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How The Devil Carries On Deceptions

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The Bible warns repeatedly against deceptions of various kinds, and the human race is prone to deception. The devil is the great deceiver, and some of his children partake of the characteristics of their father. Let us take note of some of the deceptions that human beings are susceptible to.

SATAN'S DECEPTION OF THE NATIONS

(See Rev. 20:10) He has deceived nations into the belief through all the centuries that war is profitable. Hence the continual warring of nations. During the Millennium there will be

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)

and familiar to his beck and call) and unto the wizards' (Isa. 8:19); that is, in days of gloom and sorrow and judgment, the people are forseen flocking to the consulting rooms of the Sorcerer, and seeking to take the people of God with them to inquire into an ominous future.

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 (Continued on page three)

The Challenge Of The Open Door

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These lines are being written en route home from what I consider the most glorious missionary journey to the Land of Israel and Europe, and the heart of this humble servant is overflowing with praise and thanksgiving.

Three compelling forces drew me to Israel: 1. The longing to perhaps for the last time, as an aged and feeble father who has been a Rabbi in Jerusalem for many years and for whom many prayers have gone up. 2. To make the personal acquaintance of that renowned former Chief Rabbi of Bulgaria, Daniel Zislin, whose remarkable conversion has rocked the Jewish world. 3. A letter from our representative in Israel, a man who knows the pulse beat of the people as few men do, in which he wrote of the dissatisfaction on the part of the Jewish intelligentsia, the wide-spread spiritual hunger, the quest for the truth as evidenced by the great demand for the scriptures and the eagerness to study the claims of Christ. "I could put to the

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 of Israel?

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)

HOW GOD SAVED A YOUNG PREACHER

In a Texas town I sat one night in the home of a most brilliant intellect, a marvelous personality—a young Methodist evangelist. Twelve o'clock came. Then one. Then two. Three! Then four, and day-break, and at seven his wife came in and announced breakfast. I said, "I must go and get a little sleep. I speak at ten. Then this afternoon and again tonight." I asked him to go to my room. I gave him T. T. Martin's "God's Plan for Men." He was at the afternoon Bible lecture. He had finished the book. He asked me, after the lecture, to go for a walk with him. We walked three (Continued on page four)

The First Baptist Pulpit

"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 per-

sonally 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)

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 Saviour.

It is interesting to consider this 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- (Continued on page four)

WALLS, GATES, TAXES, THORNS AND PROMISES

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Then are the children free. Notwithstanding lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee."—Matthew 17:24-27.

Simon Peter got "the blues" too. It was the time to pay taxes and he didn't have the money with which to pay them. When he walked into the house, the Lord Jesus didn't have to ask him what was wrong. He knew what was in his mind, and He didn't allow him to tell Him about it, but rather, He spoke to him and said "... of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute?" Growing out of that conversation which was initiated by the Lord Jesus Christ, Simon Peter, following instructions of our Lord, went down to the sea and took up the first fish that came up, taking a coin out of its mouth, and with that coin paid the taxes for Jesus and for himself.

Oh, how wonderful is the knowledge of our Lord! How wonderful it is that God knows all the problems which confront His children. He didn't even have to wait for Simon Peter to tell Him about the problem. He didn't even have to wait for Simon Peter to tell him what was on his mind, and the burden pressing down upon him. The Lord Jesus knew that burden so that He asked Simon Peter a question.

Oh, how marvelous is the wisdom of our Lord. He knew what was in the mind of Simon Peter. Listen:

"Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is PERFECT IN KNOWLEDGE?" — Job 37:16.

"Great is our Lord, and of great power: his UNDERSTANDING IS INFINITE." — Psa. 147:5.

Simon Peter didn't have to tell his Lord the burden that he had. Jesus knew what that burden was. I'm glad that whether it be taxes that bother you, or irrespective of what the problem may be that comes before you—I'm glad our Lord knows all about it. You can't even tell Him, for He knows.

I like the words of that old song we sing—

"There's never a heartache and never a groan,
Never a tear-drop and never a moan;
Never a danger but there on His throne,
Moment by moment He thinks of His own."

Beloved, look again: This Scripture not only shows that the Lord Jesus Christ knows all about our problems, but He is the Lord over the solution of those problems. I see Him as He directs Simon Peter; as Peter goes to the sea, a fish comes up with a coin in his mouth, with which to pay their taxes. I tell you, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ is Lord over nature. He controls the sea, He controls the fish, He controls the silver. I tell you tonight, beloved, it doesn't make any difference whether there is a wall before you, a gate in front of you that you can't seem to open, or whether it's a problem of taxes, I'm glad our Lord knows the solution for every problem.

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THE FOURTH WORD IS "THORNS."
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 strong."

