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# **WORLDLINESS OF PREACHERS**

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are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand; they all look to their own, every one for his gain, from his quarter." Isa. 56:10, 11.

"For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's. Phil. 2:20, 21.

"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." I John 2:16.

"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ." I Cor. 4:1.

We want others to regard us as ministers of Christ, but do we remember this fact for ourselves?

shelf, or a life determining truth? presents a situation that tempts



Eld. C. D. Cole

then Lordship belongs to Himwe must look to Him for orders, for a place to preach, for rewards, for encouragement, support and of Him who was truth incarnate: comfort. We must aim at faithfulable to it among the professions I am, there ye may be also" of men. When Felix Carey, who (John 14:3). was trained for missionary work, accepted the post of ambassador- stood beside the astonished disship from the king of England, ciples as they gazed after the ashis father said, with a broken dending Lord promised, "This heart, "Felix has dwindled into same Jesus, who is taken up from are ministers of Christ; we are in like manner as ye have seen ambassadors of the King of Kings. him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). Under God, the preachers have to the welfare and happiness of spired writer to the Hebrews says, mankind; not the philosophers "For yet a little while, and he and scientists of this world who that shall come will come, and Is the divine call and Lordship of Christ. The modern church with have that wisdom which descend- will not tarry" (Heb. 10:37). Jesus Christ a theory for the its multiplicity of organizations, (Continued on page 5, column 1)

# JESUS IS SURELY **COMING! WHAT IF**

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"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh" (Matt. 25:13).

"But of the day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is . . watch ye therefore: for ye Here is one of the greatest perils the preacher to think of the lord- know not when the master of of the ministry—the proneness to ship of the church, or of the the house cometh, at even, or "His watchmen are blind: they of the ministry—the proneness to ship of the church, of the will have a the ministry—the proneness to ship of the church, of the will have a the ministry—the proneness to ship of the church, of the will have a the ministry—the proneness to ship of the church, of the will have a the ministry—the proneness to ship of the church, of the will have a the cockcrow—the proneness to ship of the will have a the ministry—the proneness to ship of the church, of the will have a the ministry—the proneness to ship of the will have a the ministry—the proneness to ship of the will have a the ministry—the proneness to ship of the will have a the ministry—the proneness to ship of the will have a the ministry—the proneness to ship of the will have a the ministry—the proneness to ship of the will have a the w M. U., or of some other auxiliary, ing, or in the morning: lest comrather than of the Lordship of ing suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I If we are ministers of Christ, say unto all, Watch" (Mark 13: 32, 33, 35-37).

Jesus is coming again!

This promise fell from the lips

"And if I go and prepare a place ness to Him. The ministry is a for you, I will come again, and reglorious work, nothing compar- ceive you unto myself; that where

The angelic messengers who an ambassador." Brethren, we you into heaven, shall so come

Although we may sometimes be made the greatest contribution inclined to question it, the in-

To those who become weary with working and waiting, this reassuring promise is given: "The coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (James 5:8).

The last promise which Jesus gave to His people came from Him on the Father's throne: "Surely I come quickly" (Rev. 22:20).

The fact of His coming is certain, but the time of it is uncertain. Because we know that Jesus is coming, we should be deeply concerned about making complete preparation for the event. It is equally as true that, because we do not know the time of His coming, we should be ready all the time for what may happen at any time. "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: (Continued on page 6, column 1)

# Things Wear Out-Only God Is Eternal

According to statistics publish- 10). "Eternal judgment" (Heb. Ere I shall see Him face to face, ed by the Department of Agri- 6:2). "In the Lord JEHOVAH Who died, who lives for me. wite a little expense that culture, a sewing machine is ex- is everlasting strength" (Isa. 26: pected to last 24 years; a refrig- 4); "Everlasting joy" (Isa. 35:10). erator 16 years; a vacuum clean- "Everlasting light" (Isa. 60:19). in return, I would sug- er 18 years; a range 16 years; a freezer or toaster 15 years; and or better still, an offering a washing machine or TV set 11

This information is interesting. God's blessings be upon A person can keep tab on his ap-Thomas and the church pliances and discover how accuinteresting and profitable to know on is that it will accompthere are persons and things

"The eternal God is thy refuge, oncerning the church that and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deut. 33:27). "His eternal power and Godhead" (Romans 1:20). "The eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jes-STERIAL TITLES us our Lord (Epil. 5.17). "Eter-

"Everlasting love" (Jer. 31:3). "Everlasting habitations" (Luke 16:9). "Everlasting consolation" (2 Thes. 2:16). "Everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour' (2 Peter 1:11). "Behold, I am ng possible this splendid rate the figures are. But it is both alive for evermore" (Rev. 1:18). "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven" (Psalm 119: Only a little while, 89). "Being born again . . the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away; But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you" (I Peter 1:23-25).

A moment it may be,

Only a little while, The wilderness to roam, And then the Father's house above My dwelling-place, my home.

Only a little while, To walk by faith alone, And then without a veil to see, And know as I am known.

Then watching will be o'er, And we shall see Him face to face, And worship evermore.

Only a little while, O, precious, cheering word! It may be ere this day shall close I shall behold my Lord.

Then not "a little while," But through eternal days, To sing the never-ending song Of tribute to His priase!

### "PA SENT HIS PRAYERS"

Sometime ago I read an interesting little story that makes clear how we should pray. A certain man who belonged to a church had gotten into very hard circumstances. Sickness and loss had resulted in the family reaching almost the place of destitution. The deacons of the church became somewhat concerned about the situation, and at the suggestion of one of them. they agreed to meet at the home of the brother who was in need.

It was a very cold night with snow lying on the ground, and "For when the Gentiles, which it alone, and therefore his con- that he need not have returned one of the deacons who lived out In to the Word of God, the things contained in the law, more. As a result of that little a good man and a bad man in not get in. The other deacons ardinal, Presiding Elder, these, having not the law, are jesting on the part of this lad, my heart. The good man said, assembled, however, and they thers are positively con- a law unto themselves: Which this message that I am preaching 'It's not yours,' and the bad man had a season of prayer and were feeling rather self righteous, In turn, that recalls to mind an Then he said, "The good man when a knock sounded at the door. One of them arose and pronounced), their thoughts the mean while an Indian went to a trading post man said, "Never mind." The opened the door and there stood pally, one is introduced accusing or else excusing one an- and picked up a package that Indian said, "I tried to go to sleep the son of the country deacon who had failed to put in an ap-Catholics go far beyond This sermon really began a and when he got home and open- man talked all night and troubled pearance. "Pa couldn't come tonight," explained the boy, "but he sent his prayers." "Sent his boy, "that Pa sent his prayers, the wagon." The group of dea-I remember a man that I dealt cons went out to the street and

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shew the work of the law writ- to you tonight, evolved. most common title is that ten in their hearts, their conscierend (or Reverent as ence also bearing witness, and incident of many years ago, when said, 'Take it back,' but the bad

king of the "Right Rev- few weeks ago by a little jesting ed the package he found that me." "The Most Right Rev- on the part of one of the boys there was a coin on the inside of which is contrary who works for me in the print- that had been wrapped therein good description of a conscience, prayers," echoed the deacon, word. The word "Rev- ing shop. I was accusing him that by mistake. He knew the coir As I say, I read that incident word. The word "Rev- ing shop. I was accusing him that by mistake. He knew the coir As I say, I read that incident "what do you mean. 'sent his cours only once in the his conscience was hurting him, didn't belong to him, so he re- years ago and it has stayed with prayers'?" "I mean," said the and then as a character- and he went out of his way to turned the coin to the trading me down through the years. It is attribute of God. "Holy tell me how he had made a deal post. When he brought it back a good reminder to me as to what and I've got them out here in erend is his name." (Psa. with his conscience sometime be- the trader laughed at him for conscience really is. view of the fact that fore, that if his conscience would his scruples, and told him that on page 8, column 1) leave him alone, he would leave this wasn't expected of him, and (Continued on page 2, column 1) (Continued on page 8, column 5)

some ministerial titles have not the law, do by nature science didn't bother him any- it. The Indian said, "Well, I have several miles in the country, did

was for him that he had paid for, but the good man and the bad

said, 'Nobody will ever know.'"

Now, beloved, that is a very

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#### "Your Conscience"

(Continued from page one) fact, just a few days after I became pastor at the First Baptist in the midst." - John 8:9. Church of Russell, I sat on his

him of, was that he wasn't to do? The law says she should be go contrary to his conscience any-stoned. You preach mercy and vincing that I had done.

be my guide."

loved, if he hasn't any better you, let him cast the first stone. in a mighty bad condition.

how is your conscience? I want at the eldest unto the least, left.

