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## The Day of God at Toronto

ALL who are familiar with God's Word know that His method is to begin quietly, to begin darkly, to apparently suffer defeat, and yet in the end to win a glorious unmatched triumph. "The evening and the morning were the first day," and that has been true of every one of His days. A dark beginning, a triumphant ending.

All can see how true this principle is in its application to the seventh day of earth's creation. It began with the fall of humanity into sin and death. It ends with the complete recovery of humanity, their lifting up to perfection and everlasting life, as many as will. A dark beginning, a bright and glorious ending. How like our God!

So steadfast is this principle that God caused it to be pictured in every day of the lives of His typical people, Israel. The new day began the instant that the sun sank below the western horizon. For some hours it grew darker; but the new day was on the way, and eventually it came, and ended in a blaze of glory filling the whole heavens.

The International Bible Students have been holding a convention in Toronto, Canada. The date was July 18th-25th, 1927. It was the most glorious, the most awe-inspiring, of all Bible Students conventions since that day in the upper room at Jerusalem when the holy spirit was poured out upon the waiting conventioners; and, like that first one, it all centered about an act of God, an act that had a dark beginning, but the most wonderful ending imaginable.

We have to pass by the convention itself, for a time, while we consider that act. It had its beginning months before, yes, even years before, when well-meaning but inexperienced engineers undertook to perform work which they were not competent to handle, and thus delayed the installation and operation of WBBR just at a time

when every moment counted. The Lord's hand may now be seen in what was at that time a considerable trial to Judge Rutherford and his friends, who were anxious that the message of the truth should go out over the air.

Eventually the best of equipment was installed, but not before the wave length originally allocated by the Department of Commerce had become jeopardized, and when the station opened it was obliged to use a lesser wave and then for a time was assigned to 416.4 meter wave.

The dark day began back there in the days of preliminary equipment; it grew darker when a Radio Commission was delegated which its critics claim is composed in part at least of men who ought not to be serving on the Commission because of business connections; and it grew darker still when notice was served on WBBR that it must reduce its wave length from 416.4 to 256.3 meters.

### *The Hearing at Washington*

THE darkest hour of the day might be said to have come when Judge Rutherford and some of his colleagues, Major J. P. Holmes of San Antonio, Lieutenant Eugene D. Orrell of Wilmington, N. C., Captain G. Y. McCormick of Hollis, L. I., and a staff of radio experts and secretaries went to Washington to present their just claims to a higher wave length.

What happened at that hearing makes a thrilling story in itself, and we hope in due time to get it at some length for use in *The Golden Age*, but at this writing all who were there are too busily engaged with other important matters to provide the materials for the story, and we have room at this time for only a condensed statement.

Realizing that a giant corporation, the National Broadcasting Company, practically con-

trolled the air for broadcasting purposes, and that it had been for four years sending out the programs of the Federal Council of Churches, and that the Radio Commission was sure to be biased toward both of these institutions and therefore indifferent or unfriendly to the work in which the Bible Students are engaged, Judge Rutherford warned his colleagues that they should merely undertake to be the Lord's witnesses and to leave the result with Jehovah God.

Accordingly, Judge Rutherford pointed out these facts to the Commission itself, laid before them fifteen thousand letters and affidavits from some of the best citizens of the land, including men high in every reputable walk of life, who testified that WBBR furnishes the best, most uplifting programs of any station now on the air, notified them that the radio waves are the property of Jehovah God Himself, and not merely of the United States Navy or the National Broadcasting Company, and warned them not to interfere with the divine purpose to use the radio at this time in broadcasting the truth, as God would require it at their hand.

An interesting incident of the hearing was when Judge Rutherford drew from one "Doctor" who was at the hearing, in the interests of the Federal Council of Churches, that he had no right to the title, did not know which of the 603 ministers that have preached over the radio network were modernists and which were fundamentalists, and could not of his own knowledge testify that he ever heard one of them attempt to give an exposition of the Bible as to what it teaches concerning the creation, the fall, the redemption and the restoration of man. Although it was self-evident that the ministers were vitally interested in this hearing, this Doctor, who is really a layman, was their only representative at Washington.

#### *Judge Rutherford's Closing Argument*

**F**ROM his twenty-page argument in summing up before the Commission we present a few paragraphs which we know will be of great interest to our readers:

"When WBBR began to operate we were tenth in the list of those licenses. Today, after being on the air for three and one-half years, we are twenty-fifth in the list of those allocated wave lengths of advantage. I want to call attention here to this, which is of far more public

interest than merely one case that is being heard by the Commission. There has been a growing tendency in this country for a long while to concentrate all the power in the hands of a few. I am not alone in that thought by any means; many public men have so stated, and all of us know that that is true.

"Special interests have been diligent in having laws enacted for their special and selfish benefit in this land. They have not always succeeded in this, however. The difficulty is not so often with the law but in the interpretation and administering of that law. For some time there has been a concentration of money power in this land to control every business and every public interest. The predatory wealth controls the banks, the public press and the transportation systems; and now it is reaching its octopus arms out to control the air. It says to the people in effect: 'We will take the air and do with it what we please. We will make all the money out of it we can and then give you what we do not want.'

"Above all, the air belongs to Jehovah God, and the use of it by the radio also belongs to Him. He has provided it for the people that they might know His name and plan. He has brought it to light just at this time for the purpose of having the message of His kingdom told to the people. He will have it done regardless of any opposition.

"The invisible power which has influenced, controlled and oppressed the nations and peoples of earth for centuries is Satan the Devil, your enemy and mine. There is no reason why men should fight about their interests. We are all human beings. We all spring from one common source. We are all made of one common blood. There is no reason why men should fight. But our enemy the Devil, who is the opponent of God and the opponent of righteousness, has injected into the minds of men that which causes them to fight each other; and the time has come for the people to know the truth. He is the enemy of God and the enemy of man.

"The people generally are ignorant of this fact. That ignorance is due, to some degree at least, to the selfishness of men who desire the plaudits of men and not the approval of God; and the most responsible man today for this and for the ignorance of the American people is the clergyman. Not one of them would get

upon this platform. I would like to have examined one of them today before this Commission to prove that ninety percent of the clergymen who stand before the people and pretend to preach the Bible do not believe a word of it. They are destroying the faith of the young men and the old men, and driving the whole nation into infidelity. And that is my only reason for wanting to get this message to the people. I am not trying to get joiners or to get money. It is purely educational and to get the people back to that which they had when this nation was first established."

### *The Hand of God Revealed June 15th*

**P**RESIDENT Merlin Hall Aylesworth, of the National Broadcasting Company (the son of a minister, by the way) was personally interested and concerned in this remarkable case. The following colloquy, while President Aylesworth was on the stand and Judge Rutherford was questioning him, led to an unmistakable revelation of the hand of God:

"A. We try to supply everything in the amount of time available.

"Q. In the time available?

"A. Yes, sir.

"Q. But you select the things you supply?

"A. Yes, sir.

"Q. And you do select what you think will supply the public demand of the people?

"A. We hope so.

"Q. Now, if you were convinced that the great Creator of the Universe, Jehovah God, had a message to deliver to the people of America, you would be just as anxious to deliver that message?

"A. Yes; just as I do want to let the people get yours.

"Q. Then I will ask you direct, Is it possible to arrange an hour in the very near future?

"A. Any time you want.

"Q. Then I ask you to make it definite for July 24th.

"A. So far as I know that is fine. I haven't a program with me. How about that, Mr. McClelland?

"Mr. McClelland: I think that is all right.

"The Witness: However, we will try to arrange it for that time, even if we have a program on."

By Judge Rutherford:

"Q. We will try that. I have an engagement to deliver a message at that time.

"A. I am glad to do it. I am very serious about it.

"Q. Very fine. Would you indicate at this time what would be the cost to our association?

"A. There will be no cost to you, sir."

### *The Hand of the Devil also Shown*

**W**E GIVE the above word-for-word report of the colloquy between President Aylesworth and Judge Rutherford, as taken from the official report of the hearing, made on the spot by the firm of Hart, Dice and Carlson, shorthand reporters, 416 Fifth St., N. W., Washington, D. C., so that all honest persons may compare it with the report as given in the *New York World* of Wednesday, July 20th, and widely telegraphed all over the country. This will help some simple-minded but honest souls to see the real value of the press in this year of our Lord 1927:

"An angry dare and its hasty acceptance at a hearing before the Federal Radio Commission a month ago has resulted in supplanting the regular Sunday afternoon interdenominational service of The Greater New York Federation of Churches, which was to be broadcast from WEAJ next Sunday, with an address by Joseph F. Rutherford, long anathema to conservative clergymen."

(Then follows a two-paragraph squawk on behalf of the church federation and four more paragraphs of drivel about the work of Judge Rutherford, and then the following:)

"I dare you to let me speak from your station," shouted Rutherford.

"You may speak, sir, for one hour on any day and at any hour you may select," responded Aylesworth angrily.

"All right," said Rutherford quickly, "I choose 3 P. M. Sunday, July 24th, next."

"That will be arranged," said Aylesworth.

(Then another one-paragraph squawk about the Federation of Churches and the following:)

"Recently Mr. Aylesworth learned that Mr. Rutherford, forgetting or intending to decline the opportunity furnished him, had agreed to attend the convention of the association of which he is president in Toronto, Canada. It became Mr. Aylesworth's turn to show the evangelist his bluff could not be called."

(Then another paragraph which admitted that the projected hook-up would be the biggest in radio history, with a lie tacked on to it reading "with the exception only of a few events of national interest and importance", and a concluding squawk on behalf of the orthodox churches.)

It took the New-York *World* a full month to garble the interesting news from Washington and get it into its columns in such a form that not a person who was at the hearing could recognize it in any manner whatever.

Newspapers in general came to the assistance of their ignoble allies, among them the New York *Times*, also the Toronto newspapers. The latter had already decided not to give the Bible Students a line of publicity of any nature except for the outrageous price of 41¢ per line. Therefore the Bible Students issued their own newspapers, a *Souvenir of the Convention* and four issues of *The Messenger*, and were as independent of the Toronto papers as if the latter had been published in Timbuctoo.

### A Foregleam of the Coming Victory

FROM the issue of *The Messenger* for Friday, July 22nd, we quote:

"Never before in the history of the human family has any one man talked to as many people as Judge Rutherford will address this coming Sunday afternoon in the Coliseum.

"The National Broadcasting Company has made an unparalleled hook-up covering every important station from Maine to California, and from the Arctic Circle to the Caribbean Sea. The lecture will be rebroadcast in Britain.

"For a week past the newspapers of the world have been groping for news. Their columns have been as barren of food for the mind as if issued by the bushmen of Australia.

"Here is news of the first magnitude. This hook-up, from the viewpoint of the Bible, and from the scientific point of view, is the only real news in the world at this time.

"But the papers are as dead as the mummy of Rameses II, embalmed in Egypt four thousand years ago. Tutankhamen is their editor and Pharaoh Necho their pressman.

"Whence all this silence in the newspaper offices? Is it because they do not know? It is not. They know it all too well. That is why they are sad and why we laugh.

"They want it understood that they stand by the preachers. They do indeed. They stand by them and cease not their wailing, the while all men hold their noses.

"They know not that the common people are aware that the preachers, as such, have ceased to exist. They know not that hypocrisy is now a laughingstock and ecclesiasticism gathers green mold.

"They smell not; else it would be apparent to them that the reign of the clergy bath ended these many years back, and quick interment in this hot weather is much in order.

"They hear not; else they would hear the undertaker rumbling toward them with the dead wagon and the eager footsteps of all humanity longing to be the pall-bearers of the fraud.

"They feel not; else they would feel the clammy hand which is clutched in theirs, and the cold sweat which slowly exudes from the body of what was once harlotry enthroned.

"They see not; else they would know that when the face is black and pennies from the collection box hold down the eyelids there is nothing left but the funeral oration.

"Why do the Bible Students laugh in this hour of newspaper sadness? It is because they see the Devil caught with the goods: Hypocrisy, deception, fraud, meanness, littleness.

"When they see the adjoining column from the New York *Times* it will be with difficulty that some of them will keep from rolling on the ground. Unalloyed joy will be theirs.

