

DIVINE JUDGMENT THEN DIVINE MERCY

God's Plan For Human Deliverance Not Yet Completed.

Divine Law of Retribution—Man's First Judgment Day—Death Sentence Pronounced Against the Race—Redemption Secured by the Death of Another Man—A New Trial For Mankind—Second Trial Individual, Not Racial—Messiah the Judge—Trial to Last 1,000 Years—Outcome Glorious.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Portland, Me., August 15.—Pastor Russell delivered a very interesting discourse here today on the text, "Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world?" (1 Corinthians 6:2.) He spoke as follows: Much confusion prevails through failure to understand the Divine application of justice in the world's affairs.

The Bible clearly teaches that to some extent national judgments and punishments have been in progress for centuries, but that individual reckonings with Divine Justice are for the future—except as violations of Nature's laws continually bring retribution. It is in view of this fact that the Lord's judgment is future that Christians are exhorted, "Judge nothing before the time."

The Scriptures discriminate sharply between the judgment of the Church and the judgment of the world, and to read our Bibles intelligently we must thus discriminate. God has not ignored sin during the past six thousand years. He is punishing the whole world every day. The penalty specified in the Bible is death; and our race is dying at the rate of one hundred thousand daily—exclusive of the great mortality occasioned by the European war.

This penalty is not graded according to moral differences amongst men. Divine Justice merely decided that Father Adam as a rebel against the Divine Law had forfeited his life, and that none of his children could be born under conditions that would be perfect and satisfactory to God.

The closing verses of that chapter, however, the Apostle refers to the Church of the Gospel Age as constituting a different class of God's servants, as designed to receive at His hands still higher honors than the others. Note the Apostle's words of contrast. After speaking very lightly of the faith of the Ancient Worthies, St. Paul explains that they died without having received the fulfillment of the promises made to them, all of which were earthly; and that they could not receive the fulfillment of their earthly promises until after the Church would have received and entered into her spiritual promises by the First Resurrection.—Hebrews 11:39, 40.

The Church, according to the Bible, is distinctly different from the world, and is to have a different kind of salvation from that provided for mankind in general. God's provision for humanity from the beginning was a perfect earth, suitable for perfect mankind; and all this was represented on a small scale by our first parents in Eden. God's Plan has not changed. The recovery of man from the death sentence will bring him to perfection and a world-wide earthly Eden, if he is obedient to the Divine arrangements. Otherwise he shall be destroyed utterly in the Second Death, as the Scriptures repeatedly declare.—Acts 3:23.

As God prepared a worthy class during the Jewish Age to be His earthly representatives amongst mankind and samples of human perfection during the time of the world's judgment, or trial, similarly He has during this Gospel Age been selecting another class, spiritualized ones, who are to be perfected on the Heavenly or Spirit Plane. (2 Peter 1:4; 1 John 3:2.) To Christ and His glorified Church God purposes to turn over the whole world of mankind, including those who have gone into the tomb.

dict with our observation as well as contradictory to the Bible, which declares that "the wages of sin is death," that "the soul that sinneth shall die," and that Christ died for man's sin in order to recover him out of this penalty of death and to make possible his re-living, his resurrection from the dead.—Romans 6:23; Ezekiel 18:4; 1 Corinthians 15:21-23.

Another Day of Judgment. Having seen that God's judgment, or sentence against sin, went into effect six thousand years ago and is still in effect—that the whole world is dying—we ask properly, When will the new Judgment Day begin—the opportunity for Adam and his race to have another trial for life—secured by God's mercy through the death of Jesus?

St. Paul answers our query, saying, "God hath appointed a Day, in which He will judge the world in righteousness, by that Man whom He hath ordained, whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead." (Acts 17:31.) St. Paul does not say that this Judgment Day had begun in his time; but that it was future, according to God's appointment, and as a result of Christ's death. He clearly intimates also that Jesus is to be the great Judge.

In this view of matters, the appointed Judgment Day is not to be a time of punishment for Adam's sin; for mankind already have been punished in the dying processes of the race for six thousand years. Nor is the coming Judgment to punish Adam's race because of their inherited weakness; for all those weaknesses were included in the redemptive work which the Savior accomplished when "He by the grace of God tasted death for every man."

