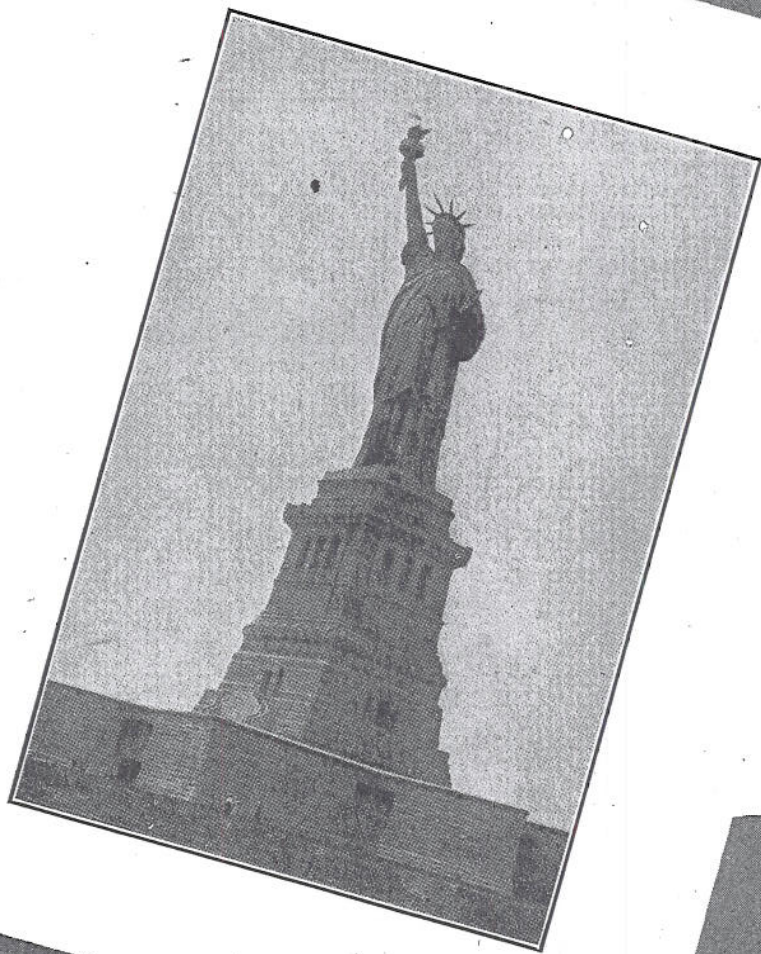


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GERALD B. WINROD ★ EDITOR

Converted Natives Welcome Christian Soldiers

IN HIS new book, "These Men Shall Never Die," Lowell Thomas devotes a section to Solomon Islanders who accepted Christ through the efforts of missionaries prior to the war. He publishes a photograph of a group of half-naked Christian natives, possessing excellent physiques and good faces—the type of men who gladly welcome American boys, often rendering incomparable service to our forces forced down in jungle areas.

Under the picture, Mr. Thomas has placed this description: "Solomon Islanders, Christianized by the missionaries, friendly to Americans throughout the (Guadalcanal) campaign."

The same thought is emphasized in an Associated Press report of January 23, 1944 . . . published under the following headline: "AN ADVANCED BASE IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC."

It tells how natives traveled miles through jungles, to deliver seventeen chickens to a Chaplain representing a denomination whose missionaries had told them of Christ, at an earlier date. The article reads as follows:

STEEL-SHEATHED BIBLE SAVED FLIER'S LIFE

The following Associated Press dispatch of January 11, 1944, was released from "A Bomber Base in England":
"Plying For Foes Bombarrier Lieut. Robert Turner of Lexington, Ky., said a steel-sheathed Bible saved his life in today's raid on Germany.
"Bible fragments lodged in the plane when he always carries in his pocket the book.
"I can't thank the Lord for my life today," Turner said.

Seventeen chickens owned by a native Solomon peck a peaceful path around this airdrome because some Gilbertese natives remembered the denomination which brought them Christianity long before the Japanese came.

Thirteen pastors and school teachers, natives of a neighboring airdrome, gave the chickens to Lt. Francis T. Cooke, pastor of Bristol, Conn., bringing the flock 30 miles in an outigger canoe.

Chaplain Cooke said he tries to distribute the fresh eggs from his flock

"equally among the men."

He added, "I never eat one myself." Which in a land of G. I. powdered eggs is tops in self-denial.

The Christian congregational churches were responsible for introducing a mission on the natives airdrome from 1857 to 1912. Chaplain Cooke—no one knows how the natives learned he was here—was the first American representative of the denomination the Islanders had seen since before Pearl Harbor. Myrta's sons located the Congregationalists.

Afterward, the natives took Chaplain Cooke back with them for a visit—in honor of the foreign mission group, and of the late Dr. Hiram Bingham (father of former Sen. Hiram Bingham of Connecticut) who founded the first Christian mission on the atoll.

The chaplain was greeted by 200 natives and a welcome sign, and 14 village delegations brought gifts and greetings.

Lt. Cooke preached 20 times during his two day visit to the atoll. He made the 60-mile round trip across open sea with the natives in an outigger canoe.

Miracle In The Pacific

Edited by Clyde H. Dennis . . . Chicago

MY SON, who is a real Christian boy, is now somewhere in the Pacific war zone. Many months before he left our shores he and I memorized and repeated over and over again that wonderful 91st Psalm. We agreed together that the promises it contained applied to us. We stood upon them in faith, believing, and made a covenant with God.

"We agreed, that, no matter where son might be, at prayer time we would repeat again those verses. It was a sort of the binding our hearts and minds to matter how many thousands of miles might lie between us. A few days ago I received a letter from my boy which to me was evidence beyond all possible doubt that God's promises are real and operative.

An excerpt from the letter reads as follows:

"Our convoy was under heavy attack from both air and submarines. Anti-aircraft guns chattered incessantly and the crash of heavy guns was deafening.
"Every battle station was manned and operating. One submarine was sighted off our starboard and within firing range. Momentarily we expected to see the wake of a torpedo headed our way, and it was not long in coming. It was a tense moment, and I knew that many of the fellows were praying.
"Suddenly I remembered our covenant with God and the 91st Psalm. I began to say it over again. I knew you, too, must have been praying, for before

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"A CHURCH IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS"

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Progress Through Persecution

By Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, D.D.

"FOR thus, saith the Lord of hosts: Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land. And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come. Haggai 2:6-7.

This passage of prophetic Scripture refers to the times in which we live. The prophet outlines the character on the stage, outlines conditions as we observe them today, and says, "Yet once, it is a little while."

The word "once" in the original text expresses the indefinite article and states literally, "It is yet only a little while"—a brief space in which a series of catastrophic movements will occur preceding the second coming of Christ. The shaking of the nations implies judgments permitted by Almighty God as retribution for sins committed, the greatest being rejection of His Son.

One writer puts it this way: "The kingdoms of this world are but the scaffolding of God's spiritual temple, to be thrown down when their purpose is accomplished. The transitoriness of all that is earthly should cause men to look forward to the time when, as Isaiah prophesied, 'The government shall be upon his (Christ's) shoulder.'"

