

# THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

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(Part II)

## THE ORDER OF THE PLAN OF THE SECOND COMING

Now there is a plan concerning the Second Coming of Christ. I am glad that this old world will not roll on, and funeral processions march through our streets—I conducted a funeral yesterday, will conduct one this afternoon, and one tomorrow, and nearly every day until the heart grows sick. In this plan—you know what is the first thing that will take place when Christ comes? The first thing is going to take place out here in the graveyard. And you can't make a graveyard beautiful—you can build all the cloud-reaching marble monuments you want to, plant all the varieties of flowers, keep evergreen the year round. It is not beautiful. It is still the place where we shed our tears, where we said our last farewell—the place can never be made beautiful. One of these days, it is going to be the most beautiful place on earth! Then we shall see the fulfillment of the prophecy. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years" (Rev. 20:6).

"And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just" (Luke 14:14), also, "And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust" (Acts 24:15).

"But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; also afterward they that are Christ's at his coming" (I Cor. 15:23).

"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive, and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep"—What am I talking about? "The plan of the Second Coming of Christ," that they criticize—"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. 4:15-16).

## TRANSLATION OF LIVING SAINTS

The second thing that will take place is the translation of the living saints, and it occurs so close



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to the first event that there will not be a second's duration between the first and second. "Behold," says Paul, "I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump, for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised in-

corruptible, and we shall be changed" (I Cor. 15:51-52). "Then"—Oh how I love God's "Thens" and "Whens" and "Wherefores"—His "Thens" and "Whens," occur just exactly twenty times in His last great discourse on the Second Coming in Matthew 24th and 25th chapters. "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Mortal shall put on immortality, the natural will be changed to Spiritual, changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and together we will go sweeping through the sky!

## THE RAPTURE AND MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB

The third thing that will take place then, will be the rapture. Then we shall go into His pavilion. Then will be the marriage of the Lamb. That is described again and again in both the Old and New Testaments. I will not go into it now in detail. Jesus says in John 14:3, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also." Matthew 25:6, "And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." Matthew 24:42-43, "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the

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# BE A SOUL WINNER

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Soul winning is binding upon all those who are saved. It is not something for only a special or an elite people. It is not just for the pastor, deacons and Sunday School teachers. Soul winning is to be the natural practice for each child of



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God. Books have been written and techniques have been developed to aid the soul winner. We are told in these books that with three or five steps we can be assured of winning a soul. Follow the Roman Road and you will lead many into salvation. We believe that sometimes

these formulas work, yet, we must disagree on the whole with these short cuts to soul winning.

Many suppose that we are to speak to everyone that we meet for their souls. There would be little time to pray, read the Bible or do anything else if we speak to every single individual we see. Christ trained twelve men in three and one half years. Let us not suppose that we will succeed in making or becoming soul winners in a matter of minutes. Develop a method. Get one particular person in mind and set out to win him to Christ.

## WIN HIS CONFIDENCE

It will be next to impossible to win a soul to Christ who has no confidence in you. I do not believe we can preach Christ professionally as a doctor writes a prescription. To win our friend's confidence will involve real sacrifice on our part. We might invite him into our home for a meal or conversation. We should cultivate our friend's interests. This might take a period of days, weeks or longer depending upon his or her disposition. However long it takes we are to persevere because we love them and have a definite interest in their soul.

## PRAY FOR OUR FRIEND

Our friend will never be saved unless God saves him. "No man can (is able) come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:44). Therefore we must pray for him, asking God to convict our friend of his sins. We should ask that God the Holy Spirit would regenerate him. We must bring him to God in faith. "When Jesus saw their faith, He said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee" (Mark 2:5). Our prayers for our friend's salvation should be definite, systematic and persevering. Our praying for his salvation may cover several days, weeks, months or even years.

## A LIVING EXAMPLE

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). If your life shows inconsistency with your testimony, you, in all probability, will not be successful in your aim at winning your friend to Christ. If you constantly complain about your church and your pastor, you will automatically be a stumbling stone instead of a stepping stone to Jesus Christ. Not many lost people will listen about Jesus from our lips until they have seen Him real in our lives. Be very sure that the one you wish to win sees not an excess of faults in you. We again emphasize that this "living epistle" may take a long period of time.

## HEARING OF THE WORD

We should take him or her to hear the gospel preached. If they are hesitant about going to the regular church services with you, you could introduce them to preaching by having a cottage prayer meeting in your home and inviting them. Your friend would probably feel more at ease in the security of your home. In days gone past this method worked very well. In all probability it was just this method of soul winning that built the church to which you belong.

Our experts on soul winning with their three day conferences on soul winning have replaced this method with formulas and trick questions and high pressure. They would have you to believe that if you fail to win someone to Christ the first five minutes of your first visit you are a failure and can never be used of Christ as a soul winner. This writer totally disagrees with this. The best soul winners with the most lasting visible results that I've seen have been those who have consistently practiced what has been set forth in this article. The best way for your friend to be won is to get him under a systematic ministry of the Word of God. You do this and the time will come when you will reap a harvest of souls.

## PRESENTING THE MESSAGE

The work thus far may take (Continued on page 7, column 4)

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# ANGELS

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## PART ONE

"And behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it" (Gen. 28:12).

I shall give you one short sermon, God assisting, concerning the holy angels, whom Jacob in his vision saw ascending and descending upon it; that is, antitypically upon Jesus Christ. Our blessed Saviour alludes to this vision in the Gospel: "And he saith unto him, Verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man" (John 1:51). Our annotators assert, as their opinions, that our Lord refers to Jacob's vision, which doubtless puts a great glory on it; it being no trifle or small thing that was represented unto Him in that dream and vision, but what a sight Nathaniel had afterwards of the angels ascending and descending upon Christ, the Son of Man,

I know not. Some think it might be some further appearance of angels in their ministration to Him, than the Scripture records; yet,



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perhaps, no more is meant hereby than that Nathaniel, and other saints, shall see, or know, that the holy angels are far inferior to the

Son of Man, and do administer to Him. Also, all the good that believers do receive by the ministration of the angels, is alone in and through Jesus Christ, our Mediator. Moreover, God does not only make use of the ministration of angels in governing the world, but also in the preservation, safety, and good of His church. The way to Heaven is full of holy angels, some going to Heaven for intelligence, and others coming from Heaven, either to forward, protect, or comfort the saints.

1. Angels are but Christ's messengers. He is the Head and Lord of all principalities and powers.

2. They own themselves to be our fellow-servants. "I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren" (Rev. 19:10).

3. They move at His command, and go and come at His pleasure.

4. They move at His Word with all alacrity, and they are speedy and swift in doing the will of God.

5. Moreover, they are sent forth (Continued on page 3, column 1)

# WHAT IN HELL DO YOU WANT?

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Our Text is found in Psalm 9:17 which reads thus: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Notice the WHO? WHAT? WHY? here in this verse. First the WHO? Our text says the wicked. Now let us ask who are the wicked? The wicked are all those who are not found in Christ. You may not be a vile person, and do a lot of wicked things like some sinners do, but the best person in the world without Christ is just as wicked in the sight of God Almighty as the most corrupted person who ever walked upon this world as far as salvation is concerned.

Notice the next question in our text: WHAT? Our text says turned into Hell. The word turned, is a mild word. No doubt the word turned, here should be translated cast into Hell. This is how it is translated in Revelation 20:14-15: "And death and hell were CAST into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was CAST into the lake of fire."

Now let's look at the next question in this text and see WHY? Our text says because they FORGET God. I think you will agree with me that our nation is fastly becoming a heathen nation. It really doesn't make any difference if you agree with me or not, it is so. We are like those that Paul talked about in Romans 1:21: "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." (Continued on page 8, column 2)

"Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them" (Prov. 24:1).

The deadly sin of envy is condemned and forbidden in this text. This verse warns Christians against desiring the pleasures and prosperity of wicked people. The way and end of wicked men are undesirable and soul destructive. The Christian has no just cause to envy sinners. The true Christian is the only enviable person on earth. For a believer to envy a sinner is to curse his blessings, wither his graces, canker his peace,

cloud his confidence, stain his profession, and injure his influence for good.

## ITS MEANING

Envy may be defined as a resentful awareness of an advantage enjoyed by another with a desire to possess the same advantage. This passion causes one to envy the prestige, profession, possessions, power, position, peace, and promotion of others. Envy will pursue; it will find some way to hurt its object and to keep its anger forever. An envious man is worse than an angry man. There

is no protection against envy—it resides in the hidden man of the heart.

The English word envy is similar in meaning to the word jealousy. It is difficult sometimes to distinguish between jealousy and envy, for they often run side by side and blend together. The most valid distinction seems to be that jealousy is always personal. The envious person desires some good which another possesses; the jealous person suspects another of seeking to deprive him of some (Continued on page 2, column 1)

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# "BE NOT THOU ENVIOUS"



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## Be Not Thou Envious

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good that he already possesses. Jealousy  
is preferable to envy since it aims at the preservation  
of some good which belongs to a person;  
whereas envy cannot endure the good of others.  
But let us not take jealousy lightly for the  
Bible says: "Jealousy is cruel as the  
coals of fire, which hath a most  
vehement flame" (S. of S. 8:6).

It is surprising how many  
different masks envy assumes, and how  
numerous the ways it tries to conceal  
itself under some less unlovable quality.  
Sometimes it appears in the character of  
injustice; sometimes it takes the form  
of rudeness and lack of courtesy; occa-  
sionally it appears in a sarcastic way of  
speaking. At other times it borrows the  
garb of piety and shows itself under  
what might be mistaken for humility  
or sincerity. Beware of envy! It often  
lays coiled up like a serpent under some  
flower and darts forth its venomous sting  
where and when you least expect to find  
it. "Wrath is cruel, and anger outrageous;  
but who is able to stand before envy?"  
(Prov. 27:4).

It is said envy or jealousy is  
love. This is not true. Jealousy may  
be procured by love as ashes by fire, yet  
jealousy extinguishes love as ashes smother  
a flame. Jealousy can exist without love,  
for jealousy is sustained by pride as often  
as by affection. But neither envy or jealousy  
can exist with true love: "Charity (love)  
envieth not" (I Cor. 13:4). True love  
never envies others the happiness they  
enjoy; it delights in their welfare. Love  
calms the angry passion of envy.

