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

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

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THE JUDGMENT

Some Christians are not very clear on the subject of judgment; some avoid it altogether, and others have no settled convictions one way or the other. We dare not treat the word of God in that way. We desire to find out how we, as men in Christ, shall give an account of ourselves to God in a future day. What will the Lord say to us, and what shall we say to Him? In what way will He look into our lives? We want to clear this subject from all misconception. Therefore, we make this one statement before we go further into our study. It is this: When we as believers stand before the judgment seat of Christ, we will stand there in glorified bodies, for the Lord will have taken all believers home, to be with Himself. From this we learn that we will not stand before the judgment seat to find out if our sins are gone, to discover whether we are saved or not; that is something

we must settle down here on earth. However, we will be judged by Jesus Christ in some very important respects which will now be mentioned.

In the first place, all our works, as His workmen, from the moment we trusted Him for salvation to the moment when we shall meet Him in the air, will come

under His eyes for review.

In proof of this, see I Cor. 3, "Every man shall receive His own reward according to His own labor. For the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire, and the fire shall try each man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned He shall suffer loss, but" (this is the most important but) "he himself shall be saved." The personality of the man will be saved; he will not be destroyed. "He himself shall be saved, yet so as by fire." What does the expression, "so as

by fire" mean? It is just a figure of speech. For example: suppose you were awakened in the early morning by someone calling fire! fire! and you find your house is on fire, and have just time to escape from your burning home with your life. You see your lovely home and all your family treasures burned to ashes, but you are saved, yet saved "so as by fire."

There will be many dear saints, in the day of His judgment, who will see the greater part of their Christian service burned up as worthless. Their souls will be saved because the work of the Lord takes care of that, but they will see years of their Christian lives burned up as time wasted, and the Judge will say, "Dear child of Mine, I can give you no reward for that." Here is the reason why we should be sincere now as His children. What we do not put right now, when we wrong one of His little ones, cannot be put right, then, by us. On the other hand, the Lord Jesus Christ will

put us right, as He will be the Judge. On every count where we are found guilty it will not be for our gain, but to our eternal loss.

In what way can we turn our works into gold, and what is it that turns them into wood in the eyes of the Lord?

Our works will be judged

in two ways: First, as to their quality. In Eph. 6:7 we learn what it is that lends quality to our works: "Not with eye service as men pleasers, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; with goodwill, doing service as unto the Lord and not unto men; knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth the same shall receive from the Lord whether he be bond or free. See also Col. 3:23. It is what we do, as unto the Lord that will bring us gold in that day.

All work done alone for His glory down here as His servants will bring in return, gold, silver and precious stones. We think of

so many faithful men and women who are doing a great work for God here and there, and much of their good work is unknown among their brethren. In that day the Lord Jesus Christ will not forget them and all they have done as "unto Him."

Everything we do to bring glory to ourselves, or our family, or our church—all that will be burned up as useless in the day of Christ's searching judgment. And the quality of our work depends upon the power by which we do it. Not very long ago, I was in a factory in Canada. I inquired what power they used to move the large wheels, and was told that steam was used. I took it for granted that all of the large wheels were moved by steam.

Now what is our

power in God's service?

Paul tells us that "Christ is the power of God." We wonder how much of Christian service is (Continued on page four)

The Reaction Of W. C. Boone As To Charges Concerning Heretic L. W. Benedict

The answer was "No." From far and near, the editor has been deluged with letters, long distance calls, and personal conversations as to the response of Secretary W. C. Boone concerning Field Worker L. W. Benedict.

Bro. Boone not only returned my check and turned down my offer entirely, but said also, when your criticism of Bro. L. W. Benedict was brought to my attention several months ago, I made a personal investigation which convinced me that Bro. Benedict was not guilty of the doctrinal irregularities with which he was charged."

The personal investigation referred to consisted of a contact with Field Worker L. W. Benedict. Bro. Boone wrote a West Kentucky friend of mine of this week ago. Naturally "dear Bro. Benedict" denied that he was a heretic.

So does Shailer Matthews. He denies that he is a Modernist.

So does the Northern Baptist Convention deny that is is shot through and through with Mod-

ernism.

However, a denial which is refuted by facts is a denial that fails to deny. All the denials of L. W. Benedict will never change the fact that he is a unionist, a feminist, an open communionist, and a boss over churches and pastors. A Negro might as well deny that he is black or a leopard deny his spots.

