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IF IN DEBT --- TITHE

By WADE C. SMITH

material gain.

If a man owed me money and he was having a hard struggle to make a living, and by all common sense reasoning there appeared very little prospect of ever getting my money back, I would try to persuade that man to begin tithing. I confidently believe if I could induce him to tithe his income, that is, pay one-tenth of it to the Lord, he would sooner or later pay me back every cent he owed me; because he would prosper.

Tithing solved serious financial problems for me and at the same time brought me spiritual blessing that far outweighed the

When I began tithing twenty-one years ago I was hopelessly in debt. Misfortune, which came when I first began to be a wage earner, plunged me deep "in the red," and, in trying to work out, repeated misfortune came one after another so that, like a frog endeavoring to escape from the well, when I jumped up two feet I fell back three. That was awfully discouraging, and I had just about given up hope of ever getting out of debt when I was persuaded to begin giving (rather, paying) to the Lord one-tenth of what I earned.

When I was first challenged to tithe I almost smiled, it seemed so ridiculous for me to think of it. Why, I said, it would be dishonest for me to "give away" any part of my income to church or anything else when I owed money to those who had trusted me; before I could give money I must pay my creditors. But I was troubled, for I was a Christian and I knew that tithing was Scriptural—that the Bible stated a definite portion (one-tenth) should be paid to the Lord.

So I prayed for light and understanding as to what really (Continued on Page Four)

How Can A Professor Know He Is A Possessor?

By ROY MASON
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There is a distressing amount of doubt concerning the certainty of salvation in the minds of many people. It is to be feared that many persons are deceived, and will die lost, even though church members. Many have an entirely erroneous conception of what constitutes the true assurance of salvation. Let us note some of the false notions that are current:

"I have been baptized and am a church member." Thus many have reposed their soul in the keeping of a church. But no church can take care of a human soul. Trust should be in Jesus—not a church.

"I am living better . . . I am really doing right." But this may be merely a form of reformation.

"I feel that I am all right." This is the attitude of many. They depend upon a vague, mysterious "feeling," yet we are nowhere told in the Bible that a certain kind of feeling is the test as to whether one is saved or not.

"The great trouble with 'Altar Exercises' is that people are gotten to mourn — then when some reaction comes from their state of heaviness, the feeling is assured to be of divine origin when it may be purely natural.

WHAT IS THE BIBLE BASIS OF ASSURANCE?

The word of the living God. Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Is that so or not? The main thing is to KNOW that you have God's Word telling you that you have everlasting life. Take note of these other important Scriptures: (Acts 13:38-39) (I John 5:9-13) (John 5:24).

Changed attitude and outlook. (2 Cor. 5:17) When one truly receives Jesus as Saviour, God does a supernatural work within. This makes one a new creature. The new creature will manifest changed likes and dislikes, and will come to have a different outlook upon life. This is a strong indication that the Lord has performed a work (Continued on Page Four)

The Atomic Bomb

The world today stands on the brink of Armageddon. Sure and certain doom like the sword of Damocles hangs over the head of civilization, and yet, as General L. R. Groves said: "Those from whom the warning should come remain silent." In such language did the man who headed the first atomic bomb experiment at Alamogordo, New Mexico, describe the silence of the Christian pulpit in this Atomic Age.

In a recent address, ex-Governor Earle of Pennsylvania said: "At least 90 per cent of all Americans now living will be killed by atomic bombs within five years." The sober statement of this student of world affairs should cause every pulpit of the land to raise its voice to the highest pitch.

The fond and feverish hope that by virtue of our strength we have some immunity from atomic warfare is being shattered. "There is no defense against atomic weapons," said Bradley Dewey, ex-president of the American Chemical Society. These are not the conclusions of some uninformed amateur personnel. With these incon-

trovertible facts before us, we are positively persuaded that the days of God's people upon earth are numbered. We unhesitatingly declare that Christ's second coming is virtually at hand. All available strength and every facility must be drafted and recklessly thrown into the struggle of this desperate last hour. At all costs, men must be aroused from their slumber. While other pulpits remain strangely silent, as General Groves said, "We who love our Lord's appearing and the souls of men must lift up our voices like a trumpet, urging lost and dying souls to embrace Christ's blood-bought salvation before it is too late."

On the morning of August 6th 1945, at approximately eight o'clock, a crew of Japanese anti-aircraft spotted a lone American B-29 about 18,000 feet high. They thought it was a photographic plane. As they watched it they saw its belly open and a small package drop out, supported by a parachute. At 1,800 feet the second bomb exploded — this time over Hiroshima. What happened then is now his-

tory. The Japanese claim 70,000 killed and 70,000 more injured. This has since been proved as a gross understatement. Catholic Missionary Schiffler, who resided in Hiroshima at the time of the dropping of this bomb, told Captain Lewis, the pilot of the B-29, some years later that 200,000 souls were blasted into eternity in that fearful explosion.

Government reports show that the air shock at Hiroshima was equivalent to a wind velocity up to 1,000 miles per hour. Three and one-half square miles of the city center was devastated. Out of 300 doctors, 260 were killed; out of 2,400 nurses 1,800 perished. Seventy-five per cent of the firemen lost their lives. Every hospital was destroyed and almost all of the fire stations were rendered inoperative.