### ITS MEDIUM

What is the source of envy?  
Where does the root of its origin lie?  
It is a sin which comes from the depraved  
Adamic nature (Gal. 5:21). This can be  
seen from Paul's words to the Corinthians:  
"For ye are yet carnal: for where as there  
is among you ENVYING, and strife, and  
divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as  
men?" (I Cor. 3:3). The carnal nature of  
man is "full of envy" (Rom. 1:29). The  
old Adamic man is dis-

content by another's prosperity and is filled  
with hatred and malignity and a determina-  
tion to deprive its object of his happiness.  
How common is this evil manifest from a  
wicked heart! How often it comes forth to  
show clearly the deep depravity of man. It  
is found in almost every human breast and  
lives as long as we are in this tabernacle.  
It is so cruel in its pursuit that it rests not  
till the grave closes over it. Pope well  
said:

"All human virtue, to its latest  
breath,  
Finds envy never conquered but  
by death."

Envy springs from a spirit of  
hatred: "Then came to him the mother of  
Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping  
him, and desiring a certain thing of him.  
And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She  
saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons  
may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the  
other on the left, in thy kingdom. . . . And  
when the ten heard it, they were moved with  
indignation against the two brethren" (Matt.  
20:20-24). The disciples were angry because  
they were desirous to be preferred before  
James and John. Their desire to be exalted  
above their brethren begot hatred for their  
brethren and generated a quarrel among them.  
Nothing works more mischief among a group  
of preachers than the base ambition to be the  
greatest preacher.

Sometimes envy arises from  
unbelief: "But the Jews which believed not,  
moved with envy, took unto them certain  
lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered  
a company, and set all the city on an uproar,  
and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought  
to bring them out to the people" (Acts 17:5).  
The unbelieving Jews envied and hated those  
that believed the gospel and those who  
preached it. They incited the scum of the  
city to oppose Paul and Silas. It is never  
below the dignity of the enemies of the  
gospel to use mob violence to injure God's  
messengers.

At other times envy grows out  
of ignorance and pride. "If any man teach  
otherwise, and consent not to wholesome  
words, even the words of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, and to the doctrine which is accord-  
ing to godliness, He is proud, knowing  
nothing, but doting about questions and  
strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife,  
railings, evil surmisings. . ." (I Tim. 6:3-4).

Those who are proud are those  
who know the least, for in all their  
supposed knowledge they do not know  
themselves. When a man leaves the  
wholesome words of Christ, the practical  
truths of Christianity, there is sure to arise  
a contest of words. Envy is the root of it  
all, for the controversy proceeds from  
discontent at the superior knowledge  
possessed by others.

It is to be greatly feared that  
among our independent Baptist churches  
there is much strife of words because  
some claim superior knowledge in certain  
doctrinal matters. Religious controversies  
come when preachers are discontent with  
the words of Christ and frame notions of  
their own and try to impose them on their  
brethren. These words of man's wisdom  
are often in contradiction of God's Word.  
The envy and strife which are produced  
by these things sap our spiritual strength  
and produce ungodly living. Too many  
preachers major our differences and minor  
on the many points on which we are agreed.  
Many of our churches are small and dying  
because they spend too much time in  
envious disputings about unimportant  
and unsubstantial matters rather than  
preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### ITS MISCHIEF

What mischief does envy bring  
into our lives? How does it affect the  
spiritual life of an individual believer?  
The Bible is replete with examples of its  
evil effects. It caused Joseph's brethren to  
hate him: "And the patriarchs, moved  
with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt; but  
God was with him" (Acts 7:9). They were  
dissatisfied with the favor their father  
Jacob showed Joseph, and they were  
envious of his dreams which indicated he  
would rule over them (Gen. 37:3-

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11). How awful is envy! It caused  
Joseph's brothers to sell him into slavery.  
While God overruled their abuse of their  
brother for good, God's providence in no way  
lessened their awful sin against their brother.

Envy caused the Israelites to  
despise Moses: "They envied Moses also in  
the camp, and Aaron the saint of the Lord"  
(Ps. 106:16). The Israelites owed Moses  
everything because he was their Divinely  
appointed leader. They begrudged him his  
Divine authority and position. How unrea-  
sonable was this envy, for Moses was the  
man who had labored hardest for their  
welfare. They should have sympathized with  
him and prayed for him to have Divine  
guidance. Who can hope to escape envy when  
the meekest man on earth was subject to it?

This evil disposition prompted  
Saul to desire to kill David. As young David  
returned from killing Goliath the women  
played and

Daniel because of his goodness and  
greatness. The more godly a man is the  
worse his rivals think of him. Solomon  
declared: "Again, I considered all travail,  
and every right work, that for this a man is  
envied of his neighbor" (Eccl. 4:4). He who  
excels in virtue is always an eye-sore to  
those who exceed in vice. What a wretched  
and apostate state does envy put a man in.  
It makes him offended with excellence and  
to hate a man because he approves of him!  
The envious man is so blinded that he is  
always degrading or misrepresenting things  
which are excellent. Such is downright  
diabolical.

Envy caused the Jews to speak  
against Paul's teaching. God was blessing  
the ministry of the Apostle Paul. Multitudes  
were being saved and converted from  
Judaism. Then Acts 13:45 declares: "But  
when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were  
filled with envy, and spake against those  
things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting  
and blaspheming." How these unsaved  
Jews hated to see the multitude embrace the  
gospel of Christ! Unrenewed men are  
always envious of the preacher God uses to  
bring multitudes to saving faith. They will  
venture to contradict the gospel of grace and  
to blaspheme its Author.

It was envy that moved the  
Jews to crucify Christ. As the Jews pleaded  
with Pilate to execute Christ, the governor  
could see clearly the sin the Jews were  
committing. Mark 15:10 reveals: "For he  
knew that the chief priests had delivered  
him for envy." Pilate knew all too well  
the Sanhedrin wanted Christ dead because  
He had eclipsed them as a teacher among  
the common people. It was not Christ's  
guilt but His goodness they hated. It was  
not that they resented His mischievous  
conduct; it was that they resented some-  
thing meritorious and glorious in Him.  
Let all Christians hate the sin of envy. It  
is the sin which murdered the sinless  
Lamb of God. How can I desire to commit  
the sin which killed the Prince of Life?

### ITS MENACE

The ultimate harm of envy has  
never been revealed. "Envy is the daughter  
of pride, the author of murder and revenge,  
the beginner of secret sedition, and the  
perpetual tormentor of virtue. Envy is the  
slime of the soul, a venom, a poison or  
quicksilver, which consumeth the flesh and  
drieth up the marrow of the bones. It is  
composed of odious ingredients, in which  
are found meanness, vice, and malice, in  
about equal proportions. It wishes the  
force of goodness to be strained, and that  
the measure of happiness be abated. It  
laments over prosperity, pines at the visit  
of success, is

sick at the sight of health. Like death, it  
loves a shining mark; like a worm, it never  
runs but to the fairest fruit; like a cunning  
bloodhound, it singles out the fattest  
deer in the flock.

"Envy is no less foolish than it is  
detestable. It is a vice which keeps no  
holiday, but is always in the wheel and  
working out its own disquiet. It loves  
darkness rather than light, because its  
deeds are evil. . . . He whose heart is  
imbued with the spirit in envy loseth  
much of the pleasures of life. The envious  
man is in pain upon all occasions which  
ought to give him pleasure" (THE GOLDEN  
GEMS OF LIFE, pp. 328-329, 1800 edition).

The envious man is tormented,  
not only by all the ills that befall him-  
self, but by all the good that happens to  
another. His candle cannot shine in  
another man's sun. One time a young man  
ran to Moses and said that Eldad and  
Medad were prophesying in the camp of  
Israel. He asked Moses to command them  
to stop preaching. "And Moses said unto  
him, Enviest thou for my sake? Would  
God that all the Lord's people were  
prophets, and the Lord would put His  
spirit upon them?" (Num. 11:26-29). This  
young man grieved at the gifts and graces  
of Eldad and Medad. This was the fault of  
John's disciples in that they envied  
Christ's popularity because it shaded  
their master's (John 3:26).

Envy is the cause of much church  
trouble. To the Corinthians Paul wrote:  
"For I fear, lest, (Continued on page 4, Col. 2)

## BRIEF NOTES

Elder Bruce Morgan has moved  
from Kirksville, Mo., to 206 Green  
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crest Baptist Church, 4580 South  
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fine missionary couple and worthy  
of the support of all New Testa-  
ment Baptist churches.

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their annual spring Bible confer-  
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pastor and church invite all with-  
in driving distance to attend these  
special services and enjoy the  
Word of God.

The West Baptist Bible Church  
of Oakdale, La., and Pastor Cecil  
Laurence will host a Bible con-  
ference April 20-22. The pastor  
and church invite all within driving  
distance to attend.

Elder David Goetz of Marietta,  
Okla., has accepted the pastorate  
of the Grace Missionary Baptist  
Church of Kirksville, Mo. His  
new address is 906 E. Jefferson,  
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## Angels

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to minister unto them that are the heirs of salvation.

In and through Jesus Christ, the holy angels minister to believers, while in this world. In speaking unto this proposition, I shall take this method; namely:

1. I shall speak a little to the nature of angels.
2. Open their work and office.
3. Give you some reasons why Christ employed them to minister to the saints.
4. Apply it.

### NATURE OF ANGELS

First, they are creatures; they were created by God, and within the six days also. "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him" (Col. 1:16). The heavens, and all the angels which dwell therein, were created by Him; that is, by the Son of God, Jesus Christ. "Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created" (Psa. 148:5). This was in the beginning. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Gen. 1:1). If, therefore, they had been created before, there should have been a beginning of time, and work done before that, or else angels were from eternity, and so not creatures; but none is eternal, or without beginning but God. Besides, it is said, that God wrought all His works in six days; but if it be demanded when they were created, I answer in all likelihood on the first day, "when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy" (Job 38:7). Even when God laid the foundation of the earth, when the highest heavens and first matter was created of nothing, out of which other things were formed.

Secondly, these excellent creatures are true substances, and do really exist, contrary to the opinion of the Sadducees, who denied angels and spirits. That it, they thought by the name of angels was meant nothing but good or ill inspirations, or motions, or else the wonders and apparitions which were wrought of God.