"The roar of laughter at the grounds of the Canadian National Exhibition will sound like the waters falling over Niagara. The Bible Students see what has happened.

"It was a brilliant idea when the Devil adopted the clergy as his children, and another brilliant one when he took over the press to boost them and pat them on the back.

"It was a brilliant idea when he got the clergy to father and mother his own lie that nobody ever dies and that his kingdom is Christ's kingdom. Brilliant once. Not now.

"But when the Lord brought forth the truth about His plan and His kingdom, and when He brought forth His radio to enter within all walls, it was a bad day for all highwaymen.

"The accompanying *Times* article tells us sadly that for four years the preachers have been using the National Broadcasting Circuit, and

that nobody is interested. Everybody yawns.

"The *Times* goes on to tell us that Judge Rutherford laid the hypocrisy of the preachers wide open at the hearing in Washington and that now, in all sadness, they admit they knew it.

"All the reporters in Washington were at that hearing and knew the great facts and laid them before their papers, but Tutankhamen still held the dead hand of Rameses II.

"Did the *Times* render a public service by immediately coming out in the open and letting the people know of that great event in Washington? Not so that you could notice it.

"But because they know that Judge Rutherford had given the funeral oration over ecclesiasticism they tried to kid themselves into thinking the corpse was still alive.

"In the past the preachers have done all the dirty work for big business and for crooked politicians, but their work is done. The gravediggers are throwing out the last gravel even now.

"And then the *Times* does a wonderful thing. It did not mean to do it. It could not help it. It gave all its powers to advertising Judge Rutherford.

"Previously, when he spoke in New York to a great concourse of people at the New Madison Square Garden, the *Times*, at the behest of the preachers, gave him not a line of publicity.

"Judge Rutherford was willing to pay for advertising; but they would not accept his money, because the preachers did not want the meeting advertised. But it was, anyway.

"The Bible Students got on the job and in two days put a million and a quarter dodgers out in New York City, telling the people all about it. And the people laughed.

"And now the *Times* comes out and tells us that the preachers are dead; that Judge Rutherford has taken their place, and invites everybody to listen in. And they will.

"Let us admit that the newspapers are no longer necessary. Every great newspaper strike has shown that. London showed it. New York showed it. Chicago showed it.

"But as a last gasp the squawk from the *Times* is a good thing. It does tell the day and the hour when the people can hear Judge Rutherford. And all are glad.

"All are glad. Yes, all the people. The preach-

ers, the press and the politicians have done their dirty work and are about all done. The Lord is now on the job.

"And on Sunday afternoon Judge Rutherford will tell all about it. He will make it all clear why the papers of Toronto have kept still about the only news they had."

### *The Victory Itself, God's Victory*

THOUGH the National Broadcasting Company was the instrument, Jehovah God Himself and His great General, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, alone are entitled to the credit for the victory which followed. In the first place it rained very hard all day Saturday, the day before the great message was to be given. This cleared all the static out of the air, and the Judge's voice was as clear to approximately twenty-five million people as if he had been in the same room.

The Broadcasting Company preceded and followed the lecture by an excellent musical program sent out from New York City. The dean of announcers, Graham Mc Namee, came on from New York to herald the great event; and after a brief introduction by Robert J. Martin, editor in chief of *The Messenger*, the Judge began his masterly and courageous address.

Interrupted from time to time by applause from the vast throng (11,000 people) which overcrowded the Coliseum, he begged them to remain silent while he talked to the far greater audience which was unseen, the greatest audience ever addressed by man. We cover this point by quoting again from *The Messenger*, of Monday, July 25th, the closing day of the convention. Under the title "Judge Rutherford Addressing the Whole World. The First Time in History That Any Lecturer Has Ever Talked to All Parts of the Earth", *The Messenger* said:

"One of the greatest events of the age has passed into history. Judge Rutherford's address, at Toronto, marked the end of the old way and the coming in of the new.

"Ten years ago the Bible Students anticipated that by the end of 1925 the gospel would be broadcast from some one station to all the rest of the world. They did not miss it by very much.

"Ten weeks ago there were no signs that Judge Rutherford would have the whole world listening to him from the Coliseum platform, on July 24th. But events move rapidly now.



"Nothing could more plainly demonstrate the hand of God than the wonderful way in which this seemingly impossible thing was brought about. All things are easy for God.

"It is less than six weeks ago that Judge Rutherford and his colleagues were at Washington, setting forth to the Radio Commission their just rights to a high wave length.

"Reasons were given why WBBR, Judge Rutherford's station on Staten Island, should have part of the time of WJZ. It seemed like a hopeless mission, but God saw otherwise.

"WJZ is on the National Broadcasting Company's circuit. Its president was at the meeting. Naturally he wanted to return all his time, but Judge Rutherford insisted on it.

"President Melvin Bell of the National Broadcasting Company, declared that Judge Rutherford should make use of his circuit; and a date was fixed, July 24th, yesterday.

"So it came about that when Judge Rutherford stepped out on the platform yesterday he stepped out to speak from all the stations which go to make up the National Broadcasting circuit, in addition to his own chain of stations.

"These include many of the most important stations in the United States, and with them the Red, Blue, and Pacific networks, as they are called, reaching clear across the continent.

"But he spoke from more than these, because many other of the most prominent broadcasting studios, including several in Canada, concluded also to send out the lecture.

"So it came to pass that Judge Rutherford, standing in Toronto, talked from a line of stations reaching from Toronto, through Saskatoon and Edmonton to Vancouver on the Pacific coast.

"Standing in Toronto he was broadcasting simultaneously from Boston, Worcester, Springfield, Hartford, Providence, and other stations all over New England.

"Standing in Toronto his voice went out from the greatest studios in New York, Schenectady, Buffalo, Rochester, Washington, Pittsburgh and other stations in the Middle Atlantic states.

"Though here in Canada, he broadcast from Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago, Minneapolis, Davenport, Batavia, Louisville, and many other stations in the Middle Western states.

"Without leaving the Coliseum his voice rang out from stations in Charlotte, Memphis, Nash-

ville, Jacksonville, Dallas, and from stations in many other cities all over the Southern states.

"Though his voice went into but one microphone here yet it entered other microphones with equal power in Des Moines, Omaha, Denver, San Antonio, Oakland and Spokane.

"Originally cast from Toronto, Judge Rutherford's voice went on and on until it was amplified millions of times and was re-broadcast from the great studios in England and Australia.

"The vast audience at Toronto was as nothing. When the great Coliseum was filled an hour ahead of time and thousands were turned away; but all could hear, in or out.

"All over the world the scene in Toronto was duplicated. Large families and their friends and the people of great cities, halls, auditoriums and public squares, catching every word.

"How many millions heard Judge Rutherford's wonderful discourse Sunday afternoon there will never be any way of finding out, while we are on this side of the veil.

"But there will be many more millions that will see it; for though it appears not in *The Messenger* it will surely appear in those auxiliary publications of *The Messenger: The Watch Tower* and *The Golden Age*!

"As the Toronto meeting broke up, 595 workers, stationed at vantage points within the Coliseum and Transportation Buildings (where loud speakers were installed), offered dollar combinations to thousands who wished to join the thirty million readers of the Judge's great books.

"In our mind's eye we see that scene duplicated a thousandfold. The great work of popularizing the truth has really begun. Can it be that the Millennial Morning is here?"

It should be added that when the Judge had ceased speaking the entire audience arose to their feet and with an "Aye" that was heard around the world adopted the resolution which follows.

We now give the resolution and the address in full:

The speaker said: Mr. Chairman, my audience seen and unseen: What I shall say here is in the interest of the common peoples of earth, and especially in behalf of those of Christendom. First, I offer the following resolution and then I shall speak in support of that resolution. The resolution reads as follows:



## RESOLUTION

[Judge Rutherford's address in support of this Resolution will be found in full on pages 788-791.]

### TO THE PEOPLES OF CHRISTENDOM:

The International Bible Students in general convention assembled send greetings:

As Christians and witnesses to the name of Jehovah God we deem it our privilege and duty to call your attention to the following vital facts:

**FIRST.** That God made of one blood all peoples and nations of men to dwell on the earth, and granted to all peoples equal rights. There is therefore no just cause or excuse for one nation to make war against another nation.

**SECOND.** That the foremost nations of the earth claim to be Christian nations and, taken collectively, they constitute "Christendom" or "organized Christianity", so-called; that the men chiefly responsible for the claim that these are Christian nations are the clergymen of the various denominations, who call themselves by the name of Christ but who in fact have denied him; that their purpose of claiming that these nations are Christian is to induce the peoples to believe that said nations, although military and cruel, are the representatives of God and his Christ on earth; that such claim is fraudulent and false and has turned the minds of millions of honest people away from the true God and from his Christ; that the invisible ruler of the nations of "Christendom" or "organized Christianity", so-called, is Satan the Devil, who has fathered the scheme of forming "organized Christianity" to deceive the people and to keep them in subjection to himself and his agencies.

That the masses of the peoples of the nations are entitled to self-government exercised by the people for the general welfare of all; but instead of enjoying such rights a small minority rules; that the money power of the world has been concentrated into the hands of a few men called high financiers, and these in turn have corrupted the men who make and execute the laws of the nations, and the faithless clergy have voluntarily joined forces with the high financiers and professional politicians, and that said unholy alliance constitutes the governing powers that rule the peoples; that the masses of the peoples acting under a misapprehension of the true facts have borne up, carried, supported and maintained organized Christianity; and that without the support of the common people the unholy alliance constituting organized Christianity could not long exist.

**THIRD.** That for centuries the privileges enjoyed by men have been wholly unequal and unfair. The multitudes have produced the wealth of the world, but have been unjustly deprived of the fruits of their labors. That the leaders of Christendom instead of teaching the children of men the doctrines of Christ, whom they claim to follow, teach them to murder their fellow creatures; and that now the rulers are amalgamating the common people with the military, in order to make all the peoples a part of and subject to their great war machine; that by unjust laws the common people, contrary to their own wishes, have been compelled to go to war against each other, resulting in great sorrow and suffering, multitudes of broken hearts and millions of untimely graves; that "organized Christianity" has turned a deaf ear to the petitions and entreaties of the people for relief, and now the cries of the oppressed people have entered into the ears of Jehovah God, and his time is at hand to give the peoples deliverance and freedom.

**FOURTH.** That Jehovah is the only true God, the friend and benefactor of the peoples. He has now set his beloved Son Christ Jesus upon his throne, and bids all the peoples of earth to hear and to obey him who is earth's rightful King.

**FIFTH.** That the kings and rulers of the earth, to wit: those constituting the said unholy alliance have been duly notified that God has set his King upon his throne and that his kingdom is at hand; but they refuse to understand or to take heed, and they walk on in darkness. Therefore God has decreed and declared that there shall come upon the world a time of tribulation such as never was known; and that during that trouble "Christendom" or "organized Christianity", so-called, and all of Satan's organization shall be destroyed; and that Christ Jesus, the righteous King, will assume complete authority and control and will bless the peoples of the earth.

**SIXTH.** That it must be now apparent to all thoughtful peoples that relief, comfort and blessings so much desired by them can never come from the unrighteous system of "Christendom" or "organized Christianity", and that there is no reason to give further support to that hypocritical and oppressive system. In this hour of perplexity Jehovah God bids the peoples to abandon and for ever forsake "Christendom" or "organ-

ized Christianity" and to turn completely away from it, because it is the Devil's organization, and to give it no support whatsoever; and that the peoples give their heart's devotion and allegiance wholly to Jehovah God and to his King and kingdom, and receive full freedom and the blessings God has in store for them.

SEVENTH. For four thousand years the cherished desire of Jews has been God's Messianic kingdom. For nineteen centuries that kingdom has been the hope of real Christians. It is now at hand. True to his promise God by and through the reign of Christ will lift the burdens of the peoples, free them from war, fraud and oppression, from sickness, suffering and death, and give to them a righteous government and the blessings of everlasting peace, prosperity, life, and happiness.

Judge Rutherford's address in support of the resolution will be found on pages 783-791.

The many new readers of this number will be interested to know that each issue of *The Golden Age* carries one of Judge Rutherford's lectures broadcast from one of the stations used by the International Bible Students Association. Subscribers to *The Golden Age* will therefore be assured of keeping up with these lectures.

