

Later Than You Think

If Adolf Hitler could poison one generation of German youth and wreck the world, what might we not do for such a world if one American generation could be reached for Jesus Christ! The real issue today is not Russia or the atom bomb, important as they are. The issue is Christ or Antichrist, God who became man or the man who will claim to be God. The lines are drawn, and multitudes are on the march. Antichrist has a dynamic movement in full swing. It apes God and imitates the Church. It is winning converts by the millions. Its followers toil and suffer, are willing to spend and be spent, for what they believe. They know what they want and are going after it.

The only way to meet that revolution is with another revolution, a revolution that began centuries ago at Pentecost. We must meet those, who professing themselves to be wise have become fools, with another kind of fools—fools for Christ's sake. We

need a new outbreak of New Testament Christianity that will make a head-on collision, create a commotion, and precipitate a crisis. We have got used to Christianity. We take it for granted, and what we take for granted we never take seriously. The early Christians were at contrast to the world around; we are at compromise with it. Every chapter in the Acts records a crisis with the world, the flesh, and the Devil. Our Lord said the world hated Him and would hate us. This world-order is not just unchristian, it is antichristian. What some think is the world becoming more Christian is just Christians becoming more worldly.

We need to reach this generation with a fresh call to faith in, and fellowship with, the living Christ.

We must reach this generation for Christ! If they do not turn to Christ, they will turn to Antichrist. And it is later—so much later—than we think!—Havner

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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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Where Are The Dead?

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Reasons why this is an important question:

1. Because we have all lost people by death out of our lives, and we ought to want to know where they are.

2. Because we shall die ourselves, and we ought to want to know where we are going, and what state we shall be in when we die.

Some Falsehoods to
be Rejected

1. That when one dies, they

are "dead all over." Some pretend to believe that death ends all—that existence ceases.

2. The idea that both body and soul sleeps until the resurrection. This unscriptural and dreary theory is disproved by—

(1) The Bible story of the transfiguration.

(2) The historical account of the "Rich Man and Lazarus."

(3) The story of the repentant thief.

(4) Paul's words—"depart and be with Christ." "At home with the Lord," etc.

3. The idea that the wicked

dead go immediately to hell. The wicked dead DO NOT go immediately to the final place of torment, and will not until the time described in Rev. 20:10-15.

Where the Wicked Go
at Death

They go to HADES, and to a place of torment in hades. (Luke 16:23). This is an intermediate place and state, pending the judgment of the wicked. It corresponds somewhat to the county jail as it relates to the state penitentiary. (Continued on page four)

Exhortations To Christian Workers To Stand Firm In Our Master's Service

Has God committed to you a task to perform—a work to do for Him? He tarries? Are you sure He called you—has He given evidence of the call in manifest blessings or failing that, sustaining grace in the performance of the task?

Then brother, stand! Be not alarmed nor disturbed by the battle around you—by the attacks of the enemy upon the work or upon you. You did not plan the campaign. God did that. It is His task or work which He committed to you. Carry on! What looks like a wrecking attack may be but the loosening of the shackles for a greater freedom. We are reminded of Paul and Silas in Philippi—many stripes, thrust in jail, feet in stocks and while helpless and put a great foundation-shaking earthquake! What a situation in which to find yourself! But what was the outcome?

Prisoners all free from their chains, prison doors open, jailer in his family saved, and the magistrates calling to escort them out.

Let us enjoy the peace of God the even though in the turmoil or strife—failing business, closing banks, and false accusers. Be sure to bear a good testimony and remember "it is required, in Christ's stewards, that a man be found faithful" (I Cor. 4:2-5).

God will sustain His work though He may permit the workers to suffer or be persecuted. The work is greater than the workers—always. Then, too,

we can see but the present and judge from what we see, but God sees the end from the beginning and in the fullness of time we will rejoice in that we were counted worthy to suffer in order that the works of God should be manifest (John 9:1-3).—*Serving and Waiting.*

Appreciated Comments

"Your paper is always good but never better than June 5 issue when you discussed so ably the question of Romanism. Your paper is worth its weight in gold for that reason if for no other. Keep up the good work. Keep on exposing the methods, purposes and designs of Romanism on our American government and public schools."

J. C. CANIPE,
Hendersonville, N. C.

"I've been reading your paper the last few months and I think it's a fine paper. Am sorry I didn't know there was a paper like it before."

MRS. GRACE PERDUE,
Ashland, Kentucky.

✓HOW IS YOUR I. Q.?

There is something wrong with your knowledge of:

Botany—if you have never discovered the True Vine (John 15:1).

Geology—if you are still ignorant of the Rock of Ages (Deut. 32:4).

Chemistry—if you are unacquainted with the Great Catalyst (2 Peter 3:7).

