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

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## Who Can Pay So Much?

The Russian Czar Nicholas loved to disguise himself and mingle with his subjects to hear what they might have to say. One night he visited the barracks and listened to the conversation of the soldiers. While passing a tent he observed a young officer sitting with his head on his arm, sound asleep. The Czar tip-toed to the back of the chair and looked over his shoulder. There on the table before him he saw, to his amazement, a loaded revolver. Beside the revolver was a sheet of paper, and on it was a long list of gambling debts. The Czar noted the total and was about to turn away when, suddenly, he saw that there was something written below the column of figures. Stepping closer, he read the words: "Who can pay so much." Like a flash he grasped the revolver. The young officer had gambled everything he had. He

was deeply in debt, and he had no way of meeting his obligations. Hence his decision to blow his brains out and end it all.

But, after writing the words, "Who can pay so much?" he had fallen asleep. Soon he would awaken, and then . . .

The Czar at first decided to report him. Then, remembering he was a friend of the young man's father, he changed his mind.

Taking up the pen that had fallen from the hand of the young man and dipping it in the ink, he looked for a moment again at the question before him:

"Who can pay so much?"

Then, stooping over, he wrote one word underneath — this: "Nicholas."

Quickly he turned away.

Presently the young officer opened his eyes, picked up the revolver and slowly raised it

to his brow. But, just before pulling the trigger, he glanced for the last time at the list of his debts. Then he read once more what he had written:

"Who can pay so much?"

Suddenly he bent nearer. There was another word on the paper. He read it — "Nicholas."

In amazement he dropped the revolver. He recognized the handwriting. His Czar had been there. With joy he read again the answer to his own departing question, "Who can pay so much?" — "Nicholas."

Next morning, sure enough, a messenger came with the money from the Czar. His debts were paid and his life saved.

Friend, you too have accumulated a debt, a debt that you can never hope to pay — a debt of sin. And, when you realize it, you too will cry, "Who can pay so much?" and then God will answer, "JESUS."

Yes, Jesus settled the account. He became the payment for your debt of sin. This is what is written:

"God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them."

Your sins were placed to Christ's account when He died on Calvary. Therefore you can go free. Your debt has been paid. "Jesus paid it all." What wonderful news!

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." (II Cor. 5:18-21).

Oh, friend, believe God and accept His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, as your Saviour. Don't delay. Take Him now, for He has paid your debt of sin that you might go free.

"Who can pay so much?"

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### Mused Uncle Mose

Ole Josh Grabnickle say he don't let he lef' han' know what he right han' do, an' vice vissa. Humph! Ef'n he did let 'em dey wouldn't fin' out nuttin'.

## -- The First Baptist Pulpit --

### A Bible Study As To The Millennium

By D. B. Eastep

The word "millennium" is not found in the Bible. It is a compound of two Latin words — "mille," meaning a thousand, and "annum," meaning a year. The combination means a thousand years. Though, as stated above, the word "millennium" does not appear in the Scriptures, the doctrine is very evident. Revelation 20:1-8 is sufficient proof.

There are only four positions one can take on the Millennium. They are as follows:

1. The position of the amil-

lennarian. He does not believe in any millennium. To his way of thinking, we cannot and should not believe in the doctrine at all.

