

"OUR ROAD MAP"

Christian, read your Bible!
And within its pages find,
The message necessary,
To give you peace of mind.

When we fail to read its message,
Sin comes pressing on our hearts,
And we do not see the wonder,
Of the knowledge it imparts.

It's the only thing to tell us,
Of the road to heaven above,
Of the King who came from Glory,
To give us God's own love.

Yes, it's hard to be a Christian,
And not read the sacred page,
For it quiets our every tempter,
And war that sin doeth rage.

The Bible is the road map,
So keep your eyes upon the road,
Do not falter at the Junction,
That leads to Heaven's abode.

—RONALD ROBERSON.

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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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Why I Don't Belong To Any Lodge

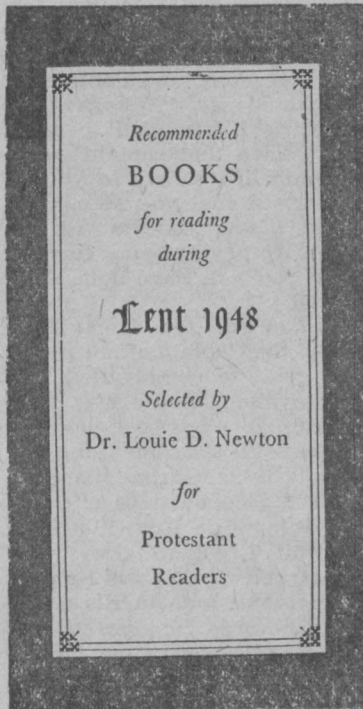
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quite often speak out against them. Here are some of the reasons which make such a move impossible for me:

1. The lodges do not necessarily teach belief in the one true God. Their god is any supreme being, or even power. Not only are Christians, Jews and Mohammedans, but also people whom we class as pagans who claim to believe in a supreme being, welcomed as members of such organizations.

2. They deny Christ admission, even so far as the mention of His Name is concerned. Yes, (Continued on page four)

IS NEWTON A SOUND BAPTIST?



Here is a representation of the cover page of a little book put out by the American Publication Society. Harper and Brothers has an advertisement of similar nature in Christian Century (2-11-48). In both, the thought which is "played up" is Louie Newton's book recommendations for Lent.

First of all, it is most striking that most of these are liberal books. There are very few of the 25 which he recommends that are worthy of the name Christian. Two of them are definitely modernistic and the others are a mixture. How the president of the Southern Baptist Convention can recommend modernistic books is beyond my (Continued on page four)

By Saying 'I Should Like To Know' Is One Way To Be Taught The Truths Of The Book

If we are commanded under the Law to give the tenth, is it obligatory on us to tithe now?

The Law had nothing to do with the tithe we pay now; the tithe began with Abraham, not with the Law. Justification by faith and tithing both began with Abraham. The Law which came four hundred and thirty years after can no more disannual tithing than it can disannual justification by faith.

Is it good or evil for people in worship to repeat what is called the Lord's prayer?

It is wholly evil; it is ritualistic; it promotes formalism; it teaches the unsaved to call God their Father; it isn't praying at all, and any prayer that is said as a matter of form is hypocrisy and mockery, and a stench in God's nose.

Why did Christians some fifty years ago shout more than they do now?

I think it is because they lived more in their "feelings" than they do now; shouting is more frequently an evidence of great backsliding and the restoration of the joys of salvation than of a normal Christian life of daily walking with God.

Is it Scriptural for a woman

to serve as superintendent and lead in prayer in Sunday School when men present will not do so?

It is not Scriptural because it violates the Scripture in I Tim. 2:8-15. Paul very plainly says in Romans 3:6-8 that those who teach that it is right to do evil that good may come bring upon themselves just condemnation. It is never right to disobey the plain commands of the Bible. If the men will not take the lead, have a Sunday School for women and children only and shut the men out; what good are such anyhow?

Has a man any Scriptural grounds for re-marriage, even if he has left his wife for fornication?

Most Bible students think so. The Scriptures do not condemn it. If divorced and married on any other grounds, they are living in adultery. However, I do not perform marriage ceremonies when either party has been divorced for any cause.

