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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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must How Devil Carries On **Deceptions**

Tampa, Florida

The Bible warns repeatedly against deceptions of various age three brone to deception. The devil is the anth his children partake of the characteristics of their father. Let and the human race is r animo deristics of their father.

s that us take note of some of the cation of the cation that human beings d he name are susceptible to.

SATAN'S DECEPTION OF THE NATIONS

(See Rev. 20:10) He has dethrow nations into the belief am was frough all the centuries that n that en except har is profitable. Hence the con-wledge hal warring of nations. Dur-ut like hal warring of nations bur-

peace, and one reason will be the fact that Satan shall be shut up in prison.

SATAN'S DECEPTION OF INDIVIDUALS

(See I Tim. 2:14). He deceived the first woman—making her think that she could disobey God and profit from it. People see that drink has ruined countless thousands, but the devil deceives them and makes them think, "I can drink and never let it get the best of me-I am stronger than others."

DECEPTIONS OF SATAN'S **EMISSARIES**

(See II John 7). Satan has his false teachers and preachers who go forth with the most subtle

heresies. All sorts of cults and isms are in existence. A negro in Harlem called "Father Divine" makes many believe that he is God. Modernists go forth and deceive people into believing that the very fundamentals of Christianity are false. "Healers" by the dozen readily fleece people and make merchandize of them. There is no end to the deceptions being carried on today throughout the religious world. "Take heed that no man deceive you" said Jesus.

SELF DECEPTIONS

This is one of the worst kinds of deception, and none are so blind as the self-deceived. What are some of the self-deceptions (Continued on page four)

It is exceedingly remarkable and familiar to his beck and call) and unto the wizards' that Isaiah's great Immanuel Chapter reveals (as Paul does in (Isa. 8:19); that is, in days of Tim. 4:1-3) that, immediately gloom and sorrow and judgbefore our Lord's return, there ment, the people are forseen will be a vast revival of the flocking to the consulting rooms of the Sorcerer, and seeking to Black Arts. Blackstone, the greatest of commentators on the take the people of God with laws of England, declares that "to deny the possibility, nay, the them to inquire into an ominous future. actual existence of witch-craft, is at once flatly to contradict the

revealed Word of God." So also

a shrewd and widely experien-

ced man of the world, Sir Walter Besant, says: "We are now"—

this was written many years

ago, when the evil was far less

developed-"on the verge of an-

other outbreak of belief in magic

to which, perhaps, all the pre-ceding outbreaks will be mere

child's play." Thus the world

itself asserts that witchcraft is

an absolute certainty of the

Bible, and that mankind is on

the verge of a vaster outbreak

of it than in all the preceding

Isaiah says: "They (the un-

believers) shall say unto you

(the disciples of Messiah, whe-

ther Christian or Jewish), 'Seek

unto them that have familiar

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spirit peculiar to each medium,

ages of human history.

Seeks Unto The Dead

WITCHCRAFT ENDORSED

Never perhaps in modern days has witchcraft been more boldly and unblushingly endorsed than it has been by one of the first of modern writers, Oliver Madox Hueffer. "Unimaginative people are proud that they live in 'an age of enlightenment.' Did they but realize it, the age of witchcraft had very great advantages. The witch herself was emphatically a person to be envied. She had-what other women at all times have wished above all else —power. She was the ally and intimate friend of the second most powerful potentate in the universe. That she believed in her own powers is a fact undeniable, and in so believing, she believed also that she would in due course reap the reward promised her by her friends and

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The Challenge Of The Open Door

JACOB GARTENHAUS Atlanta, Georgia

These lines are being written man route lines are being written from sider to home from what I conider the most glorious missionjourney to the Land of tael and Europe, and the heart of this humble servant is overprefers slowing le dogs lowing with praise and thanks-

Three compelling forces drew to Israel: I. The longing to perhaps for the last time, aged and feeble father who been a Rabbi in Jerusalem se many years and for whom prayers have gone up. 2. make the personal acquaintof that renowned former Rabbi of Bulgaria, Daniel whose remarkable converorld, 3. A letter from our repentative in Israel, a man who ves in the inner circle and ows the pulse beat of the peoas few men do, in which he ote of the dissatisfaction on part of the Jewish intellithe wide-spread spirithunger, the quest for the as evidenced by the great hand for the scriptures and Christ. "I could put to the

HOW GOD SAVED YOUNG PREACHER

a Texas town I sat one in the home of a most liant the nome of a marvelous onality—a young Methodist gelist. Twelve o'clock came. one. Then two. Three! four, and day-break, and ven his wife came in and unced breakfast. I said, "I go and get a little sleep. I at ten. Then this after-and again tonight." I askto go to my room. I gave Men." He was at the afon Bible lecture. He had the book. He asked me, the lecture, to go for a with him. We walked three (Continued on page four)

greatest possible use at once, 10,000 Hebrew Bibles," he wrote, 'Now is the time to launch out into the greatest missionary effort yet undertaken; tomorrow may be too late. Do not count any sacrifice too great to come over here and see for yourself what is happening." Who could resist such a Macedonian call?