The second advent is described by Haggai as "the desire of all nations." It takes place following a period of unequalled world-wide agitation. The implication is, that because of great suffering, there will be a yearning "desire" for the return of the Prince of Peace. The shaking is scheduled to become so great and of such far-reaching proportions that only Christ can meet the need. The

writer quoted above says: "Christ alone can satisfy the yearning desires which men will feel, even unconsciously, for a Saviour."

Since the signs of the times indicate that we have reached the period to which Haggai referred, the present upheavals are not taking students of Bible prophecy unawares. Their anchor holds.

The shaking is affecting every nation, indeed every person, on the face of this earth. Humanly-devised systems are crumbling. Hold a cluster of grain in the wind or beat it on a rock, the chaff and the worthless particles will float away rather than repudiate them. Although the shaking of this hour is eliminating frivolity and superficiality, causing people to search for things that are real, permanent and enduring.

The virtues of our holy Christian Faith are not subject to revision. Our foundations are secure. We preach a changeless Christ in a changing world. In view of the shocks that are being these days registered, it is well for believers to review the illustrious past of the Church of Jesus Christ, and meditate upon the great underlying fundamentals, which have proved immutable and indestructible during the storms of the centuries.

THE RISE OF CREEDS

DOCTRINAL statements were born with Christianity. Peter said: "Be ready always to give a reason for the hope that is in you."

We find, in tracing the earliest beginnings of creeds, that they originated in times of great persecution. Christians being called upon to die for their Faith.

found comfort in stating again and again, what they believed.

There were no printing presses in those days. Knowledge was transmitted largely by word of mouth. Believers committed their creeds to memory. By this means, they handed them down from generation to generation.

The need of a vital Faith and a clear definition of its tenets becomes particularly acute in times of stress and sorrow. Early Christians did not apologize for their beliefs. They preferred death rather than repudiate them. Although hunted, hounded, harassed and ostracized, ensnared by traps, condemned on pretenses, consigned to dungeons, fed to beasts, huddled on beds of spikes, burned at stakes, THEY WERE TRUE TO THE FAITH.

A sound creed builds a viable faith, stabilizes character, systematizes knowledge, and gives anchorage to the soul in time of test and suffering. A sound creed disciplines the adherent, maintains a righteous standard and inspires heart-repentance when one falls beneath the ideals of consistent Christian service and conduct. You are very largely what you believe.

The history of Christianity is a long, running story of conflicts. The trouble started with the coming of Stephen and continued under the Roman Emperors—a period called by Church historians "the Era of Martyrs." THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION AND DICTATORSHIP ARE NATURAL ENEMIES. BASIC ANTAGONISMS EXIST BETWEEN THEM. Christianity brings liberty to the human spirit. Dictatorship binds, breaks and

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The two continents of Asia and Africa surpass the combined total of the rest of the world by 431,368,000 human beings. I suggest that we study these figures. Please examine them in the light of the fact that the population of Asia and Africa is to all intents and purposes composed of colored races. Let us understand that we mean by the colored races, any peoples who do not belong to the white race.

MUSSOLINI REVERSED HIMSELF

Mussolini in his persecution of Ethiopia suddenly "pulled his punches," and did not proceed as he had announced. Have you ever asked yourself why he reversed the plan as originally launched? Perhaps some thought it was due to the pressure exerted by the League of Nations. This was not the case. We must look elsewhere for an answer to the question.

I know Ethiopia. When Haile Selassie was a boy in his teens, I visited the country as a member of an archaeological expedition. There are more than 7-million Mohammedans under the rule in Ethiopia. They were, and are, loyal subjects of the Emperor.

Further south, and in the Congo, there are about 20-million Mohammedans in

sympathy, of course, with those of Ethiopia. Mussolini was in position to know from the stir and mounting tempo among these masses, that they would have soon been ready to come to the aid of their Ethiopian brethren. Back of the 20-million in Africa were other millions of the same fanatical faith in Asia seeking to support the African branch.

Mussolini saw that his barbarous attack on Ethiopia was precipitating a religious war that would involve multiplied millions of human beings. He was afraid to assume responsibility for bringing about such a conflagration and revised his schedule accordingly. Haile Selassie, just one day less than five years from the time he fled the country, ascended his throne again, and Mussolini's dream of African conquest faded.

JAPANESE CUNNING

After the formation of Manchukuo, General Honjo, the commander-in-chief of the armies of Japan, wrote a letter to the Japanese Government and the people of Japan, in which he formulated a "twenty year plan" of military aggression. I shall give a few articles of that plan:

Article I. Japan must conquer China in order to assume command over all raw material, resources and man-power of that country.

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Article II. Great Britain must be driven from the Pacific.

Article III. The East Indies and Australia must come under Japan.

Article IV. The people of the West Coast of the United States must be driven east of the Rocky Mountains.

For each major movement Honjo attached a time schedule. Let it be noted that the time-table was carried out until General McArthur threw a monkey wrench into the Japanese machinery.

Later, the leaders of Japan announced that they wanted to wipe from the face of the earth the entire white race. In other words their declared intention is a RACE WAR with the objective of liquidating the white peoples of the world. The reference in Revelation 16:12, to "The Kings of the east," refers of course to a great stir among the yellow races of the world prior to the fulfillment of the Armageddon prophecy in verse 16 of the same chapter.

PALESTINE THE HUB

Where will be the cockpit of the great war of God Almighty?

Palestine is practically the geographical center of the earth's surface. This three great continents converge at this center. It is the "Bridge of the Continents." The mass of population lies to the east, but that center is the focus of all lines of communication, the area from which all military activity may be directed in the briefest possible time. It is the hub of all activities because of its location.

I submit that reason and prophecy dictate the possibility of the final struggle being directed from the geographical center of the earth's surface—Palestine.

The battle lines of the present struggle are pygmy in comparison, for then the conflict will indeed be global without any exception whatever. While Palestine could not possibly accommodate the assembled armies, as shown in our December treatise, yet from it, the military forces of Armageddon could fan out on the world-wide scale announced in Bible prophecy.

If you move, notify The Defender, giving both old and new addresses.

Hymn Writers Called Home

Evangelist Phil Kerr . . . Glendale, California

CHARLES D. TILLMAN'S recent pastoring brings to mind the fact that many great hymn writers have been called to their heavenly rewards the last few years.

At the age of eighty-two, Tillman passed away in Atlanta, Georgia, on September 2, 1943. He was a native of Alabama and spent most of his life as a Methodist singing evangelist. For many years he traveled with Sam Jones, the noted Southern revivalist. His best known compositions are "Life's Railway to Heaven," "My Mother's Bible," "Ready," and "When I Get to the End of the Way." He was the first white man to introduce and publish "This the Old-Time Religion," having heard it sung by negroes in South Carolina camp meetings.

During 1942 four noted Christian song writers were promoted to their eternal rewards, Mrs. Will Murphy (March 30), Henry Zelly (March 10), E. S. Lorenz (July 10), and George O. Webster (October 1).

Mrs. Murphy, a native of Ohio, was the wife of a wealthy manufacturer when she wrote words and music of "Consistently Abiding." She spent her last years in California after her husband died from the shock of a financial crash which swept away their earthly possessions.