The coming Judgment Day simply signifies a fresh trial for Adam and his race. In the first trial in Eden, Father Adam failed; and he and his race all lost the perfect life with which he had been originally endowed, as a son of God. The new Judgment Day is designed by the Creator for the benefit of Adam and his race. In other words, it will be a second great trial of the race, the difference being that the trial will be individual, and the rewards or punishments individual, not racial.

During the four thousand years from the time of Adam's sin and his coming under the death sentence down to the time of Christ, God merely left the world under His penalty and without any suggestion that well-doing or ill-doing would have any bearing upon their future destiny. The only exception to this rule was the little nation of Israel, Abraham's family. To Abraham, a man of faith and loyalty to God, came the first declaration of God's purpose to bless the world. (Galatians 3:8, 16, 29.) Neither Abraham nor his children were delivered from the curse. He was merely informed that God had purposed another Judgment Day, in which all the families of the earth would be blessed and in which Abraham's Offspring would be the great Judge, through whom all the willing and obedient might be brought back to everlasting life and perfection.

God might have continued to deal with humanity exactly as He had done during the first two thousand years—might have left them in ignorance of His purpose to roll away the curse and to roll on a blessing. But another feature of the Divine Plan made it expedient to reveal certain features of the Divine purpose. He desired to select two classes from amongst mankind before He would begin the general work of giving a fresh judgment, or trial, for everlasting life to Adam and his race. In harmony with His Plan God revealed certain things to Abraham and his natural posterity, the Jews, up to the time of Christ. In His dealings with them He tested them and found certain noble, loyal, faithful characters, suitable to His future purposes. They are sometimes styled the Ancient Worthies, and are referred to by St. Paul in Hebrews 11.

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What God purposes for the world through Messiah's Kingdom will be the grandest thing imaginable. Through this Kingdom, Divine judgments—justice—will be enforced everywhere—sympathetically. Each will be required to live up to the perfect standard of the Golden Rule, to the extent of ability; and the Royal Priesthood will be fully commissioned to remit penalties for unintentional transgressions resulting from inherited weaknesses. The reward to well-doers will be gradual growth in knowledge, in grace, in mental, moral and physical strength.

Many find it difficult to understand how God's judgments could bring great blessings to the world. Hence we offer some suggestions: Suppose that the Kingdom were established, with Christ and the glorified Church in control, invisible to men, but all-powerful and all-wise. Suppose myriads of agents and agencies for the carrying out of the Divine will through this Royal Priesthood operating like the sound waves of the wireless telegraph. Suppose a contrite sinner earnest in his full surrender to the Lord, and imagine his acceptance to Divine favor indicated by a miraculous healing of some infirmity or by an enlightenment of mind permitting him to appreciate the Divine will. On the other hand, suppose a lover of sin attempting to commit wrong and receiving instant punishment—his hand paralyzed in the act of forging a signature or of taking the property of another—his tongue paralyzed in the act of uttering slander, profanity or untruth.

How quickly the world would learn righteousness under such conditions! These very conditions we would not naturally incline to expect, but do not see; for God's great Plan has not yet reached completion.

This Messiah will be backed by all the Divine Power in His work of rescuing mankind from the fallen condition. Satan will be bound; all evil influences will thus be restrained. The darkness of ignorance and superstition will be scattered before the rising Sun of Righteousness. All mankind will be blessed—the living first, and afterwards the sleeping ones, "every man in his own order" or company—not all at once. For a thousand years a great work of judging will progress.

This judging will not be punishments on account of Adam's sin or of inherited imperfections and faults, results of that sin. So far as the wrong doings of the present life are traceable to inherited tendencies, they will be covered by the merit of the great Redeemer's sacrifice. The only accounts remaining unsettled will be for those misdeeds and pernicious words of the present life done or uttered contrary to knowledge. The degree of knowledge will determine the degree of sin.

Each individual then on judgment, on trial, will have in himself the record of his own violations of conscience. That is to say, the unforfeitable sins, which must be punished, are those against the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Righteousness, the Spirit of Truth—done intelligently against it. Thus the civilized could seal their consciences in a manner that the uncivilized could not; and those having a knowledge of God and appreciation of the principles of His righteousness could injure themselves for the future in a manner that more ignorant people could not.

