

The Autoist's Prayer

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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."—Isaiah 8:20

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A \$50,000 Challenge Offered All Roman Catholics

Here is a real challenge hurled at the Roman Catholic Church. It is a genuine and sincere offer, and ought to be taken up by some of their lay leaders or members. Surely, some of their learned and scholarly leaders ought to be able to adduce Scriptural proof for their tenets, or truthfully admit that their religion IS NOT FOUNDED on the Word of God, and is therefore, nothing but superstition.

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store, the seventh I need to rush a little more. To do it at a pace that makes me feel I'm alive, and hold up my face, I have to pump the tires and all the cups fill up with grease.

From duty to my car, I've taken time for this, my prayer, to show that my early training is not forgotten, that on the Sabbath to God we should have a thought.

Keep us from turning turtle in some ditch, or by some drunken joy-rider (I'll vote dry next time) being smashed, and some day when I get rich enough to own two cars, I'll let my chauffeur have one to take the poor to church.

And will you overlook some minor sins of mine, and pardon my hogging all my-your time, which you in your good providence have given and will some day—not now, I'm awful busy—take me to your heaven. — The Autoist.

Where Would You Be?

"Johnny," said his father, "you're a big boy now, and it's time you took things more seriously. Suppose I should die; where would you be?"

"I'd be here," Johnny replied: "The question is: WHERE WOULD you BE?"

Here's The Answer To A Timely Question Of Our Readers---Was Gandhi Saved?

When A. M. Baker, a Plymouth Brethren preacher, visited Gandhi, presented him with a Bible and explained to him the plan of salvation, Mr. Gandhi said:

"If this be Christianity (It is His word, that whosoever believeth in Him shall have everlasting life.

Romans 8:28

What may appear to be an ill wind always turns out to be good for the Christian. This sometimes happens in life to everyone, but everything works together for the good of the believer. In New York City a high school boy was in an accident that caused him to have a broken nose. He was excused from school in order to go to a clinic to have it treated. Coming out of the clinic, across the street from the Bronx Zoo, he walked up to the turnstile, paid his fare and was immediately surrounded with officials of the zoo and photographers from the New York press. He was the 100,000,000th visitor to the Zoo since its foundation and was presented with a life membership in the New York Zoological Society. Not only does everything that ever happens turn out for the best for the Christian, but, even more important, we know it in advance. The most significant part of the promise is the "We know" so, let come what may, the Christian knows that it has been planned by the Father and that it will bring glory in the end even if we may not see how at the moment of the event.—Revelation.

Daniel dined and prayed alone. Elijah sacrificed and witnessed alone. Jeremiah prophesied and wept alone. Jesus

Therein lies God's mercy. And as we believe in the atonement of Jesus, our own sins do not bind us. Sin we must! It is impossible to live sinless in this world. And therefore Jesus suffered and atoned for the sins of the race. Only he who accepts His great redemption can have eternal peace. If this be Christianity, I can not accept it. I do not seek redemption from the consequences of my sin. I seek to be redeemed from sin itself, or rather from the very thought of sin. Until I have attained that end, I shall be content to be restless." Page 131, *Mahatma Gandhi—His Own Story*, MacMillan Co.

It is a saddening and solemn truth that there is no record that Gandhi ever believed on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Remember: No man is ever saved who rejects the Gospel. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

Since next Sunday is the so-called Easter Sunday, I feel that I ought to bring you a message from God's Word tonight as to what a Christian ought to wear on Easter if he is going to be well dressed. Therefore, I bring to you this expository message from the chapter from which I have read in Colossians.

I presume most of you know that I have a very hearty and a most healthy disregard for Easter. If peradventure you do

Is It A Good Joke?

A genuinely good joke is worth a whole lot, but they are few and far between.

When some woman blushes with embarrassment,

When some heart carries away an ache,

When something sacred is made to appear common,

When a man's weakness provides the cause for laughter,

When profanity is required to make it funny,

When a little child is brought to tears,

When everyone can't join in the laughter,

It's A Poor Joke!