Fully a dozen witnesses stand ready to testify as to Benedict's heresies. Some of the best laymen and preachers of Eastern Kentucky will substantiate my accusations of L. W. Benedict. For Bro. Boone to refuse an investigation in the face of such witnesses as I have to offer is to blindly refuse information which is vital to the life of Kentucky Baptists.

Bro. Boone may choose to accept the word of heretic Benedict today and thereby refuse (Continued on page two)

WHY?

If "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness," if all things which happened aforetime are written for our example, and if before the ordination of preachers and deacons of Bible times there was a period of prayer and fasting, why do we, of modern times, who boast that we have accepted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, celebrate these like occasions with fasting?

Have changing times furnished us with a legal excuse or are we "without excuse?" I am clinging to my belief that God's way is still the right way. Even Jesus Christ, who was our example, and who was without sin, ordained not His chosen apostles until He had spent a long night in prayer.

In conclusion, let me ask whereabouts in the Scripture are we commanded to cease the practice of fasting? And if there is no such command, why is (Continued on page four)

The Wonderful One-Book Library Of The American Bible Society

Condensed from "Christian Life and Times"

Imagine a library in which all the books are not only on the same subject but are identical in the presentation of that subject. That sounds a little unusual, but such a library does exist. And the reference is not to the shipping rooms of a big publishing house where row upon row of the latest bestseller stand, waiting to be shipped to the booksellers across the nation. This one-book library belongs to the American Bible Society, and it is housed on the second floor of New York City's Bible House.

Every one of the 16,323 volumes in the Society's library is a different printing of the Bible, the world's consistent best seller. Of that number, 882 are in different languages and dialects. The Bibles range in age from the cumbersome, musty old

manuscripts of the sixteenth century to the brightly-bound Gospels that are coming off the press today in unprecedented quantities.

The art of printing by press was fairly new when the Coverdale Bible was produced in 1535. It is known as the first Bible ever printed in England. In those days craftsmen took pride in turning out products that would last for centuries. As a result the Coverdale Bible is still usable—for those who can decipher the pre-Elizabethan language. A still older Bible in the library is a volume which belonged to Martin Luther. It bears the date of 1534. Another prized possession is a King James edition printed in 1611. Facsimiles of famous old Scriptures, such as the Tyndale New Testament and the Gutenberg Bible find their place on the Society's shelves.

In contrast to these historic volumes with their antiquated covers and parchment pages are the more recent plain paper- (Continued on page four)

-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT CREATION"

Read Genesis 1

I am sure that at the very outset you will agree that everything which we can see, smell, taste, touch or handle, can be divided into three great kingdoms—mineral, vegetable, and animal. The question is from whence did these three kingdoms of life come. Were they evolved over millions and billions of years until they came down to their present status, or were they created originally as they are today? If neither of these, how did they get here? Within just a few days time, our high schools and grade schools locally and over the nation, will

be convening again for the September term. What's true locally and in the high schools over the nation will be true in college. Many and many a young lad and lassie will face, possibly for the first time, in a science class this year the thought of either atheistic or theistic evolution, and so far as I personally am concerned, I want to tell every young person with whom I come in contact just what the Bible teaches about creation.

I IN THE VERY OUTSET, LET ME SAY THAT I BELIEVE IN GOD. Back of all things, before all things, behind all things, and

in all things stands God. Listen:

"IN THE BEGINNING GOD created the heaven and the earth."—Gen. 1:1.

"But without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that HE IS, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."—Heb. 11:6.

"But THERE IS A GOD IN HEAVEN that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the King Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days."—Dan. 2:28.

I say then tonight, my beloved friends, I believe in God. There was a time when there was no church. We are so accustomed (Continued on page two)

SLAVE DRIVERS

So far has organized religion drifted from the Lord and His Word that the majority of our pastors and churches have become more or less slaves, and the denominational "leaders," with their hireling "yes-men," have become slave-drivers. Any kind of slavery is pitiable, but for people who are, or should be, free in Christ Jesus to be slaves to men is the most pitiable form of slavery possible. If anyone dares to question the existence of this slavery in our midst today he brands himself either as a deliberate falsifier, or a victim of blind and unseeing ignorance. One needs only to open one eye half way to behold the evidence. Nearly every church in the land takes "orders" from (Continued on page four)