Jesus declared that in the Day of Judgment those who did evil without knowledge will be punished with fewer stripes than will those who did less evil with more light. He gives us as illustrations the Sodomites of old, who were accounted most wicked, and the people amongst whom He was preaching, who counted themselves holiness people—Scribes and Pharisees. (Matthew 10:15; 11:22.) It will be tolerable for all, but less tolerable for those who have had more knowledge, more light, in the present life, and who have failed to live accordingly.

The period since Jesus' day, beginning at Pentecost, has been the Church's Judgment Day—her trial time. Only those coming into the True Church on the Lord's terms are privileged to have this special trial, and, if victorious, its special reward of glory, honor and immortality in the Kingdom. The entrance into the Church is through the begetting of the Holy Spirit; and this begetting to the new nature is granted only to those who turn from sin, accept the Redeemer as their Advocate with the Father, and make consecration to do God's will.

As New Creatures, these have much advantage, in that God guarantees that "all things shall work together for good to them"—as spirit beings. This means, however, that they will be subjected to trials, difficulties, testings, none we do not see evil-doers undergo, even though they injure God's true people and blaspheme His name. But after God has made ready all the Jews of the Elect class and has set them in the gold of the Divine nature, there will be a change in prevailing conditions amongst men. Evil-doers will be chastised, with a view to their reformation. This falling, they "will be destroyed from amongst the people." Describing these Restitution conditions, the Prophet declares, "Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked."

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UNION. Ledger.

Lute Crawford went to Omaha last Saturday morning to meet his mother, who came in from Cedar county to visit several days.

Mrs. Barbara Taylor and Miss Elsie Taylor went on the Monday evening train to Omaha and made a visit with Attorney C. H. Taylor and wife.

Mrs. W. H. Crawford of Laurel, Neb., arrived last Saturday to make a visit with her sons, Lute and Bert Crawford, and her daughter, Mrs. John Eaton.

William Craig suffered a severe attack of stomach trouble last Friday and for a few days he was a very sick man, but on Tuesday he was able to be out again.

Lester Clarence of Coleridge has been visiting relatives and friends here and near Avoca this week and expects to take in the Old Settlers' reunion today and tomorrow.

George Hastings lost his purse on the sidewalk Wednesday evening and he would be pleased to have the finder notify him. The purse is black and contained a dollar and a check for \$13.

Rev. W. A. Taylor was called to Weeping Water on Wednesday to assist in the funeral services of the late Mrs. Sarah Frisbee, a pioneer resident, whose death occurred on Monday, at the age of 72 years.

James A. Tarkington of Surprise surprised his friends here Wednesday morning by dropping off for a few hours' visit. He had been out in another part of the state looking after some business affairs, and his stop here was necessarily short.

F. H. McCarthy was wearing a pair of crutches several days, not for style, but because he plumped his little No. 9 foot upon the top end of a rusty nail and suffered a very painful wound thereby. He has discarded his crutches, but as yet the injured "tootsie" respectfully declines to participate in any exhibition of fox trot or turtle gallop.

ELMWOOD. Leader-Echo.

Fred Dettman came in from Imperial, Neb., Tuesday afternoon for a few days' visit with his brother, Ben, and his sister, Mrs. E. J. Jeary.

Harry Walker, who has been telephone lineman at this place, was transferred to Plattsmouth. Mr. Nestiedt of Plattsmouth was transferred to this place.

Miss Lucy Rohn, of Drummond, Okla., arrived Monday. She is a sister of Mrs. Albert Dehning, who will work for them and help take good care of the baby boy.

Miss Lora Meisinger, who is employed in the telephone office at Plattsmouth, arrived on Saturday for a visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Stoehr and family.

