



Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.— I Corinthians 15:58.

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

—Galatians 6:9.

"Behold the Lamb of God"

We need not worry about tomorrow—we need not worry about an hour from now—we need not worry about now. Why should we worry when we have God as our guide? Rest in the sure promises of God! Take them as promises to you personally.

How wonderful to rest under the wings of our Saviour. He knows how our physical life will end, and what will happen to us tomorrow. And He loves us, and the Father loves us. How wonderful!

How soon we as Peter look at the winds and the waves. We can illustrate life thus. When we look to our pride, or to those who would persecute us, or to our own goodness, we soon find ourselves sinking in helplessness. Fasten your eyes on Jesus! Hear what Paul said to the Hebrews: "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher [perfecter] of our faith." Reach out your hand to Jesus; it is possible to walk on this sea of life with Him.

Why should we be anxious? How frail we are; how soon we faint. If we are born again, God is with us. The eternal God who created all things, "that are in heaven, and that are in earth," dwells within us. And we can sing of the depths of the riches of love, the riches of love in Christ Jesus.

How He can be so merciful to me I cannot understand. The fact remains He is. And with that I can trust. Me

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Doctrines and God's Word

Today, as never before, man is living in an age of diverse doctrines, many of which are strange and confusing to his ear. There is, for instance, the contention held in some quarters that

TREASURED VERSES

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Matthew 24: verses 14, 29, 30, 42, 44.

Hell has gradually been determined to be non-existent. The belief that God in the end will save all mankind, none of whom he created to suffer destruction, has its followers. In this Laodicean church age, one sect em-

phasizes ceremonies, formalities, and hierarchy, while another heralds a bloodless Christ. Revivalists, playing on the heartstrings of emotion, avoid or forget the oft-repeated admonition to the sinner to bring "fruits meet for repentance." Then also, there is the erroneous conception of God's righteousness, that once ransomed from sin one is eternally safe, based on the promise that no wolf shall pluck them out of the Saviour's hands. Considering all these things and remembering there are still those who feel that in spite of set backs, such as in the last generation, God through science has made this a better world to live in, just what solution is there that will bring balm to the human heart?

The answer always can be found in God's Word, if properly and sincerely sought. One of the most important things to bear in mind in reading this Book is the setting or background in connection with any portion of Scripture. It is all too easy to pick out one or two verses, isolate them from the rest of the chapter, and misinterpret them to mean something far different than when fitted into the over-all picture of the text. It is from such cases that trick questions are propounded and efforts are made to cast the shadow of doubt upon the Word of Truth.

Brought together from many countries, having a large number of authors of many vocations and covering centuries of time, only the most important acts and teachings are men-

tioned. And yet, from Genesis to Malachi and from Matthew to Revelation, there is one common subject, Jesus Christ. In Genesis 3 we are told He will bruise the head of the serpent; in Isaiah 53, His mission and His sacrifice is graphically portrayed; and in Malachi 3, His coming is prophesied. We see Him as the King of the Jews in Matthew, and in Revelation we have Christ's own version of the end time as revealed to John. Surely then, when this Book is opened, it should be with a spirit of reverence, as is befitting the voice of the Eternal One. Remember, it was written by men in various ages under the guidance of God's Spirit. Its one purpose is your eternal gain.

This matter of the proper approach has much to do with the blessing we receive from reading God's Word. A desire for light, concentration of thought, and a quiet hour bring the greatest blessing; in short, we must have the proper attitude. In this connection I am reminded of a story I read not long ago of a noted English author and satirist. A friend came one evening, paying him a visit. When his friend prepared to leave, he escorted him to the door. Opening the door, both men gazed out into the night. The friend, marveling at the mystery and quietude, remarked what a wonderful night it was. The author, seeing only the foreboding darkness, exclaimed how terrible the night was. Pick up your Bible with a desire to come closer to your Maker in the spirit, and He will not disappoint you. Attempt to read it with a critical attitude and you will only scratch the surface—the well of information will be hidden from you. It reveals God's plan, not only in regard to you, dear reader, but also in regard to the end time. Limitations there may be placed in your pathway, but our minor sacrifices fade into nothingness beside the figure on the Cross. When the real significance of the price of our redemption begins to make a definite imprint on our heart, criticism, doubt, and vagaries take the nearest exit.

Cherished and highly prized in God's sight are His children; no wolf shall pluck them out of His hand, surely—but the child, by breaking the erected

covenant of Grace, can remove himself from the hand which bled to save him.

