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PRIESTHOOD OF CHRIST

By Elder M. L. Ivory.

The great and mighty God made an oath to His Son Jesus that after the order of Melchisedek He would be priest. Melchisedek was made a priest with an oath. We should notice, too, that this man was made both king and priest; he lived on this earth. While here he did that which was right. "King of Righteousness, then afterwards King of Peace." Heb. 7:2.

This oath which God made about His Son being priest was for us. Heb. 6:15-20. The hope that we have in Christ has entered within the veil with Him, or in other words Christ took upon Himself our human flesh and has carried it into the veil where He sits with His Father. But to be fully benefited by this we must indeed believe in Christ as our High Priest. So we are told to consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus the Righteous. Heb. 3:1.

Every priest offered sacrifices for sin, but the High Priest had an offering that the common priest could not offer. He made this offering or sacrifice once every year. Heb. 9:7. He did not make atonement for those who had not afflicted their souls or had not repented. Therefore, the sinner who has not repented and accepted Christ as his personal Saviour, cannot claim

Christ as his High Priest before the Father.

When a child of God is overcome by the enemy and commits sin, he may come boldly to the throne of grace, to our High Priest and plead to Him who is our Advocate. 1 John 2:1. It is the sin not unto death. 1 John 5:16. Christ was a Priest while here on earth. Heb. 8:4. He was a Saviour from sins, Math. 1:21; a Preacher, Luke 4:18-20; a Friend of sinners, a Redeemer, a Sacrifice for sins, etc. But when He went to His Father He sat on His throne and that, too, on His right hand, King of Righteousness for a while as was Melchisedek, but He did not stay on that throne. We see Him walking amid the seven golden candlesticks of Rev. 1:20. The priest being changed, there is of necessity a change of the law, (law of priesthood). Heb. 7:12. It has entered within the veil whether the forerunner is.

Under the Leviticus priesthood, the golden candlesticks were inside the sanctuary. Heb. 9:2. The priesthood being taken from the earth, no man can be priest here any more. The candlesticks gave light. So the church is the light of the world. Math. 5:14.

Christ's interest is here with us in this old sin-cursed earth. We cannot shine without Him. The seven candlesticks which thou sawest in my right hand, said He, "is the seven churches." Rev. 1:20.

There is great danger now for the church on account of her being drunk with pride and self-complacency, "Rich and increased in goods and have need for nothing, she boasts." Rev. 3:17.

I say let us be fair with ourselves while our Great High Priest is yet in the sanctuary. Take heed to the warning given in Rev. 3:18.

The world will be convinced, not by what the pulpit teaches, but by what the church lives. The minister in the desk announces the theory of the gospel; the practical piety of the church demonstrates its power.

"I was envious at the foolish, . . . until I went into the sanctuary of God."

EASILY GIVEN

It was only a sunny smile,
And little it cost in the giving,
But it scattered the night
Like morning light
And made the day worth living.
Through life's dull warp and
woof it wove
In shining colors of light and
love,
And the angels smiled as they
watched above,
Yet little it cost in giving.

It was only a kindly word,
And a word that was lightly
spoken,
Yet not in vain,
For it stilled the pain
Of a heart that was nearly
broken.
It strengthened a fate beset by
fears
And groping blindly through
mists of tears
For light to brighten the coming
years,
Although it was lightly
spoken.

It was only a helping hand,
And it seemed of little avail-
ing.
But its clasps were warm,
And it saved from harm
A brother whose strength was
falling.
Its touch was tender as angels'
wings,
But it rolled the stone from the
hidden spring
And pointed the way to higher
things,
Though it seemed of little
availing.

A smile, a word, or a touch.
And each is easily given.
Yet one may win.
A soul from sin,
Or smooth the way to heaven.
A smile may lighten the failing
heart,
A word may soften pain's keen-
est smart,
A touch may lead us from sin
apart—
How easily each is given!
—Selected.

The men and women who are lifting the world are those who encourage more than criticize.

To ease another's heartache,
I sto forget one's own.

THE FALL OF SATAN

Satan was once an honored angel in heaven, next to Christ. His countenance, like those of the other angels, was mild and expressive of happiness. His forehead was high and broad, showing great intelligence. His form was perfect; his bearing noble and majestic. But when God said to His Son, "Let us make man in our image," Satan was jealous of Jesus. He wished to be consulted concerning the formation of man, and because he was not, he was filled with envy, jealousy, and hatred. He desired to receive the highest honors in heaven next to God.