Mused Uncle Mose

Dey des' ain' no sich a thing as proclaimin' de Word an' pleasin' de peoples at de same time.

This Is The Way Some Of Our Readers Feel About T. B. E.---How About You?

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I have been receiving your good paper for about five years, and I felt like I should let you know in a personal way just how I feel toward your paper. Of course it would be impossible for any man to write for five years and everybody agree with him on every subject. But Bro. Gilpin, speaking in a general way I want to tell you that I do agree with you on the majority of your writings, and I want to tell you that I thank God for a man that will stand by his convictions on God's word.

Among many of the brethren through Mississippi your paper is recognized as being one of the leading papers.

Eld. Geo. W. Boone, Wiggins, Miss.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

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Mrs. Lubie Richards, Atwood, Tenn.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

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Mrs. Lula M. Ala, Wichita, Kansas.

Mr. Meyer's Timetable

F. B. Meyer was once traveling to Chicago. He had a Bible on one knee, and a timetable on the other. Presently a man entered the same coach. Noting the Bible he remarked to the doctor, "I guess that old Book of yours is played out."

"What do you mean?" asked the doctor.

"Well," came the reply. "Don't you know that the Old Testament is made up of a lot of stories and traditions that are what you might call folklore, and that the New Testament endorses the whole."

"Look here," replied Mr. Meyer, "when I left the depot this morning I bought this timetable. I don't know who compiled it, nor the sources from which it was derived; but I have been watching and testing it for the last four hours, and have discovered that the list of stopping places it gives tallies exactly with those which occur en route. I am beginning to believe this timetable, and to feel that if it has proved true for the past I may trust it to get me to Chicago."

The man greatly wondered what that had to do with the question. Then Mr. Meyer explained: "This old Book has been tested by unnumbered millions. I have tested it myself from childhood. Take its prophecies—they have been literally fulfilled. It's the Timetable of the human pilgrimage."

—High-School Christian.

The First Baptist Pulpit

"What The Well Dressed Christian Should Wear On Easter"

(READ COL. 3:1-17)

not know it, and if perhaps this might be your first time to worship with us and you don't know how healthy that disregard for this heathen custom of Easter is, I will express it to you tonight when I say that that disregard for Easter is in such a healthy state that it will continue in perfect physical condition as long as I live.

Don't let anybody misunderstand me. I believe in the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. I expect that I believe in it a little bit more strongly than some folk who will observe

Easter Sunday. I'm not saying that I don't believe in the resurrection; I'm saying, beloved, I certainly have no place for Easter in my thoughts on theology.

I.

LET ME TELL YOU A FEW REASONS WHY I DO NOT OBSERVE EASTER. IN THE VERY OUTSET, IT IS HEATHEN IN ITS ORIGIN. If you will go to the library and consult any good reputable en-

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cyclopaedia, you will find that Easter comes from the Greek goddess, Estarte, and that Easter was a pagan heathen festival that was celebrated fully 800 years before the Lord Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem. You will further find that it was never celebrated by so-called Christians until about 400 years after the Lord Jesus Christ's death, and then when it began to be celebrated by so-called Christians, it was only the attempt of the Catholics to over-awe the heathen mind of the barbaric peoples so that, beloved, all the paraphernalia connected with Easter, including the Easter bunny, and the eggs, can be said to be pagan entirely as to its origin and can be proven to be at least 800 years older than the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, beloved, if I did not have any other reason for being opposed to Easter, that's enough of a reason right there. I haven't any business baptizing paganism into the church of the Lord Jesus Christ in the guise of religion when this Word of God has been given to us as our final book of authority.

II.

BELOVED, I AM OPPOSED TO EASTER BECAUSE WE ARE TO REMEMBER THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD BY THE ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM.

