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The New "A-Millenial" Theory

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and that this situation will be so increasingly better until fin-ally the Kingdom of God will be "brought in" such that the Millenium will become a reality BEFORE JESUS RETURNS. This theory, with variations, has been held by the leaders of various denominations — has been taught in their Seminaries—and has pretty well dominated denominational life. All of the talk about "Bringing in the Kingdom" that is heard around religious conventions stems from this theory.

A Set Back

With two world wars in recent years, and with growth of sin and crime, and the confusion

among nations, Postmillenialism has had a serious set back. It has become increasingly plain that we are not heading for the "Bringing in of the Kingdom" and the Millenium. Things are NOT growing better. Scientists and statesmen alike are predicting that the human race will commit suicide with their atomic weapons. They forsee the planet blown out of existence rather than basking in the delights of a Millenium.

The Attempt to Get Out of a Difficulty

With Postmillenialism becoming so untenable, and unwilling to come over to the Premillenial (Continued on Page Four)

In The Potter's Hands

"We are the clay, and Thou our Potter; and we all are the work of Thy hand." — Isaiah 64:8.

To the Potter's house I went down one day, And watched him moulding a vessel of clay, And many a wonderful lesson I drew, As I noted the process that clay passed through. Trampled and broken, downtrodden and rolled, To render it plastic and fit for the mold; How like to the clay that is human, I thought, Which in heavenly hands to God's image is brought, There, self must be cast as the dust at His feet, Ere man is renewed and for service made meet. His pride must be broken; his self-will be lost, His self-esteem humbled, whatever the cost; And all that he boasted of human display Must yield to God's hand and be taken away. Then, lo! there appeared a most delicate vase Of wonderful beauty and exquisite grace; Was this the crude clay to the potter once brought? And long by His hands is such constancy wrought? So fashioned and formed by His marvellous skill To a vessel as planned by His wisdom and will; No longer a trace of the earth or the clay, The fires of the furnace had burned them away. All praise to the Potter — to Him it is due, In whose hands to perfection and beauty it grew; By whose wonderful skill it was fashioned to be A vessel of glory which all men may see. Thus souls lying still and content in God's hand, Who do not His wisdom or working withstand, Are molded and fitted, a treasure to hold; Once clay, now transformed into purest of gold. And thus God is working in grace day by day, Renewing, transforming, and molding His clay.

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will of man, but of God" (John 1:12, 13).

The sons of God, then, are Christians—they have joined themselves by faith to the only begotten Son of God. By assent of mind, and consent of heart to Him, they have become in the peculiar, special, glorified sense of Scripture.

The New Birth

"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

Through the gospel, the Holy Spirit, in a supernatural manner works upon the hearts of men, and by His operation they are regenerated, born again. There is an actual putting forth of Divine power whereby the sinner. dead in sins and trespasses, is quickened, the rebellious will subdued, the hardened conscience made tender, and he who once despised the Son of God, is brought to cast himself down at His feet.

A Moral Transformation

There is a radical change of life. The new birth gives the son of God a new nature; makes him love the things he once hated,

and hate the things he once loved; makes his thoughts different and his habits different; makes him different in private and indifferent in public; so that to be a son of God is to be a new creature, to whom old things have passed away and all things have become new, and all things are of God (II Cor. 5:17, 18).

Their Illustrious Pedigree

And then we have the illustrious pedigree of the sons of God, traced, not back to some

notable ancestry, but up to God: "Which were born, not of blood, (natural generation) nor of the will of the flesh, (ceremonialism) nor of the will of man, (reformation) but of God" (John 1:13).

Unknown by the World

For these sons of God, the world has no place of honor.

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not" (I John 3:1).

As the world gave the only begotten Son of God no honor, gave Him only rejection and the cross, so it gives the sons of God

no honor, and were a Christian to gain a place of worldly favor, he would not be in the path way of His Lord.

The Glorious Destiny of the Sons of God

There is for the sons of God, a coming day of glory and honor, together with their now rejected Lord. In I John 3:2 we are given a faint hint of a coming glorious change.