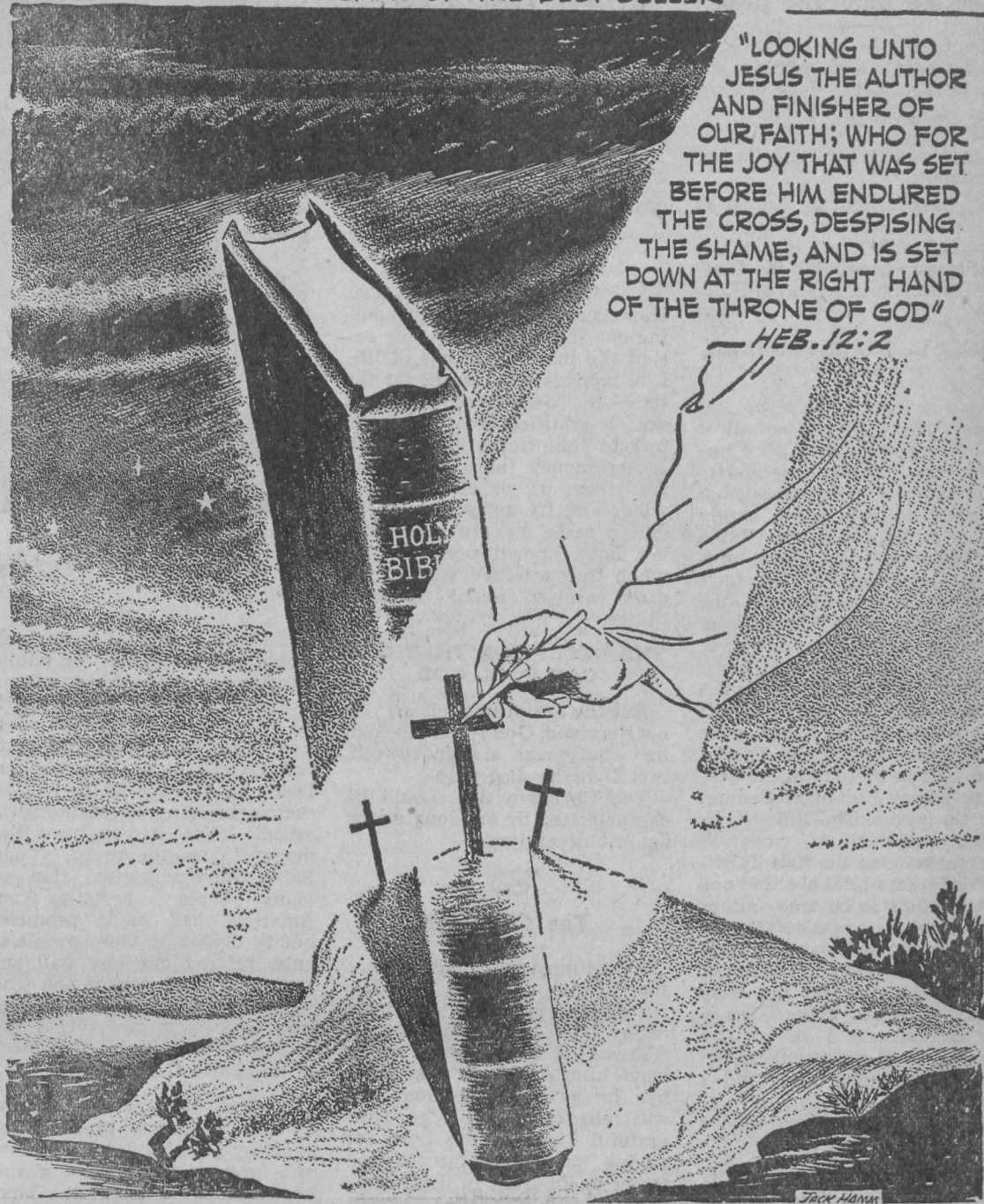
What was Paul's thorn in the flesh? I don't know. Many a man has asked that question but not a man has been able to get the answer. It was some burden—it may have been physical eyesight, it may have been some physical impediment, it may have been any one of a thousand things that have been suggested. 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, aggravation 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 despairing 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 me."

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 been answering you just like 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

HEART OF THE BEST SELLER



"LOOKING UNTO JESUS THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH; WHO FOR THE JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS, DESPISING THE SHAME, AND IS SET DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD" — HEB. 12:2

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. I 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 tonight.

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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?

"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 ALWAYS, even unto the end of the age."

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

dens. 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 Christ.

SEEKING UNTO THE DEAD

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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 emotions of bereaved souls by impersonating their dead. "I should judge," Sir Oliver 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

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If you would succeed, work your tongue little, your hands much, your brains most.

Seeking Unto The Dead

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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 Sauri, 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. Claggett, 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).

Deceptions

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mentioned in the Bible?

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 shortcomings of others, the thing that is wrong is egotism. Their inner attitude is, "I am better than these other people."

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.



The Challenge

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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 truths.

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 opportunities.

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?

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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 easily 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 on the earth. See Cor. 9:13-14)

Since the tithe is the Lord's and it is holy unto the Lord, His part is to be definitely aside for His own use. We are not to use it for ourselves. He called people robbers when they failed to render unto Him tithes and offerings. (See Malachi 3:8-10)

Would we consider a man honest if he settled all his taxes, doctor, clothing, educational, entertainment bills, before he paid the rent on his property? Certainly not. Would we consider one honest if he refused to pay interest on borrowed money because he owed somebody else? Assuredly not.

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

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

—A. M. Overton

How God Saved

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miles up the railroad. We were ed back. In the lower edge of the railroad we sat down on a pile of cross ties.

He said: "I see salvation only and alone in the fact that Christ died for my sins. I would give a million worlds to rejoice in like you do." I said, "Why do you?" He said, "How can I live in mortal fear of loss if I live in mortal fear of loss?" I said, "Can't the same Christ who died for you, to save you, and rose again—Can't he keep you?" He said, "But, before his redemption we are put back a par with man in the garden, why can't we sin and fall?" I said, "We not only can, but we will. Every time man is put back on a par with man in the garden, he will sin and fall."

"But," I said, "The angels are God's creatures, but not God's children. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, 'Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a father and he shall be to me a son?' (Hebrews 1:5) Yet man in the garden was a lower creature of God than the angels. For thou hast made him (man) a little lower than angels." (Ps. 8:5). Man, the lower of the two, sinned and fell. The angels, 'God spared them also. There is no redemption for angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness. They are reserved unto judgment.' (Peter 2:4) But 'When the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his son, made of a woman, made under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons' (Gal. 4:4).

There was a deathly silence. That young preacher Evangelist ripped out a yell to the top of his voice—"Glory," and his head fell over on my shoulder and he sobbed and cried and cried and sobbed for joy.

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