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THE ARTISAN CONTROLS THE PRODUCT

Does not the Potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use? — Romans 9: 21, N.I.V.

IN THIS TEXT the Apostle points out that from the same material the master craftsman can fashion various utensils for many different uses and in varying degrees of quality and performance. From one standpoint we can say that since they all fulfill a particular need they would be viewed with respect and as honorable. On the other hand, the use to which the different items are put, determines the amount of skill needed for their individual formation — whether its use is to be ornamental as a special decorative vase displayed on the mantel as a show piece, a simple cup to hold the morning brew, or a bucket for refuse which is used strictly for utility. All of these vessels are useful, hence in one sense of the word they are all honorable, all valuable. Nevertheless there is a dignity, an honor that belongs to the vase and the cup that does not attach to the receptacle for refuse. The material is the same for all, but the choice as to which is for what use is for the artisan to determine.

The lesson of our text points us to God as the Craftsman who has begun the good work in us, and who, if we submit ourselves to Him properly, will complete that good work in His coming Kingdom. The Apostle declares that as the potter has the power or right to make such items as he may please, so God has the controllership to do what He will with His creatures. As to what the great Divine Artisan will make of the human clay must be left to Him. Only as we learn

the real character of God can we judge of what would be His good pleasure in respect to the varieties of His handiwork. Knowing Him as revealed in His Word, we have this assurance that His work is perfect. When brought to completion the variety of more honorable and less honorable persons of His creation will all be found to His praise. Those who will not conform to the Kingdom's arrangements, who refuse to have His good work accomplished in them, He will destroy.

We expect that eventually God's great work with the human family will show a variety of persons, some to more honor and some to less honor. Additionally, the Scriptures inform us that humans were created perfect, upright, in the image of God, in the likeness of Father Adam and that the sin, imperfection, degradation, and death we see is not the work of God, but the work of the Adversary and is the penalty for disobedience. The Apostle is discussing mankind, only. Adam's race is the material — the clay in the hands of the Artisan. The Bible teaches us that this imperfect human clay is unfit for any Divine purpose because of Adam's disobedience, but it also informs us that God Himself provided the great remedy for the healing of this defective material — so that now, He, as the great Potter can deal with the clay and fashion it as it pleases Him. It is from this standpoint that the Apostle discusses the subject — from the viewpoint of redeemed humanity.

Many Scripture references in this issue are to the New King James Version.

“Lift up a standard for the people” — Isa. 62: 10

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From the same human material, of the Adamic family, the Lord chose first the nation of Israel, Abraham and his seed. That lump of *clay* was specially mixed, ground, reground, and made more formative during the centuries in which they were specially under the Divine handling, to make them ready for the molding and shaping influences of the holy spirit, which came at Pentecost. Honorable persons of a certain kind were also formed during the Jewish Age as the Apostle points out in Hebrews 11 when recounting those whose lives were shaped by their faith in God and in His promises. Honorable vessels were they — Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the Prophets. Yet the greatest work, and in some senses the first work of the great Artisan, not in time but in rank, began with our Lord and His Apostles and continued throughout this Gospel Age. During this time the Divine Potter has been making His artistic products, the vessels to the highest honor — those of Divine glory, honor, and immortality. Of these the Apostle writes, “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him” (1 John 3: 2). These, then, are referred to in our text.

FORMATION OF LESSER VESSELS

The great Artisan has not exhausted His skill in His preparation of those persons of the greatest honor, for He has use also for other of His consecrated servants to lesser stations of honor. These lesser vessels, however, will be of great usefulness in His plan for the future. He will now proceed during the coming age to the preparation of these servants of less honor and their preparation indeed will proceed much more rapidly than has the work of the present Gospel Age. Why? Because the work that has been in progress for the Church is a much more delicate one, requiring special skill and care, to assist each chosen one by the peculiar shaping and forming for their own position of honor in the Heavenly Kingdom. On the contrary, the work of the coming Millennial Age in dealing with humanity in general, as a portion of the symbolic clay, will be along human lines, as preparation for installation in the earthly phase of the Kingdom. The Master Craftsman, in the handling of His human servants during the Millennial Age, will first apply the “rod of iron,” and each will make progress up the Highway of Holiness toward perfection as they conform to the laws of that Day (Isa. 35: 8, 9).

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During the Christian Age the Lord dealt with His Church as with sons. He dealt with them according to their preparation for their positions as spirit beings in heaven. Each son had special fitting and preparation for the special place in the glorious Kingdom. God then worked with this class, not only to produce the new mind, the consecrated heart, through the promises of His Word, but He also works with His people of less honor than that of the Little Flock in order to prepare them also for their place in Christ’s Kingdom, not in heaven, but on the earth. The exceeding great and precious promises of God’s Word that have operated by faith upon the highest class of honor will later on work toward the restoring of humanity in “the times of restitution” during the Millennial Age.

FIERY TRIALS NECESSARY

Not only does the choicest product of art work receive a special molding and shaping but after all its lines and curves have been fashioned it is specially fired. It is not exposed to the direct flames, but is carefully covered with an earthenware case for the baking process. This speaks to us of the special molding and fashioning with which the Heavenly Father dealt with every son whom He received during the Christian Age — forming, shaping, and transforming them until their lines of character were conformed to the character likeness of Jesus, the Pattern which God set before them. That transforming work was not done by might or by power, by force or compulsion, but “by My Spirit, says the Lord” (Zech. 4: 6, *NKJ*). The fiery trials which tried these for the perfecting of their characters were all subject to the Divine supervision, and the assurance was given that all things would work together for good to these because they loved God and they were called according to His purpose to be vessels of highest honor and kingly glory with their Redeemer (Rom. 8: 28). These, styled the Lord’s jewels or precious ones, whose number is now completed and who have been gathered at the beginning of His Second Presence, required a long time for their develop-

ment — more than eighteen centuries. These 144,000 God has sealed on their foreheads (Rev. 7: 3, 4). The Apostle inquires, “Shall the clay say unto the potter, ‘Why did you make me like this?’”

