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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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Concerning Christian Consistency

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Some writer has exclaimed, "Oh consistency, thou art a well!" That writer could have said that twice. So many of our professions are contradictory. So many people are at war with themselves. So many people make professions, then live in ways utterly inconsistent with those professions. During the last few years we have seen many examples of inconsistency in connection with our federal government, and federal officials. Our government professes to be opposed to commun-

ism—yet coddles communists and communist sympathizers. Tons of communist propaganda are allowed to go through our mails. We send armies to Korea to fight communists, yet allow supplies and war materials to be shipped to the reds in Korea, right by our fleet, unmolested.

But let us note some inconsistencies among Christian people:

The practice of Christians supporting their church with time and money, then turning right around and supporting institutions of the devil, which would if possible, destroy their

church. Christians do this when they patronize the movies, prize fights, jook joints, horse and dog races, etc. That's like a soldier who fights on one side—then goes over and fights a while on the opposing side. The vast majority of church members are thus inconsistent with themselves.

The practice of church members calling a pastor, then seeking to keep him from succeeding. This is one of the most widespread practices of this day. No business concern will choose a manager, then try to (Continued on page four)

How God's People May Enjoy Each Other Daily

When the people of Israel left Egypt we read, "And a mixed multitude went up also with them" (Ex. 12:38). These were descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and therefore Israelites at all. They should have undertaken the journey with the chosen of the Lord. We read, "And the mixed multitude that was among them lusteth: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat." (Nu. 11:4). It was the

mixed multitude who were not willing and able to "endure afflictions", that caused so much of the murmuring and rebellion and kept the children of Israel in the wilderness for forty years. The rejoicing of the Lord's people in every age has been much hindered because there are some among them who have not experienced genuine repentance toward God and heart faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE LORD'S PEOPLE CAN ENJOY EACH OTHER IF ALL ARE SPIRITUALLY MINDED.

It is possible for some Christians to be carnally minded while others are spiritually minded. "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; (separation) but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God." (Ro. 8:5 to 8). The carnally minded Christian and the spiritually minded (Continued on page four)

HOW YOU SHOULD MAKE YOUR WILL

You do not have a right to have your money to anyone you wish. Of course, the law of the land permits you to make your will as you please, and when you leave it to establish a home for pet humming birds, your wishes will be followed, but the law of God undoubtedly will hold you responsible for leaving any of your money to anyone who is not born again, even if he is your own child.

A report from London, re-minds that Edward John Dene, school principal, made this provision in his \$56,000 will, which was probated recently, that any beneficiary who is an atheist, or openly professes a disbelief in the existence of God, shall forfeit all rights under this will.

It would be a good thing if people who have some of the world's money to leave would leave it to it, that none of it goes to any human being who would support it in godless living, in support of modernistic unbelief, in any other way that would be contrary to the will of God set forth in the Word of God. After all Christ said, "He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me" (Mt. 10:37). It would necessarily follow that if you do not love more of Christ than you (Continued on page four)

There are too many praying for peace with their fists clenched.

One Day At A Time

One day at a time, with its failures and fears,
With its hurts and mistakes, with its weakness and tears,
With its portion of pain and its burden of care;
One day at a time we must meet and must bear.

One day at a time to be patient and strong;
To be calm under trial and sweet under wrong;
Then its toiling shall pass and its sorrow shall cease;
It shall darken and die, and the night shall bring peace.

One day at a time—but the day is so long,
And the heart is not brave, and the soul is not strong,
O Thou pitying Christ, be Thou near all the way;
Give courage and patience and strength for the day.

Swift cometh His answer, so clear and so sweet;
"Yea, I will be with thee, thy troubles to meet;
I will not forget thee, nor fail thee, nor grieve;
I will not forsake thee; I never will leave."

Not yesterday's load we are called on to bear,
Nor the morrow's uncertain and shadowy care;
Why should we look forward or back with dismay?
Our needs, as our mercies, are but for the day.

One day at a time, and the day is His day;
He hath numbered its hours, though they haste or delay.
His grace is sufficient; we walk not alone;
As the day, so the strength that He giveth His own.

—Annie Johnson Flint

QUESTIONS FOR SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS

1. Where is the proof that any man ever kept the seventh day, except by special commandment, prior to the proclamation of the ten commandments at Mount Sinai? (Gen. 2:2, 3; Ex. 16:1-30; 20:1-17.)
2. If Christians are required to keep the seventh day, why do you depart from your dwelling on that day, seeing those to whom the law was given were plainly commanded not to do so? (Ex. 16:29.)
3. If you keep one Sabbath—the seventh day—why not keep them all, the seventh year and the year of Jubilee? Who authorized you to make distinction in favor of the seventh day? (Lev. 25:1-22.)
4. If Christians are required to keep the Sabbath, how are they to live in cold climates? (Ex. 35:1-3.)
5. Why did Jesus not require the young ruler to keep the Sabbath when enumerating the commandments? (Matt. 19:16-20; Mark 10:17-22; Luke 18:18-24.)
11. When did patriarch, prophet, or apostle, or anybody else, command any Gentile to keep the law of Moses? No dodging!

