

Heroism is the lost chord; the issing note of present day hristianity!

Every true soldier is a hero! soldier without heroism is a locolate soldier! Who has not threen stirred to scorn and mirth Bat the very thought of a Chocothis the Soldier? In peace true sol-the diers are captive lions, fretting in 's a heir cages. War gives them their he shoerty and sends them, like boys m wounding out of school, to obtain breacheir heart's desire or to perish the attempt. Battle is the soler's vital breath! Peace turns into a stooping asthmatic. send far makes him a whole man margain, and gives him the heart, aith trength and vigor of a hero. the Every true Christian is a solrains ler-of Christ-a hero "par ex-

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all trellence!" Braver than the bravest will it scorning the soft seductions of work ice and her oft-repeated warn-series against hardship, disease, ""clanger and death, whom he to gounts among his bosom friends. his is The otherwise Christian is a ord's hocolate Christian! Dissolving in d nor ater and melting at the smell of fire. "Sweeties" they are! Bon-bons, lollypops! Living their lives could, but I can sing, and here on a glass dish or in a cardboard box, each clad in his soft clothing, a little frilled white paper to preserve his dear little delicate constitution.

Here are some portraits of Chocolate Soldiers taken by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

"He said, 'I go, sir,' and went not," he said he would go to the heathen, but stuck fast to Christendom instead.

"They say and do not"-they tell others to go, and yet do not go themselves. "Never," said General Gordon to a corporal, as he himself jumped upon the parapet of a trench before Sebastopol to fix a gabion which the corporal had ordered a private to fix and wouldn't fix himself, "Never tell another man to do what you are afraid to do yourself."

To the Chocolate Christian the very thought of war brings a violent attack of ague, while the call to battle always finds him with the palsy. "I really cannot are some of my favorite lines:----

"Chocolate Christians!"

I must be carried to the skies On a flowery bed of ease, Let others fight to win the

prize,

Or sail thro' bloody seas.

God never was a chocolate manufacturer and never will be. God's men are always heroes. In Scripture you can trace their giant foot-tracks down the sands of time.

Noah walked with God, he didn't only preach righteousness, he acted it. He went through water and didn't melt. He breasted the current of the popular opinion of his day, scorning alike the hatred and ridicule of the scoffers who mocked at the thought of there being but one way of salvation. He warned the unbelieving and, entering the ark himself, didn't open the door an inch when once God had shut it. A real hero untainted by the fear of man.

Learn to scorn the praise of

men, Learn to lose with God; Jesus won the world thro'

shame! And beckons us His road.

Abraham, a simple farmer, at a word from the Invisible God, marched, with family and stock through the terrible desert to a distant land to live among a people whose language he could neither speak nor understand! Not bad that! But later he did even better, marching hot foot against the combined armies of five kings, flushed with recent victory, to rescue one man! His army? Just 318 odd fellows, armed like a circus crowd. And he won too. "He always wins who sides with God." What pluck! Only a farmer! No war training! Yet what hero has eclipsed his feat? His open secret? He was the friend of God.

Moses-the man of God-was a species of human chameleonscholar, general, lawyer, leader,

etc. Brought up as the Emperor's grandson with more than a good chance of coming to the throne, one thing only between him and it-Truth-what a choice! What a temptation! A throne for a lie! Ignominy, banishment, or likely enough death for the truth! He played the man! "Refusing to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, he chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin and success for a season, accounting the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt."

Again I see him. Now an old man and alone, marching stolidly back to Egypt, after forty years of exile, to beard the lion in his den, to liberate Pharaoh's slaves right under his very nose, and to lead them across that great and terrible wilderness. A wildcat affair, if ever there was one! When were God's schemes otherwise? Look at Jordan, Jericho, Gideon, Goliath, and scores of

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"What To Do When There Is A Thief gvivin The House, Destroying Our Faith

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above our desk, written by an earnest hd singere Christian, to tell us hat we must cease mentioning gos we must cease mentioning landeror in these pages, if we would re we cripture, "the servant of the ? ord ", "the servant of the unloviord must not strive," has been null will do prove the point at issue. nd locat the risk of seeming redun-ancy we point out something to s? s? we point out something to Do we alluded recently, that Do whe word translated strive is the particle word translated strive is the rave streek machesthai, which means, war. It has the implication of war. It has the implication of four spirisputing or quarreling. nor thers To call attention to error is for arts either quarreling nor disputing; ing.