1. They were, I say, created; therefore they are substances, and not accidents in another subject.

2. They are endowed with understanding, and will, by virtue of which they were capable of sinning, and of departing from the truth, of obeying or disobeying of God, until confirmed by an Immutable Head.

3. From their office this is further evident: They appear before God, they serve Him, and we are commanded to make them our patterns; they come to us, admonish us, teach, protect, and comfort us.

4. Because they are said to appear to men, as to Abraham, Jacob, and many others, though not in their own spiritual form. As so considered, no mortal creature, doubtless, could behold them; for that is to render the invisible world to be visible. Sometimes they have appeared in as-

sumption of bodies, though not for the doing of their work, but to manifest themselves to be familiar with men. Aquinas adds, that they might manifest the intelligible society and converse, which men expect with them in another life.

5. Because Christ is said not to take unto Him the nature of angels, and hath a name given Him above them, and in the resurrection we shall be like to them. As to their nature, they are spirits incorporate and immaterial. "Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire" (Psa. 104:4). Again it is said, "Are they not all ministering spirits?" (Heb. 1:14). Tertullian, and some other ancient fathers, asserted they have proper bodies, though invisible to us; but yet he seems to mean no more than a substance. As the same author observes, "If they have any such composition, as may be called a body, it is certainly of the greatest fineness and subtilty; a spiritual body, and therefore not like to be of that grossness, that either the air is, or those heavens that are framed out of the same chaos, but nearer the substance of the highest heavens; which seem to be made at the same time. Lastly, it will be safe to say, that in comparison of God they are bodies, but in comparison of us, they are pure and mighty spirits." To which let me add, I see not that the saints, at the resurrection (though in some things they shall be as the angels of God), yet not that their bodies shall be such bodies as the angels have; for though the saints be made spiritual bodies, yet shall be material; that is, of the same matter they now consist of, only refined.

Thirdly, let it be considered (saith he) that as it is God only that is without beginning, so it belongs only to Him to be without any possibility of change, or shadow of change; and that the angels, as creatures, are reducible to nothing by the same hand that made them, though not from their own nature. Nor shall they ever cease to be, no more than the spirits of all men, yet they are in God's hand, though the best pieces of nature, and if He withdrew His hand, they all molder to nothing. Saith my author, "Angels may properly be called incorruptible and immortal, because they are so by nature. I speak not now of the changeableness of their wills, but of their nature and substance. The reasons are:

"First, because the angels are not produced out of the power of matter, or corporal substance; as the souls of beasts, but only by the Word of God; and therefore as they have internal principles of being, so they have none of dissolution; for there is the same reason of being, and not being.

"Secondly, angelical nature, as the souls also of men are not compounded of matter and form, but are simple forms and substances, subsisting by themselves. Now all corruption, mortality, and death is by the separation of the form from the matter; as when the soul is separated from the body, which is corruption, or death, or when the accidental form is separated from the subject, as white from



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I Peter 1:23-25; 2:1-2.

A continuation of the explanation of the salvation the elect have in Jesus Christ, and a contrast to the fleshly life we have through Adam is presented.

### VERSE TWENTY-THREE

"Being born again." The children of God are not only "bought with a price" (Vs. 18, 19; I Cor. 6:20) but born from above (John 3:3; John 1:13). They are redeemed, reconciled, and regenerated. The elect are the children of God both by adoption (Gal. 4:4, 5) and by birth. This new birth is a mysterious miracle, even greater than the physical birth. If the Psalmist could say he was "fearfully and wonderfully made," how much more can the child of God marvel at his new birth? "We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:10). We should ponder much this quickening, begetting, resurrection, translation, and birth, which result in everlasting life (Eph. 2:1; James 1:18; Eph. 2:6; Col. 1:13; John 5:24).

"Not of corruptible seed." We are neither redeemed with corruptible seed. Therefore, that which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit (John 3:6; Psa. 51:5; Rom. 5:12).

the wall, or health from the man. Now, whatever wants matter is corruptible, because there is no composition, and so no separation. But the Scripture concludes this best in assimilating the state of immortality, in which we shall be like the angels."

### WORK AND OFFICE OF ANGELS

1. The work and office of the angels of God is to minister unto Christ, or attend upon His glorious Person, as Mediator; as indeed they did in the days of His humiliation. Author Horton saith upon the place, this ascending and descending of the angels upon this ladder, "It does intimate and declare unto us, their special regard and respect to Him (namely, Jesus Christ), which is very eminent in them; these blessed glorious spirits are very remarkable in their observation of Christ; it is that which we may take notice of in every mystery and passage concerning Him, how the angels were still employed about Him, and subservient to Him upon all occasions whatsoever."

Which is indeed very clear, from His very conception to His ascension. The angel foretells to Mary His very conception: "Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb" (Luke 1:31). Also the angels appeared to Joseph, and said, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife" (Matt. 6:20). Moreover, an angel appeared to him again, to forewarn him of that Herod who sought the life of Jesus, and so commanded him to take Mary, and the child, and to fly into Egypt. See how careful the angels were of our Lord, that He might be preserved until His time was come to be offered up a sacrifice for our sins. The angels appeared likewise to the shepherds, and published to them the birth of our Lord in a glorious hymn of praise: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14). When God brought His only begotten Son into the world, all the angels of God worshipped Him. The angels, moreover, were instruments in His preservation, when His life was sought, and they also ministered to Him in His bloody agony, and comforted Him (Luke 22:43). My brethren, Jesus Christ was made like unto us in all things, sin only excepted, therefore might need like succor, safety, and comfort from the angels, as we do. Also the angels ministered to Him in (Continued on page 4, column 4)

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## BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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"But of incorruptible, by the word of God." The Word of God is both the precious seed and the pure seed (Psa. 126:6; Luke 8:11; Prov. 30:5). It is the sword of the Spirit, thereby quick and powerful (Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12). Therefore, when it comes in power (I Thess. 1:5) it is as potent as when the Lord said, "Let there be light and there was light" (Gen. 1:3), or when Jesus said, "Lazarus come forth, and he that was dead came forth" (John 11:43, 44). The elect are begotten by the Word (James 1:18) and called by the Word (II Thess. 2:14). They are made wise unto salvation by the Word (II Tim. 3:15). They are brought to repentance and faith by the Word (Rom. 10:17; John 20:31). They are granted assurance by the Word (I John 5:13). They are sanctified by the Word (John 17:17). So, the Word of God used by the Holy Spirit is effectual (Isa. 55:11).

"Which liveth and abideth for ever." The Word once planted and nourished by the Holy Spirit, is indestructible. It keeps on working (I Thess. 2:13). It is not bound (II Tim. 2:9).

### VERSE TWENTY-FOUR

"For all flesh is as grass." The natural man glories in his own strength and ability. However, God in this verse and throughout the Bible reveals the helplessness of man; before salvation he is said to be "without strength" (Rom. 5:6). James expresses it like this, "For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14).

"And all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away." "Man at his best state is altogether vanity." How fallen man glories in his own accomplishments! All of the beauty contests and most events are conducted to show off man's beauty and brawn, but it doesn't take much investigation to see this is short lived at best. Therefore, God says, "favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain" (Prov. 31:30). Both disease and death prove man to be very puny in himself.

### VERSE TWENTY-FIVE

"But the word of the Lord endureth forever." The contrast between the flesh and the Word of the Lord is so great it is beyond comprehension. The "flesh profiteth nothing," but God's Word is

profitable beyond measure. Not only the living Word, the Lord Jesus, but the inspired Word, the Holy Scriptures. They are profitable (II Tim. 3:16).

"And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." Thank God, this is the Word which "God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (He is Lord of all:) That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea," and has continued to be published to this day (Acts 10:36, 37). Is this the Word your preacher is preaching? (II Tim. 4:1,2).

### CHAPTER TWO, VERSE ONE

"Wherefore laying aside." Because of the new birth, the child of God is exhorted to separate himself from the sins which doth so easily beset us (Heb. 12:1; Eph. 4:22-31).

"All malice." "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." It has a vicious nature which shows itself in different ways. It may show by breathing out threatenings and slaughter, or in a more subtle way, but it always results in destruction.

"And all guile." The devil and his agents are very crafty in baiting traps to ensnare the children of God. He also stirs up this evil, even among Christians.

"And hypocrisies." Giving an outward appearance or expression contrary to what you really feel or of what you really are. To fake a profession is a prominent sin among church members of our day. However, here the application is to the children of God who are hypocritical in their worship of God and in their love of the brethren.

"And envies." Malice desires the hurt of another and envy is jealous of the good of others. It could be either envious of the prosperity of the wicked, or of other Christians.

"All evil speakings." How much trouble is brought about by the tongue. Notice all of these things to be put off is included in the works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21) and is carried out by the old man (Eph. 4:22).

### VERSE TWO

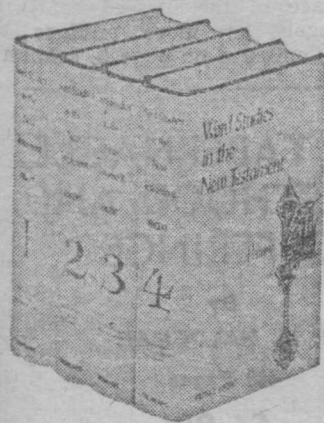
"As newborn babes." Descriptive of one newly come to the faith. One in need of growth and strengthening. One who could be spiritual but needing to learn more of what to do and how to do it. One who is dependent. We see this need brought out in the qualifications of a pastor (I Tim. 3:6).

"Desire the sincere milk of the word." A natural longing for the newborn child of God. Compare the words of Christ when He said, "My sheep hear My voice and they follow me" (John 10:27). The blessed one in the Psalms has his delight in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night (Psa. 1:2). What kind of spiritual appetite do you have? Do you crave the milk of the Word?

The milk of the Word here is not in contrast to the meat of the Word (Heb. 5:12), but means the unadulterated Word of God, pure and unmixed.

"That ye may grow thereby." Christian growth is dependent on our eating habits. If we fill ourselves on the supposedly sweet treats of the world, we will have little time or appetite for the things of God. It is sad that many Christians have failed to grow, and thereby, are a burden to the church (I Cor. 3:1-3) but thank God, there are some who have grown, and are the pillars in the churches (Gal. 3:9). They are those described as strong (Rom. 15:1) and spiritual (Gal. 6:1).