#### I AN EVIL CONSCIENCE

The Bible talks about an evil conscience many, many times. For example, we read:

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from AN EVIL CONSCIENCE, and our bodies washed with pure water." — Heb. 10:22.

statement that an individual can have an evil conscience, and I want to show you four different people in the Word of God who

We read:

ing convicted by their own con- of his sin. Now here is another with in Russell 35 years ago. In to the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing

If you will read the entire condaughter's porch one afternoon text, and the whole story, that and talked with him. In the is recorded in the first eleven course of the conversation, he verses of this 8th chapter of John, said, "You know, Brother Gilpin, you'll find that this is talking you have convinced me of one about the woman who was taken thing; I am never going to go in the act of adultery, and the contrary to my conscience again." word of God says, "in the very Now I hadn't done much of a act." It tells how the individuals job of convincing him, but he who brought this woman to Jesthought I had. After all is said us, hoping to trap Him thereby, and done, if all I had convinced said to Him, "Now what shall we more, that was mighty poor con- grace. How are you going to justify your acts in the light of the I remember another man that law?" As you may remember, I talked with, who made a state- the Lord Jesus Christ stooped ment about his conscience that down and wrote with his finger has stayed with me down through in the sand, as though He didn't the years. He said, "You know, hear what they were saying. after hearing you preach, I am Then the Word of God says He going to always let my conscience raised Himself up and looked round about them and said, Well, I want to tell you, be- "Whosover is without sin among guide than his conscience, he is Then he stooped down, and wrote again on the ground, and while With that by way of introduc- He was writing, the crowd of tion, let me ask you a question: enemies, one by one, beginning to show you from God's Word They silently stole away and left that you can have one of five Jesus and the woman alone. The different kinds of conscience. reason that they left, the Word of God says, is that they were convicted by their own consci-

Now here is a case of individuals who had an evil conscience. They would have liked to have trapped Jesus. They would have and wives, and princes that were it there wasn't grain in Assyria? liked to have put the Lord Jesus at his banquet. They took these proverbially "on the spot." However, instead of doing so, and in the services of God - vessels that failing to do so, the Lord Jesus might roughly be compared to Christ brought out the fact that our communion service today Here we have a very definite they were the possessors of an and they drank wine out of those evil conscience, and that evil vessels and praised the gods of conscience caused them to leave gold, and silver, and wood, and Jesus and the woman, and to iron, and brass. When they had walk away one by one, beginning thus desecrated these vessels, and

David committed adultery with Bathsheba and had Bathsheba's husband put to death. Of course \$ he didn't actually do it himself, but he was the man who drew the plans, and he was the man who engineered the scheme whereby that her husband was ment of the Lord that Job was a two. I have never heard any one slain in battle. The Word of God tells us that David suffered from of the teaching that none of us not, and I see no reason from the an evil conscience at that time.

"For INNUMERABLE EVILS INIQUITIES have taken hold upon me, so that I AM NOT ABLE TO LOOK UP; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me." - Psa. 40:12.

husband had gripped him to the tency. extent that he was not able to look up into the face of God, and his heart failed him as a result science, went out one by one, case of an individual who was beginning at the eldest, even un- possessed with an evil conscience. Then I'd like to refer you also

to Belshazzar. We read:

"Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another."

side one of his chief retainers to buy food and stood before him. who called some other servants to go with him, and they disappeared out the door. You might wonder what it is that Belshazzar has told them to do, and what order he has given unto these servants, but pretty soon, without waiting too long, they came back into the banquet hall loaded down with the golden and silver vessels they had taken out of the temple of God at Jerusalem, when Nebuchadnezzar had sacked the city of Jerusalem and carried captive the people and the valuables of the city of Jerusalem. Then it was that Belshazzar in arrogant blasphemy passed these golden and silver cups around to all these thousand lords, and nobles, and concubines, vessels that were consecrated to on the plaster of the wall certain words in the Aramaic language, with which they were familiar. When the king saw that hand writing on the wall, the Word of God says that his contenance changed. His thoughts troubled him. The joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.

Notice, beloved, if you will, that face that has been bright that face that has been all aglow as he drank a toast to his gods, now changes ashen white. His thoughts begin to trouble him. His loins were loosed to the extent he felt that his bowels would drop out of his body, and worse

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## David. You remember how that 7 Should Like to Know an even on our own on our own

1. What is meant in the state- man even in chapters one perfect and upright man in view offer a suggestion that he was are sinless and perfect?

It is an evident fact that Job salvation. was not sinlessly perfect. None of have compassed me about: MINE us are. Cf. Eccl. 7:20; Prov. 9:24; Rom. 7:18-25; I Jn. 1:8-10. In fact, Job himself admitted that he wasn't sinlessly perfect. Cf. Job 9:20; Job 40:4. The words "perfect and upright" in Job 1:1, actually mean "sincere and consistent." It You'll notice David said that is the same word as is used in his iniquities had taken hold up- Gen. 17:1. It is used elsewhere, on him. His adultery with Bath- and always with the meaning of sheba, and his murder of her uprightness, sincerity and consis-

> 2. Was Job a saved man in chapter one and two?

I am sure that he was a saved

than that, even his knees smote one against another. What is it the truth before the Rapture and beloved? Nothing in this world but a case of an evil conscience.

Let me tell you of another evil conscience within the Word of God. That is the story of the sons of Jacob. I am sure you remember how Jacob's brothers sold If you'll go back and read this him unto the Ishmaelites, and the fifth chapter of the book of Dan- Ishmaelites in turn sold him unto iel you'll find that Daniel was in the Egyptians, and Joseph thus the court of Belshazzar and was became a slave in the land of actually what we might call the Egypt. I know you remember the prime minister or the chief ad- story as to how Potiphar's wife visor of Belshazzar. Belshazzar lied on him, and how Joseph was put on a tremendously big ban- cast into the dungeon, and how quet for a thousand of his lords, he stayed there for a period of and nobles, and wives, and con- time and came out to become cubines. The Word of God says the prime minister of the land as the feasting and the revelry of Egypt. The Word of God tells and the jesting began, that sud- us how that Joseph's brothers denly Belshazzar called to his eventually came down to Egypt

The Italians have a proverb ture be taken up also? whereby they say that whatever goes over the devil's back is sure to come under his belly, and they mean by this, that children of the believing parent things come home to individuals. but the children of the unbelieved Beloved, that is a pretty good proverb. In fact, that is well in Lord. Little children are safe accord with what we find in the Word of God, for we read:

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. 6:7.

down into Egypt to buy grain, Supper pictures the death which was the only place where Christ on the cross; but what does they could buy grain. I have of- footwashing symbolize? Someout ten thought why it was that there says it sets forth humility; but w was grain in Egypt? Why was must not "advertise" our hund Why was it that they didn't go north to Assyria instead of going ordinance. It is listed under southwest? Well, the reason is, that was the only place there was grain. Providentially, God saw to from a prominent Baptist paper it that that was the only place "Deity did not die on the cross grain could be had, in order that It could not die. Deity is from those boys might stand in the presence of Joseph, their brother knows no cessation. What were possessed with an evil conat the eldest even unto the least when they had thus blasphemed they stood in his presence, not the Cross? He had laid it aside.

Now let me give you another. Almighty God and when they stood in his presence, not the Cross? He had laid it aside. Now let me give you another Almighty God, and when they knowing that it was Joseph, the He had divested Himself. He had thus acknowledged other word of God tells us how that become a servant. Deity was always and stone — when this the stood in his presence, not the Cross? He had laid it ask nowing that it was Joseph, the He had divested Himself. He had thus acknowledged other word of God tells us how that become a servant. Deity was always and stone — when this the stood in his presence, not the Cross? He had laid it ask nowing that it was Joseph, the He had divested Himself. He had thus acknowledged other word of God tells us how that become a servant. Deity was always and stone — when this the stood in his presence, not the Cross? He had laid it ask nowing that it was Joseph, the He had divested Himself. He had thus acknowledged other word of God tells us how that become a servant. Deity was always and stone — when this the cross is the cross and thus acknowledged other word of God tells us how that become a servant. Deity was always and thus acknowledged other word of God tells us how that become a servant. Deity was always and thus acknowledged other word of God tells us how that become a servant. Deity was always and thus acknowledged other word of God tells us how that become a servant. Deity was always and thus acknowledged other word of God tells us how that become a servant. wood, and stone — when this them put in prison, and then lat- was present. The human Christ was done, the Word of God says er turned them loose, to let them was forsaken." immediately two fingers of a go home. After they were re- What do you think of that! We man's hand came forth and man's hand came forth and wrote (Continued on page 3, column 1) have no Saviour if that were

Scriptures to doubt the fact of his

3. Please explain Luke 14:26.

We are to love Jesus supremely. Our natural affection for our parents, brothers, and sisters, should appear to be hate when compared with the believer's devotion to Jesus. We are to love our parents, etc., but the manner of our love for Jesus should be so much greater that actually out love for earthly ones should ap pear hate in comparison.

4. After the rapture of the saints, there will be many here who have heard the gospe but have rejected it. Can they be

I think not. If they have hear rejected it, these cannot be saved afterwards. 2 Thess. 2:9-12.