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wwn Malachi 3:3 says: "And He and hall sit as a refiner and purifier ust Goff silver." Notice the word, sit. al woman read this verse and croaid, "I shall find out all I can to boot all of bout the way silver is refined." of bo she visited a silver refinety. out he watched the process for a

unholime and then said to the man the said the boiling liquid, "Do

were a thief in your house, making off with your most precious possessions! Would you pat his back and compliment him on his good taste? Would you hold the door for him and help him load your belongings into his car? Would you sit down and have a cup of tea with him, and assure him that he had a right to his way of life and livelihood? Or would you seek to apprehend him, and to save your possessions? You know what the answer is, nor would you say that to act for your own protection is "striv-

There is a thief in the house of our faith. He is seeking to rob us of all that we hold dear concerning Christ our Saviour. He would take from us His Deity, His atoning sacrifice and its efficacy, the hope of His coming, and anything and everything else (Continued on page two)

DEFINITE COMPROMISE ON PART OF BOY SCOUTS We are glad to pass on and

endorse the following item from the bulletin of the Franklin Street Baptist Church of Louisville:

Boy Scouts - Girl Scouts

We greatly regret that, in spite of the protests of the Baptists of Louisville, the Scout leaders have accepted a gift of \$30,000 from the Brewers of Louisville. We feel that "Beer" is doing more than any one thing to ruin the lives of our boys and girls and we cannot see how our Scout leaders would let these people who are ruining the lives of our (Continued on page two)

Mused Uncle Mose

Dem missionary womens, dey meets and talks and sheds teahs ovah de heathen Chinee, while dey own gals is out ridin' to hell wid de debil.

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What Is The Meaning Of Mt. 16:18 As To The Church Which Jesus Built?

We have here in Matt. 16:18 a Scripture that has been the battleground of much controversy. The particular question that we desire to consider is the question as to the foundation of the church that Jesus established.

The Wrong View

The wrong view is that Peter was the foundation of the church. This is the view that furnishes the very foundation of the Catholic Church. They asume that Peter was given the primacy the headship of the church - that he transferred his authority to his successor, and that a long chain of popes have followed, each with the authority that Peter had.

Why Peter Is Not The Foundation Of The Church

The language used prohibits this meaning. There is a play of words in the Greek "thou art

perta (great stone) I will build." The word "petra" is feminine and therefore could not refer to Peter. The subject under discusion prohibits the idea that Peter was meant. (v. 13). What were they talking about? About who Jesus

Petros (little rock) and upon this

was — not about who or what Peter was. To assume that Peter is referred to as foundation is to assume that Jesus suddenly changed the subject, which it is evident that He did not mean to do.

The subsequent remarks of Jesus prohibits the idea that (Continued On Page Two)

DOES CHRISTIANITY WORK?

Does Christianity work? Kazainak was a robber chieftain, a man of violence, in far-away Greenland. Curiosity brought him into contact with the missionary. One day the missionary read to him the story of Christ's sufferings, when the chief immediately asked: "What has this man done? Has He robbed anybody? Has He murdered anybody?"

ho sat by the boiling liquid, "Do our ou always sit at your work?" "Oh, yes," he replied. "You see areful attention. All the scum ted thust be taken off and the fire How bust never set too hot." How fust he taken off and." How fust never get too hot." ng of "How do you know when the rded ^petining work is done?" queried

in the state of th s 10^a is purpose. For whom He did oreknow, He also did predesti-sins ate to be conformed to the im-grive ke of His Son." This is the pur-selet be devery trial in our lives— I." To The Uttermost"

Seven Reasons Why Christ May Soon Come

First

By D. B. Eastep Ed. Note: Bro. Eastep is pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Covington, Ky., having been pastor there for the past nineteen years. The editor has counted him as one of the best of personal friends. It is a joy to reproduce this message in the columns of our paper. As you read it may your heart echo, "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

Our subject tonight is Seven Reasons Why Christ May Soon 'Return. I wrote a little (book years ago called, "Bringing Back the King," and in that book I gave twenty-four signs of Christ's coming. Through the years I have seen no reason to revise it. Whenever you have the Word of the Lord, you do not need much re-vision in your books. You may change them slightly to bring them up to date, but the same conditions that exist today have existed for many, many years. The only difference is that today they are worse - more exaggerated. I could give you fifty reasons why I believe that Christ may soon return, but I am going to give you only seven tonight. The first one I shall mention is found in the 12th chapter and

fourth verse of the Book of Daniel. Daniel, you will remember, had a vision of Gentile world power. God gave him in one vision something that He had never given to any other man. God showed him the whole sweep of Gentile world power - He showed him the whole history of the world under the rule of the Gentile nations. You will recall that Jesus said that Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles shall be fulfilled. This makes it clear that there is a certain time that the Gentiles are going to rule but when that time is fin-(Continued on page two)

"No," was the reply. "He has robbed no one, murdered no one; He has done nothing wrong."

"Then why does He suffer? Why does He die?"

"Listen," said the missionary. "This man has done no wrong; but Kazainak has done wrong. This man has not robbed any one; but Kazainak has robbed many. This man has murdered no one: but Kazainak has murdered his brother. This man suffered that Kazainak might not suffer; died that Kazainak might not die."

"Tell me that again," said the astonished chieftain. And the hard-hearted sinner became the humble follower of the Lord Jesus, doing good instead of doing evil. - Selected.

GRACE IS EVERYTHING FOR NOTHING; CHRIST FREE, PARDON FREE, HEAVEN FREE.

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WHAT DOES MATTHEW 16:18 MEAN?