Where do we stand in relation to these verses?



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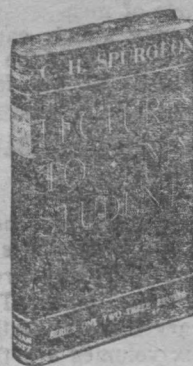
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"Should a preacher be ordained by his home church, or by the church which has called him to be their pastor? Can a church ordain a preacher whose membership is in another church?"—Michigan City, Ind.

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I hold that it should be done by his home church simply because his home church knows more about his qualifications than any other church does.

I do not think it would be proper for a church to ordain a preacher who is not a member of that church. If the church the preacher is a member of will not ordain this preacher it just may be that he should not be ordained. I can see no need for some other church ordaining him.

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The ordaining of church officers is a function of each particular church. "One church does not make a minister for, nor can she impose one upon, another church" (J. R. Graves—Old Landmarkism, Pg. 37).

The preacher to be ordained, should be ordained by the church of which he is a member. The ordaining church may seek the counsel of ministers from without their church, but the authority of the council of the ministers may not go beyond making recommendations to the ordaining church. Titus 1:5 says: "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee." The authority to ordain elders did not reside in Titus, but as an apostolic representative he was to help the newly formed churches in seeking qualified men to fill the pastoral vacancies. He was to assist the churches in any way he could in this matter, but the ordination would be by the order of each particular church.

The same is true with Paul and Barnabas (Acts 14:23), they ordained elders in the church, but the authority laid in the immediate

church, and the ordination was consummated by the vote of the church. This does not mean that churches are not to recognize the pastoral ordinations of their sister churches, but every church has the authority and ability to ordain her own officers, and the ordaining function should be kept within the immediate church.

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As far as which church should ordain him, I don't see that it makes a whole lot of difference. That should be worked out by the two churches and the man being called. He should be a member of whichever church ordains him. He would be ordained by his home church before he moves his membership to the church he is going to pastor or wait until he has joined the church and be ordained by that church afterwards.

A church cannot ordain a man who is not a member. They have no authority over the man. The deacons in Acts 6 were ordained by their own church and the church in Antioch (Acts 13) ordained Saul and Barnabas before they left as missionaries. "And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away" (Acts 13:3).

A church should be careful as to whom they ordain. "Lay hands suddenly on no man..." (I Tim. 5:22).

## Be Not Thou Envious

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when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults" (II Cor. 12:20). The church at Corinth was marred by jealousy, angry disputes leading to lawsuits, factions, revellings, swelling pride, grave disorders, and immorality. Modern churches are cursed with the same problem, and they always will be so long as envy rages in the hearts of men.

It was envy which caused ill feelings in the heart of the brother of the prodigal son. The father of

the prodigal restored his wayward son upon his return to full sonship. His brother envied the blessings which the father gave to the returning prodigal (Luke 15:25-32). He was grieved over the best robe, the ring, the shoes, the fatted calf, and the party for the returning wanderer. He so envied his brother's blessings until he refused to attend the party.

This sin of envy produces confusion: "For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work" (Jas. 3:16). The desire to put self forward has split many a church and ruined many a home. This bad zeal and rivalry have produced great strife. When a man resolves to force his ideas upon others and to have his way, you can be sure envy lurks in his heart. He will rule or ruin. He will try to get various ones on his side, visit around and call secret meetings. He will flatter those who agree with him, but condemn and revile those who disagree. An envious man does the Devil's work (I Cor. 14:33).

## ITS MEDICINE

If a person has his heart filled with pure and fervent love for the brethren, there will be no soil in which envy can grow. "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up" (I Cor. 13:4). Where love rules supreme, there is left no room for the spirit of envy. The man who abounds in the grace of love to God and the saints does not envy the temporal happiness of others, although it is what he does not possess, or is greater than he enjoys.

Another way to cure envy is to put on Christ: "Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying: But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof" (Rom. 13:13-14). Jesus Christ was never guilty of the sin of envy! As Christians we are to manifest Christ's principles, to imitate His example, to copy His spirit, to become like Him. To put on Christ means to take Him as a pattern and to obey His precepts.

Another remedy for envy is to walk in the Spirit: "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, ENVYING one another" (Gal. 5:25-26). As Christians we profess to live under the influence of the Holy Spirit and to control the appetites and desires of the flesh. Thus in our daily lives let us act accordingly. The man living a Spirit-controlled life has no envy on account of the superior wealth, rank, talent, and learning of others. All such distinctions in this world are temporary and are comparative trifles.

Envy is a weed that grows in all soils and climate, and is no less luxuriant in the country than in the court. It is not confined to any rank of men or extent of fortune, but rages in the breast of men of every degree. We are apt to find it in the humble walks of life as in the proud. It carries a venom which ruins any life in which it finds lodgment — alienates the affections from Heaven, and raises rebellion against God Himself. We must take the utmost care to lay it aside: "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings" (I Pet. 2:1). To lay aside means to cast off forever.

## ITS MODERATION

When envy is kept in check the grudges of the past will be forgotten: "Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself; I am the Lord" (Lev 19:18). "Grudge

not one against another brethren, lest ye be condemned" (Jas. 5:9).

When envy subsides there will arise meekness toward all men. Writing to Titus, Paul said: "To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, showing all meekness unto all men" (Tit. 3:2). Envy belongs to the old nature and the unconverted state (Tit. 3:3).

## CONCLUSION

Envy violates contracts, dissolves society, breaks wedlocks, betrays friends, thinks nobody is good. It injures and pains no one so much as the person feeling it. It is a self-consuming fire, a self-inflicted torment, an arrow which falls back and wounds only the archer. Its deadliest fruit is selfishness. It harms the flesh and spirit in man. It is as "rottenness of the bones" (Prov 14:30). It is a Hell which a man carries in his own bosom.

The very fact that you have envy in your heart shows how much you need salvation in Christ. Your resentful dislike of another's power, position, promotion, and possession proves you are an awful sinner. Those who habitually practice this sin cannot inherit the kingdom of God (Gal. 5:21). Only Christ can cure this awful evil disposition. His blood is the only means of cleansing away its guilt in times past and the sole remedy to prevent its re-appearance.

## Angels

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His temptations in the wilderness; and at His resurrection they rolled away the stone from the sepulchre, and brought the tidings of His being risen to the women. Likewise, in His ascension, the angels attended, and assured the disciples of His second coming. They also ascended with Him, and shall also descend with Him, at His second appearance. "The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels" (II Thess. 1:7). If He be pleased to descend in His abasement, the angels descend with Him; if He be pleased to ascend in His state of exaltation, then the angels ascend with Him. Thus they may be said to ascend and descend upon the Son of Man, personally considered, and this out of that great affection and love to Him; but not only so, but also in point of duty and special obligation to Him. He being their Lord and Sovereign. "The head of all principality and power" (Col. 2:10). As Christ is God, they owe to Him their very being. "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him" (Col. 1:16). And by Him also the holy angels are confirmed, and so abide in a happy and unchangeable condition; and hence the more obliged to adore and worship Him.

2. As the office and work of the holy angels is to minister, to serve, and wait upon Christ, so also upon His spouse, and on every member of His mystical body. True, they are called powers, might, thrones, dominions, etc., which show their glory, dignity, and excellent power and authority.

Some think that there are divers

orders of angels, and some superior to others, because we read of angels and arch-angels. There are seven names given to them, namely, seraphims, cherubims, thrones, powers, might, dominions, principalities, angels and arch-angels. Some add more. But no more of this; we know but little of the invisible world. But let their dignity and glory be what it will, as to their office, they are all ministering spirits. None of them, no, not the mighty angels, who excel in strength, do think it too much, or below them, for to attend upon the meanest saint. "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation" (Heb. 1:14). The words (shall be) denote that they are sent forth to protect, preserve, and keep such that are not yet heirs, or to the elect not yet called and converted, but shall be children begotten, and adopted of God in due time, and to be heirs of salvation. This shows God's love to, and care of His elect before grace, or while in their sins and unbelief.

3. They all wait upon God, and behold His face and glory; they are round about His throne; they all worship and fall down before their blessed Lord, and attend on Him as servants of their most glorious and blessed Master, their most high and exalted Sovereign. "I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims... And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts" (Isa. 6:1-3). Seraphims, signifying fire, or burning, denote their nature is bright and glorious, subtle and pure; their property, full of zeal, and fervent; their office, which here was to execute God's vengeance upon the Jews, and to burn them up, and consume them as dross.

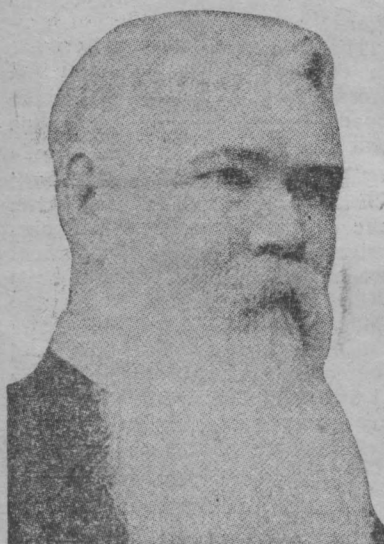
Some assert that the highest angels do not minister to the saints, but only, and immediately wait upon God Himself, and on our Lord Jesus Christ. But this cannot be true, because the angel Gabriel, who stands before the presence of God, was sent to Daniel, and to Zacharias, and to blessed Mary.

4. They declare the glory of Almighty God, and also ascribe equal glory to all the three Persons, which, as I conceive, is hinted in that text, Isaiah 6:3: "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts." Holy is the Father, holy is the Son, and holy is the Holy Spirit, yet, as Moses said, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord"; that is, one in essence, yet three Persons.

5. They hearken to God's commands, and do His will with all imaginable cheerfulness, love, delight, alacrity, and swiftness; hence said to have the face of an eagle, the swiftness of fowls, and also to have wings. Tertullian saith every spirit is winged; they can fly in a moment into any part of the world, and that swiftly. Yet Mr. Greenhill saith, as astronomers observe, "That from the center of the earth (which is three thousand to the surface) up to the sun, is above four millions of miles; to the firmament, where the fixed stars are, above fourscore million of miles; and from thence to the place of the blessed saints and angels, are more millions than (Continued on page 5, column 3)

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### "THE SUBTILITY OF SATAN"

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It is significant that in the first account we have of Satan in Scripture (Genesis 3) he appears in the bodily form of a serpent. And what characteristic of the serpent is mentioned in this account? His subtlety! Only eternity will reveal how much the serpent was changed by the curse, but a measure of this subtlety is still evident in every one of his descendants I have seen.

