

PRINCE LUCIFER OF OLD NOW PRINCE OF DEMONS

Pastor Russell
Finds Much in the Bible on
Satan's Past, Present and Future



Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—Pastor Russell addressed large audiences twice today in Convention Hall and also in Masonic Temple. He had close attention from very intelligent congregations.

We report his address on Satan, the rebel angel.

Doubtless many of the audience were surprised when told that Satan is not in some far-off place stoking fires and torturing human or other victims, but that he is present amongst men, an invisible angel of evil, ably supported in his work as an adversary of God by legions of other fallen angels, of whom he is a master—"Prince of demons," either because of his superiority of nature, or because of belonging to a higher rank or grade than the ordinary angel. It was a surprise to many to learn that Satan, so far from being ill favored, is beautiful, according to the Scriptures, and that he is supervising the work directly and through the fallen angels, his servants, to mislead and to deceive humanity—putting light for darkness and darkness for light, error for truth, etc.

Pastor Russell's text was taken from Romans xvi, 20, "The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly." He said:—

The time was not long ago when intelligent people made light of everything in the Scriptures respecting invisible spirit beings, good and bad—the messengers of God and the messengers of Satan. This, however, can no longer be done. Under the increasing light of the New Dispensation man himself today can do things which but a short time ago would have been considered impossible. Can we not speak with our friends over hundreds of miles with a telephone and recognize each other's voices? Yet there is no pipe, no tube to convey the sounds and nothing, seemingly, carries it over the wire. We speak into a hole in the wall and our friends hundreds of miles away hear audibly. Still more marvelous is wireless telegraphy and wireless telephony. If man can accomplish these things what cannot the Almighty accomplish? Who can deny the possibility of invisible presence of spirit beings and yet admit the possibility of wireless telegraphy? We are safe, dear friends, in guiding our judgments directly by the Word of God and reasoning inside and not outside of its boundaries.

The Bible, and it alone, explains certain phenomena and all of the Bible explanations, although written, some of them centuries apart, are in most perfect accord. Thus in Genesis the Bible tells us respecting Satan's defection, and the book of Revelation, written more than three thousand years later, tells us of his binding for a thousand years, of Messiah's reign and Satan's ultimate destruction. Isaiah and Ezekiel tell us of his at one time being in full harmony with God, and that then he was the "covering cherub," glorious, grand, beautiful, and that his name was Lucifer, which signifies the Morning Star.

All of the angelic heavenly hosts are termed stars, bright ones; but Lucifer, being of a higher order, was styled the Morning Star, the Brightest Star. It was at that time, while in Divine favor, that Satan permitted the lodgment in his mind of a disloyal thought respecting his Creator. He thought of how, indirectly, by being in higher responsibility, he could work some wonders and do some things better than the Almighty. He craved the opportunity to make a demonstration of what he could do. But the Scriptures declared that first of all he said this merely in his heart and uttered it not. "He said in his heart, I will ascend into heaven; I will exalt my throne above the stars of God (still farther above his angelic associates), I will be as the Most High"—a ruler.

The Opportune Time Came.
Never had there been sin in heaven. Satan was the first of all his inhabitants to cherish, to entertain a rebellious thought and to bring it to a consummation. He held the thought in abeyance until the opportunity afforded, and God himself afforded the opportunity, with full knowledge of the consequences, and with the desire that this test of the entire heavenly host, and of a human race as well, should be effected because God seeketh not the worship of constraint, but "seeketh such for worshippers as worship him in spirit and in truth," voluntarily, joyfully.

It was when Satan beheld our first parents, in the image and likeness of God, yet not spirit but flesh, earthly, that he perceived the opportunity of gaining the coveted power for an empire, separate from that of Jehovah. In the first pair the Adversary beheld a new thing, a creature of Godlike qualities and possessed of the power

to propagate his own species. Satan realized that the conquest of this pair and the bringing of them into subjection to himself would signify the capture of a world full of people eventually—that the enslavement of the parents would signify the enslavement eventually of the race.

Satan's Methods Were Successful.
We cannot deny that Satan's plans were logical and that he has carried them out with great success—so that the Scriptures declare him "the Prince of this world" (John xiv, 30); and again, "the God of this world" (1 Corinthians iv, 4). Nevertheless, his victory was not so great a one as he doubtless expected it to be. No doubt he expected that he was capturing an immortal race. Quite probably he believed the falsehood he told mother Eve, when he contradicted the Word of God—that sin, that disobedience in eating the forbidden fruit, would bring upon them the penalty of death, "dying thou shalt die."