5. Will anyone be saved during the Tribulation period?

Yes, multiplied thousands. 144. 000 Jews will be saved. Rev. A great numberless multitude of Gentiles will be saved. Rev. 7.9 When Armageddon is fought the end of the Tribulation period one-third of all Jews in the world will be saved. Zech. 13:8-9.

6. Will there be any witnesse during the first 31/2 years of the Tribulation?

So far as I know, the Scriptures do not specifically state an ans

7. Will the children of those who are caught away in the Rap

Yes, all young children have not yet become accountable will be caught away. Not only the ers as well will go up with Him during their infancy and un til they become accountable.

8. Is foot-washing a church of dinance?

If so, what does it set forth Baptism pictures the death and Well, these boys of Jacob went resurrection of Christ; the Lord lity, for it then becomes pride No, foot-washing is not a church head of good works. I Tim. 5:10.

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### Your Conscience"

(Continued from page two) ased and started on their way, no can hear a couple of them they begin to mutter and numble among themselves, and letty shortly all of them were alking about the same thing. hat were they speaking about?

"And they said one to another, We are VERILY GUILTY conerning our brother, in that we ot hear; therefore is this dis- Tim. 4:2.

The wo

Beloved, they hadn't thought out Joseph for years. It had seph and put him down into e pit. It had been years since ey had taken him out of that and sold him to the Ishmael-It had been years since they ok his coat of many colors and pped it in that basin filled with lat's blood and then carried it ad laid it down in the presence their father and said to that ther, "We found this today. Do how whether or not this is our son's coat?" Jacob said, "It my son's coat; an evil beast th no doubt devoured him." It been years since that had their conscience ever dealt th them, but now, though years we passed by, when they get of prison, the first conversah that is held on the part of ese boys is, "This has come eated our brother." Beloved, at is a case of an evil con-

remember a boy many years lich to buy it, and his father al values and to moral virtues. uldn't buy it for him. Finally, boy hit upon an idea. He arted stealing his father's fishtackle, and would rent that <sup>order</sup> that he could raise some entually be able to get enough hey to buy the air rifle that wanted. One day when he was Sunday School the teacher was ing about the still, small voice was on the inside of us, and boy said, "Oh, is that what ailing me? Is that what it is has been bothering me?" He "Teacher, is there any way Small voice?"

suspect, beloved, there has many a man down through years who has been guilty of things besides stealing fishtackle. I suspect there has many an individual, both

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men and women, who have had other things in life that was contrary to the will and wish of God, who has wondered if there was any way that he could chloroform that still, small voice.

Brother, sister, I ask you, how is your conscience? I trust you don't have an evil conscience.

#### A SEARED CONSCIENCE

"Speaking lies in hypocrisy; the anguish of his soul, when having THEIR CONSCIENCE besought us, and we would SEARED with a hot iron." — I

The word "seared" means "cal-loused or hardened." The word 'seared" means that it has been burned to the extent that you en years since they took little can no longer feel any pang or remorse of conscience.

Do you know what it is to take a bite of food in your mouth, that is too hot to swallow, and you burn your tongue? You refer to it that you have burned your tongue. Now what actually happened is that on the tongue are thousands of what we call taste buds, and when you get food that is too hot in your mouth, that too-hot food burns your taste buds, or sears your tongue to the extent that you can't properly taste. In other words, your tongue becomes seared to the extent that then place, and not one time food just doesn't taste properly when your tongue is burned in this manner.

I tell you, beloved, your conscience doesn't work properly either when it becomes seared. I think there's many an individon us because of the way we ual who has a seared conscience, and his conscience just simply does not work properly. Just as the food doesn't taste properly by the tongue that has been searwho wanted an air rifle so ed, so when the conscience is dly, but he had no money with seared, you are insensible to mor-

Let me tell you of a personal experience of long ago. I knew a man who had a watch dog that was a very good, and quite val-Ing tackle out to other people, uable, watch dog. That dog would bark at anything that came hey, in hopes that he would around. He was just an unusually good watch dog, but the dog's bark worried that man's wife. It worried her to the same extent that the man himself was proud of his watch dog. In other words, what he was proud of, she despised. She got tired of the dog's barking, and when it was possible for her to do so without her husband knowing anything about a fellow can chloroform that it, every time the dog would bark she would go out with a club and hit the dog on the head. In view of the fact that they had the dog in an enclosure or a small kennel close to the house, the dog couldn't run away, and he got his head hit pretty hard many, many times. Of course, as time passed by, the dog barked less and less, and she continued her striking him, until eventually that dog actually quit barking. I can remember the man giving that dog away. Previously, he wouldn't have sold that dog for a hundred dollars, but finally he gave the dog away because he wouldn't bark anymore.

I have thought of that many times down through the years. Conscience is your watch dog. You can hit old conscience in the head again and again and again, until conscience becomes seared. and conscience quits bothering you. That is what Paul is talking

have given themselves over unto people, and he has committed cleanness with greediness." Eph. 4:19.

Notice what Paul says concerning this group of individuals who ourt's Impeachment by Geor- because their conscience is sear-

> I ask you, how is your conscience? It is bad enough to have as his conscience does not proan evil conscience, but it is much test at all. worse to have a seared conscience.

#### III

#### A DEFILED CONSCIENCE

Titus talks about a defiled conscience, for we read:

pure: but unto them that are de- would line up individuals of an

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NO OTHER FOUNDATION CAN ANY ONE LAY THAN THAT WHICH IS LAID, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST."\_I COR. 3:11 (RSV) :

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filed and unbelieving is nothing opposing gang, and mow them science. pure; but even their mind and down with machine guns just the CONSCIENCE IS DEFILED." Titus 1:15.

Now, beloved, it is bad enough for a man to have an evil conscience, and it is still worse for have a defiled conscience. That is the kind of conscience that lets a person live any kind of ungodly life, without any protestation whatsover. I'll explain it.

Here is an individual of the

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he would to kill a chicken. Why? "Who being PAST FEELING Because he has killed so many lasciviousness, to work all un- murder so many times, that it means absolutely nothing to him to commit murder. Now the first time that he committed murder his conscience probably bothered inety Six Congressmen Versus are outside of Jesus Christ. He him, but he has killed so many says that they are past feeling individuals that his conscience has become defiled-defiled to the extent that now his conscience doesn't bother him, and

Or we might come down a little closer, to the prohibition years. I can remember the gang wars in Chicago during the prohibition era — how those gangs "Unto the pure all things are would kill one another. They

same as though they were killing a rat. They thought nothing about him to have a seared conscience, alley as they lined them up but it is much worse for him to against a concrete wall and mowed them down with machine guns. Human life was cheap. It meant nothing. Why? They had kill somebody else meant nothing.

Or let's put it on this basis. trouble them one particle. What Here is a young girl who in a does God say? Listen: years gone by-a pirate, we will Here is a young girl who in a imagine; and in order that you moment's provocation allows a might see him clearly, we'll pic- black, vile oath to slip from her ture him with a patch over one lips. She has never cursed in her eye and with a peg leg, so that life, and yet under provocation you might see him as a typical she will curse and will use the pirate. Now you look at this pi- name of God in vain. Beloved, rate, peg-legged, one eye, and that oath will trouble her mind face scarred. That man can kill for months, and that oath will people and his conscience doesn't be a haunting experience to her, bother him one particle. He yet there are men who every would as soon shoot a man as day use that same vile, black oath dozens and dozens and dozens of time and think nothing whatsoever about it. Why? What is the difference? Beloved, the difference is that those men have a defiled conscience. Their conscience is so defiled that it allows them to live any kind of a life they wish without protest-

Or we will think of it from this standpoint. Here is a harlot walking along the streets, who makes her living by the merchandising of her womanhood. who thinks nothing whatsover about the matter of her sin, yet in the years of my ministry there has been individual after individual who has stepped over the line one time and who has come and cried her heart out, in a confession. What is the differ- the time of Christ, their Founence? Why is one person so terribly grieved, and so terribly burdened, whereas another lives he can live any kind of a life, day by day and thinks nothing whatsoever of the sin that she is guilty of? I'll tell you the difference; it is a defiled con-

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It is bad enough for a person to have an evil conscience, it is bad enough for a person to it at all. I remember on one have a seared conscience, but it Valentine's day that one gang is a whole lot worse when a pershot down 13 individuals in an son has a defiled conscience, There are lots of people in this world that have just that kind of a conscience. Their conscience is defiled to the extent that they absolutely reject any killed so many people that to thought concerning the things of God. God's Word and God's will doesn't bother them, and doesn't

> "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"-Isa. 5:20.

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This solemn appeal of our Savmost complete demolition of the and our intelligence to ruin and deceive us, but that they were intelligence.

will see for you. Shut your ears, edge of the Word of God, is sure perdition. If you want to know most desolating tenacity.