That word "subtil" (Bible spelling; today we see it "subtle" or, rarely, "sublime") intrigued me to the point of consulting a dictionary, where I was interested to learn that the Latin word from which it is derived means "a closely woven web." I thought of the poor fly struggling helplessly and uselessly to escape from the web that looked so interesting and innocent and I began to see more clearly why Satan chose the most subtle beast of the field through which to tempt Eve.

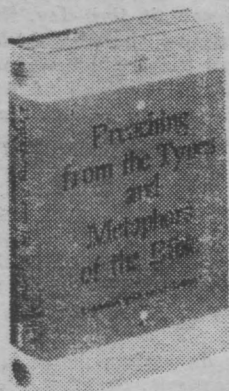
One of the synonyms for "subtle" is "insidious," which means "deceitful; operating in a slow or not easily apparent manner, as an insidious disease." Immediately, my mind went to that dreaded disease of our day, cancer, and how the victim is often too far gone for effective treatment by the time it is discovered. It is insidious, subtle, like Satan. And we need to be every bit as wary of him as we are of that dreaded disease.

I was struck with the subtlety of Satan during a recent vacation in Florida. We had been to Disney World previously, but I had never noticed that one attraction in particular had a definite anti-Scripture, pro-Women's Lib slant to it, probably because it was presented in such a clever manner.

"Clean, wholesome Disney World! The home of innocent, light cartoons." With these thoughts in mind we let down our guard and go prepared to "soak up" all we see and hear. When

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submission to husbands is associated with out-dated washing machines and vacuum cleaners, we smile amusement . . . unless we recognize it as Satan's modern way of saying, "Yea, hath God said . . .?"

This attraction also intimated that children obeyed parents and wives sought to please their husbands in the "old days" simply because they had not yet been liberated.

"Yea, hath God said you can't do what you want to do? Must you act contrary to your will simply to please your parents . . . or husband?"

As I began to weigh other "innocent" entertainment in my mind, I was reminded that we must never let down our guard against the enemy of our soul and his subtle temptations. No wonder the Lord admonishes us through Peter to "be vigilant" (I Peter 5:8). It is Satan's business to ridicule the position set forth in Scripture and make it appear out-dated. But God's Word says, "For ever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven" (Psa. 119:89). Satan tries to make us think God is withholding something good from us, but He says, "No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly" (Psa. 84:11). May we trust Him enough to believe that if He commands a thing it will be our ultimate advantage to do it, regardless of indications to the contrary. He tells us His ways are not our ways (Isa. 55:8, 9), and warns us against depending upon our own understanding (Prov. 3:5).

Surely every Christian who has been saved any length of time has been taught by bitter experience that God was right and he was foolish to disobey His Word simply because "I thought . . ." (II Kings 5:11). To call upon His people to do a thing that seems foolish or unnecessary to their finite minds is not a new thing with God. What about when He told Joshua to march around the walls of Jericho (Josh. 6:3,4) or Abraham to offer Isaac as a sacrifice (Gen. 22:2)?

We know all this and yet, from time to time Satan whispers his subtle, "Yea, hath God said . . ." to our hearts.

"Hath God said you must insult your relatives (who came to visit on Sunday and didn't bring their church clothes) by leaving them at home alone while you go off to church?"

"Yea, hath God said you must pay tithes on your gross income? . . . or on that income from an unexpected source? (Think of what you could do with that extra money!)"

"Yea, hath God said you must be embarrassed by being the only woman in the church wearing a head covering?"

"Yea, pastor, hath God said you must preach this truth that will make you unpopular with the people? (You don't have to preach against it; just don't mention it!)"

The more we study the Bible, the more we appreciate the fact that God inspired every word. It is not without purpose that sin and Satan are so often referred to as deceitful (See Hebrews 3:13). Jesus, in speaking of King Herod who was one of Satan's instruments to try to kill Him before He got to the cross, called him "that fox" (Luke 13:32). The last reference to Satan in Scripture makes mention of his deceitfulness (Rev. 20:10), as well as the first, and there are many others in between.

The results of succumbing to Satan's subtle suggestions to disobey God were far-reaching for Eve and her posterity and they

will be for us and our posterity. Let us meditate often on the rewards of obedience; it will help us resist the Devil. "In keeping of them (the judgments of the Lord) there is great reward" (Psa. 19:11).

### Angels

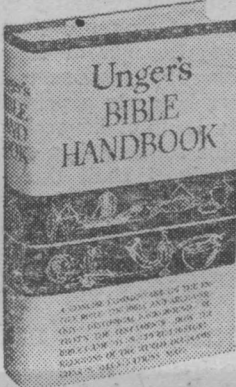
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from the earth to the firmament; so that, according to their account, it must be many millions of miles from Heaven to earth." O then, what was the height or length of this ladder in my text! The foot stood upon the earth, and the top reached to Heaven! And O what is the swiftness of an angel that can come from Heaven to the earth in a moment? Mr. Greenhill notes, "That a bullet out of a musket flies swiftly; that is, it hits the bird or mark before the report is heard, and will fly 180 miles in one hour, according to its motion. The sun moves swifter, 160,000 miles in one hour; the fixed stars about the equinoctial, 42 millions each hour; and yet the motion of an angel is swifter, being a spirit, and passing through the air without opposition. No creature in Heaven and earth moves faster than an angel."

6. Angels are endowed with much wisdom and knowledge, as the woman of Tekoah intimated to

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David, touching his great wisdom. "For as an angel of God, so is my lord the king" (II Sam. 14:17). My Lord is wise, "according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth" (II Sam. 14:20). They have, no doubt, great understanding; hence said to have the face of a man (Ezek. 1:5).

The face of a man—  
(1) Signifieth, according to Greenhill, and divers others, that the administration of the angels is with knowledge and equity. The face of a man, saith he, is put to show the excellency of reason, which must have the introduction into, and the management of all actions, else they are not human, nor angelical.

(2) By the face of a man, is noted their humanity, and love to mankind. Angels are of a loving nature, and most careful of men, especially of believers, or such that are actually espoused to their great Master, Jesus Christ.

7. Angels are very strong and courageous, and hence said every one to have the face of a lion, a creature of great courage and strength. "What is stronger than a lion?" (Judges 14:18).

8. They are also very faithful, and unwearied in their work, and mighty patient creatures, hence

said to have the face of an ox; patient, faithful (and an unwearied) servant to their Master.

9. Though angels are creatures of great glory and dignity, yet are very humble; never thinking anything to be too mean or too low for them to do, when commanded to do it; no, though it be to wait upon a poor beggar, as Lazarus, while he lived, and to carry his soul to Heaven when he died.

10. They always wait for their commission, will not do anything without God's Command; hence said to wait for His word. "These are they whom the Lord hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth" (Zech. 1:10). Therefore are they set before us as our pattern, that the will of God may be done on earth by us, as it is done in Heaven by them.

What service are the holy angels employed in by the Almighty?

1. God uses them in the government of the world, as it may be seen in Ezekiel 1:1-6. The Jews thought that the angels only governed Jerusalem, and that neither God nor His angels did appear or rule anywhere else. But to take away this conceit, God appears to Ezekiel in Babylon, to convince him that He and His angels do govern there, and in all quarters of the world, as well as in Zion. Though God rules the world, yet the angels under Him are employed in this work, is evident. I argue thus: It is plain that God gives or admits the evil angels to rule as a prince, for the Devil is called the Prince of the Power of the Air. "The prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (Eph. 2:2). Mr. Greenhill says, "The Devil hath great power in the air, winds, to cause storms, thunder and lightning. Now if the evil angels be as gods and princes in this world, have power in the air, and hearts of wicked men, then it must needs follow, that the good angels are as gods and princes, and have as much power in the world, and hearts of good men; otherwise the devils should gain by their fall more than ever they had by their standing. And it is not credible that wicked and damned spirits should have more honorable titles, and larger power, than the good are employed in."

2. More particularly, they are employed to inform us of God's will, nay, and God of our ways; though, it is true, He knows all things, and need not that they tell Him, no more than He does need that we acquaint Him with our evil hearts, and many wants; yet He will hear how matters are from them, and from us also.

They acquaint us with the mind and will of God. Angels told Abraham and Lot what God would do with Sodom; angels told Elijah what to say to the messengers of the King of Samaria; also an angel told the apostles that Christ should return in the same manner as they saw Him go up to Heaven, and sent an angel to testify those things in the churches. Also an angel told Daniel that things should come to pass in the world even to the end thereof; and also gave him wisdom, skill and understanding.

An angel informed Joseph of the mind of God touching Mary. Moreover, the angels go up the ladder, as well as down; in and by Christ they ascend to God, as well as descend to men. They beheld all the earth sat still, and was at rest. Thus God for His honor, not of necessity, employed angels.

3. They are employed to withstand and oppose the enemies of Christ and His church. Hence it appears they meddle with kings and kingdoms, and in the great affairs thereof; and as their power is great, so they sometimes exercise it in the destruction of wicked men. "Knowest thou whether I come unto thee? and now will I return and fight with the King of Persia" (Mr. Greenhill). As my author notes, this angel Gabriel opposed the cruel edict of Cambyses, King of Persia, who labored to keep the Jews in captivity longer, and to oppress them sorer than others had done. Moreover it is said that "Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels" (Rev. 12:7).

4. To execute judgment upon the wicked, they destroyed Sodom; and the firstborn of Egypt is said to be done by a destroying angel. The destroying angel smote the people with the pestilence in David's time. Also an angel smote of the Assyrians in one night 185,000. It was an angel that smote Herod, so that he was eaten of worms.

