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THE KING OF KINGS

By Oswald J. Smith

NEARLY TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO God visited this world. He came in the Person of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who took upon Him the nature of man. Before long He will visit the world again. The first time He came He was born as a babe. The next time He will come as a mighty Conqueror, Lord of lords and King of kings, the Supreme Ruler of the universe. Every knee will bow to Him—emperors, potentates and all world authorities. And He will reign for evermore.

When He came the first time He came to die. He bore the sins of all mankind on the cross and made a perfect atonement for the human race. He was crucified, for men did not recognize Him as God. But when He comes the second time, He will come to resurrect from their graves all who have put their trust in Him. He can never die again. Even death itself will be conquered by His power. No emperor ever had such authority, for He is the One who created the universe.

When He came the first time, He exercised "all power and all authority." No one ever before and no one since has manifested such power. No one else has worked such miracles. He was the greatest of the great. No principality will be able to withstand Him. All heathen religions will eventually be swept into oblivion. Communism, Dictatorships, Democracy, Fascism, Socialism—and all other human political institutions and governments—will crumble at His feet. He will, at His return, be the One and only Ruler, Lord supreme, Emperor of all emperors, King of kings!

Those who have accepted Him as their Saviour, and whose sins have been forgiven, those who are trusting in His shed blood, and are clothed in His righteousness, have been born again, and are children of God through faith in Him. They are saved and safe, and will dwell with Him through all the countless ages of eternity.

"Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other Name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

WHEN NORMAN ROCKWELL PAINTED MOTHER

Virginia . . . gives an interesting episode from her childhood. She says when she was ten years old, Norman Rockwell, famous artist who lived in the town of her childhood, called her mother one day and asked her to pose for him. Virginia was thrilled by the thought that possibly her mother might now attain both fame and glory via the cover illustration of a national magazine. She was to be painted as a "Nurse."

Two months later, when the artist's work came out as a magazine cover, Virginia was shown the picture—and she looked at it in horror.

This wasn't my mother . . . who was beautiful, graceful, competent. To my utter dismay she was not pictured as an ideal nurse, but as a caricature! The illustration of a nursemaid, sitting in position of abject despair, beside a howling baby. . . . This illustration was a mockery. I grabbed the magazine and before anyone could stop me, I tore up that cover."

One wonders, how many mothers today are but a mere caricature of the godly mother that God intended her to be? Where is the purity, godliness, humility, grace, love and Christlikeness in mothers today that our homes so desperately need? With the writer of old, we ask, "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies" (Prov. 31:10).

"THE THIRD DAY"

CHRIST sanctified marriage by His presence at the marriage at Cana of Galilee. In John 2:1 we read, "And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee."

That "third day" is interesting. Going back in the record we find that on the **first** day (of the three) John the Baptist pointed to Christ and said, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). That was **The Life Look**.

On the **second** day (in the series of three), John stood with two of his disciples, and pointing to Jesus again, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God" (vs. 35, 36). John's two disciples heard him speak, but **they followed Jesus**. So, the **second** day gives us the daily attitude of the earnest believer: he is to "look to Jesus" and "follow Jesus" day by day. See John 1:35-37.

And on the **third** day there was the marriage at Cana. Here is the beautiful, typical sequence: on the **first** day of Christian experience is the **life look**; on the **second** day is the **daily walk**, the growth in grace, and the daily following of Jesus; and on the **third** day, in its typical aspect, at the end of this age, is the coming "**Marriage of the Lamb**" (Rev. 19:7-10). Then the saints will be resurrected and will be forever united, in glory, with their glorious Bridegroom! How wonderful is the Word of God! How great are His plans and purposes for His people!

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready.

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean

and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints (the imputed righteousness of Christ)" (Rev. 19:7, 8; cf. Phil. 3:9).

"I Will Live Uprightly in My Own House" (Ps. 101:2)

The verse in full reads: "I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt Thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart" (Ps. 101:2).

In 1 Kings 9:4 we are told what God said to Solomon, relative to walking uprightly:

"If thou wilt walk before Me, As David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and mine ordinances"

As God's people we are exhorted to "walk uprightly" in our homes—uprightly before God and men obeying the Word in all things. The home is where most Christians fail. If we have failed, let us remember Ephesians 4:31, 32:

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Our Sons and Our Daughters

"That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as cornerstones, polished after the similitude of a palace" (Ps. 144:12).

Our sons—growing up with the vitality and fruitfulness of a garden plant. Our daughters—as polished, carved columns (the **Caryatides**, or columns representing female figures), finely sculptured, combining strength and beauty, as well as usefulness. The columns of a building were ever pointing heavenward—and they were there to support the building.

All this, and much more, if—

"The Lord is my Rock . . . my lovingkindness, and my fortress, my high-tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and He in whom I take refuge" (Ps. 144:1, 2).

Blessings from Heaven on our sons and our daughters—if we walk with God and trust in His Son—and obey the Word.

"Yea, happy is the people whose God is the Lord" (Ps. 144:15).

If parents are right with God, and are faithfully serving Christ, then their children will be "plants of renown" and "columns of strength and beauty." The cause of juvenile delinquency is parental failure.

"AMAZONS"

Historically, the ancient amazons were, according to legend, a body of warlike women, ruled by a queen who allowed no man to live with them. They cut off their right breast that they might better use the bow and arrow. This custom gave rise to the origin of their name—"amazons," i.e., "breastless ones."

Has our modern era developed a hybrid race of amazons—women who imitate men, bereft of the "breast" of affection and love of home and children? Have some women "left their first estate"—the place God planned for them in the economy of things?

Here is a note from modern psychology:

According to Helene Deutsch, M.D., author of *The Psychology of Women*, "The grass-roots fact about women which experts agree is that her psychology is based firmly on her biology. . . . Woman's real character thus springs from the fact that nature (and God) has made her what scientists call 'womb-centered.' This fact makes her husband-centered and family centered as well. And . . . this gives her the trait of 'essential feminine altruism'—'regard for and devotion to the interests of others.'"

So, by nature and creation, women are intended to be "mothers," true lovers, who will sacrifice for their families. When the natural is supplemented by the grace of God, true mothers—whose price is far above rubies—bless our homes and our nation. But when even the natural is perverted, then the result is most disastrous.

Even Mother's heartbeat is Important

"Mothers who carry their babies snuggled over their hearts may be giving them the foundations of lifetime emotional stability," said New York psychologist Lee Salk, in an address last year before a Mental Health Group.

"He believes that the rhythmic heartbeat of the mother is one of the main sensations a baby has in the womb. In the first weeks after birth, being held over the heart revives his feelings of peace and tranquility, giving him a good start toward mental health." (Science Digest).

That being the case, hospitals make a serious mistake in taking newborn babes from mother's breast the way most hospitals do.

In any event mother's love is the very staff of life for the new baby; and if the growing child ever gets the idea that he isn't wanted, that he is unloved, he is headed toward emotional troubles.

All of us, at times, in a cold, hostile world, feel alone and rejected. Then, beloved, is the time to draw closer to God, and lean on the everlasting arms of Jesus, the true Lover of our souls. To know that God loves us, Christ cares for us, means much in

our wilderness journey. Listen to Christ's heart beat! Paul lived in the daily assurance of the love of Christ.

"I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Gal. 2:20; cf. Eph. 5:25; 3:18, 19).

THE WOMAN WHO MARRIED THE WRONG GROOM

EVA BRAUN, you will recall, was Hitler's mistress. A few days before his suicide in a Bunker in Berlin, he married her.

"April 28 was a trying day in the Bunker. The news that the Russians were getting close and would probably storm the Chancellery on the morning of April 30, 30 hours hence—was the signal for the end.

"By dawn he had married Eva Braun. It was her wish, and was 'a crowning award' for her loyalty to the end. (They) entered into a marriage which could last for but a few hours. . . . After the brief ceremony there was a macabre wedding breakfast in the Fuehrer's private apartment. Champagne was brought out and (guests) shared in the wedding celebration. . . . After lunch, about 3:30 p.m., of April 30, Hitler shot himself in the mouth, while alone in his apartment with his wife Eva. They found his body sprawled on the sofa, dripping blood. At his side lay Eva Braun who had swallowed poison. . . . The corpses were carried up to the garden and during a lull in the bombardment placed in a shellhole and ignited with gasoline." (Denver Post).

Eva Braun "bet on the wrong horse." She shared the fate of her lover. All persons in this world are "married" either to "self" and this present "world system," or they are married to Christ. Those married to the first (the "adamic" system of life) will end in tragedy—a tragedy of everlasting proportions. Those married, by faith, to Christ, not only bear fruit unto God in this life, but will be blessed with the Heavenly, glorious Bridebroom in unceasing joy and glory forever.

Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to Him who is raised from the dead, that he should bring forth fruit unto God" (Rom. 7:4, and context).

THE STRANGE PROVIDENCES OF GOD HOW GOD PROVIDED COMFORT THROUGH THE PEN OF HER DEPARTED HUSBAND

DELL THOMPSON, widow of Cam Thompson, who passed away last year, is carrying on the missionary work that Cam was so interested in. The Thompson's have three daughters, Faith, Hope and Joy. Mrs. Dell Thompson writes:

"A few days ago (during the week that Cam became ill a year before) I

became very tired and discouraged in the work when God came on the scene as He always does when we look up. Being led of the Lord, while looking for something that had been misplaced, I found a note which Cam had purposely written and put away for us. It was just as though he had spoken from Heaven. To the honor and glory of the Lord, we wish to share it with you.

"Beloved Pilgrim: Close up everything today, and after much search, find a spot where there is nobody. Then kneel and tell God that you came to spend the day with Him. And God, who has no one to spend the day with Him, will be glad, and you and He will exchange such secrets and gaze into such scenes in the pools of eternity, as shall make this day of more value than all the days of your sadness here.

"My Will: I leave to Dell and Faith, Hope and Joy, the sunshine of a thousand happy hours, the glory of numberless prayers. In that uncreated glory, they are laid up for you, dear hearts, in golden chalices at His Feet. Look out, will you from those windows down there, and lean on tiptoe until you can see just beyond the sunset and just around behind the cloud-ships of dawn, and as you watch, these prayers, **your heritage**, will be to you as dew from everlasting hills, and a shower of rain from the very Cups of God. O Crystal morning, O matchless moment, when we five meet again up amid the thunder of organs, and the giant surge of Hallelujas!"

How wonderful are the dealings of God. Pray for this devoted missionary family.

"STORY CORNER"

Boy or Earthquake?

There had been several earthquake shocks in the neighborhood, so a married couple set their little boy to stay for a while with an uncle who lived at some distance.

A few days later the parents received this telegram: "I'm returning your boy; please send earthquake."—Atlas News.

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Whom His Snoring Disturbed the Most

A man went to see his physician to get advice on how to quit his snoring.

Does your snoring disturb your wife?" asked the doctor?

"Does it disturb my wife?" echoed the patient. "Why it disturbs the whole congregation."

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Related to God?

One day last winter a New York lady of wealth was driving down Broadway when she saw a thin-clad, barefoot boy wistfully looking into a shop window. She stopped her car, went to him and asked him what fixed his gaze there. "I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes."

Leading him in, she asked for a bowl of water and a towel. She washed the little numbed, soiled feet with her own hands. Meantime she ordered half-a-dozen pairs of warm stockings. Putting on one pair, she then fitted some shoes to his feet, and quietly remarked: "Now I think you will feel better."

With tears in his eyes, the little fellow grasped the hands that had ministered to his needs with a mother's love, and exclaimed "Are you God's wife?"—Saw-dust Trail.

THEY SAY:

What Good are the Psychoanalysts?

ROBERT RUARK, noted commentator, says, "I have yet to meet anybody who subjected himself to analysis who wound up any less confused than when he went in."

Christ always puts the sincere and repentant seeker in the Light.

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What Religion do the Cubans Profess?

Objective study of the religious life in Cuba has shown that about one-half of the people profess no faith whatever. Nearly 40% of the population, half of them nominally Roman Catholics, practice some form of spiritualism. Perhaps eight per cent of them are really active Catholics, and the others are Protestants or Evangelicals.—Miami Herald.

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Keeping God in Our Schools

"We cannot take God out of education and still have a fully complete educational system. . . . We don't wish to invade people's rights to be atheists or agnostics, but we cannot allow a minority to exercise majority rights."—Gov. Mark Hatfield, Oregon.

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The Bible as a Vital Part of Life

JOHN RUSKIN said, "All that I have taught; everything that I have written; every greatness that has been in any thought of mine, has simply been due to the fact that when I was a child, my mother daily read with me a part of the Bible, and daily made me learn a part of it by heart."

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Running a Church on Tea Parties, etc.

Someone has aptly said that churches that must be supported by tea parties, ice cream socials, chicken suppers and rummage sales, are as weak as the tea, as cold as the ice cream, as dead as the chickens and as worn out as the rummage.—Sawdust Trail.

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"Mousy Papas"?

An irate Traffic Court Judge exploded not long ago with this, after blaming misguided parents for many teenage traffic violations:

"Rather than deny children's demands for the family car, these weakened parents permit them to tear over our highways. . . . The old-fashioned father who told his children what they could do has been succeeded by 'yes-men' who bear a distant resemblance to a mouse."—Judge Frank M. Gusweiler.

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Statistics on Church Attendance

ONLY ONE out of every 13 persons in our country attends church. Twelve million attend; 157 million do not. Seven out of eight children quit church and Sunday school before the age of 12.—FBI Facts.

SELECT POEMS

MOTHER'S PRAYERS

Soon my journey will be over,
Soon with Christ above I'll dwell;
Soon a Mother's prayers be ended,
For the one's she loves so well.

But these prayers will all be answered;
And my dear ones each shall come,
To the place His love provideth
In the bliss of God's Own Home.

For this confidence we may have,
If according to His will;
He will hear us, and His mercy
Shall believing prayer fulfill.

A WORD TO PARENTS

By Edward L. Crane

My parents knew and walked with God:
They loved His Holy Word.
And ev'ry day they found the time
When part of it was heard.
We children learned what God's Word says
We knew of Adam's fall.
We learned of God's redeeming grace
And listened to His call.

My parents did not leave much wealth
Of this world's earthly store;
But, Oh, the riches of God's love
With value so much more!
We saw ourselves as sinners lost
Whom Christ alone could save.
And trusted in the blood outpoured
Received the life He gave.