The Character of the Sons of God

In Phil. 2:15, we have the calling of the sons of Godto be bearers of a testimony to the world, ... "among whom ye shine as lights in the world" (verse 15). It is not a simple dec-larative, as in A: V., but an im-perative, a command, "Shine ye!" as in R. V.

Witnesses For Christ

The sons of God are to be "lightbearers" to the rest of mankind. The only light this poor world has is "the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ" (II Cor. 4:4). The sons of God are to be witnesses of this light.

But a witness must have a character consistent with his testimony. In a court of law, a witness may bear a perfectly true testimony, but if the opposing council can prove that his character is bad; that he is wholly unreliable; that he can be bought and sold, his testimony will be thrown out of court. And that Christian whose speech is full of unbelief and doubt, or in whose life there is worldliness, or careless and open sin, will find that any testimony he may seek to give, rejected with scorn.

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Christ-like Characters

The sons of God, as witnesses for Christ to a world of moral and spiritual darkness, must have more than a good moral character. Many worldlings pos-sess, outwardly at least, good moral characters. Witnesses for Christian and the set of the se Christ must have a character far above this. They are to have Christ-like characters, true reflectors of Him Who is the light of the world. In the chapter we are looking at we have a divinely given pattern of the Christlike life. First, we find that the sons of God are to be:

Loving Hearted

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The Giant With The Wounded Heel"

The First Baptist Pulpit

"And I will put enmity be-tween thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." -Gen. 3:15.

This isn't a message, beloved, that I have prepared in a few minutes' time. It isn't a message that has been thought up within just a few days' time, but rather, beloved, I am preaching to you a message this morning that I have been thinking about, pondering over, and meditating upon for over twenty-five years,

without ever having preached from it one single time. Before I ever became your pastor, I was reading one day from this chapter, and I was impressed by the latter part of this text that it would be a good text from which to preach on this subject.

I might say that there have been many occasions in the past when I might have preached it, occasions when I might have found it to be very appropo. However, I never had an impression from the Lord to preach this sermon until this very week.

I always have a feeling that I ought to preach my messages as the Lord lays them definitely upon my heart to do so, and unless I feel a definite leading of the Lord, and have a positive indication relative to preaching them, I just simply wait until He gives me the "green light" to do so. This morning I have a very definite impresion from God that this is His message for you in this hour, and on this occasion.

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"The Giant With The Wounded Heel."

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I might make mention of the fact that this is the fountain head of all prophecies. It is the first prophecy that is given within the Word of God. It is a prophecy concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. There are multitudes of similar prophecies that are given throughout the balance of the Old Testament, but this is the first. As I say, it is the fountain head of all prophecies, for all the balance of the prophecies flow out, and stem from, this one text of Scripture.

It is a rather interesting text to me and one which is very easily explained. It is a text, beloved, which is taken from the time when God was pronouncing a sentence of condemnation upon Adam and Eve. and upon the serpent, for the part that each had had in the transgression, that had taken place in the Garden of Eden. When God called these three up for judgment, He questioned Adam first. Then, He asked the woman as to why it was that she had sinned, and she in turn followed the example set by Adam, for she passed the blame from herself over to the serpent, which is a common characteristic of humanity. Adam passed the blame to Eve, and Eve passed the blame to the serpent, which is exactly like people do today; for not one of us want to accept our share of the responsibility at any time, but rather, all of us have a desire to pass the responsibility to somebody else. To be sure, we may be guilty and we may be sinning, but we don't want to admit it and we want somebody else to bear the responsibility. Thus Adam shifted the responsibility to Eve, and Eve shifted it on the serpent, and when there was nobody else for the serpent to shift the responsibility upon, all he could do was to plead guilty, and God then pronounces a sentence.