PRIEST AND SAMARITAN

After the great evangelist, Mr. Moody, had concluded his meetings in Oakland, Calif., in the spring of 1899, he, together with his faithful Gospel singer, Professor D. B. Towner, took a train for Santa Cruz. Of an incident on this journey Professor Towner has given us a vivid account. "We were hardly seated when in came a party of young men, one of whom was considerably under the influence of liquor and was very badly bruised, with one eye completely closed and terribly discolored. He at once recognized Mr. Moody, and began to sing hymns and talk very loudly for his benefit. Mr. Moody caught up his bag and said, 'Towner, let's get out of this.' (Continued on page four)

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W. C. BOONE

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to listen to those who know he is guilty of heresy, however, Bro. Boone will have to face these men at the judgment. He may shield, white-wash, and defend a heretic now, but the day is coming when he'll have to face Benedict's accusers. What a day that will be when deacons and preachers point the index finger of accusation to W. C. Boone to brand him as an accomplice of an heretic. Bro. Boone wouldn't think of defending Judas Iscariott, yet he is defending an arch traitor to the truth when he defends L. W. Benedict.

ISRAEL'S ONLY HOPE

No longer shall wicked rulers
Trample under Thy chosen race,
But there at the head of Israel
They shall see the Messiah's face.

With the glory of God as fire
Radiant and beaming with light,
With the power of earth and heaven's force;
And all shall fall at the sight!

Then our tears shall be mingled with praises,
To Thy glory alone we'll sing;
For 'tis not because of our worthiness,
But because Thou hast come—our King!

-J. F.

In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the Angel of the Lord before them.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of Grace and of supplications; and they shall look upon (to) Me Whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourneth for His only son.—Zechariah 12:8-11.

Bro. Boone suggests that if I am not satisfied with his decision that I may take the matter before the executive board of the General Association. No, Bro. Boone, I don't intend to do that; the place for the investigation is here where the brethren live who will testify as to "dear brother Benedict's" heresies. Louisville is not the place for this investigation.

The facts concerning Brother Benedict's heretical practices have been presented in The (Continued on page four)

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES

(Continued from page one) here in this life to seeing church buildings on every corner; we are so accustomed to seeing the spires point upward into the skies; we are so accustomed to going into a house of worship for church services, that we just naturally imagine that the church must always have existed. Yet, two thousand years ago there was not a single church in all the world.

There was a time when there was no Bible. We are so accustomed to seeing the Word of God when we go to God's house; we are so used to seeing it on the library table at home; and we are so used to it in every form of life, that we just naturally take for granted that the Bible must always have existed. Yet, there was a time that not one verse of this old Book had been penned.

There was a time when there was no sin. We brush shoulders and rub elbows with it every day. We see evidences of sin on the faces of mankind. We note evidences of sin every day in the daily paper and in the daily walks of life. In view of this, we just think that sin must always have been a reality. However, back yonder before there was a church, before there was

a Bible, there was a time when there was no sin. When God put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, they were made in the absolute likeness and positive perfection of God Himself. There was no sin in that day.

There was a time when there was no man. We see people so commonly about us every day that we just naturally imagine that this 1,500,000,000 human beings like each of us must have always been within this world. However, there was one day when there was a world in which there was not one single person of all the millions of earth's inhabitants today—not one man within the world.

There was a time, beloved, when there was no Devil. You go back and read all the way from the beginning of Genesis to the end of Revelation and you will find that there was a time when there was no Devil. What a glorious day—with no Devil to tempt nor annoy!

Though there was a time when there was no church, no Bible, no sin, no man, and no Devil, I would also remind you that there was a time when there was no earth. We walk on it every day and we naturally imagine that this earth has always been in existence. However, beloved, there was a time when there was no earth.

I go back beyond the days of the church and the Bible, and sin, and man, and the Devil and this earth, and I insist tonight that there never was a time when God did not exist. That's what the Psalmist meant when he said:

"Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, EVEN FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING THOU ART GOD."—Psa. 90:1, 2.

I say then to you tonight, beloved friends, I believe in God. I well remember reading in history of that time when the country of France after having spent millions of dollars every year in the first of the eighteenth century, printing infidel literature which took hold on the French people, so practically all generals of Napoleon's army were atheists—I remember how that Napoleon called his generals for a night conference when the stars and the moon were shining down from the sky above, and as Napoleon pleaded with them for a belief in God, pointed up to the sky and in the face of the stars and moon said to his generals, "Gentlemen, tell me, whoever could make these but God alone." I say tonight, beloved, I believe in God.