Some Of The Blessings Possessed By God's Own

A gentleman who owned a small estate wished to sell it. He sent for a real estate agent and asked him to write an advertisement telling about the estate. When the advertisement was ready, the agent took it to the gentleman, and read it to him. "Read that again," said the owner. The agent read the description of the estate once more. "I don't think I will sell," said the gentleman. "I have been looking for an estate like that all my life, and I did not know that I owned it." So it is with our blessings. We have had them all along and did not know it. Blessings of health, father, mother, sisters, brothers, home, food, clothing, school, freedom, playtime.

Negative blessings in Romans 8:
No more condemnation—(v. 1).
No more bondage—(vv. 2-4).
No more unrest—(v. 6).
No more fear—(vv. 14-15).
No more doubt—(v. 16).
No more poverty—(v. 17).
No more anxiety—(v. 28).
No more defeat—(vv. 31-37).
No more separation—(vv. 38-39).

Positive Blessings
The position, possessions, and prospects of the Christian are briefly described in four sets of sevens:
Seven things "we are:" Forgiven (I John 2:12); Reconciled (II Cor. 5:18); Saved (Eph. 2:8); Sanctified (Heb. 10:10); Sons (I John 3:2); Heirs (Ro. 8:17). (Continued on page four)

BASEBALL'S HALL OF FAME ADDS TWO

Two of the great all-time hitters of baseball—the late Harry Heilmann of the Detroit Tigers and Pittsburgh's Paul Waner—were named to baseball's Hall of Fame.
Chosen by a vote of baseball writers, they became the sixty-first and sixty-second to be enshrined at Cooperstown, N. Y.
Heilmann, four times batting champion of the American League back in the roaring twenties, died last July 9 in Detroit at the age of fifty-six. He had spent the last fifteen years broadcasting Detroit games.
Waner—"Big Poison" of the famous Pirates brother team that awed enemy pitchers through two decades—is now fifty years old and a resident of Sarasota, Fla.
Paul, three years older than brother Lloyd, led National League hitters in 1927, 1934 and 1936.

His chief claim to everlasting fame, however, is that during his big league career he poled out 3,152 hits—the only other National Leaguer besides Honus Wagner to reach the 3,000 goal in what is regarded as modern times.
It can be reverently stated that God has a "Hall of Fame." The "hits" and "runs" that please Him are all acts of faith. This can be seen by a careful reading of Hebrews 11. "Faith is (Continued on page three)

The First Baptist Pulpit

"The Marriage Of The Lamb"

(Read Rev. 19:1-10).

In human life no event excites the emotions, stirs the affections, and stimulates hope like that of matrimony. As I look back over the thousands of weddings that I have performed, I can think of many experiences which amply prove this to be true.

It has always been my custom to instruct the bride and groom to answer, "I do" to the questions which I shall ask. I remember one lad, years ago, who became unduly excited and

who said, "I do, yeah."
On another occasion a man fifty-three years of age, in answer to the question, not only said "I do" but he continued to say it some half dozen or more times, until I interrupted him with another question.

On another occasion when I told the couple to join their right hands, the man held up his hand as though he were going to take an oath in court. It is true that he was about to receive a life sentence, yet it was hardly necessary that he

swear his life away.

I can also remember some excitement on the day when I was married. Mrs. Gilpin was wearing a little two-piece suit with a pocket on the right side of the jacket. I had given the minister a five-dollar bill for his service in advance of the wedding and he in turn had given it to Mrs. Gilpin, who dropped it loose into the side pocket of her jacket. While the ceremony was taking place, she became so excited that she tore (Continued on page two)

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the five-dollar bill into shreds. I thereupon decided that she wasn't a fit subject for handling money and I haven't given her any since. While I am speaking of her excitement, I might as well be honest and admit that the same was true with me. I wasn't married until after four o'clock in the afternoon, yet I was fully dressed for the wedding by twelve o'clock noon.

I cite these few incidents just to show you that there is no event which excites, stirs, and stimulates like that of marriage.

So it is with the marriage of the Lamb. The Bible is just one long love story. From Genesis to Revelation this is true. It thrills our souls to think of this coming wedding which will be the consummation of all of Christ's promises.

It is rather interesting to notice the following elements which go to make up the marriage of the Lamb.

I

THE BRIDEGROOM.

This will be God's only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Although there are many points of difference concerning other elements which will make up this marriage, I suppose that there is none who would doubt or say that the bridegroom was any other than the Lord Jesus Himself.

Several Scriptures indicate this to be true.

"Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridegroom mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the BRIDEGROOM shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast."—Mt. 9:14, 15.

"The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son."—Mt. 22:2.

"Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled."—John 3:28, 29.

"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."—II Cor. 11:2.

In the parable of the Ten Virgins it is plainly indicated that the bridegroom is the Lord Jesus. When the five foolish virgins asked that the door be

opened in their behalf, Jesus said:

"Watch therefore; for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."—Mt. 25:13.

Surely this could mean nothing except that the Son of man—our Lord Jesus—is the bridegroom.

II

THE BRIDE.

