

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Ex. 20:12.



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

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THE TRUE WAY

By Herman Heuni

Life with its many complexities, its joys and sorrows, its successes and failures, its well-being and its pain, cries out for a guiding hand. When dark tragedies overwhelm us, we instinctively turn to a Supreme Being to pour out our heart and seek a solution for our troubles. How many parents, during the terrible war, just past, besought their God, time and again, to be merciful and bring their loved one safely home. How many boys, face to face with Fear, Terror, and Death, made a last minute effort to obtain Soul Comfort, something which suddenly had assumed monumental proportions. All this in recognition of the fact that God in creating man after His own image provided for our every need, both physical and spiritual, because as a Father He rejoiced in administering unto His creation. Yet, it is a sad reflection upon the vaunted intelligence of man, that he so often waits until the eleventh hour before he turns his face towards his Father's house.

When we consider how wonderfully made is the human body—though perhaps somewhat changed since the time of Adam through the inroad of sin—eyes to see, ears to hear, a brain and an intellect to think and reason, and all the other functions too numerous to mention, we begin to realize that man is not a creature of haphazard origin, but the foremost handiwork of God. Having endowed man

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THE CREATION AND THE CREATOR

By Henry Beer

For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone!

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in the land.

The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grapes give a good smell. Song of Solomon 2:11, 12, 13.

What a beautiful expression of ap-

look about us and see the loveliness of God's creation. Can you not perceive the greatness of our God by the endless creation in plant as well as the animal kingdom? There is endless variety, endless fragrance, endless form,—all made by the Omnipotent One whom the hosts of heaven adore.

Should we not fall before Him and in very dust adore Him?

How refreshing after the winter is gone to see God's creations coming back to life; the barren trees to bud, the flowers covered by winter's snow to grow and bloom in the warmth of the spring-time. Is it not all a symbol of life from the dead, the resurrection truth revealed as it were in plant life?

Think of the varied songs of the birds; the fragrance of the flowers which cannot be described by the words of human tongues. Solomon compared Christ in His glory to the lovely Rose of Sharon; and to the delicate and delightfully fragrant Lily of the Valley; Isaiah compared life to the grass and the glory thereof to its flower which so soon fades and passes away. Jesus said that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like the lily of the field. He compared Israel to the fruiting fig tree; He Himself as the true vine of which we may be branches.

Amid this anxious life often filled with toil, burdened with cares, take time to see God in His handiwork, the loveliest of which are only shadows of the original beauty in Eden.

TREASURED VERSES

MOTHER

... her price is far above rubics.

She stretched out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. . . . Prov. 31:10, 20, 26-28.

preciation of God's creation by King Solomon! Though he lived in a luxurious court, resplendent by human adornment, yet the beauty of God's creation left a tender and heartfelt impression upon his heart.

Our heavenly Father reveals Himself today through His handiwork and through His Spirit. Let us

Not until we ourselves are transformed by faith in Christ, reborn in Spirit, renewed in heart by full surrender to our Lord, can we see and appreciate the boundless goodness of God.

The heart is meant by divine appointment to be the abode of the loveliest flowers to adorn our heart's garden, namely the gifts of the spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, goodness, gentleness, faith, meekness, and temperance.

The soul can express itself in admiration of God by song, by verse, by verbal testimony, and by kindly personality, which are even more precious and fragrant than the sweetest of flowers.

Therefore, let us not worship the creation, though worthy of admiration, but rather the great Creator who revealed Himself to us through His Son, Jesus—the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley.

Every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. I Timothy 4:4, 5.

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with the living breath of life and given him dominion over every other living thing, is it not reasonable to assume that God did not leave him there, but also provided for him a means whereby he could maintain continuous contact with his Creator?

Christianity has been termed a way of life, but from the standpoint of fulfilling the needs of the soul, satisfying the inner longing for Divine Guidance and leading man to eternal peace, it is THE way of life.

We are living in rapidly changing and history-making times. The customs of thirty or forty years ago are considered outmoded in many cases, inventions one after another have changed our manner of living, values both material and human seem to have changed, the boundaries of many countries change with succeeding generations, kingdoms rise and fall—truly most of the Saviour's prophecies in Matthew seem to fit our age. How necessary then, that man, in these changing and unstable times,

have in his life a Higher Influence upon which he can rely when the burden is heavy. This shelter in the time of storm and this refuge from danger can only be found under the arms of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Present-day Christian teaching emphasizes that Salvation is by Grace and Faith. Today, it is claimed, you may be on the Road to Perdition, but if you are willing to accept Christ as your personal Saviour, you can immediately begin marching to Zion. Now, one would be inconsistent with God's Word to deny the possibility of sudden conversions, partic-

SLEEP, MOTHER, SLEEP

Home is so lonely since mother's not there,
Dark is her room and vacant her chair;
Angels have taken her out of our care,
Still we recall our dear mother's sweet pray'r.