Alexander Dumas and a French general were talking one day, and this French general said that he could never conceive in any wise at all nor imagine the existence of a supreme being. Dumas looked him squarely in the face and said, "My brother, I keep at my home two hounds, a couple of monkeys and a parrot and they have exactly the same attitude toward life that you have." I often think of that statement. Certainly it is the animal viewpoint for anybody to deny the existence of God. I insist that when any individual denies the existence of God, he is on the plane of a monkey, a hound dog or a parrot. It is the animal viewpoint of life for a man to deny God's existence.

II

I NOT ONLY BELIEVE IN GOD, BUT I BELIEVE THAT



GOD CREATED ALL THINGS THAT YOU AND I SEE EVERY DAY. There isn't a doubt in my mind about this.

I had not been out of high school and in college six months until one of the most pleasing personalities by way of a teacher of theistic evolution began trying his best, both publicly in the classroom and privately in my own room in the dormitory to tear down every idea of creation by God, in my mind and to instill instead the thought of theistic evolution. I say to you tonight, I believe that God created everything in this world.

If you will read the first chapter of Genesis, you will find ten times we have this expression, "And God said." Ten times that expression occurs within this chapter and every time you have that expression you find that whatever God said came to pass just like He had said. In Exodus 20 we have the Ten Commandments of morality and in the first chapter of Genesis we have the ten commandments of creation—"And God said" repeated ten times.

"Thus saith the Lord the Holy One of Israel and his Maker. Ask me of things to come concerning my sons and concerning the work of my hands command ye me. I HAVE MADE THE EARTH, AND CREATED MAN UPON IT: I, EVEN MY HANDS, HAVE STRETCHED OUT THE HEAVENS, and all their host have I commanded."—Isaiah 45:11, 12.

Can you tell me tonight how any individual of even normal intelligence could read that verse of Scripture and believe anything other than the fact that God created this world?

I often think of Sir Isaac Newton, the scientist of the nineteenth century, who had a mechanic make for him a replica of the solar system. He had a large gilded ball in the center which represented the sun, and then there were other smaller balls representing the Earth, Mercury, Venus and all the balance of the planets. All this was fixed on a system of cogs in such a way that when he would turn the crank, the sun and all the planets would revolve. Newton had a friend who was an infidel who denied the creative power of God. One Day Newton invited this infidel friend to come to his home, and he showed him this replica of the solar system. He took hold of the crank and began to turn it. The man stood there watching, and realized that this was actually what was taking place in this universe day by day. He

turned to Newton and said, "Who was able to make this contraption?" Sir Isaac Newton said, "Nobody." The man replied, "You don't understand me—who was the man who made it?" Newton said, "No one." The fellow said, "You know this could not come into existence without a maker." Sir Isaac Newton said, "This is a poor imitation of the much grander system that we know. If this little thing had to have a maker, how much more did this universe in which we live have a Maker."

"He HATH MADE THE EARTH BY HIS POWER, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion."—Jer. 10:12.

Beloved, how can any man read these words and believe other than that this world is the product of God Almighty's creation. Listen again:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. ALL THINGS WERE MADE BY HIM; and without him was not anything made that was made."—John 1:1-3.

If you will find any statement in history, in science, in literature, or in philosophy that will begin in any wise at all to compare with the grandeur of this statement, I'd like to see it. Our God created everything that has been made within this world.

This world, beloved, to me is round and funny. If a man were to tell you tonight that your father was a horse thief and your mother was a fallen woman you would want to give him a thrashing. However, if that same fellow would stand up in your presence and say that your mother was a polecat and your father a rattlesnake and there was some monkey and a baboon in you, you would say, "My, what a smart fellow he is."

In New York City sometime ago in a Baptist ministerial meeting, the speaker declared to his congregation composed primarily of Baptist preachers, that there was a little bit of ape, monkey, snake and tiger in all of us. Now if that were true, it would explain a lot of things. It certainly would explain why a man comes home at two o'clock in the morning all tanked up, acting most abnormal—that's just the tomcat in him. Then when his wife gets mad and starts throwing the dishes at him, that would explain things still further—that's just the tiger in her.