The folk who do not baptize by immersion, do not have a Scriptural means of remembering the resurrection. Yet in this church, beloved, every time you see an individual put down into the water of the baptism and raised up therefrom, you have

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On which my Saviour died;
Who nailed in place that shorter piece
Across the upright wide?
That timber was a worthy thing—
So tall and straight and true;
It never would have been a cross,
If left the way it grew.
'Twas human hands that fashioned it
With arrogance supreme,
That dared across that perfect thing
To fix the lessor beam,
Oh, woe to him, whose'er it was
Performed that cruelty!
I censure, yet I pity him,
For I am base as he.
This very day I made a cross
And on it crucified
My Lord, with spikes in feet and hands,
A spear-thrust in His side.
Across His purpose in my life,
So merciful and true,
I set my weak but stubborn will
And tortured Him anew.*

WORLD CALL.

a picture of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, who Himself died and was buried and was raised again; and every time the ordinance of baptism is administered, the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is pictorially enacted before your very eyes.

Now I can understand why these folk who practice sprinkling and pouring for baptism—I can understand why they have to have a special day for the observance of the resurrection. I can easily understand why, when they disregard the plain statements of God's Word as to baptism, that it is very easy for them to go on a little further in their disregard for the Word of God and bring this paganism into their churches in the guise of Christianity.

III.

I AM OPPOSED TO EASTER BECAUSE IT IS DEFINITELY UNSCRIPTURAL IN EVERY PARTICULAR.

Take for example the idea that the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified on Friday and that He arose on Sunday morning. There

isn't one word of truth in the crucifixion theory that Christ was crucified on Friday; and neither is there one particle of truth that Jesus Christ arose on Sunday morning. Listen:

"For as Jonas was THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."—Matthew 12:40.

A fellow would have to be some juggler of figures if he is able to crucify Jesus Christ on Friday and raise Him from the dead on Sunday morning, in the light of that verse of Scripture. Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, and our Lord said that He Himself would spend three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. Beloved, any man who can think in any sense that the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified on Friday and raised on Sunday morning, hasn't got sense enough to count up to three. As for this thought that the Lord Jesus Christ was actually raised on Sunday morning, I wonder if it would not be well for folk to read God's Word. Listen:

"In the END OF THE SABBATH, as it began to dawn toward the first day of week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre."—Matthew 28:1.

Now if you will read the balance of this chapter, you will find that when these women came to the tomb, they found the Lord Jesus was already raised from the dead. When did they come there "At the end of the Sabbath."

The end of the Sabbath was six o'clock Saturday afternoon, and at the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Jesus Christ's friends came to the tomb and found it already opened and the Son of God already resurrected from the grave. I say, therefore, beloved, I don't believe in Easter because it is unscriptural in every particular.

IV.

I DO NOT BELIEVE IN EASTER BECAUSE THE VANITY OF THE FLESH IS CERTAINLY ON PARADE IN EVERY CHURCH ON EASTER SUNDAY.

Now don't misunderstand me, I like to see folk put on new clothes and dress up. Why I dressed up today myself in my suit I bought in 1940. I like to

see folk put on new clothes if they have them, and I like to see them have them; but, sister, if I had a hundred thousand dresses in my wardrobe, I wouldn't wear a new one on Easter Sunday—especially and come to this church, because I know I would be mortified before I got out of here if I did. I have a habit of saying some things that makes the folk who dress up on Easter feel badly. The average congregation on Easter Sunday ought to sing, "We're Marching to Zion with our New Easter Finery On." I don't believe in anything by way of religion that puts the flesh on parade. I couldn't have any part in Easter from that standpoint.

I DON'T BELIEVE IN EASTER IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT BAPTISTS HAVE REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN IT. To be sure, we have some today who call themselves Baptists who take part in Holy Week Services, and who on so-called Good Friday will take a part as to a Good Friday program. Beloved, the man that does so, isn't a Baptist regardless of what name he goes by. Will you believe me that back there in the fourth century that Baptists were beheaded and slaughtered by the thousands who refused to go into Catholic services on Good Friday? I could read to you from history books one after another of folk who were beheaded, slaughtered and killed by the thousands who refused to observe Easter in the fourth century.

I say to you, beloved, real Baptists throughout the ages have refused to participate in this heathen pagan festival. Whenever I think of the so-called Baptist churches who on next Sunday will have an Easter program, I am reminded that on the following Sunday they ought to have a purification program.