While she is sleeping the seasons I know
Cover her grave with blossoms and snow;
Snow on the bosom that sheltered me so,
So cold and bleak are the north winds that blow.

Her loving eyes were oft dimmed with sad tears,
Guiding our feet thru long weary years;
Planning our future while reading God's word,
Faithful and true admonition we heard.

Mother, sleep, your trials are o'er,
Sweet be the rest you have needed before;
We loved you, but God loved you more,
For he called you to that bright happy shore.

In memory of Grandmother Mary Gerber,
Bremen, Ind.

ularly after the example of the thief on the cross. Yet, too little stress is laid upon the importance of actually living a Christ-like life. It definitely is the intention of the Saviour that the application of saving Grace find expression in our daily mode of living. In John 15:5 He says: "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." Evidently then the acceptance of Christ as our Saviour, which brings with it repentance for our sins, must be supplemented by fruits or works in order that Christianity may really be our way of life.

One of the first fruits we can bring is to confess Him before the world. "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in Heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in Heaven." Certainly no Christian should be ashamed of confessing Christ, who brought to man the glad tidings of Salvation and who died a substitutionary death, to regain what had been lost through the fall of Adam. Never spake man as this man. His teachings are words of divine wisdom, his Sermon on the Mount is without parallel in loftiness of conception and in practical application in dealing with human needs. Glory in confessing Christ before men.

Secondly, just as there are sins of commission and omission, so also we can bring fruits by the things we do and by the temptations we resist. Every walk of life has its snares and pitfalls. In the truly converted Christian, the Holy Spirit warns of impending danger. Our true Shepherd never allows one of his flock to stray too near the precipice without crying out in warning. Strive to accumulate vessels of Faith that will outweigh and overcome any temptation. Fruits particularly valuable in the sight of God are those of which Christ was a type; things which we do out of love and which entail a certain amount of sacrifice on our part, and for which we do not expect to be paid back in turn. Going out of our way to bring meat to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, harboring the stranger, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and those in prison, because "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

If the Lord Jesus is your Saviour, supreme Guiding Influence, you simply cannot keep the matter hid. He will shine through and be made manifest by the glow of your countenance and by the peacefulness of your mien. Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea may have been secret disciples, but when all others left, they came forward, claimed the body of their Lord and laid him to rest, though all the world might ridicule.

The Apostolic Bible Fund

The brethren and friends of the Apostolic Christian Church have during the past eighteen months supplied one million and thirty-five thousand copies of the gospels of St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. John to the unevangelized nations, and also the sum of forty-five hundred dollars for other worthy missionary causes. Printing supplies and equipment are needed in various war-torn nations in order to enable them to resume the printing of the Holy Scriptures. Bible printing in Germany had been forbidden for the past ten years.

We wish to thank all who have contributed to this worthy cause, and may each investment or gift for the Lord bring a rich interest in eternity in the harvest of souls from the four winds of the earth.

May the receiving and reading of the holy Word sent and distributed to the under-privileged nations and people be the means and reason of the presence of the great throng which shall stand on Mount Zion, on that great day, who shall join in the praise of the Lamb, as we read in Revelation 5:9. For thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.

True it is we can not now measure the effectiveness of the Word, or the increase from the sowing, but God is able to bless the reading of His Word, that it may not return to Him void. It will either serve as a testimony unto life and salvation, or as a message unto condemnation.

It should be a concern and obligation to all true believers to be helpful in the Lord's work, as our Master commanded in St. Mark 13:10—and the Gospel must first be published among all nations.

There is still a further duty allotted to us by our Lord, as we read in Luke 24:47—That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. In the Acts of the Apostles we read 1:8—But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem,

and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And we read that the Scripture must be fulfilled and blessed are we if we can catch the vision of our duty and responsibility, and be helpful by sharing of the gifts which the Lord has entrusted to us, into His service and for the prime objective of winning souls for His soon coming Kingdom.

We have received letters of deep appreciation and thankfulness from the various organizations who are distributing and printing the Word.

As secretary and treasurer of the Bible Fund, the writer had occasion to visit the American Bible Society of New York City, and was greatly impressed with the work and extent of their labors in getting the Bible or parts of it to the uttermost parts of the earth in difficult languages and dialects. Surely God is able to reward such work and laborers who give themselves unto this God-commanded work.