THE ARTISAN CONTROLS WHAT IS FORMED

The implication of the Apostle is that the clay, whether formed by the potter into a vessel of honor or one of less honor, has no right whatever to complain. Whatever the artisan does to the clay is an honor to it. Without the exercise of his power and skill it would never be anything more than clay, and to be made into a vessel of more or less honor would be a blessing indeed. Hence the bulk of humanity with whom the Lord will deal during the Millennial Age by the methods and laws of that Kingdom will be shaped and fashioned along the lines of restitution to *human* perfection. They will have no cause to complain or murmur against the great Divine Craftsman that they were not elected vessels of the highest honor and distinction — that they were not of the Elect Church.

On the contrary, mankind will have everything to be thankful for, so the Scriptures indicate that eventually every knee will bow and every tongue confess to the glory of God — His work of grace, truth, and restoration. They declare that ultimately, when the plans of the great Creator shall be fully accomplished, every creature in heaven and in earth shall be heard ascribing praise and thanksgiving, honor, dominion, majesty, and might to “Him that sits on the Throne and to the Lamb” (Rev. 7: 12; 5: 12, 13). That great Millennial Day and its great work of fashioning humanity according to the designs of the Great Creator will be very different in many respects from the present Age. Instead of the severe trials of this Age, Satan, the great Adversary, will be bound for the thousand years and will not be permitted to deceive the nations any more until the thousand years are finished. The grinding, humbling, and preparing of the human clay for that glorious epoch are being accomplished now, when the forces of evil through the reign of Sin and Death are causing the entire human family to suffer, to groan, so that the Apostle speaks of the world as a “groaning creation” — groaning and travailing together in pain, waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God (Rom. 8: 19, 22).

The manifestation of the sons of God signifies the manifestation in glory of the special class of chief honor which the Lord has already prepared for their position on the throne — His Little Flock, the Church. When

these shall shine forth with Jesus in the glorious Kingdom of the Father, the world’s groaning and travailing in pain shall be ending, for the Adversary will be bound and the curse will be lifted. At that time none shall suffer, except for his own willful wrongdoing, and the restitution processes of molding and fashioning mankind shall gloriously progress throughout the thousand years.

Will any trials come upon those in the Millennial Age? Yes, the Scriptures point out that the entire human family will come under a period of severe testing at the close of that Day. The Bible informs us that Satan will be loosed from his prison-house and will go forth to tempt, to test, all those that dwell upon the earth, whose number will be as the sand of the sea — billions and billions. The test will be applied to all for that is the Divine purpose. Those in perfect accord with the grooming work of the Artisan will stand the test and prove their characters to be strong, crystallized in righteousness by this test, while others not in fullest harmony with the Master Craftsman shall fall away under the severe trials of that time. All will have the fullest opportunities for becoming a servant of the Lord to some honorable purpose and service if he wills, and those whose wills are not fully submissive to the Lord will be ultimately destroyed from among the people — not preserved for torture (Rev. 20: 7-10).

FUTURE RULE WITH A “ROD OF IRON”

Our Lord (Rev. 2: 27), pointing to the time of His Second Coming and the establishment of His Kingdom, declares that the nations of that time will come under the rule of His iron rod, under the Reign of Divine Justice and the Law then in force, and that they all shall be dashed to pieces as potters’ vessels. This is a different figure from the one we have just been discussing, yet there is a relationship. While the Lord as the great Divine Artisan has been molding and fashioning His servants of mercy and of glory to be the Kings and Priests over the world during the coming Age, the Adversary has undertaken to be a crafter, and cooperating with sinful human tendencies and ambitions, has created some unfit specimens. Some are found in high governmental, financial, and ecclesiastical positions in today’s world. The work of the Adversary seems to be much more alluring, acceptable, and honorable, than the work of God, who, describes His servants of mercy as not many wise, not many learned, not many great, not many noble, not many rich, according to the course or judgment of this world (1 Cor. 1: 26-29). On the

contrary, Satan has found and exalted many of the worldly great as his servants. The kingdoms of this world make a great show of power, strength, and virtue. But from the Lord's standpoint they are all unfit for His purposes and ways. He will bring about the establishment of the Heavenly Kingdom instead of these, and when His time shall come for establishing His Little Flock, for establishing the Reign of Messiah and His faithful saints, the Royal Priesthood, the power shall be exercised in the hands of the great Redeemer, who will utterly dash in pieces all the existing unrighteous institutions that to the world seem so great and wonderful — those vessels of the Adversary's workmanship. They shall be broken to shivers.

The holy spirit foretold this long before our Redeemer's birth, using through the Prophet David the very same words (Psa. 2: 9). The Prophet Daniel refers to the same great events and calls that period of dashing to pieces of earthly institutions a "Time of Trouble such as never was since there was a nation."

Our Lord, after quoting that prophecy, supplements it with the statement, "No, nor ever shall be" (Dan. 12: 1; Matt. 24: 21). He then gives us His assurance that the Time of Trouble upon the whole world which is now operating and which will wreck present institutions and establish the Kingdom of God will be the end of all such trouble times — the poor groaning creation shall never again pass through such an experience. The Apostle Paul points down to this same Time of Trouble and to the overthrow of present institutions in conjunction with the establishment of God's Kingdom. He indicates that our words, thoughts, and conduct are to be conformed to and in harmony with His perfect will. If we are thoroughly moldable in His hands He can form us into vessels of honor and usefulness for the earthly phase of His two-part Kingdom — for which we pray, "Your Kingdom come. Your will be done in earth as it is done in heaven!" This is our blessed hope and will be the fruition of our prayers!

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THE TRANSFORMATION

To the Potter's house
I went down one day
and watched him while
molding the vessels of clay,
and many a wonderful lesson
I drew as I noted the process
the clay went through.
Trampled and broken,
down-trodden and rolled
to render more plastic
and fit for the mold . . .
how like the clay that
is human I thought when
in Heavenly hands
to perfection brought!