5. The angels are employed to defend the godly brethren. The ladder goes through Satan's territories, and though they can't come upon it, yet they strive to throw us down, if possible. But know, the good angels have as great power to defend us as the evil angels have to annoy us. The angels are our guard to deliver us, to aid and assist us when assaulted by the powers of darkness, and from the hurt and mischief which those millions of wicked spirits that swarm about us would do us. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him" (Psa. 34:7). They are God's hosts, as Jacob calls them, and a mighty host they are. The King of Assyria sent a great host with chariots and horsemen, and they came by night and encompassed the city about. Now Elisha's servant cries out, "Alas, my master! how shall we do?" (II Kings 6:15). "And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and behold the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha" (II Kings 6:16,17).

6. They, no doubt, suggest good thoughts into the minds of God's people. Can any think that the evil angels have more power to suggest evil thoughts into our minds, than the good angels have to suggest good thoughts? We have not only the Holy Spirit to do this, but the good angels also.

7. They are employed to guide and lead us along on this ladder, that so we may not fall. "The Lord will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way" (Gen. 24:40). "Behold, mine Angel shall go before thee" (Ex. 32:34). An angel was to lead him all the way to Canaan. So they lead us all the way to Heaven, even till we step the last step of the ladder.

8. God, in governing the world, and His people in it, makes use of angels. They lead sometimes a poor soul, perhaps, into a godly family, or into the company of a gracious person; and so he, by that means, is converted, and his feet set upon the ladder, or brought to believe on Jesus Christ. Or persons are by their ministration perhaps brought into a meeting or

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## Angels

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an assembly of God's people unexpectedly, which proves their conversion. Or maybe an angel may smite a notorious sinner with sickness, at God's command, to awaken others with sudden death.

9. They are to keep the godly in all their ways, or rather in God's ways, to keep our feet on the ladder lest they slip. "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands" (Psa. 91:11,12). They shall sustain you and uphold you in all your goings, as we do a child or a weak person, especially in times of danger, as a nurse bears the child in her arms. But take heed of going out of God's way, lest you fall, and the evil angels have power over you, as he had over a godly man's daughter, who going to a playhouse, was possessed by the Devil, and a godly minister pleading with God, said, "Lord, why did thou suffer Satan to possess such a man's child?" The Devil presently said in her (as I remember the passage), "What did she then upon my ground?" The good angels, brethren, have a charge only of us while in his way. A saint may step out of it, though not out of Christ, yet out of His ways. O, take heed of that.

10. Angels are employed to comfort God's people. "Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God" (Luke 1:30). Angels know us by name. An angel appeared to Daniel, and said, "O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee" (Dan. 10:11). Angels know who are most beloved of Jesus Christ. An angel appeared to Cornelius, and said, "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God" (Acts 10:4).

11. They also (as Mr. Greenhill observes) are to look to the souls of believers, that they fall not into the hands of devils at death (for they all go to Heaven through his territories, the air). He said, "For if the Devil durst contend with Michael for the body of Moses, much more for the souls of the saints. Lazarus' soul was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. Before men carried the body to the grave, the angels carried his soul to Glory."

Moreover, they are the reapers of the harvest of the world, and shall gather together all the elect at the last day. They must blow the terrible trumpet to raise the dead at the last day.

12. The angels have work in the church; they attend the assemblies of the saints. "For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels" (I Cor. 11:10); or to have her head, namely, her face covered. The thing signified is put here for the sign; she is under the power of her husband, signified by covering her head.

But why must she be covered, because of the angels? There are

divers opinions about this.

1. Some think the apostle means the evil angels, who watch to take advantage to tempt man by the sight of some beautiful object. Certainly, as our annotators observe, the apostle would not have spoken of devils under this notion.

2. Others think he means the ministers or officers of the church, who are called angels. But, as Calvin observes, the word "angel" is never appropriated to ministers without some addition, as to the angel of the church of Ephesus, etc.

3. Most understand by angels, the good angels. They have a charge of our churches, as Peter Martyr observes, as well as they had of the Jews. "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people" (Dan. 12:1). The angels take good notice of every person's behaviour in our assemblies, how they demean themselves with piety, modesty, and sobriety. If any let their eyes wander or rove about, they observe them. Hence it is thought the women should cover their faces, especially in prayer, because of the observation the angels make of them and others, while in God's holy worship in His church. Brethren, like as the devils attend our churches, to hinder us in our profiting under the Word, so the good angels are there also to resist them, and to further our profiting. Satan (as one observes) is first and last at the meetings of God's people, and he has many ways to obstruct the souls of men from hearing with attention; maybe lulls them asleep, or fills their minds with prejudice against the preacher, or against the Word he preaches, or to confuse their thoughts, causing them to think of their worldly business, perhaps of their debts, what they owe, or what is owing to them; or of injuries sustained, and how to seek revenge; or else cause them to fix their eyes upon one beautiful object or another, thereby to divert them from what they should mind. But we may conclude the good angels have as many ways to help us, as the evil have to hinder us. Observe my text, angels are upon the ladder, or in our way to Heaven. Now prayer and hearing the Word are our way to Heaven, that is, means of grace to fit us for it.

Has every saint a particular angel to attend him? This is asserted by some worthy writers, and by others denied. My Lord Lawrence, a very pious and learned man, said that the doctrine of the angel-guardian has been exceeding ancient, and not among Christians only. That a multitude of angels do guard the saints, is denied by none; but whether every elect person has a particular angel deputed for him, or whether all indifferently do attend upon all the saints. In his judgment, probably, every elect person has his particular angel. "That in heaven their angels do always behold the face

## IS "THAT" IN THE BIBLE?



Question:

WHERE ARE SOME INSECTS TERMED QUADRUPEDS?

Answer:

Leviticus 11:21-23: — "Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth; Even these of them ye may eat; the locust after his kind, and the bald locust after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the grasshopper after his kind. But all other flying creeping things, which have four feet, shall be an abomination unto you." RV has "cricket" for "beetle." All of these insects, have, of course, six legs.

of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 18:10).

Some also think the angel guardian begins his charge when the child is born, others not until his baptism. My author rather thinks as soon as the soul is infused. But I find Mr. Greenhill does question this, and thinks it is a mistake, that every elect person has a particular angel, and answers that text about Peter's angel. I see no advantage this could be to us to have but one angel particularly to take the charge of us more than a multitude: (1) Because of their faithfulness generally. (2) Because it is far greater honor to a prince to have mighty hosts of honorable persons to be his retinue, than one noble person only. I shall therefore say no more to this, but proceed to the next general head.

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## The Second Coming

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goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he said unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb" (Rev. 19:7,8,9). "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing: but that it should be holy and without blemish."

### THE GREAT TRIBULATION

Then after this takes place, the First Resurrection, the translation of the living saints, the Rapture, the Marriage of the Lamb, something else takes place on this earth. I am talking about His plan. Then, there will be the darkest period, the blackest night, the night of tyranny and persecution. The devil is without restraint for a season, the Holy Spirit's administration ends, the church is delivered out of the Tribulation, like Lot was delivered out of Sodom, like Noah was taken out of the flood, "For then shall be great tribulation" — Properly translated, "The Great Tribulation" — "such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" (Matt. 24:21). Then at the close of that dark period, never mind the time—it appears to be seven years, we will not argue about it—my method is this,—listen beloved, when there is no specific statements as to place or time of any event, let's not be specific, and if we will take the time to study what the Word of

God says, we won't have any time to speculate on what it does not say, then we have the "Revelation." The Revelation of Christ and His saints. The first stage of His Coming is the thief-like coming when He comes to steal away His jewels, take His bride. The first stage we go out to meet Him. The second stage He comes with His Holy angels, and His bride, to the earth, then is fulfilled, Zechariah 14:4, "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives."

### REVELATION

Then at the close of His Second Stage Coming, the Revelation, the lightning-like coming — there is quite a contrast in the lightning-like coming and the thief like coming—at the first stage He is not seen, except by the redeemed, but when He comes in His lightning-like Coming He is manifest to the whole world—"Lightning" means power. It means judgment. Nothing can resist it. So will it be when He comes to the earth.

### BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

Then will take place the world's final battle, the Battle of Armageddon.

There are five things about this battle:

First: When will it be fought? It will be fought when Christ comes at His second stage.

Second: Where will it be fought? It will be fought in the mountains around Jerusalem.

Third: What is the issue, or cause of the battle? It will be fought with Jerusalem as the object of conquest.

Fourth: What will be the outcome? The results will be a glorious victory for Jesus Christ and His armies.

### CONVERSION OF THE JEWS

There will be another event take place—I am talking about "His plan"—The people now in blindness oppressed throughout the world, the Jew, that gave us our only Bible and Saviour—every book in the Bible was written by the hand of a Jew, with one or two exceptions, perhaps—Then shall be fulfilled the prophecy we read in Zechariah 12:10, "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants at Jerusalem, the spirit of the grate and of supplication; and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn." Time and eternity have never witnessed such repentance. Then they shall understand that tragic consequence when they prayed that His blood should be upon them and on their children, and as the eleven brothers of Joseph fell prostrate before Him and begged for forgiveness, then shall the prophecy of Paul be fulfilled, when Paul was converted by a special revelation, as he neared the gates of Damascus—he said, "And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time." It describes the hour when all the Jewish race shall look upon Him, and then Isaiah says, "A nation shall be born in a day." I am talking about "His plan."

### THE CHAINING OF THE DEVIL

Then another tremendous event takes place—the old devil is chained, put out of commission—two things we need to notice—Christ was manifest to destroy the works of the devil, and now He is manifest to destroy the devil himself—it means he will be put in bankruptcy, and there will be put on the door of hell, "He is in the hands of the receiver"—He will not be annihilated but will be in the hands of the receiver. Four words are here used to describe the arch enemy, "Devil," the father of lies; "Satan," the accuser; the "serpent," the deceiver; "The dragon," the political character of the Devil.

Three times he is seen by human eyes. First, in the garden, when he came to the woman—not the man—there he changed righteousness to sin, the garden to a wilderness; second, when he was seen by the Son of the woman in the wilderness. Then the wilderness was changed to Paradise; death to life, sin was changed to righteousness.

Third, and last, he is seen by the

whole creation, the angels above, the demons below and the blood-washed throng, and Christ as He sits upon His throne. We do not have any record where he is ever seen except those three times. The last time he is seen it says, "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years. And cast him into the bottomless pit,—not only that but what else?—"and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season" (Rev. 20:1-3).