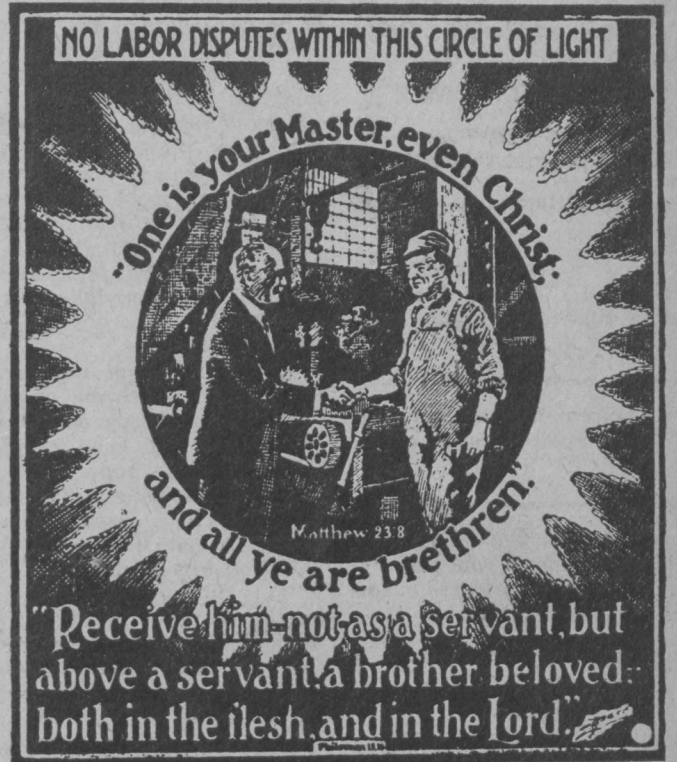
2. The position of the premillennarian. He believes there will be a millennium. At least he says he is for it. To that extent we are for him.

3. The position of the postmillennarian. He believes that Christ will come after the millennium. Dr. E. Y. Mullins in his great work on Systematic Theology, though himself not a postmillennarian, states the position of that group very clearly:

"The postmillennial view also holds that there will be a period of a thousand years during which Christianity will triumph over the earth. This millennial period will be the result of the gradual spread of the Gospel and its conquest over all departments of human life. At the end of this period the conflict between the powers of good and evil will be renewed for a time, after which Christ will return in person." (The Christian Religion in Its Doctrinal Expression, page 467).

4. The position of the pre-

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## The Annual Drudgery Of Spring House Cleaning And Its Many Spiritual Lessons

Spring is here. This brings us to the time when we want to get out and drink in a little more of "Mother Nature" and breathe the fresh air, free from smudge and smoke. It is also a time when the housewives turn their attention to the annual (or semi-annual) house cleaning.

My, my! what work there is to house cleaning. Even the men don't escape this responsibility. Most of the men develop "dishwater hands" before the job is completed. Then we ask, "What is the use of all this anyway? We start getting the place all dirty again the next day after the job is finished!" Talk about monotony! Here is plenty of it. But it has to be done and the agony has to be endured and the bodies have to suffer the consequences, regardless of how wise or reasonable it seems NOT TO BE! Yet, a nice clean house that has been cleaned, washed, waxed, etc., is most desirable, even if it does not stay that way very long. It

seems right and guests are more welcome just after house cleaning than most any other time of the year.

All this may sound like a lot of meaningless words to find their way into a Christian magazine. Yet there is a lot of house cleaning logic associated with the Christian's life. We take a bath, physically, and yet it isn't many hours until another bath is desirable. Try as hard as we please, we can't seem to keep ourselves clean and immune from taking a bath. That seems to be the way with Christians. The trouble is we don't do house cleaning often enough for the spiritual health of our life. Our feet get contaminated soon and we need the Lord Jesus to wash them again and again! (John 13). He wants to CLEANSE us by "Washing of the water by the Word" (Eph. 5:26). He said if we wanted to be a "Vessel unto honor, meet for the Master's use," we have to purge ourselves. (II Tim. 2:21). Therefore this house cleaning business can become very practical.

The way to do the job thoroughly is to CONFESS ALL YOUR SINS. (I John 1:9). He assures us that when we confess He will forgive and cleanse (Continued on page four)

### PASSERSBY SCORN \$850

Tacoma Wash., police reported that a holdup suspect led police to where he said he dropped \$850 in currency when arrested. The money, wrapped in a torn piece of newspaper, had lain unnoticed by hundreds of passersby on a busy street for fifteen hours. Myriads of passersby are overlooking that which is worth more than \$850, each time they ignore printed matter in the form of Gospels, New Testaments, Bibles, and tracts. "For we know the grace of our Lord" (Continued on page four)

### FROM GLORY TO GLORY

JUSTIFICATION—A change of state; new standing with God.