Is there any other Scriptural grounds for leaving a woman except fornication?

Not for divorce. Folk may separate if they cannot get along but they cannot be Scripturally divorced and cannot marry. See I Cor. 7:10-15 and 39.

Did Jesus atone for the sins of the Old Testament saints, be- (Continued on page four)

The Proper And Christian Attitude Toward Compulsory Universal Military Training

Elder Edward V. Howell
Portsmouth, Ohio

President Truman, speaking before a joint session of Congress, urged immediate action that body to enact legislation calling for the drafting of men into military service and making mandatory universal military training for young men to 20 years of age, because of the uncertainty of the immediate world situation.

In View of Our Heavenly Citizenship

I am not a pacifist; neither am I a communist. I am a humble, law-abiding citizen of this country, whose ancestry dates back to colonial days. My grandfathers served in both the Civil and Revolutionary Wars. At the age of 17, I entered the Navy and served during World War I. My eldest son was drafted at 18 years of age and served three years in World War II.

I have a young son just 14 years of age that has no brighter outlook upon the future than I have in the armed forces. He is not alone in this, for all are under the cloud that hangs ominously over the horizon.

Past experience makes me ponder seriously and prayerfully over the matter.

As a Christian, I have two citizenships — earthly and heavenly. Inasmuch as my heavenly citizenship supersedes my earthly citizenship, I must cast my earthly ballot and think in harmony with my heavenly citizenship.

NIEMOLLER AGAIN

Pastor Martin Niemoller has gotten into print again. This time he has a way of keeping his constituency, and others outside of this following, in a constant state of uncertainty. He went to jail in protest against Nazi doctrine; he issued a statement after the war, calling upon Germans to confess their crimes committed during the war; and now he has issued a proclamation to the German Evangelical ministers, denouncing denazification, and instructing them to take no part in it.

Dr. Karl Barth, well-known (Continued on page four)

zenship. It is, therefore, necessary for me to view all things prayerfully and scripturally.

Scripture And Military Training

Believing the Bible to be God's Word, I think our nation would do well to heed its precepts. If wars must come, and come they will, God has given us specific commands regarding them.

Only men twenty years of age and upward were deemed fit for the armed forces. When the Lord ordered Moses to number the children of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai, He said, "Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel after their families, every male by their polls, from twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel: thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies." (Num. 1:2-3).

Forty years later, when a new generation was going into battle in the plains of Moab, that command was reiterated: "Take the sum of the people, from twenty years old and upward: as the Lord commanded Moses and the children of Israel which went forth out of the land of Egypt." (Num. 26:4).

Six hundred years later, when God's people were going into war, the same command was (Continued on page four)

Mused Uncle Mose

We had er hot time down at de chu'ch las' pas' Satidy night. De buildin' committee preesented de plans fo' ouah new chu'ch an' de wimmins take up all de time trimmin' out space fo' a biggah kitchen.

The First Baptist Pulpit

"WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT REWARDS"

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."—Revelation 22:12.

Just a little while before the beginning of the year, I had an impression that I should preach to you on the general theme of "What the Bible Teaches." Some of you may recall that I preached one Sunday night on the subject, "What the Bible Teaches About Creation"; on another Sunday evening, "What the Bible Teaches About Sin";

on another Sunday evening "What the Bible Teaches About Salvation," and so for several Sunday evenings along toward the end of the last year, I preached on the general theme, "What the Bible Teaches."

I intended at that time to preach the message that I'm bringing to you tonight, but our revival meeting with Brother Overbey as our evangelist came, and somehow I never did get around to preaching the message that I bring now, on "What the Bible Teaches About Rewards."

I THERE IS A TREMENDOUS DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SALVATION AND REWARDS. There are lots of folk who are professing Christians who have never been able to see the difference, yet it is here within the Word of God. Salvation, beloved, is a free gift of God's grace — no strings attached — is to just a free gift which God Himself gives to us.

Let me read you three Scriptures in this respect. "For by GRACE are ye saved (Continued on page two)

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REWARDS

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through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."—Ephesians 2:8, 9.