Until this time all heaven had been in order, harmony, and perfect subjection to the government of God. It was the highest sin to rebel against His order and will. All heaven seemed in commotion. The angels were marshaled in companies, each division with a higher commanding angel at their head. Satan, ambitious to exalt himself, and unwilling to submit to the authority of Jesus, was insinuating against the government of God. Some of the angels sympathized with Satan in his rebellion, and others strongly contended for the honor and wisdom of God in giving authority to His Son. There was contention among the angels. Satan and his sympathizers were striving to reform the government of God. They wished to look into His unsearchable wisdom, and His purpose in exalting Jesus and endowing Him with such unlimited power and command. They rebelled against the authority of the Son. All the heavenly host were summoned to appear before the Father to have each case decided. It was there determined that Satan should be expelled from heaven, with all the angels who had joined him in the rebellion. Then there was war in heaven. Angels were engaged in the battle; Satan wished to conquer the Son of God, and those who were submissive to His will. But the good and true angels prevailed, and Satan, with his followers, was driven from heaven.

After Satan and those who fell with him were shut out of heaven, and he realized that he

had forever lost all its purity and glory, he repented, and wished to be reinstated in heaven. He was willing to take his proper place, or any position that might be assigned him. But no; heaven must not be placed in jeopardy. All heaven might be marred should he be taken back; for sin originated with him, and the seeds of rebellion were within him. Both he and his followers wept, and implored to be taken back into the favor of God. But their sin,—their hatred, their envy and jealousy,—had been so great that God could not blot it out. It must remain to receive its final punishment.

When Satan became fully conscious that there was no possibility of his being brought again into favor with God, his malice and hatred began to be manifest. He consulted with his angels, and a plan was laid to still work against God's government. When Adam and Eve were placed in the beautiful garden, Satan was laying plans to destroy them. In no way could this happy couple be deprived of their happiness if they obeyed God. Satan could not exercise his power upon them unless they should first disobey God, and forfeit His favor. Some plan must therefore be devised to lead them to disobedience that they might incur God's frown, and be brought under the more direct influence of Satan and his angels. It was decided that Satan should assume another form, and manifest an interest for man. He must insinuate against God's truthfulness, and create doubt whether God meant just what He said; next, he must excite their curiosity, and lead them to pry into the unsearchable plans of God,—the very sin of which Satan had been guilty,—and reason as to the cause of His restrictions in regard to the tree of knowledge.

AN ANSWER

A correspondent asks, "Do not the fourth and fifth chapters of Revelation describe the investigative judgment the same as spoken in Dan. 7:9, 10?" We think not. First, it will be noticed in Rev. 4:1, that John was taken up into heaven and he entered through an open door. Sec-

ond, in that first apartment of the open door he saw a throne and before that throne "were seven lamps of fire burning." Verse 5. These seven lamps were never in the most holy place.

Third, he saw "in the midst of the throne and round about the throne four beasts full of eyes before and behind." And these beasts "gave glory and honor and thanks to Him that sat on the throne, who liveth forever and ever." Rev. 4:8-11. These four beasts are those that had been slain and redeemed to God by Christ's blood, out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation, and had been made kings and priests. Rev. 5:8-10. They also had harps and golden vials full of incense which are the prayers of the saints.

Fourth, the high priest entered the most holy place "alone once every year not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the errors of the people." Heb. 9:7. These saints which are now in heaven were ministering with Christ in the outer apartment where there were seven lamps; for no person was ever with Christ in the most holy place. The covenant originally was formed between God and Christ, before the world was created, and this covenant embraced a world peopled with a race of holy beings and perfect in every particular, with animals such as God created when He formed this earth. Christ then and there became surety for the accomplishment of this purpose of God even though it should be necessary for Him to come to this earth and die for a lost race. This He did do, and when He goes into the most holy place to remove the last sin from before the law and brings it out and lays it upon the head of the scapegoat, He finishes this work and has made atonement for the people of God. This closing work He does alone. These are some of the reasons why the fourth and fifth chapters of Revelations are not the scene of the investigative judgment.

An avocation is the side calling which runs parallel to the main calling, as a delightful country land runs parallel to the beaten country highway.

VISIT AND WORK IN BRUNSWICK, GA.

Elder M. L. Ivory.

According to appointment, I left Savannah in company with Bro. E. E. Gibbons and our Bible worker, Sis. A. B. Brown, on Monday, September 4th, for Brunswick, Ga., by highway.

