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Why Every Christian Should Look For Christ's Coming

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There seems to be several ans tools of thought on this im-ling thant Bible subject, "The Comady of Christ." Some make their understanding of the sub-a test of fellowship with er sincere brethren, which Quest not to be the case unless other brother questions the itself! There are some who as hose a brother for holding to at they call the "Extreme with ows" of the coming as outlined pre-millenial believers and at his charts or whatever ans he uses to teach. Then VER the of these brethren will have good word for the other broth-Who ignores the coming algether, although he loves Christ wins souls. Now I am not ing to get these different Dups to become reconciled. Very men will change their views if they are convinced, for judice is a very heavy hamheld over most heads! I be-

lieve 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

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 win-ning 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 re-

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 ent In Twain When Christ Died?

Tampa, Florida

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

Where The Veil Hung

This separating veil hung where divided the "holy place" where Priests ministered, from the of holies" which was enonly by the high priest and only by the high pools only once a year. (See Exoonly once a year. (-30).

hat Was The Veil A Type Of?

was a type of the human of Christ. (Proof: Heb. 10: Let us examine the Scripture mentioned and its context moment:

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

TWO BEARS

in a village there lived an old couple who often had sharp quar-Everybody in town knew denly much they quarreled. Sudhand after that. The town folk never heard them dispute wondered what made the change, and at last one brave woman ask-

"Two bears did it," said the

"Two bears?"

bears?"

two new bears which we one the annu in the Bible. Bear ye one Another's burdens,' and 'forbearone another in love." — Se-

But Christ offered one sacrifice for sin, which is sufficient And since sacrifice forever. is henceforth done away, so is the "altar.")

He has made one offering, which makes complete in God's sight forever all who receive that offering. (V. 14). This makes foolish the Catholic sacrifice of the "mass."

That body of Christ was the anti-type of the "veil of the temple" and hence when he was slain way of direct approach to God was made for all believers.

Therefore Christ Has Become. . .

"The Way" - a "new and living way." That means the way into the holy of holies — the very presence of God. Note - not works the way. Not baptism the way. Not the church the way. Not keeping the ten commandments the way. BUT HE IS THE WAY. "The Veil." Christ is the rent

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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 Ruussian preparation for world conquest is being taken from each occupied area. The headlines tell the (Continued on page two)

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Ole Satan, he purty good good 'nough to fool a lot uf peo-

"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

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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 Beth-

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

In a very characteristic manner, Mary sat weeping in the house while Martha went out to meet her Lord. With a plaintiff 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 con-versation 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

In spite of the protest of Martha as to the decomposition and disintegration and putrification 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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(Continued from page one) story and assist in identifying "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;" "Mukden 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 preparation has been going on during the war but in a more marked manner since the fall of Germany and the occupation of nations 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 colonies, called "young lions," stand in defense of the holy land and say, "Art thou come to take a spoil? Hast thou gathered thy

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER 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 whatever nation is represented by Gog and all of his bands, their practice is to loot conquered countries and to bring their substance under national control.

Yes. Russia fits this picture (Continued On Page Four) B FI B B

WHY WAS THE VEIL OF THE TEMPLE RENT?

(Continued from page one) 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 priesthoodnor Virgin and no saints to help

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-

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 constitutes an utter perversion of the Bible way of salvation. Why is such stuff anyhow? The answer - 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 fitting 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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of God than this which relates itself to the experiences of this dead man. From this story there are a number of interesting spiritual 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 descendants 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 physically than each of us are spiritually 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 experience of these Ephesian Christians 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 began 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 Gentile 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 miraculous 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 hushed, 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.

I HAVE TRIED TO KEEP THINGS IN MY OWN HANDS, AND I HAVE LOG BUT

Yet this is a common experience, 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.

NOT ONLY WAS LAZARUS DEAD - HE WAS CORRUPT. When Jesus stood by his grave, Lazarus had already been dead for four days. Putrification, decomposition, and corruption had already set in so far as his body was concerned. When Jesus commanded 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. Jeremiah forcefully declares this to be true in his prophecy when he

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

He declares that man's heart is "desperately wicked." "Desperliterally means "incurably." While Lazarus' body was corrupt, Jeremiah declares that the heart of each of us is incurably 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 bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery 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-

Men talk daily of world conditions, and it is true that this old world is in an exceedingly sad state of affairs at present. Gambling, lying, stealing, drunkenness, 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

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Yes, Lazarus in all of his chese ruption growing out of the omet composition of his body, stands and w a good illustration of the s tual condition of the lost of world. Surely this old world just rottening away. The souls en men are just as rotten as futh the body of Lazarus when Jobu in stood before his tomb.