RADIO-ACTIVE RAYS FATAL

But something far more sinister to be reckoned with than the actual explosion of the Atomic bomb are the radio-active rays which are released. These are something like an

overdose of x-rays. This produces a radiation burn for which, at present, there is absolutely no cure. The clinical symptoms found at Hiroshima include diarrhoea, vomiting, fever, inflammation of the mouth and throat, emaciation, loss of appetite, epilation, pallor, petechiae, and finally death.

TODAY'S BOMBS 10,000 TIMES MORE POWERFUL

Destructive power of such magnitude has hitherto been unknown. But that was merely five and one-half years ago. In the light of the latest discoveries, that bomb is now a mere firecracker. It weighed less than 400 pounds and exploded less than one-tenth of one ounce of atomic material. The bombs of today, according to President Truman, are ten thousand times more powerful than the one dropped on Hiroshima.

Space will only permit a mere mention of what happened at Bikini. Suffice it to say that if all the ships at Bikini had been fully manned, 35,000 sailors would have lost their lives. If such a bomb were dropped on

New York, two million people would perish.

Secular magazines, such as "Life," "The New Yorker," and others, have given the public a realistic picture of the physical aspects of the atomic bomb. The spiritual aspects of this fearful weapon have been left to the church to clarify and proclaim to the public, but the church has been silent — strangely silent. Perhaps balancing the budget or winning favour with the worldly influentials or all the sweet chatter about the universal fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man has seemed more important than to warn man of imminent terrifying doom. Dr. Charles C. Morrison of the "Christian Century Magazine" said, "I see more evidence of impending doom on the front page of my newspaper than I hear from the pulpit of the Church."

Down the ancient corridors of time comes the plaintive voice of the prophet of God, "Watchman, watchman, what of the night?" (Isaiah 22:11). The watchman's answer is twofold: (Continued on Page Four)

THE WONDER OF GOD'S CREATION

Swallows can fly 7,000 miles without chart, compass or radio beam and land at the place they left six months before.

Spiders can make a silken rope, creating the materials in their own chemical laboratory, very fine but strong enough for their own transport through the air.

Beavers are engineers, constructing without aid of tools, cement or precision instruments, bridges, tunnels, roadways, canals and dams that last for years. Bees, wasps and ants solve their housing problem by building well-ventilated weatherproof, well-designed and practical apartment houses. A young squid travels by jet (Continued on Page Four)

The First Baptist Pulpit

"An Exposition Of The Book Of Daniel"

(READ DANIEL 7)

This book of Daniel is divided into two divisions of six chapters each. The first part, or the first division of the book of Daniel, is mostly historical, with some prophecy mingled with it. For the last six Sunday evenings, we have been studying the historical phase of the book of Daniel, having seen how that Daniel served as Prime Minister under three kings in Babylon—Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar and Darius.

Now with the study of this evening, we come to the begin-

ning of the last section, or the last half of this book of Daniel, which is prophetic entirely. Everything from the seventh chapter through to the end of the book centers around prophecies which have been partially, and which shall yet be completely fulfilled. Thus, tonight this seventh chapter is the first message of the prophetic division of the book.

If you will notice carefully from the very beginning, you will see that this vision was one which came to Daniel in the first year of the reign of Bel-

shazzar. This we know a little about the time when this vision came. If you will read from the very beginning of the chapter, you will notice that it speaks of the wind of heaven striving upon the great sea, and four beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from the other.

I.

Before we go further in our study, I wish you would notice the sea. The picture here is that of the wind blowing, raising the waves and causing a turmoil in the sea. That sea, (Continued on Page Two))

WHY CAREY COBBLED SHOES

A characteristic incident is told about Dr. Carey, the pioneer missionary in India, who before he left his country, was a shoemaker, or rather as he himself put it, a cobbler.

He used to go about from village to village preaching, for his soul was filled with the love of God. One day a friend came to him and said: "Mr. Carey, I want to speak to you very seriously." "Well," said Carey, "what is it?" The friend replied, "By your going about preaching as you do you are neglecting your business. If you only attended to your business more you would be all right, and would soon get on and prosper, but as it is you are (Continued on Page Four)

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beloved, represents the mass of mankind. I'll give you two Scriptures in just a moment to prove that, but I think that you can see that it is truly illustrative of mankind if you will just notice that the sea is never still. It is always in motion, and when the wind strives upon it sometimes great waves roll to mountainous heights. Surely, beloved, this troubled sea that Daniel saw represents the troubled sea of mankind—mankind constantly moving, constantly running about, constantly in motion—surely this sea represents the great mass of mankind.

The Word of God tells us that the sea is figurative and symbolic of mankind. Listen:

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the SEA, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."—Matt. 13:47-50.

You will notice that Jesus used the sea as illustrative of the masses of mankind.

You will find the same truth given to us in Revelation 17:15. Listen:

"And He saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues."

This is the explanatory statement concerning the fallen woman that is spoken of in Revelation 17, and it says that she sits upon many waters, and the explanation is that those waters represent mankind—peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues.

Thus, beloved, when we come to this seventh chapter of Daniel, when we see the wind blowing upon the sea, and out of that sea arising four monstrous beasts that we shall identify—when we see that sea moving, rolling, foaming and tossing, it is an illustration and a reminder to us of the moving, teeming, restless masses of mankind that compose this world in which you and I live tonight.

II.