The complete Bible is printed in 184 languages.

The New Testament in 233 languages.

Hymn of the Month

ABIDING IN JESUS

Could I elsewhere find such treasure
As Thou, Lord, with me hast shared,
Such rich gifts of grace and pleasure
Thousandfold for me prepared?
Could I find a consolation
Such as Thou, O Lord, dost give,
Who from earth and all the heavens
Might and power dost receive?

Who could find me such a Master
Who, what Christ hath done, would do,
Saved me from sin and disaster
With His precious blood so true?
Should not I be His true servant
Who His life on Calv'ry gave,
In devotion also fervent
Faithful unto death and grave?

Lord, throughout my pilgrim journey
Let me find Thee by my side,
And when evening shades are falling
Do Thou still with me abide.
And in holy benediction
Lay on me Thy hand of love,
Saying: Son, thy course is finished,
But through faith thou'lt live above!

The separate Gospels in 551 languages.

Also selections of Scripture in difficult tongues comprising 88 languages.

In order to carry on this noble work they are dependent upon Bible-loving people for gifts and offerings.

As the funds for Bible distribution are now used up we are making an appeal through these columns to encourage you to give liberally, as the Lord has prospered you, in the next collection which will be announced in May.

One hundred dollars will provide for four hundred Gospels, or approximately seventy or eighty Bibles in foreign tongues and larger or smaller offerings in proportion. It is even as we sing in Hymn 91 of the Zion's Harp:

Only what with hand and heart,
For the Lord is set apart
Will bring you gain.

As the poet has written:

"Giving is living," the angel said;
"Go feed to the hungry sweet
charity's bread."

"But must I keep giving and giving
again?"

My selfish and querulous answer
ran.

"Oh, no," said the angel quite
piercing me through,
"Just give till the Master stops
giving to you."

As the prophet has said: In the evening there shall be light, and there has arisen from the nations of the earth an unheard of demand for the Word, especially from the war-torn nations. There is a demand for twenty million copies of the New Testament and of the Gospels.

Your help in this worthy cause will be greatly appreciated.

Henry Beer—Treasurer of the
Bible Fund

I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it. For I shall not pass this way again.—Author unknown.

N E W S

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hecker and little son, Tommy, of Angola, Indiana, and Mrs. Gertrude Hecker and her sister of Girard, Ohio visited the Leo Church, April 13. They had dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Schlatter. Mr. Robert Hecker has been attending Tri-State College.

Mrs. Jacob Frauchi of Toledo, Ohio visited with relatives and friends Sunday, April 13.

An Easter program was given at the church by the Sunday School Young People Sunday evening, April 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Getz are the happy parents of a baby son, David Lynn, born April 7 at the Lutheran hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. David Bertsch are the proud parents of a baby girl, Sandra Kay, born April 5 at the Lutheran Hospital.

About forty-five people spent an enjoyable evening at the House warming for Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Maxfield in their new home, Friday, April 18. The couple received many beautiful gifts.

Rev. and Mrs. Elias Winzeler and daughter, Dorothy, and sons, Richard and James, spent Sunday, April 20, with relatives and friends at Francesville, Indiana.

Rev. Henry Beer of Milford, Indiana called on friends in Grabill, April 21st.

The engagement of Miss Velma Norr daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Otto Norr and John Bollier, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bollier was announced April 12. The wedding date August 9, is the bride-elect's birthday. The Silver Lining Staff extends good wishes.

We wish to extend to Rev. and Mrs. Elias Winzeler and family a hearty welcome to our church circle and fellowship. The additional help in His service is appreciated. The Winzellers will be at home near Woodburn, Indiana.

Bluffton, Indiana

Miss Marjorie Maller and Mr. Rueben Ringger were married on Easter Sunday, by Elder Sam Aeschliman.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Farney and

daughter, Lena, and Miss Lena Knochel were Sunday evening guests March 23, in the Jack Gerber home.

On Sunday, April 13, baptismal services were conducted by Elders Eli Dotterer and Sam Aeschliman for Ellen Steffen, Eunice Kipfer, Phyllis Gerber, Justine Fiechter, Wava Steffen, Hubert Isch, Robert Gerber, and Roger Gerber.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reineck and family of Toledo, Ohio visited here Sunday, April 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Obed Steffen are the parents of a baby girl, Karen Joan, born April 11.

Elder and Mrs. Sam Aeschliman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maller, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Drayer spent the week-end of March 30, in Mansfield, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerber and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gerber and daughter, Katherine, of Latty, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich Kipfer, and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schweitzer of Leo, Indiana, were among those who visited our congregation on Sunday, April 13.