On arriving, our first stop was at the home of Sis. Emma McKinzie, who was somewhat indisposed. After prayer and words of comfort and encouragement for her, we passed on to the home of our well beloved Bro. W. M. Trapp, where we made our headquarters. It may be remembered that Bro. Trapp is the brother that has the "bulldog" hold on the word, the Third Angel's Message; and indeed he has it.

Mrs. Trapp in her kind loving way made the home like a little Garden of Eden for us during our stay in the city. Even like a watered garden that lacks nothing.

We began our series of meetings on Monday night, but on account of the severe storm Tuesday we were hindered somewhat, starting again Wednesday night we continued the rest of the week with good interest. The church business meeting was held Thursday evening, and I am glad to tell you that this meeting turned into a spiritual feast; the good Lord sent His Holy Spirit upon us with such rich currents that we finished our business in the shower. It was indeed good to be present, our hearts were filled with gladness.

The Lord's Supper and Ordinance of the Lord's House was celebrated, which was a marked spiritual feast also.

Sister Minnie Clarence, our Home Missionary leader, is doing a splendid work. She is earnest and persevering in her endeavors, which gives character to the cause. Miss Lilla R. Porter, who is a very talented and Christian young lady, rendered us real excellent service at the piano for which we appreciated.

Leaving Brunswick, our next stop was at Dorchester, Ga. Here we visited the home of Bro. and Sis. Gibbons. And I am glad to say that we found this family strong in the faith and very courageous and praising and

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thanking God for the three loving little children He has blessed them with. Bro. Gibbons is a progressive farmer, his wife a school teacher, and they are doing a very successful work in that district. Let us pray for them.

We next took our leave for headquarters at Savannah, and found all the brethren well and full of enthusiasm and a mind to work. Therefore, we pray God's preserving and keeping power for those who are stationed at headquarters.

On September 21st I left Savannah by way of the Greyhound bus line, for Chicago, Ill. Here I spent some time looking after the work in that field. I am glad to state that the work is progressing nicely. Several have been added to the church in Chicago. We thank our God for the results of our effort put forth in that city. May God continue to crown them with success.

BRUNSWICK CHURCH IN SAVANNAH

On the 27th of October the Savannah Church enjoyed another real treat. The Brunswick Church visited with us and we were very glad to have these brothers and sisters worship with us Sabbath and Sunday, the 27th, 28th and 29th. We are always glad to have our churches and companies visit us at all times. It encourages us to see the interest they manifest in the work.

Our brethren left October 30th for their homes with hearts uplifted, and full of courage, full

of zeal and a new determination to press the work to its finish. We pray for them a safe journey and God's speed in their plans for the work.

TESTIMONIALS

I have found the Banner to be very interesting to me. God bless the word.

MRS. MARIE RELIFORT,
1736 N. 6th St.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

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I have been a subscriber for the Banner over a period of about ten months, and enjoy reading it very much, and I think that there is no other paper that's being published by our group that can compete with it.

I wish you a prosperous year in the service of the Lord.

MISS LILLIAN NORMAN,
822 W. Sommers St.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

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Dear Bro. and Sis.: I have been a reader of the Banner since July 6th, 1929, and I find it to be one of the most wonderful and cleanest papers I have ever read. I like to read it because it is spiritual, enlightening; it's a Bible teacher, brings peace to the soul, happiness to mind, rest to every believing soul and best of all, every word is truth. May God bless the Banner to ever live.

MRS. MYRTLE KIRBY,
932 W. Vliet St.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

He who has conferred a kindness should be silent; he who has received one, should speak of it.

REMINDERS

The German watchmen have a very pretty song, a verse of which they sing at every hour of the night, as that hour reminds them of some Scriptural truth or fact. The first lines are:

"Hark, ye neighbors, and hear me tell,
One now strikes from the belfry bell."

By the different hours you may thus be reminded of Scriptural incidents:

Of what way of access to God might one remind you? 1 Tim. 2:5.

What one event will happen to us all? Eccl. 9:2, 3.

Of what choice would two remind you? Josh. 24:15; Deut. 30:19.

Of what covenants? Heb. 8: 6-13.

Of what incident in Peter's life would three remind you? Acts 10:19.

Of what in the life of Jonah? Jonah 1:17; Math. 12:40.

Of what meeting on the plain of Tabor? 1 Sam. 10:3.

Of what visit to one of the patriarchs? Gen. 18:1, 2.

Of what exploit of three mighty men? 1 Chron. 11:16-19.

Of what fiery trial? Dan. 3: 24.

Of what house of entertainment near Rome? Acts 28:15.

Of what period in the early history of Moses? Ex. 2:2.

Of what incident in the life of Daniel? Dan. 6:10-13.