(Continued From Page One) Peter was meant here.

Almost immediately Jesus called him "Satan." (Matt. 16:23). Strange words to the "pope" the head of the church.

Other Scriptures make plain that Peter did not occupy any place of primacy in the church. (Ephes. 2:20 places him alongside the others, as "foundation stones"). I Peter 5:1 Peter speaks of himself as "fellow elder" showing that he did not give himself any place of headship.

Peter, the vascillating denier of Jesus would have been a poor foundation for the church. Recall the story of the denial. No the church was not founded on man.

What Then Did Jesus Mean?

Let us analyze the passage for a moment.

Jesus asks the disciples (16:13) what people were saying about Him. The answer is given in verse 14.

Then He asks the more personal question as to what they thought of Him. (v. 15). Peter hastens to answer for the group. He declares that Jesus is the Messiah — the Son of God.

Jesus blesses Peter for the answer and declares that this truth as to His Messiahship and deity are divinely given truths. Then He utters the words of our lesson. What did He mean? What was He talking about? He was talking about Peter's confession that He was the Christ, the Son of God.

As we understand it, the passage may be paraphrased something like this:

"I want to tell you, you are Peter ("petros" — the little stone) and upon this great (pe-

JUDY AND SAM By Henrietta Van Laar

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It was with much reluctance that Judy, with her mother, leaves her city home and friend Mary to go live with her uncle on a large farm. Longing for her' city home, she anticipates a very lonely life until she meets Sam, a friendly neighbor boy, with whom she has lots of fun. Then, too, you will enjoy reading how she learns to love the animals on the farm, especially the little baby calf which she cares for and raises. Boys and girls will find this a very interesting book.

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children to buy their way with them. WE JOIN WITH OTHER BAPTIST CHURCHES IN URG-ING OUR BOYS AND GIRLS WHO ARE IN "THE SCOUTS" TO TELL THEIR LEADERS THAT THEY CAN NOT BE-LONG TO THE SCOUTS LONG-ER, unless this matter is corrected.

We should just as soon have the thirty pieces of silver for which Judas betrayed the Son of God as to have the money contributed by the organized manufacturers

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In brief:

We believe that Christ established His church upon the divinely revealed and apprehended truth of His Messiahship and Deity. This is equivalent to saying upon Christ Himself. For the truth of Christ's Messiahship and deity, and the Person of Christ Himself, are inseparably con-nected. With this view co-incide such Scripture as Ephes. 2:20; I Cor. 3:11; I Peter 2:5-6).

Therefore those who deny the full deity of Christ are digging away the very foundation of the church and Christianity.

Incidentally Note

Christ started His church. (He said I will build) not Campbell, Calvin, etc.

His church was a local, visible

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(Continued from Page One) that is supernatural. What are we to do? Are we to say nothing, and do nothing? Are we to compliment such a one on his adroitness? Are we not to defend the precious truths of God's Word, and point the finger at error? Is this what the Apostle meant when he wrote: "The servant of the Lord must not strive?" Of course it isn't. To the contrary, it is written that "ye should earnestly contend for the faith" (Jude 3). This is what Our Hope has done for a half century and will continue to do, God willing. We shall endeavor to do so, however, in love, and not in a contentious way .- Our Hope.

Ed. Note: This expresses exactly the position of the editor of this paper. Lots of sentimental Baptists need to be reminded often of "Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear" I Tim. 5:28.

"SEVEN REASONS WHY CHRIST MAY SOON COME"

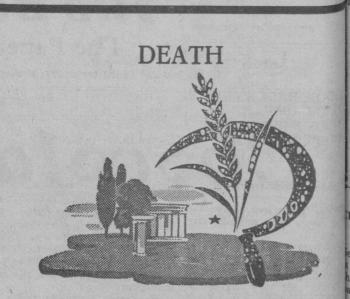
(Continued from page one) ished, God is going to pick up the nation Israel — the Jews and Israel will rule. You may not like the idea but that is God's order - not mine. God says the same thing in the 15th chapter of the Book of the Acts how

"God at the first did visit the Gentiles to take out of them a people for his name . . . After this will return and build again the tabernacle of David which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and L will set it up."

One does not have to stretch his imagination to believe that the time of the Gentiles is about over. Nations and governments have tumbled, some are tottering, and even the so-called leading nations of the world are shaky, not knowing what move to make next.

The second reason why I believe that Christ may soon return is found in Daniel, chapter II, verses 26 and 27. Truce-breaking and pact-breaking.

"Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain" (in other words, slain by the hand that feeds them).



"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." —Heb. 9:27.

"For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living." —Job 30:23.

"Man that is born of a woman is of a few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not." —Job 14:1

lend-lease material back from Europe yet. That's what the Word of God says, and I am just telling you what I believe this passage means.

Then Daniel says that they are going to speak lies at the same table. There you are. Peace-making, truce-making, but yet the whole thing founded on a lie saying one thing and thinking another.