Miss Christine Dubach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Dubach, and Linda Heyerly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Heyerly, recently underwent appendectomies.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Isch and son, John, attended the marriage of Miss Wilhelmina Klaus at Roanoke, Illinois on Sunday, April 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Aeschliman and daughter, Lynn Mardelle, have been visiting with Mrs. Aeschliman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bucher, in LaCrosse, Indiana.

On Sunday, March 23, Donald Gerber, Alvin Fiechter, Mrs. Amelia Beine, Justine Fiechter, Phyllis Gerber, and Joyce Moser visited the congregation at LaCrosse, Indiana.

Chicago, Illinois

Several of the Elgin folk spent Easter Sunday with us and participated in our program.

On Sunday, April 6 the engagement of Miss Helen Eisenmann of Chicago and Otto Schaefer of Morris, Minnesota was announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Schaefer and daughter Marilyn, and Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Herman visited in Chicago on Sunday, April 6.

Miss Minnie Haecker recently spent a couple weeks visiting her sister, Mrs. Al Fisher, and family.

Miss Elva Butikofer who has worked in Chicago for the past few years recently returned to her home in Quincy, Illinois.

On April 13 Mr. and Mrs. Wagler and son Paul, Paul Wagenbach and Albert Weigand, of Oakville, visited us.

Croghan, New York

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ebersole are the parents of a baby girl.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Virkler.

Union services were held at the Numburg Church on Good Friday evening.

Elder Philip Beyer has moved to Lowville for the present time. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beyer are now living on the farm.

On April 16, the Senior Class of the Croghan Sunday School held their monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Farney at Beaver Falls. After the meeting, warm maple sugar was served.

Mrs. Amanda Virkler and son Frank, Mr. and Mrs. John Rauche and Mrs. John Virkler are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ramseyer at Bay City, Michigan.

Francesville

An Easter program was given by the Sunday School classes, on Sunday afternoon. The topic was, "One Hour With The Risen Lord."

A group from the Leo Church came Wednesday, April 9, to help us in sewing and packing of boxes for the European relief. We certainly appreciated and enjoyed having them.

On April 13, eight converts were taken into our fold. The visiting ministers were Elders Henry Kilgus, Josh Broquard, and George Yergler. Many visited us from the congregations of Leo, Latty, Fairbury, Roanoke, Remington, Wolcott and LaCrosse.

We were blessed by the services of

Rev. Eli Winzeler, April 20, He and his family spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Von Tobel.

Mansfield, Ohio

Elder and Mrs. Samuel Aeschliman of Bluffton, Indiana, spent Sunday, March 30th, with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Pulfer and children spent Easter Sunday with Mr. Pulfer's parents of Churubusco, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sabo spent the day in New Martinsville, West Virginia.

We were visited by Mrs. Mildred Schlatter and daughter, Ethelyn, of Leo, Indiana, on Easter. Monday evening, April 7th, we enjoyed the services of Emil Bahler of South Fairbury, who, with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Steffen, visited our congregation.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Mr. Christ Hergatt who passed away in Phoenix, Arizona. His widow is the former Anna Beer of Mansfield. Mrs. Hergatt's father, Simon Beer, attended the funeral in Phoenix.

Our congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pfister who are the proud parents of a son (Mrs. Pfister was formerly Ruth Maliz); also, to Mr. and Mrs. John Aungst who have a daughter (Mrs. Aungst was the former Margaret Sabo).

Paul Sauder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Sauder, spent his spring vacation with his parents. Paul is studying at Ohio University at Athens.

Morton, Illinois

The wedding of Norma Grimm to Henry Zeller took place on Sunday, April 20. The ceremony was performed by Reverend J. A. Getz

Wedding services for Warren Kaiser of Morton and Matilda Koehl of Peoria, Illinois were held at Peoria on April 20. The wedding ceremony was performed by Elder Carl Rassi.

The announcement of the coming marriage of Wilma Belsley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Belsley of Morton, to Donald Sauder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sauder of Roanoke, Illinois, was made at the church.

Mrs. Henry Grimm, who has undergone the second operation in two months, is recovering very nicely and

was able to attend the wedding of her daughter.

A group of the Morton Sunday School Bible Class attended the Easter program given at Tremont, April 6.

Peoria, Illinois

Our dear Elder Emil Schubert who has been confined to his home for some time with a heart ailment, was able to assemble with us on April 13th. We thank God that this was granted him and hope and pray that he will soon be restored to good health again.