One of the great characters of the Inter-Biblical period was Antiochus Epiphanes who was one of the cruelest monarchs that ever reigned on the face of the earth. History says that he was so cruel that he had Jewish mothers crucified and before they died, he had their own babes put up to their breast and a sword driven through the breast, pinning the mother to the babe through the sword. You would think that a man who was that cruel could not think of anything worse to do to humiliate God's people, but he did. He went into the Jewish temple and took a sow and offered that sow as a sacrifice upon a Jewish altar. Do you know what those Jews did? They felt that their house was profaned and their temple was desecrated, and before they offered another sacrifice upon that altar, they had a purification service to cleanse the temple that had been defiled by the offering of a sow upon the Jewish altar.

Beloved, that Jewish altar was not one bit more profaned than the church is, that brings Easter and Good Friday and all the balance of those pagan heathen customs into it for a worship service.

VI.

Having given you these reasons as to why I do not believe in Easter, I WANT TO TELL YOU WHAT THE WELL DRESSED CHRISTIAN OUGHT TO WEAR ON EASTER OR ANY OTHER DAY. I say, beloved, on Easter or any other day, GOD'S PEOPLE OUGHT TO BE CLOTHED.

There isn't any place for nudity in the life of the child of God. Old Adam was clothed

with a perfect human righteousness in the Garden of Eden. When he lost this righteousness, this brought spiritual shame to him, so he tried to hide from God behind the trees. Also brought social shame him in that he sought to hide his nakedness with fig leaves. He realized, beloved, he needed to be clothed. I insist tonight that God's people ought to be decently clothed at all times.

Read the 5th chapter of Gospel of Mark, the story of Gadarene demoniac. When a maniac was healed of his madness they found him clothed and his right mind. Notice the expression: "Clothed and in right mind." Beloved, clothed and a sound mind go together.

Adam's attempt at clothing himself was displeasing to God. God did not like it. Adam took garments of fig leaves for himself and clothed himself therewith, yet the thing displeased God. Of course, it displeased God because it was only temporary; it was perishable; those fig leaf garments would have to be renewed daily; therefore, God killed an animal, clothed Adam with the skin of that animal so that ADAM LEAVES GAVE AWAY GOD'S LAMB.

This is typical of the fact men try to clothe themselves with the leaves of their righteousness, which is just displeasing to God as Adam's fig leaf garments of the past age. As it became necessary for God to kill a lamb in order that Adam and Eve might be fully clothed thereby that physical nakedness as well as their spiritual nakedness might not be seen, so it became necessary that God kill the Lamb of Jesus Christ, at Calvary men might be clothed spiritually in His sight.

I say that Adam lost his garments of perfect human righteousness when he sinned, the man that has trusted Jesus Christ as his Saviour has received garments of perfect righteousness in Jesus Christ. Listen:

"For he hath made him, knew no sin, TO BE SIN FOR US; that we might be made righteous of God in him."—2 Cor. 5:21.

Jesus Christ took our sins and in turn, He clothes us with His righteousness and holiness. Our sins were put on Jesus. His righteousness put on Adam never had anything better than a perfect human righteousness, but I tonight have perfect Divine righteousness, the righteous robe of the Son of God, and every saved man clothed in the righteousness of God's only begotten Son.

VII.
EVEN THOUGH WE THUS CLOTHED WITH THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD'S OWN SON, PAUL TELLS IN THIS THIRD CHAPTER OF COLOSINIANS THAT WE ARE TO PUT OFF OUR OLD CLOTHING.

"But now ye also put off these; anger, wrath, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lraise one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds."—Col. 3:8, 9.

You will notice, beloved, tells us here that there are things that we are to put off. We will see presently what he says to put on, but one puts on fresh clothing as he first takes off the old clothing. That's just what (Continued on page two)

Undertake to prove that there is no hell, and the devil will take off his coat to help you.

DID CHRIST PREACH TO SPIRITS IN PRISON BEFORE HIS RESURRECTION FROM THE GRAVE?