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Let me say again, beloved, I believe in God—in the God that created all things within this world. Listen:

"FOR BY HIM WERE ALL THINGS CREATED, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him."—Col. 1:16.

God is the absolute Creator of everything in this world. I came across the following poem sometime ago:

Don't be discouraged, poor little fly;
You'll be a chipmunk by and by;
And years after I can see
You'll be a full grown chimpanzee.

Next I see with prophet's ken
You'll take your place in the ranks of men.
Then in the great sweet by and by,
We'll be angels, you and I.
Why should I swat you, poor little fly,
Prophetic chum of my home on high—
That's what Darwin says, not I."

Let me come back again and say that I believe in God, the God that created this world and all things therein.

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by his prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by WHOM ALSO HE MADE THE WORLDS."—Heb. 1:2.

Who made the world? God made the world through Jesus Christ His Son. I thank God, beloved, that when I see this world and all things therein, I can fall back on the fact that our Heavenly Father hath made them all.

I can remember when I was a lad, possibly just about the time I entered the ministry, that Warren G. Harding made the race and won successfully the office of the presidency of the United States. During the time when Harding was making his campaign, a professor in the Ohio State University, who wanted to see his defeat, declared that Harding had Negro blood in his veins. I am sure, beloved, that you can remember those days of political frenzy just prior to the November election when Republicans denied this, and Democrats said it was true. Do you know what the trustees of the Ohio State University did about the matter? They held an investigation and found that this professor had produced from a figment of his own imagination this idea that Harding was a possessor of Negro blood. Immediately that university denounced this professor. They did all within their power to correct this error, and they fired him from his position as professor in the university. Now, beloved, I imagine that if this same professor had done nothing about Harding, but rather, had said to the children of the trustees of Ohio State University, "You've got some dog, some skunk, some rattlesnake, and some chimpanzee blood in your veins," I dare say that the trustees would have given him a raise in salary and would have

id, "We are fortunate in having such a smart man in our school." The world, beloved, is so stupid and funny.

I come back to this fact, and say tonight to those of you who are older and who agree

with me already, I say it to every lad and lassie of school age—I believe in God, and I believe that God created this world and all things therein.

III

HOWEVER, BELOVED, THERE'S ANOTHER CREATION THAT I'M MORE INTERESTED IN THAN THE CREATION OF THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE, AND THAT IS THE NEW CREATION THAT PAUL SPEAKS OF IN II COR. 5:17. LISTEN:

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, HE IS A NEW CREATURE: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

"I want you to know that I am interested as to who created this world, and it will ever be a living discussion. I will never for one moment's time stand by and allow an infidel to tell my children, or any children in the community where I preach, that they in any wise at all evolved from a lower animal. I'm interested in the creation about us, but there is something bigger than that, and that is the new creation in Christ Jesus. Every man that is saved tonight, is a new creation. Paul says: "Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." If you have been saved, you are a new creation. I thank God that it took God to create this world and everything in it, and it takes the same power of God to take a sinner who is dead in his sins and make him a new creation out of him. As much concerned as I am that young men and women be told aright concerning this world and how it came into being, I'm more concerned that from this pulpit and every pulpit shall go forth the teaching that the creation we ought to be most interested in is whether or not you have been created anew in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let me say in closing that there is a missing link that I'm concerned about. Several years ago I went to Washington and went through various sections of the museum there. The scientists have certainly done their best to picture the fact that man has sprung from a lower form of animal life. They have done their best so far as the missing link is concerned. I went through that institute in Washington, and I came away convinced that there was not just one missing link, but rather, that every link between the lower forms of animal life and man were missing—that they were all missing links.

However, there is one missing link that I'm concerned about and that missing link that interests me is the Lord Jesus Christ. He is missing from the life of the man who is in sin. He is the link that takes hold of man and lifts him up to God.

When you read the story of Cain and Abel you will find how these two lads came with their sacrifices,—Abel with his lamb, with its blood dripping from its jugular vein—the blood sacrifice which God demanded. Cain came with his sheaf of grain which he had produced. God spurned the offering of Cain and accepted the offering of Abel. Abel found the missing link; Cain missed it.

Oh, beloved, tonight if there is any link that is missing in your life that is more necessary than the Lord Jesus Christ, I know not what it is. What you need, what this world needs and what humanity needs tonight is that missing link, the Lord Jesus Christ,—that link which binds man to God and without which

no man can ever be saved.