Miss Emma Beckley of Remington, Ind., who formerly was employed here, spend the week-end of April 13th among her many friends here.

The engagement of Otto Schafer, now of Peoria, and Mabel Eisenman of Cissna park, Ill., was announced recently.

Our Sunday School presented their Easter program before a large audience on the evening of April 6: There were readings and group singing which was enjoyed by all.

On Sunday April 20, Miss Matilda Koehl, daughter of Mrs. Fred Koehl of Peoria, and Warren Kaiser of Morton were married; the ceremony being performed by Elder Carl Rassi of Morton. We wish them many rich blessings in their new home on a farm near Deer Creek, Ill.

Remington, Indiana

Miss Lucile Knochel visited friends at Gridley, Ill. on Good Friday April 4.

We had a very nice Easter program on Easter evening given by the Sunday School classes; the attendance was very fine and enjoyed by all.

We had visitors on Sunday April 6 from Fairbury, Ill. Rev. Andrew Koehl and family, Rev. Malter Koehl and sister, Mary, also Mr. and Mrs. Williard Belsley of Morton, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Wieland, Mr. Dan Knochel and two sisters and their aunt—all of Bay City, Mich., as a number of the Shambach family and Walter Steffen and others of Elgin, Illinois.

Mrs. Emma Campbell, aged 32, wife of Carlos Cambell, passed away at St. Elizabeth Hospital at Lafayette, Indiana on March 28 after an illness of

two weeks. Besides her husband, she leaves three children, the oldest 13 years and the youngest 2 years, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith, who at present live in Tenn., and also a number of brothers and sisters. The family have resided in this community for the past five years coming here from Arkansas. Funeral services were held on Monday March 31; Rev. Henry Beer held services. Our sympathy goes out to the bereft family.

Visitors on Thursday evening April 3 for our mid-week services were Rev. Joel Souder and others of Leo, Indiana, and Rev. Dan Stoller and others of Latty Ohio.

We are happy to announce that on April 27th there were nine more baptized and added to our fold. Elders Geo. Yergler, Henry Kilgus, and Otto Ramseyer performed the duties. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knochel of Bay City, Mich. were also present as well as a numbers of others from different congregations.

On March 29th, there were ten added to the fold, making a total of 19 so far this year.

If you give the interests of Christ the first place in your heart, you will find that your affairs have a corresponding place in His heart.—Author unknown.

HERITAGE OF THE HUMBLE (1 Pet. 5:6)

Only the humble can hear the song,
Coming from yonder heavenly throng;
Those who have conquered by His grace,
Now are beholding his matchless face.

Only the humble receive the prayer,
Coming from Glory upon the air;
Born of the Spirit in willing hearts,
When on its mission he departs.

Only the humble can win a soul,
Shining like jewels when Christ maketh whole.
Born of the Spirit, led by His love;
Leading from sin to glory above.

Only the humble can speak His word,
So as to honor their Savior and Lord;
Endless the impact of that great power,
Winning the Vic'try in every hour.

Only the lost for Christ you may see,
When His own Spirit lives in thee;
Only His grace can portray His life,
Saving a soul from endless strife.

Only the pattern that Jesus gave;
Can ever fit for a soul He would save;
Look to His pattern to follow so free,
Then HIS humility dwells in Thee!

SALVATION (Cont. 14)

Philip Gutwein, Jr.

—Editor's note—

Correction: Salvation (Cont. 13) by Philip Gutwein, Jr. March 1947 issue—The third paragraph, 17th line should read “compete, to oppose, and to annul the” and the 3d column, 2d paragraph, 6th line should read “true or false nature and character.”

“And the **Lord** God said, Behold, the Man is become as **one of us**, to **know good and evil.**” (Gen. 3:22)

God is infinitely **good** and knoweth **good** and **evil**. The Man, being created in the Image of God and after His Likeness, also was pronounced to be very **good** and was to become as God in the matter of **knowing good** and **evil**, but only in God's own **good way** and **good time**. Until that time came, God purposed to keep Adam, his created Son, safe from harm and **evil** under the protecting cover of Innocency, the state of a child, which is not accountable. To this end He gave Adam this commandment:

“But of the tree of the **knowledge of good and evil**, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

But the Man, exercising his God-given freedom of Will and Action, chose in his own premature time and in the **evil way** of disobedience, as a short-cut, to become “**As gods, knowing good and evil.**” But, alas, while he thus indeed became “**Wise as God**” to **know** good and evil, he himself became **evil** in his **nature** and **carnal** in his mind. He found himself stripped of the Glory of his former **good**—and **God-Likeness** and as a Sinner, he fell under the sentence of Spiritual and physical **death** and **dust**. We cannot disobey ourselves into God-Likeness (Godliness), much as God desires that we bear His image, nor can **wrong** means and ways attain **right** ends, even if they be God's ends. There is no detour around God's **word** to further God's ends and our own well-being. Disobedience made **men evil**, (Matt. 12:34), the **world evil**, (Gal. 1:4) and the **days evil**. (Eph. 5:16).