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I Peter 3: 18 — 22

Here is a passage that has been the cause of much controversy, and it seems to us that a lot of heresy has been spread through misinterpretation of it. Let us as we study it, remember the important rule that one passage is not to be set up against the UNIFORM teaching of the Bible.

A False View of This Scripture:

It has been taught—as we believe wrongly—that this passage teaches that Christ during the period his body was in the tomb, went in spirit to the abode of evil spirits, and preached the gospel to them. Thus the passage is made to justify the idea of a "second chance." One great objection to this view is the fact that the rest of the New Testament does not justify the idea of a second chance.

What Does The Passage Mean?

Let us analyze this passage: (v.18) We are taught that Christ one time suffered as a sinless One for our sins. This is the doctrine of "vicarious atonement."

His body was put to death. (v.18).

By the power of the Holy Spirit he was raised again from the dead. (v.18). (See Romans 1:4 for corroboration of this.)

By and through the same Holy Spirit, Christ once preached to certain people. (v.19).

Who—When? Answer:

People who are now in the spirit world—and the place of punishment in the spirit world is that.

People who back in the days of Noah were disobedient. (v.20).

People with whom God was patient and long suffering, for they had preaching and witnessing for 120 years, before finally the flood came. (Gen. 1:3). 2 Pet. 2:5).

People who died in their disobedience and sins, despite warning, for only 8 people were saved. (v.20).

When?

It was back in the days of Noah that Christ preached to those people. HOW? Not personally, for God had not become incarnate in human form at that time. How then? Through the Holy Spirit who actuated Noah, the "preacher of righteousness." Thus Christ through the agency of the invisible Holy Spirit dealt with those disobedient and wicked people. That the Spirit DID actuate Noah is shown by the warning, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man."

In Brief:

We believe that this passage simply means this: The Christ, whose body was animated and raised by the mighty Holy Spirit, went in the ages long before through the agency of the same mighty Spirit and preached to the wicked who lived before the flood. Just as Christ deals with men today through preachers called of God and anointed by the Holy Spirit, so he dealt with those of that ancient time.

The above is a simple explanation that is plausible and does not do violence to the rest of

Scripture.

Why The False View Mentioned Above Is False

It introduces the doctrine of a second chance, which is unscriptural.

It makes Christ to have gone to the place of the wicked in hades, whereas he told the penitent thief that he was going that day to "Paradise."

It makes the people who sinned before the flood to be a people of special privilege since such alone are mentioned.

Rest of the Passage: (v. 20-22)

The teaching is not that water literally saves, for this is a mere "figure." The meaning is this: As Noah was saved through water—the ark bearing him upon the surface of it—so our ark of safety is Christ. Christ is able to save because he arose from the dead, and since baptism symbolizes that resurrection, the ordinance of baptism figuratively or symbolically involves the matter of salvation. Here again, to make baptism a saving thing is to violate the rest of Scripture.

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nature. You take off the old before you put on the new. Our Lord follows that same principle here. He says take off and then put on, and he names six things that the Christian is to put off.

ANGER—that means a surly disposition. No child of God has any business with a surly disposition—always ready to take offense. I knew a deacon in a Baptist church several years ago when I was just a boy, who had such a disposition that no one could say anything to him at all without that man becoming enraged. Our Lord says to put off anger—the surly disposition.

WRATH—this is a little different to anger. Anger is the disposition, but wrath is the exploded anger. You've heard the expression: "I told her enough to last her a month of Sundays," and "I gave her a piece of my mind." God's people have no business speaking their mind; we are to speak the mind of Christ. Listen:

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."—Phil. 2:5.

He tells us we are to put off anger and wrath, and then MALICE. That means ill will. That's what is left over after wrath. After you have allowed your anger and your wrath to vent its spleen upon some individual, then what is left over is malice—the ill-will you feel toward that person. Let me ask you tonight: Do you have any malice in your heart against anybody? I want to get you ready for Easter. I want to get you dressed up for Easter. I would like for you to get rid of some of these old filthy garments so you can be properly clothed next Sunday morning.