IF JESUS CAME TO YOUR HOUSE

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two—
If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.
Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honored Guest,
And all the food you'd serve to Him would be the very best,
And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him there—
That serving Him in your home is joy beyond compare.
And I wonder—if the Saviour spent a day or two with you,
Would you go right on saying the things you always say?
Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

—Lois Kendall Blanchard

SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE

MORE FLAPDOODLE FROM DR. LEAKEY

WASHINGTON—A British anthropologist has announced discovery of the jawbone of a strange creature—not quite man and not quite ape—believed to have lived in central Africa 14 million years ago.

"I have no doubt that it was in Africa—in fact, in central Africa—that man was born," the scientist told a press conference at the National Geographic Society.

Leakey said the creature "is not man, but he is more man than ape. He is definitely heading toward man. He has more characteristics toward man than apes."

Leakey told also of the discovery of the remains of other strange creatures in the area where the "new type of primate" lived. These were 14-million-year-old giraffes the size of donkeys, elephants no bigger than horses, ancestral hippopotamuses, rhinoceroses, antelopes and pigs.

Remains of the newly found primate unearthed by the Leakeys were TWO PIECES OF UPPER JAW, containing teeth, and ONE LOWER TOOTH. (Caps ours).

In reply to questions, Leakey said there was no way yet of determining its sex. Nor could he say much about its general appearance, other than "I would suspect it was not as heavy or as big as a chimpanzee."

. . . The age of the bones was determined by chemical analysis of the (volcanic) ash in which they were found.

One thing he admits—what ever the creature was, it was not a man. "But," he adds, "it was more than an ape." All of his theories and conclusions are based on . . . "two pieces of an upper palate, with some teeth . . . and one lower tooth." He has no idea what the "general appearance" of this creature was like. But leave it to him and his associates—before long they will come up with a plaster-of-Paris reconstruction that will look like what they want it to look like! And millions more of our innocent school children will be deceived into accepting Leakey's new find as bona fide proof of evolution.

When God says that man's origin was in the upper Tigris-Euphrates valley (Gen. 2) who is this arrogant scientist to contradict Him? When God says He created man in His own image and likeness, and put him in the garden of Eden (Gen. 1—3) why listen to modern wiseacres who twist facts to fit their theories? Since evolution is built on a foundation of "here a bone and there a tooth" cemented together by man's imagination, and forged into a fabled creature that is unreal and unscientific, it is about as reliable as the fairy stories of the nursery or the fantasies of the asylum.

Here is something each of us can believe and rely on:

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let

them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air. . . .

"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them" (Gen. 1:26, 27).

We must conclude, with another, that Dr. Leakey's theory "is a myth, a false deduction from a fatuous creed."

We are reminded of an article by the late Dr. W. Leon Tucker, on "**Science and the Scripture**" on the subject of

"SCIENTIFIC SCARECROWS"

Dr. Leakey, and others, keep putting up these "**Scientific Scarecrows**" that seek to frighten young people away from the Word of God. We quote from Dr. Tucker's message.

THE BIBLE is the food supply from the heart and hand of the Great Husbandman for the children of God. It is the Christian's meat and drink.

The **Scientific Scarecrow** is still attempting to frighten them away from the base of the food supply. A favorite pastime of many ignorant professors is to plant this scarecrow in the high schools, colleges and universities, hoping to intimidate the young students and keep them from the Bible. The Bible is not "Scientific," they say, and thus they go about with their little "scientific scarecrows," seeking whom they may fill with fear and frighten.

The Bible is not a book of science; it is a Book of Salvation, but it contains scientific information as high above the human understanding as the heavens are above the earth. Somebody has said, "Astronomy may indeed reveal something of the grandeur and magnificence of God's creation; but it can tell us nothing of His love and compassion for sinners. It is the Gospel that does that."

It may trace the course of the milky way, but it can not show to perishing souls the way to eternal life. It is the Scriptures that reveal these things.

Modern chemistry may give us better soap, but it has discovered no means of cleansing the heart from sin. It is the Blood of Jesus that does that. Modern industry may produce illuminating devices for dispelling the darkness of nature, and high explosives for destroying life and removing mountains; but it cannot give light to them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death or blow up the barrier that sin has raised between man and a thrice holy God! Modern Science may fill men's bodies with drugs and medicines; but it cannot fill their hearts with joy and peace. Only the Gospel can do this.

A Home On Display

By Pastor R. S. Beal, First Baptist Church, Tucson, Ariz.

"And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All the things that are in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not showed them" (II Kings 20:15).

From what follows, evidently the king did not do the right thing, for the prophet Isaiah said to him, "Behold the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried unto Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the Lord" (Vs. 17).

The heart of the king must have been filled with pride in that he had greater concern to show the things he possessed than to deal with the enemies which came up from a pagan country.

However, the question put to the king by God's spokesman is a heart-searching one and is worthy of careful attention. Possibly God is speaking to each one of us through it. Maybe we have things within the bounds of our dwelling which should not be there. If folks were to come and look into our houses, or even deeper, into our homes, what would they see? Would they behold evidences of a Christian home, or be compelled to say that Christ does not dwell there? I ask again, "What have they seen in thine house?"

When we think of the home our minds dwell upon the oldest and one of the most sacred of all institutions which are in the world. How the word "home" itself thrills us! We never seem to tire of telling about our home city, or our home church or how things were done back home. There is a warmth in the word, a glow seldom felt or seen in any other word in the English language. It is gripping and it is entrancing.

We ask ourselves the question—what is home? Eight hundred replies came to a London magazine which asked the same question. These answers were written by persons representing all walks of life and classes of society. They emanated from homes of refinement and wealth, and from those of crudeness and poverty. Here are a few which the editor called "gems."

"Home—a world of strife shut out, a world of love shut in."

"Home, the place where the small are great and the great are small."

"Home, the father's kingdom, the mother's world, and the child's paradise."

"Home, the place where we grumble the most and are treated the best."

"Home, the center of our affection, round which our heart's best wishes twine."

"Home, the place where our stomachs get three square meals daily and our hearts a thousand."

"Home—the only place on earth where the faults and failings of humanity are hidden under the sweet mantle of charity."

There are many low ideals of home. Instead of it being a place as suggested by some of these descriptive sentences, it is no more than a place of four walls covered by a roof. In many instances it is no more than a place where human animals raise their young, a sort of beast's lair. To many a child, home is but a dirty house from which vice, squalor, hunger and blasphemy look out from every crack and crevice.

Should not home be a place of refuge, relaxation, comfort, joy, love, peace and the abiding place of hearts? Lord Byron wrote, "Without hearts there is no home." Surely home is more than a substantial house, beautiful furniture and plenty to eat. And I am sure God intended it to be more than a house of correction. I am not calling upon any one to worship his home, but I am emphasizing the truth that home ought to be given an exalted place in daily life.

We might go a step further and ask the question, What is a Christian home? It is not all the qualities for good which I have already suggested, plus the presence of the Lord Jesus? The true Christian home counts on God and is maintained for His honor and glory. No reader of the Word of God is ignorant of the fact that the Bible magnifies the home. Quoting the Old Testament Jesus said, "For this cause [because God created one male and one female] shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh."

The Lord Jesus blessed children and said the most beautiful and encouraging things to them and about them. He took them up in His arms, and folding them to His heart, He let every child on earth know that His love protects them, and that He saves all children who trust themselves to His tender care. With strong language God commanded parents to love and nourish their children and to train them up for the glory of God. There is plenty of "hell on earth" as we all realize. God wants it changed to a little foretaste of heaven on earth, and this can be done only within the bounds of the home or the church.

We lay a great deal of stress upon the Gospel and the preaching of it to the uttermost bounds of the earth, and well we may. But where is the preaching of it to begin? You know the answer as well as I. It is to begin at home. I have always felt that the

man who does not have a message for the hearthstone does not have much of a message for the curbstone. If he cannot say something for Jesus at home how can he say much for Him away from home? Perhaps the revival the church most needs at this hour in the face of the conditions which exist among children and youth, is a revival in the home. In the early dispensations of the history of the human family, the father in the home was the preacher and home worship was the only kind in the world.

In early patriarchal days, there was little public preaching. There were no organized churches with all the departments churches possess today. All these came later, as we know. The father in the home was solely responsible for the propagation of the truth and the training of his offspring.

If some one were to look into your home just now what would he see? I am sure if your home and mine are what they ought to be

Jesus Will Be Seen There

Often have we said, what is home without mother? But what is home without the presence of Jesus Christ? The real joys and blessings of home life only come within its bounds as He comes. It makes an infinite difference when He is allowed to enter and to become the center.

My heart often meditates upon those homes mentioned in the Gospels, and the transformation wrought when Jesus entered. **He went into the home of Zacchaeus**, as a Savior and when He left it there was the blessing of salvation and a complete transformation. Old scores were settled, debts were paid and things were made right. Oh, it makes a difference when He comes in! **Jesus entered the home of Peter as the great Physician** and He left there the blessing of health and life. It is ever this way. I think of the home of Jairus and how the Master entered it as One who comforted, and He raised a daughter to life. It is not hard to picture the joy that existed there all because He came in.

John tells us how Jesus was invited to a wedding at Cana of Galilee. He came to share in the joys of the occasion, but when a need arose He was present to meet it, thus we read about His first miracle. There was a little home in Bethany to which he often retired. Martha and Mary lived there, and when their brother died, the only thought they had was a longing for the presence of Jesus in the home. As He entered, death trembled and when He shouted, "Lazarus come forth," death fled and a dear

brother was restored to sorrowing sisters and to weeping friends.

I do not believe the Saviour will force Himself into the homes of men and women, but He is standing without, knocking earnestly, desiring to come in. I ask you the solemn question—is your home open to Him? Will you enter it tonight without His presence? Then your home is a barren one, if such is the case. We read how “every man went unto his own house. Jesus went unto the mount of Olives . . .” (John 7:53; 8:1). Let us not neglect Him.

The broken home is the world’s greatest wreck, and I am confident that the only way to protect and to preserve the home in these terrible days of apostasy, is to make sure that you have Jesus abiding within your home. When He is present, there is bound to be a foretaste of heaven.

“What have they seen in thine house?” Have the outsiders seen

Christian Parents?

Only too often mother is the Christian and father is not. He has left all the Christian responsibilities in relation to the rearing of the children to his godly wife, but he himself has had no part. What a difficult matter it is to rear a family to the glory of God when one of the parents is a non-Christian. If there ever was a time more important than any other for a man to become a Christian, it is when he becomes a father.

“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4).

Is it not evident from this passage that God holds the father accountable for the spiritual welfare of his family?

All the way through the blessed Book, it is seen that God associates home with the father who is held responsible. Allow me to give you a few illustrations. It was to Noah that God said,

“Come thou and all thy house into the ark . . .” (Gen. 7:1). He did not give the command to his wife or to the sons, but to the father himself whom God held responsible.

God said of Abraham, “For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him” (Gen. 18:19). Jehovah treated him with marked honor because he ruled his house well.

“God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel . . . Then Jacob said unto his household . . . Let us arise, and go up to Bethel . . .” (Gen. 35:1-3).

Moses knew the value of the family life of his people and the place of the father. He said to Pharaoh, “We will go with our young . . . with our sons and with our daughters . . .” (Ex. 10:9).

Too many these days are leaving the little ones in Egypt with-

out thought of God and eternity. The judgment of God struck Eli the priest, because of the wickedness of his house. Thus the father holds a vital place in family life from the standpoint of God. I love the testimony of Joshua when he said,

“. . . as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Josh, 24:15).

I ask you—can the world see that as a Christian your influence in home life is truly counting for something? Let us not be too quick to blame youth for delinquency problems in their lives when parents have more time for theaters and lodges and business and sports, than for their little ones. Children left to run the streets will soon run into all sorts of trouble.

If some one were to look into your home would there be the evidence of

A Godly Conversation?

The famous evangelist, “Billy” Sunday, is reported to have said that there are few things in home life more important than conversation. To what is your family compelled to listen in the home? Do your children hear you wrangle, find fault with each other or with some one else? Do you have the habit of rehearsing at the meal table all the horrible happenings of the day? Are you guilty of running down your church in the presence of your children? If you do, then you ought not blame them if they show no interest in the Bible School and the preaching services.

One man said there were two things which held him to his home like a vice. One was to hear his mother read in the evenings and the other was to hear his father talk at the meal table. What a testimony this is! It did not take much to grip this lad. Conversation did it because it was befitting true home life.

I think you will agree with me that home is not only the most important, but the greatest university in the world. The father is the president and the mother is the vice-president. They shape the characters of the students there or else turn them out into the world without the Christian training to which each member of the family is entitled. The parents are held accountable to God for doing what He said. If a man or woman thinks that God did not know what is the best plan for rearing children, and that he or she has a better plan, then that one assumes a terrible responsibility and thus becomes answerable for all the evil results that would have been prevented by doing what God said.

Once again, I remind you of the text, “What have they seen in thine house?” As others have entered, have they sensed

An Heavenly Atmosphere?

I have gone into many a home never to see the slightest indication that home has Christ for its head. There is no Bible in sight, no hymn book on the rack of the piano, but instead a lot of silly pieces, the titles of which are in themselves often disgusting. There are no Christian magazines on the table, no mottoes on the walls, grace is not said at the table and no family altar appears. One would search in vain to find anything that would give evidence of a Christian home being maintained there.

A little boy was invited out to a meal. Before eating, heads were bowed and a prayer of thanksgiving to God was offered for the meal. The little fellow looked into the face of his mother after the prayer was ended and said, "Why did he do that?" Surely there had not been much in the home of that child which would cause him to be reverent and to understand how the temporal blessings of life had come from God.

Christianity in the home is needed. It is my conviction that the more we can do to create a truly Christian atmosphere, the more the children will love their home and want to know about the things of God. The story is told of a Chinese mother who lived near a slaughter house. In due course of time she noticed that her son had become hardened to the sight of killing cattle. She had to move for his sake, but her next home was near a cemetery. After a while, she observed that her son was becoming indifferent to funerals and the sight of death, and for his sake she moved again. There was a wise mother and one who recognized the importance of a right atmosphere. May God help us to maintain the true Christian atmosphere within the bounds of our home.

There are two passages of Scripture taken from the Old Testament that I want to lay upon the heart of each one and while they were written in the days of Moses, they are as essential today as then. God's truth never grows old and out of date.

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates" (Deut. 6:6-9).

Here God is calling upon His followers to create a truly spiritual atmosphere within their dwelling and to magnify His word from the gate to the kitchen.