From the moment I stepped foot on the soil of Israel I became conscious of a two-fold miracle which is taken place there: The Rebirth of a Land and simultaneous with it, the spiritual awakening of the people, the like of which has never been known in the history of the world. More than a million and a half of Israel's dry bones have already returned to that land of promise from all parts of the world. And that is just the beginning. While walking on the streets of Tel Aviv on my first day in that land, I saw Jews from Yemen, Morocco, Irak, Iran, China etc. I saw black Jews, yellow Jews, brown Jews, etc. And they speak some seventy languages. I saw once desolate land now blossoming as a rose, wilderness turned into a Garden of Eden. On what was once desert have now sprung up modern cities. Who but the willfully blind can fail to see the hand of God in what is now taking place in the ancient land

It would require a good-size volume to record what I saw, heard and felt. Without losing a minute I went up to Jerusalem to see my father. It was 11 A. M. and I was told that he was in the synagogue at prayer where he had been since 5 A. M., his daily custom. He would not partake of even a drop of water until he had finished his prayers. As I reached the door of the synagogue I spotted him, and in a few minutes I saw him remove his phylacteries. In all these years I had never had a picture of him; he simply refused to be photographed, saying that it was against the law of the Lord, which states: "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image or any likeness of anything I had my camera ready and standing aside I snapped several pictures of him as he came out of the synagogue. Then I walked up to him and placing my hands



The former chief rabbi of Bulgaria and Jacob Gartenhaus.

on his shoulders I asked whether he knew who I was. Though he is almost totally blind and deaf, he soon recognized me and repeated several times, "Mein sohn, mein sohn, Jankov fin America!" ("My son, my son, Jacob from America!") He simply could not believe that it was I! You can imagine the emotions that welled up within me. This was the second time I had had the privilege of telling him about the one true Messiah Who is the only hope for our people, and I cannot help but believe that father in his heart of hearts knows the truth. I told him that I believe we are living in Messianic days, that I am expecting (Continued on page four)



ARE WE HONEST WITH GOD?

"Render to God the things that are God's."

-Mark 12:17

The question "Are We Honest With God?" is a large one, and should be seriously considered by every one who has come to know Jesus Christ as his Savlour.

It is interesting to consider :his fact: We possess some things of this earth, but we do not own anything. "We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain that we can carry nothing out." (I Tim. 6:7) Every thing belongs to God, and we only occupy for a short while, and to Him we must render ac-

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"Walls, Gates, Taxes, Thorns, Promises"

(Read Joshua 6)

I wonder, beloved, if you ever have the same experience which I have; I mean, I wonder if you ever get "the blues." I wonder if you ever get discouraged in view of circumstances as they exist and develop. When I think of circumstances as they exist in the religious world tonight, when there is so much heresy and so little truth being preached. I tell you frankly, I get discouraged.

Take for example this past

week at the Annual Association-Meeting which was held at Wurtland, wherein the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Catlettsburg made the statement that the doctrine of election dishonored God and dishonored God's Word, and in a veritable tirade, that man who is supposed to be a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, attacked the doctrines of the Sovereignty of God and Election and did all within his power to discredit these great truths of God's Word. Now, beloved, so far as I'm personally concerned, I feel more pity for the man than I do scorn, for I feel that any individual who is that ignorant of the teachings of the Word of God deserves our pity rather than our scorn. However, beloved, that which brings discouragement to me in this, is the fact that so many are following in the same darkness and are teaching the same heresy that he himself is teaching. To me, it is one of the most pathetic

things in this world that people (Continued on page two)

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"WALLS, GATES, TAXES, THORNS AND PROMISES"

(Continued from page one) who are God's people, would, in any wise at all, fail to declare entire counsel of God's Word, especially on the doctrines of Sovereignty and the Election of God.

I say, beloved, that things like this are a source of discouragement and they certainly cause us time and time again to get "the blues" concerning the future of the work of our Lord. Yet, beloved, this ought not to be. I remember how that God has worked in the face of opposition, and how God has overridden difficulties and adversities, and when I recall how that God has worked in spite of all opposition of man through all ages past, I say that you and I should not be discouraged in the light of such statements, as those which I have just quoted.