For self must be cast
as the dust at His feet
before it is ready
for service made meet.
And pride must be broken
and self-will lost —
all laid on the altar
whatever the cost.
But lo! by and by,
a delicate vase of wonderful
beauty and exquisite grace.
Was it once the vile clay?
Ah yes it is strange,
the Potter has made such
a marvelous change!

Not a trace of the earth
or mark of the clay —
the fires of the furnace have
burned them away.
Wondrous skill of the Potter! —
the praise is His due
in whose hands to perfection
and beauty it grew.
Thus with souls lying still,
content in God's hand,
that do not His power
of working withstand —
they are molded and fitted,
a treasure to hold,
vile clay now transformed
into purest of gold.



Sharp Arrows Find the King's Enemies

*Let your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of the king's enemies;
let the nations fall beneath your feet. — Psa. 45: 5, N.I.V.*

WE often find that those who are very appreciative of symbolic language are likely when it comes to the Bible to take all of its books literally, to ignore the beautiful figures of speech with which it abounds. Even when considering that book of symbols, the Apocalypse, they take its statements literally — although in its very introduction the declaration is made that our Lord sent and signified — made signs or symbols to illustrate the things which would shortly come to pass. We are not urging such an interpretation of the Scriptures as would ignore their true significance and make them say the reverse of what they mean. We merely urge that symbolical, metaphorical, and hyperbolic language be given true and proper recognition, as we would be disposed to do were the same figures and symbols used in connection with the affairs of our daily life.

When friends tell us that certain words cut them to the heart or that certain experiences broke their hearts, they are merely using metaphors in the same manner in which the Scriptures use them (Acts 2: 37; Isa. 61: 1; Luke 4: 18). Similarly, when considering our text, we should not think of literal arrows being shot forth by Messiah, causing the world of mankind to fall wounded literally before Him with these arrows in their hearts. Another passage reads: "The wicked shoot out arrows, even bitter words," that they may injure the righteous (Psa. 64: 3, 4). So the arrows of Messiah would represent the words of His mouth. The Scriptures say that a bitter fountain sends forth bitter water and a pure fountain sends forth sweet water, so the arrows of Messiah will be forceful words of truth and grace. The symbolism is similar to that of Revelation where Messiah in His coming glory of the Millennial Age is pictured as having a sword going forth from His mouth with which He smites the nations (Rev. 19: 15).

JESUS A MOUTHPIECE AND REDEEMER

The Sword of the Spirit is the Word of God (Eph. 6: 17). The Sword of Messiah's mouth will be the message which He will send: "My Word that goes forth out of

My mouth shall not return unto Me void, but shall accomplish that which I please, and shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isa. 55: 11). Our Lord Jesus, as the Mouthpiece of Jehovah, was commissioned not only to redeem the world but to uplift it out of sin, degradation, and death conditions and to restore the willing and obedient to all that was lost in Adam and redeemed by Christ, by His obedience and sacrifice at Calvary. As the "Lamb of God" our Redeemer has already "tasted death for every man," dying "the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God" (John 1: 29; Heb. 2: 9; 1 Pet. 3: 18). But it is not enough that He thus prepares the way by bringing mankind back to God and it is not enough that God's Justice has been appeased now on our behalf. It is necessary further that the Redeemer should grant the required assistance to the redeemed for their deliverance from the chains of ignorance, superstition, sin, and death into the liberty of the sons of God.

This deliverance of humanity according to the Divine purpose is divided into two parts: First, a special Gospel Age class who hungered and thirsted after righteousness and who were blessed through the appreciation of the good tidings of God's love and favor in Christ. These were dealt with by faith, and included only such members of the race as had the hearing ear of faith — "He that hath an ear, let him hear," for "without faith it is impossible to please God" (Rev. 2: 7). This small company, who were willing and able by the Redeemer's assistance to walk by faith and not by sight, received special truth in the School of Christ and a special testing as respects their loyalty to righteousness — in advance of the world's Millennial blessing and trial. The faithful of these, at the close and harvest of the Gospel Age, received a share in the First Resurrection and were "changed" from human nature to the Divine nature and were made sharers with the Redeemer as His "Bride," His "Body," in the great Millennial Age work of blessing, uplifting the world from sin to righteousness, of bringing them out of degradation and wrath up, up, up to human perfection and eternal life on earth.

JOURNEY TO A FAR COUNTRY

Our text does not refer to our Lord's dealings with the Church, who were not His enemies. The enemy class will be dealt with after the Second Coming of our Lord. This He showed in one of His parables, saying: A young nobleman went into a far country to receive for Himself a Kingdom and returned and took possession of it. Before starting He called His own servants and delivered to them pounds and talents, saying, "Occupy until I return. On His return, invested with the majesty, authority, and power of a Kingdom, He first called His own servants (the Church class) and reckoned with them, rewarding the faithful saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful in very little, I will make you ruler over many things — take charge over ten cities." Then the King will say, "but those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them — bring them here and slay them before me" (Luke 19: 12-27). The slaying of the enemies in the parable corresponds perfectly with the Revelation picture of the Sword of Messiah's mouth which will smite the nations, and it corresponds also with the expression in our text respecting the sharp arrows of Messiah which shall be in the hearts of His enemies and cause the people to bow before Him.

Literal arrows, a literal sword, and literal carnage are not represented here, but a great triumph of the Word of the Lord over all during the reign of the Millennial Kingdom, following our Lord's Second Coming. Those who were invited to become of the Lord's "Little Flock," the "Very Elect," the "Bride, the Lamb's Wife," the "Royal Priesthood," the "Body of Christ," were not smitten down with the Sword of His mouth. They were those who through various experiences in life looked forward to the Lord in faith and desired His assistance. The message of the Lord's lips at that time was not arrows, not the sword to those who are invited to be His followers. On the contrary, inviting them, He says, "Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He told them that His Message is intended to bind up the broken-hearted, to give the oil of joy in exchange for the spirit of heaviness (Isa. 61: 3; Matt. 11: 28-30). He has now glorified these, blessing them with the great reward of glory, honor, and immortality, and then He shall by the Millennial reign of Christ and the Church require obedience by the human race. Then the rod of iron will be in operation to demand obedience to the righteous laws that will then be in place.