It is not so easy to identify the bride nor will all Christians agree as to my interpretation. In fact, many Baptists within our own denomination would hardly agree as to what I shall say.

At the very outset, let me insist that the bride will NOT be the sum total of all the redeemed of God. To me, this is the most ridiculous position that any Baptist preacher can take to say that all the redeemed compose the bride. Why should I contend against alien immersion and for close communion, as well as contend against union meetings and denounce the universal church, if, after a while I and all true Baptists and all the heretics as to church truth are going to be on the same plane and each of us a part of the bride? If I believed that all of the redeemed would compose the bride, I would practice alien immersion, open communion, take part in union meetings, and never dare preach that Jesus established a Baptist church. Why contend for the few brief years of our lifetime for these doctrines if these doctrines are all going to be forgotten at the marriage of the Lamb?

I insist, beloved, that any Baptist preacher who thus believes that all of the redeemed will make up the bride puts himself in the most embarrassing position possible. I can see no reason for contending against schismatic heretics, if after a while, we are all going to be together.

I think the Scriptures make it clear that the bride will not be composed of all of the redeemed. Listen:

"The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee."—Psa. 45:13, 14.

It is highly conspicuous that "the King's daughter," who in this Scripture represents the bride, has a number of companions. Doubtlessly many will be saved who will be nothing more than the companions of the bride of Christ.

Here is another Scripture which would present the same truth:

"There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number. My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her."—Song of Solomon 6:8, 9.

While there is but one bride, there are many attendants. Doubtlessly there will be many saved people who will make up the queens, the concubines and virgins—the attendants—yet they will not in any wise at all be a part of the bride.

"And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."—Rev. 19:9.

It does this Scripture no violence to interpret the word

"called" as "invited." There will be many guests who will be called, or invited, to the wedding. These will be saved people but they will not be the bride.

THERE WILL BE NOBODY IN THE BRIDE BUT BAPTISTS. When Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, which was a Baptist church—that was the only kind of church that existed then—he said:

"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."—II Cor. 11:2.

While I would say that the bride will be composed only of Baptists, I DO NOT MEAN TO SAY THAT ALL BAPTISTS WILL BE IN THE BRIDE. There are many Baptists today whose doctrines are a disgrace to our Baptist name. I am definitely positive that the Baptists who have compromised church truths on the great doctrines of baptism and the Lord's Supper, that they will not in any wise at all be a part of the bride. Surely the Baptists whose doctrine has been a compromise for popularity's sake will not deserve to be a part of the bride. Likewise, the Baptists who have lived alone for this world and what it could offer will surely be nothing more than invited guests. Those Baptists who have been united with worldly organizations, such as fraternal organizations and who have put their time and money that ought to have gone to the cause of Christ into these worldly organizations—surely these will be in no wise a part of the bride. In other words no Mason, Oddfellow, Red Man or any other lodge man—no Catholic, Jew or Protestant—and no immoral, worldly compromising Baptist will be any part of the bride. The bride will be a very select number of those whose consecration, fidelity, and love of truth is unquestioned.

Let me insist, beloved, in the light of these Scriptures and likewise in the light of human reasoning that the bride will be a very small group—a select number of Baptists who have been loyal to the Word of God. I don't know just who will make up the bride, but I am positive that there will be a far greater number of guests and attendants than there will be of those who will compose the bride.

Don't misunderstand me: All saved people are going to Heaven, whether Baptists, Catholics, or Protestants. If redeemed by the blood of our Lord Jesus, then you are sure of Heaven, but you will not be in the bride unless your life and doctrine definitely conform to the Word of God.

III

THE REJECTED SUITORS.

No wedding would be complete without a list of those who "also ran." There will be a tremendous throng of these rejected suitors. All Catholics will be in this group. All Protestants will likewise be in this group.

Both the Catholics and the Protestants have offered their churches to the world, and the world, in the main, has accepted them. Some say that the voice of the majority is the voice of God. This is definitely untrue. The voice of the Bible is the voice of God.

The Bible definitely predicts the total destruction and the complete annihilation of both Catholicism and Protestantism. The book of Revelation tells us of an old whore and her harlot daughters.

"And there came one of the

TRUST.....



"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."—Prov. 37:25.

seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters; And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH!"—Rev. 17:1, 5.

This same chapter which so accurately describes Catholicism and Protestantism under the terms of impure women, also tells of their destruction.

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

This is also in accord with the teachings of our Lord in the day of His flesh for He likewise spoke of the destruction of these false churches.

"But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up."—Mt. 15:13.

Our Lord never planted the Catholics. They are the Devil's opposition and imitation of our Lord's true church. Our Lord never planted the various Protestant churches. They are man-made in every respect. Some of these days all these human and Satanic institutions will be rooted up.

Thus the Catholics and the various Protestants who have rejected the Word of God and the church which Jesus built, will themselves be rejected of our Lord. All of them that have been redeemed by the blood are saved and they will be in Heaven. However, they will not be a part of the bride. In the main, the most of these false churches are unsaved. Though they have falsely and deceptively claimed that they

are true churches, ultimately they will stand as the rejected suitors of our Lord Jesus.

IV

THE BRIDE'S DRESS.