Here is another equally important passage, "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the doorposts of thine house, and upon thy gates: that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth" (Deut. 11:18-21).

These show how God honors His Word and insists that it be given the primary place in home life. We will never have a Christian home in all its sweetness until the Word of God becomes its foundation. All must be based upon what God has revealed for parents and for children.

It is said that the Thracian emblem for their god was the sun with three beams streaming from it. One beam shown upon a sea of ice to thaw it. Another on the rocks to crush them and the third to shine upon the dead to bring them to life. God's love allowed to shine in the home puts an end to coldness, hardness and deadness.

If you are a father, a husband, a mother or a wife, I want to impress upon your hearts the truth that your home will not be what God wants it to be until you are united in the Christian faith. Let son and daughter also realize this and know that their lives will be far short of what God wants until they have found true life in Him who said,

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

Where Religion is Banned in the Public Schools

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An Essay On
THE GREATEST TRIBUTE EVER PAID
To True Motherhood

"The Virtuous Woman"

Proverbs 31:10-31

Ideals for all Women—Mothers, Wives, Daughters
By Fred John Meldau

NO WHERE IN ALL LITERATURE can one find anything comparable, or even approaching, this wonderful tribute to the Virtuous Woman, found in Proverbs 31:10-31. It is the most inspiring and beautiful picture of mother ever painted with words.

Famous Men Give Tribute to Their Mothers

It is generally conceded that the greatest love of one human to another is mother's love; and the greatest faithfulness known among men is mother's devotion to her children. Many men recognize this, and have not been slow to extol their mothers. We quote a few.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN: "All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

ANDREW JACKSON: "The memory of my mother and her teachings were the only capital I had to start life with, and on that capital I have made my way."

JOHN WANAMAKER, famous business man: "My first love was my mother, and my first home was on her breast. My first bed was her bosom. Leaning little arms upon her knees, I learned my first prayers. A bright lamp she lit in my soul, that never dies down nor goes out, though the winds and waves of fourscore years have swept over me. Sitting in my mother's old armchair . . . I (seem to) feel the touch of her little hand on my brow, and I bear her voice as she smooths my hair and calls me her boy, her very own boy."

D. L. MOODY, famous evangelist: "My mother! All that is good in my life, I think, has come from her; and I have never come near Northfield (where his mother lived) that I have not gotten anxious to reach home, that I might see my mother."

HENRY WARD BEECHER, famous preacher: "The babe who at first feeds upon his mother's bosom is always on her heart."

WASHINGTON IRVING: "A mother's love endures through all; in good repute, in bad repute, in the face of the world's condemnation, a mother still loves on."

Mother's Prayers

Augustine, one of the most noted of the early church fathers, was undoubtedly brought to Christ by his mother's prayers. He said, after his

conversion to Christ, "You, mother, through whose prayers I . . . believe that God gave me that mind that I should prefer nothing but the discipline of His truth."

Abraham Lincoln's mother "had as her chief textbook the Bible." He said of her, "I remember my mother's prayers, and they have always followed me."

John Newton's mother prayed him back from complete moral, physical, mental and spiritual ruin. She was a fully surrendered, consecrated Christian who spent many hours each day over her washboard and ironing board. In his teens, her boy John ran away to go to sea—and his moral decline was rapid. Eventually he was sold to an African slave who frequently would make him get under her table before she would feed him. Later he described himself as "the slave of a slave."

Often his mother's tears mingled with the soap suds as her heart went up to God for her wayward boy John. Her prayers were answered. John came to Christ and was made a "new creature." He was released from moral and spiritual darkness—and little by little he was released from the other types of bondage and degradation. Eventually he became known as "the sailor preacher of London" and a powerful preacher he was, for he was used to win thousands to Christ.

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AN ANALYSIS of the passage before us—Proverbs 31:10-31—reveals many facets in the character of the **Virtuous Woman** that make her shine like a genuine diamond and scintillate as a dazzling jewel, in the sight of God and in the sight of man. Let us take note of some of the more important of these.

(1) Her chief moral asset is her **virtue**: "Who can find a virtuous woman?" (v. 10).

There was a time in our national history when the true mother portrayed here was the average mother of our land. That was when the Bible was the Beloved Book of the multitudes, and it was read daily in the average Christian home. But times have changed; not that the **virtuous woman** is no longer with us, but our society has been honey-combed with a sub-standard type of mother who smokes, drinks, swears sometimes, adopts other "male" vices, and dresses indiscreetly—or even indecently. All too often she commits her children into the loveless arms of a disinterested baby-sitter, that she might work in a factory in order to buy a few more material pleasures, such as a TV or a new car. Sometimes—in fact, over a million times (counting married and single persons—she even degrades herself by working as a barmaid.

And what has been the result of this breakdown in the character of our women and our homes? We have suffered a national catastrophe! Juvenile and adolescent crime has brought a reign

of terror to our cities. Take Washington, D.C. as an example. The U. S. News and World Report (Apr. 2, 1962) quotes a

Judge's Warning

CHIEF JUDGE MATTHEW F. McGUIRE, of the U. S. District Court in Washington, recently served notice from the bench that he is going to crack down. He described the situation in Washington in these words:

"You can't go out in the street without being hit on the head. You can't ride a bus. You can't close your place of business at night but what thieves get in. This thing is really serious and it has got to stop."

Commenting on the dreadful situation in Washington, the "U. S. News" said,

"Crime in Washington has gotten so bad that the city is trying to mobilize volunteer police to combat the teenage thugs that are terrorizing the streets. It's a pattern spreading elsewhere, too. Officials blame undisciplined youth, racial hostility, lenient courts. They call for a crack-down." (Read the entire article for an eyeopener on what is going on in American cities today.)

Merely thinking things are going to change won't help. The closing statement in the article is this: "To be avoided is the fuzzy-minded notion that the yokers will go away if we all pretend that they don't exist."

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THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN will not compromise herself. She will not have a shelfworn character, placed on the bargain counters of the world, as are those unfortunates who have been manhandled by the crowd. She can not be bought or bribed; neither can she be allured or enticed from her moral integrity, her steadfastness to her God and to her family.

Thank God there still is the opportunity for all women and girls—whether mothers, wives or daughters—to excel as virtuous women. Let every earnest woman, who desires her life to count for Christ and His kingdom, determine, by the grace of God, that she will be God's ideal: a lovely, pure, loving, loveable "virtuous woman!"

(2) The Virtuous Woman—whether mother, wife or daughter—is of inestimable value to any home. Her price is "far above rubies" (v. 10).

"Whoso findeth a wife"—i. e., a good wife—"findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor of the Lord" (Prov. 18:22).

A good wife is indeed a "jewel" and her appreciative husband will be the first to acknowledge it. There are things that money cannot buy, and a good wife is one of them. In comparison with the virtuous woman, money is mere sawdust, and jewels

are but as pebbles in the riverbed. Her price is as "far above rubies" as true love is above hate, even as integrity and fidelity are above immorality and sin.

A poor man with a good wife, with love and fellowship in the home, is far better off than a rich man with a bad or indifferent wife. Better a morsel of dry bread, and baked beans, to share with a good wife and disciplined, respect-giving children, than a \$50,000 tri-level house in Suburbia, if there is no love, fellowship or congeniality in the home! The raucous quarrels, the bitter bickerings, the biting sarcasm and the stinging retorts that characterizes many homes today have turned them into horror chambers of fear and hate.

(3) Because the Virtuous Woman is a **faithful wife**, "the heart of her husband doth safely trust in her" (v. 11). By her love, faithfulness and devotion, she has gained his confidence. When she married him, she "forsook all others," and she lives now, devoted to the man of her choice. Her husband has no fear that she ever will become infatuated with another man, or forsake him for another. In sickness or health, for better or worse, she will cleave to him "till death do them part."

"For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they two shall be one flesh.

"Wherefore they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder" (Matt. 19:5-6).

(4) In every realm she does her "wifely duty" by him, so he "will have no need of spoil." (V. 11). She will be understanding, sympathetic and patient. Therefore, he will not become infatuated with other women. Their lives will be dovetailed in Christian fellowship, welded in true love. Together they will obey the Word:

"Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth . . . be thou ravished always with her love" (see Prov. 5:15-20; cf. 1 Cor. 7:2-5).

(5) She is an asset to her husband, not a liability: "she will do him good and not evil all the days of her life" (v. 12). Her influence on her husband and in the home is positive—for good—and not for evil. She seeks to be a help and not a hindrance. She will not be a drag on him, nor, by her pettiness, cause him to turn to other sources for comfort and strength. She will not tire of her husband, as a child soon becomes bored with a new toy; rather, she will cleave to him and be his true helpmate all the days of his life.

(6) She is diligent, not lazy. Several phrases and clauses in this great description so picture her. "She seeketh wool and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands" (v. 13); "she layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff" (v. 19); "she eateth not the bread of idleness" (v. 27).

Her "diligence" is displayed in the realm of her home duties—not working in a factory as "Tillie the toiler," or "Fannie the boiler-maker."

"Nobody knows of the work it makes
To keep the home together;
Nobody knows of the steps it takes—
Nobody knows but mother,

"Nobody knows of the sleepless care
Bestowed on baby brother;
Nobody knows of the tender prayer;
Nobody—only mother!

"Nobody knows of the lessons taught
Of loving one another:
Nobody knows of the patience sought;
Nobody—only mother.

"Nobody knows of the anxious fears,
Lest darlings may not weather
The storm of life in after years;
Nobody—only mother."

She stayeth not in bed till near noon, having wasted the night before watching senseless TV programs. She spendeth not precious afternoon hours playing cards, nor listening to silly soap operas on the radio. Nor does she drape herself languidly across the divan, reading trashy novels; nor does she fill her mind with the wicked intrigues and brutal plots and horror stories, found in both modern movies and in the "romance" and "true story" magazines.

She doth not gab with friends or neighbors by the hour over the phone or over the back fence, exchanging poisonous gossip morsels, or barbed bits of silly talk. She doth not frequent taverns at night, nor does she entertain men at bars, giving them the companionship which her husband has the right to. In fact, she doth not tolerate liquor in any form in her house, knowing that it is habit-forming and an unmitigated evil. She careth too much for the welfare of her husband and children to set before them the temptation to drink.

She teacheth her children the evils of strong drink, and giveth them the warnings from the Word of God:

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Prov. 20:1).

"Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes?"

"They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

"Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

"At last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." (Prov. 23:29-32).

The next two verses in this context in Proverbs 23 give two evil results that invariably follow drink: (1) a tendency toward adultery and (2) perverseness of heart: lying and moral degeneracy.

"Thine eyes shall behold strange (evil) women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things" (Prov. 23:33).

(7) She is a **careful buyer**, and spends the family income wisely: "She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar" (v. 14); "she perceiveth that her merchandise is good" (v. 18).

She budgets the family income, and she is a good shopper. She does not squander her husband's income on frivolous things and then continually nag him for more money—money that the poor fellow doesn't have, and has no way of lawfully getting, with out working himself into a heart attack and early death by adding a moon watch shift to his already overburdened life.

She is provident, and lays in store for the rainy day.

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: (she) . . . provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

"How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? . . . yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

"So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth." (Prov. 6:6-11).

(8) She **looks forward to her household needs** and provides for emergencies: "Her lamp goes not out by night" (v. 18); i.e., she sees to it that there is enough oil in the house to keep the lamp burning all night, if necessary.

Not only does she have the necessary oil on hand, for any emergency, but her closets are well stocked for the cold of winter, her medicine chest has all the needed home remedies, and her pantry is well stocked.

(9) **Her family eats well.** "She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat (food) to her household, and a portion to her maidens" (v. 15). She sees to it that her husband and the children have a warm, wellbalanced breakfast before they leave for work and school. She is a good cook, and does not depend on

“ready mixes” and “TV dinners” for the daily diet, knowing that as a rule the cheapest ingredients are used in such concoctions, and their value is further dissipated by chemical substitutes, and additives that tend to undermine the health. She believes in home-cooked foods; and her husband and children cry out for “mother’s cake” and “mother’s cookies.” Many years after they have left home her children will “rant and rave” about mother’s delicious cooking!

(10) **She is saving and thrifty**, and knows the value of a hard-earned dollar. “She considereth a field and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planted a vineyard” (v. 16).

Note, she “considereth” a field; she doesn’t rush in and buy on the spur of the moment, with snap judgment. She shops around and makes a careful purchase. She reinvests her profits: she plants a vineyard from “the fruit of her hands,” i.e., with the money she has made working with her hands at the loom she buys and plants a vineyard. She “plows in” part of her profits, and so creates yet a greater source of family income. She is a practical, efficient manager of the things that fall under her domain on the old homestead, and she makes all yield a profit for future needs. She is planning ahead, and wants to help her children through college. Later on, when she and her husband reach retirement age, she will have helped create a small estate to keep them in their old age.

She has time to run a little enterprise on the side, and so builds up the strained family budget: “she maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant” (v. 24). All her enterprises are designed to help the family, and further the Lord’s work.

(11) She looks well **after her health**. “She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms” (v. 17). Not only does she look after her health, but the verse implies she is well-prepared for motherhood, and will have healthy children—and as many as the Lord sends along. She bypasses “planned parenthood” nonsense, knowing that God commanded the human race to “be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth” (Gen. 1:28).

“Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is His reward.

“As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

“Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate” (Ps. 127:3-5).

She will be well able to nurse her children—"she strengtheneth her arms"—and she will give them the cooing and the love, the affection and the care, that they need. Her children will nestle in her arms, or will be taken care of by an older sister, and will not be pushed off into the lackadaisical care of a hireling babysitter. Nor will baby be committed, hour on end, to an utterly unintended crib.

A true mother needs the "strong arms" of love to give her children the love and care that they need.

(12) She is **charitable**: "She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she stretcheth forth her hands to the needy" (v. 20). She will share her substance with the hungry and help the poor, remembering that "he that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord" (Prov. 19:17). She does not turn a deaf ear to the pleas of the poverty-stricken, but like Dorcas in the New Testament, she is "full of good works and almsdeeds which she did" (Acts 3:36-42).

(13) **Her family is clothed well**: "she is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet" (Heb., double-garments). (v. 21). When cold weather comes her children and husband are prepared with warm clothing—not the light, white clothes for summer use, but the deep-dyed wool of double thickness, to keep them warm in the coldest weather.

(14) She dresses well herself and furnishes her house with substantial things: "She maketh herself coverings (bed spreads) of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple" (v. 22). Not with showy finery, but with substantial, well-wearing "silk and purple" of good materials.