REPENTANCE—A change of mind; new mind about God.

REGENERATION—A change of nature; new heart from God.

CONVERSION—A change of life; new life from God.

ADOPTION—A change of family; new relationship toward God.

SANCTIFICATION—A change of service; separation unto (Continued on page four)



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## THE MILLENNIUM

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millennarian. He believes that the world cannot have a millennium by the efforts of men; that it must come by the personal appearing of the Son of Man. Since the writer is a "pre" and one who is a convert from the "post" view, he feels that by the way of a somewhat lengthy introduction he should state two things: FIRST, a somewhat general belief of this group, and, SECOND, why he is a premillennarian. Let it be understood, however, that I love my brethren who do not believe as I do.

The premillennarian believes the Bible teaches the following in support of his position:

1. Nowhere in the Bible does it teach that the church is supposed to convert the world, but rather to evangelize it. The word church (ecclesia) means to "call out." If everybody is saved there is no one to be called out. Some have accused the church of being a failure because it has not converted the world. If it is supposed to convert the world and has not done so, then it IS a failure, and a sorry one. But that is not the program of the church. The Gospel is to be preached for a witness.

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Matthew 24:14).

I own an automobile but it does not fly. Is it a failure because it does not fly? Not at all; it was never intended to fly. So the church is not a failure because it has not converted the world. The writer is convinced that the church is one of the few institutions in the world today that has not failed. And IT WILL NOT FAIL.

(2) After the world reaches a certain stage of wickedness, or to use Bible language, "the iniquity of the Amorites becomes full," then Christ will come and take out all Christians, both living and dead.

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

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

"For this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality.

"So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

"The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."—I Corinthians 15:51-58.

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

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

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

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

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

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

This event we speak of as the "rapture," though this word is not mentioned in the Bible.

(3) The world will go through a period of sorrow and darkness known as the Tribulation.

Daniel 12:1:

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

Matthew 24:21:

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

Revelation 3:1 and 7:14:

"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I will also keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

"And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

According to Matthew and Revelation this time is divided into two periods, the first of which is the "beginning of sorrows" and the latter half, "the great tribulation." At this time antichrist will reign. In the light of the Scriptures there will be two evil world forces similar to Communism and Catholicism, the latter will be destroyed by the former. Eventually the victorious group will turn against Christ and His followers. This will necessitate what we think of as

(4) The Revelation of Christ. At this event, Christ comes WITH His saints to put down sin and reign for a thousand glorious years, ushering in the reign of the Kingdom of Christ on earth when Christ shall sit upon the throne of His father David. It is of this period we shall soon speak.

(5) This period (the millennium) shall end with man in rebellion against God, and God sending fire from Heaven to devour them.

"And they went upon the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." (Revelation 20:9).

Following immediately is the second resurrection and judgment of Satan, his angels and the wicked dead. Beyond this is the eternal and fixed state of which the Bible tells us very little.

This is more or less a general outline of the subject. To give a detailed outline would require an enormous amount of work on the part of the writer, and much time which my listeners would no doubt prefer to use for other purposes.

Here are my reasons for holding to the "premillennial" position:

(1) Permit me to state that in my early ministry I was a postmillennarian. There was no doubt in my young mind but that the church was going to convert the world. And though it had not been converted up to the time I entered the ministry, it would surely be converted shortly after I finished my seminary work and arrived on the job. Had not the Lord brought me in contact with a series of circumstances which caused me to search the Bible, I would have been a disillusioned young preacher, for I soon learned that relatively speaking, I was not making a dent on the situation. I noticed too that my brethren in the ministry were doing no better. What was wrong? A thorough reading and study of the Bible brought the answer. The years have confirmed my conclusions. If the church is to convert the world, we should like to ask, WHEN? Available figures prove conclusively that more people are being born than are being born again. In the light of these facts, we should not ask, "How long will it be before we convert the world?" It is about as reasonable as the question of the proverbial frog in the bottom of the well which jumps out two jumps and falls back three jumps, when will he jump out?