Talk about shouting—John Wesley will be there and lead it—all the redeemed hosts of God will be shouting as the old Devil, that fought every war, that built every saloon and brothel, that caused all the sorrows from the days of Eden until the last soul has been born—Heaven will be filled with the shout of the redeemed as they see his downfall.

### THE MILLENNIUM

Then there shall be established on earth the Millennium, not by education, not by organization, not by discoveries, not by political power; but by the Lord Himself!

At the close of the Millennium—I am talking about "the plan" that they criticize—is the second resurrection, there are two resurrections. The resurrection of the righteous and the resurrection of the unrighteous.

Then comes the establishment of the Great White Throne, and then last, a New Heaven and a new earth, and as the Bible begins by telling of a perfect universe, a perfect garden, perfect race, where there is no sin, no tears, no death, that was by creation, so by a new creation we shall have a new heaven and a new earth, a new temple, a new light, a new people, and that is the hope that springs eternal in our hearts today, that we call "The blessed hope of the church."

### THE WHOLE PLAN BY ISAIAH

Why Isaiah gave the whole plan way back yonder 700 years before Christ, in the 26th chapter of Isaiah, listen at it: "Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain." "And it shall come to pass in that day"—that expression occurs 51 times in Isaiah. "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the Lord in the holy mount of Jerusalem."

I omitted the first verse of the 27th chapter, "In that day the Lord with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea."

Taken in order, here is what Isaiah says:

First: The first resurrection: "Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise." That is what Paul means when he says, "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept" (I Cor. 15:20).

Second: The Rapture — Isaiah says, "Come, my people, enter thou into my chamber."

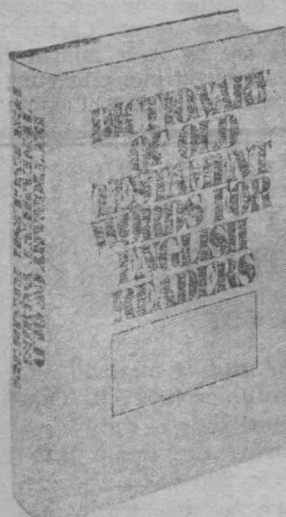
Third: The marriage of the Lamb—"shut thy doors about thee." Jesus says, "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut" (Matt. 25:10).

Fourth: The Tribulation period on the earth. Isaiah says, "hide thyself as it were for a little mo-

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## "WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD TODAY?"

The world watches with great interest to see what is about to happen in Iran. Will the new government of Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar be able to survive and end 14 months of violence and crippling strikes? Or will Ayatollah Khomeini, leader of Iran's Shiite Moslems, overthrow by force the Bakhtiar Government? No one can doubt but what Khomeini has the edge from the religious standpoint for 90 percent of the population is Moslem.

It is a well-known fact that Khomeini is vehemently anti-Christian and anti-Jewish. He will doubtless use his power to stop Iran's oil shipments to both the United States and Israel, if he comes to power.

The Soviet Union is sending supplies to some of the terrorist groups and there are Persian-language broadcasts from the Soviet Radio Azerbaijan encouraging rioting and pillaging in Iran.

Those familiar with the Moslem religion know that they conduct "war against unbelievers." Their well-known cry is, "Slay the infidel." Muhammad wrote concerning the unbelievers: "... fight against them until there be no opposition to idolatry and the religion be wholly Allah's." If Khomeini comes to power by Soviet backing, the human rights critics are going to look at the reign of the Shah as the good old days.

It is significant that Iran is listed by Ezekiel in chapter 38, verse 5, as an ally of Russia at the battle of Armageddon. Ezekiel used the word "Persia," but scholars tell us the name of Persia was changed to Iran in 1935. Thus we once again see the stage being set for the greatest battle in the history of the world.

Critics of pre-millennialism say that Ezekiel mentioned the Persians before that people made their appearance on the stage of history. But in 1930-1931 Ernst Herzfeld and E. F. Weidner published inscriptions showing that Persia was an important independent country under Achaemenian kings as early as the seventh century B.C. Several generations before Ezekiel's time. In addition to this evidence the Assyrian cuneiform records of the ninth century B.C. already mention Persia as a country in Western Iran. Persia became a great world power a little more than two decades after the close of Ezekiel's ministry when Cyrus conquered Astyages, king of Media (c. 550 B.C.).

The Nevada Senate voted (14 to 3) to kill the Equal Rights Amendment. Nevada voters rejected the ERA by a 2-1 margin in an advisory referendum last November.

Did you know that each year a

fifth of the nation's babies are born to teenagers. Gradually, facilities are being developed to help girls go from childhood to motherhood.

As the baby grows up, adolescent mothers who are themselves rebelling, must contend with rebellious 2-year olds.

John Stealy, a Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary professor, said the Southern Baptist Convention has never forbidden ecumenical cooperation by individual churches, and many churches have been involved in cooperative ventures with good results.

Southern Baptists in the state of Kentucky will conduct their second dialogue with Roman Catholics September 24-25, 1979. Frank Owen, writing in the liberal WESTERN RECORDER (1-31-79), says concerning this meeting: "Surely these two strongest groups in the Christian religion, however different, however separate, have things to talk about. We worship the same God. We both call Jesus 'Lord.'"

Perhaps in this meeting the Roman Catholics will explain the Spanish Inquisition or the blood bath of the Anabaptists in the valley of Piedmont. Or better still, let the Catholics explain that part of the Oath of the Knights of Columbus which says: "I promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage relentless war, secretly and openly, against all heretics, Protestants and Masons, as I am directed to do, extirpate them from the face of the whole earth and that I will spare neither age, sex, or condition, and that I will hang, burn, waste, boil, flay, strangle, and bury alive these infamous heretics, rip up the stomachs and wombs of their women, and crush their infants' heads against the walls in order to annihilate their execrable race..." A detailed explanation of these things would keep even Professor Dale Moody from going to sleep in the meeting.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—The sixth anniversary of the Supreme Court decision liberalizing most state anti-abortion laws was observed for the sixth year, with a "March for Life" down Pennsylvania Avenue and rally on the U.S. Capitol steps.

The Jan. 22 anniversary also was marked with two separate news conferences called by organizations supporting the Supreme Court decision and "choice" in the matter of abortion.

The two-hour march from the White House to the Capitol involved 60,000 persons, as estimated by the U. S. Park Police, and culminated with a 90-minute rally

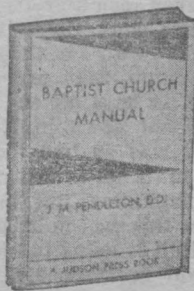
before which three senators, six representatives and a rabbi spoke. A number of the speakers made note of the political gains made by pro-life forces in affecting the course of legislation in the last session of Congress and in sending more "pro-life" candidates to Congress.

PASADENA, Calif. (EP)—Stanley Rader, top aide to Herbert W. Armstrong, has announced that Mr. Armstrong's Worldwide Church of God will move its headquarters from California "to seek a safe haven" from court proceedings against the Church.

He predicted that the move, to an undisclosed location, would cause contributions from members in the state to dry up and that the court-appointed receiver who is now handling its finances will "have to find the money" to run the Church. At the same time, Mr. Rader indicated that the Church "will keep the lawyers here to battle the courts."

Retired Judge Steven Weisman, the court-appointed receiver of the Church's assets, recently ordered 60,000 copies of a fund-raising appeal from Mr. Armstrong to be

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held at the Pasadena Post Office. Superior Court Judge Julius Title subsequently issued a restraining order upholding the action, declaring that the attempted mailing of the letters was in direct violation of an order he had issued against any such fund-raising efforts while the receivership continues.

In the letter, Mr. Armstrong had written to his followers, "The state has seized and tied up all our Church funds. So send a special offering to me, personally... for the defense of God's work as generously as possible, even at sacrifice..."

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—U.S. District Judge George L. Hart, Jr., has withdrawn from a trial of 11 Church of Scientology members after being informed he may be called to testify and could, therefore, not be impartial.

His withdrawal came despite the strong opposition of Assistant U.S. Attorney Raymond Banoun who urged Judge Hart to remain on the bench. He charged that the Scientology Church was investigating a number of judges in an effort to avoid being heard by judges they viewed as unfriendly.

Mr. Banoun said the Scientologists are engaged in "the worst imaginable form of judge-shopping" and a "blatant and deliberate and unprecedented" attempt to interfere "in an insidious manner" with the administration of justice. The 11 Scientologists are charged with conspiring to plant spies in government agencies to break into government offices, to steal official documents, and to "bug" government meetings.

HAMLIN, N.Y. (EP)—A couple with eight children who have given up to 30 per cent of their gross income to the Worldwide Church of God during the past 10 years were

"disfellowshipped" because they asked the Church to return some of the money.

Charles and Helen Lasch wrote to Herbert W. Armstrong, founder and president of the Worldwide Church, last October, saying that "since we came into the Church in 1968 we have sent in \$36,246.79 in tithes and offerings. This was mostly offerings as our gross income today is only \$9,800 per year and was only \$7,000 a few years ago."

Their letter, sent before the state attorney general's office in California got a court to place assets of the church in temporary receivership on charges that church officers were converting large sums for their personal use. The Lasches say they regret ever having gotten involved with the Worldwide Church and recognize it now as a cult not unlike the People's Temple of Jonestown, Guyana.

The family sold their farm in 1969 and sent the proceeds, planned for their retirement, to the Worldwide Church of God because it "needed money so badly at that time and we expected Jesus to return in 1975."

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP) — Evangelist Billy Graham "challenged" the press to join him and others who are seeking to do something about the "moral and spiritual dilemma that faces all of us." Addressing a National Press Club luncheon, he said the media can "bring fundamental values to light again."

In his third National Press Club address, the evangelist said the "continuing rampant escalation of (military) arms (spending) in our world is not merely a political issue; it's a moral issue."

While he does not support unilateral disarmament, he said he is for disarmament, and as a Christian he is "committed to work for peace."

### Be A Soul Winner

(Continued from page one) weeks or even months. Then the time comes when the Holy Spirit works on our friend and he will begin to ask questions about God and His plan of salvation. Prayer, the ministry of the Word, and the Holy Spirit will awaken (nothing else can) him to his lost condition and it will show up in his finally having the concern for which we have longed. How many have been the times that my heart has throbbed with joy as we observe conviction in one's heart for which long I have worked and prayed.