We deduct, being a virtuous woman, that she is neat and attractive in her dress, but never flashy, and never following the modern "sex-appeal" attire. Being a Scripturally-guided person, she puts on "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit; for after this manner in the old time the holy women who also trusted in God, adorned themselves" (1 Peter 3:4-5).

At all times she remembers the one basic principle that God has laid down in the New Testament about woman's dress:

"That women adorn themselves in modest apparel" (1 Tim. 2:9).

As one of God's redeemed, she wore "the garments of salvation" and "the robe of righteousness" (Isa. 62:10) which God gives to all who trust in Christ for salvation. They are clothed in the "righteousness of God and of Christ" (see Phil. 3:9).

As a faithful follower of Christ, she also "put on (the garment of LOVE, which is the bond of perfectness" (Col. 3:14).

(15) **Her husband is a successful, influential man:** "her husband is known in the gates"—that is, he is prominent in the "gates," the place of public concourse, where the rulers, judges, and business men congregated—"when he sitteth among the elders of the land" (v. 23). And her quiet, unfailing help and encouragement to her husband is in large measure responsible for his success. She doesn't try to run his affairs; nor does she seek to be "a career woman." Her career is in her home. But, with true teamwork, she backs up her husband who carries the ball, and she plays a good job of successful "interference" for him by setting him free from marital worries, so he can devote himself to his business. She "blocks" such enemies as "the other woman," "alcoholism," "material frustrations," and other enemies that block the advance of less fortunate men; and all this she does by simply being to him a good wife.

"A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband" (Prov. 12:4).

A wife can either make or break her husband; and a virtuous woman will help "make" him the success God wants him to be. And when we say "success" we do not necessarily mean financial success. The most successful men of all are the ministers and missionaries who, with their devoted wives, are laboring for Christ, and the salvation of men, without thought of financial success.

(16) **She is morally strong and honorable.** "Strength and honor are her clothing" (v. 25), and her moral uprightness is apparent to all, as apparent as is her clothing. And because of her goodness and moral integrity, she will be able to rejoice in old age, and not have to look back with remorse on a sinful, wasted life.

(17) This most unusual woman is both **wise in her judgments and discerning in her decisions:** "She openeth her mouth with wisdom" (v. 25). Some people are wise and some are foolish. Those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways are wise (see Proverbs 1:7).

The fact that she is wise in her judgments tells us that she is a praying woman, seeking counsel from God.

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:6).

She is also a wife working under the leadership of her husband. She acknowledges him as her head, and the head of the family, and she bends to his leadership.

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord" (Eph. 5:22).

(18) **She is kind, and does not abuse others with her tongue:** "In her tongue is the law of kindness" (v. 20). Knowing that the tongue is an "unruly evil" (James 3:8) we picture her as a well-disciplined, cultured Christian of true refinement. She is not always and forever "telling people off" and "putting them in their place" by a tongue lashing.

Some girls as they grow up, and women as well, seem to think they are privileged characters in this respect, and they are too free with the abusive use of their tongues. Boys, of course, are just as prone to do the same thing; but with boys, before long, some other fellow will take it out of him, and "dress him down to size" by giving him a good whipping. But no one fights a girl—and so she grows up, all too often, with an undisciplined tongue. Parents should remember this, and discipline their daughters, as much as the boys, when they get unruly with their tongues. How blessed it is to meet a woman in whose tongue "is the law of kindness!"

She is especially thoughtful of her husband, and does not nag him to distraction, as some women do. She is warned by the implications in these verses in Proverbs:

"It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a contentious woman in a wide house" (25:24).

"A continual dropping (from a leaky roof) in a very rainy day, and a contentious woman are alike" (27:15; cf. 19:13).

(19) **She trains her children well:** She looketh well to the ways of her household" (v. 27). Looking well to the "ways" of her children, she knows at all times where Junior is and with whom he is. She knows full well that God expects her to:

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

And she knows full well that,

"Foolishness is bound in the heart of the child, but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him" (Prov. 22:15).

She also knows that "the rod (whip; means of correcting) and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame" (Prov. 29:15).

PLIABLE CHILDHOOD

"I took a piece of plastic clay
And idly fashioned it one day,
And as my fingers pressed it still,
It moved and yielded to my will.

"I came again when days were past—
The bit of clay was hard at last;
The form I gave it, it still bore,
But I could change that form no more.

"I took a piece of living clay
And gently formed it day by day,
And molded with my power and art
A young child's soft and yielding heart,

"I came again when years were gone—
It was a man I looked upon;
He still that early impress wore,
And I could change him nevermore."

Setting them a good example, and loving them with a true mother's love, she teaches them obedience to both parents (see Prov. 1:8).

She also teaches them to be reliable, honest and trustworthy. Her children do not cheat in school exams, nor do they appear in court as juvenile delinquents. They do not steal, join roving gangs of reprobate vandals who wantonly destroy property. They do not attend wild parties nor engage in sex orgies. They have been taught that their bodies are the temple of God, and so they do not defile themselves with either drinking, smoking or dope. They do not engage in "heavy petting" nor do they indulge in illicit liberties with the opposite sex.

When necessary she calls on father to help administer the proper discipline. She never interferes when father disciplines the children, knowing that fathers are commanded not to "provoke their children to wrath" but to "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

She and her husband will remember that they must teach the Word of God, including the New Testament Plan of Salvation through Christ, to their children.

"And thou shalt teach them (God's words) diligently unto thy children" (Deut. 6:7).

"Ye shall lay up these my words in your heart . . . And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sitteth in thine house" (Deut 11:18-19).

(20) Because she has reared her children well, and brought them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, they in turn will praise her; and that will be one of her chief rewards. "Her children rise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her" (v. 28).

Multiplied millions of children have called their godly mothers "blessed" and have praised the woman that bore them, and nursed them, and faithfully reared them in paths of righteousness.

One enthusiastic son said of mother:

"If I could concentrate all the tenderness and sympathy of the world into one endearing term, I would call it Mother. No other word in our language is vested with such charm and pathos as this. The great deeps of the soul are broken up by its sound. The very incense of heaven clings to it. There is no face in all the chamber of memory so vivid to the last as the face that hung over us in the cradle, and no voice that lingers with such sweetness as the voice that sang our evening lullaby."

(21) **Her rewards and honor are far above those who have merely sought a career:** "Many daughters have done virtuously (Heb., have gotten riches), but thou excellest them all" (v. 29). No matter how great a "career woman" may be, or no matter how successful women may be in the arts, sciences, professions, politics or business—the virtuous mother excells them all. In God's sight, woman's greatest career is motherhood, and her greatest work is found in maintaining a Christian home.

The virtuous woman is like the "great woman" spoken of in 2 Kings 4:8-16. As far as we recall, this is the only woman in the Bible that is called "a great woman." She lived in a country village, and was of humble ancestry. She was not wealthy, nor was she a ruler of the people; neither did she attain fame in the social world. She was an ordinary housewife who had a sense of spiritual values, who wanted to stand by a prophet of God. She attained greatness in God's sight by her desire to minister to the prophet Elisha. With her husband's consent, she built for the prophet the original "Upper Room," or "Prophet's chamber," on top of her flat-roofed house. So she had a vital part in the prophet's ministry! Many devout Christian women today are having an important ministry in the worldwide work of Christ's church. They too can earn the honor of being called "a great woman" by Christ Himself.

(22) Basically, the secret of her life is, **She trusts in God and in Christ her Redeemer**—and she seeks to serve the Lord and walk before Him. "Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised" (v. 30). She has seen herself as a needy sinner—lost and undone without Christ (Rom. 3:23; Isa. 53:6; Isa. 64:6). She has come to Christ for His pardon and His new life (John 3:3-7, 16-18, 36). She is a true Christian, a firm believer, and she publicly worships God with

His people each Sunday. She reads her Bible and prays daily. She seeks daily to live a consistent Christian life.

As Jochebed was behind the baby Moses and managed to have his life spared (Exod. 2), as praying Hannah was gifted with a son who became a leading prophet (Samuel), as Deborah stood beside Barak, as "grandmother Lois and mother Eunice" brought up Timothy, a stalwart in the faith, as the devoted woman who anointed the Lord with "the exceedingly precious ointment" (Matt. 26:6-13), and as the "certain women which ministered to Him of their substance" (Luke 8:2-3), so also devoted Christian women today can serve the Lord in their homes and in their churches.

It is good to remember that no mother is saved, or gets the right to go to heaven, on the basis of her motherhood. All women, as well as men are "born in sin," hence they are lost and must be saved by the grace of God. Every sincere mother will be quick to realize this, and will rush to Christ and accept Him as Lord and Saviour.

"But as many as received Him (Christ), to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name:

"Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:12, 13).

It is also well to know that if a woman has gone astray from the path of moral rectitude, she can repent, come to Christ and be forgiven. She can be cleansed and restored through the Blood of Christ (1 John 1:7); and then she can freely shower her love on her Redeemer (see Luke 7:44-48: "she loved much").

For the woman who wants to walk in the fear of the Lord there is an important thing to remember: when contemplating marriage, she must not marry an unbeliever. God's Word forbids this.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" (2 Cor. 6:14, and context).

This is of utmost importance. If a Christian woman marries an unbeliever—or one of a radically different faith—she hamstring her usefulness for the Lord and cripples her whole life. It is a major catastrophe for a Christian woman to marry an unsaved man; or, vice versa.

(23) **She is not dependent on mere good looks**, for outward appearance may be vain and deceiving, and may cover an evil heart and an ugly spirit. "Favor (popularity) is deceitful, and beauty is vain" (v. 30). Far better than natural charm, popularity, fame, or

skin-deep beauty is "the beauty of holiness" with which God endows those who have Christ in their heart and who seek to walk with Him.

She is not the painted doll type; but the light of heaven is reflected in her open, honest face. Her artless smile, her perfect candor, her trueblue sincerity, are the earmarks of her genuine beauty, seen by both God and man.

(24) **She will enjoy a full reward:** "Give her of the fruit of her hands" (v. 31). Let her many kindnesses and the love she has so freely bestowed upon others, come back to bless her! She is encouraged by the promises of God:

"Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap (reward from the Heavenly Father), if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9).

Her rewards will last unto eternity: for God has promised rewards to all Christians who faithfully serve Him.

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Rev. 22:12).

(25) Let her good works be publicized, as an ennobling example to others: "Let her own works praise her in the gates." (v. 31).

"In the gates" means, in public; before the assembly of people. Let the world know what a good woman she is; and let her be publicly praised for her good life, her Christian devotion to Christ, her faithfulness to her husband and her devotion to her family.

Christ said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

"A mother's arms are the child's cradle, her heart is the child's classroom, and her knees are his altar." She has balm for baby's bruises, cheer for childish woes, comfort for daily catastrophes, counsel for her children's concerns, and hopeful visions for the eventual blessing and success in life of all her children. Above all, she is concerned about their salvation and their spiritual welfare.

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We Kept The Word "Obey" In Our Marriage

By Governor Mark O. Hatfield

This old-fashioned vow needn't lead to male tyranny, says Oregon's young Chief Executive. It gave his marriage a truer sense of partnership.

PASTED TO A LEAF in our family scrapbook is a newspaper account of our wedding in 1958. It tells what church we were married in, what my bride, Antoinette, wore and what kind of flowers she carried. Curiously, the article places particular stress on the fact that the word "obey" appeared in our marriage ceremony. The idea that a wife should obey her husband seemed to intrigue the writer of the article.

Fifty years ago, a bride who did not promise to "love, honor and obey" would have made news, but today the word has an antiquated, alien ring. Yet Antoinette wanted it in her vows to symbolize a husband-wife relationship in which we believed. To us, couples who delete the word "obey" lose something precious.

Since Antoinette and I were married, great events have radically changed our lives. In 1958 I had the good fortune to become Governor of a flourishing state, and as my "First Lady," Antoinette has been a gracious hostess at many important functions. What's more, she has been an invaluable political adviser and campaign assistant. Yet through it all we have kept the "obey" in our marriage—and never regretted it.

In our modern society, obedience too often carries an ignoble, mean connotation—so much so that when we told our minister, the Rev. William Kerr, about Antoinette's wish to include "obey" in her vows, we were afraid he might object. Instead, he smiled broadly. "Wonderful!" he said, "I wish more brides would promise to obey their husbands. If they did, this country would be a lot stronger. That's the kind of marriage that sticks, and it produces a home where the children are most likely to be happy."

I can recall the very evening that Antoinette first broached the subject. We had been invited to spend an evening at the home of married friends. Perhaps because we were considering marriage ourselves, we were sensitive to the relationship between this couple. At any rate, something about them puzzled us. Then, driving home, we suddenly put our finger on it: the wife, and not the husband, had taken charge of the evening.

"Charles, dear," she had said as we came through the door, "won't you take their coats to the bedroom?"

And later: "The phone is ringing, Charles!"

And still later: "Charles, don't you think it's time for some refreshments?" And each time, poor Charles jumped up from his chair and dutifully did her bidding.

Oddly, Charles is not a Mr. Milquetoast; he is an aggressive businessman with a reputation as a go-getter. Nor is his wife man-ish or overtly bossy. They are normal, average, likable people. In fact, I think it was the normalcy of the situation that alarmed us. The wife was the head of that household and nobody—least of all Charles—saw anything wrong in that.

As I drove Antoinette home that night, she suddenly said, "When I get married, I want a husband, not a partner."

I looked at her in surprise. "What do you mean?"

"Perhaps I mean that I don't think there can be a real partnership in marriage," she replied. "It's like this car. We're traveling along together, going to the same place, but you're driving. Both of us can't drive. And I don't think there can be two drivers in a marriage, either. One person's got to be at the wheel, and when it's the woman, I don't like what it does to her. Or to him. But it hurts her most."

It hurts the woman! I couldn't get those words out of my mind. I considered the married couples I knew, trying to pick out marriages where the wives seemed truly happy. And all at once I thought, "Why perhaps one of the happiest women I know is Antoinette's own mother, Josephine Kuzmanich!"

I remember so well the first time I was invited to one of Mrs. Kuzmanich's immense and superlative meals. Out to greet me stepped a slender woman who looked like she should have been Antoinette's sister—yet I knew Antoinette was an only child. As I looked at her serene, unlined face, I found myself thinking, "Here is a woman who is utterly secure." Nor was this the surface placidity of a woman too unimaginative to worry; Josephine Kuzmanich is alert and creative. It wasn't until I had known her for a while that I discovered her secret. It was the security of faith: a deep, abiding, confident faith in the man she had married.