Dr. Zelly was an outstanding Methodist preacher in the New Jersey conference. His compositions included "Heavy Sunlight," "I'm Anchored to the Rock of Ages," and "He Brought Me Out of the Mirey Clay."

Mr. Lorenz founded the Lorenz Publishing Company of Dayton, Ohio, which distributes great quantities of religious music. His best known songs are "The Name of Jesus Is So Sweet," "I Want My Life To Tell For Jesus," "Call It to Jesus," and "Thou Thinkest, Lord, of Me."

George Webster at the time of his death, was Pastor of a United Church (Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian) in Essex, New York. He is especially remembered as the writer of "I Need Jesus."

The Southern song writers and publishers, whose careers were closely parallel, passed away within six months of each other. Both were successful in promoting singing schools and singing conventions. Both established publishing companies which distributed millions of copies of "shaped notes" hymnals. Both organized male quartets which attained great success, and both wrote many gospel songs. "Virgil O. Shamps died in Dallas, August 19, 1940 . . . and James D. Vaughan in Tennessee, February 9, 1941.

The year 1939 witnessed the passing of two hymn writers—J. W. Van De Ven (July 17) and Herbert Brumham (October 9). The former died at Temple Terrace, Florida and the latter in California. Van De Ven, who had attained no little fame as an art teacher before becoming a singing evangelist, wrote such songs as "Sunlight," "This Way," "I Surrender All," "Sunlight," "The Heart That Was Broken for Me." Brumham was a versatile evangelist, pianist, singer and composer. His specialty was the public composition of new songs from titles which his audience suggested. Included among his hundreds of compositions are "I'm Going Through," "When I Take My Vacation in Heaven," "My Sheep Know My Voice," and "I'm Going Higher Some Day."

Paul Rader was called home in July, 1938. He was a powerful preacher with a world-wide vision of foreign missions. Not so well known is the fact that he was also the writer of several widely known hymns—Mrs. Frank Brock (March 27) and Adelaide A. Pollard (December 20). Mrs. Brock was a humble housewife in Portland, Oregon, who, between household tasks wrote such songs as "Face to Face" and "Gathered to the Cross." One of her five daughters, Flora Brock, apparently inherited the mother's song writing mantle, as indicated by the appearance of "O Soul Without a Saviour."

Miss Pollard was an active Christian

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the worker who labored on both sides of the Atlantic. She was fatally stricken in New York's Pennsylvania Station while enroute to a preaching engagement. She is remembered as the author of "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

Adam Gelbel, German born composer-musician who attained notable success despite lifelong physical blindness, died in Philadelphia, August 3, 1893. Especially well known is his "Some Day He'll Make It Plain to Me." His musical creation, "Stand Up For Jesus," is widely favored by choirs.

Two hymn writers were called home from California during 1932—Annie Herbert Barker (January) and Charles H. Gelbel (September 14). Mrs. Barker, who wrote "When the Mists Have Rolled Away," died in a home for the aged, at Los Angeles, a few minutes after listening to a radio soloist sing her famous song.

Gelbel, born in Iowa, became one of the greatest personalities in the realm of gospel music. His compositions and publications were almost innumerable. To mention only a few—"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," "O, That Will Be Glory for Me," and "The Way of the Cross Leads Home."

Los Angeles was the scene of the home going, in 1930, of Dr. E. T. Casel. Musical settings for his two best known hymns, "Loyalty to Christ," and "The King's Business," were composed by his wife, who met death under the hoofs of runaway horses in Colorado, early in the 1890's. Dr. Casel was a physician before his entrance into the ministry at the age of sixty. His second wife now lives in Los Angeles.

Katharine Lee Bates, who wrote "America the Beautiful" while visiting in Colorado during 1893, died March 29,

1929, at the age of seventy. For two score years she had been a member of the Wellesley College faculty.

The year 1936 marked the passing of Johnson Oatman, also at the age of seventy. He was a longtime Methodist minister in New Jersey. More than five thousand hymn-poems came from his pen, notably "No, Not One," "Count Your Blessings," "Deeper," and "Higher Ground."

It may come as a surprise to many Gospel music lovers to learn that the author of "Onward, Christian Soldiers" (written eighty years ago) lived until January 2, 1924. Sabine Baring-Gould, minister of a small church in England, wrote the stirring song especially for his Sunday-school children to sing while marching in a Whitstable festival in 1864. Another of his famous songs is "Now the Day is Over." He died at the age of ninety.

William H. Jude, an English organist who composed "Jesus Calls Us Over the Tunnals," died in London, August 7, 1922, at the age of seventy. The person known as Cecil Alexander who wrote the words of "Jesus Calls Us" was a woman, the masculine appearance of the name "Cecil" notwithstanding.

Four outstanding hymn writers completed their life ministries in 1921—William J. Kirkpatrick (September 29), E. O. Excell (June 10), Mary Baker, and Jessie Brown Pounds. Kirkpatrick, born in Ireland, became an accomplished musician, composer, and publisher; he is remembered as the composer of "This So Sweet To Trust in Jesus," "Jesus Saves," "When Love Shines In," and "He Hides My Soul."

Excell, a native of Ohio, attained fame

as a gospel singer with an unusually powerful voice, and as a composer and publisher. His best known songs are "Count Your Blessings," "Since I Have Been Redeemed," and "Let Him In."

Mary Baker not to be confused with the founder of Christian Science, was an ardent WCTU worker. She was inspired to write "Master the Tempest Is Raging" shortly after she had experienced a heart tempest caused by the tragic death of her brother.

Jessie Brown Pounds, wife of an Indiana pastor, wrote such hymns as "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," "The Way of the Cross Leads Home," "The Touch of His Hand on Mine," and "Anywhere With Jesus."

Ellen H. Gates, whose "Home of the Soul" was a prime favorite in earlier days, passed away in New York at the age of eighty-five, October 23, 1920.

The year 1919 marked the passing of four renowned song-writers—J. H. Sammis (June 12), D. B. Towner, A. B. Simpson, and Julia Ward Howe. Sammis and Towner (author and composer, respectively, of "Trust and Obey") died within four months of each other, a striking coincidence. Sammis, who had been a business man and Y M C A worker before entering the Presbyterian ministry, spent the latter part of his life as a seminary teacher. Towner, born in the same town as the hymn writer Philip Bliss (Rome, Pa.), attained notable success as an evangelistic singer, composer and teacher; his compositions including "Grace, Greater Than Our Sin," "Anywhere With Jesus" and "Redeemed."

Dr. A. B. Simpson, founder of the Christian Missionary Alliance, is remembered among hymn lovers as the author

of "Launch Out Into the Deep."

Julia Ward Howe, wife of a Boston physician, wrote "Battle Hymn of the Republic" in Washington, D. C., after praying that God would enable her to write Christian patriotic words for the then popular tune "John Brown's Body." She lived to be ninety.

During 1918 three hymn writers were called to their eternal rewards—Annie Hawks (January 3), Joseph H. Gilmore (July 23), and William S. Pitts (September 23). Mrs. Hawks wrote "I Need Thee Every Hour" in 1872, while she was a member of the Brooklyn church whose pastor, Robert Lowry, composed the musical setting. She was born in New York, and died in Vermont at the age of eighty-three.