It has not been imported from Paris, nor is it the creation of man. Instead, the bride is dressed in righteousness.

"Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."—Rev. 19:7, 8.

The Revised Version states just a little differently. It says, "For the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints."

I do not mean that the bride is dressed in her own righteousness. None of us possess righteousness in ourselves.

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all OUR RIGHTEOUSNESSES are as filthy rags."—Isa. 64:6.

Even the best there is about us appears as the worst of filth in the sight of God.

All the redeemed of the Lord will be clothed in the imputed righteousness of Christ. Whether in the bride or as an attendant, if redeemed you will be clothed in the imputed righteousness of Jesus.

The prophet Isaiah indicates that we are to be clothed in the robe of righteousness which has been provided by another.

"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for HE HATH CLOTHED ME with the garments of salvation, HE HATH COVERED ME with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels."—Isa. 61:10.

The robe of righteousness (Continued on page three)

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 imputed to us by Jesus
 himself. Listen:

"For what saith the Scrip-
 ture? Abraham believed God
 and it was COUNTED unto him
 for righteousness."—Rom. 4:3.

The word "counted" in this
 text is the word "imputed."
 The bride will be clothed
 in righteousness of her own,
 in righteousness which has
 been imputed to her by the Lord
 Jesus. In this instance the
 bride is the one who provides
 the dress. This is given the
 bride as a gift.

"For the wages of sin is death;
 but the gift of God is eternal life
 through Jesus Christ."—Rom. 6:23.

Thank God, it doesn't have to
 be paid for by our efforts, nor
 by our works, nor by the works
 of the church. Instead, it comes
 as a gift from God.

It is interesting that even the
 guests at the wedding will be
 dressed in like apparel. No man
 ever come into God's pres-
 ence in his own righteousness.
 He can only come there dressed
 in the righteousness of the Lord
 Jesus Himself. Thus even the
 guests who have been saved
 by grace but who have not been
 faithful in the matter of church
 membership and their loyalty
 to the Lord so that they are not
 counted to be a part of the bride
 even these who are saved will
 be dressed in the righteousness
 of our Lord Jesus Christ.

While it is true that all the
 guests will be clothed in the
 imputed righteousness of Christ,
 the text (Rev. 19:8) indicates
 that the bride will have an ad-
 ditional adornment. Listen:

"For the fine linen is the
 righteous deeds of the saints."
 Rev. 19:8.

What a day this will be for
 the Baptists! Catholics, Prot-
 estants, and interdenominational
 churches who have hated Baptist
 churches, Baptist baptism, and
 Baptist truth, which is Bible
 truth, will then be humbled.

They may sneer at true Bap-
 tists today who contend that
 the established only a Mis-
 sionary Baptist Church in the
 name of His flesh. They may
 mock Baptist baptism and "close
 communion." These heretics
 who are awfully narrow
 when it comes to our rejection
 of the universal church. Some
 say it will be a different story,
 and out most will be the
 Baptists have been hated
 through the ages.

don't know whether my
 faithfulness will entitle me to a
 position in the bride or not.
 However, regardless of who is
 saved, won't the bride really be
 "dressed up" when she is thus
 arrayed in those truths which
 heretics have rejected?

V

THE WEDDING SONG.

What a contrast this will be
 to the songs that are used in
 most weddings. It won't be "Oh,
 Promise Me," "Because," or "I
 Love You Truly." Instead of a
 song which might bring honor
 to man, this one brings honor
 and glory to God.

This song is actually the
 shouting of the righteous over
 the destruction of the old whore
 and her harlot daughters, or, in
 other words, it is the shouting
 of the righteous because of the
 destruction of the Roman Cath-
 olic church and the various
 Protestant organizations.

Four times in this chapter the
 saints of God shout, "Alleluia"
 over the destruction of these

false churches. Listen:

Rev. 19:1: "And after these
 things I heard a great voice of
 much people in heaven, saying,
 Alleluia; Salvation, and glory,
 and honor, and power, unto the
 Lord our God."

Rev. 19:3: "And again they
 said, Alleluia. And her smoke
 rose up for ever and ever."

Rev. 19:4: "And the four and
 twenty elders and the four
 beasts fell down and worship-
 ped God that sat on the throne,
 saying, Amen; Alleluia."

Rev. 19:6: "And I heard as it
 were the voice of a great mul-
 titude, and as the voice of many
 waters, and as the voice of
 mighty thunderings, saying, Al-
 leluia: for the Lord God omnip-
 otent reigneth."

By the time of this singing,
 Catholicism and Protestantism
 are a thing of the past. The old
 whore and her harlot daughters
 will have been destroyed. God
 has already rooted up those or-
 ganizations which He has not
 planted, and accordingly all the
 redeemed of the Lord now shout
 His praise as they sing over
 the destruction of these false
 apostate churches.

VI

CONTINUOUS LOVE SHALL CHARACTERIZE THIS WED- DING.

"The Lord hath appeared of
 old unto me, saying, Yea, I have
 loved thee with an everlasting
 love: therefore with loving-
 kindness have I drawn thee."—
 Jer. 31:3.