Antoinette's father, Vincent Kuzmanich, came to this country in his teens from what is now Yugoslavia. He came without funds or formal education. While Antoinette was growing up, he worked on a salmon boat, frequently toiling 30 hours without pause. Often

he was away from home weeks at a time, sailing the Alaskan fishing banks.

With her father away so much of the time, one might suppose that Antoinette remembers her mother as the dominant figure of her childhood. Not at all. In this family, with its Slavic traditions, Vincent Kuzmanich was head of the household—whether he was there or not. Josephine and Antoinette thought of themselves as **his** wife and **his** daughter; that was what gave life meaning, and all else was oriented to it.

I remember an evening when Mr. Kuzmanich arrived from work with two unexpected dinner guests. Afterward, I complimented Mrs. Kuzmanich on receiving them so gracefully, when she had had no warning. She threw back her head and laughed with delight. "Warning of what?" she said. "This is Vincent's house. He knows I'll have dinner ready when he gets here. I certainly wouldn't fix a better meal for guests than for him!"

To this faithful woman, Vincent Kuzmanich is the most important person on earth. How much confidence, courage and strength she gives him with this attitude! What dignity she gives to the role of wife! And how creative that role becomes—because this very trust and admiration helps a husband become the kind of man a family can depend on emotionally and materially.

In this home, "obedience" was a positive, outgoing thing, rather than a negative and passive one.

Antoinette and I have found happiness by applying some of these "obsolete" principles. Here is what "obedience" means in our marriage:

For one thing, it means accepting a clearly defined division of labor. In this era of "togetherness," I often startle—and occasionally infuriate—our friends by commenting that when I got married there were two things I never wanted to touch: a dishcloth and a diaper.

I don't consider housework loathsome or beneath me; as a boy I did my share of it.

So, in marriage, I was not excluding myself from the kitchen out of dislike for it—but from a conviction that there is satisfaction in having a clear-cut role in life and playing it with all one's ability. It's a satisfaction fewer and fewer people know in these days of shifting roles. I knew that Antoinette wanted it this way. She often spoke of the tremendous pride that her mother, and her mother's mother, took in being expert homemakers.

As a matter of fact, I've touched quite a few dish towels since

that day when Antoinette promised to obey me. But I've done it because I wanted to, not because I thought I ought to or because it was part of my job. My job is breadwinning and Antoinette leaves this role strictly to me. Actually, she has gifts that could make her a success in my chosen field—politics. She's an excellent speaker. But whatever part she plays in political campaign, she insists, "I am the supporting actor, not the star."

The other thing that happens when the "obey" reappears in marriage is that the wife not only recognizes the division of labor but accepts—even embraces—the home as her calling. With Antoinette, this was not an automatic process. She had been Chief Resident Counselor for students at Stanford University; and when I asked her to marry me, she was Dean of Women at Portland State College. I will always be warmed and awed by the love which made her prefer making a home for me to this kind of professional achievement.

Antoinette makes light of her "sacrifice." She believes that giving up a career is easiest for the woman who has had a successful one. "The wives I see in almost desperate competition with their husbands are often the ones who had no chance to prove themselves to their own satisfaction, before marriage," she says. "Often they are young brides, marrying right out of school. It's hard to 'give up' something that has never been securely yours."

Antoinette was 29 when she married. She had risen to the top of her profession. She knew its joys and satisfactions—and she knew there were other joys and satisfactions she wanted more. As Dean of Women she had an unusual chance to observe what happens to children when the mother does not seize the home as her calling. Time after time when she was counseling girls in serious trouble, she traced its beginnings to a confused sex image. Often the mother was away from home as much as the father. She had rejected homemaking and child-raising as unchallenging pursuits and had spent more time with Red Cross, church and P.T.A. than with Sally or Jane.

What about these ideas—this wife-in-the-home, husband-is-boss approach to marriage? Are they sound? Nowhere else are we likely to find such a trustworthy guide to marital behavior as in the Bible, where the instructions are clear. "Wives," wrote Paul to the Ephesians, "submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord."

Many claim this is simply the code of an archaic civilization. Is it? Or is it the conclusion of centuries of experimentation in

human relations—the profoundest truth about the nature of married happiness?”*

Notice that this commandment gives no sanction to tyranny, to the imposing of one will on another. It does not mean: “Men, dominate your wives.” It is addressed to women: “Wives, submit yourselves . . .” Make a voluntary, free gift of self, out of love. It is this willing and eager giving that brings meaning to marriage.

This is what Antoinette had in mind when she included the word “obey” in her wedding vows.

We are discovering, day by day, that these traditional values give each of us a freedom we have never known before. This creativity, this sense of freedom this mutual support, it seems to us, is the “something precious” which our grandparents had—and which is still available to us today. (Condensed, *Coronet Magazine*).

Editor’s comment: God’s way, given in the Bible, is always best.

*We add, It is the revealed will of God.

The Neglected Dimension

By C. Jackson Rayburn, M.D.

“Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4).

I AM THE PRODUCT of a Christian home in which my mother furnished the love and my father furnished the discipline. As a boy I much preferred my mother’s side of the picture, but as I grow older I value more and more the contributions my dad made to my personality, my environment, and my heritage. Now, as a family doctor and as the father of four lively children, I am daily dealing with the physical and mental health of children as well as adults. My observations are giving me an ever-deepening concern for the children being raised in so-called Christian homes today. It is time that we as Christian parents face the true meaning of the verse quoted above and begin to measure up to the standard set forth therein.

Many people seem to feel that the command, “Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath,” means that parents should never anger their children by punishing them and making certain demands upon them. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Actually, the message of the verse is: Fathers, do not provoke your

children to wrath by being mean, brutal, capricious. Do not bully them just because you are bigger and stronger than they. Act as an adult should. Be reasoning and reasonable; be just, never tyrannical. Then you will be able to carry out the instruction of the second half of the verse: "Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

"Nurture" speaks of love and tenderness: God's love for us, the tenderness of Jesus with little children, the love, joy, peace, and happiness of a godly Christian home. We parents want our children to have the security of Christian nurture. It is a very necessary requirement for their proper growth and development. Unfortunately however, within the last few generations the "nurture" of a loving God has been so stressed that the "admonition" of the Lord has become a matter of secondary importance. It is time that we again remember that our God of love is also a God of wrath, and that the "admonition" of the Lord is equally important to teach.

What is the "admonition" of the Lord? "Admonition" speaks of instructions, of directives, of commandments. Children must learn to be disciplined; parents are instructed to discipline. "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord," Colossians 3:20; "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him," Proverbs 22:15. Children who do not learn to obey their parents have a difficult time recognizing and respecting other authority as they grow older. Children and adults are directed to fear the Lord. This currently unpopular instruction is important because it is a very necessary part of a proper relationship between the Christian and his Christ. "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God," II Corinthians 7:1.

There are at least three basic principles of admonition of children taught in the Bible: discipline, obedience, and godly fear. Discipline is perhaps most basic. The individual who achieves any degree of satisfaction from life must constantly exercise **self-discipline**. The physician, the student, the wife, the husband all must discipline themselves to fulfill their roles. A few personality attributes which manifest self-discipline are politeness, concentration, control of anger, respect, honesty, unselfishness, patience, equanimity in the face of difficulty. Self-discipline is essential for a successful life.

The child who is disciplined physically is in the process of

preparing mentally to develop a satisfactory degree of self and mental discipline. To illustrate the point: six-year-old Greg does something which his dad had forbidden. He is punished soundly enough to be acutely aware that he had displeased his dad and that the doing of this cost him a price he does not care to pay. As a result three things happen: First, Greg will exercise self-discipline the next time he is tempted to do that for which he was punished and he will decide against doing it (or if he repeats himself, he will again be punished because it is essential that consistency be a part of the rearing of children). Eventually he will learn self-discipline on this point. Second, Greg was forced to face something unpleasant, something which he did not want to face, but he did, and he came through, not untouched or unmarred, but still in one piece. In other words, he found that he could face and come through an unpleasant experience in life. This is good training. Many times in my office I have seen an undisciplined child become like a wild animal when he faces the pain of a hypodermic injection. On the other hand, I have noted with satisfaction the self-control demonstrated by the disciplined child who faces the pain, experiences it calmly, and comes through "with flying colors." The contrast is tremendous and the latter child is well on his way to becoming a mature, effective adult. Third, because of Greg's punishment he develops a certain amount of fear. He learns to respect the wrath of his dad a little bit more. He learns greater respect for and fear of authority. Having learned this, he has a basis for the development of a healthy and necessary "fear of the Lord." "Withhold not correction from the child; for if thou beatest him with the rod he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell," Proverbs 23:13-14.

The result of discipline is obedience. No child ever learns obedience without being disciplined. Obedience is of utmost importance in the Christian life. Man should obey God. Obedience is essential to victorious living. "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" Romans 6:16. It is apparent then that obedience is an essential principle for the child to learn and must become an essential part of his personality.

Now let us turn to a discussion of fear. This is a rather repugnant concept to many people, but it is a very necessary attribute. Consider for a moment how fear enters into our every-

day lives. We obey traffic laws because of a fear of consequences to ourselves and others if we don't. We treat our superiors with politeness and respect because of the fear of what might happen if we did not. We protect our children from harm because we fear they might be injured or killed. There is even an element of fear in love, if we analyse it carefully. Fear enters into a thousand different aspects of life, and fear should enter into treatment of Almighty God. He **demand**s it. "That thou mightest fear thy Lord, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged," Deuteronomy 6:2.

This is an unpopular teaching today. We do not like to think about fear and so we refuse to accept its association with God. Consequently, we have become complacent about Him, about serving Him, and about His services. Because God's wrath is not immediately apparent, we serve Him when it is convenient. If we happen to prefer to go golfing rather than to do something for the Lord that we know needs doing, we go golfing. "Why not? The other can wait until another time." A good television program or some other flimsy excuse can keep us from Sunday evening church services. Serving God and the services of God's house are no longer vital. Why? Because we no longer fear God! But we parents, in adopting this complacent attitude, do our children a grave injustice. They grow up hearing us say that God is important, but in watching our lives they learn that we **really** do not believe what we say we believe. Quite naturally they may adopt the attitude that if God really is not important, then salvation cannot be of very great importance either. We see evidence of this type of upbringing and thinking all about us.

Why is there a danger of becoming complacent and indifferent before God? Simply because we do not fear him. Oh, you may say, it is because we do not **love** God as we should. That is true. But we do not love God as we should because we do not **fear** Him as we should.

"Admonition" then, in my opinion, includes discipline, obedience, and godly fear. Let us as parents abide by the instruction of the Lord to bring up our children in the nurture **and** admonition of the Lord—not all nurture and not all admonition, but a Christ-directed blending of the two. Then we can be sure that if we "Train up a child in the way he should go, he will not depart from it when he is old," Proverbs 22:6. (Condensed — Christian Medical Society Journal).

MOTHER, LET'S TRY GOD

By P. W. Philpott

SOME YEARS AGO in the city of Chicago at the close of the evening service in the Moody Church a young man and his mother came forward to the platform to greet me. They were strangers to me.

"I have something to tell you, Mr. Philpott," the young man said. "I would have told you before this, but I wanted to be absolutely sure of myself. Some months ago, mother and I came into Lincoln Park, and just as we passed this big church, its light flashed on and I turned and read, 'Moody Memorial Church.' 'Mother,' I said, 'they tell me that this is a very fine auditorium. Let us go in and see it.'"

When we entered the building we were somewhat awed by the great congregation. We decided to stay for the service, and while you were preaching there came into my heart a new hope. I was a drug addict; I contracted that habit overseas during the War. My poor mother had spent nearly all of her money in seeking to cure me. That evening, however, touched by the service, I turned to mother and said, "Mother, we have tried everything but God. Let's try God."

"It was right back under that gallery where Mother and I let our heads bow on the seat before us, and prayed earnestly. I sought Christ as my Saviour, for I was concerned about my soul, and I also pleaded for deliverance from the terrible habit that had ruined my life. I believe that very moment my prayer was heard. When the meeting was dismissed, with the great crowd we went out to the street. I had some of the drug in my pocket and I made up my mind to throw it away. Then I began to reason, 'Now, you have tried that thing before and it did not work. You were forced to go back to the drug again. You will need this before you will be able to get to sleep tonight.' This controversy went on in my mind until we reached the corner of Clark and North Avenues. A great crowd of the church people were there about us waiting for the street car. Right below my feet, under the walk there was an opening to the sewer. I took the drug and threw it in that opening, saying as I did so, 'In the Name of Jesus Christ I claim deliverance from you.' What I want to tell you, Mr. Philpott is, that that night I went home and slept like a child.

And all these weeks and months have passed and I have never once tasted the drug, neither have I had any desire for it."

I believe that when a sinner accepts Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, the greatest miracle of all takes place. Christ called the change a new birth, "being born again." Paul said, in one of his letters, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." No one but an Almighty Saviour ever set that young drug addict free in a moment of time. Christ is still "able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him."—Christian Readers Digest.

The Hand That Rocks the Cradle For Good or Evil

By Bishop Wilbur E. Hamaker

IT SEEMS STRANGE in the midst of observances of Mother's Day to write about "Offenses." Tributes and deeds are "the order of the day" in the usual thinking concerning this annual significant event. The beauty and the glory of motherhood are acclaimed in song and speech, on printed page, and on the air waves. That is fine. I am all for it. Would that all actual and potential mothers were really replicas of the ideal mother. In some millennial day that may be the case.

But meanwhile, there are many actual or potential mothers, who do not fit the popularly acclaimed patterns.

It is not easy to write that. It goes against the grain to sound a discordant or sour note in the midst of the adulatory chorus I hate to do it. Yet, being a realist, I look at Mother's Day with "a bit of alarm."

It is not well with all the mothers of this land. They are not all paragons of perfection. Some of them — far too many — fall short of what they might be. Some of them fail in alertness to the tempting dangers that beckon their boys and their girls. They are wanting in awareness of the lurking evils and do not warn and advise their youngsters. They are too busy chasing personal butterflies of pleasure and fashion to give time and understanding to their children. The "precepts" are not given "line on line."

But, worse than that parental sin or omission, is the sin of com-

mission through bad example. A vast multitude of mothers today say in effect to their children: "There's nothing wrong or dangerous about drinking alcoholic beverages. In fact they add cheer and distinction and grace to living. I drink myself. When you get old enough, you too, can have your liquor. Of course, you must learn to handle it, just as you have learned to handle knives and forks."

