

TWO PENTECOSTAL BLESSINGS SAYS PASTOR RUSSELL

The Later Pentecost Will Be for the World in General—It Will Come Through Messiah's Kingdom Operating Through Israel Restored to Divine Favor—It Will Be Earth's Jubilee of a Thousand Years of Blessed Uplifting and Restitution to All the Willing and Obedient of Adam's Redeemed Race—The First Pentecost Brought Blessings Merely to the Church and Has Nearly Completed Its Intended Work.



Brooklyn, N. Y., June 4.—Pastor Russell continues to draw the largest audiences of any preacher in the world to his oral addresses, besides the millions who weekly read the printed reports of his discourses

in the newspapers of the English speaking world. Today's audience at the Brooklyn Academy of Music was estimated at twenty-six hundred. Of these about two hundred, all men, were on the platform behind the speaker. Late comers failed altogether to gain admittance to the afternoon service. The text was appropriate for Whitsunday, it being St. Peter's explanation of the Pentecostal blessing—"This is that which was spoken by the mouth of the Prophet Joel" (Acts II, 16-18).

The speaker called attention to the fact that the Prophet Joel mentioned two distinct outpourings of the Holy Spirit. One of these, upon the servants and handmaidens of the Lord, found its fulfillment at Pentecost; and during the more than eighteen centuries since, God's spiritual blessing has been not only with the Apostles, but with all the footstep followers of Jesus—all of God's servants and handmaidens. If we see this feature of the prophecy fulfilled, it becomes a guarantee to believers that the remainder of the same prophecy will have fulfillment in God's due time. The remainder of the prophecy declares that afterward—after these days in which the Holy Spirit has been outpoured upon the Church, upon the "servants and handmaidens"—will come God's time for pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh.

St. Peter's statement, "This is that which was spoken by the mouth of the Prophet Joel," Pastor Russell said should not be taken to mean that what was witnessed in the upper room on the Day of Pentecost nearly nineteen centuries ago, completely fulfilled the Prophet Joel's predictions. None, he said, would dispute that the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy began at Pentecost, with the early Church, and has been in process of fulfillment during all the centuries since. It is as true today as it was then, that the blessing of the Holy Spirit is granted to all of God's servants and handmaidens. And the remainder of the prophecy will be fulfilled with equal accuracy in due time.

After these days of the Gospel Age—after these days of the outpouring of the Spirit upon God's servants and handmaidens—will come the glorious epoch of Messiah's Kingdom, in and through which God will pour out upon the world of mankind a great blessing of enlightenment and uplift from the sin and death conditions now prevailing. It will be to the accomplishment of this end that Satan shall be bound for a thousand years, and the darkness, which now covers the earth and the gross darkness which now blinds the heathen, will be chased away by the glorious "Sun of Righteousness with healing in His beams." Thus will be inaugurated the glorious Day of Messiah, a thousand years long. Thus the knowledge of the glory of the Lord will fill the whole earth. Thus every tongue shall be brought to confess and every knee to bow to Messiah as the great Representative of Jehovah and His righteousness.

Abraham's Spiritual Seed First.
Abraham of old typified Jehovah, and Isaac typified Messiah, born not after the flesh, but after the Spirit—by a special Divine interposition—according to God's promise. Of this antitypical Isaac class, Jesus is the Head, the Forerunner of the Church, as well as the world's Redeemer. The Body of Messiah is composed of a saintly few, according to the Scriptures, gathered, primarily, from the Jews, but being completed by additions from every nation, people, kindred and tongue. These all, the Apostle tells us, will be character-copies of God's dear Son, our Redeemer and Head. This, the Apostle declares, is Divine predestination (Romans VIII, 29, 30).

This Church class, or Messiah class, is variously referred to in the prophecies, as well as in the New Testament, as the "brethren" of Jesus, and as "sons of God." Of them the Prophet David writes, "I have said, ye are gods, all of you sons of the Highest; but ye shall all die like men and fall like one of the Princes" (Psalm LXXXII, 6, 7). These all die like men in the estimation of the world, because, as the Apostle declares, the world knoweth them not even as it knew not their Master. As the world did not recognize that the life of Jesus was laid down sacrificially, neither is it aware that the followers of Jesus, a little handful, down through the Age, have likewise through His merit presented their bodies living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God.

Abraham's Natural Seed Next.
This Spiritual Seed of Abraham, all saintly, will constitute the Church of

the First-Born, the antitype of the Priests and Levites of the Jewish Dispensation. With the completion of this Church, gathered out of all nations, sects and denominations, Divine favor will return again to the natural seed of Abraham. As the Jew was granted the first privilege or opportunity of becoming the Spiritual Seed of Abraham, he will likewise have the first opportunity to participate in the blessing which then will come to the whole world of mankind. "To the Jew first" is the Divine order in respect to both of these blessings. To this agree the words of the Apostle Paul.