These verses tell us that salvation is a gift of God's grace. You don't work for it, it is a gift of God.

Notice again:

"Jesus answered and said unto her If thou knewest THE GIFT OF GOD, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have GIVEN THEE living water."—John 4:10.

The "living water" to which the Lord Jesus refers is salvation. He said, "I'll give you that living water." Salvation, beloved, is a gift of God's omnipotent and matchless amazing grace. It is never received except as a gift of God.

Notice also:

"Ho every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath NO MONEY; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."—Isa. 55:1.

No individual can read these verses in Isaiah, John's Gospel and the book of Ephesians without the realization that salvation is definitely and only a gift of God. Beloved, if you are saved tonight, you are saved because God has given to you this gift of His grace; and, sinner friends, if you are ever saved, it will not be because of your works, nor your life, nor anything that you do, nor the church, nor what the preacher does for you—it will be because of the gift of God which is given us in Christ.

Now in contrast, beloved, while salvation is a free gift, rewards are determined by one's works. Listen to my text for example:

GOOD FOR PREACHERS IN 1948

"Dear hearers, pray for us who are preachers of the gospel, that we may be made faithful, and kept so. You know the prevailing currents of these times are toward flesh-pleasing teachings. Men aspire to be clever, and to that end they must appear to be bold thinkers, highly cultured, and far removed from the worn-out notions of orthodoxy. Many are the floral displays in sermons! Sheaves of corn are too plain and rustic. This is the age of bouquets and wreaths of rare flowers. Paul must give way to Browning, and David to Tennyson. Brethren, there are enough in the novelty business without us; and we have something better to do. We have to give an account unto our God of what we do and say; and if we have been murderers of souls, it will be no excuse that we flourished the dagger well, or that, when we gave them poison, we mixed the draught cleverly, and presented it with poetical phrases. Pray for us that we may be clear of the blood of all men. Keep by us saying to us, 'What is the thing the Lord hath said to thee?' I pray thee, hide it not from me!"

Taken from a sermon preached by C. H. Spurgeon on October 9, 1890.

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man ACCORDING AS HIS WORK SHALL BE."—Revelation 22:12.

God gives us salvation as a gift, but, beloved, He rewards us on the basis of our works after we have received that gift.

"For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall REWARD EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS WORKS."—Matthew 16:27.

Some people seem to think that it doesn't make any difference how a man lives after he is saved. It make all the difference in this world. Your position in glory and your rewards in heaven for the life lived on this earth, will depend upon the works that you have done since the day that you were saved.

Notice again:

"Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his OWN REWARD ACCORDING TO HIS OWN LABOUR."—I Corinthians 3:8.

A man hires with the C&O and he is paid on the basis of the time that he puts in. If he labors six hours, he is paid for six hours. If he labors ten hours, he is paid for ten. The same is true, with God. He gives you salvation as a gift, and then everything you do by way of labor in His name from that hour on, He pays you for it, or He rewards you for what you do.

I say then, beloved, there is a tremendous distinction between salvation and rewards. Salvation is a gift of God's grace, while rewards, beloved, come as a result of the works that you do in the name of Jesus Christ after you have been saved.

Let me fall back on a favorite illustration. When I was just a boy preacher, it came to my mind to illustrate salvation and rewards in this manner, and I have never heard a better illustration to distinguish between the two than this.

A steamship company announces that on a certain day they will give a free ride all the way from New York to Liverpool to certain individuals. You are one of those who can successfully qualify, and the steamship excursion becomes a reality to you. There is no cost, no pay, no charge—it is entirely free so far as you are concerned. To be sure it costs the steamship

company; to be certain it will cost the ship-owner; but so far as you are concerned, it is gratis—absolutely free of charge. After you have gotten out on the water for some two or three days, a malady of illness strikes a number of the crew, and the captain appeals to those on board his vessel that he is in need of men to help man the vessel. Because of his generosity to you in giving to you this excursion, it is only natural that you would volunteer to work in order to assist the captain in this extremity due to the malady of sickness. When you get to the other side of the water, the captain comes to you and hands you a check for your services that you have rendered on board his vessel. Immediately you would recoil from the idea of accepting any pay for what you have done, and doubtless you would say, "You gave me the ride; I was glad to assist you." Then that captain would be compelled to say to you, "I must insist that you accept this check. I gave you the ride and now I'm paying you for the work that you have done since I hired you."

Beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Captain of our salvation, gives to us salvation, and our salvation all the way from earth to glory has been paid for. It does not cost us one thing, but it cost Jesus Christ His shed blood. I accept it as a gift, and everything I do from that hour on until I get to glory, God keeps a record of it, and He pays me for what I do in His name. In other words, He gives me salvation and He pays me for the work that I do in the name of the Son of God.

II

THERE ARE NO REWARDS FOR DEEDS THAT ARE DONE PRIOR TO CONVERSION.

God never keeps time on any individual, and never puts a man on the payroll prior to the day of his salvation. Let me read it to you:

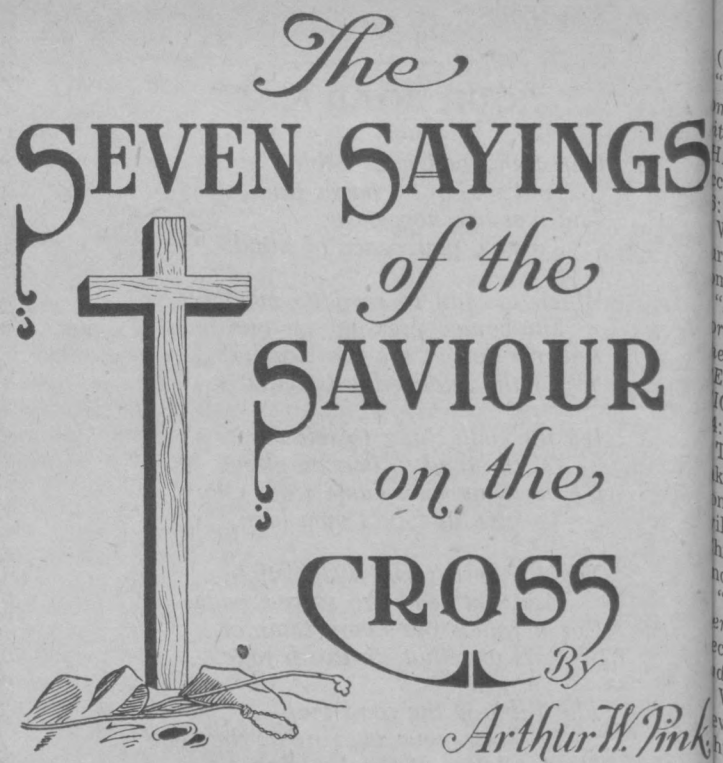
"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."—I Cor. 3:11-15.

Notice, beloved, he talks about giving rewards to the individual who builds upon the foundation, and he declares that the foundation is the Lord Jesus Christ, and specifically says that no other foundation can any man lay insofar as his life is concerned. That would mean to say that in order for there to be any rewards for you, you've got to build upon the foundation which is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. In other words, there are no rewards for any man for anything that he does prior to the hour of his conversion. Listen:

"For there shall be no reward to the evil man."—Prov. 24:20.

If that were the only verse in the Bible that taught this truth, that is enough in itself.

That man who has never yet received Jesus Christ as his Saviour, has not one single reward laid up for him in glory. You've got to be saved before God puts you on the payroll. I like to think of it in this respect. Here's a wealthy man—a man of unusual wealth, and at the same time, is possessed with magnanimous benevolence—he gives liberally to all the missionary enterprises of our church; he gives and gives abundantly for the building of church buildings for



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III

THERE ARE NO REWARDS

FOR ANY CHRISTIAN UNTIL THE LORD JESUS COMES HIS SECOND ADVENT.

Haven't you read in the Bible sometimes of the death of an individual, and the editor said that he has passed to reward? Well, he hasn't got any such thing. Haven't you been to a funeral service and heard the preacher say, "Brother has gone to his reward? He hasn't any such thing. Then, isn't an individual that has died from the day of Adam to this hour that has gone to reward. Not a man from the day of Adam to this time has received one reward for a thing that he has ever done."