Have I overdrawn the picture? Do you share my thought? It is the outcome of wide observation and considerable research. I am sure of the facts. I see them and shudder. The complacency of drinking mothers is only equalled by the way in which they puff their cigarettes. Maybe—I must be old-fashioned,—but for the life of me I cannot get used to a woman with a babe in her arms and a cigarette in her lips. I ought to, "seeing as to how" to quote Aunt Samatha, I see it, day after day, on the streets of the Capitol of the Nation, and elsewhere throughout the land.—National Voice.

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THROUGH UNDERSTANDING ANCIENT BIBLICAL CUSTOMS

By the Editor

Chapter 5

TENTS — HOUSES — HOMES

The Inner Court

"So the people . . . made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts . . ." (Nehemiah 8:16).

We already have mentioned the fact that a "house" consisted principally of one room, which was used as a kitchen, living room and bedroom for the entire family unit. When children grew up and married, other "living units" of one room were added around a central inner court. If two living units were built they were not placed side by side, as in this country, but a space was left between the two units and a wall was constructed at both ends. This left a court between them. If a third and fourth unit were added they were substituted for the walls at the ends of the court. In the case of kings and princes and wealthy persons additional rooms were added around an inside courtyard. So the "Court" was the open space around which the rooms of the house—all one story—or the separate one-room living units, were built. It was an important part of the house or group of "houses."

A person in the court was outside, yet "in" the house. As an example, see Matthew 26:69:—

"Now Peter sat *without* in the palace." (See also Mark 14:66; Luke 22:55; John 18:16, 18).

In this open courtyard a fire was made and Peter was warming himself—warming himself at the "fire" of the world, while his Lord was being tried and rejected. There Peter denied Christ (Matthew 26:70-75).

Application: Many backsliders today are "warming" themselves at the world's fires where they, too, deny Christ.

So Peter, the backslider, was both "without" and "in" at the same time, as far as his relationship with Christ is concerned. The true believer is *in* Christ, by faith (2 Corinthians 5:17; but if he backslides, even though basically he is "in" Christ, temporarily he is "without" while warming himself at the fires of the world.

Mark (14:66) says that "Peter was *beneath* in the court"; i.e., the court was probably a few steps lower than the rooms. So Peter

was "without" and "beneath" and yet "in" the high priest's palace where Jesus was tried, for he was in the "inner court." What would appear to be a hopeless contradiction becomes perfectly clear when one understands the customs of the times.

Application: It is always so. It is our lack of knowledge that creates seeming "contradictions" in the Bible. But these very details that seem to be discrepancies are the best proof possible that the Bible was written **when** and **where** it purports to have been written—an oriental, ancient Book, written by the inspired prophets of God, yet absolutely true to the customs of the times.

In the court was often a covered walk nine or ten feet wide, projecting from the house. It was at times on all four sides of the court, though sometimes on one only. The roof of this covered walk was an extension of the roof of the house and was supported underneath by "pillars." No doubt Solomon refers to these supporting pillars in Proverbs 9:1:

"Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars."

Above, on the roof, the people were protected from falling into the court by a balustrade or parapet.

Application: The "pillars" are used metaphorically in the Bible many times. See Job 9:6; 26:11; Ps. 75:3; Gal. 2:9; 1 Tim. 3:15.

Cisterns and Gardens in the Courts

There is a dramatic narrative in 2 Samuel 17:18-19 that tells of two men in the days of David who were hid from Absalom.

"But they . . . came to a man's house in Bahurim, which had a well (cistern) in his court; . . . and the woman . . . spread a covering over the well's (cistern's) mouth, and spread ground corn thereon: and the thing was not known."

A dry, or partially empty, cistern makes a good place to hide a fugitive.

The cistern was dug to catch and hold the rainwater. It was channeled from the roof into the cistern in the inner court.

A garden, including trees, was often planted in the inner court. "In the court of the garden of the king's court." (Esther 1:5). Fruits, flowers, bushes and trees were used, at times, in these "court gardens."

Applications: So valuable and so well-tended were these trees that the Psalmist drew these lessons:

(1) God will care for and use His people who abide in Him: "I am like a green olive tree in the house of God (Psalm 52:8).

(2) Those who center their lives in Christ will flourish spiritually: "Those that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God" (Psalm 92:13).

(3) The purity of the bride in Song of Solomon 4:12 is stated in these words: "A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse." This could be a courtyard garden. Christ wants His church to be completely separated unto Him. See 2 Corinthians 11:2, ff.

The Porch, Gate and Door

The door or gate, or door and gate, were placed at either the middle or near one corner of the front side of the living units around the court. In addition to the door there was a long hall, reaching to the court, called the "porch." At times there was a larger gate with a small door in it. This seems to have been the case in the house of "Mary, mother of John Mark" (Acts 12:12). After Peter had been released from prison he came to this house and "knocked at the **door** of the gate."

One of the places that Peter denied Christ was in the "Porch"—the corridor that leads from the inner court to the street.

"And when Peter was gone out into the porch (and the maid spoke to him) . . . again he denied with an oath, I know not the Man" (Matthew 26:71, 72).

In the wealthier homes a porter—door-keeper—was hired. He corresponds to the watchman at the city gates. His duty was to guard the premises and keep out all foes. This is referred to in Psalm 84:10, "I had rather be a door-keeper (porter) in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." That is, I would rather have a humble position in the **right place** than to be master in the wrong place.

When a person came up to the door, or gate, he knocked, waited and spoke. If he was recognized as a friend, he was let in; if not wanted inside, the door was not opened to him.

Application: There is a beautiful application of this in Revelation 3:20:

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." The door must be opened from the **inside**. All who recognize Christ's voice as the true Messiah, will open the heart's door and let Him in. Thereafter, there is **fellowship**: He "sups"—shares—with the believer, and the believer with Him.

(To Be Continued)

Crises In Christianity

(By David and Charles Webber)

UNITED NATIONS—PEACE OR CHAOS?

WE READ IN THE SECOND PSALM, verses one through 4, and verse 12: "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision . . . kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way . . . blessed are all they that put their trust in Him."

Reading next in Jeremiah 17:5: "Thus saith the Lord: Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm." Next, the words of Jesus in John 14:27: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you." And last, the words of the Apostle Paul concerning the closing days of the dispensation of Grace, found in First Thessalonians 5:2, 3: "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them."

Never has mankind cried out for peace more than in this generation, but there is no peace. And why do we not have peace? Because the world has put its trust in man . . . man-made organizations . . . instead of in the Prince of Peace. "Cursed is the man that puts his trust in man."

On February 11, 1945, President Roosevelt, Churchill and Joseph Stalin announced they had reached an agreement as to the organizational structure of the "United Nations," U.N., after much wrangling and many concessions given.

During World War II our guard against the forces of Communism was dropped and our President started referring to the Archbishop of Communism as "good old Joe." Our President felt all major powers must be charter member of the U.N., if it were to succeed and endure, and so it was that the leaders of two of the World's most prominent Christian nations sat down with one of the most vicious enemies of God this world has ever known, to agree upon a plan for peace. On October 24, 1945, the majority of the nations filed their instruments of ratification. The main United States contribution to the establishment of the United Nations was made through one of its citizens, Alger Hiss. Alger Hiss was a traitor, a modern Benedict Arnold. He was a member of the Soviet spy apparatus inside the United States Government, working under orders from Moscow. Working in close proximity with Hiss was Harry Dexter White, Assistant Secretary of State and another Communist espionage agent. White conceived and actually ran the United Nations monetary and financial conference. President Truman later named White as Director of the Fund. Virginus Franklin Coe succeeded White at that post, and Coe took the Fifth Amendment, refusing to testify as to whether he was a Soviet agent or not.

Possibly many are wondering about the U.N. Role in the Congo, and our support of United Nations policy in that turbulent country. In the first

place, the Congo was given its independence, due to our support of the anti-colonial policy in the U. N., long before it was ready. We personally had many misgivings when Belgium announced that the Congo would be given full independence.

The Congo was not ready for independence. It is hard to sell either Democracy or Communism to several million people who are anxious to turn to the law of the jungle and whose conception of Liberty is the liberty of rape, pillage and murder. Communism appeals not only to the lower classes, but to the upper intelligensia. But if Communism is to gain control of a country, the Communist leaders must have base support from the lower classes. Russia had leaders in the Congo and would have succeeded in taking over that nation had sufficient lower class support been gained. But it is hard to marshal support by glorious promises from a class whose only desire is to rape, hunt, pillage and kill.

Katanga had the only stable government in the Congo. Katanga had not seceded from the Communist dominated government of Leopoldville. Until forced by U.N., guns, Katanga never surrendered to that parliament. President Moise Tshombe of Katanga, a Methodist and strong anti-Communist, has been favorable to the United States, but for some reason, our State Department has supported the United Nations campaign to destroy Tshombe. When soldiers of the Republic of Congo slaughtered thirteen Italians, the United Nations answered with a blast, not against the Gizenga army, but against Katanga, whose soldiers had not rioted, slaughtered or raped. Finally, the United Nations succeeded in creating an incident so that war could be waged against Katanga—a war the American taxpayer will finance since most of the member nations have refused to fulfill their obligations to the United Nations, especially for the Congo occupation.

The Government of Moise Tshombe is Christian in nature. It is the most civilized province in that country. Congolese soldiers of the Army we have supported have pillaged that province, raping, burning and murdering missionaries. It is a disgrace to this nation and we have reason to expect nothing but future trouble in Africa.

Has the United Nations in any way helped to halt the advance of Communism? No, it has not! Since the U.N. was founded in 1945, Communism has extended its control to over a billion peoples. This country has had to go outside the U.N., to try to establish alliances to stop Communism. For example, the O.A.S., N.A.T.O., and S.E.A.T.O.

In summary—let us quote just a paragraph from page 58, of the September 25th issue of U. S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT. "One U. S. official, speaking privately, said this of the President's gamble on the U.N. Assembly: 'What can we lose by tossing all these problems into the Assembly's lap? At worst a few resolutions may go against us. At best we may recapture the initiative from Khrushchev.'"

What have we got to lose? Our Freedom of worship, our Freedom of speech, our right to own personal property, our Constitution, our system of American courts, our right to be American citizens, the sanctity of the home, our free enterprise system, our children, our country and our lives.

As we consider these events, the words found in Jeremiah 17:5 seem to stand out in bold letters: "CURSED IS THE MAN WHO PUTS HIS TRUST IN MAN."

NOTES ON THE Sunday School Lessons

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May 13

SUFFERING FOR CHRIST'S SAKE

Golden Text: I Peter 4:16

Lesson Text: I Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Golden Text Exposition

A POSSIBILITY: "If any man suffer as a Christian."

A PROHIBITION: "Let him not be ashamed."

A PRESCRIPTION: "But let him glorify God on this behalf."

Golden Text Illustration

"Jesus Christ is not security against storms, but He is perfect security in storms. He has never promised an easy passage, only a safe landing."

Lesson Text Illustration

Sufferings are God's winds, His contrary winds, sometimes His strong winds. They are God's hurricanes, but, they take human life and lift it to higher levels and toward God's heavens.

Lesson Text Exposition

I. THE EXHORTATION TO THE SUFFERER

I Peter 4:12-19

A. Rejoice in Christ: "Beloved, think is not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you," v. 12. Cp., v. 13; Rom. 8:17-18; 2 Tim. 2:11-12.

B. Reveal the Christ: "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf," v. 16. Cp., vv. 14-15; Acts 5:40-41; 7:59-60; Rom. 5:3-5; I Cor. 6:19-20; Phil. 1:20-21.

C. Resign to Christ: "Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to Him in well doing, as unto a faithful creator," v. 19. Cp., vv. 17-18; James 4:7-8; I Pet. 3:13-18; 2:13-25.

II. THE ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE SUFFERER

I Peter 5:6-11

A. The encouragement of exaltation: "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time," v. 6. Cp., Matt. 23:12; James 4:10; Phil. 2:5-11.

B. The encouragement of association: "Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world," v. 9. Cp., vv. 7-8; Acts 14:22; I Cor. 10:13; Heb. 11:32-40; 12:1-4.

C. The encouragement of perfection: "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you," v. 10. Cp., v. 11; Cp., Heb. 5:5-9; Phil. 1:6; 2:12-13; 3:7-15, 20-21.

May 20

THE DAY OF THE LORD

Golden Text: 2 Tim. 1:12

Lesson Text: 2 Peter 3:13; Jude 24-25

Golden Text Exposition

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH: "I know Whom I have believed."

THE CONFIDENCE OF FAITH: "And am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

Golden Text Illustration

Nothing but our trials and perils would ever have led some of us to know Him as we do, to trust Him as we have, and to draw from Him the measures of grace which our very extremities made indispensable.

Lesson Text Illustration

A Salvation Army lassie is credited with the famous remark: "I don't know what is in the future; but I know the Lord is in the future; and I know I am in the Lord."

Lesson Text Exposition

I. THE PROMISE OF THE DAY OF THE LORD

2 Pet. 3:3-9

A. The criticism: ". . . Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation," v. 4. Cp., vv. 3, 5-6; I Cor. 2:14; 2 Cor. 4:3-4; 2 Tim. 4:3-4.

B. The certainty: "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance," v. 9. Cp., vv. 7-8; 1:19-21; Matt. 24:35; Num. 23:19; 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

II. THE PURIFICATION OF THE DAY OF THE LORD

2 Pet. 3:10-11; Jude 24-25

A. The pattern: "Seeing that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness," v. 11. Cp., v. 10; I Pet. 1:14-17; Phil. 2:5-8; I John 2:6; I Pet. 2:21-22.

B. The power: "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and

to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy," v. 24. Cp., v. 25; Eph. 3:20-21; Heb. 7:25; Phil. 2:12-14; 4:13.

III. THE PROSPECT OF THE DAY OF THE LORD

2 Pet. 3:12-13

A. The coming removal: "Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?" v. 12. Cp., v. 10; Matt. 24:27-29; Isa. 13:9-13; Luke 21:25-28; Rev. 20:11-15.

B. The coming renewal: "Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness," v. 13. Cp., Isa. 65:17; 66:22; Rev. 21:1-8.

May 27

TESTS OF OUR FAITH

Golden Text: I Thess. 5:21

Lesson Text: I John 1:5:2-6

Golden Text Exposition

THE CHALLENGE TO THE TEST:

"Prove all things."