Go back, if you will, to the Old Testament to the time when the children of Israel were coming out of the land of Egypt, when they encamped just before the Red Sea. The Word of God tells us that the Red Sea stood as an impassable barrier unto them. There were approximately three million of those Jews who desired to cross the Red Sea from Egypt on the way to Canaan. Behind them came the armed forces of Pharoah. 400 armed chariots with their spikes, spears, helmets and swords glistening in the air, came thundering down the highway in pursuit of the children of Israel. It looked as though it were curtain-time for Israel. It looked as though it was the end of the day. It looked as though life's little day had drawn to a close for those Jews. Yet, beloved, when it seemed there was no way out, God opened a path in the sea and those three million Jews walked across the bottom of the Red Sea when it was as solid as though it were paved with concrete, to the extent that all of those three million Jews crossed safely to the other side. Then when the enemies of our Lord's people, the Egyptians, attempted to follow them through the Red Sea, they found that the sea bottom which had been so solid to the Israelites, became soft, soggy and spongy to them, to the extent that their chariot wheels mired down in the mud, and the axles snapped as a result of the strain and stress being put upon them, and their wheels came off miraculously and supernaturally. When the people of Egypt realized that all of the things that were happening to them were happening as a result of God, it was then the waves came together and the entire army of Pharoah, with his 400 armed chariots and Pharoah himself, were drowned in the depths of the sea.

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When I think of that, I am lifted up and I am reminded that the God who took the Jews across the Red Sea is the same God we preach to you tonight. I am reminded that that God who took care of the Jews those many hundreds of years ago, is the same God who is taking care of you and me tonight, and as He led them from victory unto victory, and as His will was performed, so today the same God lives, rules, directs and leads His children.

NOW TO COME DIRECTLY TO THE PASSAGE WHICH I READ TO YOU TONIGHT, LET US NOTICE THE WORD, "WALL." You will find the children of Israel were getting ready to go into the land of Canaan. It had to be conquered. There were cities with walls about them, there were armies which had to be destroyed, there were garrisons which had to be annihilated before the land of Palestine could be theirs.

The first of those cities was the city of Jericho. It was a walled city and, seemingly, it was an impossible task they had to overtake it. They had no machines with which to sling heavy pieces of stone into that city. They had no way whereby they might scale the walls of that city. They had no artillery such as might be had today. They had nothing wherewith to fight against the city of Jericho. The only thing they could have done humanly, would have been to throw up an economic blockade around the city and thus starve the city into submission, but God had a different plan.

The Lord told the children of Israel to march around the city once each day for six days with seven priests going before the ark, symbolic of God's presence, blowing the trumpets continually, and with the people following behind that ark. For six days' time, they made a circumnavigation of that city once each day. On the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth days you could see the children of Israel starting out in the early hours of the day to march around the city of Jericho, with the seven priests blowing the trumpets of ram's horns and with the people following behind the ark, silent, mute, saying not a word. Then on the seventh day, in the very early hours of the dawn, they started again what they had done for six days. This time, though, when they had finished going around the city once, they started a second march, and when they had finished the second march about the city, they continued on into the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and when they went around the seventh time, Joshua turned to the people and said, "Shout." It was then that the people who had been silent for the last week's time, lifted their voices and shouted, to the praise and the glory of God, and the walls of that city of Jericho fell down flat all around the city. Every man of war made a break for the center of the city, and with those people inside that city taken by surprise, the children of Israel were able to literally wipe them out of existence.

Now let's notice-I say that it was an impossible task from the standpoint of man. Yet, beloved, what is impossible with man, is always possible with God. Many things are impossible to me, but there's nothing impossible with God. Long ago, Jeremiah, the prophet, said:

'Ah Lord God! behold thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and THERE IS NOTHING TOO HARD FOR THEE."-Jer. 32:17.

What, I say, beloved, is impossible to man, is never im-

possible to God. God can always do what man is never able to

I wish you would take notice of

the faith which those Jews pos-

sessed in the Word of God as He directed Joshua. That faith which they possessed was the human power which God used to break down the walls of Jericho. All those Jews did, under the leading of Joshua, was to listen to what God said and to take Him at His word. Didn't it seem to be the most foolish thing in the world, and the most unheard of manner of taking a city? God said, "March around the city once each day for six days and on the seventh day, march around it seven times. Didn't that seem to be a foolish way to take a city, but the people believed God. Beloved, that's faith. Faith is taking God at His word and believing God in spite of the circumstances. How foolish, though, it was in the eyes of even those people inside the city of Jericho. Can't you imagine an old dweller of Jericho up on the walls looking down to see the children of Israel as they march around the city the first day. They go all the way around the city and never say a thing. All they hear is the blowing of those seven trumpets of ram's horns. Then they leave the city, go off to their camp and that's all that is done. The second day they start out with the same procedure, and I can see that old dweller of Jericho as he looks down over the walls, and I imagine he must have chuckled to himself as he looked upon them as they started around the city a second time. It is getting amusing. He watches them thus for six days, and then on the seventh day when they start around the city once and then a second time, I can hear him as he called some of his fellows to him and said, "Come, I have something to show you. Those Jews have been going around the city once daily for six days, and now they're starting around twice." I imagine they patted each other on the back, for it was great sport to them to watch those Jews go around the city. They must have looked down and said, "Those old fools! Did you ever see a bigger bunch of fools in all the world than that crowd of Jews walking around the walls of the city blowing trumpets, thinking they are going to capture it! Beloved, listen, what seems foolish in the eyes of the world, is wisdom in the eyes of God. It was a mighty foolish thing so the world would think, but it was what God told those Jews to do. At the end of that seventh