Satan's charge was that God had misrepresented the facts for the purpose of holding his creatures in mental slavery to himself; that he did not wish them to be wise, therefore he forbade the eating of this particular kind of fruit and declared the penalty of death for the transgression of his law. "I, Satan, assure you that you need not be afraid of the fruit; I assure you that it will do you good, and that you will not surely die from the eating of it." Alas! Mother Eve believed the Adversary and disbelieved her God, and then enticed her husband, still thinking, no doubt, that she would not die and that the serpent had told her the truth and that God had been the deceiver. St. Paul tells us that father Adam knew better and ate the fruit, knowing that it would cause his death, willing thus to disobey in order to maintain the fellowship of his wife, whose life, he realized, was already forfeited.

When the Divine sentence began to go into execution; when our first parents were driven out of Eden to battle with the thorns and thistles until they should return to the dust, no doubt Satan was disappointed. He had rather be the Prince of a noble living family of angels or of humans than the Emperor of a weak and dying race. However, from that day to the present time he has been fighting upon the same line; he has been contending with mankind that the Word of God is false when it declares that "the wages of sin is death," and that "the soul that sinneth it shall die." From that day to this he has been using this falsehood to the injury of our race, and surely he has succeeded wonderfully.

Today, not only in heathen lands, but amongst the most civilized, it is freely believed (and by many Christians considered Scriptural) to believe the nonsensical that a dead man is more alive than before he died. People of good, sound reasoning faculties on ordinary subjects seem to be "hoodooed" by this falsehood of Satan, "ye shall not surely die." So true is this, that it seems not inconsistent to them to say, that a man hit over the head with a stick and knocked senseless, knows nothing, but a man, hit over the head harder and killed, knows everything.

The Fallen Angels.
It was sometime after the fall of Satan and the fall of man that the Lord permitted the great test to come upon the angels of heaven, under which test a host of them fell into sin, disobedience, etc., and since then are known in the Scriptures as the fallen angels and as devils—more properly demons. Two weeks from today, D. V., we will consider their temptation and sin and penalty and whether or not there be any hope. Suffice it to say now that these fallen angels, demons, are under Satan as their great Prince and that they have been his active agents in long centuries in deceiving mankind and opposing the Divine Program.

It would have been as easy as not for God to have blotted out of existence entirely both Satan and the fallen angels, and man also, and to have completed another creation, angelic and human. But such was not the Divine Program. God's ways are not as man's ways, but higher—as the heavens are higher than the earth (Isaiah lv, 9).

Satan the Great Murderer.
No less an authority than our great Lord and Redeemer tells us that Satan was a murderer and a liar. He declares that he was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth; when he speaketh a lie he speaketh of his own, for he is the father of lies (John viii, 44). It is well that we keep this Divine testimony in our minds. It is well that we note just what the first great lie was, namely, Satan's misrepresentation, saying, "Ye shall not surely die." It is important that we notice this, because so thoroughly has Satan accomplished his deceptive work that practically everybody, heathen and civilized, accepts Satan's version of the matter and discredits the Almighty's.

Let us note also that Satan is a murderer; that he murdered Father Adam and Mother Eve, and that his lie is still murdering our race under the just laws of heredity. The error of believing Satan instead of God has gotten many into the confused situation of disclaiming that God proposed that man should live forever on earth in a Paradise, and, as his family would increase and continue in harmony with his Divine regulations, the boundaries of his Paradise would be enlarged and be a Paradise filled with the knowledge of God and the home of a perfect humanity, in accord with God, privileged to maintain everlasting life here. But, says this theory, by Satan's lie and our first parents' fall, we die and by dying become more alive and some of us go to heaven and the mass to some eternal, fiery hell, of which we

have no knowledge and for which there is no Scripture proof.

But let God be true and let us see how and wherein Satan lied when he contradicted our Maker, and let us see also how our race was not sent to heaven or to a hell of torment, but was murdered, killed, put to death—"The wages of sin is death."

"The Gift of God is Eternal Life"
(Romans vi, 23).

God, while permitting Satan and sin and depravity and death to take their course, has not been idle. He has had, and still has, a great plan for human salvation—a plan for recovering man from sin and from death and from all of his fallen conditions, a plan of restitution to human uplift, a plan by which the Seed of the woman shall yet, figuratively, crush the Serpent's head, or undo Satan's great original misdeed—recover man from his murdered condition and from his fallen estate to all that he had at first, plus the knowledge and experiences of the present life and plus the experience, incidental to his uplift, during the reign of Messiah, for which we pray, "Thy Kingdom come."