III IN SPITE OF THE F THAT LAZARUS WAS DE lov THAT LAZARUS WAS had AND CORRUPT, STILL had WAS LOVED. Two Script within this chapter indicate me to be true. Listen:

"Now Jesus loved Martha, hally her sister, and Lazarus." -

"Then said the Jews, Bellow he loved him!" — John

In spite of the fact that arus had died and that his was moulding in corruption in the tomb, still Jesus loved That love was apparent eve the unsaved Jews who about the tomb, and when saw the Master weep, they mented upon the love which sus had for this man.

How I rejoice that though of us are in the same spil condition that Lazarus was physically — how I do rel that in spite of this Jesus loves us.

There is no truth more for taught in all the Word of than this truth of God's Listen:

"For God so loved the that he gave his only beg Son, that whosoever believe him should not perish, but everlasting life." - John

"But God commendeth his ward us, in that, while we yet sinners, Christ died fo

Romans 5:8. "May be able to compl with all saints what is the and length, and depth, heighth; And to know of Christ, which passeth edge, that ye might be with all the fulness of God

Ephesians 3:18,19. What marvelous texts are which tell us of God's love fallen man. How marvelous love is described by Paul sians 3:18,19), when he spen the length, depth, heighth breadth of God's love. That is so broad that it encom all classes, all colors and versities of human nature so long that it reaches

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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 oftentime longest endure.

'Tis the sticker who wins in the battle of life, While the guitter 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?

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"THE EXPERIENCE OF THE DEAD MAN"

(Continued from page two) ernity past and reaches out to ernity to come. It is so deep that goes down beneath the deepest opths of sin. It is so high that lifts one above all the heights hat he might ever attain in this orld and plants his feet se-arely on the eternal Rock of

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

"Oh, love that wilt not let me

go, rest my weary soul in Thee: give Thee back the life I owe, hat in Thine ocean's depths its flow

May richer, fuller be."

Sometimes we get discouraged, or discouragement is merely the of each of us here within this orld. Sometimes each of us grow eary. We grow tired of life and e think that it is all in vain. ometimes we feel that we have ot a friend left in this world and that no one cares for us. arely there isn't one to whom nis dese words come but what has the ometime in life felt despondent and d weary to the extent that he that he was loved by no one. beloved, you have been badly orla staken. Though you might have soul en forsaken by all others, the as outh still remains that God loves Jebu in spite of all your imperections, your sins, your failures, our mistakes and the wrong of FADUR life — God still loves you. Die loved old Lazarus even though had been dead and his body ipt as beginning to putrify and beme corrupt, and He still loves bu even though you are spiri-ha, hally dead, and though your soul

BE STANDING THERE BY THE OMB, JESUS RAISED LAZ-RUS 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

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 usward 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:

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.

AS LAZARUS STOOD BE-FORE 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 or 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 provision 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

1. The automobile; Nahum 2:4. A vast amount of travel; Dan. 12:4.
 Perilous times; II Tim. 3:1. 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. 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.

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Signs Of The Times

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 TO-GETHER. 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:

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 tha it wasn't merely an ordinary meal, but rather, an extraordin ary 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 Jesu then begins a feast with the Son of God. When one is in right re lationship then the normal - not the unusual nor the extraordinary — just the normal — then begins the normal experience of daily fellowshipping and feasting witl 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:

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

FINALLY, LET IT BE NO-TICED 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 at 7e we ought to continually testi 7 for Him. We have His own word wherein He commands us to d so. Listen:

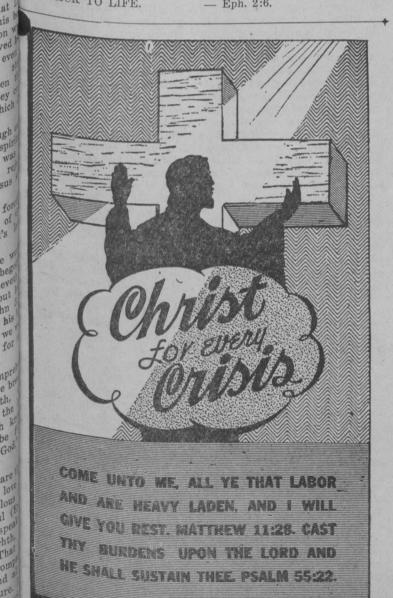
"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." — Mk. 16:15.