(2) The Scriptures plainly state that when Jesus comes it will be just the opposite of a converted world. Let us note just a few:

A. Matthew 13:36-43:

"Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

"He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

"The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

"The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

"As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

"The Son of man shall send

forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

"And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

"Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

When Jesus returns he finds tares which He plainly states are the "children of the wicked one" (v. 38).

B. Luke 17:26-30:

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

"They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed 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.

"Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."

What were the days of Noah and Lot? Two words, in the main will characterize those days — VICE and VIOLENCE. Who would deny that we have them on an unprecedented scale today? How many were saved when God destroyed the earth in the days of Noah? EIGHT! How many were lost? The masses — all except Noah and his family! That does not sound like the world will be converted.

And in the days of Lot, how many were saved from Sodom's doom? Four, and maybe just three! And the remainder in Sodom? They were lost! A converted Sodom? No! But a Sodom rotten and reeking with sins that one can hardly mention without a blush. Yet our Lord said when He returns the world will be in a similar state. Dare we refuse to believe Him?

C. Let us read Luke 21:25-28:

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

"And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

Can we imagine a Christian world answering to the description of the above words?

D. We read a word from Paul's II Timothy 3:1-5:

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

"For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

"Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

"Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

Whether we are willing to admit that these conditions prevail today, if we believe the Bible, we cannot deny that they

will prevail in the period called "the last days." This proves conclusively that the world will not be converted unless one is willing to say that the people who practice such things are saved.

E. Let us have a word from the Apostle Peter:

II Peter 3:3,4: "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

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

This needs no comment. F. A final word from James will suffice to prove that the Scriptures predict not a converted world, but just the opposite. James 5:1-6:

"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 is 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 last days.

"Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.

"Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.

"Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you."

Has the gospel failed? Never! It is still the power of God unto salvation. And as the apostle asks, Shall the unbelief of some make the word of God of no effect? The question answers itself. Some will be lost in spite of all we try to do. When Jesus comes most of the world will be lost.

(3) How do men of the world feel about the situation? Let us see. Mr. H. L. Mencken writes in LIFE magazine: (August 1946 issue):

"The human race is in such a dreadful state that no rational person can talk about it without resorting to seditious and obscene language. Look around you. The world is a shambles. The country is a wreck. Truman is as transparent a fraud as Roosevelt ever was, and far more of a fool. The labor goons are on top of the country right now, like the Babbitts were under Hoover. But after a while the boobs will throw out the labor goons, just as they threw out the Babbitts. Another World War will follow inevitably, and then a fourth, and maybe a fifth and sixth.

"In the end, I suppose, mankind will be got into order by the only means that has ever been worked in the past or will ever work hereafter, to wit, by the appearance of a first-rate military conqueror. His chances of success become better every day. Most of the peoples of the earth will welcome him, as they have always done heretofore.

"There are two reasons for this. The first is that very few people really care for liberty; what they crave is merely security. The second is that a military conqueror, whatever you may say against him, is at least a better man than the politicians who now run the human race. Compare Alexander the Great, for example, to such a mountebank as Mussolini, Hitler, Stalin, Churchill and Roosevelt. "The world conqueror, when- (Continued on page three)



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ever he comes, will be helped to success by new machines for slaughter, as far beyond the atomic bomb as the bomb is beyond brass knuckles. The savants of all countries, and especially the physicists, now consecrate themselves to devising these machines, for such is the ennobling effect of patriotism upon science.

"The English would never have contrived World War II if they had not been sure of Roosevelt's help. They knew he was itching to shine as a world statesman, and they had pre-empted the program for him. The Japs, unhappily, became uneasy, and their army and navy, like their merchant marine, were still dangerous to the British Empire in the East. Roosevelt solved the problem by goading them into the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"What is the net result? First, the Asiatic barbarians, held at bay since 1683, have been let loose in Western Europe. Second, Italy has been returned to the Black Hand. Third, France has become a chattel of England. Fourth, the Japs have been run out of China and Manchuria, and the English philanthropists are back. Fifth, the materials for continuing their civil war ad infinitum. Sixth, the Finns, Lithuanians and so on are enslaved and the Swedes are menaced. Seventh, the English have taken over the Italian colonies. Eighth, the Jews have been euchred out of what was promised them in Palestine. Ninth, half the human race is starving. Tenth, millions of young Americans, robbed of the most precious years of their lives, are dismally trying to start anew. Eleventh, prices are rising, inflation impends, no American investment is safe and another huge collapse seems certain. Twelfth, irresponsible and conscienceless racketeers having piled up enormous slush funds from the swollen wages of the war workers and scared the politicians are planning to take over the government altogether.