May ever a deeper insight be given us into the requirement of our calling, that "departing, we may leave behind us, footprints in the sands of time."

Herman Heuni

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"Fruits meet (worthy of) for repentance—American Revised version in brackets.

People who do nothing never have the thrill of a vacation!

A wise man will stand correction by a fool.

Hymn of the Month

Life and Full Abundance in Jesus

O blessed Sun, whose splendor
Dispels the shades of night;
O Jesus my Defender,
My soul's supreme delight;
All day I hear resounding
A voice with silver tone,
Which speaks of grace abounding
Through God's eternal Son!

A deep and heav'nly feeling
Oft seizes on my breast,
Ah, here is balm for healing,
Here only is true rest!
Though fortune should bereave me
Of all I love the best,
If Christ His love still leave me,
I freely give the rest.

To win this precious treasure
And matchless pearl, I would
Give honor, wealth and pleasure,
Yea, ev'ry earthly good;
I gladly would surrender
The dearest thing which might
Obscure my Sun's bright splendor,
And rob me of His light.

Lord, with this truth impress me,
And write it on my heart,
To comfort, cheer and bless me,
That Thou my Saviour art;
Without Thy love to guide me,
I should be wholly lost;
The floods would quickly hide me,
On life's wide ocean tossed.

"BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD"

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a poor, ragged, wretched, miserable sinner He loved! How can I love Him and repay Him? I can't repay Him. All I can do is rest in His love now and sweetly trust Him.

Now catch yourself, we so quickly forget. Right this moment drop all your anxieties, and live this moment! Rest in Him. Forget about those worries of all the other years or months or days or hours. "Fade, fade each earthly joy, Jesus is mine." Take that promise and press it right into your heart. "Rejoice evermore."

" 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus—only trusting in His Word." How weak are we. How wonderful is He. The eternal God dying for us. And he lives today! Come boldly unto the throne of grace clothed in His righteousness. Right this moment trust. "Casting all your care [anxiety] upon him; for he careth for you." Marvellous—he careth for me!

Can the world know such perfect contentment? To be entirely free from all anxieties and to be lost in the riches of love—what more can we ask? Tell it to those who are wretched. Be gentle and instruct them.

"O the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!"

Henry Souder, Jr.

Dr. Wanless, pre-medical student in New York City some years ago was making his rounds among tubercular children in a poor section of the city. In checking one little girl who lay very near death, she handed him a little purse containing 40c charging him to use it to help other little children in the world. He told the story, got together \$800, and the support of J. H. Converse, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, and went to the native state of Miraj in India. Today, there are 40 acres of land, 30-40 buildings, with operation rooms, wards, convalescent homes, etc. In his years, Dr. Wanless has performed nearly 100,000 operations, treated 500,000 and trained 200 medical students to travel over southern Asia.

No Room

When God created men upon the earth, He made their hearts for the Spirit of God. And no man can find complete happiness and heart satisfaction until he receives God's Spirit into his heart.

But man fell into sin and became alienated from God. And today there is still a deep longing in their hearts for something—they hardly know what. They are always searching for peace, joy, happiness, satisfaction, and contentment, but they seldom find it. They are willing to try almost anything under the sun that promises them a little satisfaction. But the pleasures of this world are fleeting, and they are no more satisfied than they were before.

And what is wrong?

They are simply trying the wrong things, for nothing can fill and fully satisfy the human heart but God Himself. But men and women are filling their hearts with everything else and deliberately shutting God out. They will let anything occupy their time and thoughts if it will help them to forget God.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, He was born in a stable "because there was no room . . . in the inn" for Him (Luke 2:7). And it is just the same today. People have no room in their hearts for the Lord Jesus. They long for real happiness, but they never seem to realize that Christ is the answer to all their deepest heart longings.

So they try to forget God, and spend all their time and energies in a vain effort to find some real satisfaction in something. But no permanent satisfaction is to be found in material things, dear friend.

Complete satisfaction and permanent happiness can only be found in the Lord Jesus. "For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness" (Psalm 107:9). So if your heart is longing for peace, rest, joy, and complete happiness, why not come to the Saviour? You will find all this and more in Him.

"Blessed (happy) are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Mat-

In Memory of Richard Zimmer

He laid his worn-out garment down,
Exchanged it for a new,
His love and priceless memories
Are treasures left for you.