Now if you will notice, beloved, it says that coming up out of the sea, after the wind had blown upon it, that there were four beasts and these four beasts represent the godless Gentile kingdoms of the world. I don't have to wonder about the explanation for it, for the 17th verse of this seventh chapter says:

"These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth."

You will thus notice, beloved,

SECRETS



"Hast thou heard the secret of God?"—Job 15:8.
"The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and He will show them His covenant."—Ps. 25:14.
"His secret is with the righteous."—Prov. 3:32.

that the Word of God gives us a Divine interpretation of these four beasts. It tells us that these four beasts are to represent four kingdoms which shall arise upon the earth, and it isn't a bit hard nor difficult to find out what four kingdoms are represented by these four beasts.

You will notice it says that these beasts come up out of the sea, which would tell us that the troubled nations will be able to produce four great world-wide empires, and as I say, it isn't hard to find what these four empires really are.

The first of these beasts is described as being like a lion which had eagle's wings, and those wings were plucked off and the heart of a man was given to it and it was allowed to stand upon its feet as a man.

If you will go back to the study we have had of recent date in this book of Daniel, you will recall that Nebuchadnezzar, at one time, as king of Babylon, was given the heart of a beast and that he himself was turned out to eat grass like an oxen for seven years' time, until God gave to him a revelation of Himself, and then it is said that he stood up and God gave him the heart of a man. Thus, this first beast that is described as a lion with eagle's wings, represents the world-wide empire of Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar. It is true that his hair grew out like eagle's wings. It is true that he went on all four's as a beast for seven years and ate grass. It is true that ultimately he was made to stand up like a man and a man's heart was given again unto him. So I would say this first beast is to represent Nebuchadnezzar as the king of Babylon.

The second beast is described as being like a bear that raised itself up on one side higher than the other, and had in its mouth three ribs. It is said that this beast should arise and devour much flesh.

I think this second beast represents the combined world empire of Media-Persia. When it says that one side was higher than the other, I think it represents the fact that Media was the stronger of the two. When it says it had in its mouth three ribs between its teeth, I think that represents Babylon and Media-Persia, all of which were combined in one.

Then you will notice that it says this second beast should arise and devour much flesh. Well, every student of history knows that Media-Persia, in the days when Media-Persia was reigning as the dominant world empire, devoured the world.

The third of these beasts is described in the sixth verse as a beast similar to a leopard which had upon its back four wings of a fowl, and it says this beast had four heads.

Following Media-Persia, came the next world empire, the empire of Greece under Alexander the Great. When it says this beast had on its back four wings of a fowl, I think that is to show the rapidity with which Alexander the Great was to conquer the world. You understand that when Daniel saw this vision, none of this had come to pass. It was all prophecy at that time. You and I look backward upon it tonight to realize that it has been fulfilled as history, but Daniel saw it as prophecy and he declared when Alexander the Great took over as head of a world empire, he was going to strike with the rapidity of one that might be possessed with four wings upon his back.

Every student of history knows that which was prophesied, came to pass as a reality in history, for Alexander the Great conquered the whole world in a very short period of time and then sat down on the shores of the Aegean Sea and wept because there were no more worlds for him to conquer. He

died at the early age of 32, having conquered the whole world in a very short period of time.

We find the fourth beast is likened unto one that is dreadful and terrible, which had strong great iron teeth which devoured and broke in pieces. I am sure that fourth beast represents the world-wide empire of Rome under the Caesars.

III.

I have hastily tried to give you a little identification of these four beasts. You will notice these are the same four empires which Nebuchadnezzar saw in the second chapter of Daniel. You remember in Daniel 2, Nebuchadnezzar had seen these four empires but in a different form. He saw them in the form of an image with head of gold, chest and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass, legs of iron and feet of iron and mirey clay. Nebuchadnezzar saw them in a manner much different to their real nature. He saw them with outward power and splendor, and perhaps he was so highly impressed by what he had seen that he set up that image in the plain of Dura and demanded everyone to worship accordingly.

But notice—Daniel saw these four empires in their true nature. Nebuchadnezzar saw the outward splendor in gold, silver, brass and iron—he saw them in their outward splendor and power, but Daniel saw them literally as their true nature was revealed. He saw them as beasts, brutal, warlike and rapacious. He saw them representing a time of brute rule. Mark it down tonight, beloved, what Daniel saw revealed in these four beasts, was the nature of these four world-wide empires which revealed that their nature was to be brutal—nothing short of brutal. Listen, beloved, these represent the Gentile kingdoms of the world. Daniel said, by way of revelation from God, that these world-wide empires were to be represented by beasts and thus indicated that it would be a time of brute rule.

I don't care whether you live under a monarchy or a democracy; I don't care whether you are a Communist, Socialist, Republican or Democrat; I don't care what your politics may be, mark it down tonight, regardless of what political party is in power, there will be a warlike, brutal, rapacious spirit with the nature of a beast, that will control this world until the Lord Jesus Christ comes again. You need not expect it to be one bit better. You will notice that all of these beasts were different one from the other and yet every last one was brutal. They were all different and yet all, at the same time, were destructive as only a brutal beast may be.

IV.

You will notice that all of them were different, and yet they were successive. Not one of them lasted. The reign that was illustrated by the lion, gave way to the reign that was illustrated by the bear, and that which was illustrated by the bear, gave way to the one illustrated by the leopard and the leopard likewise, gave way to the fourth, which would tell us that all four of these great world-wide empires are successive—not one is to last.