#### THE FACT OF SIN

We should stress the fact to our friend that he is a sinner and that his sin has separated him from God. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). Our friend must know that in his lost, sinful condition he is helpless to gain God's favor by his own efforts, merits or works (Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5). When the Holy Spirit reveals his helplessness to him our friend will then and only then see his own personal need of a Saviour.

#### THE CROSS

At this point—his seeing his need of a Saviour — we show him that Christ died to be the Saviour we need. Jesus came into this world to save sinners (1 Tim. 1:15). In do-

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ing this He bore our sins on the cross (1 Peter 2:24). The sinner's sins were laid upon Him and He was wounded for them (Isa. 53:5-6). He shed His blood on the cross for the remission of sins (Matt. 26:28). The cross acts as the Great Divide. All who have never been brought to the cross are lost. All who have come to the cross are saved. Our friend must be made to understand that he cannot by-pass the cross and go to Heaven. All sins must be paid for. Those who do not come to the cross believing on Jesus Christ must pay for their sins in Hell. Those who do come to the cross realize that Jesus Christ paid for their sins there when He suffered, bled and died.

#### OUR FRIENDS MUST ACT

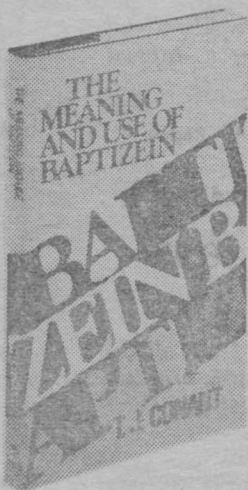
Because Jesus died it is not true that men are mechanically saved. The hardshell would like us to believe this but it is not true. Our friend must count the cost. The "Christian scene" is filled with those "who began to build" but were unable to finish. We observe so many professions of faith that fall by the wayside that it is often discouraging to the winner of souls. Jesus makes certain demands on the soul under conviction.

#### REPENTANCE

There has to be repentance first and foremost on the part of our friend. He is to know this. "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). All too many are urged to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ without one word about the forsaking of sins. No soul can ever have saving faith in Jesus Christ who has not first repented of his (Continued on page 8, column 1)

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### Be A Soul Winner

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sins. It is impossible to receive the Saviour from sin while clinging to the sin from which we are seeking salvation.

Repentance is almost always completely left out of the soul winning formulas given by our professional soul winning experts. This explains the great number of lapses. No man will hold out who has not repented for he has never been saved. Be sure your friend understands this. Pray still that the Holy Spirit will give him life to repent else he never will.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF CHRIST

Accepting Christ is called believing in Christ (John 3:16). It is called coming to Christ (Matt. 11:28-30; John 6:37). Also it is called receiving Christ (John 1:12). In presenting these truths to your friend, the Holy Spirit may lead you to a host of different Scriptures presenting the same truth. Involved in this believing or accepting Christ there must be full surrender. It involves receiving Christ as Lord. Modern day soul winning tells the sinner to accept Christ as Saviour and then later on you can make full surrender accepting Christ as Lord. This is not true. Christ is no Saviour apart from Lord. He is the Lord Jesus Christ. To receive Christ as Saviour our friend must understand he is relinquishing his rights to be his own master.

#### LINE UPON LINE

This method will surely seem too slow for many of the ambitious

number counters of today. "For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little" (Isa. 28:10). Slow but sure seems to be the method here stated for God's work. Rest assured, this writer is in no way limiting the power of God to save. Some folks no doubt are saved the first time they ever hear the gospel. It is my contention in this article that God, for the most part, saves sinners through processes like those listed herein. More and more do I give thanks for the men of God who have been consistent in their soul winning. Today when men are swept away by sensationalism in soul winning we urge our readers to seek for the old paths (Jer. 6:16). The principles of soul winning have stood the test of the ages. Remember, . . . "he that winneth souls is wise." (Proverbs 11:30).

### What In Hell . . .

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This is not saying that they knew God in the matter of salvation, but when they knew about God that is their conscience revealed to them that there was a God. I think if one reads the entire chapter of Romans he will agree that our nation is falling into what Paul is talking about. Now with this in mind let us come back to our subject.

#### WHAT IN HELL DO YOU WANT?

Now if you think this sounds bad, don't forget that Hell is a bad place according to God's Word.

Christ spoke more on Hell than He did on Heaven. Many people like to believe that there is a Heaven. But those same people don't like to talk about Hell. Why is it that people don't like to talk about Hell? Do they think if they don't talk of it that it will go away? Perish the thought. According to God's Word, Hell was prepared for the Devil and his angels, but don't worry it is large enough to take care of all those who don't have any desire for the things of God.

Others say they believe that there is a Hell, but they live as if by their good works they will escape it. Then there is the third group who say that they know there is a Hell, and that they want to go there, because they say that all their friends are there. It is to these people that I ask this question. WHAT IN HELL DO YOU WANT? Now let us get to the first point.

#### HELL IS NOT A PRETTY PLACE

Christ used the Greek word GEHENNA to describe this awful place. In Christ's day they used the valley outside of Jerusalem, this was where the bodies of dead animals and unclaimed criminals were thrown, with all of the garbage and the filth of the city were burned. It is said to be a place where the fire never went out. It was this place that Christ used to give a picture of what Hell is like. I have never seen a pretty garbage dump, have you? There is nothing that stinks worse than an old garbage dump, take my word for it. I used to haul off the garbage when I lived down in Kentucky; the smell was so bad that I had to put a mask on in order to keep from regurgitating. But, my friend, I am sure this was mild compared to what Hell is going to smell like. Christ said in Mark 9:44, 46 and 48: "Where the worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." Surely when our Lord says something three times, He wants us to take note of it. I am not saying that we need not take note when He says something one time, one time is sufficient. When He repeats the same thing over, and over we need to give much consideration to it. I don't think any one can describe Hell, but as one reads God's Word, he can get a bird's-eye-view of what Hell is going to be like. What ever you say about it I don't think you can say that Hell is a pretty place.

#### HELL IS NOT A PLEASANT PLACE

You will not meet one pleasant person in Hell. Think of it my friend, I know that our world here is not as pleasant as it should be, but at least you can meet some people here that are pleasant. Not in Hell, it is a place of hate and pain. You would not expect a person to be pleasant when he is in real pain, I find that even here when people are in real pain they are not very pleasant to be around. According to our text, Hell is going to be a wicked place. There will be no Holy Spirit there to restrain the wickedness, everything will be possible except escape. To that group who say Hell is here on earth, one of these days they are going to think that earth was Heaven, when they wake up in Hell. My friend, whatever can be said about Hell, I don't think it can be said it is a pleasant place.

#### HELL IS GOING TO BE A POPULATED PLACE

According to Isaiah 5:14: "Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it." Listen again to what Christ said in Matthew 7:13: "Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat."

According to Matthew 23:15 many are going to be deceived. They are going to be a two-fold more the child of Hell, after some of our modern day soul-winners get through with them. To convert a person from one religion to another, without Christ is a sure ticket to Hell. Hell will be full of

religious people. Christ said in Matthew 7:21-23: "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Many today think they are going to escape Hell because they have made their decision for Christ and turned over a new leaf. Many people today are reformed but not re-born and there's a lot of difference. Hell is going to be a populated place.

#### HELL IS A POOR PLACE

The richest person who ever lived will be poor in Hell. Think of it my friend, you won't have one friend in Hell; some of us don't have very many friends in the world, but in Hell you won't have one friend. Yet many are going to a place where there will not be even one friend to comfort them. Home at last, Hell where the fire is hot, Hell where there will be screaming, cursing; Hell where the worm dieth not, Hell where the fire is not quenched; Hell where the whoremongers, fornicators, are; Hell where the drunkard, and thieves are. I tell you my friend, Hell is a poor place.

As one looks around today at this old wicked city, we almost agree with that group who says that Hell is here upon this earth, but in spite of all this wickedness, I don't think it will hold a light to what is going to take place in Hell. We have some poor, and sorry places today, but none of them can compare to what is going to be in Hell. The sad part about this poor place is, that a lot of good people are going there. It would not be so bad if just the bad and wicked went there, but when you think of all those who are morally good, those who have lived a good clean life, maybe they have never stolen anything, never abused anyone, never lived a wicked life, yet they wind up in Hell, because they did not think they needed Christ. Don't kid yourself my friend, there are a lot of people like this today throughout our land. But the Word of God still says, "They that are in the flesh cannot please God." My friend, it is Christ or chaos.

#### HELL IS A PLACE OF PRAYER

In Luke 16:24 we read these words: "And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame." I do not believe this is a true prayer here, but none the less he did pray. Even if it was a true prayer it would not do him any good; once there all the praying in the world will not change anything for him, or anyone else. I may be wrong, but I believe that in Hell people are going to go on with their Hellish desires. That sex crazy crowd is going to go on desiring sex. The drunkard will go on desiring his

booze. The blasphemer will go right on blaspheming.

I don't think anyone is going to repent in Hell. We can see from Revelation the ninth chapter, that men will not repent of their wickedness even here upon this earth. You would think if men have the ability to repent of their wickedness as the Arminians say, that they would surely would repent under these conditions, but listen to what Revelation 9:21 has to say about this: "Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication nor of their thefts." I do not believe that even in Hell they are going to repent, but I do believe that religious people will be praying in Hell. I grant you that it will be in vain but they will do it anyway.

Let me say in closing, I don't believe you can scare a person into Heaven or out of Hell, but I do believe if those people who say that they want to go to Hell, would get God's Word, and read what the Bible has to say about this awful place, they would give some serious thought to this place called Hell. May it please the Holy Spirit to use this message to awaken the sinners to their need of the Lord.

### The Second Coming

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ment, until the indignation be overpast." Zephaniah and Isaiah uses the term "indignation" describing the tribulation period. Matthew 24:21, says, "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

Fifth: The second stage, the lightning-like coming of the Lord—Isaiah says, "For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity."

Sixth: The Battle of Armageddon—"the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain."

Seventh: Isaiah tells us of the chaining of the Devil, "In that day the Lord with his sore and great strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea."

Eighth: Isaiah prophesies the regathering and conversion of Israel, "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall beat off the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt." Ninth: The Millennium is prophesied again and again by Isaiah, showing you how in one chapter, one passage, they shall come, "And shall worship the Lord in the holy mount of Jerusalem."

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