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THE GREAT CONQUEROR AT WORK

The Apostle Paul, discussing the work of Christ during His Millennial reign following His Second Coming, declares: "He must reign until He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death." Continuing he says: "Then comes the end, when He delivers the Kingdom to God, the Father, when He puts an end to all [opposing and insubordinate] rule, authority and power. . . . Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all" (1 Cor. 15: 24-28). The Apostle introduces this statement in his argument on the resurrection of the dead. He is proving that the resurrection is for all mankind, that as "all in Adam die, even all in Christ shall be made alive" — each one in his own order — "The Christ [Jesus and the Church] the first-fruits; afterward, those who are Christ's at His coming." Following His Second Coming and during His presence, mankind will be compelled to obey. His rebuke will smite into the hearts of His enemies and all shall bow under Him — every knee will bow, every tongue confess. Happy will it be for the world when Messiah shall take unto Himself His great power and reign. Blessed will it be for the people when His sharp corrections shall smite them and when His judgment as a hammer shall break the hard, stony hearts, for, as the Scriptures declare, He wounds to *heal* (Hos. 6: 1). The healing process will be coincidental to the wounding and breaking, for the great Messiah, Christ and the Church, will be not only the King, the Ruler, but also the Priest of that Millennial time to heal, to console, and to forgive. The great Prophet will instruct the billions of Adam's race who have gone into death during the reign of Sin and Death under the blinding influences of the Adversary. No wonder the Scriptures speak

in glowing terms of that glorious Millennial Day when the knowledge of the Lord shall fill the whole earth! No wonder they picture this as the rising of the Sun of Righteousness with healing in its beams (Mal. 4: 2).

The first verse declares that the Message relates to the King, not to the Lord, not to Messiah waiting to be invested with the authority of the Kingdom, but to Him after He shall have been thus invested, after He shall have taken to Himself His great power and begun His Reign of Righteousness.

THE MILLENNIAL REIGN

The time for Messiah, Head and Body, to take to Himself His great power and to commence His Millennial Reign is represented in vs. 3 and 4: "Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One, with Your glory and Your majesty. And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness" (Psa. 45: 3, 4). What a noble and inspiring picture of Divine knowledge as it shall go forth in due time for the binding of Satan and the liberating of all the slaves of sin and death — not only those who have not gone down into the tomb, but the liberation of those who are in the great prison-house of death, the grave! This, however, will necessarily mean a reign of force, a reign very different from the present dispensation and its Gospel invitation to righteousness.

We read that the "judgments of the Lord will be abroad in the earth" — His righteous teachings. His power exercised on behalf of the cause of truth, meekness, and righteousness, will mean His forceful opposition to error, to pride and all iniquity, all unrighteousness. No longer will men be merely *invited* to abandon sin. The judgments, the punishments for wrong doing will be promptly and vigorously applied. The world that has been deaf to the Lord's Message, blind to His goodness, who are out of the way, degraded through sin, will learn righteousness in another way — by being made to feel a judgment, a punishment for every wrong deed and word. By the end of the Millennial Age the testing will have become so crucial that any uncorrected, disloyal thought or conduct as to God's rule of righteousness will bring the Second Death.

CHASTISEMENT FOR WRONG CONDUCT

Therefore, the Millennium will not be entirely a time of peace, joy, and blessing. It will be all of this all the time to all those who love righteousness and hate iniquity and are in accord with the Lord, but the Lord's indignation, even His fierce anger, will from the very beginning of the Millennial Age burn hotly against all

unrighteousness, all iniquity, all falsehood, to the intent that these may be thoroughly removed, and then mankind may be most truly and absolutely blessed. It is in harmony with this that the fourth verse of Psalm 45 declares: "Your right hand [Your Power] shall teach you terrible lessons," lessons for eternity to many, lessons which will be most beneficial to the race as a whole, lessons which will be distressing to humanity in some respects at the beginning of the reign. The Scriptures declare that the Millennial Kingdom, although a reign of peace, righteousness, and love, will be introduced by a Time of Trouble such as was not since there was a nation. This Time of Trouble will eventually overthrow present institutions because they are unrighteous, imperfect, and built upon lines of selfishness contrary to the law of love, which shall be made to prevail in the interest of all. This is the same thought that is brought to our attention in connection with the symbolical picture of Revelation. The Sword of Messiah's mouth is there declared to smite the nations, and we are told that He will rule the nations with a rod of iron, and that as potters' vessels they shall be broken to shivers (Rev. 2: 26-28). We are to differentiate, however, between the nations which are to be broken — the great systems of selfishness which are to fall and rise no more — and the people, into whose hearts the words of the Lord will enter and who will be smitten by His love and benediction. They will acknowledge that they are sinners, and that His reproofs are just, and His judgments upon systems of error and iniquity are true and righteous altogether. They will fall before Him and acknowledge the Divine power and its rightful control of human affairs — every knee must bow and every tongue must confess. As the Apostle Peter, referring to this time declares: "It shall come to pass that the soul that will not hear [obey] that Prophet, shall be destroyed" (Acts 3: 23).