Before we come to the end of this study tonight, we will find that there is an empire that is going to last, and that's the empire of the Lord Jesus Christ. The empires, though, which are set up by man, are all successive. Each will come on the scene for a little while and

flourish for a season and pass away to give rise to another. Listen tonight, beloved friends there never will be a flourishing empire in this world that will last until the empire that is set up by the Lord Jesus Christ.

V.

You will notice, also, beloved, that every one of these empires that were thus illustrated by these beasts, were Godless. You find no reference to God in any of these empires that are beastly illustrated. Every one of these, without exception, are described as Godless. There is no hint of God, no reference to God and no thought of God in any of them. A lion, bear, and leopard never think of God, and all of these empires thus illustrated by these four beasts are represented as Godless empires. You can read through the Word of God and find He makes it clear that through all ages man will never set up an empire that will be given over to His glory. Listen:

"The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and see if they would be wise, and if they would turn from their evil. They are ALL GONE ASIDE, they are all together become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one."—Psalms 14:2, 3.

"The kings of the earth shall themselves, and the rulers thereof counsel together, AGAINST THE LORD, and against His anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us."—Psalms 2:2, 3.

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was NO ROOM FOR THEM IN THE INN."—Luke 2:7.

When Jesus Christ was born there was no room for Him. The world is a Godless world. Through all ages in the past and in all ages to come until Jesus comes back again, the world shall be a Godless world. There is not one mention of God in any of these four beasts that illustrate these four empires. Their's is a rule by brute force. Their's is a rule by force and power. Their's is a rule that is illustrated by beasts—beasts without a heart. That is what you can expect. Talk about out-lawing war—you might just as well talk about outlawing the ferocity of a lion in a world that is made up of people that are described as being Godless, brutal beasts.

VI.

The Word of God tells us that out of this fourth empire there will arise ten kingdoms, which are yet future. Thus far, the prophecy has been fulfilled, out of the fourth empire, there arise ten horns, representing ten kingdoms, and that, beloved, yet future. You and I do not know tonight who those ten kingdoms represent. We could even give a shrewd guess as to who are represented by the ten horns, but out from the ten, rises one of those horns that takes a superior position over all the balance, and we know who that one is, for the horn represents the anti-christ who is going to rule the world before the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Notice that it says concerning this anti-christ in the 23rd verse, that he is a great intellectual genius, for we read: "And of the ten horns that were on his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose

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In his description, his eyes are given the position of prominence. Eyes always speak of intelligence. Thus, this verse declares that he is going to be an intellectual genius, for you will notice that it says: "Even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows."

In Daniel 8:23, we read of the same individual. Listen:

"And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and UNDERSTANDING, DARK SENTENCES, shall stand up."

This verse says that he will have the ability to understand dark sentences. This expression is found only three times in the Bible. First, here in Daniel. Then in Kings 10:1 "dark sentences" is translated "hard questions" at the time the Queen of Sheba came to ask "hard questions" of King Solomon. It is given once again in the 14th chapter of Judges when it is spoken of in the terms of "Samson's riddle."

You will notice then that this anti-Christ is declared to be one who is an individual of unusual intellectual ability—unusual to the extent he will be able to understand "dark sentences," he will be able to give answers to all hard questions, he will be able to explain the riddles that people may ask. That's the kind of man the world needs tonight, next to the Lord Jesus Christ. If such an individual could put in his appearance tonight, it wouldn't make any difference what his politics were, he would be adopted by the kings of the world. Suppose a man were to come along tonight who has the ability to understand dark sentences, who had the ability to interpret hard questions and give the answers, and who could explain the riddles that confront the world—I tell you, beloved, the world, as it stands tonight in its Godless capacity, would be thankful to bow in submission to such an individual.

I don't say that he is coming tonight, and I don't say when he is coming, but I do declare to you, on the authority of God's Word, that some day there is going to arise such an individual—an Anti-Christ—who will control this world, before the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to take possession of it.

The Word of God also tells us that he is an oratorical genius, for it declares in the twentieth verse that "he had a mouth which spoke very great things."

The Lord Jesus Christ was unusual in His ability of speaking. The Word of God describes Him in this respect, "Never a man spake like this man." The Word of God says that the Lord Jesus Christ spoke as no one else ever spoke.

Remember the Anti-Christ is in opposition to the Lord Jesus Christ and as an imitator of Christ, it is logical that he is going to speak as the Lord Jesus Himself spoke. I verily believe that when the Anti-Christ takes possession of this world, he will surpass all the orators of both ancient and modern times.

I want you to notice, also, that he is going to have a fierce countenance. The twentieth verse says: "Whose look was more stout than his fellows."

I remember reading some months ago the story of Alexander the Great, and it said that he had such a fierce countenance that when individuals would come into his presence, they would fall prostrate before him because of the fierceness

of his countenance.

Some of these days there is going to be an Anti-Christ who will have the same fierce countenance. I am glad tonight that I belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. I am glad that when the Anti-Christ takes control, and this world is under the dominion of the Anti-Christ that you and I who are God's children, will not be here.

The Word of God tells us that this Anti-Christ is going to be a blasphemer, for we read in the twenty-fifth verse: "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."