In God's sight marriage al-
 ways supposes continuous love.
 Jesus made such a declaration
 in the days of His flesh.

"And said, For this cause shall
 a man leave father and mother,
 and shall cleave to his wife:
 and they twain shall be one
 flesh? Wherefore they are no
 more twain, but one flesh. What
 therefore God hath joined to-
 gether, let no man put asunder."
 —Mt. 19:5, 6.

If there is anything which
 seriously troubles the virgin as
 she goes to the marriage altar,
 it is the question of continuous
 love. Will he prove fickle, or
 will he prove steadfast? Well,
 beloved, that question will never
 trouble the Heavenly bride since
 God's Word assures us of con-
 tinuous love.

"All things that are on earth
 shall wholly pass away,
 Except the love of God, which
 shall live and last for aye.
 The forms of men shall be as
 they had not been;
 The blasted groves shall lose
 their fresh and tender green;
 The birds of the thicket shall
 end their pleasant song,
 And the nightingale shall cease
 to chant the evening long,
 The kine of the pasture shall
 feel the dart that kills,
 And all the fair white flocks
 shall perish from the hills.
 The goat and antlered stag, the
 wolf and the fox,
 The wild boar of the wood, and
 the chamois of the rocks,
 And the strong and fearless
 bear, in the trodden dust shall
 lie;
 And the dolphin of the sea, and
 the mighty whale, shall die,
 And realms shall be dissolved,
 and empires be no more,
 And they shall bow to death,
 who ruled from shore to
 shore;
 And the great globe itself (so
 the holy writings tell),
 With the rolling firmament,
 where the starry armies dwell,
 Shall melt with fervent heat—
 they shall all pass away,
 Except the love of God, which
 shall live and last for aye."

VII

ABOUNDING JOY CHARAC- TERIZES THIS MARRIAGE.

This wedding is unlike all
 other weddings of the world in
 that there are none to get mad,
 and, furthermore, the joy never
 ends.

The reason for this abound-
 ing joy is found in the destruc-
 tion of Babylon. When Roman
 Catholicism and Protestantism
 are destroyed, a heavy load is
 lifted from the hearts of the
 universe. Then God's people go
 to this wedding with abounding
 joy within their souls. Listen:

"Let us be glad and rejoice,
 and give honor to him: for the
 marriage of the Lamb is come,
 and his wife hath made herself
 ready."—Rev. 19:7.

"With gladness and rejoicing
 shall they be brought: they shall
 enter into the King's palace."
 —Psa. 45:15.

VIII

THIS WEDDING MEANS A NEW HOME.

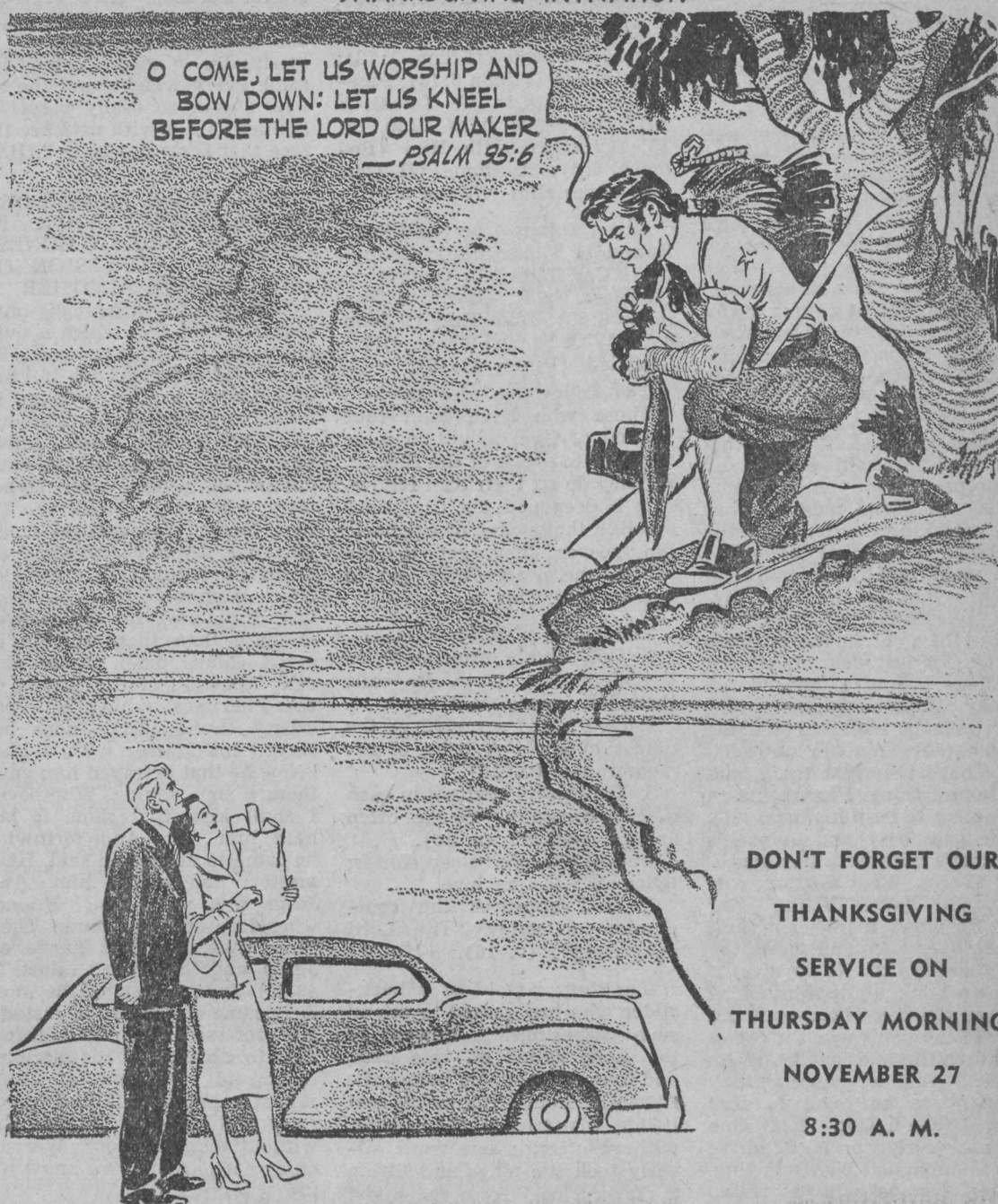
Rev. 21:22 gives us a detailed
 picture of this new home. Jesus,
 in the days of His flesh, spoke
 of this home which shall be ours
 some day.