#### A Few More Convention Items

THE total attendance of Bible students at Toronto is variously estimated at 11,000 to 14,000. The Coliseum seated 8,500 and was comfortably full at every session. When Judge Rutherford spoke, it was crowded and on the occasion of his Sunday afternoon address was packed, with an overflow meeting of 2,000, served by loud speakers installed in the Transportation Building for the purpose.

The program was an interesting one. Able speakers came from all parts of the world. The Convention was officially opened with an address of welcome by Thomas Foster, mayor of Toronto, and a response from Judge Rutherford. The *Souvenir* published letters of welcome from the Premier of Ontario, G. Howard Ferguson, the president of the Rotary Club, and other public officials; and the Toronto people opened their homes to the Bible Students in the most hospitable way. The work of arranging the details of the convention fell largely upon the manager of the Canadian office, Walter F. Salter, and his assistants.

The grounds of the Canadian National Exhibition, where the convention was held, are ideally situated on the shore of Lake Ontario. They comprise three hundred acres and buildings worth twelve million dollars. These buildings and grounds were free of all charge to the conventioners.

The *Souvenir*, printed in the Canadian office from type set by Douglass Brothers, contained the official announcement of Judge Rutherford's great lecture, and was sold to the extent of over 100,000, which is a circulation probably much more than that of any newspaper in Toronto; so there was no lack of local publicity. The *Souvenir* contained many nice things about Toronto, the people, the homes, the officials, the grounds, the various plants of the I. B. S. A., and sketches about the Judge's books, *Deliverance* and *The Harp of God*, together with one of his addresses, and was sold on service days for five cents per copy. It was very freely illustrated, and was on sale on the grounds the day the convention opened.

The first issue of *The Messenger* was published on Tuesday, July 19th. It opened with a Greeting to the Conventioners from Judge Rutherford, and a sketch of his life by one of the editors, pictures and sketches of a dozen or more of the Judge's associates, including J. Hemery, British Branch Manager, Paul Balzeret, Manager of Branch in Germany, and George Young, Ambassador at Large, and snatches of some of the best things said by Monday's lecturers. It also contained a page of pictures of the station Watchtower WBBR, located on Staten Island.

#### Glances at the Messenger

GLANCES at *The Messenger*, show that the issue of Wednesday, July 20th, contained Mayor Foster's welcome and Judge Rutherford's response, interesting items about the work in Spain and on the Gold Coast of West Africa, an interesting sketch of two women who started for the convention without funds but who covered more than 700 miles in five days, and an interview with Australians who came half around the world to attend. There were the usual excerpts from addresses by the speakers of the day before, with another full report of one of Judge Rutherford's lectures over the radio. This issue contained pictures of the I. B. S. A. radio

stations at Toronto, Edmonton, Chicago, and Oakland.

Friday's issue we have already quoted from liberally. It had a write-up of the convention's arrangements for feeding the natural man, a dog-biscuit story that is worth reading, pictures of several groups of Bible Students, and a page specially devoted to the colporteurs, God bless them! The radio dramalogue, *The Return of Little Betty Brown*, was a feature of this issue which was much appreciated. The Judge's keynote address to the conventioners themselves was in this issue. It will reappear in *The Watch Tower*.

The closing issue of *The Messenger* contained a picture of Judge Rutherford delivering the message that was heard around the world, extracts from a number of excellent discourses, two whole pages containing a general picture of the bulk of the conventioners, nicest-looking people you ever saw, with another page of pictures of the foreign-speaking delegates, Poles, Hungarians, Lithuanians and Slovaks, in

session at the same time at Detroit. There was another dramalogue, and a parting message to the conventioners from the president.

No doubt most of our readers have these papers. Those that do not have them are out of luck because the papers are out of print, the entire issue having been oversold.

The service work at the Toronto convention was well-organized, most of the territory one hundred and fifty miles in diameter, with Toronto as a center, being well combed during the two days, Thursday and Saturday, devoted to that feature of the work. The 3,655 workers reported more than 30,000 books sold. All workers purchased for resale a total of 90,347 books.

Reports from every part of the American continent show that Judge Rutherford's wonderful address came in clear as a bell, as plainly heard in San Francisco and Dallas as in Chicago and New York. In scores of cities loud speakers were installed in parks, auditoriums and other public places where thousands of people could hear distinctly every word.

### Bits of Real News

(Radiocast from WBBR on a wave length of 256.3 meters by the editor. In most issues of *The Golden Age* we have many pages of these items.)

#### President Marsh on the Subject of War

PRESIDENT MARSH of Boston University in a recent address said:

Why should we create in the minds of the young the idea that there is glory in something in which no glory exists? War is of the devil. It is brutal and brutalizing. It holds neither life nor property nor honor as sacred. There are certain well-meaning persons who are desirous of civilizing warfare. With utter sincerity they are striving to make war humane. It can't be done.

#### Modern Gifts of Tongues

NEW YORK is stirred with one or more cases of gifts of tongues, accompanied by manifestations which the recipients believe to be outpourings of the holy spirit. We cannot but feel sympathy with the unfortunates who have thus been visited. It is our profound conviction that these gifts are of demoniacal origin and are not the work of the holy spirit, but designed in the end to bring the sufferers under the control of the fallen angels that inhabited earth's atmosphere in the days of our Lord, and still inhabit it.

#### Self-Hypnosis Leads to Murder

A GIRL in Germany, of excellent reputation, became interested in hypnosis and practised it on herself, thus placing herself under the power of demons. While in this demonized condition she took the lives of two little children, who went with her for a walk and whom she seemed to love. She can give no motive for the killings.

#### A Severe Antiseptic

A DOCTOR who happened to tear a knuckle on a projection of a brass lock, and who did not have with him at the time anything in the nature of an antiseptic except a match, instantly struck a match and sterilized his wound in the flame. It was a painful but successful method, and the results were all he desired. In the same town about the same time, a grocer, apparently in perfect health, scratched his hand in opening a box and was dead in a week. In the absence of other antiseptics kerosene or turpentine can be poured into a wound and will prevent infection.

### *Coaxing the Nightingales to Sing*

IN THE garden of a British home a microphone was set up, and then a talented 'cello player coaxed the nightingales to sing. For the first time in history their beautiful songs were broadcast throughout the British Isles.

### *Back from the Morgue*

IN SCRANTON a Bible Student apparently passed away while at a hospital, and was removed to the morgue and a pall placed over his face; but he came to and is now up and around with the rest. In Germany a young man was left in the morgue two days, when it was discovered that he was still alive, but suffering from a cataleptic attack.

### *The Bible in 835 Languages*

OF THE 3,500 languages in the world about one-fourth have been reduced to writing; and the Bible, or portions of it, have been translated into 835 of these. The translation of the Bible into a tongue seems to have the curious effect of eliminating that tongue. The great improvement in communication and transportation helps in this eliminating process.

### *Exhaustion of the Soils by Crops*

THE Department of Commerce estimates that in this country the exhaustion of the soil by crops is equivalent to 22,750,000 tons of nitrate a year, of which at present only a little more than 1,000,000 tons is replaced. It has been found in Germany that the synthetic nitrates sour the soils and are not as good, therefore, as the Chilean nitrates, produced by nature, which do not have this effect.

### *Changes in Men and Women*

THE most interesting and important things in this world are the men and women in it. Concerning these interesting creatures Doctor Frank McCoy says truthfully:

In the past ten years there have been remarkable changes in both the mental and physical life of men and women. The average man is taking on many of the feminine qualities, such as love for the artistic and an appreciation of finer shades of emotional feeling. On the other hand, women are entering the business world and acquiring many of the mental characteristics of the male.

### *War Books All Untrue*

THE New York *Times* quotes M. Clemenceau, French Prime Minister during the World War, as saying, "I never read war books; they are untrue, all of them. Besides, why should I read what some other man has to say about the war when I probably know more about it than he does?" M. Clemenceau refuses also to write his own memoirs, on the ground that he would have to tell too many cruel truths about persons and events.

### *The French Peace Proposal*

ON THE initiative of the French government proposals have been made that France and America shall enter upon a solemn declaration and agreement that under no circumstances will they resort to war between themselves but will keep the peace always. It would be a fine thing if all the nations would do this with each other. Anyway, war will be at a full end soon; for the Lord's Word says so, and that settles it. But it is to be feared that a dark night must come first.

### *The Objectionable Inscription*

ON THE Plainfield, N. J., War Memorial Monument is an inscription taken from Isaiah's prophecy, "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation: neither shall they learn war any more." Feeling that these words of Almighty God, through the mouth of the Prophet Isaiah, are not in keeping with preparedness, the American Legion of Plainfield refuses to march past this monument or lay wreaths upon it. The coins in their pockets read, "In God we trust."

### *After Mature Deliberation*

AFTER mature deliberation Ivan Chatowsky, aged 145, and Olga Mariewa, aged 131, of Moscow, Russia, have decided to embark together on the sea of matrimony. Here is wishing them a long and happy wedded life. Like all young folks they will probably have their share of troubles; but if they do not lose patience with one another we see no reason why they should not be happy. At any rate it can be said that they waited until the felt sure they were old enough to try it.

## The Bishops of Lombardy

**T**HE *Montreal Daily Star* contains a dispatch from Rome which says in part:

The radio came under the lash of a pastoral letter drawn up by the Bishops of Lombardy under the presidency of Cardinal Tosi, of Milan. The letter condemned the radio as a luxury "bad for the name of those who ought to set a good example for others and a sign of worldly curiosity that is unbecoming and dangerous". It was declared that priests must not frequent bathing resorts without special permit.

Anybody who has ever seen a bunch of fat, greasy, wine-soaked priests, with their sensual faces, can imagine how hilariously "the Bishops of Lombardy" must have laughed after they got together the above bit of propaganda and launched it forth to their time-honored servants, the Press, to hand out to the people.

The joke is not all in the last sentence, though Protestant police and newspaper men would agree that it is joke enough.

The Bishops of Lombardy are worried over the radio, and the first reason they give is a peach. To own and operate a receiving set which will bring in any wholesome information to the mind is "a sign of worldly curiosity". It is indeed. The poor victim might learn something and cease to cough up so much per, to keep a lot of lazy loafers riding him from the cradle to the grave.

But the Bishops of Lombardy get down to the real thing when they say that to own and operate a receiving set is dangerous. When they said that they said something, and they know it, and we know it, and everybody is going to know it. The radio is the most dangerous thing to horse-collar hypocrisy that was ever invented.

If the radio keeps on telling the truth, the first thing you know some of these Bishops of Lombardy will be backed into the thills, collar and all, harnessed up in an expensive two-piece or one-piece suit of overalls, and put to work digging ditches; and if they do not dig until their hands are blistered, they will be fed on sawdust and shavings until they reform.

Dangerous! We should say yes. Let us glance at some recent news items that have been broadcast over the radio and see if for once the Bishops of Lombardy did not tell the absolute truth.

It was dangerous to the Bishops of Lombardy to have it broadcast that Roman Catholic police broke up a Protestant parade in New York City on orders from Patrick F. Scanlon, editor of the

Roman Catholic *Tablet*, and then to have the suggestion softly put forth that as soon as a change of administration comes there will be nothing to hinder Protestant police from breaking up Roman Catholic parades. And because it continues to stand only by overawing a lot of poor mutts by its outward show, its parades, its bluff, there is nothing the bishops more fear.

The Bishops of Lombardy could well be scared to have it broadcast that after Lindbergh and Chamberlin had flown unblessed planes from New York to the heart of Europe, De Pinedo's plane, blessed by the Pope himself on Easter Sunday, flopped into the sea two or three hundred miles off his course and the poor fellow had to be towed to the Azores. Once let the people get the right idea that a papal or priestly blessing is a curse, and they will stop wanting it.

The Bishops of Lombardy would not have had the news broadcast that the priests Vega, Pedrozo and Angulo were at the head of the mob of a thousand or more bandits that set on fire a train bearing 188 human beings in Mexico, and then shot the poor unfortunates that sought to emerge from the furnace. It does not sound well. Some might not think it Christlike. And then again some might try to ape the priests or even to reverse the procedure. Dangerous! Yes!