That has been the nature of this world through all ages past. He is going to be a blasphemer and speak great words against the Most High. Go back through the days of history and you will find there never has been a ruler yet who gave God consideration. Nebuchadnezzar had to be humbled to the position of a beast before he recognized God. I tell you tonight, world-wide rulers never recognize God as a sovereign God. This one is going to be a blasphemer and speak words against the Most High.

The Word of God tells us how long his kingdom is going to last, for we read in the twenty-fifth verse that it will last 3½ years.

The Word of God also shows us in this chapter that we have read to you tonight, that his kingdom is going to come to an end with a severe judgment, for we read in the twenty-sixth verse: "But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end."

Listen carefully, this chapter speaks of Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece under Alexander the Great, and the Roman Empire, out of which comes ten nations which are yet unnamed, and out from the midst of one of those nations, comes the Anti-Christ, who, for 3½ years will control this world. One day, however, he is going to stand in the presence of the same God that every rebellious sinner must stand before. When he stands in the presence of God, the kingdom of the Anti-Christ is going to tremble, crumble and fall. His kingdom is going to come to an end and with judgment that is pronounced upon him by God Himself.

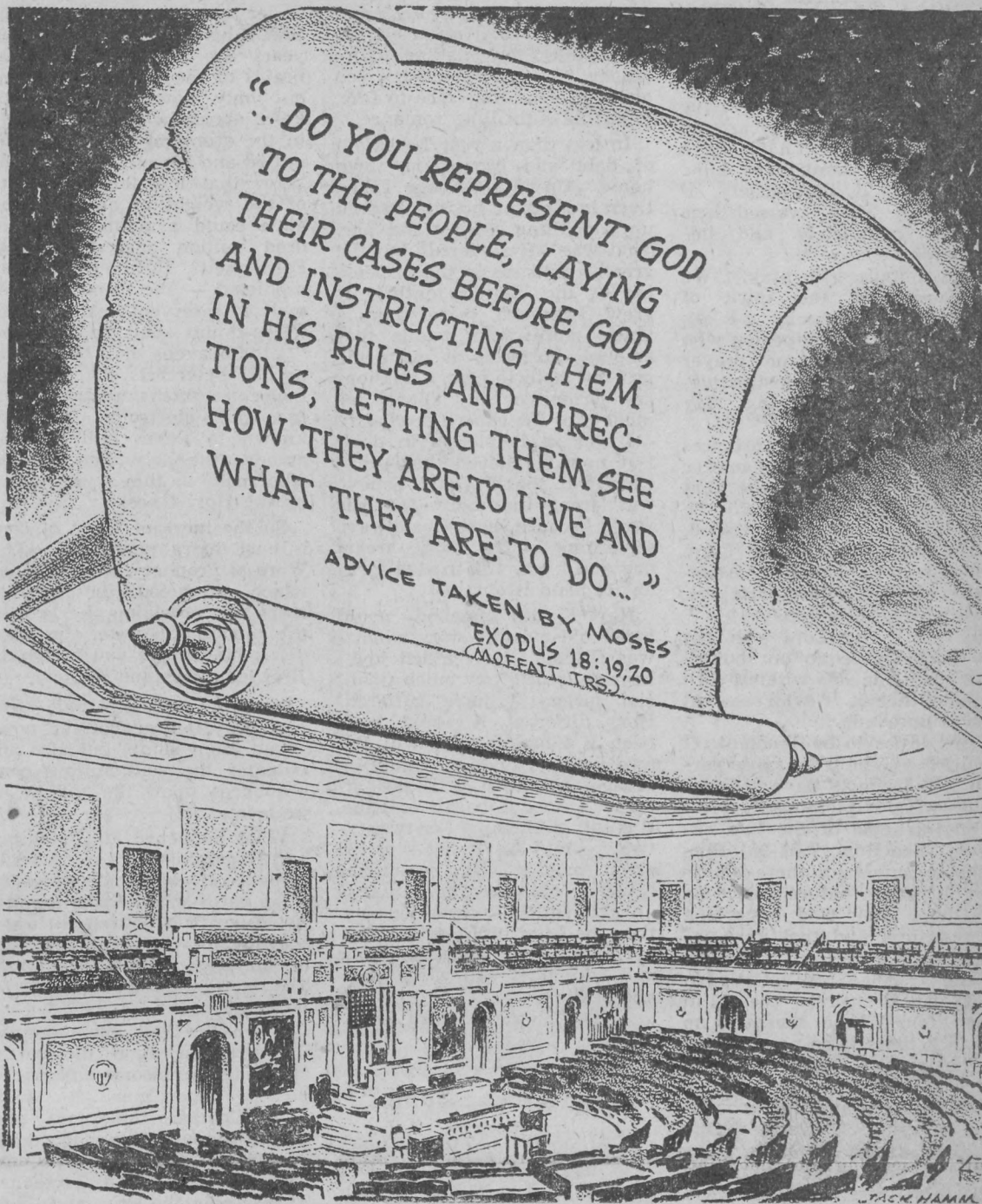
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That's the time, beloved, that you and I are going to shine. Then our God is going to set up His kingdom. Notice this thirteenth verse: "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him."