"Certainly Communism offers no way out of our troubles. Neither, I fear, does science. Scientists, as a class, are not noticeably wise, and it is un-anything worth hearing. A Huxley is almost as much a rarity among them as he would be among bartenders. They are specialists in the narrowest and worst sense and have to be managed like the prisoner in a high-toned house of correction. Let us pass on to religion. Here too we are stymied. In times of stress and storm certain uneasy souls always seek solace on the broad bosom of the Holy Church, but they are never numerous. The majority of Americans, at such times, fling themselves into the arms of the politicians, who always promise more than any theologian not insane is willing to promise and, what is better, I have here and now.

"I have always been a fan of theology and the present religious situation in the U. S. interests me greatly. All the Protestant churches are in an advanced state of decomposition and, save in the moron South, no one takes them seriously. Whenever a Protestant ecclesiastic lets go with a solemn pronouncement on some question of faith and morals all rational people laugh. The Catholic out-

fit is in much better case, if only because it is run by much smarter fellows. If, as I believe, there will always be Christians in this country, then there will always be Catholics.

"The Jews are disintegrating on the theological side as they reach out for power on the political side. In a few generations an American Jew who is really 'from' (Pious) will be as rare as a Christian who follows Jesus.

"It is a platitude, but nevertheless true, that Communism is a form of religion. So is the New Deal. So is Rotary. So for that matter, is democracy. The only way any of these ideas can be got down is by shutting one's eyes and straining hard—exactly as the Fundamentalists of Holy Tennessee get down Mark XVI:17 ('And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my same shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.' 18: 'They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.')"

"No, there is probably NO way out of our troubles—none that can be foreseen."

The writer does not agree with all of Mr. Mencken's pet peeves and personal remarks, but I merely state that his outlook is one shared by all thinkers of world affairs. The premillennarian has to agree with him on the world outlook, but with this exception—**THERE IS A REMEDY—THE COMING OF OUR LORD.**

Let us read from Martin Sommers, Foreign Editor of the Saturday Evening Post (February 8, 1947 issue). He feels as does Mr. Mencken, but expresses his lack of hope in slightly different language:

"But just as surely, the course of Russo-American relations is toward war at some distant date. Political and economic attacks, generating irritations and incidents over a long period until a state of animosity becomes deep and chronic, invariably lead to military attack and counterattack. It is quite probable that in fifteen years Russia will have recovered from World War II wounds, will have acquired a stockpile of atomic bombs and will be strong enough on the sea and in the air to risk war. If that war comes, it will, of course, mean the extermination of human civilization as we know it today, and it probably will come unless we do something to change the present course of our relations with Russia. In short, it isn't five minutes to twelve, it's only half past one—but now is the time to wage peace.

"Since information is the business of the press and radio, the press and radio today play a more important role in waging peace than ever before in history. More important, because if we fail to accomplish this mission, then humanity faces extermination."

Does this sound like a world of peace without Christ? The answer is NO.