In the sentence which God pronounces upon the serpent, He says that there will be an eternal enmity existing between the woman and the serpant. An enmity that has existed from that day down to this, between the literal snake and the woman. I think primarily by way of an explanation of this verse that I can say that it literally refers to the enmity that shall forever exist between the serpent on the one hand, and the woman on the other. God goes further and says that that enmity is going to be carried on between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman. To be sure, beloved, the woman's seed is a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ. There never was but one that could be called the seed of the woman, and that is Jesus. All others of the human family, born from the days of Adam on down to this time — all others have been as a result of the combined seed of Adam and Eve, and man and woman. But, beloved, there is only one that can be called the seed of the woman, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. He literally was the seed of the woman, for He had no human father. He literally was the seed of the woman, for there was no human father to beget the Lord Jesus Christ. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit in Mary. I insist upon this, that we recognize Jesus only as the seed of

the woman. This text tells us not only that there is going to be an enmity between the woman and the serpent, and between the woman's seed, which is Jesus, and the seed of the serpent through all days to come, but it tells us that ultimately the seed of the woman is going to bruise the head of the serpent. That part of the prophecy has not as yet been fulfilled. The serpent represents the Devil, and, beloved, the Devil surely hasn't had his head bruised yet. Yet this is a prophecy that the Lord Jesus Christ will someday completely bruise the head of the Devil.

I know that sometime every vestige of the work of Satan is going to be destroyed. I know that sometime everything that the Devil sponsors today is coming to an end. I know that ultimately the Devil's kingdom is going to come to nought. I know that eventually the Lord Jesus Christ is going to reign supreme, and the Devil will be completely and finally recognized as a defeated enemy, but, beloved, he isn't such yet. He is very much alive in this world today. We rub elbows and we brush shoulders with him everyday. There isn't a day that goes by but what we come in contact with the Devil in some form or other. Some day, though, the Word of God says, his head is going to be bruised, but, be-loved, that isn't true yet. The old Devil is still very much alive.

As Peter says:

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." -I Pet. 5:8.

He hasn't been bruised yet, but he is going to be bruised. His head shall one day be crushed. The kingdom of Satan will one day be destroyed. I know it will come to pass because God said it within His Word. I am not concerned one particle but what someday this Scripture will be fulfilled. It will never be fulfilled on the basis of man's plans and man's schemes. It will never be fulfilled until the Lord Jesus Christ comes again. Someday, in God's own appointed time, the head of the serpent is going to be crushed beneath the heel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ is going to be supreme, and He is

of Bethlehem that were two years old and under, in an effort to kill the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. We read:

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men." - Mt. 2:16.

Herod's attempt to kill the Lord Jesus was Satan inspired. There isn't a doubt in my mind but what the slaughter of these innocent babes of Bethlehem took place because the Devil was the sponsor of it, and the author of it, and he did it in an effort to get rid of the Lord Jesus Christ, just as soon as Jesus was born.

Later on we find that when Jesus began His ministry, when He announced Himself as the fulfillment of the Bible's prophecy, His enemies tried to throw Him over a cliff, in an effort to kill Him. Listen:

"And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. But He, passing through the midst of them, went his way. -Luke 4:28-30.

It was the Devil, beloved, that was back of the attempt on the life of Jesus. Just like the Devil had Herod to kill those innocent babes of Bethehem. so the Devil saw to it that there was an attempt made upon the life of the Lord Jesus Christ here in the city of Nazareth the very day that Jesus announced that He was the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy.

If you would see how the Devil worked to destroy the Lord Jesus, look at him in all of his cunning when He came at Jesus in the personality of Simon Peter.

"Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him saying. Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan." - Mt. 16:22-23.

Notice that Simon Peter rebuked Jesus. Simon Peter tried to persuade Jesus it wouldn't be necessary that He go to the Cross. Then it was that Jesus turned to him and said. "Get thee behind me, Satan." He realized that it was the Devil who was working through Simon Peter, and that it wasn't actually Simon Peter that was saying and doing this, but that it was the Devil working through him.