The third reason why I believe Jesus is coming soon is that you read in the magazines and the newspapers; that you hear from the lips of modernist preachers; that you hear on every hand. Turn with me to the book of First Thessalonians, the fifth chapter and the third verse:

"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.'

I never hear talk about peace that I do not think of this passage written by the Apostle Paul nineteen hundred years ago.

This is a day and age of peace talking; and I am for peace for the world. It is much better to get along without fighting, but I want to say this: These peace talks just won't work out, for God says, "Unto the end there shall be wars." That is God's proclamation and prophecy and you will find that He never misses.

The fourth reason I believe that Jesus is coming soon is the shaping of two tremendous world powers. I haven't time to read all the Scriptures pertaining to this subject but I shall just mention them. The 38th and 39th chapters of Ezekiel tells us of a great world power. We are seeing Russia coming into power right before our own eyes. She is the only nation coming out of this world war with any power. America is -we are bled white, finot nancially, spiritually, morally, and possibly politically. But Russia is coming out and she is coming out on top. She is seeking the boundaries that Bible students have set according to the Scriptures years ago when there was not even a sign of their being possible. Preachers who preached the truth of God's prophecy were called crazy, but their messages have been vindicated by the present trend of world affairs.

Then the nations whose daries composed the Old Ro Empire are falling togethe another league though by al written treaty. Read Daniel 2"s 45; Daniel 7 and Revelation pir when you go home. We shall this up in more detail in ano message.

Then another reason I to mention is a confederacy "A mations. This is found in ur Book of Daniel, second chapleck verses 40 to 44:

"And the fourth kingdom be strong as iron; forasmuch iron breaketh in pieces and orn dueth all things; and as iron breaketh all these, shall it bi ha in pieces and bruise.

"And whereas thou sawest feet and toes, part of pot clay, and part of iron, the kh dom shall be divided; but shall be in it of the strengthyrs the iron, forasmuch as thou est the iron mixed with clay.

"And as the toes of the were part of iron, and part clay, so the kingdom shall partly strong, and partly brovate

"And whereas thou sawest mixed with miry clay, they sind mingle themselves with the iong of men; but they shall not cle "A one to another, even as iro'awe not mixed with clay.

"And in the days of these ker shall the God of heaven set vat kingdom which shall never destroyed; and the kingdom s "F not be left to other people, car it shall break in pieces and stre sume all these kingdoms, an to

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tra) foundation rock - this divinely apprehended truth that I am the Messiah, the Son of God, I am going to build my church, and it shall never go out of existence."

assembly (Matt. 18:17 makes this plain).

He promised its continued and continuous existence. Therefore any church that was started centuries later, was started too late.

No Accounts

When the Rev. Henry Blunt was dying, the doctor said to him, "Sir, you are drawing near the grave, and I think if you have any accounts to settle, you had better settle them now." Mr. Blunt replied, "I have no accounts to settle; I owe nothing to man, and my Saviour has paid all my debts to God!"

What a blessed state! God grant that we may all be able to say that when we stand on the brink of the river.

"And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table" (peace table) — "but it shall not prosper; for yet the end shall be at the time appointed."

Was Daniel speaking about the end-time? Yes, for the whole book of Daniel deals with the time of the end very definitely, especially the latter part. What does he say? Men are going to bite the hands of them that feed them. You wait and see. There are millions of people that America is feeding today but some day they are going to bite our hands. We let Japan have scrap iron and she threw it back in our face. We may get some of our shall stand for ever.'

What is the picture? Da saw in a vision a man who beign four parts to him. He saw a of gold, shoulders of silver, th of brass, and legs of iron. were toes of iron and clay m He said, there is coming a when those ten kingdoms going to be destroyed; and at that day God is going to sel His everlasting king. When the ten-toed kingdoms take shape sha reach their zenith, God is going to set up a kingdom. As we know, the fourth world end was Rome. That empire is g to be revived, with ten kingd under one state, under one kod. There is a stirring among C nations around the Mediterrantain (Continued on Page Three) YOU GET THE FLESH BY THE NATURAL BIRTH. YOU GET THE NATURE OF GOD BY THE SECOND BIRTH.

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Looking Which Way?

LOOK BACKWARD-See Christ dying for you. LOOK UPWARD-See Christ pleading for you. LOOK INWARD-See Christ living in you. LOOK FORWARD-See Christ coming for you.