Dr. Gilmore, born in Boston, was a Baptist pastor and college professor. He wrote "He Leadeth Me," in 1892, at the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

Dr. Pitts, a physician and music teacher, wrote "The Little Brown Church in the Vale" in Iowa during the year 1864. A native of New York, he lived to be eighty-eight.

It was a strange coincidence that the author and composer of "Rescue the Perishing" died the same year, 1915—Fanny Crosby on February 12th, William H. Doane December 24th. The same pair also wrote "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and many others. Fanny Crosby, born in New York, was totally blind, and lived to be ninety-five. Doane, a native of Connecticut, was a manufacturer for more than sixty years, spending his spare time writing and publishing gospel songs. It was partly under his influence that Fanny Crosby began writing hymns after she had pressed the age of forty. He is also credited with having been largely responsible for Ira D. Sankey's entrance into the evangelistic career that was to make him famous.

Gospel music has been called the "soul of Christianity." This being an accepted truism, special credit belongs to those whom the Lord calls to the ministry of sacred song writing. Many a heart has responded to the Gospel call through the use of a song, who could not have been otherwise won for Christ. The Church therefore is a great loss when a connected musician leaves this life... but Heaven is richer.

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The messages herein released to the Christian public are expository in character, each being based upon a different passage from the book of Hebrews. They are scholarly and deeply spiritual, designed to build muscle in the soul. They were first delivered before large audiences in various parts of the Country and, due to popular demand, now broaden their usefulness through the medium of the printed pages.

Dr. Wall says: "It is against the background of a world wrapped in the flames of war, an apostasy sweeping through the churches, and a world plunging headlong into pleasure and Christ-rejection, that this book is offered to the public. The Church and the Christian are in an enviable position. For the darker the night of sin becomes about us, the brighter shines the light of Christ. We are the torchbearers. I have been trying to meet a great crisis with a great Gospel."

The authorship of the Epistle to the Hebrews has never been definitely established. Paul is generally regarded as the writer although his name was not associated with the earliest manuscripts. Its message is entirely Pauline. Internal evidence indicates that it was written prior to the destruction of the Jerusalem temple in 70 A. D.

The Scofield Reference Bible says: "Hebrews was written with a twofold intent: (1) To confirm Jewish Christians by showing that Judaism had come to an end through the fulfillment by Christ of the whole purpose of the law; and (2) the hortatory passages show that the writer had in view the danger ever present to Jewish professed believers of either lapsing back into Judaism, or of pausing short of true faith in Jesus Christ."

In his opening chapter, Dr. Wall searches for the passage or phrase that unlocks the book as a whole. We read:

"When I studied the book of Hebrews under the late Dr. A. C. Dixon, we students were told that the word 'uttermost' was the key word, and I readily consent that it is. However, we have not seen the whole picture, the whole scheme, or pattern of the book if we stop with such a statement. Primarily, the book presents a person of great importance in all the shades and forms which that person and his office require."

Dr. Wall defines the word Economy as follows: "An economy is the arrangement and management of government under which the welfare and blessings of the people are guaranteed. It is attributed to either human or divine institutions."

Christ Jesus in His incarnation, atoning death, triumphant resurrection, ascension and position as high priest . . . introduced a new economy, thereby replacing and casting the old into disuse. New witnesses were needed to contain the new wine. A new patch could not be pieced, with safety, upon an old garment. "The book of Hebrews deals in detail with the defects, failures, and, finally, with the passing of the Atonic economy."



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We read: "If Christ, the Melchisedec, our ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST, did not bring in a new order, a new economy, a more effective offering, then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world; but now ONCE in the end of the age hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." Notice the next verse: "And as it is appointed unto men ONCE to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was ONCE offered."

"Here the word 'once' is used three times in succession. The last is a special and major provision, one which was first indicated in Chapter 9, verse 12, 'Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood, he entered ONCE into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.'"

In the chapter on "Grace" Dr. Wall states: "I do not think we can say that the Christian's walk is always perfect. It is not; many of the greatest men of God, of Bible times and since, have been men who fell into sins, and sometimes grave errors, but they had that within them which caused them to come back to the refuge of the soul. It is wonderful that a Christian can, by the grace of God, live a perfect life, and that when he does fall, as he will at times, that he can come back."

Speaking of the types and symbols of the old Covenant, an apt illustration is used. Dr. Wall mentions a photograph of him sweetest which meant so much to him when they were apart. But after their marriage the picture lost its importance. It was as good as lost, but no longer needed because the subject was there in person. He says: "That is exactly what the symbols of the old Covenant were. They were pictures of the real."

Pilot Over Berlin

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how I was not afraid, for I knew that God was able. This time, at about the same distance from our vessel, the torpedo seemed to go crazy. It spun in the water, took a sharp angle to its right and passed by the bow of the ship. That's the last we heard from the submarine. As for the attack from the air, we suffered not a hit nor a scratch."

This is a true story and the incident took place recently. One can almost picture that Christian soldier standing on deck reciting the wonderful words of promise:

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THE hour has come, and we're Berlin-bound. Trust to luck? No, sir, not in this game. This bomber simply must reach its objective. We run a thousand risks—but we don't talk about just "trusting to luck." No. If we can possibly prepare ourselves against danger, we do it.

You see, I'm an air observer and navigator. Daylight hours are slipping by, ground crews are spending hours carefully checking, testing and making sure. The hour comes, and as we step into the ship, roar down the runway, and dive into the North Sea twilight—Berlin-bound—believe me, it's good to know that human ingenuity and skill have done their best to make this trip a success.

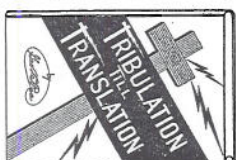
Berlin is a long way off. There is danger in every one of those 1900 miles. But we're ready for it. For instance,

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And then our crew. We've each been in this game now for some time. We've spent months and months of hard, intensive training and study. Myself, I joined up two years ago. I then followed plenty of work at an Initial Training School, an Air Observers' School, a Bombing and Gunnery School, an Astronomical Navigational School, an Operational Training Unit and then some weeks with the R.A.F. Ferry Command.

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You see, we've got an objective. We must get there. And we're taking no unnecessary chances.

I look at life much the same way. So just as we jolly well please here in life and let tomorrow alone. You know the idea, "eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die." Well, I take a poor view of that. It just isn't common sense. If I can make sure about the big things in life, then I'm going to—irrespective of cost. I'm not taking any chances. Reasonable, isn't it?

I'd like to tell you about a discovery in my life—an event which took place back in Australia when I was in high school. Back there I began to realize that life goes on and on—irresistibly—and I began to wonder—where? Of course I figured there was a God! I knew there was right and wrong! I wanted the best in life here and the best in life to come. But a queer uneasiness and fear settled down upon me.

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Eventually the grim realization dawned in my mind. I was not getting the best out of life here—and I was hopelessly in the dark about the Great Beyond. This thing called Wrong, or Sin, or whatever you call it, was robbing me of real joy and peace. I had no purpose in life; I was an aimless drifter. I was missing my objective . . . and I was afraid.