Is there any malice in your heart toward anybody tonight? I dare say there is no individual in this church that would have more room, humanly speaking, to feel malice toward folk, than this pastor. I weigh my words when I say that I don't know of a man anywhere that I hold one particle of malice against in this hour. I know some folk that have certainly been anything but kind unto me, but, beloved, God being my helper, I know tonight that I have no

malice in my heart against any man.

The next thing he says to put off is BLASPHEMY—the sins of the tongue. I remember a good number of years ago a preacher and I were standing together and a man on the spur of a moment let forth a volley of oaths, and then when he saw the two of us, he turned around and spoke to my preacher friend who was nearer to him, and begged his pardon for what he had said. I think the finest rebuke any man ever got in this world, this man got when my preacher friend said, "You don't have to apologize to me, you haven't cussed in my name."

Then he says we are to put off FILTHY COMMUNICATION. It has always been a problem to me to understand how any individual could enjoy or even tolerate filthy speech. A fellow came up to me just a few days ago and said, "I have a little story I want to tell you." I said, "What's the color?" "Well," he said, "you can listen to it." I said, "Be sure of it." I tell you, beloved, in the days even before I was saved, I detested filthy communication. How in the world that some folk who claim to be God's people can enjoy filthy conversation is beyond my comprehension. God says to put off filthy communication.

Another thing — LIE NOT ONE TO ANOTHER. God's people should not lie to one another, but rather, speak the truth at all times.

Now listen, if you are going to be well dressed next Sunday, here are some things you need to put off and get rid of. You can't be a well dressed Christian and have on these filthy garments. You have to get rid of these things before you can put on new garments.

I remember when De Vinci was painting that glorious portrait of the Last Supper, which took him nine years to complete, that during that period of time he became angry at a friend and lashed at him in a most vehement manner. After he had done so, he went back to work, but couldn't paint and couldn't get his mind on his painting until he went back and sought out that friend that he had so cruelly lashed with his tongue and sought his forgiveness.

You have to put off these things before you can put on things that pertain to the Lord Jesus Christ.

VIII.

WHAT DOES HE TELL US TO PUT ON? I have told you the clothing we are to put off, NOW WHAT ARE WE TO PUT ON? Listen:

"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."—Col. 3:12-14.

This is the clothing to be put on—

MERCY—which means sympathy. How little sympathy we show for each other! The majority certainly show an exceedingly small amount of sympathy for the other person. Yet, that's the first thing he tells us to put on—bowels of mercies—sympathy.

Then KINDNESS. Several years ago somebody ran an advertisement in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, I don't remember who it was, but this was the advertisement:

"Two things stand like stone—Kindness in another's troubles, Courage in our own."

GOD LIVES!

God lives! His star-bejewelled sky
Still spans the darkest of our earthly nights;
His suns move on in majesty on high.
Undimmed, unhindered by our puny might;
His ordered seasons calmly come and go,
His oceans mark their ceaseless ebb and flow.

God lives! God loves! Above all earthly hates
Floats the white banner of His endless care;
In the dim shadow of the cross He waits,
And all who will find rest and pity there.
His lips have drained the cup of mortal woe,
His nail-scarred hands with mercies overflow.

God lives! God loves! God reigns! His
changeless will
Unthwarted rules above the plans of men;
Above their strife shall speak His "Peace be
still."

The King of kings shall come to earth again.
Look up! The first faint glow breaks overhead
And list the footfall of His glorious tread!

—BERTHA D. MARTIN.

I have often thought of it. Surely no greater words were ever penned by the poet. Kindness does stand out like a stone.

HUMBLENESS is something else to be put on. This means humility. Do you know how to be humble? You don't get humble by practicing it. The only way any man becomes humble is by realizing the sovereignty of God. The more you realize God's sovereignty the more humble you will be in God's sight.

MEEKNESS is the next thing we are to put on. The word "meekness" in the Greek means "mildness." Every one of us ought to have enough temper to stand for something, and yet that temper ought to have fashioned with it some mildness or meekness. In other words, have temper all right—and yet mild about it.