Great man that Paul was has not gotten his reward yet. Great man that Simon Peter was, he hasn't gotten his reward yet. No individual has been rewarded, nor will be rewarded until Christ comes His second advent. Listen:

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REWARDS

EXACTLY ALIKE.

We have not been exactly alike down here in this world, then we need not expect to be exactly alike up in glory. Listen:

"All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. SO ALSO IS THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD."—1 Cor. 15:39-42.

Why, beloved, he tells us that as flesh differs, and as beasts differ, and as fishes differ, and as birds differ, and as the terrestrial and the celestial bodies differ and as the moon and the sun differs, so, in like measure, at the resurrection of the dead there is going to be a tremendous difference in regard to the saints of God. No two of us will have the same reward.

You will get your reward for just exactly what you have done in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ from the hour you were saved, and I will get my reward for what I have done. If you have done more than I have, you will get a larger reward. No two of us will have the same reward.

VI

NOTICE ALSO, BELOVED, THAT SOME FOLK WILL BE SAVED BUT WILL HAVE NO REWARDS WHATSOEVER.

These folk will be saved—they will be in heaven; they will be just as much saved as anybody else that is there; but they will be absolutely without rewards. Listen:

"If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; YET SO AS BY FIRE."—1 Cor. 3:15.

You know what it means when a man just barely gets out of a burning house without even so much as a change of clothing—everything he has, has been burned—he is saved, yet so as by fire.

A woman over in Ashland told me a few days ago that along in November a fire burned her house and everything she had. She was not at home, and when she came home, she found everything she had was burned but the clothing she had on.

Beloved, there's going to be a lot of Christians get up to heaven just as poor. Everything they have had in the world they have hoped for by way of reward, is going up in smoke—saved, yet so as by fire.

What was the matter? Their work was the wrong kind. He tells us that there are six kinds of material out of which we can build—gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay and stubble. No one individual builds out of gold, silver and precious stones altogether. I am satisfied that every one of us get an awful lot of wood, hay and stubble mixed up in our building. Gold, silver and precious stones can't burn; but wood, hay and stubble will go up in flames. That individual who has lived his life building up false systems of theology, that individual who has lived his life preaching a false doctrine, he was building out of wood, hay and stubble; and when he comes to the end of the way, some of them may be saved by grace, but the fire will burn everything down to the foundation; but it can't burn the foundation. If a man has the right kind of foundation, it will stand; but his work, his false preaching will go up in smoke and ashes—he will be saved, yet so as by

fire.

Listen to the words of our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount:

"Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the LEAST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."—Matt. 5:19.

How about these folk who say that it doesn't make any difference how you are baptized—sprinkling, pouring or immersion. Our Lord tells us it makes a lot of difference, for He says there is "One Lord, one faith and one baptism." There are individuals who spend their lives building up systems of theology wherein they state that it makes no difference at all as to how a person is baptized. Some of these days they are going to stand in the presence of God. If they are saved, they will be saved by grace just like you and I are saved. That men who has been saved and taught false doctrine is going to be called least in the kingdom of heaven.

A lot of Baptists will have a small amount of rewards in this respect. Take these Baptists who believe in violating the Word of God in teaching false doctrine. They will be the least in the kingdom of heaven. Some Baptist preachers believe and teach it is perfectly all right for women to be put on the same equality in church services as men, in spite of the fact that the Word of God says, "Let your women keep silence in the churches, for it is not permitted unto them to speak."

One of those preachers said to me this last week, "Why that's a very little thing." Suppose it is the least commandment in the Word of God, it is still God's commandment. God says that the man who teaches individuals to violate it, is going to be the least in the kingdom of heaven. When it comes to this matter of rewards, not all will be rewarded alike. Some people will be saved, but they will have no rewards whatsoever.

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VII

THERE IS A POSSIBILITY AFTER YOU HAVE REWARDS LAID UP, OF EVEN LOSING THOSE REWARDS.