With trials done and suffering o'er
Reward to him is sweet,
For now he walks with firmer step
Upon a fairer street.

And there he learns far greater things
Than we on earth can know:
Grieve not too much, for in his joy
He would not have it so.

He added one more flower rare
To heaven's sweet bouquet,
The fragrance of his precious love
Wafts down to you today.

The tender love he holds for you,
The love you have for him,
Will live throughout the coming years
Nor ever fade nor dim.

The time to him will not seem long,
He only went before,
A thousand years are as a day
On that eternal shore.

thew 5:6). Then why not come to Him and let Him flood your heart with a peace and joy you have never known before?

Simply surrender your heart to Him, and invite Him to come in. Confess that you are a sinner, unable to save yourself (Romans 3:10-23; Ephesians 2:8, 9). Believe the gospel, "how that Christ died for our sins" (1 Corinthians 15:3); and trust the fact that He died personally for all your sins. Then receive Him as your Saviour, for "as many as received him, to them gave he power (the right) to become the sons of God." (John 1:12).

Receive Him and trust Him today and you will wonder why you did not do it sooner. For He is the only One who can make your heart "rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory" (1 Peter 1:8).

C. D. Carter—sent in by Dorothy Sinn, R. 2, Paulding.
("the right"—Amer. Revised.)

And meanwhile God with love divine
Cares for your cherished one.
He knows your grief so well,
He gave His only Son.

And when at last you meet again
In that fair, happy land,
Where God wipes all the tears away,
You then may understand.

Bertha Hueni Annis

SAVED, BUT—

"I am saved, but is self buried?
Is my one, my only aim
Just to honor Christ my Savior,
Just to glorify His Name?"

I am saved, but is my home life
What the Lord would have it be?
Is it seen in every action,
Jesus has control of me?

I am saved, but am I doing,
Everything that I can do,
That the dying souls around me,
May be brought to Jesus, too?

I am saved, But could I gladly,
Lord, leave all and follow Thee;
If Thou callest can I answer,
Here am I, send me, send me?"

According to statistics compiled in 1928:

71% of the babies in Persia die before they are five years old.

75% of the babies in central Africa die the first week.

50% of the children of Kashmir (representing much of So. Asia) die under five years of age.

50% of the children in Chile are lost in infancy.

(Though these figures are 20 years old, these situations have improved so slowly that they are still very representative of the actual situation.)

Dr. Nevius, Presbyterian missionary to China said that he'd often met pastors who wished they had been missionaries, but never met a missionary who regretted having gone.

N E W S

Bluffton, Indiana

Victor Gerber, who underwent an appendectomy Jan. 13, is reported to be improving. Victor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Gerber.

Miss Dena Liebig, who recently underwent a major operation, is improving and is now at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Isch and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Isch are both parents of baby daughters, born 35 minutes apart on Monday, Jan. 19. The Harry Isch baby has been named Catherine Jane, and the Roger Isch baby Jill Marie. The fathers are brothers.

A daughter, Lou Anne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Tonner on January 3. A son, Jonnie Lynn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Gilliom on January 5. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baumgartner are the parents of a son, David Allan, born January 8.

Burlington, Oklahoma

A group of members packed twenty-five boxes for the needy in Europe at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roth on January 23.

The congregation greatly misses the following who are vacationing in Arizona and California: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Diel, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Schrock, Mr. and Mrs. John Schrock, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Freiden, Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, and Mrs. Samuel Schupbach.

God again has claimed a precious gem by the death of our little Mayre Jane Kircher, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kircher, who had been ill for several months. She was one year, one month, and twenty-five days old. She is also survived by a sister, Nancy Ann and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Somerhalder and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kircher.

Elder and Mrs. Noah Schrock and Elder and Mrs. Phil Aeschleman visited this community recently. At that time two new members, Mrs. Ida Tanner and Mr. Fred Otti, were brought into the fold.

A beloved sister, Kathryn Frey, was called to her heavenly home on Jan. 22. Services were held Jan. 25, with Rev. Eli Somerhalder officiating.

Elgin, Illinois

Rev. and Mrs. Gus Sinn and mother of Fort Scott, Kansas, visited in Elgin

over the week end of January 25. He has two sisters, Mrs. Louise Graf and Ida Sinn.

Rev. and Mrs. Ben Wiegand and daughter, Leona; Emma Lou Huber; and David and Melvin Steffen also spent Sunday, Jan. 25, in Elgin. They had dinner at Jonathan Steffens.