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time around the city on that seventh day, the walls fell down flat and victory came to the Jews because God had directed what they had done.

Let me ask you a question tonight: Do you have any walls in front of you? Do you have any problems that rise up before you that seem almost too great for you to conquer? Are there any problems that, seemingly, are just a little bit bigger than you are able to handle? Are there any burdens which are a little greater than you are able to take care of? Let me remind you that back there long years ago when man couldn't tear down the walls, man could trust God and God did what man could not do.

Several years ago when I was just a boy preacher, an engineering firm who made a specialty of building railroad tunnels and long span bridges over great bodies of water, put an advertisement in a daily paper. This was the advertisement: "Got any rivers you think are uncrossable? Got any mountains you can't tunnel through? We specialize in doing the impossible. We do what no one else can do." Listen, beloved, that is exactly what God does. I would ask you tonight if you have any rivers you think are uncrossable, any mountains you can't tunnel through, any walls that you can't climb over? God specializes in doing the impossible—God does what man can't

II

NOW COME WITH ME TO THE SECOND WORD OF MY SUBJECT — "GATES." 12th chapter of Acts, we find the story of Simon Peter in prison. The Word of God tells us that he was shut up to be killed.

"Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept

"And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

"And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him: and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

"When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

"And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews." -Acts 12:5-11.

The Jews are going to kill Simon Peter on the morrow. It is going to be a big day within the city of Jerusalem-one more of these hated believers is going to be dispatched for eternity. They are going to decapitate him tomorrow, but tonight he is bound. A soldier is chained to him on either side so there is a chain on each hand. Between him and liberty are sixteen soldiers for he is guarded with four quaternions of soldiers, and between him and liberty there are

three gates. Imagine what a over one Baptist preacher! precautions they have take see to it that he does not est then are i -two chains, sixteen solventh and three gates stand between the three th and three gates stand be used them him and his liberty. Tomor and cast a it will be a big day within the fish is and when Simon doesn't worry about of money:

Simon doesn't worry that money: The word of God says sold Matthew is sleeping between two sold Matthew Let me tell you, beloved, a Simon I of God can rest when the woo, It was is in unrest. A child of God and he di sleep when the world all al him is not at rest. Simon pe with which him is not at rest. Simon which was sleeps though they are going the walker will him tomorrow. However, the angel of God came down what was smoot him and when he are don't smote him and when he a didn't was ened, his chains fell harmle all off his hands. He got up to him an started to follow this messed to the kin of God, and as he did, a custom or of God, and as he did, outlon or opened before him and six that co soldiers kept sleeping. He hitiated a little farther and another christ, Si opened, and a little farther the big iron gate outside entire enclosure, which ope of its own accord and per marched out to liberty, with gate closing behind him. Sixt or Jesus soldiers, two chains, three ga yet God's man went free, cause God took care of him. Let me ask you tonight all the pro

there any gates standing tween you and liberty? Do have any problems like Are there any burdens weigh down upon you until just don't see any way to beyond them? Oh, yes, I kill the answer on your part affirmative answer. I know isn't a person within this h of God tonight but what m times in your life you have to the same place, you have the same experience, you stood with a gate in front of and it didn't look like there any way in the world to the gate open, and it 10 like there was no way whe that gate might be opened what difficulties you and sometimes even materially within this world! What culties we find even so fall our physical health is con ed! What difficulties we fin our businesses, and as we to go through this life, eve our spiritual experiences our relationship with God how many times, even if W to put Him first, there to be a gate stand before and there is no way out.

Beloved, I would remind tonight that the same God opened up the path through Red Sea, the same God knocked down the walls of cho, the same God who op the gates and allowed Pete go free—that same God is ing down on us in Russe night. There isn't a diffic there isn't a burden, there a heartache, there isn't a that confronts you, nor a that stands before you, but the God that took care Jews in the past can take

III

LET'S COME TO THE TH WORD-"TAXES."