Let me read it to you: "Look to yourselves, that we LOSE NOT THOSE THINGS which we have wrought, but that we receive a FULL REWARD."—2 John 1:8.

Watch out, he says, lest you lose your reward. Listen again: "For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall NOT LOSE his reward."—Mark 9:41.

The expression "not lose his reward," indicates that some folk may lose their reward. Notice again:

"Let no man BEGUILÉ YOU OF YOUR REWARD in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not

SIN!

Man calls sin an accident; God calls it an abomination.

Man calls sin a blunder; God calls it blindness.

Man calls sin a chance; God calls it a choice.

Man calls sin a defect; God calls it a disease.

Man calls sin an error; God calls it enmity.

Man calls sin fascination; God calls it fatality.

Man calls sin infirmity; God calls it iniquity.

Man calls sin luxury; God calls it lawlessness.

Man calls sin a trifle; God calls it tragedy.

Man calls sin a mistake; God calls it madness.

Man calls sin a weakness; God calls it willfulness.

There is only one remedy for sin—the precious blood of Christ, which was shed for the remission of sins on Calvary's Cross.

seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind."—Col. 2:18.

I believe, beloved, that there are Christian people who perhaps live a lifetime and maybe in their service for the Lord, please Him and serve Him devotedly, and who lay up tremendous rewards in heaven, and then at a later date in some manner may lose those rewards. God's Word says "watch out lest you lose or be beguiled of your reward."

VIII

WHAT IS GOD GOING TO REWARD US FOR?

We read that He is going to reward us for our LABOR. Listen:

"Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own LABOUR."—1 Cor. 3:8.

He is also going to reward us for the KEEPING OF THE LAW.

"And in keeping of them (God's judgments) there is great reward."—Ps. 19:11.

He is going to reward us for the PERSECUTION we have undergone.

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake; for their's is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad; for GREAT IS YOUR REWARD in heaven."—Matt. 5:10, 11.

Here's one reward that a child of God doesn't have to work for. All he has to do is to be faithful to the Lord and let the Devil and his crowd persecute him, and God is going to reward him for that persecution.

It also says you will be rewarded for THE ENTERTAINING OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD in His name. Listen:

"He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a PROPHET'S REWARD; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward."—Matt. 10:41.

Two weeks from tonight, the Lord willing, I expect to leave to go to Pueblo, Colo., for three days for a Bible Conference. Doubtless, I will be entertained in some home in that church. Some good woman will have the responsibility of providing the meals for this servant of the Lord while I am there. I trust that my service in the name of my Lord shall be pleasing to Him. I would be happy if a lot of God's preachers might be fired with holy enthusiasm for the Lord as a result of my visit there. I would be happy if some of God's laymen, through my

visit, might be blessed to the extent that their lives might be more Scriptural and count more for God. I would be happy if God might save some soul while I am there. Whatever may come of my visit to that church in Pueblo, Colo., whoever entertains me in their home will receive the same kind of reward I get for my faithfulness in preaching there.

Notice also, beloved, we are rewarded for even the GIVING OF A CUP OF WATER in the name of Jesus:

"And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his REWARD."—Matt. 10:42.

Likewise, beloved, he rewards us for DOING GOOD.

"But love ye your enemies, and DO GOOD, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and YOUR REWARD SHALL BE GREAT, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil."—Luke 6:35.

Thus, beloved, we are rewarded just for doing good in His name.

IN CONCLUSION

May I say to that unsaved man who is here tonight that there is a sense also wherein the unsaved is going to be rewarded too. Did you know that God is going to reward you? Let me read you two Scriptures:

"Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for THE REWARD of his hands shall be given him."—Isa. 3:11.

God is keeping His eye on you, unsaved friend. Sinner friend, God sees you. He is going to reward you also in hell on the basis of the work of your hands.

Listen again: "And shall receive the REWARD OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you."—2 Peter 2:13.

If you have lived an unrighteous life, you are going to receive the pay of the unrighteous. Beloved, the one for whom you have worked is the one that is going to pay you. That man who has lived for the Lord Jesus Christ, that man is going to be paid by the Lord Jesus. That man who has served the Devil, is going to receive the reward of the unrighteous.