It is to them what the iron ring is to the nose of the ox, when a rope is once tied to it. The poor animal loses its selfcontrol. Its natural strength and energies will avail it nothing; it must go left or right, at the will of the one who holds the end of the rope. Reader, please have no contempt for the unfortunate priests and people of Rome, but pity them, when you see them walking in the ways into which intelligent beings ought not to take a step. They ox is at their nose, and the Pope it; the iron ring was at my nose;

This was after I had been put parish of Beauport, in the spring of 1840. There was living at "La Jeune Lorette" an old retired priest, who was blind. He was born in France, where he had been condemned to death under the Reign of Terror. Escaped from the guillotine, he had of Quebec had put him in the elevated post of chaplain of the Ursuline Nunnery. He had a fine voice, was a good musician, and ye not yet, neither understand? of poet. Having composed a good number of church hymns, he had his real name was "P'ere Daule." most exalted search of truth, and the knowl- caped only after being mortally thought that the good god (Le that occurrence, you have not the wounded.

To help the poor blind priest, and eaten by the rats. anything, come to see me; I am the curates around Quebec used the only sure infallible fountain to keep him by turn in their par- lieved what all the priests of have both committed many; we of truth," saith the Pope. And sonages, and give him the care Rome are bound to believe, that cannot shed too many tears on this stupendous imposture is ac- and marks of respect due to his he had the power to turn the wa- them. But there is no sin here, cepted by the people and the old age. After the Rev. Mr. Roy, fer into God, that, after he had and there must be some reasonpriests of Rome with a mysteri- curate of Charlesbourgh, had kept ous facility, and retained with a him five or six weeks, I had him the great marvel was wrought, he body had to weep and regret taken to my parsonage. It was used to pass from five to fifteen He alone could foresee that event, in the month of May-a month minutes in silent adoration. He and He alone could prevent it. entirely consecrated to the wor- was then as motionless as a mar- Had it been His will to oppose ship of the Virgin Mary, to whom ble statue, and his feelings were this sad and mysterious fact, it Father Daule was a most devot- so strong that often torrents of was in His, not our power to preed priest. His zeal was really in- tears used to flow from his eyes vent it. He alone has suffered exhaustible, when trying to prove on his cheeks. Leaning my head from it, because it was His will to us how Mary was the surest toward the distressed old priest, I to suffer it." foundation of the hope and salvation of sinners; how she was constantly appeasing the just time motionless, in adoring the I see you have the want of atwrath of her son Jesus, who, good were it not for His love and re-

The Councils of Rome have cannot help it. The ring of the forbidden blind priests to say their mass; but on account of awe, "Some rats have dragged you would weep with me, instead holds the end of the rope. Had it high piety, he had got from the and eaten the good god!" "What of laughing at my grief. How can not been for that ring, I would Pope the privilege of celebrating do you say?" replied Father you speak so lightly of a thing not been long at the feet the short mass of the Virgin, Daule. "The good god carried which makes the angels of God of the wafer god of the Pope. Let which he knew perfectly by away and eaten by rats!" "Yes," weep? Our dear Saviour dragged dering voice: "Do not remains when the old me tell you one of the shining heart. One morning when the old I replied, "I have not the least and eaten by rats! Oh! Great longer the priest of a god rays of truth, which were evi- priest was at the altar, saying doubt about it." dently sent by our mericiful God, his mass, and I was in the vestry, with a mighty power, to open hearing the confessions of the my eyes. But I could not follow people, the young servant boy came to me in haste, and said, and the Pope was holding the end "Father Daule calls you; please come quickly.'

happened to my old friend, I lost as if nothing strange had occurno time, and ran to him. I found red. I will go and get you, just him nervously tapping the altar now, new bread." I went, withwith his two hands, as in anxious out losing a moment, to the vessearch of some very precious try, got and brought a new wafer thing. When very near to him, I which he consecrated and turned at the head of the magnificent said: "What do you want?" He into a new god, and finished his answered with a shriek of dis- mass, as I had told him. After it tress: "The good god has dis- was over, I took the disconsolate appeared from the altar. He is priest by the hand to my parlost! J'ai perdu le Bo nDieu. Il sonage for breakfast. But all along est disparu de dessus l'autel!" the way he rent the air with his Hoping that he was mistaken, cries of distress. He would hardand that he had only thrown ly taste anything, for his soul away the good god, "Le Bon was really drowned in a sea of fled to Canada, where the bishop Dieu," on the floor, by some ac- distress. I vainly tried to calm cident, I looked on the altar, at his feelings, by telling him that his feet, everywhere I could sus- it was no fault of his; that this pect that the good god might have strange and sad occurence was been moved away by some mis- not the first of that kind; and had some pretentions to the title take of the hand. But the most that it had been calmly foreseen minute search was of no avail; by the Church, which had told the good god could not be found. us what to do in these circumbeen called "P'ere Cantique," but I really felt stunned. At first, stances; that there was no negremembering the thousand mir-His faith and piety were of the acles I had read of the disap- God or man on his part. character among pearance, and marvelous changes the Roman Catholics; though of form of the wafer god, it least attention to what I said, I these did not prevent him from came to my mind that we were felt the only thing I had to do iour to our common sense, is the being one of the most amiable in the presence of some great was to remain silent, and respect and jovial men I ever saw. But miracle; and that my eyes were his grief by telling him to unwhole fabric of Rome. The day his blue eyes, like the eyes of to see some of these great mar- unburden his heart by his lamthat a man ceases to believe that the dove; his fine yellow hair vels of which the books of the entations and tears. I had hoped Attributes of God ... God would give us our senses falling on his shoulders as a church of Rome are filled. But that this good common sense golden fleece; his white rosy I had soon to change my mind, would help him to overcome his cheeks, and his constantly smil- when a thought flashed through feelings, but I was mistaken; his given to guide us, he is lost to ing lips, had been too much for my memory which chilled the lamentations were as long as the Church of Rome. The Pope the tender hearts of the good blood in my veins. The church those of Jeremiah, and the exknows it; hence the innumerable nuns. It was not a secret that at Beauport was inhabited by a pression of his grief as bitter. encyclicals, laws, and regulations "Pere Cantique," when young, multitude of the boldest and most by which the Roman Catholics had made several interesting insolent rats I have ever seen said: "My dear Father Daule, alare warned not to trust the tes- conquests in the nunnery. There Many times, when saying my low me to tell you respectfully timony of their ears, eyes, or was no wonder at that. Indeed, mass, I had seen the ugly noses that it is quite time to stop these how could that young and inex- of several of them, who, un-lamentations and tears. Our great "Shut your eyes," says the perienced butterfly escape dam- doubtedly attracted by the smell God cannot like such an excess Pope to his priests and people; aging his golden wings, at the of fresh wafer, wanted to make of sorrow and regret about a "I will keep mine opened, and I numberless burning lamps of the their breakfast with the body, thing which was only, and enfair virgins? But the mantle of blood, soul, and divinity of my tirely, under the control of His for it is most dangerous for you charity had been put on the Christ. But, as I was constantly power and eternal wisdom. to hear what is said in the world. the wounds which the old war- in motion, or praying with a I will keep my ears opened, and rior had received on that form- loud voice, the rats had invari- the old priest, with a vivacity will tell you what you must idable battlefield, from which ably been frightened and fled which resembled anger. know. Remember that to trust even the Davids, Samsons, Solo- away into their secret quarters. your own intelligence, in the re- mons, and many others had es- I felt terror-stricken by the your power to foresee or to avoid

> pronounced the words by which able limits to our sorrow. If anyasked him: "Have you not remained as you are used, a long "you are quite a young man, and which were in me then, good god, after the consecra-tion?" He answered, "Yes; but often seen among young priests. spect to her, would have long what has this to do with the loss You do not pay sufficient attenof the good god?"

with a real accent of distress and If you had more faith and piety that the dogma of trnsubstance "Some real accent of distress and If you had more faith and piety that the dogma of trnsubstance are also to the sound of the so

dreadful calamity upon me!" re- vary?" joined the old man; and raising away my life before such a mist the deplorable event of this had been seriously modified voice was choked in sobs.

to say; a thousand thoughts, some very grave, some exceedingly ludicrous, crossed my mind more rapidly than I can say them. I stood there as nailed to the floor, by the old priest, who was weeping as a child, till he asked me, with a voice broken by his sobs, "What must I do now?" I answered: "The Church has foreseen occurrences of that kind, and provided for them the remedy. The only thing you have to do is to get a new wafer, con-

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Fearing something wrong had secrate it, and continue your mass lect, no fault, no offence against

But as he would not pay the

At last I lost patience, and "What do you say there?" replied

"I say that, as it was not in Bon Dieu) had been taken away least reason to act and speak as you do. Let us keep our regrets Father Daule so sincerely be- and our tears for our sins: we

"Mr. Chiniquy," he replied tion to the awful calamity which neck to his idol of bread. I replied in a low voice, but has just occurred in your church, hour it seemed to me replied Father you speak so lightly of a thing insult to God and man. My God! does not this surpass the you make every day, and 'My God! My God! What a humiliation and horrors of Cal-

"My dear Father Daule," I re- well, by the stern accents his hands and his eyes to heaven, plied, "allow me respectfully to voice, that my faith in he cried again, "My God! My tell you, that I understand, as whom he had created that God! Why have you not taken well as you do, the nature of ing, and whom the rats had fortune could fall upon me!" He morning. I would have given my not entirely crumbled do could not speak any longer; his blood to prevent it. But let us remained silent for some look at that fact in its proper after which he invited me At first I did not know what light. It is not a moral action (Continued on page 5, col

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for us; it did not depend of will more than the spots sun. The only one who countable for that fact God! For, again I say, was the only one who could see and prevent it. And, to you plainly my own mind, you here that if I were God mighty, and a miserable would come to eat me, I strike him dead before he touch me.'