(4) The premillennial viewpoint is one that is held only by conservative Bible students; however, all Conservatives are not premillennial. But it is true there is no record where a premillennarian ever was known as a Modernist. I quote from a book entitled **THE LAMP OF PROPHECY** by Dr. H. A. Ironside, Pastor of Moody Memorial Church of Chicago: (Pages 128 and 129):

"Some few years ago it was my great privilege to sit at the

feet of Dr. A. T. Robertson as he gave a course of lectures on the Epistle to the Colossians directly from his Greek Testament in Calvary Baptist Church in New York City. He was conducting a ministerial conference and it was my privilege in that conference to give a series of addresses from my English Bible (because I am not scholar enough to give them from a Greek Testament and most folk are not scholars enough to follow me if I were) and I was rather gratified to see the great man sitting down before me every day. I recognized Dr. Robertson as undoubtedly the outstanding Greek scholar of America, if not of the world, and yet that dear, kindly man of God sat and listened to a poor insignificant person like myself, and he was just as gracious and just as attentive as anyone could possibly be. I went through the two letters to the Thessalonians, and at the close of the last address, Dr. Robertson came to me and said, 'Well, this is the first time that I have ever listened to anyone go carefully through those epistles from the premillennial standpoint, and I must say that my judgment has gone with you through the entire series. I have never definitely declared myself as a premillennialist, but I think if I had my life to live over again I would be much more positive concerning this for I have never in my ministry known a premillennialist who was a Modernist.' I thought that was interesting testimony. There is that about the premillennial position that necessitates a belief in the full inspiration of this Book. Everything is based upon that. And that is one reason why, though I can respect the views of brethren who look at it from another standpoint, I think it is important to reiterate from time to time the premillennial teaching of Holy Scripture."

A careful reading of the Scriptures reveals the following concerning the Millennium:

**IT IS THAT PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN THE REVELATION OF CHRIST AT HIS COMING WITH HIS SAINTS AND THE WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT.**

Revelation 20:5, 6, 7a, 12:

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

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

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

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works."

**IT WILL BE A TIME OF PROSPERITY.**

1. It will be a time of spiritual prosperity.

(1) Satan will be bound.

"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

"And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years."

—Revelation 20:1, 2.

(2) The Jew, the greatest of all preachers, will have a world

wide ministry.

"The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills: and all nations shall flow into it.

"And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." — Isaiah 2:1-3.

Imagine turning one hundred and forty-four thousand Pauls loose in the world! The devil would think an atomic bomb had hit his headquarters.

It is unnecessary to state that Israel will have her shame removed and will then be in the favour of Jehovah.

"For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.

"As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

"And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

"I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

"I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God." — Ezekiel 34:11-15.

"Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle.

"And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.

"And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the Lord have spoken it.

"And I will make them and the a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.

"And I will make them and places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.

"And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the Lord, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.

"And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid.

"And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more.

"Thus shall they know that I the Lord their God am with

them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord God." — Ezekiel 34:22-30.

"And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

"And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

"Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

"And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

"And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.

"Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for ever more.

"My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God and they shall be my people.

"And the heathen shall know that I the Lord do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for ever more." — Ezekiel 37:21-28.

(4) All will know God.

"And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." — Jeremiah 31:33.

"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." — Isaiah 11:9.

"And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord." — Isaiah 66:23.

2. It will be a time of material prosperity.

"Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar.

"Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.

"And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters

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were to the ankles.

"And again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins.

"Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

"And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river.

"Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other.

"Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.

"And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.

"And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from Engedi even unto Eneglaim; they shall be a place to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many.

"But the miry places thereof and the marshes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt.

"And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed; it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine."—Ezekiel 47:1-12.

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountain shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.

"And I will bring again the

captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

"And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God."—Amos 9:13-15.

"But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it."—Micah 4:4.

3. It will be a time of POLITICAL prosperity.

"The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

"And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."—Isaiah 2:1-3.

"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

"And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord;

"And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

"But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

"And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins."—Isaiah 11:1-5.

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

"The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying,

"Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

"He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

"Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

"Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

"I will declare the decrees; the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

"Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

"Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

"Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

"Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

"Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him."—Psalm 2.

(1) Christ will be King (Psalm 2, quoted above).

"Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment."—Isaiah 32:1.

(2) Jerusalem will be the capital of the world.

"At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart."—Jeremiah 3:17.

## III

IT WILL BE A PERIOD OF PEACE.

1. Peace among the nations. "And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."—Isaiah 2:4.

"And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks, nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."—Micah 4:3.