And then I started reading my Bible. The more I read the life story of Jesus Christ, the more I became convinced that He was more than just a perfect Man. He was indeed who He claimed to be—the Son of God; which meant and means that I can and must accept His Word as final authority. And He said, "Whosoever cometh to Me and believeth in Me, shall never come into condemnation, for I have given him eternal life, and he shall not come into condemnation, for he hath not seen death." (John 8:34).

As I continued to read about Him I made a startling discovery. I had always laughed with the crowd at those "quack" preachers who talk about "Hell," "Judgment," etc. I broke out in cold sweat when I saw that this Jesus Christ had an awful stress on just those things. I could hardly laugh at Him. "Every little word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment" (Matthew 12:36); and again: "He that receiveth Me, and receiveth not My words, hath One that judgeth him; the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). In other words, to reject His teaching about judgment was to invite upon myself that same judgment.

My own sin was very clearly keeping me from the best in life—reserving me for the worst in Eternity.

To make matters worse, I could see in life around me and ahead of me problems, trials, temptations, circumstances beyond my control. Others lives were being snared and wrecked. How was I to prevent a miserable ending to mine? I was powerless.

I kept reading that Bible.

And then one day I "caught on" to the real purpose in this person, Jesus Christ—the real reason He had lived, and died, and rose again. I had come to see that His life, His word, His work, His death, and His resurrection were historical facts, indisputable, attested and absolutely unique—but now I saw the true significance of it all. He did it for ME! Yes, for ME! He came "to seek and to save that which was lost"—ME (Luke 19:10).

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WHEN an American first visits the Nation's Capitol he sees the old Supreme Court chamber now restored as it formerly was when Webster and Clay and Calhoun and their colleagues of the Senate of a century ago met to debate the great issues of their time. The attendant will point out the very seats which these great men used.

"There were giants on earth in those days, mighty men which were of old." It is easy to see Webster—"the God-like Daniel"—standing by his chair as he made his magnificent reply to Hayne. It is said that when he finished someone asked Webster how long it took to prepare that speech, and his reply was "Twenty-five years."

This answer illustrates what has happened to Congress and parliamentary government everywhere in the intervening century. Twenty-five years! Men had time to think and brood and ponder a hundred years ago. In contrast, I recall (former Governor Montague of Virginia (then a Representative) telling me in my first year in Congress that "We don't have fifteen minutes a day of uninterrupted time for the real business we were sent here for—to write the Nation's laws."

The contrast shows not only what has happened but how necessary it is for us to understand the difficulties and the hurried atmosphere in which a modern Congress meets. The independence and effective functioning of Congress is more important now than then to millions of Americans and to their children.

When Webster spoke in 1830, there were only 48 Senators in place of 96; 203 Congressmen in place of 435; a population of 13,000,000 instead of 135,000,000. The first locomotive was still scaring Old Dobbin; the first oil well had not been dug. The modern age of technology, chemistry, medicine and power was just knocking at the door. It is probable that in the intervening century a greater advance has been made in technical progress than in all previous time.

The span of life has been doubled; modern tools have quadrupled the productivity of worker and farmer; famine and pestilence have been abolished over great stretches of the earth. Only war, death and taxes remain.

But while mankind has been scaling the peaks of science and invention, we have not only failed to climb—we have slipped downward in the field of constitutional government. That in part is the meaning of this second world war. At home for the past twenty years at least we have seen the executive power grow at the expense of Congress, and the Federal government at the expense of the States and local communities.

Here, as abroad, we have been moving toward one-man government. No one who loves his country—and his children—can view this trend without deep misgiving.

It seems, therefore, of the utmost importance for the average citizen to increase his respect for Congress—the "sheet-anchor" of his liberties—and for Congress to earn his liberating regard. And the beginning of that wisdom is understanding.

I think of great-grandfather, perhaps, listening to Webster, and you of today seeing Congress in action for the first time. How many times I have thought of the poor impression Congress must make on those who see it for the first time from the gallery. Yet, if the visitor followed his own Congressman around for one typical day, I am certain he would come home with a growing regard for one of the hardest working groups of men in America.

Let us look both at the appearance and the reality. From the gallery one ordinarily sees few members "on the floor." Those present seem to be paying little attention to the proceedings. They are coming and going, talking with one another, reading the paper. Compared to the picture of Webster replying to Hayne, one is bound to have a distinct "let-down."

But the visitor is there for only a few minutes, an hour at the most. He does not stop to think that the session he is witnessing began sharply at noon and will continue for four or five, sometimes for eight, ten or twelve hours. Long before such a session adjourns, even the visitor in the gallery would want to get up, stretch his legs, talk to his friends.

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Every session, thousands of bills are introduced. They are referred to some forty Committees of the House of Representatives and a corresponding number in the Senate. An important Committee such as that on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, of which I was a member, will have referred to it in a single session several hundred bills. Some of these are of the greatest importance. When a Committee takes up one of these bills, hearings are held in which a "day in Court" is given both to those who favor and those who oppose. This is the American way. No judgment is formed on the important matter until both sides have been heard.

BEHIND THE SCENES

These hearings are held in the forenoon; consequently, the Congressman has already done half of a day's work before Congress assembles at noon. On an extremely important bill, it is not unusual for hearings to last two months or more and then when they are concluded it often happens that the Committee will spend another month in rewriting the bill. Some of these bills are in themselves 200 to 300 pages long. I recall one in particular which my Committee considered practically every working day for five months. If the visitor in the gallery had ever been a member of a jury back home trying a case which lasted five weeks to say nothing of five months, he would know better what his Congressman is up against.

When one of these forty Committees finally reports a bill for action to the full House or Senate, the subject matter will generally have already come to the attention of all of the members, for the reason that, if the bill is at all important, each Congressman, even though not a member of the Committee having jurisdiction of the bill, will have probably been bombarded for weeks with hundreds of letters and telegrams, both for and against its passage. Constituents from his district interested in the bill will have come down to Washington to present their claims to him in person.

The result is that by the time the bill reaches the floor, the average member already knows a great deal about it and has probably made up his mind how he is going to vote. Occasionally, argument on the floor is fresh and new, but to a large extent it simply repeats what the member has already heard over a period of weeks or months. This being the case, it is not strange that the members are not in unanimous attendance when a bill is under discussion on the floor previous to the time it comes to a final vote, or that they apparently pay so little attention to what is being said.

Each of the forty Committees is a little Congress in itself. Unless the work were thus subdivided, it would be impossible for Congress to consider a tenth part of the hundreds of bills which are introduced annually during a session. These Committees have from three to forty-three members in which both the majority and minority parties in Congress are represented, which again assures against arbitrary action.

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All members of Congress have a great deal of confidence in the members of various Committees. When a Committee, therefore, reports a bill favorably, either by unanimous vote, which is true in the greater number of cases, or by an overwhelming majority, it is natural that the other members of Congress, who have been themselves busy on the work of their own Committees, will accept the recommendations of the Committee having jurisdiction of the bill. It is only in the exceptional case, where there is a strong minority report from the Committee reporting the bill, that there is apt to be serious and heated discussion on the floor.

WHY BELITTLE CONGRESS?