Rose Rapp, Mary Jane Steffen, and Marcella Steffen spent a few days at the home of Theo. Steffens.

Ernest and Tillie Kellenberger, formerly of Elgin but now of Morris, Minnesota, are spending a week here with relatives and friends.

Fairbury, Illinois

Miss Edith Wiegand from here and Walter Zimmerman from Morton were married on New Year's Day. Elder Henry Kilgus performed the wedding ceremony.

Four cars of young folks from Roanoke, Ill., visited our congregation on Sunday, Jan. 18, and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hartman.

Mrs. Susan Sutter, aged 78, died Jan. 22. Funeral services were held here Jan. 24, with Rev. David Mangold of Roanoke, Ill., officiating.

The engagement of Miss Gladys Zimmerman and Merle Kaisner, both of Fairbury, was announced Jan. 25.

Rev. Henry Sabo and his father from Mansfield, O., held services here Sunday, Jan. 25, and stayed a few days visiting friends and relatives.

(Editor's Note: Heinrich Keller writes from Switzerland: "Many greetings to my cousin (or cousins?) from Fairbury, Ill.")

Fort Scott, Kansas

Monday, Dec. 29, Eunice Marti of La Crosse, Ind., and her mother, Mrs. Lou Marti of Lamar, Missouri, visited relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. David Moser of Morris, Minnesota, visited Mr. and Mrs. William Reber and other relatives and friends the week end of Jan. 11. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Messner and Gary of Hancock, Minnesota, and Mary Reber left January 11 for a visit with relatives and friends in Texas and California.

Leo Kraft and Rudolph Bahr of Gridley, Kansas, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sinn and family and

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Massner and family, Sunday, Jan. 11.

A group of the young folk spent Sunday, Jan. 11, with the Lamar, Missouri, members and friends.

Francesville, Indiana

A group spent Sunday, Jan. 11, at Alto, Michigan, and then brought back two thousand pounds of navy beans, which are being used in the packing for European relief. We also called on our dear sister, Elizabeth Wingeier, who is unable to attend church services any longer. Those enjoying a very blessed day with the Alto folks were—Rev. and Mrs. Adam Gutwein and daughters, Margaret and Alvera, and sons, Harold, Junior, and Irvin; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Von Tobel and daughter, Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wuethrich and son, Otto; Edwin, Marcella, Rovine, Katherine, and Nate Gutwein; Norma Lou Kahler; Maxine Gudeman; Adeline Novotny; Barbara Ward; David and Bob Wuethrich; and Dean Gudeman.

The eldest brother of our congregation passed his 90th birthday Jan. 25. We were sorry he had to spend his birthday in bed with influenza, but normally he still enjoys good health, attending church services regularly.

Lester Tyler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tyler, had the misfortune of getting his hand caught in a corn sheller, and it was necessary to amputate it. We extend our sympathy to him and his family.

Leo, Indiana

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Farney and daughter, Lena Lou, and Lena Knochel are spending a delightful vacation in Altadena, Calif.

Persida Conrad returned home after an enjoyable visit with friends and relatives at Altadena, Cal.

Rev. and Mrs. Joel Souder and Mr. and Mrs. George Stieglitz visited the Bremen Congregation Sunday, Jan. 25.

Announcement of the engagement of Margaret Kipfer of Grabill and David Schlatter of Bay City, Mich., was made on Jan. 25, at the Apostolic Christian Church.

Rev. Otto Norr, Ramas Schlatter, David Lantz, Mr. and Mrs. William Klopfenstein, Jr., and others, visited the Francesville Church, Feb. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Frank and children of Louisville, Kentucky, visited with friends and relatives here on Jan. 25.

Irma Joy Steiner is quite improved at this writing.

Matilda Bertsch and Helen Klopfenstein are improving and we wish them both a speedy recovery.

A group of members from the Bluffton and Francesville Congregations spent Monday at the Grabill Canning Factory. They were canning beef and broth for European relief. Approximately 3,000 cans was the result.

Word was received that Mrs. Louis Gerber of Bremen, Ind., passed away. Funeral services were held Friday, Feb. 13, at the Apostolic Christian Church of Bremen, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Bach of Fairbury, Ill., Elder and Mrs. Phil Aeschleman of Cissna Park, Ill., and Elder and Mrs. Noah Schrock of Oakville, Iowa, left Jan. 6 for Portland, Oregon, to visit with the congregation of the Apostolic Christian Church.