2. Peace between the beings of the lower creation.

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

"And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like an ox."—Isaiah 11:6-7.

3. Peace between man and the lower creation.

"... and a little child shall lead them."—Isaiah 11:6.

"And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."—Isaiah 11:8-9.

## IV

IT WILL BE A TIME WHEN THE HUMAN RACE WILL EXPERIENCE SOME KIND OF PHYSICAL CHANGE.

1. Travail in child birth shall be past.

"They shall not labour in

vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them."—Isaiah 65:23.

2. Life on earth will be long.

"There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed."—Isaiah 65:20.

Before the flood a life of several hundred years' span was not unusual. Methuselah lived to be almost a thousand years old. It is not unreasonable to believe that longevity will be the rule during the Millennium. Many physical changes in the earth will no doubt account for this.

## V

STRANGE AS IT MAY SEEM, THE WICKEDNESS OF THE HUMAN HEART IS MANIFESTED BY THE MANNER IN WHICH THIS GLORIOUS PERIOD ENDS.

Unregenerate man rebels at the thought of God's reigning over him. The cry is now and will be then, "We will not have this man to reign over us." Satan is loosed from his prison and makes a final attempt, with the help of man, to overthrow the power of God. The final revolt of man under the leadership of the devil will meet with swift judgment.

"And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them."—Revelation 20:9.

What follows is told us in few words. Satan himself is cast into the Lake of Fire where the Beast and False Prophet are, and all the unsaved dead on down through the ages will be raised from their graves to stand before the Great White Throne and be judged according to their works. The purpose of this judgment is to determine their respective sentences, for there will be degrees of punishment among the lost as there will be degrees of glory among the saved.

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."—Revelation 20:15.

No one recognizes more than does this writer the controversies that rage around the doctrine of the Millennium. At the beginning I stated the only four possible positions one can take. I have also stated frankly what I sincerely believe to be the right position. These statements have been supported with the Scriptures. You will note that I have not tried to refute other positions, even though I believe that could be successfully done. But as stated at the beginning, I love my brethren who do not see as I. If we all love the Lord Jesus Christ as we should, whether we are "pre," "post," "a" or "pro," we rejoice in the fact that the future belongs to righteousness, and in the hope and expectancy of the hymn-writer and his words: Jesus shall reign where'er the Sun

Does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

## HOUSECLEANING!

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from all unrighteousness. If we

take the BOOK and judge the things wrong in our lives and regardless of how embarrassing it is, lay the case before God, that is cleaning up the spots that most people leave untouched when they house clean.

You are not to leave the dark closets untouched, filled with skeletons, for they will rattle their bones out and embarrass you sure! Don't leave the damp, dirty basements of your life untouched by confession and self-judgment or else a fire may break out and others will see your hidden secrets! No, to be clean with God or else He will not notice the work you have done. What you left concealed in this matter of dealing with God. The "bleating of the sheep" and the "lowing of the ox" will surely be heard when a disobedient child of God thinks he is putting something over on God. God can use clean vessels but there isn't room for God in dirty vessels. Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, but if you defile it, instead of cleaning house, God will destroy you. The work of the Holy Spirit is to give you wisdom, discernment, power and authority to clean house and to do it as often as something disturbs your fellowship with God.

—Tabernacle News

## "FROM GLORY TO GLORY"

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God.  
GLORIFICATION — A change of place; new condition with God.  
—Found in Moody's Bible

## WHO CAN PAY SO MUCH?

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"Jesus."  
"As many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God." (John 1:12) Will you receive Him! Do now!

## MAKING GOD A PARTNER

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keeper to open an account with the Lord and carry one-tenth of all his income to that account. He prospered; his business grew; his family was blessed. He then gave three-tenths, and prospered more than ever; then he gave two-tenths, then four-tenths. He educated his family, settled all his plans for life, and gave all his income to the Lord. He prospered more than ever. This is the story of Mr. William C. Passersby, who has given millions of dollars to the Lord's cause, and left a name that will never die.—Selected

## PASSERSBY SCORN \$850

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Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich" (Cor. 8:9).

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