Would the Bishops of Lombardy like to have it widely known that in the United States Senate for forty days, from January 14th to February 23rd, Senator Heflin of Alabama literally overwhelmed the government with evidence that the Roman Catholic church is a plotter for war, an enemy of American schools, a political vampire and trickster, a disciplinarian of politicians, an assassin of reputations, an assassin of presidents, an un-Christlike, brutal, bloodthirsty hypocrite? Would that be dangerous to the bishops? They succeeded in keeping that out of the newspapers. Would they like to keep it from the people altogether?

The Bishops of Lombardy do not want it known that the people of Chile after a terrible fight have succeeded, at least for the present, in separating their government from the Roman Catholic Church and have issued orders that no more money be paid out of the national treasury into the pockets of the Roman Catholic priesthood. You should have seen how this item of real news was twisted before it was allowed to

get into the Catholic controlled press of New York.

The Bishops of Lombardy are alarmed that over the air, into the homes, behind the walls, anybody might listen to the news from Silesia, Poland, that, in total disregard of all justice and all decency, the police, at the instigation of Roman Catholic priests, seized the body of a dead Bible Student, ordered it buried in a Roman Catholic cemetery, stood guard while a priest went through the usual flummery on such occasions, and threatened to arrest any Bible Student who either talked or sang. The bishops fear the time when conditions might be reversed. They know they have not a leg to stand on. They wish to hang on to their jobs.

The Bishops of Lombardy do not want it known over the radio that the United States government has been fighting their fight in Nicaragua, fighting against liberty lovers and fighting to saddle the country with Roman Catholic domination, Roman Catholic schools and Roman Catholic churches supported from the public treasury. They want to keep such things quiet and to make them appear entirely different from what they actually are.

Nor do the Bishops of Lombardy wish it generally known that the Pope in one breath approves Governor Al Smith's declarations regarding separation of church and state, and in the next one threatens to excommunicate all French Catholics recently united to fight for the same identical principle. It might lead some people to indulge in circulation of blood above the neck and eventually give them an idea that they were being treated like idiots by the Holy Fraud.

The Bishops of Lombardy are in a bad way. Their pals in Mexico tried to plunge the United States into war with a people that are trying desperately to get an education, to learn how to farm the soil effectively and how to get rid of a clerical ring that, like the Old Man of the Sea, have tightly twisted their legs about the necks of all the poor peons below the Rio Grande. They do not want it known how badly they lost out in their desperate venture.

The Bishops of Lombardy would be sore if they lived in America, and knew that here the news is broadcast about Cardinal O'Connell fighting the fight of Big Business to keep the children of Massachusetts tied to the wheel, so

that he can live on the fat of the land. The more the people know about it the shorter will be his sultanate.

The Bishops of Lombardy do not want it generally broadcast that occasionally a Protestant judge here has courage enough to hale a Roman Catholic priest into court and denounce him and practically take the hide off him for preying upon the mind of a poor old dying Irishman so that he could get the bulk of his money. The bishops are for the money but not the publicity.

The Bishops of Lombardy do not want it broadcast that Lindbergh's father while in Congress tried in vain to force open the prison walls of Roman Catholic institutions all over America so that the truth regarding their inner workings might be shown to the light of day. They want the great honor and publicity of officiously blessing him, so that one of their cardinals could get into the picture; but they do not want it known that Lindy's dad was even more courageous than he. Lindy should have refused the blessing.

And finally the Bishops of Lombardy would never want to hear in Italy such a speech as Judge Rutherford gave at Toronto on July 24th, which went broadcast in the English tongue all over the planet. In that speech he took the clergy collectively, and made such a show of them before the world as was never before provided for the delectation of mankind. And he showed the world what will take the place of this diabolical device of the Devil which has done more than all other forces to keep humanity in ignorance and sorrow.

A hardened newspaper man in New York, one who has not been to church for a generation, said as he listened to the Judge's address showing up the clergy and showing that Christ's kingdom is to take their place, the Devil's place, that he could and did believe every word and that he felt like hugging the Judge.

The Bishops of Lombardy are right. The radio is dangerous! It will make Christians in place of timorous, snivelling, wishbonebacked parishioners; and when that happens all the horse-collar theologians, and all the other hounds in the mangy pack, will be through for good. They can throw off their expensive skirts and frocks, and get to work and earn an honest living; and it will be earth's greatest blessing. It will be the Millennium! Hooray for the radio!



## FREEDOM FOR THE PEOPLES

(Judge Rutherford's Address at Toronto, Broadcast from 53 Stations.)

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**G**OD made of one blood all nations of men to dwell upon the earth and gave to them equal rights. Foreknowing the evil influence that would be exercised over all governments of men God foretold that a small minority would rule and oppress the great majority; that during that period of oppression and suffering the peoples would desire freedom and a righteous government administered for the general welfare of all; that they would be disappointed and suffer; that the cries of the peoples would ascend unto God and in His due time He would hear them; that He would deliver the peoples from the oppressor into full freedom and give to them a government of righteousness under which they shall enjoy peace, prosperity, and the blessings of life. Therefore He caused His prophets to write concerning the present time these words: that "the Lord . . . hath prepared his throne for judgment; and he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness. The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble" (Psalm 9:7-9); and "a king shall rule in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment".—Isaiah 32:1.

Only by the Lord's arrangement can freedom come to the peoples. God's due time has now come when the peoples of earth must know the truth concerning the cause of suffering and the remedy for relief. All true Christians are doing their part to tell these facts to the peoples that God's name might be glorified and that the peoples might know that their freedom is near.

### *"Christendom"*

**T**HE foremost nations of the world jointly call themselves "Christendom". The rulers by this term claim that they are Christians, having and exercising faith in God and in Christ, and that their combined governments constitute "organized Christianity". The claim is not only untrue, but it is fraudulent and hypocritical. By such false and hypocritical claim the multitudes of peoples have long been held in bondage and have been deprived of their just rights and privileges. God's due time has come for "organized Christianity", so-called, to be placed before the people in the proper light.

There is a true Christianity composed of

faithful men and women who unselfishly follow in the footsteps of Christ. There is an organized system called "Christianity" or "Christendom", which is false and is the instrument of oppression wielded by the hand of the Devil. Jehovah through Christ established true Christianity on the earth, and in the days of the apostles it progressed. A few ambitious men, influenced and directed by Satan, defiled true Christianity; and their fraudulent course has made Christianity, as it is generally understood, a stench in the nostrils of honest men. This exact condition God foretold through His prophet Jeremiah (2:20) who wrote concerning professed Christianity: "Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed; how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?"—Jeremiah 2:21.

"Organized Christianity" or "Christendom" today is Satan's organization fraudulently parading under the name of Christ. Early in the history of man the Devil caused men to call themselves by the name of the Lord and to thereby bring reproach upon God. That same Devil has caused ambitious and selfish men to organize and carry on what is now called "organized Christianity". The purpose is to deceive the peoples, turn them away from the true God, and to keep them in subjection to a selfish and unrighteous system of government, of which Satan is the invisible overlord. (2 Corinthians 4:3, 4) A government that oppresses the multitudes of the common people and shows special favors to the wealthy, is an unrighteous government and therefore an ungodly nation. Such could not in truth be called Christ's kingdom or Christendom. It is therefore apparent that when the name of Christ is given to an unrighteous and oppressive government that name is fraudulently so used and for a wrongful purpose.

### *Who Rules*

**T**HE kings and presidents of the nations are in fact the rulers. They are ordinary men filling their respective places and are mere symbols of rulership. The ruling power behind the seat of authority that shapes the course of the nations of "Christendom" is Satan the Devil. He is the opponent of God and the enemy and oppressor of men. Satan's visible instruments are those



selfish men who combine and form a system of government which rules and controls the peoples. The three classes of men that make up these ruling powers are, to wit, high financiers, called "big business"; professional politicians, called "statesmen"; and the orthodox clergy, called "religious leaders", who manufacture and dispense religion. These three classes in combination constitute the small minority that rules. Disregarding the obligations laid upon them the selfish men composing the ruling minority have lived wantonly and recklessly for their own pleasure and at the expense of the multitudes. For a long time the peoples have borne them up and supported them and thereby endured great suffering and sorrow. And now I submit the testimony of their own witnesses which proves beyond a doubt that "organized Christianity", so called, is a fraud and deception, a great system of oppression, and a menace to the general welfare of the peoples.

### *High Finance*

**T**HE multitudes, in the sweat of their faces, produce the wealth of the world. High financiers are few in number but great in power. They produce no wealth but obtain it through fraud and deceit practised upon the peoples, and then use it for their own wicked pleasure and to oppress the multitudes and to keep them under control. High finance fixes the price at which the producer must sell his products to the distributor, and also fixes an exorbitant price which the consumer must pay to the distributor. High finance has established chain stores all over Christendom, and the producer must sell to these stores at a ridiculously low price or not sell at all, and the stores in turn sell to the consumer at exorbitantly high prices, which the consumer must pay or starve. The producer gets but little, the consumer pays much, and the high financiers that produce nothing reap enormous and unreasonable profits. The result is that the small merchant is pushed to the wall, and the chain stores do the business, and the peoples pay the bills.

The financial record in the United States Treasury's office discloses that in one year (1919) seventeen woolen mills made a clear profit of 100 percent on their capital stock; that corporations operating canning factories that can the fruit and vegetables produced by the hard labor of others in one year made a profit

of 2932 percent; that clothing stores made a profit in one year of 9826 percent; that the aluminum trust with a capital of only \$20,000 in one year (1923) made a profit of 1000 percent.

The wealth of America is constantly on the increase, but today in that land there are 524 banks less in number than there were six years ago. The large ones are swallowing up the smaller ones. Big Finance is taking possession of all. Kirby Page is authority for the statement that 20,000 men control practically every bank, trust company, and business enterprise in America. From Samuel Untermyer, the distinguished American lawyer who for a long while represented Big Business, I quote:

There has been greater concentration of the Money Power in the past five or ten years . . . than in the preceding fifty years. The process of absorption is likely to continue until a few groups absolutely dominate the financial situation of the country. . . . It has come to pass that less than a dozen men in the City of New York are for all practical purposes in control of the direction of at least seventy-five percent of the deposits of the leading trust companies and banks in the city and of allied institutions in various parts of the country.

The Federal Trades Commission in America in 1922 reported that six corporations controlled then one-third of the American water power; eight corporations controlled more than three-fourths of the anthracite coal fields; and two corporations controlled the greater portion of the iron-ore reserve.

These heartless corporations profit in the lives of human beings. To them the life of man is nothing except to be used for their selfish purpose. Recently it was disclosed that forty percent of the milk sold in New York City is adulterated and that with the connivance of the Public Board of Health. It is then sold at a large profit to the poor, and the babes and the sick and the afflicted suffer by reason thereof.

These facts and figures I am giving as they relate to America. Other nations of "Christendom" or "organized Christianity" are equally as bad, and many of them much worse. In every nation of Christendom the minority is favored and the great majority are oppressed and suffer.

### *Statesmen*

**T**HE so-called statesmen of the nations are those who hold the offices and feed at the public trough upon the fat of the land, and of

course produce nothing. Their jobs depend upon obedience to high finance. In fact high finance is the bulwark of "organized Christianity", so-called, and its power and influence have corrupted the politicians of every nation. The politicians are the men that make and enforce the laws.

Before the last American Congress a bill was pending to build a great dam at Boulder Canyon, in the Colorado River, for the purpose of reclaiming millions of acres of arid lands and to produce electric power for the benefit of the public. Josiah T. Newcomb, solicitor for Big Business that opposed the bill, declared:

I represent an investment of nine billion dollars and we do not propose to let the government enter into the power business at Boulder. The bill has no chance to pass. It will not pass as it is.

It did not pass. More than 120 million Americans cannot reclaim the arid lands of the desert and produce electric power for their own use without the consent of a few heartless men who are known as "Big Business". This gang of highwaymen are a part of "organized Christianity", so-called.

The corrupting hand of Big Business has been laid upon men in high political positions and corrupted every department of every government of "Christendom". Senator Reed, of the United States Senate, recently declared in a public address: "The time has come when the people should rise up and drive out the leprosy of corruption which has spread through the nation's capital."