"That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son, honoureth not the Father which hath sent him."—John 5:23.

I don't care how much you believe in God. I don't care how much you believe there is a God. I don't care how much you believe that God created this world—if you don't believe that God's Son, Jesus Christ, died on the cross for your sins, you are a lost man, you are on the road to Hell, and if you were to die tonight, you would spend your eternity in a Devil's Hell. The only way you can be linked to God is by and through the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

May God bless and save you tonight.



THE MILLENIUM

The economist seems to think that proper economical conditions would bring to pass the end of all difficulties. The industrialist visualizes harmony between capital and labor as a means of perpetual peace. The political orator bespeaks the virtues of his party as a solution to the problems of life. The militarist suggests the force of arms as the procuring cause of desired tranquility. The social reformer hopes to reach the same objective by amelioration of the suffering of the masses, and where possible changing the environment in order to correct social disorders. All of the foregoing may be contributory to the betterment of life in general, but the question remains—is the millenium just around the corner?

The Meaning of the Term Millenium

"The millenium" has been defined in various ways. At one time the thought in mind is self-evident, at another time it is very obscure. The word is derived from two latin words, viz., "Mille" which means one thousand, and "Annas" which means a year; so the meaning according to the dictionary is *One Thousand Years*: but the acquired meaning is somewhat Utopian, and at times indicates a certain series of circumstances that would make life all that is desirable. If a true explanation of the term is desired, that would necessitate seeking from a reliable source of information, and to whom may we turn for the correct answer; and whither shall we go in our search? Seeing the resources of science have been applied extensively lately since in the destruction of life and property, it will be obvious that the true meaning will not be found by scientific research.

An Event Which Must Precede the Millenium

The information desired will only be found in that grand old book, the Bible—which tells of an event which must precede the millenium. In I Thess. 4: 15-17 we read, "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." That expression, "The word of the Lord" denotes a special revela-

THE PARADOXES OF CHRIST

He was the Light, yet He hung in darkness on the Cross.

He was the Life, yet He "poured out his soul unto death."

He was the Rock of Ages, yet His "feet sank into deep waters."

He was the Son of God, yet He died a felon's death.

He was holy, undefiled, separate from sinners and knew no sin, yet He was "made sin" when He took the guilty culprit's place and suffered in his stead.

He bade the weary to come to Him for rest, yet not on earth could He find rest until He said, "It is finished," and gave up His life to God.

He was the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, yet He was led as a lamb to the slaughter.

He was the Ancient of Days, yet He was "cut off in the midst" of His days.

He was the Father of Eternity, yet He became the babe in the manger at Bethlehem.

He was the Mighty God, yet He became a man, and "was crucified through weakness."

He was the Image of the Invisible God, yet His visage was "marred more than any man."

All the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily in Him, yet He took on Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.

"He spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast," yet He humbled Himself and became obedient—even unto death.

He was the Desire of All Nations, yet He was despised and rejected of men.

He is the Fountain of Life, yet upon the Cross He cried, "I thirst."

Can you understand these mysteries? These are things that angels desire to look into. The heaven of heavens cannot contain Him, yet He died for us.

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tion given to the apostle Paul regarding the event which makes it very important. This event may take place at any moment, as no prophecy remains to be fulfilled prior to the time when the trumpet-like voice will be heard calling saints of present and past dispensations to meet the Lord in the air.

Incidentally the talk about certain dictators being *The Anti-christ* has ceased for the time being. It is to be hoped that those who have been looking for or at so-called signs will have learned differently, because many of their prognostications did not eventuate. It is also to be hoped that by a better understanding of prophecy, those who attempt to teach the subject will adhere strictly to scriptural terms.

The soon coming of the Lord is an expression frequently heard, but that word soon is not found in Scripture in this connection, and it has a tendency to indicate a time for the Lord's return; thereby reading into the word of God that which is not intended to be conveyed to the listener.