There is no need of con it here; every one who these pages, and pays attent this conversation, will stand that my former so faith in my priestly power changing the wafer into my had melted away and evap from my mind, if not entir least to a great extent.

Great and new lights flashed through my soul in last hour; evidently my wanted to open my eyes awful absurdities and im of a religion whose god col dragged and eaten by rats. been faithful to the saving saved in that very hour; fore the end of that day have broken the shameful by which the Pope had tion was a most monstrol posture, and my priestho the rats can eat." Though Father Daule understood

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### Worldliness

Continued from page 1) of from above. The world's s are "blind leaders of the and in the name of proand wisdom are leading ollowers towards the ditch truction. True prophets of are pointing the way to the God, saying, "Follow us follow Christ.'

addiness of preachers is laresponsible for the worldliour churches. A worldly and a spiritual church can-

## WORLDLY METHODS LOYED IN THE MINISTRY.

Bible is full of warnings worldly methods in a divogram. We cannot war a warfare with carnal ns. We cannot build a spirlemple with worldly tools. iness in methods is leanon an arm of flesh. Israel aan, surrounded by bloodand warring nations, is tude of silence. of the Lord's people and in this unfriendly The Israelites were in but their help and hope God. And instead of g to God for protection and gs they were continually entangling alliances heir heathen neighbors g to the chariots and horses pt, rather than to the inarm of God. Ministers of need to realize that the their protection and sucin the promise of the of their Lord.

Worldly methods in soulg. The divine method of g souls is to preach the Men are saved by beon Christ. The aim of ing is to get men to beon Christ. The only way get men to believe is to em something to believe. the gospel is preached who have a mind and heart sposition to believe, will But the preacher is not give that disposition to This is the prerogative Holy Spirit.

ng this indictment against day evangelism. Worldly in evangelism are mainhsible for so much worldour churches. A lost the world cannot conto the spiritual strength Turch. Why are there so lost people in our les? Conservative brethren Ving that 75 per cent of members are lost. Why is Does Scriptural evangeltribute to such a situaa thousand times NO. because mealy-mouthed ddle, high-pressure, highdraw the tears, count get the money, put it papers, evangelists have he churches have loved who are artists.

that the woman is to have a symbol of subjection on her head because of the angels (I Cor. 11:10), and that they are not permitted to speak (I Cor. 14:34. Some believe these ought to be kept; others ignore and ridicule them. What is the pastor to do? A else compromise them by an atti- found in any of them.

3. A worldly ministry is a compromising ministry. The man who will not contend for the once delivered faith will not contend for practical godliness. The man who is not particular about what he believes will not be particular about what he does. Heresy and worldliness are bed fellows, yea, they are Siamese twins. False prophets in all ages have been of the worldly crowd. The preacher who can join in a union meeting can join in other things, too.

#### WORLDINESS IN PERSONAL HABITS.

talk. Deliver me from a vulgar ner speaker. talking preacher. There is not 4. The worldly preacher is a much to be said about the guilt of diplomat. He knows the art of preachers in the matter of danc- diplomacy. He doesn't know much ing, card playing, or theater-go- about election and predestinaing. There are but few, if any, tion, but he can tell you all the among us who would think of indulging in what is usually called School, or any of the other deworldly amusements. But the partments of the modern church. preacher's duty is not done by merely abstaining from these attributes and decrees of God, but things. He must reprove them. He can tell you how to organize "Have no fellowship with the un- your church for effective service. fruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." (Eph. 5:12), run with the Elks, and fly high It is not enough to stay way from the dance, we must try to get others to stay away, and reprove has found an answer to Amos' those who do not. This applies to question, "Can two walk togeevery form of worldly amusement. It also applies to worldly He has a way of getting folk who God the Father, Son, and Holy he, "This would destroy the faith organizations. It is not enough to are not agreed to walk together. stay out of a lodge, we must try Brethren, I do not believe God those who do not come out. A silent attitude is a spirit of worldliness and is criminal negligence in the sight of God. The very genius of Christianity is opposed while the wolves destroy and to secretism. Our Lord said, "In (Continued on page 6, column 5) genius of Christianity is opposed secret have I said nothing.' Lodges are religious institutions. In the blue lodge of Masons they have a Worshipful Master, and sponsible for their en-the churches have level High Priest. Think of a Baptist preacher, who professes loyalty by him; and he spoke to me with ate of Beauport, had become as great iniquity. it so. I feel sorry for a to the Book that teaches, "one is people in our churches. your Master, even Christ." enternot hypocrites. They ing a lodge and recognizing some could justify. He gave me the fessing my unbelief. He gave me to believe that a man can creaim to join the church. sinful man as "Worshipful Masmost awful rebuke I ever had; he my pardon. For my penance he ate his god with a wafer! And I ick-tongued evangelists. one High Priest of our profession, ering intelligence, soul and heart, on the sad end of the god he had adores a god eaten by rats, must deliver us from evan- the Lord Jesus Christ. Think of all the cataracts of heaven. He created that morning; for, said be an idolatrous church! there are worldly me- world in the recognition of man

thods in pastoral leadership. Let in this high office. The Masonic me bring you face to face with lodge is a religious institution by some of the problems of a Baptist its own testimony. Listen to Mapastor. The average church is sonic authorities, "All the cerecomposed of warring and irrecon- monies of our order are prefaced cilable factions. On the one hand and terminated with prayer bethere are the saved; on the other cause Masonry is a religious inthe lost. There are those who be- stitution." Mackey's Lexicon. "So lieve the Scriptures are to be broad is the religion of Masonry obeyed; others who have little and so carefully are all sectarian or no regard for them. Take the tenets excluded from the system doctrine of Church Discipline. that the Christian, the Jew and Where is there a church that can the Mohammedan in all their agree on this question? Some be- numberless sects and divisions, lieve the Scriptures that enjoin may and do harmoniously comdiscipline should be obeyed; bine in its moral and intellectual others will not hear to it. Take work with the Buddhist, Parsee, the question of woman's place in and Confucian and the worshippublic worship. The Bible teaches per of deity under every form." Webb's Monitor of Freemasonry

by Robt. Morris, page 280.

Lodge folk are the unionists in our churches. Solve the lodge problem, and the problem of unionism will be easily solved. Masonry is a religion, but a Christless religion. In Mackey's lexicon worldly pastor will either take there are thirty published praysides against the Scriptures or ers, but the name of Christ is not

#### MARKS OF A WORLDLY PREACHER.

1. The world hears and approves his message (I Jn. 4:5, 6). He is popular with the worldly crowd both in the church and out

2. The worldly preacher has neither friends nor foes. Nobody curses him and nobody would die

3. The worldly preacher is in great demand at social functions. He will be in favor with the Lions, and the Elks and the Eagles, but he will not be loved much by the sheep. He is awkward in prayer meeting, but man-A preacher may be worldly in ifests much grace as an after din-

> points about a modern Sunday He doesn't know much about the He can eat with the Lions, and with the Eagles, but he does not know how to feed the sheep. He ther, except they be agreed?" hold saved folk together in the body of Christ.

5. The worldly preacher is a self-seeker. He feathers his nest

#### Fifty Years

(Continued from page. 5) pathos and an authority which sweet as the voice of a lamb my youth and his old age alone when he had me at his feet, con-The Bible teaches there is really opened on my poor wav- forbade me ever to say a word had thought that a church which a Baptist preacher joining the overwhelmed me with a deluge of Holy Fathers, councils, and infallible Popes who had believed and preached before the whole world, in all ages, the dogma of transubstantiation.

If I had paid attention to the voice of my intelligence, and accepted the lights which my merciful God was giving me, I could easily have smashed the arguments of the old priest of Rome. But what has the intelligence to do in the Church of Rome? What could my intelligence say? I was forbidden to hear it. What was the weight of my poor, isolated intelligence, when put in the balance against so many learned, holy, infallible intelligences?