The peoples go through a form of election supposedly to select their public servants. But most of these political statesmen are elected and controlled by the defiling influence of "Big Business". From Mr. Justice Ford, long in public life and who speaks with authority, I quote:

In my experience I have found the public service corporations, the street railroads, the telephone, the lighting companies in particular, to be the most prolific source of political corruption in the state. They are more directly dependent upon governmental favors than any others, and indeed the profits of their business flow from the special privileges which they procure and hold from the government, both state and municipal. In my day at Albany these corporations plied their nefarious business of corrupting the people's representatives so openly that a blind deaf-mute could learn what was going on. Not that legal evidence could be found against them. They were too shrewd for that. But every public man there

was morally certain as to what was going on, and in private conversation it was freely talked about. These public service corporations pollute the very fountains of public virtue; they debauch our public servants: they subsidize party organizations for their own purposes. All the powers of government are subverted to their base ends; and government of the people, by the people, for the people, is made a mockery.

Even the courts are corrupted by Big Business. When Big Business is pitted against the common people the people have no show in the courts. The words of Mr. Untermyer are pertinent on this point:

Nowhere in our social fabric is the discrimination between the rich and the poor so emphasized to the average citizen as at the bar of justice. Nowhere should it be less. . . . Money secures the ablest and most adroit counsel. . . . Evidence can be gathered from every source. The poor must be content to forego all these advantages."

When "Big Business" desires to increase its holdings, and war seems to be advantageous to its selfish interests, it does not hesitate to provoke war between the peoples of different nations. At the bidding of "Big Finance" the politicians enact the necessary conscription laws which compel the common people from all parts of Christendom to kill each other while the representatives of "Big Business" and their allies hide in their holes. When the war is over, millions of the common people sleep in the dust of the earth; and within the brief period of blood and carnage there has been born another crop of millionaires, and then there follows greater lawlessness amongst the politicians than ever before. Upon this point a member of the United States Senate, Mr. Norris, is quoted:

The millions of our youth who went into that orgy of murder were promised a new and better order of things. Here, ten years later, they can see special privilege and the power of money more securely enthroned than ever in the seats of the mighty. For the thousands of our young men killed, for our billions spent, for the countless millions of heartaches, we have what? We have political corruption such as was never dreamed of before.

The conscienceless politicians defiled by Big Business and the oppressors of the people constitute a part of "organized Christianity" or "Christendom", so-called, that rule and control the peoples.

Who are the responsible ones for naming the harsh, cruel and paternalistic governments "Christendom" or "organized Christianity"? I

answer: The clergy of the various denominations. Ambitious for the approval and plaudits of men and with a desire to live in ease and comfort they have joined affinity with Big Business and professional politicians. The clergy pose before the peoples as representatives of God and of His Christ and hypocritically induce the peoples to believe that they are Christians, and at the same time go exactly contrary to the Word of God. Jesus declared that Satan the Devil is the prince or ruler of this world and that he is the opponent of God. (John 14:30) Again in 2 Corinthians 4:3, 4 it is written that Satan is the god of this evil world.

The world means organized forms of government under the supervision of the invisible overlord, Satan the Devil. In God's Word it is written (James 4:4) that he who is a friend of the world is the enemy of God. The clergy have voluntarily become a part of the world and friends thereof and therefore the enemies of God and of Christ and the enemies and oppressors of the common peoples. They call themselves and their allies, "Big Business" and professional politicians, "organized Christianity" or "Christendom", and have the effrontery to claim that these rule by divine right.

In God's Word true religion is defined in these words: "To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Contrary to this plain statement of the Word of God the clergy not only fail to comfort the widows and orphans but they advocate war, preach men into the trenches to die, and thereby make millions of widows and more millions of fatherless children. Instead of keeping themselves unspotted from the world they are literally spotted all over by the world because they are a part of it. In the recent World War their church edifices were recruiting stations, and almost every clergyman advocated the shedding of human blood. For this reason God, through His prophet, says of and concerning them now: "For in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these." (Jeremiah 2:34) What class of men wear skirts except the preachers or clergy? They are the guilty ones.

Upon this point I submit the following indisputable facts: Admiral Fiske during the World War said: "The Christian religion is at this

moment being made to exert a powerful influence, not toward peace but toward war." Secretary of War Lane said: "The War could not have been won without the churches."

Christ, whose name these clergymen have fraudulently assumed and by which they have named their "organized Christianity", said: "Thou shalt not kill." But the clergymen are the most ardent advocates of war and the most vehement and vindictive in their expressions against their fellow men. Before America entered the World War an election for mayor in the city of New York was being held. One candidate was opposed to America's entering the war. The distinguished clergyman, Mr. Van Dyke, on that occasion said: "I'd hang everyone, whether or not he be a candidate for mayor, who lifts his voice against America entering the war." And this is a sample of the dispensers of religion from "organized Christianity".

Rev. Chas. Canster from his American pulpit "advocated the organization of an association to murder those persons who do not stand up when the Star Spangled Banner is played".

The clergymen of Germany told the people that they represented the same God and the same Christ that the clergymen of England and America represented. Although Christ is the Prince of Peace, and declares against killing, the clergymen of Germany urged their people to kill in the most fiendish manner the common people of the allied armies of Britain. Likewise the clergymen of Britain and her allies urged the killing of the German people and their allies, and the clergymen of both sides tried to induce the people to believe that they are Christians. In proof that the clergymen are a part of the world and the allies of "Big Business" that makes war I read the testimony of the Rev. George Parkin Atwater, to wit:

The complete representative of the American Church in France is the United States Army overseas. Yes, an army, with its cannon and rifles and machine guns, and its instruments of destruction. The Church militant, sent, morally equipped, strengthened and encouraged, approved and blessed, by the Church at home. The army today is the Church in action, transforming the will of the Church into deeds, expressing the moral judgment of the Church in smashing blows. Its worship has its vigil in the trenches, and its fasts and feasts; its prayers are in acts, and its choir is the crash of cannon and the thrilling ripple of machine guns."

Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor of Plymouth

Church, Brooklyn, was one of the most vehement advocates of America entering the World War. Did he act upon the authority of Christ? No; not Hillis. The American Bankers Association commissioned him as a missionary to Europe. He did the bidding of that heartless and cruel financial association. He prepared the sermons which hundreds of thousands of other pastors throughout America delivered, advocating war, urging the young men into the trenches and the people to buy bonds.

Dr. Hillis was not content with urging men into the jaws of death by which he earned and drew his pay from the American Bankers Association, but went to the extreme in expressing his malice. When the war had ended, instead of visiting the widows and the fatherless and bringing them comfort, as Christ had commanded, Hillis still breathing vengeance of blood against an unfortunate and helpless people wrote:

Society has organized itself against the rattlesnake and the yellow fever. Shepherds have entered into a conspiracy to exterminate the wolves. The Boards of Health are planning to wipe out typhoid, cholera and the black plague. Not otherwise, lovers of their fellow man have finally become perfectly hopeless with reference to the German people. They have no more relation to the civilization of 1918 than an orang-outang, a gorilla, a Judas, a hyena, a thumbscrew, or a scalping knife in the hands of a savage. These brutes must be cast out of society. . . . There will shortly be held a meeting of surgeons in this country. A copy of the preliminary call lies before me. The plan to be discussed is based upon the Indiana State law. That law authorizes a State Board of Surgeons to use upon the person of confirmed criminals and hopeless idiots the new painless method of sterilizing the men. These surgeons are preparing to advocate the calling of a world conference to consider the sterilization of 10,000,000 German soldiers and the segregation of their women, that when this generation of Germans goes, civilized cities, states and races may be rid of this awful cancer that must be cut clean out of the body of society.

No general, no man in the army, nor any war lord ever gave utterance to such diabolical and wicked words as those written by Hillis. These clergymen are the ones who, with pious faces and sanctimonious words, tell the peoples that their organized system of oppression and murder represents Christ on earth and therefore constitutes "organized Christianity" or "Christendom". They have been defaming the name of God and of Christ.

A few ultra-selfish men constitute "Big Busi-

ness", and they control the commerce of the world. They do it by the power of money unjustly wrung from the hands of the multitudes of toilers. They control the elections because the politicians elected to office enact and enforce such laws as they want. They own and control the public press and publish only what they desire the peoples to read. This lecture I am now giving will not be published by them because they do not want the peoples to hear it. The radio, which God has brought to light for the benefit of the peoples, the same selfish interest is now seeking to control. The same power controls the clergy and uses them for selfish purposes. In time of war they use the clergy as recruiting officers to hurry men into the jaws of death. This is the unholy alliance that hypocritically calls itself by the name of Christ and has induced the peoples to believe that it is the political expression of God's kingdom on earth. On the contrary the Scriptures declare this unholy alliance to be a part of Babylon and of the Devil's organization. All nations have been made blind drunk by its false representations and teachings.

Now the unholy alliance is pursuing a systematic campaign to amalgamate the common people of all Christendom into great military organizations. The false slogan of the World War was that it would "make the world safe for democracy". Every sane man knows that it destroyed democracy. "Big Business" and its allies now hope to hold the common people in subjection by making them a part of the harsh and cruel war machine. Succeeding in this the Devil, in his ghoulish glee, and to the reproach of God and Christ, would say: "This is Christendom or organized Christianity."

The unholy alliance called "Christendom" or "organized Christianity" for its support and maintenance depends upon the multitudes of the common peoples. It holds up the peoples and robs them of their just rights and the fruits of their honest labors. Without the consent of the multitudes of peoples the poor are forced to fight and to kill their fellow man without a just cause or excuse. This "organized Christianity", fraudulently so-called, has caused the common peoples to bear great burdens of unjust taxation in order that the few might live wantonly and recklessly. It has caused the peoples to bear the burdens of war that a few might gratify

their selfish desires. The multitudes of suffering ones, with bent bodies and broken hearts, have gone into untimely graves. Those not supporting the unholy alliance are told by the clergy that to them death is but the opening of the gates of a burning hell wherein their torture will never end.

### Hopeless

THE world state of the peoples is for peace and prosperity and life in a state of happiness. It is now apparent that there is no hope of this unless the unholy alliance be destroyed. Nothing that "organized Christianity" can give the people peace and "Christianity" or "Christendom" must become the friend and benefactor of the multitudes, as the enemy and oppressor of the common peoples. With great pomp and glory the unholy alliance rides upon the backs of the peoples. Without the support of the common peoples that wicked system called "Christendom" could not survive. When the peoples withdraw their support therefrom, "organized Christianity", which is a part of Babylon or the Devil's organization, will fall like a great millstone into the sea.

### God the Father's Word

THERE is one true and almighty God. Jehovah of Hosts is His name. He is the Friend and Benefactor of man. Through His Christ and His kingdom of righteousness He will grant to the honest peoples of earth their heart's desire.

God created the first man perfect. Because man violated God's law he was sentenced to death. Thereafter his children were born; hence they were born sinners and imperfect and without the right to life. (Romans 5:12; Psalm 51:5) God in His loving kindness promised to produce a "seed" through which all the nations of the earth shall be blessed. (Genesis 22:18-22) Then He made it clear that Christ is that promised "seed" and that there is no other name whereby men can be saved.—Galatians 3:16-19; Acts 4:12.

God so loved the world of mankind that He sent His beloved Son to earth and permitted Him to die that man might have an opportunity to live. (John 3:16) Jesus Christ died for all men and all men must know that fact in God's due time.—Hebrews 2:9; 1 Timothy 2:3-6.

Christ means the Anointed One of God, the Messiah, the One appointed by Jehovah through whom the promised blessings must come to the people. For the purpose of deceiving the peoples and turning their minds away from God and His gracious provision for their blessings, Satan the Devil organized the false and wicked system made up of "Big Business", professional politicians, and faithless preachers, and calls it by the name of "organized Christianity" or "Christendom". That wicked system now controls and for a long time has controlled and oppressed the common peoples of the nations.

By His Word God discloses that He would interfere with Satan's nefarious work until the end of the world, at which time Christ Jesus, His beloved Son and earth's rightful King, should come into possession of the affairs of man and rule and bless the peoples of the earth. That world ended with 1914, and according to the Lord's prophecy was marked by the World War, famine, pestilence, revolutions, return of the Jews to Palestine, and by general distress and perplexity now existing on earth. (Matthew 24:3-22; Luke 21:10-26) A period of time elapses from the beginning of sorrows, which marks the end of the world, until the final end thereof, during which the message of the kingdom must be proclaimed to the peoples.—Matthew 24:14.