Baptismal services were held for Clara Bach Kaufman Jan. 11 at the Portland Church.

Elders Schrock and Aeschleman and wives continued their trip to Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Bach stayed with their daughter and family, the Jacob Kaufmans, at Silverton, Oregon.

Lester, Iowa

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Emil Wulf on January 9. He was named Clifford Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Feucht left Jan. 14 for California and Oregon for a six-week visit with their two sons and other relatives.

On January 16 Wilma Knobloch, daughter of Dietrich Knobloch, was married to Marvin Hoogeveen of Lester.

Mr. and Mrs. John Goll and Mrs. Will Luthi of Morris, Minnesota, visited with us on Sunday, Jan. 25.

Mansfield, Ohio

A number from Mansfield attended services at the Rittman, O., church, Sunday, Jan. 11. Noah Bauman was ordained an elder.

Rev. Philip Gutwein, Jr., Rev. and Mrs. Adam Gutwein, and daughter, Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gudeman of Francesville, Ind.; and Mr.

Otto and Richard Schlatter, Rev. Irvin Stoller, Mr. Jesse Gerber, and Mr. Clem Wieland of Latty, Ohio, attended the meeting of the Apostolic Christian Aid for Europe January 24. The Francesville members remained with us over Sunday. We enjoyed their visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Novotny of Francesville, Ind., visited relatives and friends Sunday, Jan. 24.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Sabo, Rev. and Mrs. Lucas Sabo, and Miss Sarah Dotterer visited in Illinois over the week end of January 24.

Peoria, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Staub were added to the fold of Christ through baptism on Sunday, Jan. 4.

Miss Marie Hoerr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Hoerr of Peoria, is engaged to Reuben Huber, son of Mrs. Carrie Huber of Fairbury. The wedding date has not been set.

Rev. Sinn of Fort Scott, Kansas, conducted evening services here on Jan. 27. He, with his family, visited his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Gschwind.

Princeville, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dietz are the parents of a son, Dennis Duane, born December 30.

We had quite a number of visitors with us on Sunday, Jan. 11. Among them were Rev. and Mrs. Ben Wiegand and others from Fairbury; Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Nohl and Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Joos and family of Morris, Minnesota; Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Nussbaum and others from Remington; and some young folks from Oakville, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Knapp of Burlington, Kansas, called at the home of Mrs. Marie Martin January 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Feucht are the parents of a daughter born Jan. 23.

Rev. and Mrs. Michael Weyeneth and Rev. Koehl of Peoria conducted services here Sunday, Jan. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weyeneth and small son of Goshen, Ind., spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Knobloch, and family.

Mr. Rudolph Dollinger, who is a patient in a Peoria hospital for the past three weeks, is slowly improving. He underwent two operations while there.

Remington, Indiana

Funeral services were held Jan. 15 for Sgt. Walter E. Schini who gave his life in November, 1944, while in the service of his country. Services were conducted by Rev. Philip Gutwein, Jr. The American Legion of Remington took part at grave-side services. His loss is mourned by his wife, a daughter, his mother, two brothers, and eight sisters. Memorial services were held here about two years ago.

We had visitors from La Crosse, Indiana, Sunday, January 18. They were guests of Robert Schieler. They also had dinner with his mother, Mrs. Marie Schieler, in Remington.

A number of our young folks enjoyed a visit with the Cissna Park Congregation on Sunday, Jan. 25.

Rev. Sam Kilgus spent about ten days at Fairbury helping care for his aged father who has become quite feeble.

Roanoke, Illinois

The engagement of Audrey Hodel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hodel of Roanoke, and Norman Rocke, son of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Rocke, of Eureka, was announced Sunday, Jan. 11. An early summer wedding is planned.

The wedding of Ruth Minger and Warren Hodel was solemnized at the Roanoke Apostolic Christian Church, Sunday, Jan. 18. After their wedding trip in the South, they will be at home on their farm near Roanoke.

Services for Joseph Rocke, who died Thursday, Jan. 22, at his home in Roanoke, were held the following Sunday. Elder David Mangold officiated.

Mary Elizabeth Walters and Ernest Fehr chose Sunday, Jan. 25, as their wedding date. Many friends and relatives attended.

Mrs. Lena Leman fell at her home in Roanoke and suffered a broken hip. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Toledo, Ohio

Laura Conrad of Grabill, Indiana, visited relatives and friends here the week of New Years.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ross of Chicago, Ill., visited their family here recently. Mrs. Ross is the former Emily Grant.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weber of Chicago, Ill., visited their family here

recently. Mrs. Weber is the former Donna Maibach of Detroit, Mich.