Mathematics—if you have not considered the breadth and the length and the depth and the height of the love of Christ Jesus our Lord. (Eph. 3:18-19).

Biology—unless you can trace life back to its primal cause, "In the beginning God." (Gen. 1-1; John 1:14).

Physics—until you have an experimental knowledge of the operation of the Spirit of the Risen Christ. (Eph. 3:7, 16, 20).

Sociology—if you seek any other cure for sin than that which God has provided in the shed blood of Jesus Christ, His Son. (1 John 1:9; John 1:29).

Astronomy—unless you are prepared to witness the rising of the Bright and Morning Star. (Rev. 22:16).

Mused Uncle Mose

Ouah chu'ch goin' let de pahson wo'k up he own steam now; dey done turn' de Amen benches 'roun' lak de res'.

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"DOES CHRISTIAN LIVING REALLY PAY?"

(Read Daniel 1:1-21.)

I like to read and study the book of Daniel. Doubtlessly there is no book in all the Bible about which there is more controversy as to its authorship, the time of its writing, the alleged contradictions of it, the errors that it contains, than there is of this one. From the time the book of Daniel was first written, it has been constantly and continually fought over by the critics of the Word of God.

In the third chapter of the book we have the story of Daniel in the lion's den. Well,

beloved, the book of Daniel has been in the "critics' den" from the time it was written. Of course you know, beloved, that I believe every word of this Bible to be the Word of God. Therefore, I accept personally the statement that Jesus made in the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew concerning Daniel. We read:

"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand)." —Mt. 24:15.

Notice if you will, that our

Lord called Daniel a prophet. He didn't say that Daniel was a romancer who lived probably 200 years later on, as the critics say. He didn't say that Daniel was a novelist who merely wrote an interesting novel for the people, as the critics say. He didn't say that he was a historian, but rather Jesus Himself said that Daniel was a prophet, and I prefer always to accept the testimony of my Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, beloved, I believe implicitly that this book of Daniel was written by the prophet (Continued on page two)

that Spurgeon, doubtlessly the greatest preacher since the days of Paul, used tobacco. Well actually, my brother, that is about the only similarity between you and Spurgeon.

May I remind you of a passage of Scripture in this respect.

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."—I Cor. 10:31.

I presume in the light of this Scripture that you would say that you were smoking for God's own glory. Will you please tell me wherein He was thereby glorified.

In the same meeting in Somerset when a baby cried the embarrassed parents did all within their power to quiet the child and at the same time stay through your service, you said as you patted yourself, in imitation of the father who was patting his children in an effort to quiet it—you said that that reminded you of the Scripture wherein the Father said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

My dear Mr. Grey, how could you make a statement like that? To me that is the most blasphemous utterance that I ever heard fall from the lips of any preacher. Modernistic denials of Fostick and Shailer Matthews can't begin to compare with your pulpit blasphemy. I always regret whenever I hear anyone take the Name of God in vain, yet I can actually say (Continued on page four)

THE YES MAN

Then we have the "yes man preacher." He is a fawner at the feet of ecclesiastical topnotchers. He scratches the backs of those he hopes will some day return the favor. He is a cog in the wheels of the denominational dictators' machine that rumbles along, rumbles along, on the Ecclesiastical highway leading from spiritual liberty inate in the Christocentric system of divine purpose and revelation. Oh, my soul!

—Clipped.

ED. NOTE: Frankly, I fear that this is an accurate picture of the majority of preachers today.

PREACHER'S DUTY

If the state can prosecute a man if he is practicing medicine without license, if he is not properly prepared, or if he can be arrested if found driving without a driver's license, what do you suppose the Lord is going to do with you, when you, in your selfishness, have stumbled through life and caused everyone who has contacted you to stumble or be infected or be mocked? You have ridiculed and mocked the spiritual man, and said that a prophet is a crazy man. What will be your guilt not only in the eyes of the very God Himself? (Continued on page four)

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Daniel, that it was written at the time accorded unto it, and that every word of it is the inspired Word of God.

I

THE BOOK OF DANIEL PROVES THAT GOD FILLS ALL PROPHECY. Let me turn and read to you from the book of Isaiah.

"Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the Lord. And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon." — Isaiah 39:6, 7.