THE TRIBULATION IS NOW OPERATING

The picture of the coming Time of Trouble and of the glorious epoch of blessing which will follow is graphically depicted by the Prophet Zephaniah (3: 8), through whom the Lord says, "'Wait for Me,' says the Lord, 'until the day I rise up for plunder; My determination is to gather the nations to My assembly of kingdoms, to pour on them My indignation, all My fierce anger; all the earth [social structure] shall be devoured with the fire of My jealousy.'" So terrible will be this Time of Trouble, so sweeping the overthrow of present institutions, that the Lord here symbolically pictures it as a

fire consuming everything of the present social order. But here again it is not a literal fire, even though fire has played and will yet have a role in this Trouble. Therefore it will not consume or destroy mankind itself but will prepare for their eventual and greater blessing, as shown by the next statement of the Prophet: "Then will I turn unto the people a pure Message [in contrast with the confused message that is now being promulgated by all the various groups of Christendom and heathenism], that they may all call upon the name of the Lord to serve Him with one consent." They will no longer call upon the names of sects and parties, heathen or Christian. All will call upon the Lord, all will recognize Him as the great Teacher, for the Lord shall be King over all the earth in that day (Zech. 14: 9). And the Kingdom under the whole heavens shall be given to the saints of the Most High (Dan. 7: 27).

In contrast with the sharp words of rebuke which will be administered to the world and which they will need and which will be most favorable to them, we have the gracious words of the Master in the present time speaking to all who have ears to hear. His Message is represented as one that binds up the broken hearts and administers the oil and wine of refreshment and joy and peace and consolation. What wonder that we appreciate the statement: "Blessed are your ears, for they hear." Not only have we heard the Message of our Lord Jesus, of His love for us, and that He gave Himself a Ransom for our redemption, but we have heard the Father saying that He has spoken peace to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. He tells us also: "The Father Himself loves you." Harkening, we not only have heard the Message

of God's love and favor for our race, and how a Ransom has been provided, and that in consequence a preparation is being made for the blessing of all the world, but we learn that we may appropriate this blessing to ourselves now by faith in advance of the future general application for the world, and that being justified by faith we may have peace with God. Ah, yes! He brought life and immortality "to light" through the Gospel — life everlasting, life for mankind which we now see is possible of attainment by all the families of the earth, and immortality for those who had the ear of faith and the desire to follow in the footsteps of their Redeemer during the Christian dispensation.

We as the Lord's people of today cannot claim to be members of that elite class, the Bride of Christ, yet we are also gaining valuable training in the school of Christ. We are being prepared for our places in the earthly phase of God's Kingdom, so that we may be able to help the world of mankind up that future Highway of Holiness (Isa. 35: 8). Let us continue to pray, dear friends, for this Kingdom of Messiah, when His sharp arrows shall pierce many hearts and cause the masses to bow under Him and to confess Him and to adore Him. Let us continue to pray, "Your Kingdom come; your will be done on earth as it is done in heaven." Yes, let us be glad that in the consummation of the Plan of God all who do not rejoice to learn righteousness and to love it, and to hate iniquity, shall eventually be destroyed, so that God will have a clean Universe.

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of interest . . .

The British Armed Forces has officially recognized its first registered Satanist. A spokesman for the Royal Navy said: "We are an equal opportunities employer and we don't stop anybody from having their own religious values." The Naval technician said he realized he was a Satanist when he stumbled upon a copy of the Satanic Bible. He will be allowed to perform Satanic rituals on board the vessel.

Founded in 1966 by Anton Szandor LaVey, his group adheres to the Nine Statements which include: "Satan represents indulgence instead of abstinence . . . vengeance instead of turning the other cheek," and "Satan represents all of the so-called sins, as they all lead to physical, mental, or emotional gratification." Certain public figures concede this orientation to be wrong and hope its influence will not spread.

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Research announced in October at the annual conference of the Society for Neuroscience suggests that consuming too much of several kinds of fat can damage memory and intellect. The studies were carried out on rats that were fed 10 percent hydrogenated coconut oil, a common trans fat, for six weeks. Scientists agreed that the results almost certainly applied to humans as well.

Trans fats — the sort found in many fast foods — have in recent studies been linked to heart disease, cancer, hypertension, and diabetes. A representative of the Veterans Administration medical center in the United States said that the country is in the midst of an obesity epidemic — one third of the U.S. population is either overweight or obese.

The results could have broad significance for the national IQ. Follow-up studies are being scheduled to determine if damage that may be done to the proteins in the brain by trans fats can be reversed.

— *Baltimore Sun*



MANKIND'S ETERNAL HOME

Q Why did God create man on earth if He intended him to live in heaven?

A Nothing in the Bible indicates that God intended for all mankind to live in heaven. The Bible shows that the first man was created to dwell in, and to have dominion over the earth (Gen. 1: 26-28; Psa. 8: 4-8; Heb. 2: 6-8). "The earth abideth for ever"; God "laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever"; "The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men" — not merely leased for a few years (Eccles. 1: 4; Psa. 104: 5; Psa. 115: 16).

God created the angels to live in heaven, but He created man "of the earth earthly," adapted him to earthly conditions, and gave him the earth as his eternal home (1 Cor. 15: 47). Satan usurped the control of this world by beguiling Eve through his subtlety (2 Cor. 4: 4; 11: 3), and through her reached Adam and led him into sin and death. "Adam was not deceived" — he sinned willfully (1 Tim. 2: 14). Therefore, it was by Adam that "sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom. 5: 12, 18, 19; 1 Cor. 15: 22).

The True Wages of Sin

The wages of sin is death, cessation of life (Rom. 6: 23). Adam, and the race that was in his loins when he sinned, would at death cease to exist forever were it not that God in His great compassion "so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3: 14-17). Jesus left the glory that He had with the Father before the world was and became flesh — a human being (John 17: 5; 1: 14). He took not the nature of angels, but that of the seed of Abraham — a human being (Heb. 2: 16).