A number of things contribute to put Congress in the "mother-in-law" class before the people. One is the general attitude of the newspapers, press correspondents and citizens of the District of Columbia. The feeling between Washington City and Congress is seldom very friendly. There are many reasons for this. One is the old story that familiarity breeds contempt. More important, however, is the fact that the "downtown" departments wage a ceaseless war against Congress to increase the appropriations of public money for the department to spend. No downtown department ever thinks of saving money. Congress, therefore, which has direct responsibility to the taxpayer—and you are one—is the inveterate opponent of downtown Washington. Congress is always a shifty old tightwad to the bureaucrats.

Moreover, the support of the municipal city of Washington, D. C., comes in part from Congressional appropriations and there is a constant struggle on the part of the people who own property in the city to get the most out of the taxpayers.

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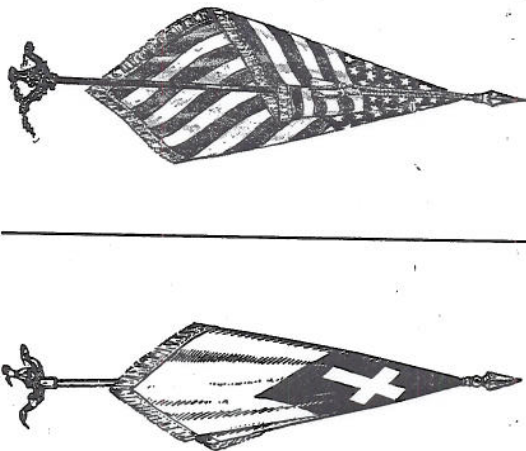
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Rights—the first ten amendments—is the heart of the American Constitution. If I had to choose the chief safeguards of freedom, I would put in first place this great principle of checks and balances embedded in the original Constitution before it had been amended. Preserve that and "liberty has still a content to dwell on."

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Congress has encroached on the Executive, as in the reconstruction period following the Civil War, and times when the Executive power has put Congress in the shadow. Heretofore, however, the common sense of a great people has in time always put encroachers back in their places. Our soldier sons are doing that right now.

As you see, I am frankly a friend of Congress. It is historically true that no parliamentary body ever destroyed the liberties of a people. They may have finally ratified the destruction of the people's liberties, as did the German Reichstag, but they did not originate the destruction. The danger to Constitutional liberty comes from other sources.

The huge bureaucracies which now administer Government, consisting of some three million civilians, do not owe their positions to the people except indirectly.

Every assault upon Congress at this critical time tends to weaken the processes of democratic government and force the Country in the direction of Nazi, Fascist or Communist bureaucracy. Attacks such as Walter Winchell's recent public reference to the House of Representatives as the "House of Repeatables" should be shunned. The members of the House and Senate being close to the people, are qualified to interpret their wishes.

nor can they be fired by the people. The federal judiciary holds office for life. The one agency of our Government at Washington that is close to the people is Congress. It is the people's champion, as has been fully demonstrated in recent months. It listens to the people's grievances and fights their battles against the bureaucrats.

It was to preserve the blessings of liberty "to ourselves and our posterity" that the Constitution of 1787 was written. A feature of the Constitution, the value of which is too little appreciated, is the fact that all members of the House and a third of the Senate must submit themselves to the people every two years in elections that cannot be postponed. A

body of representatives over whom the people have such a close control can be trusted with the people's liberties. The people can dismiss them if they fail. Different from the law with reference to many minor officials back in the states, who sit until their successors are elected to actually qualify, no Congressman can sit for a single day after the expiration of the two-year period for which he was elected unless, of course, he is re-elected.

In England, there is no such basic law. The British parliament is supreme. It can vote itself indefinite tenure in office and there is no law to prevent Parliament voting itself office for life or to make the office hereditary to their own sons. As a matter of fact, the present British Parliament, whose term normally should have expired in 1940, has voted itself continuance in office without an election. In England there has been no parliamentary election for eight years and no one knows when one will take

place. It is probable that the British Parliament, or at least a majority of its members, have the continued confidence of their constituents, but there is no way to prove it. To me, it is a somewhat ominous thing that the chief legislative body of one of the few remaining democracies left in the world declines to submit itself to the people.

WHERE DANGERS LURK

Many Americans who are ignorant of our Constitution sometimes express the fear that a Congressional election might be suspended in this country under some so-called "unwritten law" of survival in time of war or by the will of the Army under orders from the President. I have

no such fear. The damage to our form of Government will come in more subtle ways. Among them may be the following:

(1) Disparagement of Congress. We have seen signs of this, especially by left-wing groups in this country whose members could not win a single seat in Congress in any State, and therefore seek places of power by "pooping from within" in the Executive Department;

(2) The gradual transfer of the powers and responsibilities of Congress to Executive Departments and Bureaus, which in increasing fashion are writing rules and regulations having the force and effect of law;

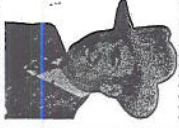
(3) Another danger that confronts Congress as an institution of freedom, is the power of propaganda which has been so tremendously augmented in recent years by the silver screen and the radio. There is no one man who can

speak for the five hundred and thirty-one members of the House and Senate. There is no way for all of them to speak collectively over the radio. When the President or a cabinet member presents his case to the people, the press, the radio and the silver screen focus upon him as a single human being. In the use of propaganda, Congress is at a great disadvantage.

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instruments capable of great good or immense harm. It is possible that we will have to devise methods by which Congress, or the "opposition" on every important question shall have equal radio time with the President on an equal number of stations. The American people are entitled to hear both sides. That privilege is enjoyed by few people on this planet today.

But Congress is itself at fault in failing to keep abreast of the stream of events. It has become too habit-bound. It needs to modernize itself. It needs a new set of tools with which to work.

DESIGN FOR NEW TOOLS

As a suggestion: Congress should cut off one hundred million dollars or more to the Washington bureaucrats and vote itself ten million dollars worth of expert help. That would save ninety million dollars at the outset and hundreds of millions, if not billions, thereafter. You should insist that this be done. It would be one of the best investments you could make. Let me illustrate:

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Every standing committee of Congress should have similar expert, year-round help—the committees dealing with interstate commerce, agriculture, banking, mining, army, navy, foreign affairs, judiciary, public lands, veterans, irrigation and reclamation, civil service, immigration and naturalization, pensions, Indian affairs, labor, merchant marine, patents, post offices, rivers and harbors,

roads, etc., etc. Without such assistance, independent of "downtown" influence, Congress is handicapped in analyzing legislation, finding the bugs in it, or where millions can be saved. Congressmen have to rely on the advice of the

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He brought an additional curse upon the earth. Corrupt leaders in antediluvian days plunged the world into cesspools of sin and quagmires of iniquity. God's wrath destroyed a godless world and spared only the righteous.

After the deluge took its toll, man again forgot God. Nimrod was "mighty," but he forgot that God was "Almighty." Confusion reigned.

When Christ came to earth nineteen hundred years ago, the rabbi said, "Scholarship is agreed that Jesus is an impostor." They crucified Him. The record is found in Acts 7:51-54.

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But you cannot standardize anything in the spiritual realm. Where the Holy Spirit is, there you find liberty. Said the Apostle Paul: "Now the Lord is that Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

Attempting to standardize men is like putting a tin can over a tomato plant. You will produce only a sallow, frail, fruitless, worthless product. The same is true in the human realm. The Anti-christ program will demand a humbly-invented ceiling on the soul of man.