SEVEN REASONS WHY HRIST MAY SOON RETURN

(Continued from page two) ea, and as sure as we live, it the coming of that kingdom hat Daniel said was coming to ass, which shall be supplanted the kingdom of Jesus Christ. Then here is another thing we e today. If you don't see it, is because you don't read your apers or listen to the radio news mmentators. There is an angonism between atheism, largeheaded up under communism ad socialism, and Catholicism. Revelation 17: "And there came

he of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with e, saying unto me, Come hither; will show unto thee the judgent of the great whore that sit-

With whom the kings of the d Renth have committed fornication, d Renth have committed fornication,

shall aw a woman sit upon a scarlet n and block full of names of aspheny have been made drunk with the or and the shall aw a woman sit upon a scarlet aspheny having seven heads asphemy, having seven heads 1 "nd ten horns.

leracy "And the woman was arrayed in in urple and scarlet colors, and chartecked with gold and precious tones and pearls, having a golddom in cup in her hand, full of absmul minations and filthiness of her and ornication.

iron "And upon her forehead was it brame written, Mystery, Babylon e Great, the Mother of Harlots awest Abominations of the Earth. potter And I saw the woman drunk-the kh with the blood of the saints, but the with the blood of the marbut that with the blood of the marrengthers of Jesus; and when I saw thou er, I wondered with great ad-

Then the Apostle John saw omething else. Let us read verse pario:

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shall "And he saith unto me, The y brotaters which thou sawest, where west he whore sitteth, are peoples, hey and multitudes, and nations, and not cle "And the ten horns which thou

is iro awest upon the beast, these shall ate the whore, and shall make nese kier desolate, and naked, and shall set that her flesh, and burn her with never re.

dom's "For God hath put in their eople, earts to fulfill his will, and to and Gree, and give their kingdom

are many other signs but this one is a very prevalent one. In the Second Book of Timothy, the third chapter and the first verse, the Apostle Paul names nineteen different signs of the coming of Christ. I shall just select one of these - "without natural affection." Surely there never was a time when this was so manifest in people. First of all it shows itself in juvenile delinquency and second, it shows itself in the divorce court. These two things, as a rule, bring immorality in a community or nation.

that Jesus is coming soon-there

"Without natural affection"just what does this mean? It means this: God put into a mother and a father the natural feeling of love for their offspring. A dog will seldom forsake her puppies or a hog her pigs, or even a mother rat her little ones, but I'll tell you what you will find by the dozens - you will find human beings that forsake their offspring. If you don't believe it, look at the newspapers; go down to the police court and learn about some of the cases on record. There is one case that the father is married to another woman and he cannot get the child until he pays its board bill. He has let the bill run until it is a hundred dollars and he does not think enough of the child, his own flesh and blood, to pay that bill. What is it? Just what God's Word says, "without natural affection."

We are hearing a lot about juvenile delinquency these days. A condition surely is bad when even the world is worried about it and the world is very much worried about juvenile delinquency. But as many have said, it is rather a parental delinquency question. Fathers and mothers do not think enough of their children to give them some of their time - ah, much of their time - to teach them, to chasten them and to care for them. An eagle will teach her young to fly, a dog will teach the little pup to care for itself, but mothers and fathers by the thousand bring children into the world and just turn them loose.

You say, well what are we going to do about it? The only thing in the world that will cure the ills of this world is the Word of God. I say this with kindness, but I know it to be the truththe man, whoever he may be the president of a nation, the governor of a state, a king of an empire; a mayor of a city or any city official- if he doesn't know this BOOK, he does not know enough to rule succesfully. This BOOK is the answer - this BOOK is the key to every problem that agitates the public life of today.

them all.

"Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they. planted, they builded.

"But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all."

Who said this? Christ. He said the conditions that prevailed in the days of Noe, the conditions that prevailed in the days of Lot, will prevail in the days of the coming of the Son of Man. Tonight when you go home, read the 6th chapter of the book of Genesis and there you will read that every imagination of the thought of man's heart was only evil continually. After you have read this chapter, turn to the 19th chapter of the book of Genesis and read the terrible conditions that prevailed in the days of Lot when God destroyed Sodom. Do you know what happened in both of these days? God sent judgment. He sent destruction. He sent the floods in the days of Noah and He burned Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes. God is a God of judgment as well as a God of love.

Now turn to the book of Ephesians, the fifth chapter. There God tells Christians some things they ought not to do and then adds in the 6th verse:

"For because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.'

Not on us, no; we have escaped it; but that is the reason God calls us away from unrighteous deeds. He says in essence, If I am going to burn the world up for doing these things, then you Christians lay off of them.

Now, here is the last and seventh thing that I shall mention tonight which is an evident token that Jesus is coming soon. I believe the last days are upon us. The Bible teaches that there will come a time of famine in the last days, a famine of two things.

First, over in the book of Amos, the 8th chapter and the 11th verse, is found this passage:

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord."

To hear the words of the Lord, two things have to happen. First, somebody has to preach the Word of the Lord. The second thing, somebody must listen. And you don't find much of either these days. Take note of the average sermion today and see how much Scripture is used. You wouldn't find ten verses of Scripture in many whole sermons and you would do well to find three. Go to the average church and you may not even find a Bible on the desk. In the average church you see the Sunday School teacher with a Sunday School Quarterly instead of the Word of God. Many of them even stand before their classes and read out of the Quarterly and never open their Bible. "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that there will come this famine, not of bread nor of a thirst for water, but of hearing the Word of God." Then, too, comparatively few people care to hear the Word of God. How many people will you find in Greater Cincinnati tonight that have gone out to hear the Word of God? I see people who used to go to church to hear the Word of God entertaining company. I am always afraid of people who get so fashionable they have to entertain their company on Sunday night. I don't want them in this church.

will be a famine of bread. We are being asked by our government to eat a potato instead of a slice of bread so that we may help to feed the starving peoples of the world. We have just begun to see a scarcity of food. You know, I told you years ago upon the authority of God's Word, that this was coming and you thought I was foolish, didn't you?