That is the prophecy of Isaiah given at the time when Hezekiah was king of Judah. When Hezekiah was ill, the king of Babylon sent messengers to visit Hezekiah and to bring to him some little message of consolation, much as you might send a sick card, or as you might make a sick call to some friend. When these messengers came to see Hezekiah, he was at that time somewhat recovered of his illness, and he showed them about the city of Jerusalem and very imprudently disclosed to them his treasures. Immediately Isaiah the prophet went to King Hezekiah and said, "You have acted very foolishly and unwisely, for these men will tell their king what you have here by way of wealth, and the result will be that he will take captive all of us and he will destroy this city and he will become the possessor of all the wealth which we have, and the sons of the nobility of Jerusalem, including your own sons, King Hezekiah, shall become eunuchs within the palace of the king of Babylon." When these messengers, who had been messengers of good will and consolation, returned home, they told their king of all the riches that the Jews possessed, and of all the wealth which was to be had in the city of Jerusalem.

Now, beloved, this literally came to pass, for the king of Babylon came against the Jews in Jerusalem, destroyed the city, carried the wealth of the city of Jerusalem to the city of Babylon, and carried the king's own sons and the princes of Jerusalem unto Babylon and made eunuchs and slaves out of them in the palace of the king of Babylon. Just as Hezekiah had been warned by the prophet Isaiah, so it actually and literally came to pass. In other words, the very words of Isaiah were literally fulfilled by the king of Babylon in behalf of the Jews of Jerusalem.

When you pick up the book of Daniel and start to read it, you will find that the Jews were then living in Babylon; they had been carried captive unto the city of Babylon and they are living there, and Daniel

and his friends are actually eunuchs and slaves within the palace of the king of Babylon. That was just exactly what Isaiah prophesied and it literally was fulfilled.

Now, beloved, that brings me to believe this Word of God more fully than ever before when I remember that since God kept His promise in this respect, that God will keep every other promise that has been written within this Bible. To me that is a logical deduction and assumption. Since God kept His Word here, and since God fulfilled just exactly all that the prophet Isaiah had said, then, beloved, God will fulfill every word in this Bible just as He has fulfilled this which I have read.

There are some things today that seem remote of fulfillment; for example, the destruction of Catholicism. The Word of God definitely prophesies that Catholicism shall be destroyed. In the book of Revelation we have God's own statement as to the destruction of Rome. Listen:

"And the ten horns which thou savest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire." — Rev. 17:16.

The old whore which is referred to in this chapter is none other than Roman Catholicism, and God says that she shall be hated and shall be made desolate and naked. Nothing in this world could be more remote from the truth today. I am sure, beloved, that there never was a time when Catholicism enjoyed the patronage and the honor of the world more than today, yet, beloved, sometime, and I don't say when, God is going to literally fulfill this Scripture. Roman Catholicism is going to be literally annihilated. Our Lord Jesus said in the days of His flesh that "every tree which my Heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up." He never planted Rome. I say that this prophecy seems very remote today but it is sure to come to pass. If God kept His word concerning Daniel and that which was spoken in the days of Isaiah as to the Jews, God will keep His word, likewise, as to what He has said concerning Catholicism.

There is another prophecy which seems very remote as to fulfillment — that is the prophecy concerning the Devil. Listen:

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." — Rev. 20:10.

Listen, beloved, the Devil is going to be completely defeated and is going to be ultimately cast into Hell. Certainly no prophecy could be farther from fulfillment than this one. We rub shoulders with evil and we find sin on every hand and the Devil reigns, seemingly, triumphantly today, but there is a day coming, beloved, when the Devil is going to be completely defeated and is ultimately going to be cast into Hell for destruction day and night for ever and ever. I know it is going to come to pass. Since God kept His word that was spoken through the prophet Isaiah, God will keep His word concerning Catholicism and God will keep His word concerning the Devil and God will keep every word that has ever been spoken within this Bible. I know that since God has fulfilled through the book of Daniel the words that were spoken by Isaiah the prophet — I know God will keep every word that His prophets have spoken in the years that have passed by.

II

I WANT YOU TO NOTICE THE LAW OF SOWING AND REAPING AS IT APPEARS IN THE FIRST CHAPTER OF DANIEL. God, when He gave the law of Moses, made provision for a Sabbath and also for a Sabbatic year. One year out of every seven was to be a Sabbatic year. That is to say, beloved, that the Jews were not to plow their ground; they were not to plant their crops; they were not to harvest their fields the seventh year. They were to live off of what had been accumulated in the six preceding years. Up to the days of King Saul the law was kept intact but when Saul became king he acted as though he knew more than God and he set aside the law of the Sabbatic year so that they did not observe it again.

They plowed, they planted, and they harvested their fields the seventh year just the same as on the six preceding ones, and for 490 years they did so. At the end of the 490 years, God sent them into captivity in Babylon where they remained for seventy years.

Now notice: In 490 years they had robbed God of seventy Sabbatic years. Now they were sent into captivity for seventy years whereby God got back the years that they had stolen from Him. In other words, beloved, they reaped seventy years captivity for the seventy Sabbatic years they had stolen from the Lord.