Alas! I was not aware then that the weight of the intelligence of

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#### FOR PEOPLE WILL TALK YOU KNOW

We may get through this world, but 'twill be very slow If we listen to all that is said as we go; We'll be worried and fretted and kept in a stew, For meddlesome tongues must have something to do-For people will talk, you know.

If quiet and modest, you'll have it presumed That your humble position is only assumed; You're a wolf in sheeps clothing, or else you're a fool. But don't get excited, keep perfectly cool-For people will talk, you know.

If generous and noble, they'll vent out their spleen, You'll hear some loud hints that you're selfish and

If upright and honest and fair as the day, They'll call you a rogue in a sly sneaking way-For people will talk, you know.

And then if you show the least boldness of heart, Or slight inclination to take your own part. They will call you an upstart, conceited and vain, But keep right ahead, don't stop to explain-For people will talk, you know.

If threadbare your coat, or old fashioned your hat. Someone, of course, will take notice of that And hint very strong that you can not pay your way; But don't get excited, what ever they say-For people will talk, you know.

If you dress in fashion, don't think to escape, For they'll criticise then in a different shape, You're ahead of your means, or your tailor's unpaid But mind your own business, there's naught to be said-

For people will talk, you know.

If a fellow but chance to converse with a girl, How gossips will talk, and their scandal unfurl, They'll canvass your wants, or talk of your means, And declare you're engaged to a chit in her teens— For people will talk, you know.

They'll talk fine before you, but then at your back, Of vemon and slander there's never a lack, How kind and polite in all that they say, But bitter as gall when you're out of the way-For people will talk, you know.

The best way to do is always do right, And at last you will always win out in the fight, Of course, you will meet all sorts of abuse, But don't think to stop them, it is not any use For people will talk, you know.

to keep others out, and reprove has called me or any preacher to of the Popes, they were greater penance I had to go on my knees grain of sand.

Ghost, was on my side; and that, of the most sincere Roman Cathweighted against the intelligence olics." For the other part of the than all the worlds against a every day, during nine days, before the fourteen images of the One hour after, shedding tears way of the cross, and say a peniof regret, I was at the feet of tential psalm before every pic-Father Daule, in the confessional ture, which I did. But the sixth box, confessing the great sin I had day the skin of my knees was committed by doubting, for a pierced, and the blood was flowmoment, of the power of the ing freely. I suffered real torture priest to change a wafer into God. every time I knelt down, and at The old priest, whose voice had every step I made. But it seemed been like a lion's voice when to me that these terrible tortures speaking to the unbelieving cur- were nothing compared to my



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(Continued from page one) for ye know not when the time is" (Mark 13:32, 3'). What if it were today?

#### CHRIST'S RETURN IS IMMINENT

When we say that Christ's return is "imminent," we do not mean that He will surely return the next moment, or even today. What we mean is that He may come at any moment.

His parables present it in this manner. Let us give our attention just briefly to some of them which present His return in the language of imminency:

The parable of the unjust steward makes it easy for us to see that Jesus wants us to live every moment looking for His return. "But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 24:48-

The parable of the ten virgins speaks of the imminency Christ's return in language which no sane person could misunderstand. "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were fooilsh. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made. Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and used with regard to a person who you: but go ye rather to them is standing on the street corner that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was said, Verily I say unto you, I ing .

The Second Coming the hour wherein the Son of man In these verses, we find the incometh" (Matt. 25:1-13).

> language which definitely suggests its imminency. "For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants and reckoneth with them" (Matt. 25:14-19).

> The epistles refer to His return as something imminent. This is true of both church epistles and general epistles. Let me call your attention to just a few of these:

> 'And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness. and let us put on the armor of light" (Rom. 13:11, 12). If it is "high time to awake out of sleep," and "the night is far spent and the day is at hand," then the coming of Christ which will bring the morning to this present darkness must be just ahead.

"And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly" (Rom. 16:20). According to kindred promises in the Bible, nothing short of the personal return of Christ can effectively bruise Satan; therefore, if the bruising of Satan under our feet will be done "shortly," then the appearing of Christ must be near.

'So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:7). The language used in this verse, and especially the word "waiting," is identically the same kind of language which would be waiting for a friend and expecting him to come along at any mo-

"Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the shut. Afterward came also the manner of some is; but exhorting other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, one another: and so much the open to us. But he answered and more, as ye see the day approachfor yet a little while, and know you not. Watch therefore, he that shall come will come, and for ye know neither the day nor will not tarry" (Heb. 10:25, 37).

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spired writer exhorting us to The parable of the talents also regularity and faithfulness in the presents the return of Christ in light of Christ's soon coming, and is not far away.

> The language is even stronger in the words of I Jn. 2:18, "Little children, it is the last time." The Greek word for "time" in this verse is even more definite. It is the word "hora" which literally means "hour." In other words, the writer is saying, "Little children, it is the last hour." We gather from this language that the coming of Jesus must be much nearer than most of us had suspected.

> What if it were today? And it may be! Before another hour passes, you and I who are saved may be attending the meeting in the air. Before the sun reaches the mid-day mark, we may be gazing upon the glory of His countenance. Before the sun sinks out of sight beyond the western horizon,

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we may see Him. Before the dark shadows of another night close around us and the stars become visible in the canopy of heaven, we may see, face to face, "the bright and morning Star." Yes, before another day dawns and the sun rises again we may witness the appearing of "the Sun of righteousness with healing in His wings.'

What if it were today?

#### II WOULD YOU BE READY TO MEET HIM?

This is a solemn question, as well as a large one, filled with many angles and implications, isn't it? There are a number of different ways in which we need to be sure of readiness to meet the Lord Jesus Christ, However, just now I am raising the question about only one kind of read-

Would you be ready to meet Him so far as salvation is concerned? In other words, are you sure that your sins are forgiven and that you have the Lord Jesus Christ, received into your heart by faith, as your personal Saviour? Have you made your calling and election sure? Do you have peace with God in your heart? Can you lay your hand upon your heart and say, "Thank God, the matter is settled, and if Jesus were to come today and call for His own, I would be ready to meet Him"?

Friend, if you are not sure that you are saved now, let me urge upon you the imperative importance of making immediate preparation. Delay is dangerous, and may prove even fatal for you. says, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near" (Isa. 55:6). The clear implication of these words is that God, Who can be found now, cannot be found in that day and that, even though He is near to you now, one day He will not be near.

mind you, too, of several passages which speak of the danger confronting every unsaved person when Jesus comes.

Again Jesus exhorts and warns in these words: "Strive to enter in at the straight gate: many, I say unto you,

If you are in doubt as to the of salvation, listen to the Word of God on the matter: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life," and then there is the other side: "And he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God

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## God's Word For The Teenager

1. When choosing entertainment. "Abstain from reminding us that His appearing pearances of evil." 1 Thessalonians 5:22.

2. When going on a date. "What? know ye not body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bou a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in you which are God's." I Corinthians 6:19-20.

3. When ridiculed for witnessing. "And they from the presence of the council, rejoicing that counted worthy to suffer shame for His name." Acts

4. When working at home. "It is good for a m bear the yoke in his youth." Lamentations 3:27

5. When instructed by parents. "Children obey" ents in the Lord: for this is right." Ephesians 6:1

6. When taking a test. "Pray for us: for we trust a good conscience, in all things willing to live hones! brews 13:18.

7. When speaking of others. "To speak evil of no be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness men." Titus 3:2

8. When paritcipating in sports. "And if a man for masteries, yet is he not crowned except he strive II Timothy 2:5.

9. When insulted for doing well. "For what glov when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it But if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it it this is acceptable with God." I Peter 2:20.

10. When choosing companions. "Be ye not yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellows righteousness with unrighteousness; and what communities the with darkness?" II Corinthians 6:14.

11. When planning the future. "Order my step word; and let not any iniquity have dominion over me 119:133

12. When thinking unclean thoughts. "Finally whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are soever things are pure . . . think on these things. 4:8, 9.

abideth on him" (John 3:36). Re- Jesus Christ to come member that you must belong to day and find me in the Lord Jesus Christ in a saving experience, in order to be ready to meet Him when He comes. "But every man in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; afterwards they that are Christ's at his coming" (I Cor. 15:23). You had better make sure that you belong to Him now and then you will be ready to meet Him "at His coming.

What if it were today?

III

#### WHERE WOULD YOU BE?

This, too, is a solemn question, isn't it? If Jesus were to come today, would you be absent from some places in which you would like to be when He comes? Or, would you be present in some places in which you would not like to be found when He comes?