Let me read to you two or three passages from the 24th chapter of Matthew, the seventh verse:

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be FA-MINES and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places."

We have never known what famine is. Famine is coming and we are just beginning to see it. Don't you believe it if the Word of God says it? Don't you believe it when unsaved men who run our government are telling you and warning you?

Then there is another passage I want to give you. Revelation, the sixth chapter, verses 5 and 6:

"And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand."

(You know what balances are, what we used to call "steelyards." That was the most honest weight in the world.)

"And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine."

What is this? The black horse, a horse of famine. He comes out across the scene and marches over the face of the earth.

Listen to one other passage. I remember saying this long ago and folk thought I was foolish. I repeat it tonight:

Revelation, chapter 13, verses 15 and 16. It is speaking about a day coming when a terrible monster is going to rule the earth and is going to control the whole earth.

"He causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads."

(Note: "he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor

. ." You know, the rich folks used to get by but not any more. Henry Ford and Rockefeller will be affected just like us.)

"And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

What's that? Rationing. When do they ration food? When it is scarce.

These seven things I have mentioned tonight, so far as I am concerned, point to the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ, It is the Word of God? Do you believe it? Now, Christ says that we can look at the clouds and tell what the weather is going to be on the morrow and then adds: "O ye hypocrite, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?"

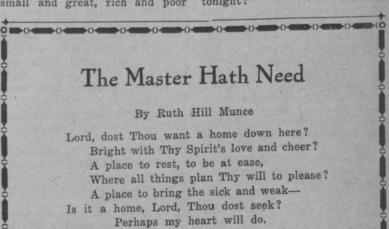
Now, why have I brought this message? First of all, I want to warn you Christians. We are living in a day when we are taking it too easy; our minds are on earthly things; BUT we had better be looking for our Lord. Whatever you are going to do. you had better do quickly; the service you plan to render for God had better be done soon. The King's business requires haste.

Second, I want to warn you who are not saved. When the Lord comes, it will be too late to set your house in order. If you are ever going to make peace with God, you had better do it soon. Once our Saviour comes and the Master rises up to shut the door of the house, you may pound on the door and ask for admission but the Master of the house will have to say, "It's too late." What I have been talking to you about tonight is not a fairy story; it is the truth of God, the great pro-phesied truth, that JESUS IS COMING.

The only way to be ready for His coming is to receive Him into your heart now. Joining a church won't save you; quitting your bad habits won't save you; but believing on the Lord Jesus Christ will save you.

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." - John 3:36.

Won't you get ready for Him tonight?



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"And the woman which thou who shart be turning the aw absigneth over the kings of the aw absigneth over the kings of the aw abstract." Now, that is very plain, isn't con. The two forces that are play-ng a today and in the world for doms at today and in the world for ng a today political power in Amer-doms at today and in the world for ; and at matter) are Communism to sel Catholicism. Throughout all then the Europe that is the trouble shape burch trying to get power from As we ommunistic Russia and vice Id em trsa.

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In Luke the 17th chapter, the 26th verse, Christ says:

"And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

"And they did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, Three Then the sixth reason I believe and the flood came and destroyed

Then, in the last days there

Or dost Thou need a temple where Thy Spirit makes all fit and fair? A place to stay, a place to pray Until the mind of God is known, Until His will is fully shown Apart from worldly thought or greed-Is it a temple Thou dost need? Perhaps my mind would do.

Or dost Thou need a market square, A place unloved, unheeded, bare, A place downtrod by many feet But where Thy purchased souls may meet Their Lord, nor lose their way; A place to use in any way A place like that? -Lord, would I do?

GOD DEALT WITH HIS SON IN JUSTICE THAT HE MIGHT DEAL WITH SINNERS IN GRACE.

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PAGE FOUR

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

"What Is A Tavern?"

IT IS-

2. A bar.

- 3. A liquor store.
- 4. A place when men lose themselves.
- 5. Now true of women and girls.

6. The devil's effort to camouflage.

7. Bait for a death trap.

8. Crucifixion ground for the best in men and women.

9. A take off for a downward ski.

10. The rehearsal room where the devil's fairies practice for delirium tremens.

11. The hide-out for crime.

12. The spigot for the product of the brewer and distiller.

13. The enemy of the home.

14. The enemy of the church.

15. The enemy of the school.

16. A thief, stealing wages, health, morals and souls.

17. The brightly-lighted door to the blackest night.

18. The greatest cause of absenteeism.

19. The friend of our enemies.

20. The enemy of our friends.

- Grace and Truth

CHOCOLATE CHRISTIANS AND "SWEETIES."