Elder and Mrs. Elias Dotterer visited a number of families on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Elder Dotterer held services here on New Year's Eve.

Funeral services were held for Esther Meister on January 17 by Elder Elias Dotterer and Rev. Andrew Dotterer. Esther died on Jan. 15 after being confined to her bed for the past year.

Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Frautschi and daughter, Emily, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reineck and family, spent the evening of January 23 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach, Sr., in Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Ed Klopfenstein and sons, Alvin and Raymond, of Latty, Ohio, visited relatives here on Sunday, Jan. 25.

Rev. Fred Rager of Latty, Ohio, visited relatives and friends here for a couple of weeks.

Donald Schlatter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schlatter, is home for a brief vacation after exams at M. I. T. (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) in Boston, Massachusetts.

West, Bend, Iowa

We are again having services in our church. The building has been remodeled to make more seating capacity.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Banwart are parents of a boy, born January 8. He has been named Wayne Lee.

John, Martha, and Andrew Mogler and Dale and Eunice Knobloch of Lester, Iowa, visited relatives here Sunday, January 18.

KEEP CHEERING SOME ONE ON Folger McKinsey

Don't you mind about the triumphs,
Don't you worry about the fame;
Don't you grieve about the succeeding,
Let the future guard your name.

All the best in life's the simplest,
Love will last when wealth is gone;
Just be glad that you are living,
And keep cheering some one on.

There's a lot of sorrow 'round you,
Lots of lonesomeness and tears;
Lots of heartaches and of worry
Through the shadows of the years.

And the world needs more than triumphs;
More than all the swords we've drawn;
It is hungering for the fellow
Who keeps cheering some one on.

—Watchman-Examiner.

SALVATION (Cont. 23)

Philip Gutwein, Jr.

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have **dominion . . . over all the earth . . . and subdue it . . .**" (Gen. 1:26, 28).

These words make it evident that already in the very beginning God intended for man to have **dominion**, as a governor and ruler over his visible and material creation of the earth, and to bring it into **subjection** unto himself, in order to insure an orderly, harmonious, and blessed functioning of the same and to reflect due credit and glory upon its Maker, and incidentally upon himself. When God created man in His own image and likeness, He surely lifted him into a position of "**great glory**," and to subdue so vast a creation on the sea, in the air, and on the land, with all the forces latent in the earth, He needs had to clothe man with authority and "**power**."

The first man fell from his position of **dominion** and **rulership** and its **power** and **glory**. Together with him fell the whole creation into a discord of utter ruin and groaning, assuming a rebellious enmity against the authority and rule of man. Brother rose against brother in the first human family—Cain against Abel—and nation rises against nation until this day and beat their plowshares into swords; the lion does not "eat straw like the ox," and the "sucking child" would not dare to "play on the hole of the asp." The curse is on the ground for man's sake and brings him forth "thorns also and thistles." The wilderness and the desert place, do not now rejoice and blossom as a rose (Isaiah 35:1), and much of the ground reluctantly gives its tillers a bare existence in return for the **sweat of their face** in vast areas of the world.

But God, in infinite wisdom, is never perplexed in any situation. What "man" had lost, the "Son of man" proposed to restore. To be sure, the creation, which God had just pronounced to be "very good," was a total ruin, as only sin can ruin. The

creator might have taken recourse to His infinite **might**, bound Satan, just caught in the act of **making a lie**, place all responsibility for the ruin upon Satan, His adversary, which is so natural for humans to do, clear Adam, His son, whom He so dearly loved, from any part of the guilt, by a decision of His superior **might**, from which there could have been no appeal, and which is also so human to do, and **restore at once** His ruined handiwork, by the Word of His **might** in which He simply spoke before: "Let there be," and there was a "very good" creation out of **nothing**. He had the **power**. Who was "able" to oppose Him if He did choose such a "short cut" and thereby eliminate millenniums of suffering for the human race and eliminate especially for Himself the **beforehand sufferings**? Ah! but this would have been **grace without truth** and not "grace and truth" (John 1:17) as far as man is concerned, and the **right of might**, as far as Satan is concerned. It was the idea of the one on the left to the cross of Christ, who would use the might of the Son of God, not so much to avoid sin, but to avoid **suffering for sin** (1 Peter 3:18). The thief would "do evil that good may come? whose damnation is just." (Romans 3:8) No! "The throne is established by righteousness" (Proverbs 16:12) and not by might—as man is till this day struggling to do in a wisdom which descendeth not from above (James 3:15, 16). "Thy throne, O God, **IS** for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness **IS** the sceptre of thy kingdom." (Hebrews 1:8) God must ever rule and judge in righteousness, without respect of persons; otherwise His government would be one of **power**, but none of **glory**.