If Jesus were to come on the Lord's Day, would you be absent from His services? Would He find you lolling lazily around home, visiting the relatives, picnicking, out on the water fishing, or in some other place than the house of worship? If you wonder why I raise this question, let me remind you that one of the strongest exhortations in the Bible with reference to church attendance is definitely connected with the imminency of Christ's coming: "Not Bible Institute conductorsaking the accombiling the accombined to the forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of Kentucky along about some is; but exhorting one an-printed in News and other: and so much the more, as and is re-printed no ye see the day (the day of Christ's taken from that mag appearing) approaching' (Heb. true when preached the 10:25). I frankly confess to you as true today, and that I would not like for the Lord times more applicable

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Would he find you of sinful amusement tion? Honest now, wo for the Lord Jesus Chi back and find you in honkey-tonk, beer gar hall, gambling den, or place like that? Hone you to admit that you like for Him to find Well, there is this mu if you would not like to find you in certain? He comes again, you not go into them, becal come at any moment heed, watch and pro know not when the (Mark 13:33). A good to observe to observe in this col given on a wall plat used to be displayed Christian homes: (Continue on page 7

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#### IV WOULD YOU BE DOING?

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24:48-51). Because none of us are whether you were still living or It is joyous because then all the as strong against these tempta- had already died, you would be hidden things of darkness will be tions as we should be, Jesus caught up to meet Him, see Him brought to light. The misunderwarns us again, "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with self-indulgence, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares' (Luke 21:34).

There is no room for argument about it. Neither you nor anyone else would like for the Lord Jesus Christ to come back and snatch you up through the rafters of a theater building where you had been feasting your eyes on the filth shown there, from around some card table at which you were using gamblers' tools, from in front of a beer or whiskey bottle which you had just emptied, from a group of critical doing when Jesus gossipers of foul-mouthed converere are certain other sationalists or out of the arms of some worldling with whom you had been dancing to the accom-He comes for His panyment of some Christ-dishonoring, suggestive jazz.

If you do not want to be found doing those things when Jesus comes, you had better leave them off entirely, because He may come at any moment. His exhortation is, "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, up the saints from among the we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present age; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus also the coming of the Son of Christ" (Titus 2:12, 13). Also, look at these words: "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and shall be taken, and the other left" they see his shame" (Rev. 16:15). (Matt. 24:39b-41). When Jesus What if it were today?

#### WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO YOU?

If you are saved, something whether you were dead or living.

Sleeping saints would be raised. No, it was not a final farewell when we spoke the last words to our friends, neighbors and relatives just before they fell asleep in the Lord Jesus Christ. Although their bodies became completely lifeless, and in our grief left out of the Rapture, the exwe gave them back to the dust, yet if Jesus were to come today, those dead bodies would be made alive and those people whom we laid in the dust would be raised. realms of glory. It would mean, Concerning them, Jesus said, "I also, being left here to face the am the resurrection, and the life: anti-christ, suffer the pangs of he that believeth in me, though the Tribulation and the prospect he were dead, yet shall he live" of eternity in the lake of fire. (John 11:25). We know that death does not end it all for the Christian, because I Cor. 15:52b says, "For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible." So far from the sleeping saints missing out when Jesus comes, we find that they will be the very first ones to experience blessed results from it: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first" (I Thess.

The living saints would be translated. If the Lord Jesus were tiny, because that is decided here to come today, and you and I in this life by what we do with were still living, we would not the Lord Jesus Christ. However, have to die. We would simply be we would appear before His judgchanged by His transforming ment seat for the examining of power into His complete likeness every thing we have said and and made ready for the realms done since the moment we reof glory. Jesus said: "And whoso- ceived Christ as our personal ever liveth and believeth in me Saviour. "For we must all appear shall never die" (John 11:26). before the judgment seat of There will be living saints on Christ; that everyone may receive earth when Jesus comes, and the things done in his body, acespecially is this true if He were cording to that he hath done, to come today: "Behold, I show whether it be good or bad" you a mystery; we shall not all Cor. 5:10). Another Scripture sleep, but ye shall all be changed, which throws light on this event in a moment, in the twinkling of is I Cor. 3:13, "Every man's work an eye, at the last trump; for shall be made manifest: for the the trumpet shall sound, and the day (the day of Christ) shall dedead shall be raised incorruptible, clare it, because it shall be reand we shall be changed" (I Cor. vealed by fire; and the fire shall 15:51, 52). So far from living saints try every man's work of what missing out on the rapture at sort it is."

Christ's coming, we read, "Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with tion before the judgment seat of them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess.

If Jesus were to come today and you are unsaved, you would

ing and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. be left behind. If you are saved, Christ is both joyous and solemn. Him.

What if it were today?

VI

#### THERE WOULD BE A SOLEMN SEPARATION OF SAINTS AND SINNERS.

I am not now referring to the "sheep and goats" judgment which is presented in Matt. 25:32, 'And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats." The separation referred to in this verse pertains to the living nations which will be on earth at the time of Christ's return in glory. When I raise the question, "What if it were today?" we are referring, not to the living nations, but His coming in the air to catch up His be pleasantly surprised. people out of the world.

separation of saints and sinners to it in this language: "So shall man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one says in this passage, "One shall be taken," He is referring to the saint. Then, when He says, "the other left," He refers to the sin-

This matter presents room for glorious would happen to you, solemn reflection. One may well turn his imagination loose, and, in the light of the Scriptures, reflect on that day and its event. "I was left" is a very unenviable condition to contemplate. If Jesus were to come today, catch up His people and leave you here on earth, it would mean your being amination and rewarding of the believer's works, seeing Him face to face, going with Him to the Father's house and missing the

What if it were today?

VII

#### SURPRISES AND BITTER DISAPPOINTMENTS.

The glad surprises would apply to the Lord's people, of course, but the bitter disappointments would not apply to lost people only. Both of them would well up in the hearts of saved people.

We would appear before the judgment seat of Christ. I do not mean that we would appear before His judgment seat for the determination of our eternal des-

The prospect of our manifesta-

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face to face and be made like standings will be cleared up, and things will be seen in the light of their true value. It is also solemn because then unworthy motives will be exposed, careless and deliberate failures will be made known and many of the things which we now consider of great value will become ashes.

Our good deeds would be rewarded if Christ were to come today. We are told, "If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon; he shall receive a reward" (I Cor. 3:14). Everything we have done for the Lord Jesus Christ since we have been saved, if it proceeds from the divine nature in us, is based upon our redemption in Him and is done for His glory, will receive an imperishable reward. No doubt. many of the little things which Christ's coming to earth to judge we will have forgotten will receive a rich reward and we shall

The bad deeds of God's people The saints would be taken and would cause loss and regret. "If the sinners would be left. The any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himwill consist simply of catching self shall be saved; yet so as by fire" (I Cor. 3:15). In that day, sinners and this will be just about many of Christ's people will rethe most effective means of sep- ceive bitter disappointments, bearation imaginable. Jesus refers cause many of the things which they have done will not merit a reward but, on the contrary, will be reduced to ashes. Also, to the extent that any of us have lived in carnal ease and selfish gratification, to just exactly that extent we shall be the losers for eternity. Such people will still have their salvation, but will have the bitter disappointment of seeing their works which would have brought a reward, burned up.

What if it were today? And it may be today! Jesus said, "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning" (Mark 13:35).

"Jesus is coming to earth gain, What if it were today? Coming in power and love to reign,

What if it were today? Coming to claim His chosen and the Bride.

All the redeemed and purified, Over this whole earth scattered wide, What if it were today?

'Satan's dominion will then be o'er, O that it were today! Sorrow and sighing shall be no

more, O that it were today! Then shall the dead in Christ arise,

Caught up to meet Him in the skies, When shall these glories meet our eyes?

What if it were today? "Faithful and true would He find

us here If He should come today? Watching in gladness and not in fear.

If He should come today? Signs of His coming multiply, Morning light breaks in eastern

Watch, for the time is drawing nigh, What if it were today?

'Glory, glory! Joy to my heart 'twill bring; Glory, glory! When we shall

crown Him King: Glory, glory! Haste to prepare the way;

Glory, glory! Jesus will come some day."

The story is told of a British business man who was an ardent Christian and loved the Lord's appearing. That when someone sat across the desk from him, he could not help noticing a placard on the wall, bearing these words in large letters; TODAY, PERHAPS! Of course, most people asked him what he meant by the words, and that gave him a wide-open door of opportunity to witness to the questioner concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. The first word suggested the question, "Will Jesus come today?" and the second word was an emphatic response, "Perhaps He will!"

We are raising the question: Will Jesus come today? "What if it were today," asks someone. The response of God and of believing hearts is, "Perhaps!"

"Let not my eyes with tears be dim,

joy their upward glance illume;

Look up, and watch, and wait for Him-Soon, soon the Lord will come.

"Soon will that star-paved milky way.

Soon will that beauteous azure dome, Glories, ne'er yet conceived

display-Soon, soon the Lord will come.

"Changed in the twinkling of an eye,

Invested with immortal bloom, I shall behold Him throned on high, And Sing, "The Lord is come!"

One beam from His all-glorious face These mortal garments will

consume, Each sinful blemish will efface-Lord Jesus, quickly come!