What an ever recurring lem, and yet, in this inst one that is most helpful sp ually to us. Listen:

"And when they were to Capernaum, they that ceived tribute money can Peter, and said, Doth not master pay tribute? He Yes. And when he was into the house, Jesus prev him, saying, What thinkest of the earth take custom of ute? of their own children of strangers?

"Peter saith unto him strangers. Jesus saith uni (Continued on page three

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three good on the taxes of three good on the tax tonight all the problems which confront wonderful it is that God knows have to wait for Simon Peter to Him about the problem. He dn't even have to wait for Man Peter to tell him what way to was on his mind, and the burpressing down upon him. the Lord Jesus knew that burten so that He asked Simon what meter a question.

u have of the wis-ou have of our Lord. He knew what Was in the mind of Simon Peter.

Dost thou know the balancorld to has of the clouds, the wondrous it looks of him which is PERay where PECT IN KNOWLEDGE?" — Job 37:16.

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pimon Peter didn't have to his Lord the burden that had. Jesus knew what that whether it be taxes that bother or irrespective of what the oblem may be that comes beyou_I'm glad our Lord lows all about it. You can't then tell Him, for He knows. l like the words of that old

song we sing-

here's never a heartache and never a groan, ever a tear-drop and never a

ever a danger but there on His throne,

throne, doment by moment He thinks of His own."

Beloved, look again: This lord tree not only shows that the Jesus Christ knows all our problems, but He is ord over the solution of lose problems. I see Him as He Simon Peter; as Peter to the sea, a fish comes up a coin in his mouth, with to pay their taxes. I tell beloved, the Lord Jesus hist is Lord over nature. He trols the sea, He controls the He controls the silver.

tell you tonight, beloved, it ether there is a wall before a gate in front of you that can't seem to open, or ther it's a problem of taxes, glad our Lord knows the ution for every problem.

IV

THE FOURTH WORD

In the book of 2 Corinthians

12:7-10, we read:

"And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

"For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

"Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I

What was Paul's thorn in the flesh? I don't know. Many a man has asked that question but not a man has been able to get the answer. It was some burden -it may have been physical eyesight, it may have been some physical impediment, it may have been any one of a thousand things that have been suggested. I don't know what the thorn in the flesh was, but I know Paul had something that annoyed him, that worried him just as much as a thorn would, if it were stuck in your finger. There wasn't much pleasure about it. You can realize it was not any pleasure to Paul. It was a source of irritation, aggrava-tion and grief, and one that Paul decided to talk to the Lord about.

When Paul got through praying, God shook His head—the answer was "No." A second time Paul came back to God and talked to the Lord. That thorn was gouging him a little harder. Its point was piercing him just a little more deeply. He was beginning to feel the burden of that thorn so much that he was dispairing of life. When he had finished talking to God the second time, He shook His head —the answer was "No." Days passed by and that thorn got to the place where it was unbearable. The point was going farther into his flesh. It was more irritating and aggravating than it had ever been, and when he can stand it no longer, he comes back to God and this time God answers as He has before—He shakes His head, but in addition, God says, "My grace is sufficient for you." Paul never asked another time for that thorn to be removed. From then on, he said, "I thank you for my thorn, I glory in my infirmities. If you will give me grace to bear it, I will glory in the infirmities You have placed upon

Maybe you have some thorn in your flesh tonight. Maybe there is some burden that is just as great to you as was Paul's thorn to him. Maybe you have been going to God and asking Him to take it away, and you should. Maybe God has ng vou just like answei He answered Paul. That's His business. May you learn this lesson tonight — whether God takes that thorn away, or whether God gives you grace to bear it, remember the thorn is of God's choosing.

Beloved, walls stand in front of us and we can't scale them; gates confront us that we can't open and pass through; taxes and other problems arise which we can't solve in any wise at all; the thorns press down upon our flesh and we can't remove them. What are we going to do? Beloved, I'm glad that the God who caused the walls of Jericho to fall down, that the God who opened the gates and allowed Simon Peter to go free, that the God who brought up the fish with the coin in his

mouth to pay the taxes for Peter and Himself, that the God who said, "My grace is sufficient for you" in spite of your thorn-I'm glad that God still lives today. I don't know anything that ought to be more encouraging. don't know anything that ought to lift your soul and make you go out tonight thankful and rejoicing that you can trust Him and depend upon Him for tomorrow's problems and the burdens which come to you. There will be plenty of thorns to press against your flesh and plenty of gates which seem barred before you, and plenty of walls which will be hard to scale; but, beloved, the same God who led in the ages gone by, is the God for you and me to depend upon

WHAT'S HIS PROMISE?

Listen: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." -Phil. 4:19.

What's His promise?

tonight.

"And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." Psa. 50:15.

What's the promise?

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I WILL NEVER LEAVE THEE, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."-Heb. 13:5, 6.

What's the promise?