Now God has set His Son Christ upon His throne, as foretold by His prophet in the Second Psalm, and bids all the nations and peoples of earth to hear and obey Him. The old world has ended and God's kingdom is at hand. The rulers of the earth were duly served with notice of this fact a year ago. The unholy alliance has received due notice thereof. But instead of heeding the message from the Word of God the rulers of the world, to wit, those constituting the unholy alliance, walk on in darkness and continue to oppress the peoples. The doom of "organized Christianity" or Babylon is sealed! The groans and cries of the peoples oppressed by that wicked system have ascended up to the God of heaven. To the oppressors composing that evil system the great Jehovah now says: "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you,

and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you."—James 5:1-6.

The day of God's vengeance is at hand; and He will punish that wicked system calling itself "organized Christianity", because it has oppressed the common peoples.

A city is a symbol of an organization. The unholy organization called "Christendom" or "organized Christianity" in the Scriptures is called "a city". To that wicked city God now says: "For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the Lord of hosts. . . . A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth: for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations; he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind [of trouble] shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground. Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel. And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape."—Jeremiah 25:29, 31-35.

The World War stopped in 1918 in order that notice might be given to the peoples of earth concerning the name of Jehovah God and His purposes toward men. That witness has been in progress during the past eight years. Notice has been served upon the world powers, and now notice is being served upon all the common peoples. Jesus declared that when this witness is done, and because the ruling powers will not

heed the same, there shall come upon the world the greatest time of trouble eved known and it shall be the last.—Matthew 24:14, 21, 22.

Millions of honest people who are now held in subjection to "organized Christianity", but who are meek and willing to be taught, are asking, What shall we do? To such Jehovah now says: "Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment: seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."—Zephaniah 2:3.

The Word of God and the physical facts prove that "organized Christianity" or "Christendom" is a failure. She is even worse than that. She is a menace to peace and prosperity. She is an instrument of Satan the Devil. Abandon her and flee from her as rats flee from a sinking ship. She is sinking into oblivion never again to rise. She is going down in a time of trouble such as never before was known. To the people the Lord now says therefore: "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."—Revelation 18:4.

### *The Blessings*

THE ruins of Satan's false system cleared away, there shall arise a new heaven and new earth wherein dwells righteousness, according to God's promise. (2 Peter 3:13) That righteous government shall rest upon the shoulder of Christ Jesus, the Prince of Peace. His name shall be called by the people Wonderful Counsellor, because He will guide them in the right way; He shall be called the Everlasting Father because He will give life to the peoples. And of His peace and blessings there shall be no end.—Isaiah 9:6, 7.

### *Wars to Cease*

THE curse that war has laid upon the peoples will then be lifted for ever. Never again shall there be war between the peoples of the nations. Under the reign of the righteous Messiah the peoples of the nations shall beat their instruments of war into farming implements and nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.—Isaiah 2:2-4.

A lion is a symbol of the Devil, and a ravenous beast is a symbol of the Devil's organization on



earth, made up of the cruel "Big Business", big politicians, and big preachers. God, through His prophet, promises that in the kingdom of Messiah there shall be no lion nor ravenous beast there, because the Devil will not be permitted to operate. He will have no cruel financiers, nor professional politicians, nor any hypocritical preachers to do his bidding. The people shall dwell together in safety and follow that which is right.—Isaiah 35: 9, 10.

The poor will no longer be oppressed. In the courts they will have fair and equitable consideration, because it is written that "with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth".—Isaiah 11: 4.

Under the righteous reign of Messiah no cruel corporation can own the houses in which the people dwell, or compel them to pay exorbitant rents. The people shall build their own houses and live in them and plant their own vineyards and eat the fruit thereof, and no one shall make them afraid.—Micah 4: 4.

Now the poor cry for bread and the rulers give them a stone; they cry for a fish and the clergy give them a fiery serpent. Under the righteous reign of Messiah there shall be a great feast of fat things spread for all the people and they shall eat and rejoice. No hypocritical prohibition preachers will be permitted then to operate with bootleggers and take away from the people the proper use of wine while they themselves use it unlawfully.—Isa. 25: 6.

Under the righteous reign of Messiah clergymen will no more be permitted to frighten the people and keep them in ignorance of the truth. Then the knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall fill the whole earth as the waters now fill the sea, and every man will know the Lord and His righteous way from the least to the greatest, and that knowledge will be free.—Habakkuk 2: 14; Jeremiah 31: 34.

In that righteous government here on earth no more can men called doctors practise on the people and hide their mistakes in the graveyard, because then the Lord will lead the people in the right way and bring unto them peace and health and cure them of all their ailments until no more shall any man say, "I am sick."—Jeremiah 33: 6; Isaiah 33: 24.

It shall then be if a man who has been wicked shall turn away from his wickedness and do

right and obey the Lord he shall live and shall never die. (Ezekiel 18: 27, 28) That is the time of which Jesus spoke when He said: "If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death" (John 8: 51) "Whosoever liveth, and believeth in me shall never die."—John 11: 26.

In that time old men shall return to the days of their youth, and their flesh shall become fresher than that of a child. (Job 33: 25) Then God will restore to perfection of body and mind all the obedient ones on the earth until the earth is filled with a happy, joyful and vigorous people.—Acts 3: 19-23.

Seeing that God has in store these marvelous blessings for the people through the kingdom of Christ it is easy to see why the Devil has organized a false system called "Christendom" or "organized Christianity", by which system hypocritically he deceives the people and turns their minds away from God's provision for their blessing.

God's kingdom of righteousness is at hand. The evidence shows that the day of restitution has come in which the obedient ones of mankind shall be granted full freedom and be restored to the perfection of body enjoyed in Eden. Therefore with confidence it can now be stated that millions of people now on the earth will never die.

The people desire peace, freedom, prosperity, life and happiness. All thinking persons must now see these can come only from God's kingdom through Christ. They can never be realized by or through the false system called "organized Christianity". The hypocritical and evil course of "Christendom" is an insult to God and to Christ. It is the deceiver and oppressor of the people. It is completely under the control of Satan the Devil. It depends for its support and maintenance upon the multitudes of peoples, while at the same time it continues to defraud and oppress the people. Let the multitudes of peoples completely and entirely withdraw all support morally, financially and otherwise from "Christendom" or "organized Christianity", so-called. Let them give their heart's devotion and allegiance entirely to God and to Christ, the Prince of Peace, who is now earth's rightful King. Let them dwell together in peace and do good to each other and be ready to receive the blessings which God has in reservation for those



who love and obey Him. The day of complete freedom is at hand!

The peoples should therefore for ever abandon and forsake "organized Christianity" called "Christendom" and turn their hearts and minds and their allegiance wholly to God and His Christ for the following reasons, to wit:

(1) Because Christendom is the Devil's organization operated by him to keep the people in subjection.

(2) Because it is an instrument of oppression which has been used to make the burdens of men grievous to be borne.

(3) Because it is false, hypocritical, and wicked, and against the interests of the multitudes of the peoples.

(4) Because it holds out absolutely no hope for the betterment of the peoples.

(5) Because God's time has come when that evil and hypocritical system shall be destroyed in the greatest time of trouble the world has ever known.

(6) Because God commands all the peoples who love Him to flee from that unrighteous system of so-called "organized Christianity" and thereby escape the dire calamities that shortly shall befall her.

(7) Because God has set His anointed King, Christ Jesus the Messiah, upon His throne, and

bids all the peoples of earth to hear and obey Him; and those who so do shall receive and for ever enjoy the blessings of complete freedom, everlasting peace, prosperity, life, liberty and happiness.

And now, Mr. Chairman, based upon these assigned reasons, I move the adoption of this resolution and I ask my audience, both seen and unseen, when the vote is taken, that those who are in favor arise and express themselves by crying out, Aye. Before voting upon it I wish to say the message today, by God's grace, has gone out from Maine to California, from Canada to Mexico, and we hope to the uttermost parts of Christendom. The Lord God has graciously used the National Broadcasting Company to carry this message to Christendom. I take this occasion to express, upon behalf of the International Bible Students, my great appreciation of the cooperation of the National Broadcasting Company. May God bless the men thereof for their efforts. Those in favor of the adoption of the resolution arise and say, Aye.

The Resolution will be found on pages 777, 778.

The thunderous tones of that great multitude were heard throughout the land and hundreds of thousands and probably millions of other peoples who were listening in likewise voted Aye, as is noted by the many messages received.

## What Must the Christian Overcome?

[Raclocast from Station WEBB on a wave length of 2563 meters by R. H. Barber.]

ALL Christian people agree that it is necessary to overcome something in order to get into heaven. Just what that something is does not seem to be clearly defined in the minds of many people; in fact, there is a variety of opinions as to what must be overcome. Jesus said: "Be of good cheer: I have overcome the world."

Some people, of a fanatical turn of mind, understand the world here mentioned as meaning the good things of earth, its pleasures, its beauties, its friendships and its loves; and fearing that in some way they would be contaminated by these, and thus rendered unfit for heaven, they have secluded themselves in convents, monasteries and other places of solitude, and denied themselves the beauties and bounties which a loving God has so generously scattered everywhere for the blessing of His intelligent

creatures. They expect that in some way this course will win the divine approval and entitle them to heaven's choicest gifts.

Seemingly they fail to observe that Jesus did not thus seclude Himself, neither did the apostles; and it is very difficult to see how they could obey the Scriptural injunction to "preach the word", and the command of Jesus himself, found in Matthew 28:19, 20: "Go, disciple all the nations, teaching them to observe all things which I have enjoined upon you." (*Diaglott*) Such a course of isolation makes void many other texts which I have not time to mention here.

Our observation has been, also, that by thus secluding themselves such persons gradually develop a sanctimonious, holier-than-thou manner, which God calls hypocrisy, and which will most effectually debar them from heaven. Thus we

can see that this idea does not square with the Scriptures, with Jesus' example, or with common sense: and that the results are not satisfactory.

### *Mistaken Ideas of Overcoming*

**A**NOTHER class of Christian people think that overcoming the world means to overcome the wickedness in the world, such as gambling, drinking, grafting, lying, stealing, murdering, etc. They fail to see that when Jesus said, "I have overcome the world," it could not mean these wicked and sinful things; for we are told that Jesus was holy, harmless, and undefiled and separate from sinners. Therefore overcoming the world cannot mean overcoming these things. They also fail to see that there are heathen and infidels who do none of these things, and yet do not expect to go to heaven.

I am not trying to prove that we should not try to keep from sin and everything evil; for there are many scriptures which show that to be pleasing to God one must abstain from evil, as far as possible. What I am trying to prove is that to get to heaven not only is it necessary to abstain from sin, but that one must do more than that, viz: he must overcome something: He must overcome the world; and I propose to show just what is meant by "the world" in this talk. I propose to show that the churches, the clergymen and Christian people in general have not had the correct understanding of what the word *world* means.

### *Impossible to Overcome the Flesh*

**B**EFORE proceeding with my argument, I want to call attention to another erroneous idea respecting overcoming. It is this: Many Christian people think that they must overcome the weaknesses of their flesh in order to get to heaven. This is another great mistake. We very often hear the words quoted, as though it were a Scripture text, "Overcome the world, the flesh and the devil"; and these are referred to as man's threefold enemy.

Search your Bibles diligently, and you will not find a single text which says that a man must overcome his flesh. It is very fortunate for us that there is no such text; for it is absolutely impossible to do so. If it could be done it would mean that a man could make his flesh perfect, without sin. If this were possible, then

that man would not need to go to the throne of grace to confess his sins, for the reason that he would have no sins to confess.

If it were possible for a man thus to perfect himself, then it would be unnecessary for Jesus to die as man's Redeemer. Such a thought engenders spiritual pride and boastfulness, which is characteristic of our holiness friends, who are the chief exponents of this idea of fleshly perfection.

The Bible in unmistakable terms tells us that it is impossible to overcome the flesh. I quote Galatians 5:17: "For the flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would."