As one perfect human life, Adam's, was lost in Eden, so it took one perfect human life, that of Jesus, to satisfy Divine Justice on Adam's behalf as a ransom, a corresponding price (2 Cor. 5: 21; 1 John 3: 5). It was "the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom [Greek: *antilutron*, a corresponding price] for all" (1 Tim. 2: 5, 6). As a man, Jesus had no children of His own, for the Scriptures read: "Who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living." He "poured out his soul unto death" (Isa. 53: 8, 12). He "was delivered [unto death — the wages of sin] for our offences, and was raised again for our justification" (Rom. 4: 25; Heb. 9: 28; 1 Pet. 3: 18). If the wages of sin is eternal life in torment, then we are all destined to suffer that penalty, for Jesus never paid such a price to Justice for our redemption.

The Lost to be Restored

"The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Matt. 18: 11; Luke 19: 10). What was lost? Adam lost perfect human life in a perfect earthly condition for himself and his race — exactly what Jesus came to seek and to restore to mankind. This He will do so for the willing and obedient of mankind in the Millennial Age — in "the times of restitution of all things," during His Second Advent (Acts 3: 19-21). "For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited" (Isa. 45: 18). It will be the everlasting home of mankind: "The meek shall inherit the earth"; "the righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever"; but "evildoers shall be cut off"; "yet a little while and the wicked shall not be"; "the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off" (Psa. 37: 9-11, 20, 22, 29, 34, 38).

This "everlasting punishment" (Greek, *everlasting cutting off*) is spoken of by our Lord in Matt. 25: 46, and

is symbolized in v. 41 by “fire” — which term is used to represent, not torment, but complete destruction, for God says that “all the wicked will he destroy”; “they shall be as though they had not been” (Psa. 145: 20; Obad. 16). The “lake of fire” is not a place of life in torment; it is “the second death,” utter, complete, and eternal annihilation, and “hell” (the unconscious condition in the sleep of the first death) will be cast into it when all the dead are awakened and “come forth” (John 5: 28, 29; Rev. 20: 12, 14, 15; 21: 8).

The Exception

The Church of the Gospel Age, consisting of New Creatures begotten to the Divine nature, was promised salvation to eternal life in heaven, to be with the Lord, and to assist Him in blessing all the families of the earth (John 14: 1-3; 2 Cor. 5: 17; 2 Pet. 1: 4). This was an exception to the general salvation of mankind in “the new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness” (2 Pet. 3: 13; Rev. 21: 1-4). The willing, obedient, sheeplike ones of mankind in restitution are to have their eternal home on earth, but the unwilling, disobedient, goatlike ones “shall be destroyed from among the people” (Acts 3: 22, 23) — not preserved in fire.

MARITAL DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS

Q What are the duties in common and the sole obligations of Christian husbands and wives to each other, according to the Bible?

A The Scriptures and the “spirit of a sound mind,” the Divine wisdom which comes “from above,” show husbands and wives that they have certain duties in common (2 Tim. 1: 7; James 3: 17):

(1) They are to love each other, not merely with sex love, but with the genuine good will that they owe each other (duty love), and with the unselfish, good will in its appreciation, heart’s oneness, sympathy, and sacrifice (1 Cor. 13; Eph. 5: 25, 28; Titus 2: 4).

This love leads them to: (2) trust, (3) respect, (4) please (Rom. 15: 1-3; 1 Cor. 7: 32-34), and (5) serve each other (Gal. 5: 13).

The husband’s sole obligations are to : (1) cherish, (2) support (Eph. 5: 29; 1 Tim. 5: 8), and (3) be the head of his wife, even as Christ is the Head of the Church (1 Cor. 11: 3-9; Eph. 5: 23, 25; 1 Pet. 3: 7). This does not mean that the wife may not assist in the supporting, nor that in some cases, such as the incapability of the husband to secure employment or

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to work, she may not be the sole support of the family. The husband’s headship is not to be a tyranny (please see *The New Creation*, pp. 491-494). He is to be very considerate of his wife’s viewpoints and opinions on various matters, though the responsibility of making final decisions rests with him.

The wife’s sole obligations are to: (1) respect (Eph. 5: 33), (2) be submissive (Eph. 5: 22, 24; Col. 3: 18; 1 Pet. 3: 4-6), and (3) be the helpmate of her husband (Gen. 2: 18; Titus 2: 5). She is not, however, to be submissive to her husband if he asks her to do anything unjust or contrary to God’s instructions.

These general duties and obligations of husbands and wives are good guidelines for regulation and making decisions on many details pertaining to the married relationship. Due to the Adamic fall and the resultant imperfections in all men and women, husbands and wives should be lenient, longsuffering, forbearing, and forgiving to each other, and should exercise much sympathy and tact in dealing with each other.

The Advantage of Consecration

These duties and obligations apply not only to Christians who have consecrated, or dedicated, their lives to God, but also to the unconsecrated justified and even the unjustified. Consecrated married couples, because of their desire to live a life of self- and world-denial and to seek to develop a Christlike character, have an advantage over other couples in the carrying out their marital duties and obligations.

They have special privileges and blessings such as joining together in prayer, study, spread of God’s Word, and the joy of mutual fellowship. The husband and wife who pray and converse together on the things of the Lord, encourage, assist, and strengthen each other in the consecrated walk, and help to deepen each other’s appreciation of God, Christ, and God’s Word. This cements the double bond of Christian love and marital love, a blessing that truly consecrated husbands and wives can fully appreciate.

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Servants of God and Man

The eleventh in a series of articles on godly men and women from around the world, whose lives have shaped the cultures in which we live



SOLOMON GINSBERG 1867-1927

“Apostle of Brazil”

Solomon Ginsberg was born in Poland in 1867, the son of a Jewish rabbi. Because of his strict Jewish background and training, it seems unlikely that he would be destined to become perhaps the greatest Christian missionary in the history of Brazil, yet such is the marvelous way in which God works.

Providences Leading to Christ

At age 13 young Solomon was deeply interested in his Jewish heritage so naturally he had many questions. One day his father and other Jewish leaders were having a discussion in his home. Solomon lifted up a Jewish Bible and it fell open to Isaiah, chapter 53. Some words were scribbled in the margin that read “To whom does the prophet refer in this chapter?” After reading the chapter, Solomon twice asked his father what the note meant. His father angrily slapped his face and slammed the book shut. This was a hurtful, though significant experience in his eventual acceptance of Christ.