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature . . . and lo, I AM WITH YOU ALWAY, even unto the end of the age."

Sinner friend, I don't know how you face your daily bur-

Mine are hard enough when I have Jesus to fall back upon. Mine are difficult enough even with Him to depend upon. I often look at you as I preach and I wonder how the lost man or woman who comes here is able to face his problems and carry his burdens, knowing he is carrying them all by himself. you need the same God that I am depending upon. You need that same Jesus that I have been preaching to you.

Beloved, tonight, the only way that God can be your God and Jesus can be your Saviour is by simple faith and trust in Him. Years ago the Philippian jailer asked, "What must I do to be saved?" And the answer came back to him, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

Would you like to depend upon God who can take care of you, who knows all about you, who knows how to handle every problem? I'll tell you how you can be in communion with Him —Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." (John 14:6)

May God bless you and may God help you to find the way to the Father through Jesus

SEEKING UNTO THE DEAD

(Continued from page one) partner, the Devil. As one who has long hoped for it a new lease of life, I am grateful to the author of "The Witch" for leading the way towards what may be renaissance of the black arts' ("Times", 12th November, 1913).

But it is not only sorcery, which Isaiah foretells, but especially its allied art,

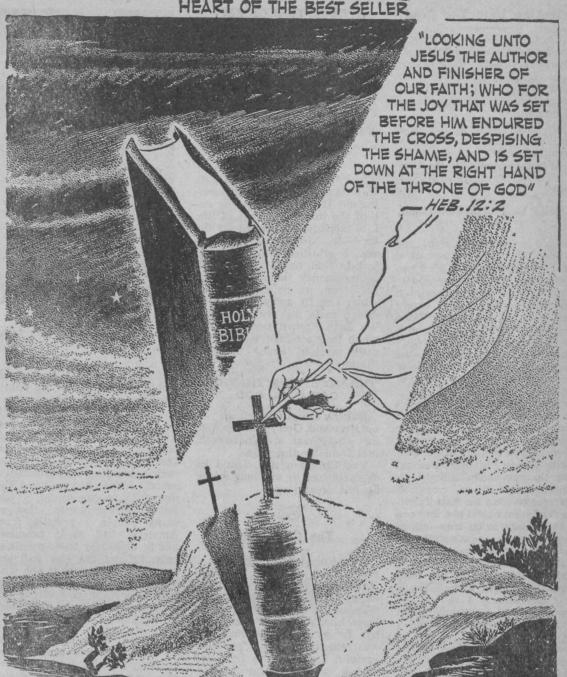
NECROMANCY,

or the invocation of the dead: they "seek unto the dead." At the present moment the great questions of the world beyond the grave are pressing upon us from every side, and it is probable that since earth began there have never been so many who are seeking their loved and lost in the consulting-rooms of the Necromancer. An office was opened years ago, at Mowbray House, near the Strand, for a regular exchange of messages with friends beyond the grave. Of this so-called "bureau" Miss Stead remarks: "In all, over 600 persons received help and consolation during the three years of the bureau's activity, and were confident that they had been brought into communication with their loved ones who had passed on before." It is exceedingly striking that Sir Oliver Lodge, himself a spiritualist, discovered the atmosphere of tragic gloom that fills this world of the reputed dead, but of actual demons, who, without compunction, trifle with the tions of bereaved souls by impersonating their dead. "I should judge," Sir Oilver says (Strand Magazine, December, 1916) "that remorse is rather a notable feature of the discarnate mental state; and that the feeling may be akin to that sadly felt by us in the night watches.

THE DOOM OF THE NECROMANCER

is assured—if unrepentant—because of what he is. "There shall not be among you a consulter with a familiar spirit, or (Continued on page four)

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Seeking Unto The Dead

(Continued from page three) a wizard, or a necromancer, for whosoever doeth these things is an ABOMINATION unto the Lord" (Duet. 18:11). The terrible Day of the Lord awaits the Necromancer.

Not only is Sorcery named as one of the great sins of the last days (Rev. 9:21), but one of the eight classes occupying the Lake of Fire are Sorcerers also (Rev. 21:8).

WHAT IS THEIR PECULAR SIN?

It is leaving the Word of God to seek the dead. "On behalf of the living should they seek unto the dead? To the law and to the testimony! If they speak not according to this word, surely there is no light in them." When faith departs, superstition enters like a flood. Of the false prophets-the "mediums"-the Apostle John says: "They are of the world: therefore speak as of the world, and the world heareth them" (I John 4:5). It is the sin of Saui, who, when he left God, became a necromancer, he turned his back on the Divine Word, and in the day of his desperate sorrow, invoked Samuel from the grave. The Rev. W. H. Clagett, ex-medium, says: "I have yet to meet the first Spiritualist of whom I did not find one of two things to be true-either they were renegade Church members who had given up their faith or they were persons under deep conviction from the Holy Spirit, and had driven away their convictions. I do not say it is true of all Spiritualists: but I have never met one (and I have met a great many) of whom it was not true" ("The Mask Torn Off," p. 5).