I say then, beloved, in the light of these experiences - in the instance where that Herod had the babes of Bethehem killed; in the instance when we find the people of Nazareth trying to throw Jesus headlong over the brow of the hill; in the instance when the Devil, through Simon Peter, tried to persuade Jesus not to go to the Cross — in these three instances we can see that it is the Devil fighting against the Lord Jesus Christ. Notice also how the power of the Devil is seen in the garden of Gethsemane, so much so that even Jesus prayed if it be the Father's will, that the cup might pass from Him - that He might not have to go to Calvary. The Word of God doesn't tell us, but I am satisfied that it was Satan dealing a blow at the Lord Jesus Christ. If you will, go to Calvary and you will find that the proverbial tail of the Devil was wrapped all the way around the Cross and, beloved, at the Cross of Calvary the Devil did his utmost against the Lord Jesus Christ.

I say, then, beloved, all the way through the Word of God, especially from the beginning of the New Testament, Satan has always fought against the Lord Jesus, bruising the heel of the Son of God. As it was prophesied in the Old Testament, so the Devil bit mighty deeply into His heel. Every attempt that was made upon the life of Jesus while He was here in the days of His flesh, was the Devil attempting to bite into His heel. when Jesus came to Gethsemane, the Devil took a tremendous bite into the heel of Jesus, and when Jesus came to Calvary, it was there that the Devil bit most strongly and deeply into the heel of the Son of God.

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I WOULD REMIND YOU TODAY THAT THE DEVIL STILL PERSISTS IN HIS EF-FORTS TO BITE INTO THE HEEL OF THE SON OF GOD.

The same spirit that motivated the Devil to seek to destroy Jesus throughout the days of His earthly ministry — that same spirit that caused him to seek to damage the Son of God at Calvary — that same spirit motivates Satan today. Everywhere you look in all the realm of Christendom today, you can see that Christendom is limping. Why? Because Jesus Christ is the giant with the wounded heel, and the Devil is still persisting in his efforts to destroy and wreck and undermine and negate the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ. I say there are evidences of such everywhere.

First of all, look at your own life. See how imperfect you are. After all of these years of hearing God's Word, and after all of these years of studying the Bible, and after all of these years of trying to grow in grace, isn't it surprising how imperfect you are today? You don't have to look round about you to find imperfection in others; you can look closer home and find imperfection in yourself.

Look at our denomination. Beloved, we have an overlordship in our Baptist denomination today that is equal to the hierarchy of the Catholics. So far as I am concerned, a Baptist hierarchy is not one bit better than a Catholic hierarchy. Either one smells to high heaven. I am saying to you frankly, we have a denominational overlordship whereby our denomination is controlled by a very, very few, to the extent that any pastor, such as myself, who dares to lift his voice in opposition against the things that are taking place today, is squeezed out little by little. Why should these things be? It is the giant with a wounded heel. Everywhere you turn, you will find in Christendom evidences of the wounded heel today.

Look at our seminaries. I have so many times called attention to the seminary down at Louisville, to the heresies that are propagated there. I have so many times called attention to the heretical speakers that they have there. It seems to me, beloved, that it is most pathetic that whenever they want an outstanding speaker to come before the student body of the seminary at Louisville, that they assiduously and painstakingly try to secure the most outstanding modernist and the most glaring heretic in the country. I look upon the semi-nary with its millions of dollars by way of investment which could be of tremendous value to the Lord Jesus Christ, and I think that it is an evidence that there are wounds in Christianity — the heel of Jesus has been wounded.

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going to reign with the Devil's kingdom completely gone. II

HOWEVER, BEFORE THE TIME COMES THAT THE DEVIL IS GOING TO BE DES-TROYED, THE DEVIL IS GO-ING TO BRUISE THE HEEL OF THE SEED OF THE WOMAN, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

If you will study through the New Testament from the birth of the Lord Jesus, you will find that the Devil has always fought against Him.