(Continued from page one) others. Tame tabby-cat schemes are stamped with another hall mark—that of the Chocolate Brigade! How dearly they love their tabbies yet think themselves wise men! Real Christians revel in desperate ventures for Christ, expecting from God great things and attempting the same with exhilaration. History cannot match this feat of Moses. How was it done? He consulted not with flesh and blood, he obeyed not men but God.

Once again I see the old greybeard, this time descending the Mount with giant strides and rushing into the camp, his eyes blazing like burning coals. One man against three million dancing dervishes drunk with debauchery. Bravo! Well done, old man! First class! His cheek pales not, but his mouth moves, and I think I catch his words, "If God be for me who can be against me? I will not be afraid of 10,060 of the people that have set themselves against me. Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear." And he didn't. He wins again. Whence this desperate courage? Listen! "Now the man Moses was very meek above all the men which were upon the face of the earth." "The Lord spake unto Moses face to face as a man speaketh unto his friend." "My servant Moses." said his Master, "is faithful in all Mine house, with him will I speak mouth to mouth." Such is the explanation of Moses the chameleon, the man and friend of God and consequently a firstclass hero. David - the man after God's own heart-was a man of war and a mighty man of valour. When all Israel were on the run, David faced Goliath-alone * * * with God-and he but a stripling, and well scolded too by his own brother for having come to see the battle. What a splendid fool Eliab must have been! as though David would go to see a battle and not stay to fight. They are Chocolate Soldiers who merely go to see battles, and coolly urge others to fight them. They had better save their journey money and use it to send out real fight-

ers instead * * * No! David went to the battle and stayed to fight, and won! Wise beyond his years, he had no use for Saul's armor. It cramped his freedom of action. He tried it on and took it off, quick sharp. And, besides, it made such a ghastly rattle, even when he walked, that he could not hear the still small voice of God, and would never have hear Him say afterwards-"This is the way to the brook, David! and there are the five smooth stone! Trust only in Me and them. Your own home-made sling will do first class, and there! that's the shortest cut to Goliath." The Chocolate ran away -they were all Chocolates-but David ran upon Goliath. One smooth stone was enough.

David's secret was that he had but one Director, and He, the Infallible One. He directed the stone, as He directed the youth. Too many directors spoil the sport, and two are too many by just one. Thus Christ said to His soldiers: "HE shall teach you all things, HE shall guide you into all the truth."

"This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him."

"One Mediator only, between God and Man, the man Christ Jesus."

One Director of Christian men -God the Holy Ghost. Whose directions require indeed instant obedience, but not the endorsement of any man.

The devil needs red-hot shot. fresh from the foundry of the Holy Ghost. He laughs at cold shot or tepid, and as for that made of half iron and half clay, half divine and half human, why you might just as well pelt him with snowballs. When did this raw youth derive his pluck and skill? Not from military camps, nor theological schools, nor religious retreats. "To know The Only True God and Jesus Christ," is enough. Paul determined to know only Jesus Christ, and look at the grand result! Whilst others were learning pretty theories, David, like John, had been alone with God in the wilds, practicing on bears and lions. The result? He knew God and did exploits. He knew God only. He obeyed God only. That's the secret. God alone gives strength . . God adulterated with

and clay-Chocolate-brittleness! Yet hero as he was, even David alas! once played the role of Chocolate Soldier. He stayed at home when he should have gone to war. His army, far off, in danger, fighting the enemy, won. David, at home, secure, within sight of God's house and often going there, suffered the one great defeat of his life, entailing such a bitter life-long reaping as might well deter others from the folly of sowing wild oats. David's sin is a terrific sermon (like Lot's preaching in Sodom must have been), its them-

"Don't be a Chocolate Soldier!" In his simple, quick, and full confession, David proved himself a man again. It takes a real man to make a true confession - a Chocolate Soldier will excuse or cloke his sin. He tumbles in the mud, flounders on, wipes his mouth to try and get the bad taste of his acted lie out of it, and then goes on his way saying, "I have done no wickedness." self-murdering fool! Killing his conscience to save his face, like Balaam beating the ass who sought to save his master's life. Being a Chocolate Soldier nearly did for David. Beware!

Nathan was another real Christian Soldier. He went to his king and rebuked him to his face, like Peter's dealing with Ananias (only David embraced his opportunity and confessed), and unlike the Chocolate Soldiers of today who go whispering about and refusing either to judge, rebuke, or put away evil because of the entailed scandal forsooth. Veritable Soapy Sams. They say "it is nothing! nothing at all! a mere misunderstanding!" As though God's cause would suffer more through a bold declaration and defense of the truth and the use of the knife, than by the hiding up of sin, and the certain development of mortification in the member involving death to the whole body. "He that doeth rightousness is righteous," and "he that doeth sin is of the devil," and ought to be told so. He that is a second time led captive by the devil needs neither plaster nor treacle, but the brave rebuke and summons to repentance of a righteous man to effect his salvation. We are badly in need of Nathans today, who fear God and nothing else, no, not even a scandal.