The Scriptures clearly show us that all of this recovery is to be accomplished through the merit of Jesus' sacrifice—"the just for the unjust." That the work has not yet begun is evident. We are still living under the law of sin and death. The Messianic Kingdom must come in power and great glory and be established, the Scriptures tell us, in a great time of trouble. Then the earth will be made to blossom as the rose, and the wilderness and the solitary places will be made glad, and all mankind will receive Divine blessing and opportunity to return to Divine favor and eternal life as human beings. And the willfully disobedient and negligent of those opportunities will die the Second Death, from which there will be no recovery, no resurrection, no hope.

"The Saints Shall Judge the World"
(1 Corinthians vi, 2).

These great blessings of restitution, for which Israel and the whole world are waiting, cannot be brought about until first the special salvation of a special class, the salvation of the very elect—not to human nature, but to a heavenly nature, as the Bride of Christ—shall be accomplished. The selecting of these has progressed for nearly nineteen centuries and, apparently, is about complete. The Divine blessing and work then to be inaugurated will be restitution to earthly nature and perfection—"to the Jew first."

Satan Serves the Saints.
During all these centuries, while Satan has been the Prince or ruler amongst the children of this world, and while he has blinded them with his sophistries and falsehoods, he has also done another work for the saintly few now being called to the heavenly places. For these he has, so to speak, turned a polishing grindstone to prepare them for the riches of the heavenly glory as new creatures, as heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ their Lord. Quite unwittingly, we may be sure, he has served the Creator's purposes and helped to prepare, through trials, this class for the glorious things which God has in reservation for those that love him.

In Divine dealings, God's wisdom, foreseeing the end, is able to use the wrath of men and of the fallen angels and of Satan to praise him and to work out blessings to his elect Church, and the remainder, which does not thus work, he can and does restrain. Hence the Divine promise that "all things shall work together for good to those that love God, to the called ones according to his purpose."

Satan as an Angel of Light.
St. Paul declares of Satan, "We are not ignorant of his devices," and he tells us that Satan and his servants transform themselves into servants of righteousness, etc. We see this principle in operation as we read Church history. Satan, all through this Age, has sought to pervert Christian hopes and distort Christian doctrines by presenting counterfeit versions of Bible truths. Thus, for instance, the Scriptures tell us that eventually the Church, "a little flock," will be associated with Messiah in his Kingdom of glory to reign a thousand years. It was Satan's method to counterfeit this hope, to suggest to men the establishment of an earthly Kingdom with an earthly little flock, an earthly glory, an earthly reign. This was set forth as the fulfillment of the second Psalm.

And when later on some of Satan's dupes began to get free from some of his snares, he became their leader in an opposite direction, called them reformers and led them to claim that all the civilized kingdoms of the earth are the kingdoms of Christ. This is the status of affairs today. The world in general believes that Christ's Kingdom has come, even though they are still praying, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Satan has led them away from careful attention to making their own calling and election sure by Christian character development, into the various reform movements of the world, whose trial time has not yet come. Thus Christians of all denominations have been bewildered, confused by the artful wiles of our enemy.

Now, however, as the morning of the New Dispensation dawns, our eyes of understanding are opening. We perceive that our Adversary has but a short time until he must be bound for a thousand years; that the Messianic Kingdom must prevail that all the families of the earth may be blessed through the Seed of Abraham. Finally, at the close of that reign of righteousness, the Scriptures declare that Satan shall be destroyed.

The Church is the Body of Christ, of Messiah. Hence the Apostle's words of our text apply to the Church in glory—"The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly."

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FUNERAL OF BABE OF MR. AND MRS. BOETEL

The funeral of Edna May, the thirteen and a half months old infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claus Boetel occurred from the Christian church at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the service being conducted by Rev. Ratcliffe, pastor of the church. There was a large attendance of the neighbors and friends of the bereaved parents, who assembled at the church before the hour of the funeral to show their sympathy with the mourning parents in this hour of their sad bereavement.

The music consisted of hymns sung by a quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. Funk and Mr. Jesse Perry, Mrs. Ratcliffe playing the accompaniment on the organ.

The floral tributes were very beautiful, typifying the purity of the little child.

The pall bearers were the four aunts of the little infant, being Mrs. R. C. Tulene, Mrs. Frank Boetel, Mrs. Harvey Shipley and Miss Ellen Boetel. Interment was made in Oak Hill cemetery.

Card of Thanks.

To the kind neighbors and friends who so thoughtfully lent sympathy and aid in the illness and burial of our beloved babe we tender our sincerest thanks, and especially do we thank Mrs. J. V. Egenberger, Mrs. C. L. Herger and the Loyal Mystic Legion for the beautiful flowers. The donors shall ever have a place in our memory.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus Boetel.

Meets With Accident.

Fred B. Egenberger met with an accident yesterday afternoon which left him with two fingers of his left hand badly injured. He was at his work at the pop factory when a bottle exploded, the sharp pieces of glass coming in contact with his hand, lacerating his fingers in a painful manner. The injury was dressed and Fred continued at work, although his hand is quite painful.