I am tremendously concerned about this matter of rewards. I am so much concerned that I am most anxious that I shall receive every reward possible (Continued on page four)

REWARDS

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when I come into His presence. You say, "I don't care whether I have a single reward, I'll be happy if I only get to heaven." I don't feel that way. I know I'm going to heaven, and I'm concerned when I get there that I get every reward it is possible for me to have. Do you know why I want them? The fourth chapter of the book of Revelation gives us the picture of the saints being caught up at Christ's advent. It tells us of something that you and I have never seen before—a rainbow round about the throne. We only see a rainbow stretched from horizon to horizon across the sky. In other words, we only see half the bow now; but Revelation 4 tells us that when our Lord comes and gives to us our rewards, we are going to see a different kind of rainbow—one that is round about the throne

—the complete bow of God's promise. Now I don't understand but half of the things that happen. Now I don't understand but half the providences of God; yet some day I am going to see the thing as God sees it—complete—and when I do, then it says I am going to take my crowns off and I am going to lay them down at Jesus' feet. That's why I want every crown and every reward that I can get. That's why it is that I am anxious to have every reward that is humanly possible. I want to come to that day when I shall see as God sees, and I want to lay them down at the feet of my blessed Lord and Saviour.

Some fifty years ago at a little jerk water station in a western state, an engine stopped to take on water. A portly man alighted from the train and walked along the track resting himself from the ride. He saw a lad down beside a pool of water fishing. He went down where

this boy was fishing to talk to him for a few minutes' time. The engineer whistled, the water had been taken on, and they were ready for their departure. This man said to the boy, "Love your country, live for your country, and if need be, die for your country." He climbed back up on the train and was on his way. World War I came on, and that boy was caught in the draft. Overseas one day the general called upon the group of which he was one, and told how they needed someone to replace a telephone line that had been shot to pieces, and asked for volunteers. The boy said, "Thank God, he didn't call for me." Then it came back to that boy, "Love your country, live for your country, and if need be, die for your country." Then he stepped up and said, "General, I'll go." In the midst of the act of doing his duty, a shell burst near him, and the next thing he knew was several days later when he came to in a hospital. When he came back to this country, He went out to Arlington and took the medal that had been pinned upon his lapel for heroism—he took that medal off his coat and laid it on the tomb of Theodore Roosevelt, the man who had spoken to him—he laid it on his tomb and said, "I did it because you said to."

Some day I want to lay my crowns and rewards down at Jesus' feet. I have tried to serve Him, I have tried to live for Him because He said to. They belong to him, and I want to give them back to him. I want to have every reward and crown possible, I want to lay them down at His feet because they belong to my blessed Lord.

Let me ask you a question in closing: Are you saved? If you are saved, live for Him. If you are not saved, may you see Him now as your Saviour and begin to live for Him. May God bless you!

LOUIE NEWTON

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comprehension.

Louie Newton is a man of many compromises. However, I never thought of him as a modernist until now. Today, remembering the statement concerning "birds of a feather," I'm ready to ask if he is one of these. If he isn't a modernist, he's surely keeping company with a dangerous crowd.

Furthermore, what business does Mr. Newton have recommending books for "Lenten Reading?" What right has he to observe Lent and Easter? Certainly, he has no authority from God nor from His Word for the observance of these pagan, heathen customs.

Even Northern Baptists with all their doctrinal looseness are astonished at Mr. Newton's latest compromise. One of the foremost Chicago pastors writes personally, "Even us heathen Baptists up here are astonished at the president of the S. B. C. going in for Lent."

As a parting shot at Bro. Newton and other near Catholics who observe Lent and Easter just remember that Lent is an attempt to get enough religion in 40 days to permit you to live like the Devil the rest of the year. Beloved, it can't be done. It's an old trick of the Devil!

LODGES

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in some sections, especially where most of the members of a lodge are Christians, prayers are offered in the Name of

Jesus Christ, but it is a violation of lodge laws. In order not to offend the good Jewish and Mohammedan members of the lodges, the Name of Jesus Christ is not supposed to be spoken in the lodge room. If He is refused admission, I, as a Christian, am left out, too.