Grant Crandall departed Tuesday morning for Billings, Mont., hoping the climate there will be beneficial to his health. If he is dissatisfied there he intends going to other parts. He is a sufferer from asthma.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dehning of near Wabash were made happy on last Friday by the arrival of a fine eight-pound son at their home that morning. They are the recipients of congratulations from their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Williams are rejoicing because of the arrival of a new daughter at their home on Monday morning. The little one and mother are getting along nicely. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are receiving the congratulations of their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roettger and son, Carl, of New Bremen, Ohio, and Mrs. Christ Roettger of Berlin, Neb., spent Saturday and Sunday at the Roettger and Langhorst homes. Mr. and Mrs. Roettger are making an extended visit at the home of Christ Roettger and family at Berlin. This is their first visit west.

A Ford touring car passed through Elmwood Tuesday afternoon bound for Ashland. The driver, in inquiring the way, said that on that morning two weeks ago they had eaten breakfast in San Francisco, Cal. They had a tent strapped to the car and also a bunch of luggage, so they surely must have made good time.

NEHAWKA. News.

Mrs. Grover Hoback entertained her brother, Loyal Massie, and friend, Miss Majorie Walker, of Murray, at

a 6 o'clock dinner Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ost left Monday morning for the coast, where they will spend about three months viewing the sights of the exposition.

Mrs. Levi Pollard and daughter, Mrs. T. Johnson, returned home Wednesday, having been at Excelsior Springs for the past few weeks. Mrs. F. P. Sheldon and daughter, Isadore, who had been taking a summer vacation in Colorado, returned home the latter part of the week, after a couple of weeks' absence.

Robert Alford left Wednesday morning for the exposition. He will stop off for a short visit at several different places in Colorado, Utah and Washington before returning home.

John Bagley and Sam Moore, who left here several weeks ago on the former's motorcycle for the southern harvest fields, arrived home Sunday. They worked in Oklahoma and Kansas mostly.

Last Sunday about forty relatives and friends gathered at the home of F. L. Nutzman and gave them a pleasant surprise. Mr. and Mrs. Nutzman expect to leave shortly for the exposition and this gathering was for a social time before they left.

Last Friday E. M. Pollard shipped his first car of early apples to the Northwestern Fruit Distributing company at Minneapolis. If the weather is anywhere normal we understand Mr. Pollard will have a very large crop this fall and the quality will be of the best.

Just as we go to press the county physician, Dr. B. F. Brendel, of Murray, arrived in response to the call of Dr. Thomas, who had two cases in town which he termed as smallpox. On his arrival he pronounced that Lova Reynolds and Grover Hoback had the smallpox. The postoffice was at once closed and fumigated and the patients quarantined to prevent any other danger as far as possible. Full details will be given next week.

AL REED OF LANDER, WYO., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Jim Philpot, this week. Born—Tuesday, August 10, to Mrs. Mamie Ewart, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Mills, a ten-pound boy.

The Foltz brothers of South Omaha were seen on the streets here Friday. They were looking after their farm interests near town.

Mrs. William Dunn and daughter, Miss Dorothy, left Tuesday morning for California to visit her brother, Arthur Spees, at Pala and to attend the exposition.

M. J. Wickersham says that just to show things are never done by halves in Florida they had 15.45 inches of rain in twenty hours the other day at St. Petersburg. There was not a great amount of damage done.

F. B. Thomas has been helping out with the rush of farm work by offering his services as a grain stacker. While working for J. K. Johnson on the Walker section he laid the bundles for nine stacks that were put up in two days and a half.

Simon Obornolt and family of Oakland are visiting at the home of Mr. Obornolt's mother, west of town. Simon drove down in a car. He reports crop conditions better here than up in that country.

William Coatman sold his 160-acre farm south of town last week to Mr. Henderson Ward of the vicinity of Cedar Creek. The consideration was \$22,000. Roy Coatman, who lives on his father's place, will move to Elmwood about the first of next year and engage in the implement business.

Kane Frederickson was slightly injured Tuesday when a 16-foot ladder on which he was working fell and he and the ladder went in a heap onto the cement walk below. He was working at electrical work at the Lars Nelson home. His foot was bruised and he was badly shaken up.

LOUISVILLE. Courier.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Murphy of Sterling, Colo., are visiting at the Walter Johnson home this week. Mrs. L. J. Mayfield and Mrs. E. D. Mayfield and daughter, Beth Jean, visited friends in Lincoln this week.