And behold, once it was all “**very good.**” (Gen. 1:31).

With **good** and **evil** present, discernable and to be known in our world, but subject to confusion under the power of satanic deception and human **willing** ignorance, **truth** appears on the scene as the Standard, and supreme and final Authority to **judge** and classify every **act**, and **purpose** and **person**. “He (Christ) shall bring forth Judgment unto **truth.**” (Is. 42:3). **Truth** judges **good** always to be **good** and **evil** always to be **evil** in character and nature, irrespective of appearance. To confuse **good** and **evil** in judgment and belief is the basic **error**; to pervert **good** and **evil**—that is to **ajudge good** to be **evil**—and **evil** to be **good** is the basic (Satanic) **lie** and has its source in the Devil, who “abode not in the **truth**, because there is **no truth** in him. When he speaketh a **lie**, he speaketh of his **own**: for he is a Liar, and the **father** of it.” (John 8:44).

It is the Devil's business to deceive (Gen. 1:3 to Rev. 20:8); to confuse (Dan. 9:7-8, Acts 19:29-32, Jas. 3:16); to mislead into **error** (Matt. 24:24 German trans. I John 4:6); to pervert, especially the **word** of **truth**, the **gospel** of our **salvation** (Eph. 1:13, Gal. 1:7, also 2 Pet. 3:16); to propagate and sugar-coat his Lies, which in the “end days” will be stepped up to the satanic work of **lying wonders** with all power and signs, and with all deceivableness . . . because they received not the **love of the truth** . . . God shall send them strong **delusion**, that they should believe a **lie**: that they all might be damned who believe not the **truth** . . .” (2 Thess. 2:9-12, Rev. 13:13-14). In this business of satanic deception men will get more and more involved, unwittingly or willingly, as “the day draws near” and “evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived” until the **lie** and **error** will have penetrated every activity of men-political, (governmental Rev. 13:1, 2, 7, 10), religious:

“And they worshipped the dragon” (Rev. 13:4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16),—economical: “And that no man might **buy** or **sell**, save he that had the mark . . .” (Rev. 13:16).

“The Morning Star” in a recent issue translated a Russian's statement which appeared in a Holland News Paper, under date of December, 1938, and I quote: “We live in a terrible land of complete loneliness. We cannot trust anyone any more. The **lie** is everywhere. And the worst is this that we all know that we live in the midst of a **lie**. Those who speak to you **lie**, and they know it; and we who answer, answer with a **lie**, and we know it. That is the most depressing experience we can have. And if you think of the fact that a 150 million citizens . . . live the **lie**, practice the **lie**, then you begin to realize that this is the most terrible disaster that ever can befall a country. So many are detained in the concentration camps that they cannot be counted any more. Roads that cross the country are built by the hands of the prisoners without any mechanical device. They die like flies, of course, and no one hears of their death for all correspondence is prohibited.”

This was before World War II, which again paid for a number of additional freedoms, but delivered millions upon millions of men and women from mercilessly torn-up families, into the cruelest form of Slave Labor, now going on in a number of countries. At this rate the next war could easily mean the destruction of the precious freedoms some men still enjoy here and there and leave our world largely a heap of ashes. Let us earnestly pray for those who are in Authority everywhere, “that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty,” under a long-suffering God. It may be later than we think. It was so with Israel and Jerusalem when Christ wept over the doomed city. But it was hid from their eyes.

The **truth** may be believed, spoken, loved, obeyed, lived out, done and walked in. It can be denied and opposed but never **prevailed against**.

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"HE LOVED HIS MOTHER"

The following is a sketch full of touching interest, of a little ragged newsboy, who had lost his mother. In the tenderness of his affection for her he was determined that he would raise a stone to her memory.

His mother and he had kept house together, and they had been all to each other, but now she was taken, and the little fellow's loss was irreparable. Getting a stone was no easy task, for his earnings were small; but love is strong. Going to a cutter's yard, and finding that even the cheaper class of stones was far too expensive for him, he at length fixed upon a broken shaft of marble, part of the remains of an accident in the yard, and which the proprietor kindly named at such a low figure that it came within his means. There was much yet to be done, but the brave little chap was equal to it.