Important Events Yet To Take Place

After the rapture of the saints, the judgment seat of Christ (II 5:10), the apostasy, the Anti-christ revealed, the strong delusion sent; the Jewish people having returned to the land of Palestine in great numbers, the troublesome Jewish question will then be apparently settled by the making of a covenant between the then reigning powers and the Jewish people. The covenant will guarantee respect for their civil rights and ample protection in case of an attack from the outside. Said covenant to be in force for a period of seven years; but the powers-that-be will consider the covenant only a "Scrap of paper," and will break off relations at

the end of three-and-one-half years. This will introduce what has been variously termed "The time of Jacob's trouble," or "The tribulation period." Fierce persecution will rage against the Jewish people, but this will be brought to an end by the sudden appearance of their Messiah when His feet shall touch mount Olivet, and when the rightful ruler of this world "Shall reign from sea to sea and from shore to shore." The judgment of the living nations will take place (Matt. 25:31-46), and in Revelation 20:2, 3, the fact has been revealed that the arch-enemy of God and men will be imprisoned for a period of one thousand years, during which time he will be powerless to wield his influence over the world at large. Throughout this period there will be peace and prosperity such as has never been heretofore.

The Millenium at Last Has Arrived

After six thousand years of indifferent rule on earth, the most beneficent reign will begin and will continue for a period of one thousand years; bringing harmony amongst men, settling the Jewish question permanently, abolishing warfare, and establishing righteousness in a scene where unrighteousness has held sway—lo, these many centuries. The fertility of the soil will increase, (Isa. 65: 23), thus insuring the harvesting of bountiful crops. Poverty will be unknown; even death will be a rare occurrence: for people will live throughout the entire period. A man dying at one hundred years of age will be considered an infant of days, and his death will result from wrong doing of which he has been convicted. Then and only then may it be said the corner has been turned, and the *millenium at last has arrived.*

—Light and Liberty.

O. K.

"Is it hot enough for you today?"
I cried to a friend hard by,
As I brushed the damp from my fevered brow
And gazed at a rainless sky.
"Is it hot enough?" he answered back
With a smile that was good to see,
"I'm in love with the One Who made it,
So it's all o. k. by me."

Then I thought of the cares and bitter trials
And the shadows along life's way;
How oft we complain when our burdened backs
Bend low at the close of day!
Yet these are the stepping stones of love
That God in His infinite grace,
Has builded there that we may climb
To the light of His glorious face.

Then my chastened heart leaped high with joy
And my burdened back was free!
I smiled at the sun in the blazing sky
And the sun smiled back at me.
And I cried, "Shine on, old sun, shine on!
Shine on till the close of day!
"I'm in love with the One who made you
So with me it's all o. k."

—Anon

SLAVE DRIVERS

that."

Our Words Will Be Judged

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denominational headquarters, and although these "orders" are frequently camouflaged as "suggestions" they are "orders" nevertheless, and if the pastor dares ignore them for any length of time he is branded as "disloyal" and a whispering campaign of villification and misrepresentation is started by the "leaders," and fanned by those who ride their coat-tails. If a church becomes pastorless these slave-drivers rush in to "offer their assistance," and see to it that the church "stays in line." The pastors thus placed (usually those who could not hold a pastorate on their own strength) are slaves to the denominational program, made out by a handful of men in utter defiance to the Holy Spirit. May God help all real Christians to repudiate this, the sorriest sort of all slavery. Let us be free in the freedom whereby Christ has made us free!—*The Clarion*.



THE JUDGMENT

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done by the power of Christ. Here is where we fail as His children. The Son of God is not the power in our lives. He wants to be, or we would see the "greater works" manifested in our work now more than we do. May we learn more of Christ who is our power in all Christian service.

We read in the 19th chapter of Luke, "It came to pass that when He was returned, having received the kingdom, then He commanded these servants to be called unto him to whom he had given money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading."

Here we have the quantity of our work judged.

There are Christians who have never done any work for God or who have never put themselves to any inconvenience for the Redeemer who gave His life for them on the Cross of Calvary. In that day the Lord Jesus Christ will say, "You failed Me while on earth! you did not work with all your heart for Me; I cannot reward you for

Further, when you stand before the judgment seat, not only our works as His children will be judged, but our words as believers. Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." Would it not be wisdom on our part to have this text hanging up in our homes, offices and especially in our churches, for there is no place in the world where so many idle words are spoken to God as in our churches. We think we may say anything to God; we think we can pray any kind of prayer to God; we think we can sing any way we wish, and that He doesn't mind so long as the service is performed. What foolish children we are! Everything we do is known to Him. The idle words, the idle prayers, the idle preaching, the idle singing, will all meet us in the day of judgment. Finally, we read in I Cor. 4:5, "Judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will manifest the counsels of the heart: And then shall every man have praise of God." This verse tells us that the very counsels of our heart—the inward thoughts, our inward plans—will be revealed to us then. The Lord will not allow us to wrong our brethren in thought. Many of us are too polite to say openly all we think and we wrong our fellow-saints in our hearts, although we are polite to them with our tongues. But God says all this will be straightened out at the judgment seat of Christ. Let us see to it that we take care of the fountain-head, and the source will be pure.