Take for example when the Son of God was first born, and when He was yet a babe, the Devil stirred up Herod, to the extent that Herod tried to kill the Lord Jesus. In his attempt to do so, he killed all the babes

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ALL. TIME BEST SELLER 1944, and furthermore, I never even saw the boy until a good deal after the time he was supposed to be in school here. This couldn't be a mistake. It could not be anything but a deliberate lie. When I think of it this morning, I go back in my mind to Calvary and I see the Devil as he bites deeply into the heel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I see from that time on how the Devil has continued in his efforts to nip at, and to bite at the heel of Christendom day by day. I think about our mission work this morning. tA the close of the services Wednesday night 11 During after I- had told you of the IN THE 18th CENTURY THE GREAT things that had taken place relative to our mission work, es-FRENCH INFIDEL, VOLTAIRE, PRO pecially as to the resignation of PHESIED THAT, WITHIN A Lawrence Smith, some folk said that I was worrying too HUNDRED YEARS FROM much. I was reminded by sev-THE TIME WHEN HE eral members of the church that WROTE, THE BIBLE WOULD God was still on His throne and BE AN OBSOLETE BOOK that God would take care of it. I grant you that that is true AND WOULD GO EN. and I recognize that that is so, TIRELY OUT OF CIRCULATION but, beloved, to me it is nothing short of deep grief to my soul when I think about the things that I told you on Wednesday night of the lying and the thievery that has been uncovered on the part of one of our missionaries - Lawrence Smith how he was sailing under false colors when he was here of recent date to speak to our church on a Sunday, and how that even when he was here, his life was filled with duplicity and hypocrisy and lying and thievery. I recognize the fact that God is on his throne. I recognize the fact that God allows and God TODAY WITH EVERY TICK permits such things to come to OF YOUR WATCH A BIBLE pass, but, beloved, when I think of it this morning, I would say ROLLS OFF THE PRESS! to you, it is nothing short of further evidence of "the giant with the wounded heel." Every place you look, and every way you turn, shows that the Devil is constantly striving, and constantly attempting, to destroy

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WHAT IS GOING TO BE OUR ATTITUDE IN VIEW OF SUCH?

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Because Rolfe Barnard preaches more like a Holy Roller, even though he claims to be a Baptist, am I going to give up? Am I going to side in with him? Because those two brethren that I have sponsored in the past, and have tried to help as much as I could, — Spurlock and Pemberton — have definitely departed from the faith, shall I myself give up and go along with them? Because a man who was excluded from the membership of our church goes out and deliberately lies about his whereabouts between 1944 and 1947, am I going to placidly fold my arms and let that pass by? When Wilson & Company writes me two different times and asks me relative to the man, shall I sit quietly by, and say nothing about it, and allow such What attitude shall to p s on we take, beloved, when one of our missionaries into whom we have put thousands of dollars, and in whom we had reposed confidence in an unusual way, what shall we do when such a missionary becomes unfaithful to his trust? What shall be our attitude? Shall I give up? Shall we as a church give up? When others compromise as to the seminaries, shall we compromise and follow suit? Shall we go along with the denomination as it constantly gets farther and farther from the truth? I answer that question this morning, beloved, to say emphatically, "Never!" God's people are not to give up. God's people are not to be quitters. Even though we see all about us evidences of "the Giant with a wounded heel," God's people are to stand firm and never give up until the battle is won.

The Apostle Paul stood firm. There was a Demas who forsook him. There was a John Mark who turned back. There were some churches that were cold; and there were churches that were worldly. There were some churches that were heretical. There were plenty of persecutions that were heaped upon him, yet he kept on.

"Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory." — II Tim. 2:10.

In spite of the hardships, in spite of the difficulties, and in spite of the problems, Paul kept on. When he came to the end of the way, he said:

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love (Continued on Page Four)

moral and spiritual darkness.

The worthlessness of all professed Christian activities, not motivated by love, is declared in the 13th of I Corinthians. Eloquence, whether of men or of angels, without love, is but as the clanging of lifeless, brazen instruments. Wisdom, even of the Scriptures; faith to perform miracles; concern for the poor, apart from love, profiteth nothing.