"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 tesified. 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!



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KIBROTH-HATTAAVAH -"THE GRAVES OF LUST"

(Continued From Page One) wept in the ears of the Lord saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt, therefore the Lord will give you flesh, and ye shall eat. Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days; but even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the Lord which is among you, and have wept before Him, saying, Why came we out of Egypt? . . . And there went forth a wind from the Lord and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on the other side round about the camp, and as it were two cubits high (i. e. the level of their flight above the earth) upon the face of the earth. And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp. . And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of God was kindled against the people, and tne Lord smote the people with a very great plague. And he called the name of that place Kibroth-nattaavah: because there tney buried the people that lust-

This is the month of March. long awaited March; how it rejoices our hearts when March comes around. The aged person feels that since he has survived the winter and spring is at hand, he has received a new lease on life. The farmer experiences the thrill that comes from the knowleage that soon his crops will be growing and he will be out there in the field where he so much loves to be, turning the furrow and sowing the seed. All of us are glad that the fuel bill will soon be smaller, that it is time to plant the garden, start the chicks, etc.

However, I want to remind you that March 1, 1946, has brought with it an unheard of thing, at least unheard of as far as our beloved country is concerned. As you know, beginning March 1, the flour that is to be milled is considered to be of inferior quality, and our bread is now to be darker; and we will soon be asked to eat less. The reason given: We must help feed starving Europe. A very worthy reason if it indeed be so.

However, as one who lives in the heart of the wheat belt, who has witnessed the emptying of the rows of granaries known as "Ever Normal Granary," which were located in all the towns of the grain producing areas, and who had seen the

bumper crops of the past few years shipped out of the country, and as one who knows that most of the farmers have no grain on hand. I think it were far better if our authorities would tell the people the truth. It is not because of a shortage of box cars, it is not because we want to feed Europe that we will have darker bread and we will be asked to eat less; it is because of the shortage of wheat, that precious commodity of which we were told by the "planners" there was a "burdensome surplus."

Friend, how many times as you bought a sack of flour or walked over to the bread hopper in the store and helped yourself to "the staff of life" did you think to look up to heaven and say "thank

With these introductory ideas let us see what lesson the above Scripture has for us. Some will perhaps say: "Do you really believe that God gave to the Israelites bread from heaven in the form of a daily supply of manna? Do you believe that quail story?" Without hesitancy and without qualification I say: I believe everything written in God's Word. He who created our universe with its infinite spaces and numberless suns surely had no difficulty in working the above mentioned miracles, especially since this was to furnish instruction for all coming generations. We are told in I Corinthians 10: 6: "Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted."

And so at present we are not concerned with the above mentioned miracles but rather with the lesson here taught. What a precious lesson of warning it is, one so much needed in our day. What is our beloved country coming to, the wealth blinded, pleasure-mad, strike bound, religiously formal, danger blind, sleeping America. Our dearly beloved land for which so many had just lately bled and died, to which God in His great love had just given such a glorious victory; the land which has been blessed more than any other so that it has become the desire of every freedom loving man - and also the envy of our enemies which today are found both within and without.

Now looking at our text we see that God in His love wonderfully provided for the Israelites by giving them their food in the form of a daily supply of manna. They received without any trouble or expense a suitable, nourishing, and palatable food. It can be seen in a further study of the record that it could be prepared in a variety of ways so as to suit individual taste, as a result they were a healthy and rugged people, and had they been satisfied with what God had provided how much vexation would have been

avoided.

But they craved unnecessary indulgence. We notice that the "mixed multitude," that is, the people who had attached themselves to the Israelites when they left Egypt, were not satisfied with the provision from God, they longed for the diet of Egypt, and soon the whole company murmured against God.

Now we usually suppose abundance is a blessing, but here we see that abundance can be an expression of God's wrath. He allowed them to gorge themselves with the things they craved and in their gorged condition He brought judgment upon them.

Now in a spiritual sense, and applying this to the things that have to do with our never dying souls, and which also brings to us the only true enjoyment of even material blessings, and secures them for us, our Lord Jesus Christ is the Heaven-given manna.

1—He has been freely given without any trouble and expense to us. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have ever-lasting life." John 3:16.

2—He exactly suits the need of sinful humanity. "Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree." I Peter 2:24. "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone, to his own way, and the Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6.