Of what vision beheld by one of the apostles? Acts 11:12.

Of what choice offered to David? 1 Chron. 21:10-12.

Of what wolk of Isaiah? Isa. 20:2, 3.

Of what vision of Daniel would four remind you? Dan. 7:2, 3.

Of what vision of Ezekiel? Eze. 1:4-6. Of what lepers? 2 Kings 7:3-10.

CHRIST IS
WILLING AND ABLE

That was an eventful day on the western shores of Galilee over two thousand years ago; for it was the day Jesus came down from the mountain after delivering His memorable sermon, and the multitudes were waiting for the great Healer. The first to meet Him was the leper who said, "Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." That was the day the centurion of Capernaum asked healing for his servant, at whose faith Jesus marveled, saying, "I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel." That day Jesus went to the house of Peter to eat a simple meal and take a few moments of quiet from the ever increasing throng. But finding Peter's wife's mother laid, and sick with a fever, forgot His own needs and by His healing touch the fever left her and she arose and ministered unto them.

After casting out evil spirits and healing all that were sick, Jesus, seeing the great multitudes about Him, entered into a ship with His disciples and departed for the other side. He now left those trusty seamen in charge and sought a place to rest; finding a pillow in the hinder part of the ship, He rested His head upon it and was soon rocked into peaceful slumber. As the disciples watched the sails and guided the ship, they talked of the events of the day and conjectured of what awaited them on the morrow when suddenly a cloud of inky blackness swept down upon them.

Before skilled hands could lower the sails the tempest struck the boat and in spite of their efforts, it was soon filled with water. But it was not until they had exhausted their own strength and ability and their lives were in jeopardy, that they remembered the presence of One in the boat whose saving power they had evidenced in their own lives, and seen in the lives of others, that they hastened to look for Him, and awoke Him, saying: "Lord, save us; we perish." The cry for help was no sooner made than Jesus rose and rebuked the wind, and a great calm followed. How many of us sailing life's tempestuous sea are trying in our own strength

to keep our frail bark from being engulfed by waves of temptation, trial, suffering and sorrow, until our hearts grow faint and the billows have well nigh gone over our heads, forgetting that Jesus embarked with us and is near enough to hear the faintest cry for help, and He will rebuke the tempest and give peace.

"The best prescription for life in the hereafter is to live now; the best prescription for good work tomorrow is to do good work today."

We are put into this world to make it better, and we must be about our business.

Great occasions do not make heroes or cowards; they simply unveil them to the eyes of men. Silently and imperceptibly, as we wake or sleep and wax strong, we grow and wax weak; and at last some crisis shows us what we have become.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Due to the financial depression and lack of funds, we will be compelled to reduce the size of the Banner. We regret to resort to this, but the only way same can be averted is, if every member of the denomination does his part in selling a definite number of copies each month, and put forth energetic effort to take subscriptions and report for them regularly. If this is done, the financial deficit that is now looming over this part of the work will be ameliorated.

MRS. L. L. JOHNSON,
Secretary.

"Satan is an accuser of the brethren, and it is his spirit which inspires men to watch for the errors and defects of the Lord's people, and to hold them up to notice, while their good deeds are passed by without a mention."

"Those who perished in the waters of the flood had an opportunity to escape. All were urged to find refuge in the ark; but the multitudes refused to heed the warning."

"De thunder's always growlin'
Got one mo' cloud ter climb!"
De lightnin' don' say nuttin',
But he git dar eve'y time!"

"So lissen now, believers,
En hear dis sayin' true;
De less you talks about it,
De mo' you gwine ter do!"

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Our Program Is:

1st—A deeper consecration to do service in the vineyard of the Lord.

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3rd—As a race, maintain self-respect, and do as Our Lord has said, "Occupy until I come."

4th—To establish among Negro Seventh-Day Adventists, Negro Conferences with Negro officers—Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Bookkeepers.

5th—To establish schools for the training of our children and for workers in our organization.

6th—To establish a publishing house in which we may furnish employment to Negro Men, Women, Boys and Girls, as we strive to preach the truth of the Third Angel's Message through the printed page.

An invitation is extended to all "INTELLIGENT" Negro Seventh-Day Adventists, those, with a vision, with moral courage, with backbone, those who are strong in the knees, in short, just common self-respect, who have the love of God in the heart, to join with us and help to put this program over the TOP, for over the TOP it must GO.

"Of a truth, I perceive that God is no respecter of persons." Acts 10:34. Therefore, we are determined to, "Stand fast . . . in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us Free." Gal. 5:1.