Commissioner L. D. Switzer, who with Commissioner Frederick and James Donnelly have been checking the county treasurer's office the past few days, left for his home at Weeping Water this afternoon to spend Sunday with his family.

Charles Peterson returned to his home at Havelock last evening, having visited his parents over Sunday.



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Liable for Damages, and Must Prove Charges or Be Sued, Which Places the "Fresh" Governor in a "Hot Box"

A special from Lincoln, under date of January 27, says: "Events of the last three days, arising from the last election as conducted in Omaha, have given rise to inquiry as to the legal position occupied by the governor at this time.

"Governor Aldrich has practically charged a man with feigning. If he cannot prove his allegation the general rule of law is that the object of his charges is entitled to nominal damages and as much more as he can prove himself to have sustained. In his special message, the city clerk of Omaha is attacked for the alleged commission of acts in connection with the election which constitute a felony. If suit were begun the governor would be placed on the defensive and unless he proved his allegations the costs at least of the trial would be taxed to the chief executive of the state.

"Republicans in the state house generally condemn the special message as ill-advised.

"If the governor has evidence of fraud in the election in Omaha he

should have turned it over to the legal department and should not have made it the subject of a stump speech," said one official.

"Republican senators have been put to it to hold up their side of the question in the discussion in the senate. They have been forced to rely on the traditional dignity of that body to shelter the executive and not one of them, in the debates of Thursday and Friday, cared to say that he believed what the governor said was true. Those who touched upon the veracity of the statements have said no more than that they did not wish a criticism of the governor to become a part of the senate record until after an investigation had been made.

"Although defending the governor, it would not take a practiced ear to understand that most of the republican senators would like it much better if the governor would cut out his special messages as long as they continue to give only his opinions and are not accompanied by actual evidence touching upon the matter of the messages."

Dies After Long Illness.

Mrs. Jane Atherton died at the home of her son, J. M. Mefford, at Greenwood, Thursday evening, January 26, 1911, at 6:20, after being a helpless invalid and confined to her bed for the past two and one-half years.

Deceased was born at Bloomington, Indiana, September 27, 1833, and was a sister of Elder G. W. Mayfield of this place. The funeral will occur at Greenwood today (Saturday) at 2 o'clock from the Christian church.—Louisville Courier.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The undersigned will sell at public auction at her farm, four miles and a half east and a mile and a quarter north of Louisville, a mile and a half south and a half mile east of Cedar Creek and eleven miles west of Plattsmouth, on

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1911
the following property to-wit:

Live Stock.
One bay horse, sixteen years old, weight 1,300.
One gray horse, seventeen years old, weight 1,350.
Team bay geldings, three years old, weight 1,800.
Team black geldings, three years old, weight 2,100.
Four milk cows, three fresh, one fresh in July.
Six dozen chickens and two shoats.

Implements.
Two farm wagons and one buggy.
One fanning mill, one cider mill.
One Champion binder.
One two-row stalk cutter and stalk rake.

Two three-section harrows.
One riding cultivator.
One walking cultivator.
One John Deere riding lister.
One 14-inch walking plow.
One John Deere two-row machine.
One corn planter and 80 rods wire.
One Hoosier seeder.
Two Hummer riding plows.
One disc, nearly new.
Two mowing machines, one new.

One hay rake, one hay rack.
One Majestic cooking stove.
One heater, good as new.
Two grindstones.
One iron kettle.
One road scraper.
Two sets of harness.

Some household goods and many other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms of Sale:—All sums of \$10 and under, cash in hand; over \$10, a credit of twelve months will be given, the purchaser giving good bankable paper bearing interest at eight per cent from date. No property to leave the premises until settled for. Sale will commence at 12:30 p. m., sharp.

Mrs. J. D. Thierolf,
A. O. Ault, Auctioneer. Owner.
J. G. Meisinger, Clerk.

"JOSHUA PERKINS" AT THE PARMELE FEBRUARY 2

The sensational rural comedy drama, "Joshua Simpkins," will be produced at the Parmele theatre, Thursday night, February 2. The play contains an interesting and intelligible plot, but it is not allowed to interfere with the fun, which is said to be in abundance. During the run of the piece some startling scenes and situations are seen, the principal of which is said to be the saw-mill, in the third act, shown in complete operation, cutting up real timber. The saw is the genuine article, the same as usually seen in large country saw-mills. An excellent band and fine orchestra accompany this attraction. The band will parade at noon, when some good music may be looked for, all being dressed as farmers.

Mrs. John Murray was a passenger to the metropolis on the morning train, where she visited friends for a time.