THE CRITERIA OF THE TEST: "Hold fast that which is good."

Golden Text Illustration

There is no way of learning faith except by trial and testing. It is God's school of faith, and it is far better for us to learn to trust God than to enjoy life.

Lesson Text Illustration

Triumphal arches are not woven out of rose blossoms and silken threads, but of hard blows and bloody wounds.

Lesson Text Exposition

I. CONFORMITY TO HIS WALK

I John 1:5-7

A. Pretended conformity: "If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and

do not the truth," v. 6. Cp., v. 5; Matt. 15:1-9; Tit. 1:15-16.

B. Purifying conformity: "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin," v. 7. Cp., Eph. 1:7; Eph. 5:8-17; Ps. 119:9, 11, 105.

II. CONFESSION OF OUR SIN

I John 1:8-10

A. The action of faith: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," v. 9. Cp., Ps. 51:1-10; 32:1-5; Acts 13:38-39; Rom. 10:9-10.

B. The attitude of unbelief: "If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us," v. 10. Cp., v. 8; 5:10-13; John 16:7-11; 8:24, 21; Heb. 11:6.

III. CONFORMITY TO HIS WORD

I John 2:1-6

A. Evidence of our relationship: "And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments," v. 3. Cp., vv. 1-2, 4; John 14:15, 21, 23; I John 2:13, 29; 3:1-2.

B. Evidence of our position: "But whoso keepeth His Word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in Him," v. 5. Cp., v. 6; John 5:24; 2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 6:1-5, 11-14; Col. 3:1-3.

June 3

THE FELLOWSHIP OF LOVE

Golden Text: I John 3:18

Lesson Text: I John 4:17-21

Golden Text Exposition

PROFESSED LOVE: "Let us love not in word, neither in tongue."

PROVEN LOVE: "But in deed and in truth."

Golden Text Illustration

When the saintly Payson was dying he exclaimed: "I long to hand a full

cup of happiness to every human being."

Lesson Text Illustration

The life of fellowship cannot be built up in one day.

Lesson Text Exposition

I. GOD'S LOVE IS ESSENTIAL

I John 4:7-8

A. It is essential to regeneration: "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God," v. 7. Cp., vv. 20-21; John 1:12-13; 3:1-6; Gal. 5:22-23.

B. It is essential to relationship: "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love," v. 8. Cp. I John 3:10-15; John 8:39-44.

II. GOD'S LOVE IS EXPLANATORY

I John 4:9-10

A. As to the proof of God's love: "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might live through Him," v. 9. Cp., John 3:16-18; Rom. 5:6-8; I Tim. 1:15.

B. As to the priority of God's love: "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation of our sins," v. 10. Cp., v. 19; 3:16; Eph. 1:4-5.

III. GOD'S LOVE IS EVIDENTIAL

I John 4:11-21

A. Evidence that God dwells in us: "No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us," Cp., v. 12. Cp., vv. 11, 13-15; Rev. 3:20; 2 Cor. 13:5; Col. 1:26-27.

B. Evidence that we dwell in God: "And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us, God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him," v. 16. Cp., vv. 17-21; 3:17-24; Eph. 5:9-10, 1-2; John 13:34-35.

The Spiritual Meaning of Scripture Section

LIGHT FROM ANCIENT MANNERS AND CUSTOMS

By Dr. Henry J. Heydt, American Board of Missions to the Jews

THE LENGTH OF A GENERATION

The ancient Hebrew reckoning made a generation in Abraham's time one hundred years (compare Genesis 15:16 with verse 13). But this cannot be used as a definite measure for all generations, since in different periods the length of a lifespan varied, and the Jews themselves calculated a generation differently. Moses, for example, uses the term for a span of 38 years (compare Deuteronomy 1:35 with 2:14). The Greeks reckoned three generations for every hundred years or 33 1/3 years to a generation. The division in Matthew (Matt. 1:17) is not given to show three equal periods of years although Delitzsch does try to show a symmetry in the three tesseradecades by counting 80 years per generation for the first and 40 years each for the second and third. But this is neither necessary nor correct. Divisions of this nature were made in that day primarily as a *memoria technica*, an aid to memory, because books were scarce or difficult to obtain. Other reasons have been suggested for the division into fourteen such as the Cabbalistic number of David's name which is fourteen or "a mystic allusion to the systematic course of divine leading in the Messiah's genealogy, where perhaps also the attraction of holiness in the number seven . . . came into play" (so Meyer), and so forth. The Gospel narrative simply states the divisions in the three groups of fourteen generations without further explanation.

LIGHT FROM THE ORIGINAL

By Henry Heydt

GOD HAS A FORM

The fact that "God is Spirit" or "a Spirit" (John 4:24) rules out any physical or material form, but it does not exclude the possibility of spirit form since form is predicated of spirit (see 1 Samuel 28:8-14; Hebrews 1:14; Revelation 6:9-11, etc.). There are numerous Scriptures which indicate that God has form (Exodus 33:11, 20, 23; 24:9-11; Deuteronomy 4:15f; Numbers 12:8; Psalm 17:15, R. V.; John 5:37; 6:46; Revelation 4:2; 5:1; 6:6). To deny form to God is to deny location to Him. There follows then a denial of heaven as a place, the throne of God as actual, and the presence of Christ at the Father's right hand. In fact, all meaning is taken out of Scripture, and we are left with a kind of Christian (?) Pantheism and a Bible that doesn't really mean what it says. Furthermore, if God cannot have form the pre-existence of Christ in the form of God (Philippians 2:6) would have been impossible; there would be no need for a resurrection and no hope of heaven. We can apply here what Paul said if there be no resurrection, that we have been false witnesses of God and our faith is vain.

BIBLE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Send your questions directly to Dr. Heydt, 236 W. 72nd St., New York 23, N.Y.

QUESTION: Is the Old Testament meant for just the Jews? I heard someone say so in a radio program lately.

ANSWER: Your question is answered in 2 Timothy 3:16. Some Biblical teachers (?) would rob us of everything except a few of Paul's epistles. Paul's own use of the Old Testament should keep any thinking person in the proper balance. See especially Romans 15:8-21. This does not put the Christian under the law, but it makes available for his use the entire Word of God and enables him to see everything in its proper perspective. He lays hold on the blessing of Psalm 2:1 just as Paul did in Romans 4:4-8 and joyfully takes his place in the Abrahamic covenant just as Paul told the Gentiles at Rome to do in the same chapter. The believer's heritage in the Old Testament promises is one of the thrilling teachings of this Jewish apostle to the Gentiles, but he is also careful to show the place and purpose of the law so that there is no need for confusion if we compare Scripture with Scripture.

SERMON and BIBLE STUDY OUTLINES

FOOLISH SONS AND HEAVY-HEARTED MOTHERS

Text: Proverbs 10:1: "A foolish son is the heaviness of his mother"

- I. Foolish Sons—
 - (A) Do not have the Fear of the Lord" . . . Prov. 1:7
 - (B) Despise wisdom and instruction . . . Prov. 1:7
- II. Foolish Mothers—
 - (A) Leave the child to himself . . . Prov. 29:15
 - (B) Fail to properly discipline him . . . Prov. 22:15; Prov. 23:13, 14
- III. Heavey-hearted mothers—
 - (A) Have great grief . . . Prov. 17:25
 - (B) Have shame . . . Prov. 29:15
 - (C) Have sons that die in disgrace . . . Prov. 23:13, 14

FAMILY BLESSINGS

Exodus 12

1. **Salvation** for the Household, Ex. 12:1-14, 21-23
2. **Godliness** for the Household, Ex. 12:15-20: leaven cast out
3. **Instruction** for the Household, Ex. 12:24-28

A FIVE-FOLD PRAYER

Psalms 17:5-8

- (1) Hold me . . . (2) Hear Me . . . (3) Shew me . . . (4) Keep me . . .
- (5) Hide me

CHRIST OVER ALL

Romans 9:5

- (1) Christ is over all Prophets, Hebrews 1:1, 2
- (2) Christ is over all Teachers, Matt. 7:28, 29
- (3) Christ is over all Priests, Heb. 5:5, 6
- (4) Christ is over all Kings, Rev. 19:16
- (5) Christ is over all His Church, Eph. 1:22
- (6) Christ is over all Things, Eph. 1:22
- (7) Christ is over all Men, 1 Cor. 11:3
- (8) Christ is over all principalities and Powers, Eph. 1:20, 21

Christ has ALL authority in heaven and on earth; Christ has ALL power; Christ has All wisdom. Eternity is His lifetime; the universe is His domain; galaxies are in His backyard, Isaiah 40:22

OBSERVATIONS: World Events in the Light of the Bible

"THE LIBERAL PAPERS"

Surrender to Communism on the Installment Plan

Liberal democratic congressmen have published a book, "The Liberal Papers," that

"Includes demands for the U.S. to recognize Red China and sponsor its membership in the United Nations, disarm West Germany while recognizing Communist East Germany, shut down U.S. missile bases in Europe, let Moscow listen in on our aerial-warning DEW Line system and make 'unilateral acts' of disarmament."

The book is filled with such treasonable statements as this: "But as the cold war continues, it becomes increasingly difficult for decent Americans, humane enough to prefer peace to an egocentric national honor, to be outspokenly and genuinely anti-Communist" (p. 30).

Note: For a reprint of material on "THE LIBERAL PAPERS" send 15c to "Human Events," 410 First St., S.E., Washington 3, D.C.

Our nation is being misled by deceived "Internationalists" who vainly believe that the U.N. will succeed in producing a workable "One World." This "one world" idea is what is ruining our country today.

MORE SALOONS THAN CHURCHES

There are 131,040 more alcohol beverage outlets in the United States than churches and other places of worship. There are 437,933 alcoholic beverage outlets, and 306,893 churches and other places of worship.

SOME UNIONS ABUSE THEIR POWER

The Electrical Workers of New York have pushed wage inflation to what must be regarded as dizzy heights. Their brief strike was settled on the basis of a five-hour day (25-hour week) and a pay scale of \$4.96 an hour. Actually they will work for six hours a day (30 hours a week) with time and a half for the hour of over-time, or \$7.44. Because of the drop in working hours from 35 to 30, their take-home pay for the week will be slightly less. But with the sharp drop in working hours, the high cost of building will inevitably move further upward. If the five-hour day is now extended to other building trades, the unfortunate effects on the building industry will be multiplied.—Washington Post.

Unless powerful labor unions—and their leaders—are curbed, inflation will ruin us.

RICH MAN REBUKED

Our friend, William A. Fuller, editor of "The Christian Railroader," Toronto, published a rebuke of a wealthy publisher, that we heartily agree with. Here is Fuller's "Open Letter" to
ROY H. THOMPSON, OWNER OF 93 NEWSPAPERS, LONDON

Sir:

Many in your native land of Canada were shocked to read, in a despatch from London, that you disagree with our Lord Jesus Christ in his statement that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. You evidently believe that the possession of money helps a man to get to heaven. In this you not only contradict Deity, but charge him with being "very unfair" in making the statement. It is therefore a case of a man v. the almighty Son of God.

Apart from the fact that all unsaved men think God to be unfair, permit me to remind you of other statements in regard to which you and God disagree; such as the necessity of being born again (John 3:3) and that if we do not repent we shall perish. (Luke 13:3) Christ also clearly warned that there is no possible approach to God except through Himself (John 14:6) which was confirmed by God the Father at the Transfiguration, "This is my beloved Son, hear him." (Mark 9:7) In fact, there is probably no statement of Jesus Christ's with which you can agree, particularly those which deal with the theory that human merit determines our salvation. This passage, for instance; "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and he that believeth NOT the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:36). Further—"the Father has committed ALL judgment to the Son (whose word you impugn) in John 5:22. It must be in the highest degree dangerous to reject His words (John 12:48) since it is by them that we shall be judged at the last day. He has warned that "a man's life consisteth NOT in the abundance of things that he possesseth," (Luke 12:15) and in one of his parables is a character who is addressed as "thou fool," for thinking otherwise. My dear Sir, all that we Christians enjoy and will ever enjoy may be yours on His terms, which are "Believe My Words."

\$50 BILLION GAMBLING TAKE

WASHINGTON—An investigating sub-committee told the Senate Wednesday that the underworld may pocket more than \$50 billion a year in gambling profits.

This would be almost as much as the government plans to spend for defense this year.

Picturing law enforcement as waging a losing battle against organized crime, the Senate investigations subcommittee appealed for enactment of a cluster of laws.

These would legalize telephone wiretapping by police, make the corruption of athletes a federal crime and cut communications lines linking a vast interstate network of big time gambling.

GROWTH OF ISRAEL

The population of Israel in the night of May 21st to 22nd, 1961 numbered 2,170,082 persons. Since the establishment of the State the population has increased two and a half times.

Tel Aviv itself has 387,000 inhabitants, Haifa 180,000 and Jerusalem 166,000. Ramat Gan (near Tel Aviv) today the fourth largest city in the country, has 90,000 inhabitants. There follow Petach Tikva with 53,000, Cholon with 48,000 and Bne Brak with 47,000. Altogether 700,000 people live in Tel Aviv and its surroundings. Israel counts 34 cities with more than 10,000 inhabitants, compared with 10 in the year 1948. Ten of the cities which today number more than 5,000 people, did not yet exist in 1948. Four of these: Kiryath-Shmone, Tirat Hacarmel, Or-Yehuda and Kiryath Gat have passed the 10,000 mark. It is the regions of the Negev which show the greatest relative increase in population. —Jerusalem Community

WEALTH OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

It is said that today the Vatican owns:

- (1) "A series of important and famous banks, including the Bank of Rome.
 - (2) "A controlling interest in Italy's biggest gas, light, water, telephone and public transport services.
 - (3) "Huge holdings in the American stock market.
 - (4) "The Bastogi Finance and Holding Company, a huge concern through which the Vatican makes deals in real estate."
 - (5) Voluminous interests in countries including Britain, Switzerland and the United States.
 - (6) "Assets and real estate holdings in the U.S. that must exceed those of Standard Oil, A.T. & T. and U.S. Steel combined.
 - (7) "Its fortune is conservatively estimated at upwards of 15 billion dollars."
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A NEW "TWIST" FOR MOTHER

Mrs. C. B. S. of Indianapolis "broke both knee caps doing the twist at a party. She is now recovering in hip-high casts.