Love Toward Sinners

"Covet earnestly the best gifts; and yet show I unto you a more excellent way," (I Cor. 12:13)"the way of loving hearts."

A noted evangelist once said, "If you don't wish to suffer, do not pray for love." But if the sons of God are to bear effect-ual witness for Christ, they must tread the "more excellent way," even though it bring suffering. The love, then, that can love the unlovely and the hateful, that can reach down to the fallen and perishing, in earnest effort to "snatch them as brands from the burning," is the "more excellent way," the soul-winning love. In the early days of the writer's Christian life, he became much interested in one of the Rescue Missions of a great city. More than once he has seen the superintendent leave the platform and go down among the men, put his arm about the shoulders of some poor, filthy derelict, and urge upon him the love of God for such as he. He had seen from the platform some evidence of concern about his soul, perhaps a tear upon the cheek. In his love for these lost souls, he was greatly used in "compelling" many of them into the Kingdom of God. Asked on one such an occasion, "How can you bring your-

self to put your arms about such filthy, ill-smelling men?" he re-plied, "Oh, I have received such mercy from God, I have not only to tell of this grace, but in some little measure to show it.'

These men do not need to be told they are lost: they know that. What they need is to be told lovingly of the love of God for them, and of a Savior mighty to save.

Brotherly Love

Then, too, how vitally important is love, brotherly love, among the saints. It alone can preserve the harmony of the "house of God." In the church at Philippi it is evident there was incipient schism, and some were being urged by the apostle to seek to heal the widening breach.

"I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord." (Phil. 4:2).

The great adversary is unceasing in his efforts to disrupt the assemblies of God, and so break down any living testimony. Grace and love abiding in the hearts of saints will bring to naught his evil working. We have read of a famous Italian Cathedral, "the dome of which is so constructed, that sounds beneath it come back in sweet reply of chiming melody, and the clash of discord is changed to harmony as the sesonant vault returns it to the waiting ear." Brotherly love is the harmonizing dome over an assembly of God, and if undamaged the sounds of discord or faction will never be heard.-Light and Liberty.

of, I I Would like to cite you an-y Roller other instance. I am thinking of a voung man who was a memof this church, who was Wed by the membership of our urch in an unusual way. I ^{speaking} of Brother Hiero-⁴⁸. He went to Pennsylvania preach and, as you may rewhen he was here, he red for a meat company as eat salesman. He has made cation of recent date with ⁵⁰n & Company, nationally ^{wn} meat packers, to become salesman for them. When he his application, he stated he was a student of the State Baptist Bible School the year 1944 to 1947. To ou frankly, the Tri-State applist Bible School has been

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(Continued from page one) my joy, that ye be like minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."

(Philippians 2:1-2).

Love is the altogether indispensable quality of soul in one who would be a witness for Christ, whether gospel preacher, missionary, or who, in the com-mon walk of life would be a "lightbearer" in this world of

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Keep this Sacred Privilege...

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when is old, he will not depart from it." - Prov. 22:6.

A-Millenialism

(Continued from page one) position, men have had to try to "save face" by a shift in their doctrine. Thus in our day we have seen the shift from Postmillenialism to what is ter-med "A-MILLENIALISM." The advancers of this miserable theory simply deny the MILLEN-IUM. Since they can't have a millenium before Jesus comes, THEY JUST ONE AT ALL. WON'T HAVE

A-MILLENIALISM IS SIMPLE DENIAL OF THE WORD OF GOD

This doctrine is widely held by the teachers in our rapidly modernizing Seminaries, and by

over again in Old Testament and New. But let us suggest in brief some reasons for believing that following the return of Christ, we shall have a millenium:

-BECAUSE THE SCRIPT-URES POINTEDLY SAY SO. (Rev. 20:1-10) Why should we not take this passage to mean

what it says? 2-BECAUSE THIS PERIOD IS MINUTELY DESCRIBED in Logish 11:1-9. such passages as Isaiah 11:1-9, if the millenial period is not referred to in this passage, in the name of comon sense what IS referred to?