Listen also to Paul's statement, in Romans 7:15, 19: "For what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that I do. . . . for the good that I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do." Every honest man has to confess that he has the same experiences that Paul did.

Fleshly weaknesses are those infirmities which we inherit from our forbears, such as envy, jealousy, selfishness, anger, pride, the tendency to hold a grudge, wilfulness, evil speaking, evil surmising, etc. According to the Bible the Christian is to strive against these weaknesses as much as possible; he is to mortify the deeds of the flesh, which means to kill as far as possible these fleshly desires; he is to do his best at it.

Then for all his shortcomings the Lord has graciously prepared a throne of grace, given us Jesus as our advocate and intercessor, and invited us to come boldly to this throne of grace, and confess our sins; and He also assures us that He will forgive us our sins.

These scriptures being true, it is apparent that God knew that we could not overcome these fleshly tendencies, and in His love and mercy made this provision for the forgiveness of the same. I desire to emphasize the thought that to get the forgiveness the sinner must come penitently to the throne and confess his sins, and ask for the forgiveness.

Some of our holiness friends claim that they have not sinned for years; but I wish to call attention to the fact that the very claim itself is a sin. I will give the proof of this statement (1 John 1:8, 10): "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not

in us"; "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."

### *An Important Question*

**T**HUS we can see that the question of what a Christian is to overcome becomes a most important and interesting one. In Revelation 3:21, we read the words of our Lord Jesus: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."

I call your attention to two things mentioned in this text: First, Jesus had to overcome in order to sit down with His Father in His throne; second, Jesus said that we must overcome "even as I also overcame". Therefore the Christian must overcome exactly what Jesus did and in the same way.

What did Jesus overcome? Listen to His words in John 16:33: "In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer: I have overcome the world." Again in 1 John 5:4, 5 we read: He that is 'begotten of God overcometh the world: . . . and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

It should be easy for anyone to see that faith is not involved in overcoming fleshly weaknesses nor in overcoming the sinful things of the world. Whatever must be overcome, according to these texts, must needs require a large degree of faith, in order to succeed.

The word world has a great variety of meanings both in the Bible and in daily usage in our day. For instance, we say: The world is beautiful, referring to the scenery on the earth. Again we say: The world is gone mad, referring to the people on the earth. We say again: The world is corrupt, rotten, referring to the political, financial, industrial and religious organizations collectively.

Now notice some of the different ways that this word world is used in the Bible. Psalm 97: 4 reads: "His lightnings enlightened the world." "Lightnings" here mean truth, and "the world" means the people, and the text simply means that it will be the flashes of truth from Jehovah God that will enlighten the race of mankind. Again, we read that Jesus gave His flesh for the life of the world, which means the life of the people who have lived on the earth.

Psalm 50:12: "For the world is mine, and the fulness thereof." This refers to the earth and the bounties of nature. In James 3:6 we read: "The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity." This means that there is a tremendous amount of iniquity and evil done by the tongue, by gossiping, tattling, lying, slandering, evil speaking, and in other ways.

### *World Often Means Devil's Organization*

**T**HE word world is used a great many times in the Bible as a name applied to the Devil's organization. Very few people realize that the Devil has an organization, a wicked, cruel, vicious organization, through which he deceives the entire human race and which he uses to slander Jehovah God and to misrepresent His purposes; an organization that is founded on fraud, hypocrisy, sham, deception; an organization which has only one purpose, viz: to keep the people under Satan's control, by deceiving them about God and His loving designs for the race.

We often speak of the political world, and mean that world or order or arrangement of affairs relating to politics and dominated by politicians; we also speak of the financial world, and mean that world or order or arrangement of affairs relating to financial things, and dominated by financiers. Just so Satan has a realm, a world which he dominates, where he rules and controls.

Satan has some servants who cooperate with him willingly, because they have his spirit. But the majority of those who are serving Satan are his dupes, that is, he has blinded them, deceived them and lied to them, until they think they are right in doing the things they do. So with the rulers of the political world and the financial world. There are some who willingly cooperate in the profiteering and lying and graft, because they have the spirit of selfishness controlling them.

Others, and by far the majority of people, cooperate with them because they are deceived into thinking that there is no better way, and that conditions cannot be changed: yes, they even think that it would be unpatriotic, almost treason, to try to change conditions for the better.

There are millions of people on the earth who are cooperating with the Devil's organization, not recognizing it as such, but recognizing and

acknowledging the wickedness and evil, the bribery, the graft and the corruption of the same, and yet who are so thoroughly deceived by the Devil that they would consider it almost an unpardonable sin to try to change conditions.

They would consider themselves, and the majority of people also would consider them, as very unpatriotic, as traitors and worthy of death, if they should make an effort to right the wrong or even point it out. This is the spirit that operates in the Devil's world. This spirit is what holds it together.

All true Christians, all honest people, cannot have any sympathy with such a spirit. They cannot in any way support or sympathize with evil, injustice, corruption or oppression, and hence would not want to cooperate with the Devil in doing these things, when once they see what his kingdom is, and especially when they see that the Lord has another and a better way.

#### *What the Devil's World Is*

**N**OW let us get down to real facts and find out what the Devil's organization is, what his world is. It will be necessary for me to speak plainly, and yet I shall speak in love. I am well aware of the fact that those who are cooperating with the Devil's organization, because they are selfishly profiting thereby, because it is to their advantage in some way to do so, will not like this talk. I will not expect them to like it; for the same class of people who heard Jesus denounce their hypocrisy and their oppression in His day, sought to kill Him.

The Scriptures reveal the fact that Satan's organization, or world, has two parts, a visible and an invisible; and that the invisible part is called by the name heavens, and the visible part is called earth. It shows that the heavens consist of some angels that sinned; that these are organized under Satan as their leader; that these angels, having become wicked, are now called devils and demons.

Revelation 12:9 tells us of a time when the Devil and his angels will be cast out of heaven. Matthew 25:41, tells us that the lake of fire is prepared for the Devil and his angels. In Mark 3:23, 24, 26, the scribes charged Jesus with casting out devils by the prince of devils; and Jesus said, "How can Satan cast out Satan? and if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. . . . And if Satan rise up

against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand." In these words Jesus acknowledged that Satan has an empire, a world. But these angels organized and controlled by Satan constitute only a part of his world, the invisible or spiritual part.

According to the Bible there is another part to Satan's world, a visible part, made up of wicked, tyrannical, unjust and cruel men and women. These two parts, visible and invisible (called heavens and earth) are thoroughly organized. Satan controls them both; he uses them to accomplish his wicked purposes. Unitedly, they constitute what the Apostle Paul calls "this present evil world".—Galatians 1:4.

Paul refers to both parts of this world again in Ephesians 2:2, in these words: "In time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air [the invisible part], the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience [the visible part]."

#### *Its Visible Phase*

**W**HILE the invisible part of Satan's world is made up of certain angels that sinned, that have Satan's spirit and disposition, all cooperating together to accomplish a certain purpose, the visible part is made up of organizations of men dominated and controlled by Satan, and cooperating with Satan to accomplish the same purpose.

These organizations of men are wicked and corrupt; and everybody on earth knows that they are wicked, selfish, cruel and corrupt. Yet few people dare oppose them; for to do so is considered treason, and will arouse a storm of protest from these organizations themselves. And since they control all the means of communication of knowledge and news, the schools the pulpit and the press, they are able to control the people, some through fear, and others through selfish interests.

These organizations are known to men as big business, big politics and big religion. Everyone knows that these organizations are working together, that their interests are one, their aims are one; and that these interests and aims are to keep the masses of people under their control for selfish purposes. Everyone knows that the masses of the people fear this combination. Everyone knows also that no good thing can be said about the combination.

Satan has only one purpose in having an empire or world, and that purpose is to misrepresent God, slander His name, and lie about His Word, the Bible. To do this it is of vital importance to the Devil that the people be kept in ignorance of God and His plans, His love and His teachings. More than that, it is of vital importance that something else be substituted for the plans and teachings of God, and that the people be deceived into believing that these substitutes are the truth. This is exactly what Satan has done, and is still doing.

In Revelation 12:9, the apostle says that Satan is the deceiver of the whole world. How has he deceived the world? The answer is, By using the two parts of his organization, his world or empire, and through these teaching false doctrines, false ideas of government, finance and religion, all of which keep the people in bondage, in ignorance and superstition, and make them the dupes and tools of the Devil in his one work of misrepresenting God and blaspheming His name.

### *How the Two Parts Cooperate*

LET us see how the visible and invisible part of Satan's world cooperate in this work of deception. In the garden of Eden, God told Adam that in the day that he ate of the forbidden fruit he would surely die. Satan said to Mother Eve: 'God doth know that thou wilt not surely die.' This was a direct charge that God was a liar, while the truth of the matter is that the Devil was the liar. In John 8:44, Jesus said that Satan was a liar when he uttered these words.

The wicked angels, serving Satan's purpose, are trying to perpetuate that lie by using spirit mediums and others, and through them deceiving the people into believing that they are talking to their dead friends, when in fact it is simply these wicked spirits, lying spirits, demons, devils, imposing on the people. God said: "Thou shalt surely die"; and the Bible says that the dead know not anything.

Practically all the clergymen on earth are cooperating with the Devil and these wicked deceiving spirits in perpetuating that lie; for all of them teach that the dead are more alive than ever and fully conscious either in heaven or in torment.

Now notice carefully the words of Paul which,

he said, applied to our day, the last day. 1 Timothy 4:1: "The spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." Thus we see that there are seducing spirits and that devils teach doctrines.

To teach a doctrine, a spirit has to use some human agency, and I ask my audience: Who it is that are teaching doctrines on this earth? Everyone of you know that it is the clergymen. It is the creeds formed by clergymen that misrepresent the Bible and the God of the Bible. They teach for doctrines the commandments of men.

### *What the Devil Does Not Want*

THE Devil does not want people to study the Bible; for if they did they would soon get their eyes open to what the Devil is doing. It serves his purpose best to keep the people in ignorance of the Bible. Do the clergymen cooperate with the Devil in this work? Let us see. For a thousand years the Catholic Church did not let the masses of people own a Bible and kept it buried in a language which the people could not read; and when it was translated into the people's language, this same church persecuted to the death the men who did the translating, and confiscated and destroyed the Bibles. To this day the priests and popes advise that the laity should not try to study it because they claim the people cannot properly interpret it.

Among the Protestant clergy the same position is taken, viz., that the clergymen are the only ones who can properly interpret the Bible. Many clergymen tell their people that the Bible is an old fiddle that you can play any tune on, by which they mean to discourage investigation of it. Other clergymen claim that it is a book of mystery, and not intended to be understood; and their purpose is to discourage investigation of it. Jesus said: "Search the Scriptures," while the clergymen advise against it. Pray, tell us whom are they serving then? Why are they so interested in keeping the people from investigating the Bible?

The answer is that the people would soon learn that the Bible does not teach the trinity, eternal torment, immortality of the soul; that it does not teach the divine right of kings or clergy. The people would soon learn that the human ordination of the clergy is a stupendous fraud, that the Bible teaches that the dead are

actually dead and that the creeds are false on this point. Thus the people would see just what the Devil's empire is, and would no longer serve or cooperate with it; and this would interfere with church attendance and the collection box. The people can be controlled only as they are kept in ignorance.

### *What the World Really Is*

**M**OST of the profiteering financiers and politicians belong to some church, and lend their dollars and influence to perpetuating these falsehoods and shams on the people. The profiteers are the ones who plunge the nations into war, and the clergy stand up in the pulpits and disgrace the cause of Christ by preaching the boys into the trenches.

Paul said of true Christians: "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal." The Devil's organization urges the use of carnal weapons, such as poison gas, liquid fire, cannon, battle-ships, armies and navies. This great, powerful, entrenched, wicked and oppressive organization, visible and invisible, is called the world.

The Devil has deceived the people into thinking that it is the proper thing. Men speak of Christendom, thus connecting the name of Christ with the Devil's organization, with all those wicked, cruel, unrighteous and corrupt systems of earth, which are so full of graft, bribery, oppression and deceit. It is a criminal libel against Jehovah God and His Son, our Lord Jesus, to charge that either one of them has anything to do with these organizations. It is blasphemy of the worst kind.