"THE PRINCES OF THE CHURCH"

"At 9:30 one morning last week Pope John XXIII crossed the threshold one of the Vatican's Consistory Halls, followed in order of seniority by 29 purple-clad cardinals.* As soon as he was seated on this throne, the papal master of ceremonies cried out . . . 'Extra omnes' (everyone outside). A host of attending bishops and monsignori, the chamberlains and members of the Noble Guard bowed to the throne and withdrew; the doors were closed. The Pope, Bishop of Rome, Vicar of Christ, and absolute ruler of the largest religious body in Christianity, was left alone with his princes." (Time, 3-30-'62).

* Cardinals are among the most spectacular dressers in Christendom. A cardinal's cassocks and skullcaps of scarlet and purple (which are worn during Lent, Advent and other times "of penance and morning"), his white lace rochets, silk sashes, and the splendid cappa magna—a 15-ft. long scarlet train worn on solemn liturgical occasions—cost at least \$3,000! (Time).

Where, pray tell, will one find anything like this in the Word of God? Neither Peter nor Paul, John nor James, put on such exquisite finery. Nor did the Son of God adorn Himself in such array of eye-catching silks and purples. In fact, there is no indication in the Word of God for any type of distinctive garb for Christ's pastors or other workers in the church.

INCENTIVE PAYMENTS INTRODUCED IN RUSSIA TO UP FARM PRODUCTION

No 100% communistic program has ever succeeded. Sooner or later communist efforts adopt some of the "capitalistic" practices. To up farm production, Russians have been forced to drop some of their socialistic practices. Communism is a total failure; it doesn't fit the needs and demands of human nature.

MOSCOW, March 25—(AP)—The Soviet Union has dismantled its old agricultural administrative machinery and set up a new system powered by some capitalistic fuel—incentive payments.

The departments of agriculture in the republics and the local regions are junked. The Central Department of Agriculture has lost all administrative authority over production and has been reduced to a scientific study center.

Decrees published by the government and the party directorate make clear one primary means of getting more production is increased pay for farm workers on collective and state farms. In fact, workers on state farms will be placed in a piecework basis, where income will depend on how much work they do.

Though advertised as "for the workers of the world" communism does less for the working man than any other system of government. It is a system of slavery. Only a few favored ones benefit in any way financially.

"EVANGELISM-IN-DEPTH"

GUATEMALA CITY—The third and potentially most exciting campaign of Evangelism-in-Depth is now underway in Guatemala, largest Central American republic.

With 95 per cent of the evangelical groups in Guatemala cooperating, the year-long movement began on January 29, with a rally attended by 3000 pastors, missionaries and lay Christians.

First objective in the campaign is the organization of 5000 prayer cells during February and March, with Christians of every denomination taking part.

Trusting God to help them "mobilize every Christian in Guatemala to reach every person in Guatemala," local believers have leased a large downtown office as headquarters for Evangelism-in-Depth. They have enthusiastically begun work on what the President of the Guatemalan Evangelical Alliance calls "the great opportunity to join forces for Christ."—Latin America Mission.

Pray for this effort.

"THE PERILS OF PANTS"

A Church worker has this to say about the "Perils of Pants" for women:

"Pants can be very tight and so can cause (the opposite sex) to be unduly occupied with 'exhibitionism.' . . . Male attire is forbidden women (Deut. 22:5). . . . Male attire worn by women alters the psychology of women, tends to spoil relations between the woman and the opposite sex, and easily damages maternal dignity before children."

TREND TOWARD EXECUTIVE POWER IN GOVERNMENT

The following quotation is from the April 2, 1962 U.S. NEWS. (The article is by David Lawrence, editor).

Recently a new trend toward usurpation of power has arisen. It seeks by executive order, or by the passage of new laws, to thwart or ignore the plainly written provisions of the Constitution.

President Kennedy sent a bill to Congress a few weeks ago proposing a far-reaching change in the handling of tariffs. The Executive would fix the duties and commodity quotas—a power granted by the Constitution only to Congress. The bill, now before the House Ways and Means Committee, provides, moreover, that presidential determinations "shall be final and conclusive and shall not be subject to review by any court."

Why should the people be deprived of judicial review when they are the victims of illegality in the application of trade laws?

Also the Kennedy Administration has just signed treaties with 24 countries on trade relations, but does not intend to submit these agreements to the Senate for ratification by a two-thirds vote.

Executive orders have been issued, moreover, in "civil rights" matters, on many of which Congress itself has refused to pass laws. Thus, by executive order, purchase contracts for goods or services can be withheld by the

Government from any business which refuses to accept the Government's dictation as to the number of employes of a particular color that the contractor or sub-contractor can hire.

It certainly is a form of "extremism" to substitute executive orders for the laws of Congress.

Let Christians pray that constitutional government might be preserved in the U.S. It is our best guarantee of the preservation of our liberties. If we subject ourselves to the UN, or permit our executive to usurp the powers of Congress, the people will pay by a loss of their liberties.

1 Timothy 2:1-3, an exhortation for prayer for our leaders, is definitely connected with soul-winning, in verse 4:

"God will have all men to be saved, and come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:4).

A stable government furthers evangelism!

WORLD CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST MISSION IS FORMED

On January 26, 1962, a new outlet for missions was provisionally organized in Chicago at the Marquette Manor Baptist Church. This new mission agency, World Conservative Baptist Mission, provides for an additional expansion of the missionary vision of many Conservative Baptist churches.

The provisional constitution presents a strong doctrinal position with special emphasis on eschatology which position declares the World Conservative Baptist Mission is to be not only premillennial, but also pre-tribulation in accent. The direction of the new agency emphasizes a Board structure made up of constitutional directors, representative directors, and missionary representatives.

CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

2561 North Clark Street
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KING'S COLLEGE SELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

Dr. Robert A. Cook, Wheaton, Illinois, has been named the second President of The King's College, Briarcliff Manor, New York. Cook, 49, succeeds the late Dr. Percy Crawford, Founder and first President, who died October 31, 1960. The 400-student institution is a Bible-oriented liberal arts college.

Pray that the school may become a mighty force for evangelical Christianity.

PEACE CORPS SURPRISED?

One odd but dead serious request from a new African nation was for a Peace Corps bartender. Peace corps leaders begged off. —Newsweek.

DENVER BUSINESS MAN ORGANIZES "CHRISTIAN CITIZEN"

Only through the practical application of Christian morals can Americans get their political house in order.

Only through concerted involvement in politics at the grassroots level can Christian Americans begin to exert a Christian influence in national politics.

Only through an adherence to integrity, honesty and selflessness—Christ-like selflessness—in political life will the United States survive as a Christian nation.

These are the views of Gerri von Frellick, a wealthy Denver businessman and founder of the Christian Citizen movement.

Von Frellick said he feels that the self-seeking and abuses prevalent in politics are due to an abandonment of responsibility by American Christians.

That's why he started Christian Citizen. He wants Christians to become re-educated to their responsibilities and to accept these responsibilities.

The formation of Christian Citizen was announced Feb. 1, at press conferences in Washington, D.C., and New York City.

The goals of Christian Citizen include:

- Establishing home study classes in every political precinct in the United States.

- Training Christians for active participation in politics—in the party of their choice.

- Encouraging Christians to vote and assume citizenship and leadership responsibilities and even to become political candidates.

The study group will be limited to 12 persons and each will sign a pledge to pursue the course with material provided by the organization and also to run for office if asked.

Material for the classes, which will be presented in written form and in recordings, will be divided into three subjects: America's Christian Heritage, America's Political Structure and How to Become Effective in Citizenship.—Denver Post (4-1-'62).

We have never been strong for Christians going into politics; they are needed too badly in every form of home and foreign missionary effort. However, our country is in such a desperate plight, there may be hundreds of Christians—both men and women—who will feel they can help in this realm. Those who are in full time Christian service should not go into this; but those who are not may have an opportunity to help our country to get back to the old moorings.

Mr. VonFrellick is a Christian business man, member of a local church. He believes that a return to Christian morality and action are necessary for national survival.

For further information, write to "Christian Citizen Movement," U. S. National Bank Bldg., Denver, Colo.

The "Christian Citizens" movement has conservative overtones. They lament the fact that "even some of our church organizations and educational institutions, which are the very source of our freedom concepts, have

begun to be affected by socialistic interpretations of individual freedom rights."

SOARING BANKRUPTCY RATE

WASHINGTON, March 31—The record number of personal bankruptcies in this country is a cause for concern and study by a growing number of organizations. They include the American Bar Assn., the Judicial Conference, the American Bankers Assn. and various credit groups.

All of them have noted that:

Since 1950, the number of people going bankrupt—by necessity—or choice—has jumped 560 percent.

In the 12 months ending June 30, an estimated 172,000 Americans will have filed for bankruptcy—10 percent more than in the previous year.

90 percent of today's bankruptcy actions originate with individuals and not with businesses—as was the case a decade ago.

Bankruptcies cost individuals and creditors up to \$5 billion a year.

This is a symptom of our moral breakdown. Many thousands take advantage of our bankruptcy laws and so avoid payment of just debts. There are of course exceptions; people really driven into bankruptcy, with no other way out.

WAR FEVER IS A JUDGMENT ON THE NATIONS

"For thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, unto me: Take this cup of the wine of wrath at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it. And they shall drink, and reel to and fro, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them." (Jerem. 25:15, 16).

Sinning, Christ-rejecting nations are led on to the judgment of war by the righteous judgments of God.

HOW THE CATHOLICS PLAN TO WIN AMERICA

Citing the birth rate among Roman Catholics, the Very Rev. John P. Leary, president of Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., says, "Within half a century the Catholics will be a majority in this country."

Once they are a majority, they will win every election, and Protestants will be a persecuted minority.

Strange as it may seem, the Bible endorses large families. Apostate Protestants—following man's ideas and inventions—teach birth control and "planned parenthood." It is a perfect way to turn our country over to the Catholics—just give them enough time. To be sure, they can hurry matters along by increasing illegal Roman Catholic immigration. Another unexplained wonder: the National Council of Churches is pushing for greater immigration to our country from Roman Catholic countries. Foolish America is destroying itself!

CONTINUING OUTFLOW OF GOLD WORRIES PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON—(UPI)—President Kennedy told Congress Wednesday that the flow of gold and dollars out of the United States is continuing and confronts the nation with a serious problem.

In 1961 "this country had a \$2.5 billion gold and dollar deficit" (Treasury Secretary, Douglas Dillon).

This continuing outflow of our gold is most serious. In a few short years, unless the trend is stopped—and it has been going on now for several years—we will have lost all our gold reserve. The difficulty goes back to our wrong monetary policies, started during Franklin Roosevelt's presidency, and to our continued national policy of "deficit financing"—living on borrowed money. It is as simple as this: we must stop spending more than we take in, but our leaders won't do it. We are going pellmell down the toboggan to national bankruptcy.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF REBELLION IN TEENAGERS

One authority says, "Delinquency grows in this manner: Children get an original feeling of REJECTION, that in turn produces RESENTMENT, REBELLION, and finally blind and senseless RETALIATION—violence for the sake of pure violence.

Moral: Be careful not to let that first and original feeling of REJECTION develop in your children. Love them—and chasten them when they need it. Proper discipline produces healthy RESPECT for parents—never resentment.

CHURCHES AS CHURCHES SHOULD KEEP OUT OF POLITICS

Congressman Walter Judd, a former missionary, and well-known to all of us, in a speech earlier this year stated the issue very clearly when he said, "I don't want the Church working in politics. I don't want political action by ecclesiastical bodies. I do want political action by Christians. It isn't the job of the Church to say what you should do. It is the job of the Church to change men and send them into society as Christian missionaries and into politics to help change the government . . ." He went on to say, "The longer I am in politics the less confidence I have in the pronouncements by ecclesiastical bodies telling Congress what to do."

85% OF YOUTH CRIMINALS COME FROM BROKEN HOMES

Washington, D. C.—Nearly half of our major crimes today are committed by children under eighteen. And an alarming proportion of the robberies are committed by girls.

Of forty-five million children of school age in the nation, twelve million come from broken homes. Of children involved with the law eighty-five per cent come from these broken homes.—A B. Bonds, Jr.

PRAY FOR "MOSES"

Moses Gitlin, Hebrew Christian, is an old friend of ours. He is a greatly-used missionary, Bible teacher and evangelist who knows nine languages, and preaches fluently in several of them. He has taught the Gospel on three continents, and is now located in Cleveland, Ohio, where he is a part-time staff member of the Cleveland Hebrew Mission, and honorary pastor of the Ukrainian Baptist Church. During the last three years Dr. Gitlin has spent a great deal of his time collaborating with an expert philologist on the translation of the Old Testament into the Whiterussian language. They are now working on the New Testament, which will make the entire Bible available for the first time to some 20,000,000 Whiterussians, as soon as it can be printed by the American Bible Society.

HOW COULD SHE?

MALACCA, MALAYA—(FENS)—A 38-year-old English woman has been ordained as a Buddhist nun.

Peggy Kennett, of Essex, England, appeared at the Cahah Barang temple with a shaved head. She was reported to be the first English woman in Malaya ever to take Buddhist vows to be a nun.

Her religion now prevents her from touching a man, even in greeting. She will be known as Sister Sumitra (good will). She will become an adviser on Buddhist youth affairs.

AMAZING DEVELOPMENTS IN COLOMBIA, SO. AMERICA

THE POCKET TESTAMENT LEAGUE is engaged in a campaign to distribute Gospels of John in South America.

From Pasto, first city of Colombia to be visited by a Pocket Testament League team, comes the report that meetings have been held, by official permission, with students at the university, and that a local theatre owner offered the use of any of his six theatres for student meetings. Arrangements have also been made for the use, without charge, of the largest Catholic auditorium in the city, to the utter amazement of the Protestant missionaries.

Evangelistic teams of the Pocket Testament League have thus started a campaign of Scripture distribution in Columbia, South America, after several months of similar activity in Peru, where more than half a million copies of the Gospel of St. John in Spanish were distributed. Initial experiences in Colombia give promise of a pattern of cooperation similar to that encountered in Peru, where local government officials, the police, the military, educational and even prison officials went out of their way to give assistance to the PTL teams. Invaluable aid is also being given by Christian missionaries and national believers.

KHRUSHCHEV'S PROPAGANDA MACHINE

It sounds fantastic—but this is the claim of the soviet union: Last year the communists printed and distributed 100,000,000 copies of booklets, books, pamphlets and tracts written by Khrushchev. All of these were distributed in non-communist countries.

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