Ginsberg had more untoward experiences. At age fifteen a marriage was arranged for him, something he instantly refused. He immediately ran away from home and lived with his uncle in England until he grew to manhood. One day while he was walking down the street, a Jewish Christian missionary asked him if he was Jewish. When he answered in the affirmative, the missionary invited him to attend a meeting that evening. Amazingly, the missionary said that the subject he was going to speak on was Isaiah, chapter 53. Ginsberg instantly remembered the question his father had refused to answer so he determined to attend the sermon.

Acceptance of New Testament

During the sermon the missionary explained Isaiah 53 as a prophecy that pointed to Jesus as the promised Messiah to the Jews. After the service he approached Ginsberg and asked him if he believed the message. Ginsberg answered that he did not know so the missionary challenged him to read the New Testament and arranged for him to receive a copy of it.

Once Ginsberg began reading he could not put it down, in fact, he read the entire New Testament that night. He came to Matt. 27: 25 which speaks of the Jews’ response to Pilate after he had tried to free Jesus. This verse records what the Jewish people said concerning Jesus: “His blood be on us, and on our children.” Ginsberg trembled and recognized that his own people had rejected the true Messiah.

Decision to Consecrate

The following three months were miserable for Ginsberg for he knew he could not turn his back upon his Messiah, but he also knew that by accepting Jesus he would be totally rejected by the family he loved. One day while Ginsberg was listening to a sermon, Matt. 10: 37 was quoted: “He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.” That night Ginsberg’s decision was sealed. He wanted to be worthy of Jesus so he gave his life over to his Lord.

He told his family that he had accepted Jesus, and, as expected, was ostracized. His uncle, whom he worked for, discharged him and no one in the Jewish community would hire him. Unable to find work, Ginsberg’s limited funds became depleted. Being destitute and homeless, a kind man arranged to have him accepted in the Home of Jewish Converts.

A Severe Test Endured

Ginsberg enjoyed his new life and the fellowship he received from fellow Christians. He had not heard from his family or relatives for a year until one day when he received a note from another uncle who expressed his desire to see Ginsberg. It was a joyful meeting for his uncle brought news from Ginsberg’s family members. He then expressed his desire to bring Ginsberg home to be reunited with his family. Ginsberg’s heart, yearning for home, said he was ready to go any time.

The uncle then said that there was one condition — he would have to renounce Jesus. After a moment Ginsberg replied that such a request was impossible for having given his heart to the Lord Jesus, to abandon his religion would mean he would have to tear out his own heart. The uncle then told Ginsberg that he had full authority to excommunicate him. Pushing Ginsberg out the door, the uncle said he wanted to see him in a week.

After a week of exhaustion and temptation, but filled with resolve, Ginsberg went to meet his uncle.

Surprisingly both uncles and several elderly Jews were present and he was heartily received by all. After a good religious discussion he was asked for his final decision as to whether or not he would renounce Jesus. After relating how he became a Christian and subsequent experiences, with sadness he was warned of the consequences — excommunication and disinheritance. He told them that he had counted the cost and was even willing to give his life for his Messiah, if necessary.

One of the elderly Jews began reading the curses of the excommunication ceremony. At first Ginsberg felt horrified in being subjected to such an experience, but he prayed to his Lord and by the time it was over he was filled with peace and joy.

Preparation for Missionary Work

During the three years he was at the Home of Jewish Converts he was taught the art of printing, a trade he put to good use later in Brazil. It was there that he symbolized his consecration to God by water immersion, witnessed to by over 3,000 people.

One of the greatest benefits Ginsberg received at the Home was missionary training. On Sunday mornings he would attend Bible study and then along with others would walk the streets in London to witness the Gospel to any with a “hearing ear.”

Desiring to become better prepared to serve his Master, Ginsberg enrolled in the Regions Beyond Mission College where he graduated in 1890. While there he met a Mrs. Kalley, the widow of the man who founded the Congregational Mission in Brazil. Upon graduation she gave Ginsberg the means to travel to Brazil plus a little extra, under the condition that he learn Portuguese and support himself as a missionary for one year. He travelled to Portugal to learn the language, leaving behind his fiance, Carrie Bishop, who he intended to meet a year later in Brazil.

From Portugal to Brazil

While in Portugal Ginsberg began his missionary work until threats of imprisonment forced him to flee to Brazil. His fiance met him there and they were married, but sadly she died four months after their wedding. About two years later he married Emma Morton, another missionary, and eventually six children were born to them.

Ginsberg and other Christians suffered persecution in Brazil and were often thrown into prison, yet those experiences provided Ginsberg with fruitful opportunities to witness the Gospel and as a result many prisoners accepted Christ. Under Ginsberg’s

leadership, New Testaments and other Christian literature were sent to the 750 prisons around the country.

An Assassin Converted to Christ

One amazing experience Ginsberg had was when he held a series of open-air services in a Brazilian town called Nazareth. A local religious leader, who hated Ginsberg, hired a bandit to assassinate him and even arranged to have the authorities out of town when the assassination was to take place. Ginsberg learned of the plot but was determined to hold the meeting. To his amazement no attempt on his life took place.

Two months later the hired assassin was converted to Christ and he confessed to believers what had happened on the scheduled assassination day. In order to bolster his courage he drank some liquor and came to the meeting armed and ready to carry out his assignment. The alcohol, however, put him to sleep and he missed his deadly opportunity. Ginsberg later humorously said, “Here is one good job that alcohol accomplished. It saved my life.”