Notice the contrast: Here's a kingdom that doesn't come up from man, but comes down from Heaven. Here's a kingdom that is universal from the beginning. These kingdoms we have studied tonight became universal by warlike conquest, but the kingdom of God is universal from the beginning. Here's a kingdom that shall last forever. All of these kingdoms represented by the beasts flourish for a little while and then come to an end. Not so with the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. I'm glad that I am a member of that kingdom. I'm glad that some of these days our God is going to set up a kingdom that will come down from Heaven, which will be universally accepted, a kingdom that is going to last and endure forever.

From this message, we have seen the course of this present

A CHALLENGE TO OUR LAWMAKERS



world in that it is going away from God. We will never have a righteous world until the King of Righteousness comes.

In view of that fact, there is one thing you need above every thing else—you need to prepare to meet God. There will never be a righteous kingdom apart from the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Himself. Oh, can it be possible that a world that was created by God will go on in rebellion and opposition to God until eventually an Anti-Christ will arrive, who is definitely opposed to God and who rules in opposition to God—can it be possible that we live in a world like that tonight? It is true, and this world will go on in its disobedience, showing God no respect until Jesus Christ blots out the kingdoms of this world and sets up His kingdom, after the judgment of the Anti-Christ.

I thank God tonight that I'm a member of the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I say to you that if there is one thing you need tonight above everything else, it is to prepare to meet God, and in order that you might prepare, I offer to you the God of Daniel—the God who can walk with you in the lion's den, who can walk with you in trials, who can stand by you in death, who can walk with you through the grave and who can bring you out safely on the other side. That's the kind of God Daniel had. The only way we can face the world and the future tonight is to face it with that kind of God on our side.

May it please Him tonight to save your soul through the blood of His Son, and having saved you, rejoice, beloved friends, that you are then a member of that kingdom that shall last forever.

The Mass And Purgatory Are Unknown In Bible

The existence of some sort of "cleansing fire" was first speculated by Pope Gregory the Great (A. D. 600), but did not become the general teaching of the West until the twelfth century. The Eastern church from the time of Christ to the present never taught this doctrine. Pope Innocent IV (thirteenth century) was the first to give it a name: *Purgatorium*.

This Latin name alone is proof of the late origin of the doctrine, because the language of the New Testament writings, of the Apostles and of the early church was Greek. The Greeks, who claim to have a word for everything, do not have a word for purgatory. It is therefore incredible that the early church taught like the Roman Catholic Church of today that nearly all Christians were heading for purgatory, and yet never mentioned the existence of such a place.

The Roman Catholic of today has no assurance of salvation. He fears that he is heading for hell, regards it a sin of presumption to consider himself worthy of entering heaven immediately after death, and therefore prays that he may land in purgatory where cleansing flames will prepare him for heaven.

The Church of Rome further teaches that the souls in purgatory cannot help themselves: their prayers are not heard, since the time of earning salvation terminates with death. Neither can God help them, for He is just and cannot change the just sentence due to their sins. But the priest on earth can help

them by repeating the sacrifice of the Cross for their intention. When a bishop ordains a priest, he says: "Receive the power to celebrate Mass for the living as well as for the dead."

Most Masses said today are offered for some soul in purgatory. Roman Catholics believe that after their dear ones die they must descend into tormenting flames. For this reason they will give their last penny to the priest to have him pray them out of their torments.

This doctrine of Purgatory and the Mass may be compared with a fire and fire department. One who sees his house on fire and knows that his mother, wife or child is inside, immediately calls the fire department. But this comparison is not complete until you can imagine that the fire chief would refuse to turn on the hose, unless and until someone paid him a fixed sum regulated by his department.

On All Souls day, November 2, a day on which many souls are believed to leave purgatory, the average priest receives \$500 to \$1,000 from his parishioners who are all anxious to have their deceased friends remembered during Mass.

Monks who are not allowed to come in contact with the people of the world, thought of creating "Purgatorial Societies" (Continued on Page Four)

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of grace.

A different attitude toward Christian people. (See I Jno. 3:11-14) Often people who have formerly disliked to be around Christians, when they have turned to the Lord, have come to delight in the society of Christians. They reversed their attitude completely and immediately.

The impulse to pray. "We have received the spirit of adoption. . . whereby we cry Abba Father." The person who has formerly had no prayer habit, finds himself instinctively and naturally saying, "My Father."

Answered prayer. Instances of definite, unmistakable answer to prayer is an evidence that one is a child of God, for he does not thus bless the unsaved.

The chastening of the Lord. "Now if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye illegitimate. . ." (Heb. 12:) The Lord will not let disobedience go unrebuked, and when one sins without such rebuke, then it is evidence that one is unsaved.

The desire to be obedient. (I Jno. 2:3-5) The truly saved person will come to have a desire to do what is pleasing to God.

The struggle of the two natures. (See Rom. 7:22-23) Previous to conversion there is only the old Adam nature, hence no conflict. Then God imparts a new nature, and that new nature wars with the old nature of the flesh. A conflict is born that never entirely ceases in this life. Where there is no conflict, there is no new nature.

The impulse to win others to Christ. "He first findeth his own brother, and he brought him to Jesus. . ." we read. One of the earliest impulses of a saved person is the impulse to tell some one else the good news.

Love for Christ. "Lovest thou me?" said Jesus to backslidden Peter. He didn't ask a dozen questions—He asked just this one thing. The whole story of our real relationship to God is revealed by whether we DO or DO NOT love Christ. Unregenerate people do not love him.