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litions ... these all belong to Satan's program. "They had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar."

GOD LEFT OUT

Note that in Nimrod's scheme of uniting the world, GOD WAS LEFT OUT ENTIRELY. The Infinites was not consulted. Men consulted men, but men did not consult God. "They said ONE TO ANOTHER." It was all "I, we, us." Let US make brick. Let US build US a city. Let US make US a name. This clearly typifies the Antichrist system of the end-time.

Thus will it be during the return of Christ. Men will consult men, but they will leave out God. Men will care nothing for the name of Christ. They will exalt their own names. They will say, "Let US make US A NAME."

GOD'S JUDGMENT STRIKES

"Therefore is the name of it called Babel ... and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth." (Genesis 11:3.)

"Babel" means "confusion." Where God is left out chaos results. "God is not the author of confusion."

In the cradle of the human race, Nimrod attempted to set up an international federation. It was not the prophetic time. In the days of Nebuchadnezzar another attempt was made at Babel. It ended in failure. The Word of God indicates that during the end of this age a

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new world-empire will be conceived in that same area. Are we living in that period? Early events will give the answer to that question.

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"AND THEY HAD BRICK FOR STONE AND SLIME HAD THEY FOR MORTAR." (Genesis 11:3.) See Revelation 18:1-24; 9:14-21; 18:4-8; 19:1-2; 19:17-21; 21:3-4; 22:17-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:3.

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INSIDE A TOBACCO WAREHOUSE. By Evangelist Billy Ople. Published by the Author. Pages 128. Price 50 cents.

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The second section of this brochure is devoted to "The Great Commission." Act—Turn To Page 26.

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TWO BOOKS BY BERTLAND WILLIAMS, Zondervan Publishing House. Price 75 cents each.

CHRISTIAN BOYS' PROBLEMS
Pages 76.

M. WILLIAMS is the father of three sons, ranging in the ages of those for whom this book is written. He recognizes the need of safe and carefully chosen material to guide boys from 10 to 16, in solving problems common to this crucial age. At no period in an individual's life is the need greater for spiritual, mental and physical guidance than during adolescence.

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SEED THOUGHTS. By Dr. W. G. Heeloop, Zondervan Publishing House. Pages 42. Price \$1.00.

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Jesus Teaches True Greatness
Mark 9:30-10:45

GOLDEN TEXT: "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45.

(1) The Argument. Knowing His ministry to be almost completed, Jesus led the disciples from Caesarea Philippi southward through Galilee with Jerusalem, and the Passover feast, the ultimate goal. For some reason He veiled the route kept secret. As they journeyed, He explained: "The Son of man is delivered unto the hands of men and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day."

Having no place in their thinking for the resurrection and being afraid to ask Him, a discussion arose among the disciples that led to a dispute regarding their respective rights in the Kingdom, which they expected to help establish. Angry voices and gestures were not needed to apprise Jesus that an argument was in progress. . . . nor was it necessary to tell Him the subject. Yet He refrained from speaking until they reached their lodging place that evening in Capernaum.

The disciples confused the first and second comings of Christ. The spiritual aspect of the Kingdom was clouded in their thinking. They firmly expected Him to lead a rebellion against the Romans. They knew they were being trained as assistants to the King, and nothing would be more natural than a discussion of their relative rights in the Kingdom. They failed to comprehend that He must first come as the "unfolding servant" to redeem a lost world before He could reign in Kingdom and glory.

(2) The Test. "If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all." Jesus defined true greatness. Strength lies in character, not position. It is a quality of the inner-

man expressed in humility, service and sacrifice.

Jesus called a little child. Mark is the only Gospel that mentions this lovely and touching incident. There was something magnificent in the Master which instinctively appealed to a child. As this little one lifted trusting eyes, Jesus found a means for driving home the lesson of true greatness. "Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of heaven." Not even enter in, let alone occupy a position of power and responsibility.

The Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary makes this comment: "Conversion must be thorough; not only must the heart be turned to God in general, and from earthly to heavenly things, but in particular, except ye be converted from that carnal ambition which still rankles with you, into that freedom from all such feelings which ye see in this child, ye have neither part nor lot in the Kingdom at all; and he who in this feature has most of the child, is highest there."

(3) The Greatest. Mark adds "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." Here was the greatest person ever to exist in human form, and He earned this encomium by the highest type of service. He "gave his life a ransom for many." He made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant. . . . Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name."

(4) The Intolerant. John, nearest the heart of the Master, was yet far from knowing Him. Perhaps there was a desire to change the subject which was revealing the disciples' bitterness. At any rate John turned the conversation into a channel that was to result in even greater embarrassment. "We saw one calling out devils in thy name, and his followers not us; and we forbade him," said John. He refused to sing out of our hymn book! Intolerance between Christians has ever been one of Satan's

most powerful weapons. "Forbid him not," was the Master's reply. In other words, Christ's followers should stand together and work together.

February 27, 1944
Jesus Presents Himself as the Messiah
Mark 11:1-12:44

GOLDEN TEXT: "Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? and Jesus said, I am." Mark 14:61-62.

Leaving Galilee Jesus and His company journeyed by easy stages toward Jerusalem. Mark expands the theme, showing how Christ impressed upon them the true meaning of discipleship. The time had arrived to get down to business! Serious conditions confronted the band. "Jesus went before them; and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid."

"Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death; and shall deliver him to the Gentiles: And they shall mock him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again."

(1) Triumphant Entry. Less than a week before the Passover feast, the little cavalcade drew near Jerusalem. Other groups were met, journeying to the Holy City for the great feast. Many followed out of curiosity and personal interest in Jesus.

They approached Bethpage, a village which with Bethany lay along the further side of Mount Olivet, east of Jerusalem. Two disciples were sent ahead to find and make ready "a colt tied, whereon never man sat." Matthew presents this as the fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; behold, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass."

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Luke says a "whole multitude" received Him. Jerusalem had never seen anything like it. He was given a thousand ovation. The language in the story is grand, intended to express a burst of admiration far wider and deeper than ever before witnessed. "Hosanna! (meaning 'save now') Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." This was the very loftiest style in which the Master could be saluted. The Psalmist recorded the same thought (Ps. 118:25). "Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee." Garments and branches were strewn in His path.

The Pharisees, obviously motivated by jealousy, demanded that He rebuke the multitude. He answered: "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." Hitherto the Lord had discouraged demonstrations in His favor, but this time He pursued the opposite course.

The time had come for the nation to make its choice. The Jews must accept Him as Messiah... or definitely reject Him. They chose the latter course and He retired to a knoll overlooking the city and cried: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

(2) The Temple Cleansed. At the beginning of His ministry three years earlier, Jesus had driven the thieves from the Temple precincts, but the incident was soon forgotten.

After the Triumphal Entry, He entered the place again and "looked round about upon all things" without making a public gesture of any kind. But the next day He returned "and began to

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cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrow the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves; And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple." He rebuked the leaders "look counsel how they might destroy him."

No longer does God dwell in temples made with hands. "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost?" Not the house where believers assemble for worship, but the body and soul of the Christian, is the recognized Temple. He is concerned today that our bodies, His Temple, shall not be defiled by sin.