Daniel was another hero. Of course he was! Was he not the man greatly beloved of God Who sent an angel to tell him so.

I love to watch him as he walks, with firm step and radiant face, to the lion's den, stopping but once-like his Master enroute to Calvary-to comfort his weeping and agonized emperor. God shut the mouths of the lions against Daniel, but opened them wide against those who had opened their mouths against His servant.

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love and admire him? Why, even Chocolate Christians in those Herod did. A genuine deficiency of oil and treacle in his composition. He always told the bang flat truth, with emphasis. As he loved, so he warned. He knew not how to fawn. He wooed with the sword, and "men" loved him the better for it. They always do.

Had John but heard Jesus say, "Ye shall be My witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth," I very much doubt if Herod's dungeon or his soldiers, could have detained him. He surely would have found some means of escape, and run off to preach Christ's gospel, if not in the very heart of Africa, then in some more difficult and dangerous place. Yet Christ said, referring to His subsequent gift of the Holy Ghost to every believer, "He that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he," intimating that even greater powers than those of John are at the disposal of every Christian, and that what John was each one of us can be good, straight, bold, uncon-

querable, heroic. But here are other foot-tracks -outrageous ones; they can only belong to one man-that grandest of Christian paradoxes-the little giant Paul-whose head was as big as his body, and his heart greater than both. Once he thought and treated every Christian as a combination of knave and fool. Then he became one himself. He was called "fool" because his acts were so far beyond the dictates of human reason, and "mad" because of his irrepressible fiery zeal for Christ and men. A first-class scholar, but one who knew how to use scholarship properly; for he put it on the shelf declaring the wisdom of men to be but folly, and determined to know nothing else save Jesus Christ and Him crucified. The result-he made the world turn somersault. His life was a perpetual gamble for God. Daily he faced death for Christ. Again and again he stood fearless before crowds thirsting for his blood. He stood before kings and governors, and "turned not a hair." He didn't so much as flinch before Nero, that vice president of hell. His sufferings were appalling; read them. He trod in his Master's footsteps, and so received-God is always just in His favors-and the same splendid compliment that Jesus did. "All forsook him." So there were some

too. Anyone who forsook must have been made of C late. Doubtless the "CH LATES" excused themselve they do today. "Who could such a fanatical fiery fool? an uncompromising charge Nobody could work with h he with them!" (What a lie! did, and they got on we gether). A tactless enthu who considered it his busin tell every man the unvari truth regardless of consequ He won his degree hands and without a touch of the A first-class one, too-that headman's axe-next best to of the cross.

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And so the tale goes 0 where you will through the tures or history, you find men who really knew God didn't merely say they did invariably Paragons of Dare-Devil Desperador Jesus; Gamblers for God. and Madmen," shout the and the Chocolates. "Yes, Christ's sake," add the Ang

Nobly they fought to the prize,

Climbing the steep ascents heaven,

Through peril, toil, and pain. O God, to us let grace

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BOY SCOUTS

(Continued from page two of the poisonous slop of alco beverages. And even the mu ous Jews refused to handle a the price of innocent blood they had paid to Judas! brewers and distillers are be ing morally weak men and men, as well as the boys and of our nation. They traffi human character and life, then to smooth over their tardly crime they offer cont tions to such organizations a Scouts. Evidently Louis needs a house-cleaning amon Scout leaders. If the matter not been corrected already, let Christian boys and girls parents, church leaders, an who believe in decency, raise a protest as to shake the organization in Louisville bottom to top.

ANOTHER'S SALVATION

"He which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."-James V:20

There is no greater charity in the world than to save a soul, nothing that pleases God better, nothing that can be in our hands greater or more noble, nothing that can be a more lasting and delightful honor, than that a perishing soul snatched from the flames of an intolerable hell, and borne to heaven on the wings of piety and mercy by the minisry of angels and the graces of the Holy Spirit-shall to eternal ages bless God and bless thee; Him for the author and finisher of salvation, and thee for the minister and charitable instrument. That bright star must needs look pleasantly upon thy face for ever, which was by thy hand placed there and, had it not been for thy ministry, might have been a sooty coal in the regions of sorrow. God hath given us all some powers and ministries, by which we may promote the great interest of souls: counsels and prayers, preaching and writing, passionate desires and fair examples, going before others in the way of godliness, and bearing the torch before them, that they may see the way and walk in it. JEREMY TAYLOR.

A man is known by his works. and the works of Daniel were his three friends, who, rather than bow down to men or gold, braved the fiery furnace.

Again see him going to the banquet hall, and hear his conductor whisper in his ear, "Draw it mild, Daniel, be statesmanlike. Place and power again for you if you are tactful and wiseespecially tactful!" And Daniel's simple reply, "Get thee behind me, 'Satan!' There he stands before the king, braving torture or instant death-but it's the king who quails, not Daniel-who tells him to his face the whole hot truth of God, diminishing not a jot.

John the Baptist - a man taught and made and sent to God -good old John! Who doesn't