For all wounded hearts, who yearn for "the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still," there is a better way. "Should not a people seek unto their God?" Shall the living seek unto the dead, instead of to the living God? Is it not a colossal blunder to seek life among the dead, and to invoke sinners like ourselves whose day of probation is over, rather than the Lord of all life? (See Isa. 38:18).



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The deception that one is without sin. (I Jno. 1:8) Many of the holiness sects thus deceive themselves. A man may deceive himself into thinking that he is sinless but he doesn't deceive his wife, his neighbors or his mother-in-law, and especially God.

The deception that one is a "good" Christian—very religious—when at the same time he has no control over his tongue. (See James 1:26) That tongue may be a nagging tongue, a cursing tongue, a gossiping tongue, or just a "blabbing" tongue.

The deception that one is a big somebody. (Galat. 6:3) We are told elsewhere that one should not think of himself "more highly than he ought to think." The "big shot" delusion is very common, and it is a manifestation of egotism. When people find fault too readily with others; when they are forever yammering about the short comings of others, the thing that is wrong is egotism. Their inner attitude is, "I am better than these other people."

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DECEPTION OF SIN

We read in the Bible about the "deceitfulness of sin." One going headlong in sin thinks he is having a grand time, and that he can go on having such without paying the "fiddler." The glamor of sin blinds the eyes. Suddenly the bubble bursts one day, and what an awakening!

THE DECEPTION OF RICHES

The Bible speaks of this also. How do riches deceive? By causing one to forget everything except the material things of life. Life is made so pleasant for the time—the desires of the flesh are so gratified, that a person forgets that riches cannot last. Either money takes wings and flies from us, or else we take wings and fly away from it. In either case, we are separated. We have known persons who, when they attained wealth, became careless about spiritual things.

THE DECEPTION THAT ONE CAN FOOL GOD

But the Scriptures tell us, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

The Christian life should be characterized by one long watch against deceptions.



(Continued from page one) the Messiah to come any day. He nodded his head and tears of joy filled his eyes as he said, "Amen!" It was hard for me to leave him. As I bade him goodbye he grasped my hand and was reluctant to let it go. How grateful I am to the Lord for having permitted me to see father again. That in itself compensated for the time, money and strength expended for the long journey.

And how shall I describe that meeting face to face in his home in Jerusalem, with Rabbi Daniel Zion, the former Chief Rabbi of Bulgaria, that noted scholar who found Israel's Messiah through the reading of a New Testament. From the moment that I first heard and read about him, I have thanked God for his courage in boldly proclaiming his faith in the Messiah, calling upon his people to re-examine the claims of Jesus of Nazareth, reminding them that His trial nineteen centuries ago was the greatest miscarriage of justice, that they will never know peace and hope until they accept Him. I was quite surprised to learn that I was no stranger to him nor to his wife who informed me that she had distributed hundreds of copies of the little booklet, "A Jew, A Book, A Miracle" which contains my story and with blessed results. For some time I have had the conviction that God raised up Rabbi Zion for just such an hour as this; and since seeing him that conviction has been strengthened ten-fold. It is simply wonderful how the Lord has already blessed the efforts of this modern hero of the cross. A goodly number of his former congregation in Bulgaria, now in Israel, have already followed his example in accepting the Messiah. During the week I was there he proclaimed Christ to an audience of more than three hundred Jewish people. And I should not be surprised but that the present widespread search for the truth is largely the outcome of this man's own conversion. Prayers have gone up in behalf of this servant of the Lord. But he needs more than prayers. When I asked him what his greatest need was, he and the other missionaries who had

accompanied me to his home,



On the right is the very aged father of Jacob Gartenhaus the first photograph ever made of him in life and then when he wasn't noticing.

said that it was a building which would provide a hall for public meetings, a place for inquirers and also a home for himself. As it was, he was living in a small room in a damp basement, and I wept in my heart when I saw it. What a shame! "Can such a building be secured?" I asked. "Yes, if you have the money," was the reply. Then Rabbi Zion remarked that so many people, especially from America, had made promises but to date they were promises only. "If not one else will answer this need, here is one who will," I said. Tears of joy came into their eyes as well as my own and we fell to our knees in thanks to God.