Thus the creation of the heavens and of the earth and all there is in the earth was comparatively simple to a Creator who is all-wise and all-mighty, for He spoke, "let there be," and there was! The first two chapters of our Bible was sufficient to describe it. The question of **evil** was not involved in the creation; it was out of

nothing and was good. The infinite wisdom and might of the Creator could do that. Sin could quickly make it evil and ruin it, and another chapter could describe the awful drama and calamity of it all. But the redemption of this creation from a state of ruin, her deliverance from evil and the reconciliation of our estranged world to her Creator, introduced the elements of right and wrong with preeminence, placed creative might into the background, and involved in its process the Creator Himself so unsparingly it "made him TO BE sin for us, who knew no sin" (2 Corinthians 5:21) pressed the crown of thorns—the emblem of the curse upon sin—on His own head, and made Him to bear our grief, and "our sins in his own body on the tree," there redeeming "us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us" (Galatians 3:13). Bearing our judgment, He tasted death by the grace of God for every man (Hebrews 2:9). For sin judged always brings the wages of death.

While, as stated before, two chapters could set forth the creation, and another chapter the ruin of it, it took a large part of our Bible to convey to men God's wonderful and righteous plan of reconciliation of the world unto Himself (2 Corinthians 5:19), and the redemption at the price of Christ's life and blood, from the dominion of Satan, sin, and "the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God." (Romans 8:19-23). Redemption is first to man, for he fell first, and losing his dominion and power and authority of rulership to subdue the earth, man took with him the entire creation, with rebellious confusion, down into the bondage of corruption and the subjection to vanity, like a falling keystone takes with it the entire arch into a common crash and a grave of dust. Man's redemption is now limited to the spiritual, where he first died, but in due time those who "have the firstfruits of the Spirit" shall receive what they are groaningly waiting for: "the adoption, TO WIT, the redemption of our body" (Romans 8:23), which will be a "glorious body" (Philippians 3:21).

With man thus lifted up out of the dust of ruin, delivered from bondage into a glorious liberty by the Son of man, the whole creation, waiting and groaning and travailing in pain together (with man) until now, shall likewise be delivered into "the glorious liberty of the children of God."

This then is that which is referred to by the apostle Peter in Acts 3:21 as "the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." This restitution was an eminent subject of Old Testament prophecy, and especially the ardent hope of Israel, for with this time will come the conversion of Israel as a nation, the blotting out of their sins under a new covenant of grace (Romans 11:26, 27), "the times of refreshing . . . from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19). Jesus Christ sent from heaven (verse 20), will bless them first (verse 26), and then "all the kindreds of the earth" (verse 25). Moreover, primarily and prominently interwoven with "the times of restitution" is the restoration of the "promised land" to Israel with Jerusalem delivered from Gentile dominion, and most of all the cherished hope of the redemption of Israel (Luke 24:21), and the restoration again of the kingdom to Israel (Acts 1:6) as a nation, with their Messiah, the great Son of David, upon "the throne of his father David," to "reign over the house of Jacob for ever" (Luke 1:32, 33). The redemption of Israel as a nation is possible because Christ died "for that nation" and also for the individual children of God (John 11:50-52).

Lastly, "the restitution of all things" necessarily includes the restoration of dominion over all the earth and the power to subdue it, which was lost in Adam, the first man, but will be far more gloriously restored in the last Adam, the second man, which is the Lord from heaven, in a time not too far distant, when they shall "see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:27). How significant are these words in the Lord's prayer: ". . . Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as IT IS in heaven."

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

All this refers to "the glory that should follow," as a subject of, and in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy, and concerns itself with the restoration of all things in the earth for a thousand years. Beyond is the "mystery of Christ," now revealed, but in other ages not made known unto the sons of men, and hid in God from the beginning of the world. (Eph. 3).

Here are American Revised version changes of at least some particular words or phrases of Scripture quoted in the writing "Salvation."

From Romans 3:8: "do evil that good may come? whose damnation [condemnation] is just."