3-BECAUSE UNLESS THIS EARTH ENJOYS A MILLEN-IUM, the earth ends a failure with the consequences of the Fall never overcome. Rev. 5:10 says that the redeemed shall "reign on the earth." WHEN if not during the millenium? 4-BECAUSE THE BIBLE SAYS THAT THIS EARTH SHALL BE BROUGHT OUT FROM UNDER THE BONDAGE OF CORRUPTION. (See Romans 8:18-25) 5-BECAUSE JESUS PROM-ISES A TIME OF REGENERA-TION (making new of every thing) and he promised that the apostles would sit as judges over the restored 12 tribes of Israel. That is to be when He sits on the throne of his glory. (See Matthew 19:27-29) To this end God has preserved and restored Israel. The period of Christ's reign over this earthwhat else should we call it, if not the millenium?

"The Giant With The Wounded Heel."

(Continued from page three) his appearing." — II Tim. 4:6-8.

The disciples never gave up. Go back to the day when those disciples were out on that lake, the Sea of Galilee, and the storm swooped down upon them. They pulled at the oars. They couldn't stop the storm, but they could pull at the oars.

Beloved, I can't stop the storm from the outside. I can't put an end to the tempest that sweeps down upon us everyday. If I could, beloved, God knows I would. I can't stop the storm, but I can still pull at the oars. God's people need to remember levil hit that at Calvary the mighty deeply into the heel of Jesus. God's people need to remember that since that day, everywhere you look, you can see evidences of a wounded heel in all forms of Christianity. In view of that fact, we need to remember this truth; It is not ours to give up, but it is ours to keep busy in his kingdom. Do you remember that the Lord Jesus on one occasion said:

dom, in the grave, whither thou goest."-Eccl. 9:10.

Do you remember what Paul said when he looked backward over his problems, and looked forward at his obligations? He said:

"Brethern, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, FORGETTING those things which are BEHIND, and REACHING FORTH unto those things which are BEFORE, I PRESS toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."-Phil 3: 13, 14.

Yes, beloved, it is not for you and me to give up. It is not for you and me to compromise. It is not for you and me to take an attitude of complacency. I am certain, beloved, there is no preacher that has ever had many more problems and many more temptations to give up than I. Every once in a while I go/back and read for my own benefit this little poem:

let go will never yield. What, lie down on the field And surrender my shield?

No, I'll never let go! I want to let go, but I * let go.

May this be my song 'Mid legions of wrong Oh, God, keep me strong That I may never let go!

Someday the Lord Je Christ is going to set up kingdom. Someday the Son God is going to crush fore the head of the serpent. U He does so, God help you, God help me, just to keep keeping on, and serving Lord Jesus until He comes.

When our Lord was here the days of His flesh. He on one occasion, "Occupy come." He knew that there w going to be lies that would told. He knew that there wol be churches that would be ch He knew that there were go to be false evangelists arise knew that there were going be preachers that would dep from the faith. He knew there were going to be missi aries that were not going to what they were supposed to God knew all this, yet He st "Occupy till I come." Oh, may it please God to to help you and me to g firm grip on Him this morn and to realize that until comes, it is our business to ke busy in His service. May God bless you!

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an increasing large number of preachers. Among these are Baptist preachers of our own section of Florida.

A-MILLENIALISM, or the denial of the Millenium, is based largely on the claim that the doctrine of the millenium is grounded on one passage in the Bible—the symbolic passage found in Revelation 20:1-10. This is a blatant falsehood. While the term "thousand years" (Millenium) is confined to this portion of the Bible, THE PER-IOD designated here as a thousand years, is mentioned over and

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"No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." -Luke 9:62.

Do you remember that in the Old Testament He said:

'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wis-

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There are battles to fight By day and by night, For God and the right, And I'll never let go.

I want to let go, but I won't let go.

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And worn through and through,

But I won't let go.

I want to let go, but I won't