Jesus Urges His Disciples to Watch

March 5, 1944
Mark 13:37

GOLDEN TEXT: "Watch ye therefore; for ye know not when the master of the house cometh." Mark 13:35.

Events moved rapidly toward a climax during the last few days of Jesus' life on earth. He knew His enemies were pressing in on every side. Hence the urgency of His final instruction, admonition and warnings to the disciples.

Turning to the Jamison, Fausset, Brown Commentary, we read: "Jesus had uttered all His mind against the Jewish ecclesiasticism, exposing their character with withering plainness, and denouncing in language of awful severity, the judgments of God against them for that unfaithfulness to their trust which was bringing ruin upon the nation. He had closed His last public discourse (Matthew 23) by a passionate Lamentation over Jerusalem, and a solemn Farewell to the Temple. He departed, nevertheless to re-enter its precincts, or open His mouth in public teaching. With this act ended His public ministry."

On a previous occasion, when Jesus was leaving the Temple, the disciples commented upon the beauty of the structure. Forty-six years it had been under construction, and was not fully completed. Built of dazzling white marble and garnished with golden porticoes, it was a source of pride to the Jews.

Jesus agreed it was a magnificent edifice, but said: "There shall not be left

here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down." Amazed and perturbed, James, John, Peter and Andrew sought Him out privately to ask what He meant by the drastic prediction.

(1) The Questions. Mark dwells upon the utterance, but Matthew adds other prophecies relating to the signs of His coming and the end of the age—remarks which the Master dropped at the same time. This passage is called the "Olivet Discourse."

(2) "When shall these things be?"

How could such enormous buildings be destroyed? In the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy, a detailed description of the siege of Jerusalem is foretold. Less than four decades after Jesus uttered His prophecy, the destruction took place. In rejecting Him, the house of Israel was left desolate. When they cried in the court of Pilate's palace, "His blood be upon us, and on our children," their cup of iniquity ran over.

The Roman general Titus surrounded Jerusalem with his armies in the year 70 A. D., and found the city filled with Jews from different parts of the world, attending a feast. Factions fighting within the walls weakened resistance to the enemy outside. Famine and cannibalism became prevalent. The Romans breached the walls, the torch was applied to the Temple, and to obtain gold with which it was lavishly decorated, every stone was literally torn down—until there was not left one standing upon another. Over a million Jews were slain. The rest were dispersed.

(b) "What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

The prophecies of the Olivet Discourse had to do with both Jerusalem and the sweep of centuries between His first and second coming. We find here a fact with which historians are familiar, namely, that history moves in cycles, repeating itself. The blow delivered against the Jerusalem Temple is a type, a preview of the judgment that is destined to come upon the world in the end of the present age. There were wars and

rumors of wars, earthquakes and famines before the fall of Jerusalem, just as there are today on a far greater scale. These are described as the "beginning of sorrows."

(2) Warnings and Admonitions. The Christian knows how to meet these things. He is told not to be troubled. He will be serene in spirit. He will do the work of the Lord, knowing that when Christ returns, rewards are sure. Jesus warned to expect false cults and false Christs, but not to be deceived. A close walk with the Lord, a knowledge of His Word, constant watching and praying, fortifies the believer against the terrors prophesied in the chapter.

Jesus Betrayed, Denied, Condemned

March 12, 1944
Mark 14:10-15:20

GOLDEN TEXT: "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief." Isaiah 53:3.

(1) The Betrayal. Early in the period designated Passion Week, Judas sought out the priests with whom to arrange details of the betrayal. He had heard the false charges of the leaders and knew they were seeking a way to destroy Jesus. The incident in the house of Anna, when Mary had anointed Him with costly oil of spikenard, brought out the true character of the man and designated him as a traitor. Immediately he went to the priests and offered to sell his Master into their hands. Let liars, betrayers, conspirators and stooges take note of Judas' fate.

With what unconcealed glee the priests heard the proposal of the traitor Mark says: "When they heard it they were glad." For two years they had hounded Him who so disturbed their peace of mind. What a triumph that a member of His group was willing to sell out!

So they promised to give him money—thirty pieces of silver. This was the average price of a lamb without spot or blemish for use at the Passover feast. The price of a slave... less than eight-een dollars! For this paltry sum, Judas sold His Master to death on a cross. He sold his own good name to become the synonym for most despicable treason. He sold his prospects for a happy life, for he died in a few hours, a horrible suicide. He sold his hope of eternal life, for "Judas by transgression fell,

that he might go unto his own place."

With thirty pieces of silver, the Jews satisfied their demands for revenge. They purchased a King for crucifixion purposes. They bought the Messiah to slay Him. The crime brought upon them national destruction. Their house was left desolate. No more would they, as a people, know happiness. To the weeping women on the way to Golgotha He said: "Weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children."

(2) The Denial. Judas was not the only disciple found to be unfaithful that tragic night. After his departure from the table, Jesus warned the others: "All ye shall be offended because of me this night; for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered."

Impetuous Peter replied, "Although all shall be offended, yet will not I." And Jesus answered: "Even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. Yet Peter argued with more vehemence, "If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in anywise." The others joined in assertions of loyalty. They meant well and were of different stock than Judas... but the pressure of the persecutors was too great for them to stand.

"And as Peter was beneath in the palace," This little word "beneath" speaks volumes. It is one of Mary's graphic touches. It is essential to what we might call the topography of the scene. Peter with others, were crowded around an open fire, beyond the confines of the court room. At the upper end was the memorable chamber in which the trial of the Christ was held. The ascent to the place of the Master was by a short flight of steps. No doubt Peter stood a long time gazing at those steps. They would have led him up into the Master's presence. But he remained "beneath."

(3) The Trial. The greatest travesty on justice the world has ever known! Framed, convicted illegally by perjured testimony. Every step was in direct opposition to the law of both Moses and the Romans. The hatred of Satan for the Son of God reached its climax through those wicked persecutors. Jesus was first taken to the deposed high priest Annas, and thence to his son-in-law Caiaphas who occupied the office of high

priest, in whose house the Sanhedrin had assembled. He was condemned by this body and rushed to Pilate, who asked a few questions and ordered Him to Herod where He was grossly mistreated before being sent back to Pilate.

(4) The Condemnation. While the chief priests, Judas, Peter and Herod acted from personal motives, Pilate was called upon to act officially. He was the Roman governor of Palestine and the last court of appeal in cases involving the death penalty. He knew law and human nature sufficiently to realize that Jesus was no criminal, that the Jews had no case against Him, and that as governor sworn to uphold the law it was his duty to set Him free. He tried every subtlety possible. His wife pleaded with him to do Jesus no harm. He even tried to rid himself of blame by washing his hands. Every such attempt, was accompanied by the screams of the mob.

Luke says: "And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed. And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required. And he released unto them him (Barabbas) that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Jesus to their will." "And they clothed him with purple, and put it about his head, and began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews."

Pilate made the mistake which many another man has made to his sorrow. He yielded to the cry of professional sneers. He sacrificed principle for popularity. His innate spirit of selfishness made him yield to the demands of the mob. He did uphold the integrity of the Roman law on that occasion, the name of Pontius Pilate would have gone down in history as a man honored and loved by all.

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