Another Amazing Conversion

Another astonishing experience was the time when another bandit was hired to assassinate Ginsberg. As he was travelling on the road he came upon a man with a double-barreled gun. Ginsberg, thinking the man was hunting, stopped his horse, gave the man a friendly greeting, and continued on. Later that day he heard of the plot and when he went to bed someone knocked at his door. It turned out to be the same man that was on the road. When the man explained that he had been hired for the assassination, Ginsberg thought his end had come until the man explained that Ginsberg’s kindness that morning made him change his mind. The two talked and prayed the rest of the night and by morning the man had accepted Christ.

A month later when Ginsberg arrived home he read a letter from a group of women who said they felt moved to offer special prayers on his behalf. He then noticed that the date of the letter was the very day he had met the bandit on the road.

During Ginsberg’s 31 years of missionary service in Brazil, it has been recorded that more than 21,000 people accepted Christ and dedicated their lives to His service, and much of that fruitfulness can be attributed to the missionary service of this “Apostle of Brazil.”

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“Be Filled With The Spirit”

Be not drunken with wine, wherein is riot, but be filled with the Spirit; speaking one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; subjecting yourselves one to another in the fear of Christ (Eph. 5: 18-21, ASV).

OUR TEXT MAKES A CONTRAST between being drunk with wine and being filled with the spirit. Christians are here addressed so the wine refers not so much to literal as to symbolic wine — the spirit of the world. The Apostle warns us not to become intoxicated with the spirit of the world, but be filled with the spirit of God. We must not only root out and banish from our hearts the spirit of the world, but fill and keep them filled with God’s holy spirit, else the spirit of the world will fill the vacuum and take possession.

The spirit of the world — the disposition and sentiments of the world on every subject — surrounds us. Our fallen minds bend in that direction and to partake of it stupefies the spiritual senses, hinders the reasoning faculties, and beclouds the spiritual vision, eventually leading to death (Rom. 8: 6). The spirit of Christ, on the other hand, is the spirit of power, of love, and of a sound mind (2 Tim. 1: 7), whose tendency is to illuminate the understanding and invigorate every noble faculty. This spirit leads to eternal life.

The effect of such illumination and invigoration is to grant joy, peace, and praise. When two or three possessing this spirit meet, their hearts naturally flow together. As they make melody in their hearts to the Lord they often delight to express themselves in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, and in testimonies and prayers of thanksgiving to God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Overinvolvement with the cares of life can suppress one’s spirit of thanksgiving. But being enlightened by God’s spirit, we know that *all things*, however trying, are working together for good to those who love God supremely — to the called according to His purpose (Rom. 8: 28). Therefore, it is our privilege to rejoice at all times and under all circumstances (Phil. 4: 4; 1 Thes. 5: 16), and our pleasure should be *always* to give thanks to God for *all things* (1 Thes. 5: 18).

Many give sincere thanks to God for only the common earthly blessings of life — the air, sunshine and rain, bountiful harvests, clothing, shelter, food and drink, good health, and seasons of comparative peace. These rich earthly blessings flowing out of God’s abun-

dant mercy are more or less common to all (Matt. 5: 45). Let our hearts not only rejoice in these things, but especially in the higher, spiritual favors received.

Those who can maintain this happy frame of mind at all times and under all circumstances have reached a high attainment of Christian character. We all have trials, but let us keep the end in view, and patiently, and even thankfully submit to our painful experiences in the hope of attaining the glorious end designed by Divine providence (Rom. 3: 3-5).

The Apostle links the indwelling of God’s spirit with the grace of humility or submissiveness — “submitting [submitting] yourselves one to another in the fear [reverence] of Christ.” Where the spirit of joy and thankfulness reigns, pride finds little place. Let us, in lowliness of mind and in the reverence of Christ, submit ourselves to one another for helpful, loving counsel. By mutually taking heed to God’s Word and seeking to measure up to all its requirements we may be conformed to the image of His Son (John 13: 15; 2 Cor. 3: 18; 1 Pet. 2: 21).

The Apostle calls upon all who are to any degree intoxicated by the spirit of the world, saying, “Awake thou that sleepest, and rise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light” (Eph. 5: 14). Let us put away the worldly spirit and awake to the importance of being filled with the spirit of God, and look to Him for the light of Truth that will surely follow, with its blessed, invigorating, and health- and life-giving influences.

“See then that ye walk circumspectly [carefully, picking your steps]” (v. 15). We must walk, not like ignorant persons, but as wise people, redeeming the time (taking advantage of our opportunities) because the days are evil. The times are perilous (2 Tim. 3: 1-8), and only by sobriety and the wisdom of meekness and looking to Christ our Leader shall we be able to walk our difficult way to its glorious end.

“Wherefore,” the Apostle adds, “be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is” (v. 17). May the will, joy, and peace of God fill our hearts and leave no room for the spirit of the world.

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Our Lord's Memorial is Tuesday, March 22, after 6:00 p.m. This is calculated as follows (all times Greenwich Mean Time): The vernal equinox is March 20, 12:35 p.m.; the new moon nearest this equinox is March 10, 9:11 a.m.; add 2 hours 21 minutes to get Jerusalem time = March 10, 11:32 a.m.; so Nisan 1 is from 6:00 p.m. March 9, to 6:00 p.m. March 10; Nisan 14 begins 13 full days later, on Tuesday, March 22, 6:00 p.m., ending Wednesday, March 23, 6:00 p.m. The Memorial should therefore be kept after 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 22. May God bless all His consecrated people in this service. We will be glad to receive reports of each commemoration.

BIBLE STANDARD CHANGE IN 2005

Over the past several months the LHMM headquarters staff, including the publication department, has experienced the loss of several members through death, retirement, and other reasons. This has necessitated the shifting of responsibilities and training of new personnel. For this reason, we have decided for the year 2005 to publish *The Bible Standard* magazine every other month, with the hope that we will be able to resume it as a monthly in 2006. We plan on keeping the current 16-page format and the subscription price will remain at \$12.00 for 12 issues and \$2.00 for a single issue. A \$12.00 subscription will provide six issues in 2005 and continue into 2006 to complete 12 issues.

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