Friends, I would rather cut off my right arm than fail to keep my promise. I do not know of a greater investment of the Lord's money than in the land of Israel today, for truly the Lord is setting His hand "again the second time to recover the remnant of His people." (Isaiah 11:11). We also read, "Thou shalt arise and have mercy upon Zion for the time to favor her, yea the set time, has come. And, "And when the Lord shall build up Zion He shall appear in His glory." (Psalm 102:13, 16). And just as surely as the rebuilding is now taking place, so shall the Lord appear in His glory. Our Blessed Saviour must have had these present day happenings in mind when he said, 'And when these things begin to come to pass then look up, and lift up your heads for your redemption draweth nigh." (Luke 21:28). I feel like shouting when I meditate on these

From the moment we launched out on faith into a worldwide ministry among Israel, God has set His seal of approval upon it. He has opened doors to us which others have not been able to enter, as for example our ministry behind the "iron curtain." Mission boards which have millions of dollars at their disposal have not been able to penetrate that curtain. He has led us to pioneer into Old Mexico among the 100,000 Jews there. We have just opened a mission center among the three million Jews in New York City. Read more about this new venture in The Everlasting Nation. Lack of space forbids us to tell what God is enabling us to do in other lands. There is simply no limit to the oppor-

Many are the appeals which reach the ears of God's people, but here is a challenge that should move the hearts of every born again believer and student of God's Word, for verily in winning Israel to Christ, we shall through them win the world.

Are We Honest With God?

(Continued from page one) count for how we have used His goods.

"Salvation belongeth unto the Lord." (Psalm 3:8) "Salvation is of the Lord." (Jonah 2:9) And yet men are constantly trying to lay claim to a part or all of their salvation. Such is not honest.

"Power (strength) belongeth unto God." (Psalm 62:11) And yet we live and act as if the strength of our mind and body was our own and self-produced. We dishonestly deceive ourselves.

"Vengeance belongeth unto me. I will recompense, saith the Lord." (Heb. 10:30) And we so often try to take matters into our own hands and settle affairs ourselves. Every attempt to "get even" with people is stealing, for we take that which belongs to God.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." (Psalm 24:1) "Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." (Psalm 50:10) "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts." (Hag. 2:8) From these plain declarations of the Lord's eternal Word we can easilly see that we, and all about us, belongs only to the Lord, and that by the unquestionable right of creation.

In relationships that exist between man and man, in what we call human "ownership," we have signs of ownership, definite portions to be rendered to the "owner" in return for the privilege on money, and rent on property. No honest person questions the rights of property owners, and expects to render the specified amount required for its use.

God has set up a sign of His absolute ownership to all things upon earth, and that sign, or monument, is the tithe, or a tenth of all increase. This was clearly stated to Israel, "All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord. And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof. And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." (Lev. 27:30-32)

So many people entirely lose sight of the real significance of the principle of the tithe by confusing it with the Mosaic law. But, it is a fundamental principle of honest dealing with God, and He has used it, and

still ordains the use of it, in support of His gospel work workers on the earth. St. Cor. 9:13-14)

Since the tithe is the L and it is holy unto the His part is to be definitely aside for His own use. We tainly are not honest if we it for ourselves. He called people robbers when they to render unto Him tithes offerings. (See Malachi 3:8

Would we consider a rehonest if he settled all his cery, doctor, clothing, editional, entertainment bills, before he paid the rent opproperty? Certainly not. We consider one honest if refused to pay interest on rowed money because he somebody else? Assuredly

God's tithe come first, all of everything else without exception. And His blessings on us when we are honest. Him make the nine-tenths much further than the word could possibly go. (See at the promise in Mal. 3:10.)

If we really believe that we are and have belongs God, let us begin right now render honest account unto Such joy that you never will be yours. If you don't lieve it, try it honestly and scientiously for a year, watch the results spiritually materially. God's Word is as true in Mal. 3:8-10 as in John 3:16.

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How God Saved

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He said: "I see salvation only and alone in the fact C died for my sins. I would a million worlds to rejoice like you do." I said. "Why you?" He said, "How can I I live in mortal fear of it?" I said, "Can't the Christ who died for you, to s you, and rose again-Can keep you?" He said, "Bu man in the garden was per and he sinned and fell, all redemption we are put back a par with man in the g why can't we sin and fa said, "We not only can, bi will. Every time man is back on a par with man if garden, he will sin and fall

"But," I said, "The angels God's creatures, but not children. 'For unto which of angels said he at any time, art my son, this day have gotten thee? And again, be to him a father and he be to me a son?' (Hebrews Yet man in the garden lower creature of God angels, 'For thou hast made (man) a little lower than gels.' (Ps. 8:5). Man, the of the two, sinned and fell, riads of angels sinned a also. There is no redemption fallen angels. 'God spared angels that sinned, but cast down to hell, and deliv them into chains of darknes be reserved unto judgment Peter 2:4) But 'When the ness of time was come, God forth his son, made of a wo made under the law, might redeem them that under the law, that we receive the adoption of (Gal. 4:4).

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