After telling of the Divine election of the Church, the saintly few of both Jews and Gentiles, the Apostle adds, "I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant concerning this Mystery, * * * that blindness, in part (only, not perpetual), has happened unto Israel." When the full, "elect," Spiritual Seed shall have been gathered, shall have been completed from amongst the Gentiles, then all Natural Israel shall be saved from their blindness and outcast condition (Romans II).

St. Paul points out that as Israel's stumbling was directly foretold through the Prophet ("Let their table become a trap and a snare"—Psalm LXXII, 22), so also, God through the prophets has foretold their blessing later on—that they would be the first to be blessed under the glorious Spiritual Messiah of many Members.

Thus it is written, "There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer and He shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob." Here, pictorially, Zion is a mother and her Offspring is the Messiah. Looking again at the types, we see that Abraham represented Jehovah and that Sarah, his wife, represented the great Covenant through which Messiah would be developed. "In thy Seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis XXII, 17, 18). "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's Seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Galatians III, 16, 29).

It has required more than eighteen centuries to give birth to this great Deliverer, Jesus, the Head, was the "First-Born from the dead;" and the Church, His Members, since developed, will be His brethren, sharers in His rule on the Heavenly plane. For is He not declared to be "the First-Born among many brethren?" The First or Chief Resurrection will bring all these Sons of God to the plane of glory, honor and immortality—born from the dead; then the great Deliverer will be fully, completely born and ready to begin His great work of blessing all the nations—Israel being the first of these.

"My Spirit Upon All Flesh."
St. Peter declares that it was the glorified Jesus who received of the Father, and poured out upon the Church at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit. That blessing came to the Church because of their coming into harmony with the Father's arrangement through the Son. The receiving of the Spirit there marked the recipients as sons of God.

The later Pentecostal blessing upon the world will have points of similarity as well as points of difference. The blessing will come through the great Messiah and as a result of the satisfaction He will make for the sins of the whole world, by applying to the race the merits of His sacrifice by which He will seal the New Law Covenant with Israel; and then, with the world through Israel (Jeremiah XXXI, 31). The great Messiah of glory will be the Mediator of that New Covenant, and the foundation of that Covenant will be "the better sacrifices" offered by this Mediator, as the Antitypical High Priest (Hebrews IX, 19-23).

The Pentecostal blessing then to come upon the world will not be upon the terms of their sacrificing their earthly rights to attain heavenly blessing and spiritual sonship; on the contrary, its requirements will be a consecration of obedience to the Divine Law; and its reward will be earthly Restitution to the perfection of human nature, and to the enjoyment of all the blessings originally given to Adam and forfeited by his disobedience. All coming under that blessing will experience the uplifting and restoring to all that was lost in Adam. "They shall build houses and inhabit them. They shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit thereof, and long enjoy the work of their hands" (Isaiah LXV, 21). This is the Divine promise, applicable to them and not applicable to the Spiritual Seed of Abraham, the Church, the Kingdom class, who must all be changed, because "flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God."

As Jacob was a son of Abraham, not directly, but through Isaac, so also those blessed under Messiah's reign will be children of God, not directly, but through the Messiah. Directly, they will be the children of Messiah. Thus it is written of Messiah, "He shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty One, the Prince of Peace and the Everlasting Father—the Father or Life-giver to the restored world of mankind. The life which He laid down in sacrifice, namely, the earthly life, is the one which He will give to all the willing and obedient of Adam's race during His Messianic Kingdom—to be theirs forever. It is in this sense that He will be the Everlasting Father—the Father giving everlasting life, which father Adam failed to give. Messiah Himself will have no need for the earthly life which he laid down, because the Heavenly Father has given Him, as a reward for His obedience, the higher life—the divine nature.

The Fathers to Be Princes.
From old Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, etc., were called the fathers, not only because of their relationship to the Jewish nation, but particularly be-

cause Messiah was to come as their offspring—"the Seed of Abraham," "of the stem of Jesse," "The Offspring of David," and so Jesus was born of this very lineage. But His exaltation by the Father to the spirit plane, and the fact that it was His earthly rights which He laid down in sacrifice, which are to go to Adam and all of his race who will accept the same on the Divine terms, puts Jesus in the position of Father or Life-giver to the world, and to Abraham, David, etc., as well. They must all obtain their everlasting life through Him, and hence will be His children. Thus the Prophet David wrote of the future, "Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make Princes in all the earth" (Psalm LXXIV, 16). Those fathers who are to be Princes are already declared to be pleasing to God. They attested their loyalty to Him by a faith which worked in harmony with His will through the limitations of a fallen nature.

The Fathers to Get "a Better Resurrection."

On account of this they are already declared to be worthy of a "better resurrection" than the remainder of mankind—but not so glorious a resurrection as will be granted to the Church. Their resurrection will be to the perfection of human nature—mental, moral and physical. Thus they will stand before mankind as samples of human perfection, to which standard, by obedience, all of the race may attain, if they will, during the thousand years of Messiah's reign and Kingdom.