Well, some may say, this is a very solemn subject. Of course it is. May we remember there is no more solemn subject in the whole range of Scripture than this "the Christian's personal responsibility to his Lord and Saviour."

—*Light and Liberty*

THE BIBLE

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bound books in languages that have never been in print. The newest of these is the Gospel of Saint John in Maguindanao, a dialect spoken by the Filipinos in Mindanao.

In addition to its exhaustive collection of Bibles and Scripture portions, the American Bible Society has preserved in its library valued curios of its own long and interesting history. On one wall of the room hangs the portrait of Elias Boudinot, painted by Sully, the master, and considered to be one of the finest and most valuable examples of early American painting. Boudinot was the Bible Society's first president and won his place in history by presiding over the Continental Congress during the Revolutionary War.

Visitors are welcomed by the Society. Last year nearly fifteen hundred people from thirty-seven states and twenty-two foreign countries inspected the shelves of rare and interesting Bibles. Many who visit the Bible House and its library have more than a desire merely to see this representative group of of sacred volumes. They come to learn how the Word of God has been published and distributed for centuries.

This type of visitor pleases the Society's librarians, for more important than a place of exhibition, the Bible House Library is a center of research. Here for six months of the year Dr. Eugene Nida, in charge of versions, examines the manuscripts of new translations. He consults with missionaries who have learned new languages on the foreign field, reduced them to a written alphabet, and have pioneered those native languages into print.

Sometimes the library is the crossroads for Christian workers from the extremities of the earth's surface. Recently an Eskimo came from the very northern tip of Alaska, far above the Arctic Circle, to work with Dr. Nida on a translation for his people. As the finishing touches were put on the Iupiat translation of Mark's Gospel, a missionary from French Equatorial Africa came in for consultation on the Karre New Testament. Such a scene of contrasts is not unusual, and it serves well to typify the globe-girdling reaches of the Society's work.

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PRIEST AND SAMARITAN

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When I reminded him that the other car was full, he settled down, protesting that the company should not allow a drunken man to insult the whole car in such a manner. Presently the conductor came, and Mr. Moody called his attention to the poor fellow in the rear of the car. The conductor attended to his duty, and, when he reached the young man, said a few words to him in a low voice, and the fellow followed him into the baggage car, where he bathed his eye and bound it up with his handkerchief, after which the

young man fell asleep. Mr. Moody sat musing for a time, and then said, "Towner, that is an awful rebuke to me. I preached against Pharisaism last night to a crowd, and exhorted them to imitate the Good Samaritan, and now this morning God has given me an opportunity to practise what I preached, and I find I have both feet in the shoes of the priest and Levite." He was reticent all the way to Santa Cruz, but he told the incident that night to the audience, confessing his humiliation.—William R. Moody: *The Life of Dwight L. Moody*.



WHY?

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fasting no longer generally practiced among Baptist people? Are we "like sheep gone astray?" Have we turned "everyone to his own way?" Shame on us!

—A READER.



W. C. BOONE

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Baptist Examiner. If the state board will not consider them as they are thus presented, they would not consider them if I should appear before them and

make the charges personally. Besides, I should not care to appear unless I could present witnesses to prove the charges. This would be impractical in Louisville. When the state board or its representatives wish to come to Greenup Association to make an investigation, I shall be glad to present witnesses to establish the charges I have made.

Unless I am impressed otherwise, I shall have no more to say to Bro. Boone as to Benedict's heresies. This may appear on the surface a victory for Benedict, but remember, hundreds of Baptists in Kentucky are getting their eyes open as to the inconsistencies of the state machine. Experiences like this, where truth is smothered and heresy is defended, are causing the rank and file of Kentucky Baptists to realize that our denomination is fast becoming a dangerous hierarchy, and that the only safe, Scriptural course is one of separation. Many are saying that there is no hope of reforming the denomination, and that the only hope is independency; independent churches, independent preachers, independent schools, and independent papers.

May God arouse Kentucky Baptists as to the perils before us as a denomination!

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