What will it be with Thee to dwell, Thyself my everlasting Home! Oh, bliss-Oh, joy ineffable!

Lord Jesus, quickly come!"

Sinner, what if Jesus were to come today? You would not be ready to meet Him, would you? You would be left behind, wouldn't you? But you need not be left out of that glorious event. I plead with you to repent genuinely of your sins and receive Jesus into your heart as personal Saviour-NOW! "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut the door, and ye begin to stand without. and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are' (Luke 13:24, 25).



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That gazing up, the lamp between, The hand that held it scarce was seen.

He held the pitcher, stooping low, To lips of little ones below; Then raised it to the weary saint, And bade him drink, when sick and faint:

They drank—the pitcher thus between,

The hand that held it scarce was seen.

He blew the trumpet soft and clear. That trembling sinners need not fear; And then, with louder note and bold To raze the walls of Satan's hold The trumpet coming thus between The hand that held it scarce was seen.

But when the Captain says, 'Well done,

Thou good and faithful servant come!

Lay down the pitcher and the lamp; Lay down the trumpet - leave the camp"

These weary hands will then be seen Clasped in those pierced ones naught between.

A mother was present at the setting aside of her son to the ministry. Afterwards he preached to a large congregation; and his mother, pleased with her boy's faithful words, wrote this poem.

### Ministerial Titles

(Continued from page one) it is used but once in the Bible, and then as an attribute of God, surely it should never be applied to mortal man.

Then, there is a more highsounding title which most preachers strive for, namely, "Doctor" or as is usually lightly pronounced "Doctah." I am reminded of J. B. Gambill's quaint saying: "The D.D. degree is like the curl in a pig's tail—a little more beauty but no more pig." Yes, it sounds more dignifiedsince one wears it, it doesn't make him any more preacher.

This title is actually condemned by Jesus. "But be ye not called Rabbi (literally Doctor); for one is your Master even Christ, and all ye are brethren." (Matt. brethren in Christ. We are not are

ranted to get a D. D. for their pastor, but could only raise twenty-five dolars (\$25). Where-

upon, they wrote saying, "Please grant one of the D's now and when we can get the other give him the other "D."

Oklahoma), wrote me years ago they may walk in my statutes and addressed me as "Dr. Gil- and keep mine ordinances, and pin." I replied thanking him for do them: and they shall be my saving a brother pastor fifty dol- people, and I will be their God." lars (\$50).

Someone is liable to think that for I could have it, if I thought purged conscience. it Scriptural, since many years more pleasing to the flesh, but ago it was proferred me by minian in many respects, was since one wears it, it doesn't two different schools. It isn't a to my mind the greatest of all is a matter of scriptural convic-

How then should a preacher be addressed? What titles should be used? If you speak to him, why 23:8). All Christians are just not call him "Brother"? If you unsaved, (he's not your to address one as "Doctor" and brother), just call him "Mister." another as "Brother," for Jesus If you address some correspond-said, "all ye are brethren." ence to him, refer to him as That which actually cheapens "Elder" (Titus 1:5; I Peter 5:1), this title is the fact that it can or "Bishop" (I Tim. 3:1; I Peter rested for the murder of this man. be bought for fifty dollars (\$50) 2:25), or "Pastor" (Eph. 4:11). from most any of these modern If you must introduce him with this country. She was in New corrupt ecclesiastical cemeteries formality, do so as the "Eld. Mr. York for a while and then moved (Seminaries). A negro church So-and-So." On less formal occarefer to him as "Brother."

"That's such a litle thing, why had murdered a man years be-heart, and of a GOO bother about it?" Read Matt. 5:19. fore. Long before I knew him, SCIENCE, and of faith Our philosophy; God said it; I believe it; and that settles it.

## "Your Conscience"

man whose conscience is so deand good evil."

#### A PURGED CONSCIENCE

Would to God that everyone of you might have a conscience that was purged. We read:

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, PURGE YOUR CONSCIENCE from dead works to serve the living God." -Heb. 9:14.

Beloved, you may have an evil conscience, you may have a seared conscience, or you might even have a defiled conscience, but what I would hope for, is, that you might have a purged conscience—that is, one whereby that your conscience is purged by the blood of Christ from dead works to serve the living God.

Years ago, I read that Gladstone, the great English lawyer, said that the disease of an evil conscience is beyond the practice of all the physicians of all the night." countries of the world. Humanly speaking, that is true; but I'll tell you this, it is not beyond the practice of the Great Physician. When I learned what Gladstone said, in that he declared that the disease of the evil conscience is beyond the practice of the doctors, I said that may be true, but thank God, it isn't beyond the practice of the Great Physician. Listen:

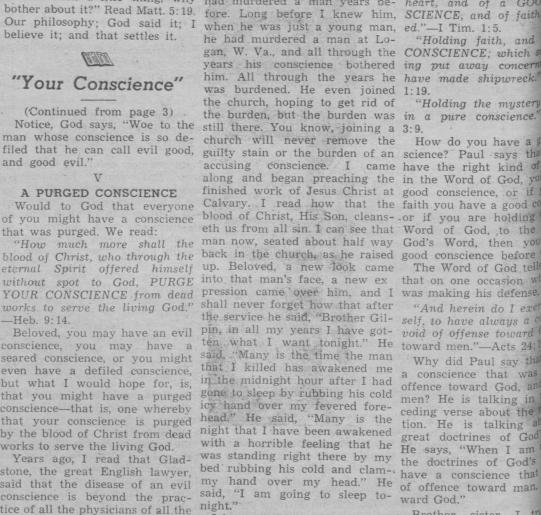
"And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit withtwenty-five dollars (\$25) you can in you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will Pastor Lee Rector (Ardmore, give them an heart of flesh: That -Ezek. 11:19, 20.

Beloved, God can take a man I write thus because I do not who has an evil conscience, or a have the doctorate. Let me dis- seared conscience, or a defiled abuse your mind in his regard, conscience, and can give him a

Ruben Torrey, though an Arcase of "sour grapes" with me, it the union evangelists that ever lived. Torrey was connected years ago with the Moody movement in Chicago. One night a woman made a profession of faith in the services and she told him how that she had come to this country from Europe. She said that she had murdered a man one night, but that nobody suspected ence to him, refer to him as the community for six months her, and she had waited around thinking that she would be ar-She then left there and came to to Chicago, and had been in Chicago for about 12 years. In all, it had been about 14 years since Some one will object saying, she had murdered this man in Europe, and when she was saved, she told Mr. Torrey that it was 14 years of Hell, as she waited expecting every day to be arrested for what she had done. Her conscience bothered her. I heard Mr. Torrey tell this after her death. I heard him say this, that he knew that women for 30 years after she made her profession of faith, and there never was a finer, more noble, sweet character in the world than that woman. Why? God saved her and took that conscience that was plaguing her, and purged her dead works, through the blood of Jesus Christ.

I remember an experience of my own in that respect. There used to be a man who lived in Russell, who is dead now, who

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I knew that man for 25 years afterwards, before God took him in death, and I'll tell you, there never was a time that that man's conscience ever bothered him again. Why? Because God purged his conscience with the blood of His Son.

I ask you, how is your conscience? You may have an evil conscience, you may have a seared conscience, or you may have a defiled conscience, but I would that you had a purged conscience.

### A GOOD CONSCIENCE

After you have a purged conscience, you may have a good "Pa Sent His Pro conscience. When I say good conscience, I mean a conscience that is good toward the Word of God. (Continued Iron page good toward the Word of God. there they found a wago

science, for he says:

'Having a GOOD CON-SCIENCE; that, whereas they fruit and any number speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that false- group of men who car ly accuse your good conversation wagon load of grocerie in Christ."—I Peter 3:16.

In the verse preceding, he says that we are to be ready to give an answer to the man who asks you a reason of the hope that is in distress, unmindful of t you, and he says that if you are able to do that, that you have a good conscience.

The Apostle Paul likewise talks about a good conscience. Listen:

ment is charity out of a pure wrong place.

"Holding faith, and

"Holding the mystery

How do you have a 8

The Word of God tell that on one occasion W

"And herein do I exe void of offense toward

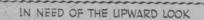
Why did Paul say the conscience that was offence toward God, an men? He is talking in ceding verse about the tion. He is talking great doctrines of God the doctrines of God's ward God."

Brother, sister, there is not one of you an evil conscience. I t there is not one of you a seared conscience, or conscience. I trust that you have a purged const conscience that has bee by the blood of Jesus you do, then I trust that on to the doctrines—to unfeigned—to the truth Word - to such an ex you can say that you good conscience toward toward His Word.

May God bless you!

with all sorts of necessities — meat, la things. It was a very shi They, men who were help the sick family, praying, expecting the use someone else to re duty. The absent brothe his prayers" in the form help.

To neglect to perform duty and to resort to pra "Now the end of the command- subterfuge, is to pray







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