From Hebrews 1:8: "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness [uprightness] is the sceptre of thy kingdom."

From Romans 8:21: "the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty [liberty of the glory] of the children of God."

From Philippians 3:21: "that it may be fashioned like [conformed to] unto his glorious body [the body of his glory]."

The Lord's Prayer

Here is the version referred to as the "Aramaic version," as translated by Dr. George Lamsa, noted Bible scholar who speaks the Aramaic tongue.

"Our Father in heaven.

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Let Thy will be done, as in heaven so on earth.

Give us bread for our needs from day to day. And forgive us our offenses, as we have forgiven our offenders.

And do not let us enter into temptation, but deliver us from error. Because Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen."

There are other versions. . .

(Editor's note: This was printed in Gospel Musical News.)—See note on omission of part of this in the American Revised version in another part of the paper.

Late Lamsa

A Reed, a Robe, and a Crown of Thorns

A reed and a robe and crown of thorns
Before our Lord was slain
Was the glory giv'n unto their king
By wicked, sinful men.

Though in love He came, the lost to save,
The weary to lead to rest;
Though He came the love of God to show,
His kindness to manifest:

Though He healed the sick, the lame, the blind,
And made the dumb to speak;
Though He only taught of a better way
For those who wisely seek:

Though He only taught to be meek and kind,
And His doctrine was purely love;
Though He only sought to show to man
The path which ends above:

They rejected the Lord and what He taught,
They rejected the King of Kings;
And in and out through Pilate's halls
The cursed sentence rings:

"Crucify Him," how they shout,
Till they at last prevail;
And spitting in His very face,
Him mockingly they hail.

With a reed and a robe and a crown of thorns
And the cruel cross for a throne,
They condemned the Lord, the Son of man
As a man they refused to own.

But He triumphed over the reed and the robe
And the thorns and the cross on the hill;
He triumphed over death and grave
As was His Father's will.

And today He lives, today He reigns,
Today He is calling to you.
And today the question you must decide
Is "What are you going to do?"

Will you give Him the reed and the robe and the thorns
And drive Him away to the cross?
Your answer may lead to eternal gain
Or result in eternal loss.

By Charles J. Sauder.

"Pitchers for the Lamps of God!"

A lamp once hung in an ancient town
At the corner of a street,
There the wind was keen, and the way was dark,
And the rain would often beat.
And all night long its light would shine
To guide the travelers' feet.

The lamp was rough and plain and old,
And the storm had beaten it sore;
'Twas not a thing one would care to show,
Whate'er it had been before,
But no one thought what the lantern was,
'Twas the light that within it bore.

The lamp is a text for young and old,
Who seek, in a world of pride,
To shine for their Lord and to show Him forth
And never their light to hide.
You are the lantern, a thing of naught,
But Christ is the Light inside.—G. G.
(This poem is from "Mountain Trailways for Youth" by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman.)

"There are times when the athiest's faith fails him. While Bishop Dubbs of the German Evangelical Church, was on a passage across the Atlantic, he endured shipwreck. As the vessel was sinking, a balatant infidel who had several times made light of the good bishop's religious belief, began to cry, 'Lord, have mercy upon us!' 'Don't say that' said the bishop, who was standing at his side; 'you have no faith in prayer.' 'Oh bishop' said the frightened skeptic, 'there is a vast difference between being on the dry land and on the deck of a sinking ship!'"—J. Mooers.

"Mr. Jaybird"

"I am grateful, very grateful to your highness, Mr. Jay,
For the pleasant dash of color you have put into my day.

The grey hours needed splendor, I can't quite see how come,
That winter wants to flirt with fog,
and dress so very glum.

You, landed on an old oak limb, a leafless thing to mourn,
But, boy, it's right, wherever you light, in them baseball clothes of your'n!

You cheer me, bein' saucy; If a sparrow makes a pass,
You line him up most certain with a mouthful of your sass!

I am grateful, very grateful to your highness, Mr. Jay,
For the pleasant dash of color you have put into my day."

—Barton R. Pogue.

A man who was on trial for a criminal offense stood trembling before the judge. "Don't be afraid," he was told; "you'll get justice." "I know, Judge," replied the offender, "but that's just what I don't want."—Is that not our exact position before God? We do not want justice; we want mercy. If we received only justice, we would be condemned. Only God's mercy can save us. So we pray with Habakkuk, "O Lord . . . in wrath remember mercy!"—Sel.

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