"Let not your heart be trou-
 bled: ye believe in God, be-
 lieve also in me. In my Father's
 house are many mansions:
 if it were not so, I would have
 told you. I go to prepare a place
 for you. And if I go and prepare
 a place for you, I will come
 again, and receive you unto my-
 self; that where I am, there ye
 may be also."—John 14:1-3.

Pastoral duties often call me
 to very poor homes. Sometimes
 I am called into homes that
 resemble hovels rather than
 homes. Some day, beloved, these
 hovel-dwellers who know the

THANKSGIVING INVITATION

O COME, LET US WORSHIP AND
 BOW DOWN: LET US KNEEL
 BEFORE THE LORD OUR MAKER
 —PSALM 95:6



DON'T FORGET OUR
 THANKSGIVING
 SERVICE ON
 THURSDAY MORNING,
 NOVEMBER 27
 8:30 A. M.

Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour,
 are going up to mansions in the
 sky.

This will be true of all of the
 redeemed, but in a very special
 sense it will be true of the bride
 of Christ. For her faithfulness
 to Him and for her fidelity to
 the Word of God this home shall
 be one of a special joy.

On a cold November day an
 old Italian was peddling fruit
 on the streets of New York.
 Someone remarked concerning
 the inclemency of the weather.
 With this the Italian agreed,
 and then said, "But bye and
 bye 'tink of dat." He was think-
 ing about the time when he
 would get enough money to go
 back home. His mind wandered
 away from the cold November
 day to sunny Italy, and so the
 present was lost in prospect of
 the future. So it is with the
 child of God. We can forget the
 problems and cares and burdens
 of this life as we look forward
 to that glorious home that is
 awaiting us in the sky.

Some folk are not going to at-
 tend this wedding. We are defi-
 nitely assured that the wicked
 are not going to be there.

"But the fearful, and unbe-
 lieving, and the abominable, and
 murderers, and whoremongers,
 and sorcerers, and idolaters, and
 all liars, shall have their part in
 the lake which burneth with
 fire and brimstone: which is the
 second death."—Rev. 21:8.

Unsaved church members will
 not be there. Only those who
 have been redeemed by the
 blood of the Lord Jesus Christ
 will attend this wedding. Even
 many of these will be there only
 as guests. May you heed this
 Word of God and believe the
 Lord Jesus as your Saviour.

"Choose you this day whom
 ye will serve: whether the gods
 which your fathers served that

were on the other side of the
 flood, or the gods of the Amo-
 rites, in whose land ye dwell:
 but as for me and my house, we
 will serve the Lord."—Josh. 24:
 15.

"Therefore thus will I do un-
 to thee, O Israel: and because
 I will do this unto thee, prepare
 to meet thy God, O Israel."—
 Amos 4:12.

"Behold, now is the accepted
 time; behold, now is the day of
 salvation."

May it please the Lord to
 save your soul, and having been
 saved, may you be faithful to
 Him in all things; and when you
 come to the end of the way, God
 grant you shall be numbered as
 one of the bride.

Baseball's Hall Of Fame

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 mentioned no less than twenty-
 four times in the chapter.

"Without faith it is impossible
 to please Him" (verse 6). Faith
 is taking God at His word in
 spite of fears and feelings.
 "Faith cometh by hearing, and
 hearing by the Word of God."
 (Romans 10:17).

Firstly, one must believe the
 record God has given of His
 Son—particularly the account of
 the Son's death for our sins, and
 His resurrection for our justifi-
 cation.