Jesus said: "My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight." This clearly teaches that the servants of the Lord must not fight. But the elements which make up this present evil world, viz., big business, big politics, and big preachers, are a unit on this matter of fighting. They unitedly promote war by urging larger and yet larger armies and navies; by urging the governments of earth to be prepared for any emergency, with stupendous supplies of poison gases, liquid fire, and every other devilish and fiendish device for the destruction of life and property.

They are the first ones to cry "Treason!" "Pacifist!" "Red!" and through the pulpit and the press to heap odium and reproach upon every honest-hearted, liberty-loving, peace-lov-

ing and law-abiding citizen who dares to protest against these evil machinations of the Devil's kingdom, his world.

### *Present Evil World is Popular*

**T**HE present evil world is very popular. It is lauded to the sky, by its supporters. The pulpit and the press reek with the laudations of those profiteers, politicians, financiers and pulpiteers that impose the most wicked, oppressive measures on the people, and make the people foot the bills against their will. The spirit of the world is selfishness. It is destructive of liberty. It suppresses man's God given free moral agency, and makes him only a part of a great machine controlled by the Devil, and doing a work which every honest man acknowledges is unjust and wicked.

Men and women have been taught that there is no better way, until they believe that this statement is true. But there is a better way clearly outlined in the Bible. It is God's way. When put into operation it will give to the people just what they desire. It will establish and inculcate righteousness, justice and peace on the earth. It will destroy the Devil and his evil world, both the visible and invisible part, as the Apostle Peter tells us in 2 Peter, 3rd chapter, where we read that the heavens (the invisible part of Satan's world) being on fire shall be dissolved, and the earth (the visible part) and the things that are therein shall be burned up. This simply means that both are to be destroyed.

When a Christian discovers that this world is of the Devil, and that the Lord has a different and a better way of bringing blessings to the people, loyalty to God demands that he at once cease to cooperate with the Devil, and that he shall begin at once to cooperate with the Lord. He cannot do otherwise and be pleasing to God. This means that he must take his stand against this present evil world.

Now notice some texts on this point, and bear in mind that these texts apply only to a Christian. James 4:4: "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world, is the enemy of God." I ask my audience now, Are you the friend of the unjust, tyrannical, wicked, oppressive present order? If so, you cannot be the friend of God.



No Christian can cooperate with, nay, he cannot even sympathize with anything which is controlled by the Devil, and be pleasing to the Lord. 1 John 2:15 reads: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world."

### *What it Means to Overcome the World*

**TO OVERCOME** the world means to overcome its spirit of selfishness, to overcome the desire to cooperate with the world in its works of any kind, because it is organized and controlled by Satan for the one purpose of misrepresenting God and His Word, and keeping the people in bondage and in ignorance.

There are many temptations thus to cooperate. Satan tempted Jesus to cooperate with him, when he said to Jesus: "If you will fall down and worship me, I will give you all the kingdoms of this world, for they are mine." Jesus overcame the temptation.

The Devil offers prizes to all who will cooperate with him. To some he offers honor among men, to others wealth, and to some preferment, or influence, or power. Some accept the world's prizes of being kings, queens, emperors, czars or presidents. Some accept its prizes of a religious nature, and prefer to be a pope, bishop, presiding elder, reverend, honorable, right reverend, doctor of divinity, father, rabbi, etc.

Some are satisfied with being a power in financial circles, coal baron, steel king or a railway magnate. In the Devil's world all the honors are given to men and none to God. It is our faith that enables us to overcome the world, our faith in the fact that God's plan is the best, in fact, the only one that will bring permanent blessings; our faith in the knowledge that the present world belongs to the Devil, that it is a curse, and that to sympathize with or cooperate with it will bring divine disapproval.

Jesus was tempted to jump off the temple top, so that men would regard Him as a hero; but He steadfastly refused to accept the honors of men, knowing that to do this would forfeit His Father's approval. The spirit of the world is selfishness. That means to get all you can for yourself, regardless of the injustice done to others. What a temptation this is, and how

difficult it is to overcome it, and how few succeed in so doing!

Only those who love the Lord can possibly succeed, those who have an abiding faith that the kingdom of Christ is the only panacea for all of earth's ills, those who love to do things that are right, true, honest, just and loving. All others will delight to cooperate with the Devil's world, because it is to their selfish advantage to do so.

The Lord's people are in the world, but not of it. They are obeying the commands of their Captain, "Come out of her, my people, touch not the unclean thing."

### *From the Devil Hates and Why*

**IF ANYONE** should take his stand against the Devil and his organization, of course the Devil will do all in his power to defame, injure and kill such. Thus he has always done. He killed the Lord Jesus; and Jesus said, "The servant is not above his master. If they have hated me they will hate you." But, adds Jesus, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

To take one's stand against the Devil's world brings reproach, ridicule, persecution, reviling, and has brought death to thousands in the past. Any one who stands against the Devil's world will get no favors from that world.

While we are not to sympathize with or cooperate with the Devil's arrangements in any way, no matter under what guise they are sailing, nevertheless, the Bible teaches that the Lord's people are to be the most peaceable and most law abiding people on earth. If everybody were like the Lord's people there would be no necessity for jails, penitentiaries, policemen, wars, cannon, liquid fire or poison gas.

Who shall dwell on high? Isaiah 33:15, 16 answers: "He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; he shall dwell on high." In other words he that scorns to do and to teach the things that are taught in the Devil's empire; he who has a faith so strong that he can take his stand on the Lord's side no matter what men say or do or think. This is the victory that overcometh the world.



## The First Great Prophet of Jehovah

[A juvenile Bible story radiocast from Station WORD on a wave length of 275 meters by C. D. Nicholson.]

**T**HE first great prophet of the Lord was Moses. We have learned considerable about him in previous lessons. The Bible says of Moses that he was the meekest man in all the world. As we consider the experiences which he underwent as the leader of the Israelites for forty years, we are able to understand why the Lord chose a very meek man for leading the children of Israel to the land of promise.

One of the most remarkable events which took place among the Israelites in their wilderness journey happened some months after leaving Mt. Sinai, less than two years from the time they left Egypt. They had now approached the land of promise, and Moses selected twelve men to make a search of the country to see where the best places were for them to settle. These spies found the rich new country abounding in fruits and crops, a land greatly to be desired.

However, ten of the spies were cowards and feared that the Israelites would not be able to take the land from the people already living there. When they made their report to Moses to this effect, the people were so discouraged that they literally cried in disappointment and were ready to return to Egypt. Two of the spies, Caleb and Joshua, had faith in the power of God to fight their battles for them, and assured Moses and the people that they should at once go into the land of promise; but the people were afraid.

They seemed to forget that the Lord was their leader and that He was able to help them in every time of need. None of the wonderful things He had done for them during the past two years of their lives were even thought of. They were depending entirely upon their own strength; and because of their unbelief and lack of faith in God and His promises, the Lord punished them by making them wander around in that barren wilderness for a period of forty years.

The lesson which seemed to be the hardest for the Israelites to learn was that of not murmuring against Moses; for they overlooked the fact that Jehovah was their leader and not Moses. On one occasion the people murmured so bitterly that even the Lord lost patience with them and caused a great plague of red-headed serpents to break out and bite the people, killing many of them.

The purpose in sending the serpents, however, was not the destruction of the people, but that they might learn to trust in the Lord and to acknowledge Him as their leader. He therefore caused Moses to erect a pole or cross, and on that cross to fasten a serpent made of brass or copper; and the people bitten by the serpents were instructed to simply look up to this figure on the cross which Moses had erected, and they would live. This was another picture of Christ and the work He shall yet do for all mankind.

At the end of the forty years' journey, Moses' work drew to its close. A new leader must be provided for the people; not that Moses was too old to lead the people, but because he had accomplished that which the Lord wanted him to do in connection with the deliverance of His chosen people. Moses had finished the work that the Lord gave him to do, and the time had now come for him to die. Moses therefore called the leaders of the various tribes of the children of Israel together and gave them counsel and advice, to serve them the remainder of their lives.

Then Moses took leave of the people in the plains, and climbed the tallest mountain in that part of the country which was situated close to the river, from whose top all the land which God had promised to Abraham could be seen. When he reached the top of the mountain the Lord appeared again to Moses and showed him this good land, and said unto him, "This is the land which I swear unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither."

Then Moses lay down, his breath went forth, and he was dead. Then the most extraordinary thing any one has ever heard of happened. The Lord actually buried Moses in one of the valleys in the land of Moab. Just where he was buried no one ever knew, but the word was carried to the people that Moses was dead, and they mourned for him thirty days.

According to the Bible, Moses is to be awakened from the dead in God's due time and will again walk upon this earth as one of its greatest rulers and teachers. Do you think any one else will know more about Jehovah and be a better instructor and lawgiver to the people than Moses?

## Little Studies for Little People

(Study Twenty-Two)

162. But most of the people would not believe that Jesus was really the Messiah, or Redeemer, whom God had promised to Abraham so long ago. Jesus lived in a very modest way, and had simple clothing to cover Him. The people expected to see a great king arise with mighty armies and fine uniforms and brass bands, and rush around doing something with a big noise. That was their idea of the Redeemer.

163. Was that the right idea, and according to what God had said? No; Christ is called the Lamb of God, and we know that this means He was very gentle and quiet in all His ways; for a lamb does not make a big noise and rush around with a show of importance.

164. So the people did not think that this kind, gentle man, who walked from place to place, and did and said such wonderful things, was really the Messiah, or Christ. Only a very few really good people, who believed the promises that had been handed down from the time of Abraham, were willing to follow Jesus and learn of Him.

165. Twelve men in particular were chosen by Jesus to preach the Word of God to the people, and these twelve men were inspired by the holy spirit to write parts of the New Testament. These twelve good men were called apostles of Jesus. Apostle means *messenger*.

### *The Price Is Provided*

166. Jesus was a perfect man. The Bible tells us that while He was on earth, He had the nature and likeness of a man. He was a spirit being, like God Himself, before God sent Him to earth. But when Jesus came to the earth, He was simply a man, a human being; but He was perfect.

167. God was His Father, which means Life-giver; and so Jesus was perfect. He did not make any mistakes or do or say anything wrong during the whole of His life on the earth. Think of that! In this way He was better than Adam; for Adam made the biggest mistake that has ever been made.

168. God allowed the people to put Jesus to death after His three and a half years of teaching and healing the sick. The people thought they were doing right; but of course we know that they were very wrong, and did not realize what they were doing. However, they crucified

this gentle, loving man, who had never done any harm. They took His life. And that was all in fulfilment of God's plan, as He told it to Abraham so long before.

### *What Was Gained by the Death of Jesus?*

169. Here is a short group of the main facts of this wonderful plan of God, that will help us to see it all more clearly: Adam was a perfect man. He disobeyed God, and this made him imperfect. All of his children have since been imperfect. Everybody would have to die, for ever, and never see the green grass or hear the birds in the trees again. God does not intend this to be so, however. He loves everybody very much.

170. There have been no perfect men since Adam, of course. So none of Adam's children could pay the price of a perfect life for a perfect life. If some perfect man would give his life to pay for the life that Adam lost, everybody would have a chance of living for ever; for God will make all the dead live again. But there were no perfect men on earth.

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### Questions on Study Twenty-Two

162. Why was it that most of the people would not believe that Jesus is the Redeemer? In what way did the people expect the Redeemer to come?

163. What title, applied to Christ, shows His gentle, inoffensive nature? Is it natural for a lamb to rush around with a big noise and show of importance?

164. How did Jesus manage to get from place to place during His ministry? What kind of people believed on Him, and how many of them were there?

165. How many men were specially chosen by Jesus to be with Him and to preach the message He gave them? What did they afterward accomplish?

166. What kind of nature did Jesus have before He came to earth? But after He came to earth what kind of nature did He then have?

167. Who was Jesus' father? What does the name father mean? Did Jesus ever make any mistakes? In what way was He better than Adam?

168. What did God allow the people to do to Jesus after He had taught them and healed them for three and a half years? Did God foresee this?

169. Was Adam perfect before he disobeyed God? What made him imperfect? Has he ever had any perfect children? What only could they expect?

170. Have there been any perfect men on earth since Adam? Was there any man on earth that could pay the wages for father Adam's disobedience?

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