. He loved old Lazarus even though he had been dead and his body was beginning to putrify and become corrupt, and He still loves you even though you are spiritually dead, and though your soul is corrupt.

IV STANDING THERE BY THE TOMB, JESUS RAISED LAZARUS BACK TO LIFE.

"And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth." — John 11:43.

Can you imagine that scene? Inside the tomb Lazarus had lain still for four days — cold in death. The grave clothes had been carefully placed about his body, and there he lay corrupting and disintegrating. All of a sudden the voice of Jesus broke the silence of the cemetery and when the sound of Jesus' voice reached the dead ears of Lazarus, he came forth at Jesus' command, completely raised to life.

It is rather significant that Lazarus could not have raised himself nor could his sisters nor anyone else have brought Lazarus to life. The only one who could make Lazarus alive was the one who did make him alive. It was only when Jesus spoke to him that he was raised and made alive.

What a marvelous truth this then brings to us in that we see again and afresh that we cannot make ourselves alive nor can we be made live through the activities of our friends nor our loved ones nor the church. New life could only come to Lazarus through the voice of Jesus, and new life can only come to the sinner as he hears God's voice and is saved thereby. Lazarus never would have been raised had not it been for the voice of Jesus, and not one of us would ever be raised to newness of life were it not for that same voice of the Son of God which speaks to us.

That which Lazarus needed on this memorable day is that which each lost sinner needs today — he needs to be raised to newness of life. When Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus, in speaking of Jesus' work in behalf of these Ephesian Christians, he said: "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." — Eph. 2:6.

In this verse Paul declared that these Ephesian Christians had been raised to newness of life. This implied that they had been dead and that a spiritual resurrection had been effected in their behalf. That which was true of these Ephesian Christians is just as true of each of God's children today, so that each of us who are saved, is already a spiritual resurrection.

Another Scripture which speaks of our spiritual experience in Christ as a resurrection, is found in Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus. He said:

"And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places." — Eph. 1:19,20.

Here is presented unto us one of the most marvelous truths of all the Bible in that Paul declares that it takes the same power of God to raise a sinner to life that it took to raise Jesus Christ from the dead. In other words, each sinner is spiritually dead, and nothing but the power of God can make him alive, so that whenever a lost sinner is saved, we can truly say that he is a spiritual resurrection and that he has been raised to life just as Lazarus was raised physically two thousand years ago.

V AS LAZARUS STOOD BEFORE JESUS BOUND WITH THE GRAVE CLOTHES, THE MASTER COMMANDED THAT HE BE LIBERATED. Listen:

"Loose him and let him go." — John 11:44.

Lazarus was bound both hand and foot with the grave clothes. In addition, his face was wrapped about with a napkin. Though he stood alive in the presence of Jesus, he was still unable to move or testify for the Son of God until he was liberated from the grave clothes.

Though each of us who have been saved are made alive in Christ Jesus, we find ourselves still wrapped about with the grave clothes of carnality and worldliness. Some profess entire sanctification and though some declare that they have been able to completely eradicate the old nature, they are still filled with carnality and worldliness. It is only as this carnality and worldliness is taken from us that we are able to testify for our Lord and walk in a way that is pleasing unto Him.

Don't misunderstand me, no one will ever be able to completely get rid of his old nature. We will always be handicapped by it. There will always be entirely too many carnal longings about us. We will always be entirely too much like this world. And yet it is true that we do have many exhortations within God's Word to lay aside the things of the flesh that our lives might count for Him. Listen:

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." — Col. 3:1,2.

"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof." — Romans 13:14.

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." — Matthew 5:48.