Then one must "walk by faith,
 not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).
 Every act that springs from
 faith pleases God — and all
 who please Him receive their
 places in Faith's Hall of Fame.
 —Now

Consistency

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hinder him from succeeding. Business people have too much business sense to do such a thing. But often church members will talk against their pastor—influence people against their pastor—withhold cooperation from him. In this they hinder the work of their own church. How inconsistent for people to call a pastor—then seek to thwart him in his work.

The practice of church members belonging to one church, while at the same time spending most of their time at some other church. People don't do that sort of thing out in the business world. You know that you couldn't hold a job and draw pay from one company, when you spend most of your time working to forward the interests of another company. You would get fired forthwith! But in religion there is less loyalty—likewise less common sense—than out in the business world. Multitudes of church members belong to one church—and support another one. Such persons ought to join the church that they are patronizing. That's the right thing, and the honest thing. Picture a man neglecting to help his own wife, as he goes over and helps his neighbor's wife with her household chores. What a grand row he would have! Picture your boy. He won't mow your yard, but he goes over and mows the neighbor's yard! No loyalty to his own home and parents. You can see the point here—but can you see the point when it comes to church life and loyalty. When people join a church they covenant to be loyal to that church. (See I Cor. 14:12) One can not "edify" or build up as here commanded by neglecting. Church "tramps" who just tramp around, never edify anything. They are forever "taking in" but don't serve and give out.

The practice of church members praying for the advancement of the work of their church then doing nothing to help that advance. "Do with thy might, the things that thy hands find to do," says the Scriptures. There are people whom if called on to pray will ask the Lord to bless their church—yet they will be absent from the very next service. They will ask the Lord to save souls—yet fail to speak to one person about their salvation.

The practice of Christians asking the Lord to forgive their sins, while exercising a spirit of unforgiveness toward others. (See Matt. 6:12, 15; Luke 6:37; Ephes. 4:32) Christians who go around refusing to speak to others had just as well not go through the motion of praying for they won't get anything.

The practice of professing to be a child of God, while living in one's daily life like a child of the devil. (See Titus 1:16) The practice of claiming the leadership of God's spirit, while actually being dominated by a devilish temper. With many religion is thrown overboard when they get mad.



Christian Blessings

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mans 8:17); Complete (Col. 2:10).

Seven things "we have": Redemption (Eph. 1:7); Peace (Romans 5:1); Access (Eph. 2:18); The Spirit (1 Cor. 2:12); A Great High Priest (Heb. 4:14);

An Advocate (I John 2:1); A Steadfast Hope (Heb. 6:18-19).

Seven things "we know": Whom believed (II Tim. 1:12); Eternal life (I John 5:13); Passed from death to life (I John 3:14); Redeemer lives (Job 19:25); Crucified with Him (Romans 6:6); A Home (II Cor. 5:1); Like Him (I John 3:2).

Seven things "we shall be": Raised (I Thess. 4:16); Changed (I Cor. 15:51-52); Caught up (I Thess. 4:17); Glorified (Romans 8:18); Like Him (I John 3:2); With Him (I Thess. 4:17); Satisfied (Psalm 17:15).

The Fellowship of Saints

Those who have been thus blessed of God delight to come together to speak of the Blessing. As they do so, their own fellowship is deepened; for Christians are like the spokes of a wheel: the nearer they get to the centre, the nearer they get to one another. This is

The Message of Malachi 3.

1. God highly esteems those that fear His name. He calls them His jewels (v. 17).
2. God keeps a record of the names of such. A book of remembrance (v. 16).
3. God's people delight in each other's company. "Spake often one to another" (v. 16).
4. God approves the communion of saints. "The Lord hearkened" (v. 16).

The story is told of a backslider who had ceased to attend such gatherings. A servant of the Lord called on this man, and found him sitting before the fire in his home. Taking his seat beside his friend, the visitor, without uttering one word, silently took the tongs and lifting a glowing coal from the midst of its fellows, laid it by itself on the hearthstone. He watched the blaze die out and then turned and looked at his companion. "You needn't say a single word, sir," said the truant; "I'll be there next Wednesday night."

—Light & Liberty



The Christian's Will

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do of some physical heir who is not living in accordance with the Word of God, you are going to be held responsible when the time of judgment comes.

—Eternity



Enjoying Each Other

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minded Christian cannot enjoy the same things and so cannot enjoy each other. We are reminded that our Saviour spoke very sharply to the apostle Peter. "Get thee behind me Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." (Matt. 16:23). At that time Peter and the others did not see things right. They looked at things from the human view. The Lord had to give further instruction. After Pentecost they saw things from God's viewpoint. So even now there are some of the Lord's people so taken up with "the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in," (Mark. 4:19), that they become unfruitful. So many of the Lord's people have not done as Moses, of whom we read. "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God,

than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." (Heb. 11:24-25) For the Lord's people to enjoy one another they have to be spiritually minded. "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." (Heb. 12:1).

THE LORD'S PEOPLE CAN ENJOY EACH OTHER IF THEY ARE REALLY HONEST IN THEIR PROFESSION OF LOVE TO ONE ANOTHER.

"Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil: cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another." (Ro. 12:9-10). We cannot enjoy one another unless we can have confidence in each other. Hypocrisy will surely break the tie that binds. We need to mean what we say and say what we mean as Jesus said, "But let your communication be Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." (Matt. 5:37). Jesus also said, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy." (Luke 12:1). Judas betrayed his Master with a kiss. "Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whosoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast. And forthwith he came to Jesus and said, Hail, master; and kissed him. And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him." (Matt. 26:48-49). Judas is one of the most despicable characters in history. He professed love and faithfulness to Christ and His disciples during all the time of Jesus' ministry but was full of hypocrisy and hatred. "Let love be without dissimulation." We can enjoy each other if we know we are true.

THE LORD'S PEOPLE CAN ENJOY ONE ANOTHER IF THEY FOLLOW THE THINGS WHICH MAKE FOR PEACE.

"Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another." (Ro. 14:19). The apostle wrote this to the Christians at Rome. They had erred by criticising each other and judging. They also were belittling each other. Paul wrote, "But why dost thou judge thy brother? Or why dost thou set at nought thy brother?" (Ro. 14:10). In the world of politics our two parties are saying all the critical things they can devise, belittling each other and setting one another at nought. This is not the way for the Lord's people to do. Sometimes it seems we are too much affected by the ways of the world. Christians are all to be of the same importance. Each is to esteem the other better than himself. The Lord's people can so conduct themselves as to enjoy each other. James writes, "From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not." (James 4:1-2). Jesus said in the Sermon on the mount, "Blessed are the peace makers: for they shall be called the children of God." (Matt. 5:37). Our prayer life is directly hindered if we tolerate strife in our homes or in our churches. We all need to pray the prayer of the Psalm, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way ever lasting." (Psalm 39:23-24).

THE LORD'S PEOPLE CAN ENJOY EACH OTHER IF THEY WILL BEAR THE IN-

FIRMITIES OF THE WEAK.

"We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let everyone of us please his neighbor for his good to edification. For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, 'The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.' (Ro. 15:1 to 3). The Lord's people come from greatly diversified strata. The early Christians had trouble because at first they could not believe that the Church was to be composed of people of all nationalities. The Jewish saints could not understand that Gentiles were to be fellowheirs and of the same body. This is a mystery kept secret until it was revealed to Paul. Judaizing teachers misled some of the Christians in the Galatian Churches and the Apostle wrote, "For ye are all the children of God (that is Jew and Gentile believers) by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." (Gal. 3:26 to 29). It seems easy for Christians to find fault with each other. But "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness: considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." (Gal. 6:1). If we always followed this advice it would go a long way toward helping us to enjoy each other.

THE LORD'S PEOPLE CAN ENJOY EACH OTHER IF THEY CAN BE LIKE MINDED ONE TOWARD ANOTHER.

One of the important objectives in the Christian life and for each group of the Lord's people is, "That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." This we can not do unless "The God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God." (Ro. 15:5-6-7). It is only our Lord and Master who can grant to us this disposition of humility. But in this too we can be laborers together with God. Each of us have need to ask God to give us the proper spirit in all we do and say. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Phil. 2:5 to 8). Pride is a great evil and very unbecoming a Christian. Humility is a lovable Christ-like trait and very becoming a Christian. "But he giveth more grace, Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble." (James 4:6). The proud and the humble cannot enjoy the same things and so cannot enjoy one another. If all in a Church are proud it would soon result in dissolution. Jesus concluded the parable of the Pharisee and the publican in these words, "For every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." (Luke 18:14). Let us be humble.

THE LORD'S PEOPLE CAN ENJOY EACH OTHER IF THEY WILL BY LOVE SERVE ONE ANOTHER.

The epistles to the Church show that early Christians were very imperfect just as the Lord's people are today. That is why we have so much instruction in the Bible. We need all this instruction so "That the man of God may be perfect, Through being furnished unto all good works." (II Tim. 3:17). So many of the Lord's people do not read their Bibles and they neglect prayer and that causes them to be so different from each other that they cannot enjoy one another as they should. "Brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh: but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another." Gal. 5:13-15. In our churches we need to be willing to take a servant's place." For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45). Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." (Ro. 13:10).

THE LORD'S PEOPLE CAN ENJOY EACH OTHER IF THEY WILL NOT ENGAGE IN ACTIVITY THROUGH STRIFE OR VAINGLORY.

I fear that the religious activity everywhere is on a competitive basis. How obnoxious this must be to our God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Some are very flippantly at times, "The mission of the Church is the salvation of souls and the edification of the body of Christ." But the Church has a more important objective still. "That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Let not every man on his own things, but every man also of the things of others." (Phil. 2:3-4). No activity can be pleasing to God if it is done out of selfish motives. If through strife or vainglory it will surely scatter the "Flock of God." All of us are to heed the words of Paul to the elders, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." (Acts 20:28).

THE LORD'S PEOPLE CAN ENJOY EACH OTHER IF THEY WILL FORBEAR ONE ANOTHER AND FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER.

A New Testament Church is to be a fellowship with rejoicing. First, if we can all rejoice in the Lord and put on the Lord Jesus Christ and the attributes of Christ, we shall all enjoy one another." Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering: Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, as any man have a quarrel against you: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." (Col. 3:12 to 15).