LONGSUFFERING. He tells us we are to be longsuffering. How few of us are. Surely most of us are far from being longsuffering.

Then he says we ought to FORBEAR AND FORGIVE. Forbearance means "tolerance"

Then note the last thing he says to put on — CHARITY. Listen: "And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." The word for charity is the word for love. Over all these other things, put on love.

Take off all these filthy things of your life, and then put on all these things he has mentioned, and then over all, put on love.

In Paul's day the individual wore a sash about all the balance of his clothes to hold the rest of his clothes together. Paul had that in mind when he said, "And above all things put on charity." It is the one thing that holds in place all the balance of the clothing that a well dressed Christian will wear.

Let me ask you a question tonight: How is your wardrobe fixed up for next Sunday? Have you got a pretty good wardrobe? I'm talking about the wardrobe of grace. I'm not concerned about the fashions that are designed in Paris and New York, but is your wardrobe of grace in good condition for next Sunday?

You've heard the expression, "All dressed up and no place to go." Beloved, the child of God is all dressed up and he has SOME PLACE TO GO—he is going to Heaven when he dies.

How are you dressed tonight? Are you dressed up with some place to go?

Let me ask you, beloved, have you been clothed in His righteousness? Day by day are you seeking to put off these things that would hinder you spiritually, and are you seeking to put on the things that would show forth Jesus Christ unto the world? That's the ideal for every child of God, and I thank and praise Him tonight that the Christian who thus lives is, as I say, all dressed up and he has some place to go. Is that your experience tonight?

May God bless you!

From A Loved Kentucky Pastor

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I am sending you some names of members of my church, which I wish to have you put on your mailing list for one year. Will say if it does them the good, and they get the spiritual blessings from reading The Baptist Examiner I have, it will be money well spent. Someone put me on your mailing list, and I am sure glad. You make me think of Bro. Boyce Taylor in the stand you take against sin. Bro. Boyce has gone on but his works still live on. I know the pastors who stand for the truth as it is in Christ are few. I do not know you by sight but certainly do through your paper. Am thankful to the Lord that there are a few faithful ones yet. Find enclosed my check for \$8.50 to pay for the Baptist Examiner to the names I send.

THREE NATIONAL PARTIES

"There are three national parties in the United States—the Republican Party, the Democratic Party, and the Cocktail Party—each with headquarters in Washington, D. C. . . . and the Cocktail Party is today the most powerful in the National Capitol.

"Consumption of hard liquor in Washington, D. C., runs at 16 quarts per capita; in wide open towns like Reno and Las Vegas, 13 quarts; and the U. S. average, 5 quarts. Said one commentator, "Merely make a guess concerning the influence of the Cocktail Party on national and international affairs is enough to create genuine alarm."

—Christian Life and Times.

The best thing to do when we make a mistake, is to make it teach us something.

"THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS" OR JESUS IN THE GRAVE SEVENTY TWO HOURS ROMAN DAYS~MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT~AS WE COUNT THEM

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NIGHT DAY NIGHT DAY NIGHT DAY NIGHT DAY NIGHT DAY NIGHT DAY NIGHT DAY NIGHT DAY NIGHT DAY NIGHT DAY
JOHN USED ROMAN TIME, JNO. 19:14-"SIXTH HOUR"-6:00 A.M. OTHERS USED JEWISH TIME.

JEWISH DAYS~SUN SET TO SUN SET~OR 6:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
HOURS OF NIGHT COUNTED FROM 6:00 P.M. HOURS OF DAY FROM 6:00 A.M.