Mrs. B. G. Hoover has returned home from Topeka, Kansas, where she has been for several weeks visiting her daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross are receiving the congratulations of their friends upon the birth of a little daughter who came to gladden their home on Friday, August 6.

C. A. Richey drove down from Omaha Tuesday to look after the sand

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business here, and Mrs. Richey accompanied him to spend a few hours visiting among old-time friends.

Mr. and Mrs. August Pautsch and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pautsch and daughter, Miss Lydia, spent the day very pleasantly at the fisheries last Sunday, where they enjoyed a picnic dinner.

Jim Terryberry claims the honor of furnishing the first home-grown beef to go over the block at Thiele & Williams new meat market. It was a fine 2-year-old heifer weighing 1,040 pounds and as fat as butter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Tangeman and son and daughter, Cort and Miss Nora Hangeman, and their guests, Miss Lottie Limback, of Garnaville, Iowa, and Charles Nefsky of Lincoln, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Diers Sunday, coming over in their auto.

Mrs. C. F. Rathbun and daughter, Miss Dora, moved into their new bungalow on Gospel Hill last week. The house is attractive in appearance and conveniently arranged, and the view in any direction is very pretty, especially the one from the west windows which overlook the river and the hills on the other side.

IN PLATTSMOUTH FORTY YEARS AGO.

Jim Merryman, chief clerk of the house of H. J. Streight, of South Bend, was down "taking in" the town from Saturday till Monday, a week ago.

B. C. Dyer, representing Shiloh's consumption cure, gave us a call last Tuesday. He is pushing their medicines in this state and they are very highly spoken of.

A big smoke yesterday made us think there was a fire down on Main street, but it was only a smoke. Billy Baker tramped it out.

We learned while down in the country last week that our friend, James Wiley, was rejoicing over a daughter, lately come to his house.

Parmele vs. Joe Conner had a funny trial last Saturday. All about a few bushels of grain. Each acted as his own lawyer, and the boys had heaps of fun. The case was finally taken to the district court.

Dr. Livingston went up to Lincoln on Monday last, called to attend Mrs. Marquett, who, we regret to learn, is very ill. On Tuesday morning he was summoned to La Platte to another case of broken back, which occurred

in the quarry there.

Bernard Lange of the Nebraska Coal company called at this office Monday. He and Mr. Sutphen of Omaha have been down to visit their coal mines near Jones' Landing, and the specimens they left here are the best we have yet seen. We hope for all our sakes the mine will prove a success.

A game of base ball was played between the Rock Bluffs club and the "Clippers" of Weeping Water. On nine innings they stood 19 to 19. They played another inning and stood two (2) to two (2). On the next inning the W. W. boys whitewashed the R. B. club. The W. W. boys then took the bat and made three scores. Thus making the whole game stand 24 for W. W. and 21 for R. B.

Louisville.—Mr. Editor: Will you please let your paper convey the information to whom it may concern: That the Congregational church of Louisville appears to be alive. Geo. H. Thompson of Plattsmouth, having contracted to erect their church edifice, is now putting the material on the ground and will at once put on a full complement of hands and speedily complete the building. Veritas.

The Woman's Temperance union met on the 9th at the residence of Prof. Wise. The meeting was well attended. After a season of devotional exercises the business of the association was transacted. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Prof. Wise; vice presidents, Mrs. Delamaty, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Schildknecht and Mrs. Baekus; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Spurlock; recording secretary, Mrs. Duke; treasurer, Mrs. C. Parmele; agent for "Our Union," Mrs. C. P. Smith; Mrs. Pollock, chairman of the literary committee. Business over the society adjourned to meet again on Thursday, the 16th, at 3 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. D. H. Wheeler.

Recommend Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. "I never hesitate to recommend Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes Sol Williams, merchant, Jesse, Tenn. "I sell more of it than of any other preparation of like character. I have used it myself and found it gave me more relief than anything else I have ever tried for the same purpose." Obtainable everywhere.

"Billy" Sunday, the Man, and His Message—at the Journal office for \$1.00. This work contains the heart of Mr. Sunday's gospel message. Come in and get yours while they last, as we only have a few.

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