We get another picture of sowing and reaping here in this first chapter, for these sons reaped for their father's sins as Daniel and his three companions had their names changed. If you will notice, each of these four young Jews who were called by name, had names that make reference unto God. In other words, in the Hebrew language each of their names had some form of the name of God. Daniel meant "God's judge"; Hananiah meant "whom Jehovah graciously gave"; Mishael meant "who is as God"; and Azariah meant "whom Jehovah aids."

But now when they went over into the land of Babylon, the king of Babylon knowing that their names gave honor and glory to God, changed their names. Daniel was called Belteshazzar and the other three were changed to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and each of those four heathen names that were given to them contained a syllable which referred to one of the heathen deities of the land of Babylon. While their names had previously referred in some sense unto God, their new names in Babylon now referred in some manner to one of the heathen gods of the land of Babylon. That is to say that in a sense, each of these four Jews were to cease being Jews and were to become Chaldeans so that the sons in Babylon reaped for their fathers' sowing in the land of Judea.

Let me insist, beloved, that as these Jews reaped as they had sowed, so it is true today with the people of God and with the people of this world. We will reap as we sow. Listen:

"He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail." — Prov. 22:8.

"For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk." — Hosea 6:7.

In the book of Galatians the Apostle Paul says most forcefully:

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." — Gal. 6:7.

Take Jacob as a good example. He lied to his old father when he put goat's skin upon the small of his neck and on the backs of his hands. He deceived his father by lying. Later on his ten sons stood in his presence and spread out a coat of many colors which had been dipped in goat's blood. That lie came home to him multiplied ten times, for his ten sons stood in his presence and acted out the same lie. He had lied to his father and he reaped that lie in the life of his own sons. He had deceived his father with goat skins upon the back of his hands and the small of his neck and the sons deceived him by dipping the coat of many colors into goat's blood. He reaped exactly what he had sowed.

Look again, beloved, at Pharaoh who drowned all the boy babies of the land of Israel. He commanded every one of the midwives that when they per-

formed the office of midwife, they were to destroy every boy baby that was born to the Jews. It is true that they were to allow all the girl babies to survive, but the boy babies were to be drowned. Later on Pharaoh himself and all of his army chariots and his horsemen were drowned in the Red Sea. He had sowed drowning, and he had reaped the same.

Notice Ahab who killed Naboth, the prophet of God. The record tells us that after he had Naboth killed, when they picked up the body of Naboth the dogs came and licked the blood of the man of God. Later on, when Ahab went out to battle, a man shot him with an arrow while in his chariot. When they brought him back dead and took him out of his chariot and washed the chariot, the bloody water ran out of the chariot and the record of God tells us that the dogs licked the bloody water. As he sowed so also he reaped.

I say, beloved, that when I read this book of Daniel and when I read these other Scriptures of the Word of God and note these illustrations which God gives us within His Word, I am definitely and positively convinced today that the God with whom we deal and whom we are, is a God who deals today as He did then, and the law of sowing and reaping just as much in force today as it was in the days of Daniel.

III

DANIEL IN CAPTIVITY PURPOSED TO DO RIGHT. Listen:

"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of eunuchs that he might not defile himself." — Dan 1:8.

Now notice: Daniel is 500 miles away from home and he might have reasoned that it would be all right for him to eat pork 500 miles away from home. Even though God had already explicitly spoken concerning the use of strong alcoholic drinks, it will surely be all right for Daniel to participate in the use of when he is in a foreign land. At least some would reason thus.

You know, beloved, many of us when they are at home will live a self-respecting, decent life, but many will fall into the habits and practices of a heathen society when they are away from home. Some folk might not dare here in Russell to live lives of outbroken sin, yet when away from home would do the same. Some folk might not go into mixed bathing here but when they would go some place else they would do so. Some folk might not dance here that would dance elsewhere and dance. I mean say that many and many a person who might try to be somewhat respectable and decent here, would think that might be away it would make a tremendous difference. Not so with Daniel. Daniel realized that God of the Jews who had been God in Palestine, was also God in Babylon 500 miles away and he purposed in his heart that he would not do wrong. How gratifying it is to find a Christian who will live for the Lord when he is away from home and where people do not know him.

You might think that this is only a trivial matter on the part of (Continued on page four)

WHAT WOULD HE SAY?

If He should come today
And find my hands so full
Of future plans, however fair,
In which my Saviour has no share,
What would He say?

If He should come today
And find my love so cold,
My faith so very weak and dim
I had not even looked for Him,
What would He say?

If He should come today
And find that I had not told
One soul about my Heavenly Friend
Whose blessings all my way attend,
What would He say?

If He should come today
Would I be glad, quite glad?
Remembering that He died for all
And none through me had heard
His call,
What would He say?

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