6 P.M.	6 P.M.	6 P.M.	6 P.M.	6 P.M.	6 P.M.	6 P.M.	6 P.M.	6 P.M.	6 P.M.	6 P.M.	6 P.M.
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY		
NISAN 9 th NIGHT DAY JNO. 12:1 JESUS CAME TO BETHANY "SIX DAYS BEFORE THE PASSOVER" THAT FIXES THIS DATE- NISAN 9 th . THE LAMB WAS EATEN ON THE 14 th . BUT THE 15 th -THE HIGH PASS- OVER SAB- BATH WAS THE DAY CAL- LED "THE PASSOVER". COMPARE JNO. 19:14 WITH MK. 15: 42.	NISAN 10 th NIGHT DAY REGULAR SABBATH -O- EVENTS JNO. 12:12-19 "THE NEXT DAY"-HE ENTERED JERUSALEM- THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY. MK. 11:1-11- ENTERED TEMPLE- "LOOKED ROUND"- BEING THE SABBATH- NO TRADERS THERE.	NISAN 11 th NIGHT DAY EVENTS MK. 11:12-19. "ON THE MORROW" CLEANSED THE TEMPLE. THEN LEFT CITY. VS. 19. NO "PALM SUNDAY"- FOR HIS TRIUMPHAL ENTRY WAS SATURDAY- AND NOT SUNDAY.	NISAN 12 th NIGHT DAY EVENTS MK. 11:20- "IN THE MORNING" MK. 11:20 TO 14:11 GIVE A RECORD OF THIS DAY. MK. 14:1 "AFTER TWO DAYS---WAS THE PASSO- VER" AFTER--- THURS. AND THURS. THE 15 th -SEE LEV. 23:5-7.	NISAN 13 th NIGHT DAY EVENTS MK. 14:12-16 "FIRST DAY OF UNLEAVEN BREAD WHEN THEY KILLED PASSOVER". PASSOVER LAMB WAS KILLED BE- TWEEN 3+5 P.M.-ONE EVEN- ING OF 13 th . EATEN AFTER 6:00 P.M.-- ON 14 th . ALL LEAVEN PUT OUT ON 13 th .	NISAN 14 th NIGHT DAY DAY PASSOVER EATEN (LEV. 23:5-7) AFTER 6 P.M. "PREPARATION" FOR THE SABBATH, MK. 15:42. ~ EVENTS ~ OF NIGHT OF DAY MK. 14:17-25 MK. 15:11-23 "IN THE EVENING" "IN THE MORNING" HE ATE THE TRIED BY PASSOVER PILATE. MK. 14:26-72 MK. 15:24-41 BETRAYED CRUCIFIED. ARRESTED MK. 15:42-47 TRIED BY BURIED BY THE JEWS- JOSEPH CONDEMNED. ALONE. TIME OF DAY'S EVENTS	NISAN 15 th NIGHT DAY HIGH PASS- OVER SAB- BATH, LEV. 23: 5-7; NUM. 28: 16-18; JNO. 19:31. 15 th -ALWAYS A SABBATH. DAY CALLED "THE PASS- OVER" EVENT MT. 27:62-66 GUARD FOR TOMB OR- DERED.	NISAN 16 th NIGHT DAY A WORK DAY EVENTS LU. 23:55-56 WOMEN PRE- PARE SPICES TO ANOINT HIS BODY SUN- DAY-AFTER SABBATH. JNO. 19:35-42 JOSEPH WITH NICODEMUS PREPARE HIS BODY-AS THE MANNER OF THE JEW IS.	NISAN 17 th NIGHT DAY A REGULAR- SEVENTH DAY SABBATH. EVENT MATT. 28:1-8. AT END OF SABBATH- AT SUNSET, OR 6:00 P.M. HE ROSE. MATTHEW ONLY RECORDS THIS SATUR- DAY EVENING EVENT.	NISAN 18 th NIGHT DAY NOT "EASTER" FOR HE ROSE SATURDAY- NOT SUNDAY. SUNDAY THE TOMB WAS EMPTY. MK. 16:1-14. LU. 24:1-12 JNO. 20:1-23 RECORD THE EVENTS OF THIS DAY.		

FOR MORE HELP ON THIS VITAL STUDY
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SAME SUBJECT-FREE ON REQUEST.

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SEVENTY TWO HOURS IN THE
GRAVE-AS HE SAID, MATT. 12:
40; JONAH 1:17.
HIS WORD NEVER FAILS

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