The next day he conveyed the stone away on a little four-wheeled cart, and managed to have it put in position. The narrator, curious to know the last of the stone, visited the cemetery one afternoon, and he thus describes what he saw and learned:

"Here it is," said the man in charge, and sure enough, there was our monument, at the head of a newer grave. I knew it at once. Just as it was when it left our yard, I was going to say, until I got a little nearer to it and saw what the little chap had done. I tell you, boys, when I saw it there was something blurred my eyes, so's I couldn't read it first. The little man had tried to keep the lines straight, and evidently thought that capitals would make it look better and bigger, for nearly every letter was a capital. I copied it, and here it is; but you want to see it on the stone to appreciate it.

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and here, boys, the lettering stopped. After awhile I went back to the man in charge, and asked him what further he knew of the little fellow who brought the stone.

"Not much," he said, 'not much. Didn't you notice a fresh little grave near the one with the stone? Well,

that's where he is. He came here every afternoon for some time, working away at that stone, and one day I missed him, and then for several days. Then the man came out from the church that had buried the mother, and ordered the grave dug by her side. I asked if it was for the little chap. He said it was. The boy had sold all his papers one day, and was hurrying along the street out this way. There was a runaway team just above the crossing, and—well—he was run over, and lived but a day or two. He had in his hand, when he was picked up, an old file, sharpened down to a point, that he did all the lettering with. They said he seemed to be thinking only of that until he died, for he kept saying, 'I didn't get it done; she'll know I meant to finish it, won't she? I'll tell her so, for she'll be waiting for me' and, boys, he died with those words on his lips.'"

When the men in the cutter's yard heard the story of the boy the next day they clubbed together, got a good stone, inscribed upon it the name of the newsboy (which they succeeded in getting from the superintendent of the Sunday school which the little fellow attended), and underneath it the touching, expressive words: "He loved his mother."

When the stone was put up, the

The following poem was composed by Clara Campbell, Remington, Ind., age thirteen years, in memory of her mother, Sister Emma Campbell, who passed away to her reward on March 28.

"PRECIOUS MOTHER"

I cannot tell how precious
My mother was to me,
But she has passed over
The very widest Sea.

I know she's gone to Jesus
Over on the Other Shore,
Where she will be so happy
For ever ever more.

I'll be prepared to meet her
Some day so bright and fair,
I'm going home to see her
For I know I'll meet her there.

little lad's Sunday school mates, as well as others were present, and the superintendent, in speaking to them, told them how the boy had loved Jesus and tried to please Him, and gave utterance to this high encomium: "Scholars," said he, "I would rather be that brave, loving, little newsboy, and lie there with that on my tombstone, than to be a king of the world, and not love and respect my mother." That newsboy has left a lesson to the world.

Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. Proverbs 23:22

SALVATION (Cont. 14)

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"For we can do nothing against the **truth**, but for the **truth**." (2 Cor. 13:8). Christ so lifts up the **truth** in Word, in Work and Judgment, as to wholly identify Himself with it: "I am the way, the **truth**, and the Life . . ." His Name is called **faithful** and **true** and the **Word of God**, and "**Thy word is truth**." By Him, as the creative **word of truth**, all things are made; by Him as the **rock of truth**, all things are upheld, exist and function; to them that **err** in their way and repent not to obey the **truth**, that they might live. He is a **rock of offense** and Stone of Stumbling, even to them which stumble at the **word**, being disobedient. (I Pet. 2:6-8). To the disobedient He is the **rejected stone** and "whosoever shall fall upon that Stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder." (Luke 20:18). On the Cross He is the **smitten rock**—smitten, stricken, afflicted, and wounded for our transgressions, but also the **word of reconciliation**, reconciling the world unto God, not imputing their trespasses unto them,—but unto Christ instead. Here at the Cross was brought forth "Judgment unto **truth**" and the Constitution laid for the perfect Salvation of sinful man in that **grace** and **truth** did meet in the **word incarnate**.

We have the **word of truth** to light the way and the **spirit of truth** to lead the obedient into **all truth** and **righteousness**.

(To be continued)

IT WORKS WONDERS

Some years ago, says the "Public Leader," a lady, who tells the story herself, went to consult a famous physician about her health. She was a woman of nervous temperament, whose troubles—and she had many—had worried and excited her to such a pitch that the strain threatened her physical strength and even her reason. She gave the doctor a list of her symptoms, and answered the questions, only to be astonished at the brief prescription: "Madam, what you need is to read your Bible more."