Just as Lazarus had to be liberated before he could be of service to Jesus, so must we be completely resigned to Him and

Signs Of The Times

1. The automobile; Nahum 2:4.
2. A vast amount of travel; Dan. 12:4.
3. Perilous times; II Tim. 3:1.
4. Wars and war rumors; Matt. 24:6.
5. The Aeroplane; Isa. 31:5.
6. Famines and pestilences; Matt. 24:7.
7. Crumbling of Nations; Hag. 2:6,7.
8. Distress of Nations; Luke 21:25.
9. Humanity pleasure-bent; II Tim. 3:4.
10. Disobedient children; II Tim. 3:2.
11. Heaping up treasure; James 5:3.
12. Regathering of Israel; Ezek. 38:8.
13. Departure from the Truth; I Tim. 4:1.
14. A cold, professing Church; Rev. 3:15.
15. As in the days of Noah; Matt. 24:37.
16. Television; Rev. 11:9.
17. Increase in knowledge; Dan. 12:4.
18. The Radio; Job 38:35.
19. Atomic Power; II Peter 3:10-12.

thereby liberated from worldly habits and practices that our lives might count in His service.

VI AFTER JESUS HAD RAISED LAZARUS BACK TO LIFE, HE AND LAZARUS FEASTED TOGETHER. Of this we read:

"There they made him a supper; and Martha served; but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him." — John 12:12.

What a marvelous experience this must have been for Lazarus, for his sisters, and even for those who were present at the feast. Here was a man who had been dead but who was now alive and in good health eating at the same table with Jesus.

The Word of God declares that it wasn't merely an ordinary meal, but rather, an extraordinary one — one that was especially made for Jesus and Lazarus.

Herein is spiritual truth for us. Whenever a sinner comes into a right relationship with Jesus then begins a feast with the Son of God. When one is in right relationship then the normal — not the unusual nor the extraordinary — just the normal — then begins the normal experience of daily fellowshiping and feasting with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many individuals know nothing of a daily walk with the Son of God. Their lives are so given over to the world and so completely dominated by the things of this world that they know absolutely nothing of the blessed privilege of feasting on the Lord Jesus. I say, beloved, that that which was the experience of Lazarus can be and is the normal experience of every truly born again believer.

When the prodigal son came home, the old father said:

"And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry." — Luke 15:23,24.

Here is a significant Scripture. Feasting and rejoicing goes with the salvation of the lost. Yet the most significant fact about it is that there is nothing said concerning the end of this feast. It merely says "they began to be merry." Of course this is correctly stated for when one comes to Jesus there is no end to the feast. From then on throughout time and eternity he continues to feed upon and feast upon the good things of God.

VII FINALLY, LET IT BE NOTICED THAT LAZARUS, AF-

TER HE WAS THUS RAISED FROM THE DEAD, TESTIFIED IN BEHALF OF JESUS. Listen:

"But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death; Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus." — Jn. 12:10,11.

Of course, Lazarus would testify for Him! What else could be expected in view of what Jesus had done for Him. I imagine that everywhere he went, he spoke of Jesus in the highest of terms and with the most glowing phrases of praise. I imagine that again and again he called attention to the fact that though he had been dead and was buried and lay corrupt in the tomb for four days — I imagine that he told how that in spite of all this that Jesus had made him alive.

Certainly this was to be expected and surely it ought to be expected of us that since the Lord Jesus has made us alive we ought to continually testify for Him. We have His own word wherein He commands us to do so. Listen:

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." — Mk. 16:15.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." — Acts 1:8.

Would to God that as we praise the doctor that has faithfully cared for our physical bodies during times of illness — would to God that we might praise Him who has saved our souls from a burning hell. As Lazarus testified for Jesus, so ought we day by day ever speak His praises.

In closing, may these words ever stand out in your mind as to Lazarus: dead, corrupt, loved, raised, liberated, feasted and testified. At the same time, may these words ever characterize your spiritual experience for whereas you were dead and corrupt, Jesus loved you and raised you to newness of life, and since that memorable day of your conversion as you have yielded to Him, He has liberated you from the things of this world, you have feasted on Him and thereby been able to testify for Him.

May our God help you to see the truth of this great passage of Scripture. May you receive Him now as your Saviour and may your life count for Him. May the Lord bless you!

Christ for every Crisis

COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. MATTHEW 11:28. CAST THY BURDENS UPON THE LORD AND HE SHALL SUSTAIN THEE. PSALM 55:22.

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erated but weakened Europe.
The Midnight Cry.