IF IN DEBT—TITHE

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was duty in my own "peculiar" circumstances. Then there came to me this startling fact: the Lord was my first creditor. If any creditors should be given preference, it was He. He certainly had first claim on me. Then I looked at Malachi 3:10, and I saw God saying there that if I trust Him, and tithe, He would open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing so big there would not be room enough to receive it. So I decided to begin tithing, and I nailed the purpose down with Malachi 3:10.

On the first of the following month I drew my salary I took out one-tenth and put it aside for the Lord's work. During the first two months it went pretty hard, and I had to pray harder and hang on harder to Malachi 3:10. It looked for a little while as if God had forgotten about opening the windows. But I set my jaw and hung on. I kept a careful account to be sure that I was fair with God, even to the penny. Then things began to come to pass. Ways came to me to earn more money—ways I never dreamed of. Altogether

unexpectedly, my salary was increased. I have not the space here to detail the different means that suddenly came to my hands for making more money. I wish I could tell you about it some time face to face. It is like a thrilling romance.

In less than a year I was out of debt and buying my own home. Up to that time I had lived in a rented house. I saved up something against old age. That was all wonderful, but the greatest joy was in the dispensing of the "Lord's tenth." It grew to much more than a tenth—more than double that amount. Formerly it made me grit my teeth to hear a missionary sermon or any appeal for money for the church or charity—I was so helplessly in debt. But now I rejoiced that every clear call that I could believe was from the Lord for His work, because there was always something in the Lord's treasury and I was His trusted servant to hand it out.

How I wish somebody could have told me this story when I was fifteen! How much joy I have missed! How much financial misery I have suffered! How different it could have been if I had just known! Before I began to tithe, financing seemed to have a curse attached; since I began to tithe, it is full of blessing. For twenty-two years I have not worried about money. Oh, sometimes there is close figuring, but it is always with the consciousness that the Lord, my Senior Partner, and I are figuring together and I know it will work out—and it does.

—The Sunday School Times



The Atomic Bomb

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"The morning cometh, and also the night." It is true; the morning is come to the people of God, but night, fearful and dark, is descending in frightful rapidity on a God-forgetting, Christ-denying world. As the storm signals announce the approaching doom, we raise our voices above the gathering fury and cry, "HIDE, OH HIDE IN THE SHELTERING ROCK, CHRIST JESUS, FOR HERE AND HERE ALONE IS SAFETY FROM THE ENGULFING DOOM."

If every man who professes to be a minister of Christ for the next ten Sundays preached on the coming judgments of God and the imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ, a revival of repentance and God-seeking would break out across this land such as we never dreamed possible.

We have no intentions here to go into the details of what constitutes an atom, or how an atomic bomb is made. It is enough to say that this fearful weapon exists. As a leading scientist declared lately, "We have made our LAST great discovery. We have robbed God of one of His greatest secrets."

FORETOLD IN WORD OF GOD

In his book on the atomic bomb, Bro. Wilbur Smith shows that the Greek word translated "dissolve" in II Peter 3:11 was the word "luo", which means to untie or unloose. He goes on to show that this is the word John used when he said: "There cometh One mightier than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to (luo) unloose." Our Lord employed this same word when He said at Lazarus' tomb, "Loose (luo) him and let him go."

Here is one of the many amazing facts of Scripture, Peter, the fisherman, certainly knew very little, if anything, about science

or about the 92 elements which make up the atomic chart. Yet under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, he wrote of things 1,900 years ago which the greatest brains of the world are finding out only now. How did he know about the forces of energy in the atoms of uranium being untied and loosed? How did he know that less than one-tenth of the weight of an American dime could generate one hundred million degrees of heat Fahrenheit? But he confidently predicted—the elements shall melt with fervent heat—and all these things shall be dissolved. . . the heavens shall be on fire. . . II Peter 3:11, 12. Though molecules, atoms, neutrons, protons and electrons were unknown to Peter, still he was among "the holy men of God who spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

So the inerrant Word of God is once more vindicated. The Word of Prophecy is sure. That which predicted the terrible atom also proclaims the love of the tender Advocate, the Lord Jesus (and urges you to flee to Him for safety and shelter).

Not only does the Bible forecast the discovery of the now-dread atom bomb, but also anticipates the soul-chilling consequences upon the victim of its terror.

What happened at Hiroshima and Nagasaki was a partial fulfillment of what shall transpire upon earth when God's unmitigated wrath is poured out upon the inveterate Christ rejectors of the Great Tribulation period. The parallel is too obvious to be accidental.

When the first angel poured out his vial upon the earth, "there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon men. . ." Rev. 16:2. Compare the Apocalyptic judgments with this medical report from Hiroshima: "Innumerable petechial hemorrhages appeared in the skin, and there was ulceration and bleeding from oral mucosa. Bleeding could not be stopped as it was impossible to get blood to clot. The stricken ones died. Also, a small red pimple appeared which grew and bled until there developed what medical men call a new type of bleeding cancer, from which thousands have died since the explosion."