"But, doctor," began the bewildered patient. "Go home and read your Bible an hour a day," the great man reiterated, with kindly authority. "Then come back to me a month from today." And he bowed her out without a possibility of further protest. At first his patient was inclined to be angry. Then she reflected that, at least, the prescription was not an expensive one. Besides, it certainly had been a long time since she had read the Bible regularly, she reflected with a pang of conscience. Worldly cares had crowded out her prayer and Bible study for years, and though she would have resented being called an irreligious woman, she had undoubtedly become a most careless Christian. She went home and set herself conscientiously to try the physician's remedy. In one month she went back to his office. "Well," he said, smiling, as he looked at her face, "I see you are an obedient patient, and have taken my prescription faithfully. Do you feel as if you need any other medicine now?"

"No, doctor, I feel like a different person. But how did you know this was just what I needed?" For answer, the famous physician turned to his desk. There, worn and marked, lay an open Bible. "Madam," he said, with deep earnestness, "if I were to omit my daily reading of this book I should lose my greatest source of strength and skill. I never go to an operation without reading my Bible."

"I never attend a distressing case patient, and have taken my prescription. Your case called not for medicine, but for source of peace and strength outside your own mind, and I showed you

my own prescription. I knew it would cure."

"Yet I confess, doctor," said the patient, "that I came very near not taking it."

"Very few are willing to try it, I find," said the physician, smiling again. "But there are many, many cases in my practice where, if tried, it would work wonders."

This is a true story.

The physician has died, but his prescription remains. It will do no one any harm to try it.

A DEAD-WEIGHT

I've been a dead-weight many years upon the Church's neck,
I've let others carry me, and always pay the check.

I've had my name upon the rolls for years and years gone by;
I've criticized and grumbled too, nothing could satisfy.

I came to Church just when I pleased and stayed away as well,
I've never felt tied down to work, not even for a spell.

My face looked like a death-mask there, expressionless as mud;
As a Christian Church Member, I surely was a dud!

I've been a dead-weight long enough upon the Church's back!
Beginning now, I'm going to take a wholly different track.

I'm going to pray and pay and work, and carry loads instead;
And not have others carry me, like people do the dead.

—SELECTED.

● Although there has been an increase in church contributions, since 1939, of approximately 33 per cent over gifts previous to the war, the national income has increased 140 per cent, expenditures for alcoholic beverages more than 100 per cent, and savings more than 1,078 per cent, after payment of all increased costs of living.—**Golden Rule Foundation.**

● "The veil of air that is so vital to the life of the human race is no deeper in proportion to the vast bulk of the earth than a coat of paint on the outside of a large building."
—Clarence H. Benson.

Thou must be true thyself,
If thou the truth wouldst teach;
Thy soul must overflow, if thou
Another's soul wouldst reach!
It needs the overflow of heart
To give the lips full speech.

Think truly, and thy thoughts
Shall the world's famine feed;
Speak truly and each word of thine,
Shall be a fruitful seed;
Live truly, and thy life shall be
A great and noble creed.

GOD'S EVERLASTING LOVE (John 3:16)

With everlasting love He loves thee, John 3:16
With mighty grace He saves thee, Eph. 2:8-9
With His own peace He quiets thee, Phil. 4:6-7
With Divine power He holds thee, 1 Pet. 1:5
With His salvation delivers thee, Gal. 1:4
With His Spirit COMFORTS thee, Jno. 14:16-18

With tender mercy He cheers thee, Jn. 15:33
With His living Word He guides thee, Psalm 19
With constant kindness considers thee, Isa. 54:8
With great compassion He envelops thee, Lam. 3:22-23
With His promises He surrounds thee, II Pet. 1:4
With His protection He shields thee, Psa. 121
With His purity He indwells thee, I Jn. 3:3
With His holiness He inspires thee, II Cor. 7:1

With clear guidance He leads thee, Psa. 32:8
With Fatherliness He trains thee, II Cor. 6:18
With "shield of faith" guards thee, Ps. 84:11
With everlasting life embraces thee, John 10:27-29
With hope continually He beckons thee, Col. 1:5
With promises daily, He assures thee, Heb. 4:1
With unfailing wisdom He helps thee, Col. 2:3

From enemies will e'er defend thee, Psa. 18:1-2
With peace abundant He satisfies thee, Rom. 5:1
With joy of the Spirit strengthens thee, Neh. 8:10
WITH EVERY GIFT OF GOD ENDOWS THEE! I Tim. 4:14, 6:17

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