3-He suits one to live by; a consciousness of His constant presence, to guide, to help, to encourage and cheer, suits both body and soul even in this life.

4-He is the only comfort in "Yea though the hour of death. I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me." Psalm 23:4.

5—He is the only hope of eternal life. "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

Every one who believes on Him as Saviour and God surely is in spiritual health and enjoys best even the material things of this world. Only as our land is filled with such individuals can we even hope for God's favor and a continuance of our national history.

What a picture of spiritual health in each home where Christ is honored, where the children are brought up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord,' where the father leads in prayer, and is an example of clean living and honesty. Of such our Lord says, "ye are the salt of the earth": flavoring, preserving, and healing, constantly arresting the corruption of this sinful world. Oh that our land might be filled with such, that at least our churches might be constituted of truly saved persons; no doubt God would save our nation for their sakes as He was willing to do in the case of Sodom and Gomorrah. He said to Abraham: "If there be found ten righteous therein I will not destroy it.'

However, the God-rejecting of today joined by that great "mixed multiude" of unconverted church members, crave and must have sinful and unnecessary indul-gence: CHRIST MEANS NOTH-ING TO THEM. They long for the diet of Egypt; MONEY IS THEIR GOD! What is responsible for the near civil war condition of our land? GREED! Our strike-bound plants are a proof of this; both management and labor engaged in a vicious circle of grabbing. More! More! More! To hoard—to spend on the lusts of the flesh. The awful "Strong Son Of God"

Strong Son of God, immortal Love, Whom we, that have not seen Thy face, By faith, and faith alone, embrace, Believing where we cannot prove.

Thine are these orbs of light and shade; Thou madest life in man and brute; Thou madest death; and lo, Thy foot Is on the skull which Thou hast made.

Thou wilt not leave us in the dust: Thou madest man, he knows not why; He thinks he was not made to die; And Thou hast made him: Thou art just.

Thou seemest human and divine, The highest, holiest manhood, Thou, Our wills are ours, we know not how; Our wills are ours, to make them Thine.

Our little systems have their day; They have their day, and cease to be: They are but broken lights of Thee, And Thou, O Lord, art more than they.

-ALFRED, LORD TENNYStroun

moral condition of our people, young and old, is proof of this: they are being sacrificed on the altar of the greed of the commercialized vice interests.

And here we see again that abundance can be an expression of God's wrath and judgment. Never before have people had more money than today. cording to statistics of the National Stewardship Institute of the Golden Rule Foundation, in 1944 we spent over 86 billions for war; 40 billions for taxes; 40 billions for war bonds; 10 billions for luxuries and gambling; over 10 billions for alcoholic beverages; 5½ billions for movies; almost 3 billions for cigarettes and tobacco; over 2 billions for cosmetics; and not quite one billion for all church charities. If statistics for 1945 were at hand they would show that spending in some of the above categories far exceeded that of 1944. Never before have we had so many beerjoints frequented by so many persons, both young and old; now, when of all times, clear thinking is so necessary, men and women daze their minds with alcohol. Over 77 million crazed theater fanatics attend the movies each week; there they see the things that should rather be hidden and blushed over, brazenly exhibited and glorified; and the dancethat gateway to a life of shame and to hell, is ruining more lives, especially of our young people, than ever before.

This is the diet of Egypt. And since the true satisfaction, which can only be had in our Lord Jesus Christ, is refused and His loving provision for our salvation ion spurned, now God in His just wrath has taken away all restraint and He lets those who reject Him gorge themselves on the things they crave, the things that will bring about their eternal downfall; with it will also go our nation and everything which we hold dear.

You, who have enriched yourselves at the expense of all that is pure and good consider thoughtfully the following Scripture: "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver are cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped

treasure together for the tate days. Behold, the hire of the sbourers who have reaped your fields, which is of you ker back by fraud, crieth: aniway cries of them which have of G are entered into the ears lemo Lord of Sabaoth. Ye have hing in pleasure on the earth, and wanton; we have nourished hearts, as in a day of slave do Ye have condemned and kill hat just; and he doth not resist who James 5:1-6.

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"I Just Sit Still"

An old Scotch woman who was alone

An old Scotch woman who was alone for the greater part of the day was asked, "What do you do during the day?"

"Well," she said, "I get my hymn book and I have a little hymn of praise to the Lord." Then she added, "I get my Bible and let the Lord speak to me. When I am tired of reading, and I cannot sing any more, I just sit still and let the Lord love me."

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