3. They violate the command of the Bible to refrain from swearing. Jesus said, "Swear not at all" (Matt. 5:34). Again, we are clearly commanded in James 5:12, "But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by Heaven, neither by earth, neither by any other oath." Anyone with any reasonable acquaintance with the procedure of the lodge room knows that the members are required to take blasphemous blood-curdling oaths which certainly look terrible in the light of these Scriptures.

4. They falsify about their so-called "secret oaths and rites." These people appear very wise in their proud claims to hold ancient secrets about which outsiders know nothing at all. However, the truth in the case is that practically all these secrets have been published and are available to anyone who cares to order the literature from reliable Christian publishers, such as: The National Christian Association, Chicago, Ill.

5. They teach a false way of

How long has it been since you wrote the editor and sent a contribution toward the printing of this paper? Just now we are urgently in need of funds with which to buy new mats for our Linotype (these mats are what we use with which to set our type). A number of our friends have responded in a most wonderful manner as to our appeal. Their response is most deeply appreciated. Were you one of these? Well, an encouraging letter from you, along with your contribution will be deeply appreciated.

salvation. Instead of presenting the Bible way of salvation by grace through faith in God's Son, they teach salvation by character, good works and faithfulness to the principles of the lodge.

6. Lodges are the lost man's substitute for a church. I realize that there are many saved people in them, but it is largely true that lost people who want to feel that they are equal to or above members of Christian churches, and yet do not have the qualifications necessary for church membership, join a lodge and try to satisfy themselves with the feeling that it is just as good as church membership.

7. I would be unequally yoked together with unbelievers, and that would violate the teachings of 2 Cor. 6:14. Oh, yes, I am sure that we must have unsaved people in the membership of our churches, but we do require that a person at least make a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour in order to get into the membership of a church, and lodges do not require even this.

8. Their teachings are admittedly too weak to stand the test of light. Any system of teaching whose devotees are afraid for the public to know about it must be conscious that it will not stand the test of being brought to the light. Frankly, I would be both afraid and ashamed for the public to know that I believed the teachings, took the oaths and indulged in the practices of the lodges. Jesus said, "In secret have I said nothing" (John 18:29b).

The lodges are quite different from Jesus, at least in this respect!

9. They lead their members practice dishonesty, even to point of theft. In almost every place where I have offered lend literature exposing lodges, some of their members have threatened to or actually taken my personal property and disposed of it, without offering to pay for it. They exalt rights of their lodge above sacred rights of the individual. There is no getting around the fact that there is something wrong with any system which belongs to another and leads its members to take the property of others. Rather, God's commands: "Provide this honest in the sight of all men" (Rom. 12:17b).

Other people, including professing Christians, may members of such organizations but I absolutely cannot do so and I believe that I have a perfect right to express my about the matter!

NIEMOLLER AGAIN

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Swiss theologian, appraised Niemoller in these words: "Do not forget that Niemoller always been, and remains to a good—a too good—German. He has never ceased to be a fervent German nationalist.—Our Hope.

I SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW

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fore the foundation of the world?

Certainly not. Their sins were "passed over" until Calvary. See Romans 3:23-25.

UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING

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carried out. "Amaziah gathered Judah together—and he numbered them from twenty years old and above,—able to go forth to war." (II Chron. 25:1-2)

God's Reason For This

The reason for this decree of God is found in I Chron. 27:24, "But David took not a number of them from twenty years old and under; because the Lord had said he would increase Israel like to the stars of the heavens."

God's Displeasure

In the light of this scripture, I dare say that those responsible for such legislation and the carrying out thereof are only bringing upon themselves and the nation the displeasure of God.

The most important age in the development of character is from 16 to 20. Boys of this age are at a sore disadvantage morally, morally and spiritually when taught to hate and to be placed in an environment that is not conducive to morals.

If our leaders today had in God like unto the faithful Moses, David, Amaziah and others, there would be no for young men 18 and 19 of age entering the armed forces or engaging in universal military training.

God will give us the strength wherein we think, lack if we will but trust and obey His commands.

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