"EYEBALLS MELTED AND RUNNING DOWN THEIR CHEEKS"

Comparing the indescribable devastation of Hiroshima with the pouring out of the vial of the fourth angel, we read: "And power was given unto Him to scorch men with fire. . . (Vs. 8, 9.) Dr. W. E. Eckel, a missionary in Japan, writes: "Glass windows burst inward, the ceiling came down as if pushed by a mighty hand. The heavy tile of the house roofs poured like rain on the ground as the timbers gave way. The people on the streets exposed to the direct ray of the white heat above them fell in their tracks, their flesh scorched and bleeding at every wound. For fear of fire, those in the houses rushed out into the street. Here they met the burned and bleeding without signs of fire upon them, the brain burned, the heart ran like mad, and lungs tortured as they gasped for breath. Some were dead, drawn into all kinds of shapes."

The first white man to enter after the blast gave this gruesome report: "Bodies were literally cooked, the brain cells seared, and their eyeballs melted and running down their cheeks."

Captain Lewis, the pilot of the bomb-carrying B-29 said: "It looked as if the whole city were covered with boiling smoke. In

three minutes it got as high as 30,000 feet. We could see below the flames crawling up the mountains and covering the bridges and tributary rivers. It seemed impossible to comprehend."

If all this was done by what is now called a mere firecracker, it completely staggers the imagination to think of what will happen when the dread H-bomb is released upon the helpless masses.

Compare now what happened at Bikini with the result of the pouring out of the seventh vial: "And there fell . . . great hail . . . every stone . . . the weight of a talent" (approximately 150 lb.) Vs. 21.

Scriptures like this and many others have been the brunt of many attacks. Because these things seem impossible, the Bible has been exposed to every sarcastic taunt, and labelled as a book with scientific inaccuracies. Such a hail storm is impossible, say these egotistical amateurs.

Following the explosion at Bikini: "There appeared certain types of destruction on the top side of many vessels for which there seemed no explanation. Large gaping holes had been smashed into the tops of the exposed vessels."

The "National Geographic" states that "ten million tons of water was tossed up into the sky." This cloud of vapor, "Geographic" shows, cooling off at 18,000 feet in temperatures of 100 degrees below zero, would turn to a cloud of ice." So the dents on the ship decks were finally explained.

TRUMAN PREDICTS ATOMIC WAR

President Truman's investigating committee submitted this report: "There will be an atomic war before January, 1953." Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, ex-president of Columbia University said: "The end cannot be far distant." H. G. Wells, before his death, said: "The world is at the end of its tether; the end of everything we call life at hand." General Eisenhower said, "Without moral regeneration throughout the world, there is no hope." "We are going to disappear in the dust of an atomic explosion," said General MacArthur. "We have had our last chance; Armageddon is at hand."

These are the testimonies of the world's greatest leaders. The world totters on the precipice of eternal ruin. It has gone pleasure-mad. Moral restraint has been thrown to the winds; and yet, we still go through the motions of playing church. May God arouse us.

WE MUST ACT NOW OR NEVER

We need go no further. We have seen enough in these past few years to stir every professing Christian to the depths of his soul. We must awake to the doom of men and nations, and launch a Crusade for God and souls such as this world has never seen. We must do it NOW or NEVER. I call upon Christians in Christ's Name to humble themselves before God and plead with Him for the reviving of His church and the ingathering of lost souls.

—The Standard Bearer.



Why Carey Cobbled

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simply neglecting your business." "Neglecting my business," said Carey, looking at him steadily. "My business is to extend the Kingdom of God. I only cobble shoes to pay expenses."

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God's Creation

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propulsion! He swims by pumping water through a tube along his thin, streamlined body. When pursued, he can gather great speed, and he always goes backwards. When he gets going fast enough, he can set his fins at an angle and take off into the air. He has been seen fly as far as sixty yards with one take-off, so leaving his foot far behind!

Not long ago a group of scientists were experimenting in Chicago. A female moth of a rare species was placed in a room. Four miles away a male moth of the same species was released. In spite of the din and smoke of the city; in spite of the distance; and in spite of the fact that the female was in a closed room, in a few hours the male moth was found beating its wings against the window of the room in which the female was confined! Explain such "miracles"? God made it so!

Tagged salmon released from Columbia river points spend four years in the Pacific, then consistently return to the spot from which they departed. Wild ducks and geese and other birds like the Golden Plover find their way back to their original localities unerringly after long flights to distant points hundreds, even thousands, of miles away.

Isn't God wonderful? His wisdom and power are revealed a million ways in the innumerable miracles of creation which were planned and executed by infinite intelligence and might.



Purgatory

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which, like insurance companies, require weekly or monthly payments for those who wish to be remembered after death. Other means of soul-insurance are "Mass foundations" which are fixed bequests of funds, real estate, the interest or income from which is to procure such of years the celebration of Mass for the defunct founder. Many centuries rich landowners have tried to insure their salvation by bequeathing farms, their churches for perpetual Masses. In countries like Spain, Italy, Hungary and Poland, the Roman Catholic Church accumulated such large holdings in this way that millions of landless peasants are in open rebellion and demand land reform.

The Mass stipend, no matter how explained, defined or defended by present day theologians, is an abuse dating from the Middle Ages when the Church of Rome allowed trading in anything spiritual for the personal gain of the priest. In many countries we are witnessing today a growing rebellion of the Catholic people against the abuses of their church. We pray that God may raise up another great reformer who will lead these millions from the darkness of medieval superstition into the glorious light of His gospel to enjoy the freedom and salvation we have in Jesus Christ and in Him alone.



When home is ruled by Christ, angels might be asked to stand all night and they would not find themselves out of their element.

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