Those Ancient Worthies (Hebrews XI), will not only be illustrations of human perfection, but they will be made "Princes" or rulers in all the earth. They will be the outward and visible representatives of the invisible Messiah and the Agents through whom the Word of the Lord will go forth; as it is written, "The Law shall go forth from Mt. Zion (the Spiritual Kingdom), and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem"—the earthly manifestation of the Kingdom amongst men.

Pastor Russell gave an extraordinary interpretation to a heretofore hard-to-understand portion of Joel's prophecy: "Your young men [in that New Dispensation] will see with clear vision what your Ancients dreamed of and related in parables." This vision of glory, the Pastor declared, would be the Reign of Righteousness and the Pentecostal blessing accompanying it, upon the willing and obedient, every one of whom would be brought to clear knowledge and full opportunity for salvation.

Order of the Blessing.
The order of the blessing is stated. It will come upon all flesh after those days, but upon the servants and handmaidens in those days. The days mentioned evidently refer to this Gospel Age—from Pentecost to the second coming of Christ.

In this period, of now nearly nineteen centuries, God's Holy Spirit has been granted to His faithful ones, and to these alone. Only the fully consecrated have been accepted of the Lord as living sacrifices, and only such have been begotten of the Holy Spirit, that they may be "new creatures in Christ." During all this time, the world has been unrecognized so far as the Holy Spirit is concerned.

Indeed, the Apostle after Pentecost went still further and declared that "the whole world lieth in the Wicked One." The only action of the Holy Spirit must be, as in the case of Felix, to "reprove the world of sin and righteousness, and of a coming judgment." Our text declares, however, that the time is coming when the world will receive a share of the great Divine blessing, which was fully assured by the death of Christ. But its time of favor will be "after those days"—after this Gospel Age shall have come to an end; after the New Dispensation shall have begun.

To the Jew First.
Only Jews received the Pentecostal blessing. The Gentiles were excluded for three and a half years thereafter, in harmony with a Divine promise made to the Jewish nation. Then came the time for a similar privilege to be extended to the Gentiles.

I rejoice with you today, fellow-students of the Word of God, that this great gift of God is still obtainable, that the time has not yet fully come when the door of opportunity to this high-calling must close. Close it will, so soon as the full number of the "elect" shall be completed. Thank God that another door will then open; the door of Restitution to human perfection and to earthly life, grand beyond the power of description.

Then God's Holy Spirit—holy power—will, through Christ, be outpoured upon all flesh—upon all mankind. Messiah will inaugurate the New Dispensation by sealing with Israel the New Covenant in His blood; as says the Lord through the Apostle Paul, "This is my Covenant with them when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the Gospel they are enemies for your sakes, but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sake" (Romans XI, 27, 28).

This outpouring of the Holy Spirit is not merely for Israel, nor God's blessing merely upon Abraham's natural seed outside the Church class. It will include all of every nation desirous of coming into accord with God, after they shall have come to a clear knowledge of the Truth. All nations shall be privileged to enter into and enjoy Israel's great Covenant, by becoming children of Abraham through faith. And all relectors of God's grace having been destroyed in the Second Death, the world of mankind will constitute the promised "seed of Abraham," whose number shall be as the "sands of the seashore," even as the Spirit-begotten ones of this Gospel Age are likened to "the stars of heaven."

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ELMWOOD.

Leader-Echo.

Miss Jessie Bragg is home, having finished a successful year of teaching at Hollbrook, Neb.

The stork left a handsome baby daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Reed Saturday evening.

Mrs. S. J. Beck and Bessie Deles-Dernier left Saturday morning for a visit with relatives at Bradford, Ohio.

Attorney Deles-Dernier left Tuesday morning for Central City and Grand Island on important business.

Mr. and Mrs. Verner Perry of Mynard came Saturday to attend the alumni banquet and remained over Decoration Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stirtz of Council Bluffs, Iowa, came Tuesday morning to attend Mrs. Philip Stirtz, who is sick with the measles.

W. E. Rosencrans, sons, Glate and Bruce, and Gene Brady were out from Plattsmouth yesterday in a brand new Mercer auto, the property of Mr. "Rosey."

A little girl of Mr. and Mrs. E. Patton had the misfortune to be bitten by a cat Saturday, from the effects of which she is suffering with an infected arm. Her condition is not considered serious, however, and an early recovery is expected.

L. W. Roettger, accompanied by Mrs. Roettger, will leave Monday for Washington, D. C., as a delegate from the Nebraska district to the Lutheran general senate, which convenes June 7-15. They will visit Mr. Roettger's parents at New Bremen, Ohio, before returning home.

Miss Jennie Whitmore of Lincoln, accompanied by her niece, Miss Ruth Whitmore, of Litchfield, Nebraska, returned to their homes Sunday evening after a visit at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. J. H. Slothower.

FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce by self as a candidate for the nomination for the office of sheriff of Cass county, Nebraska, subject to the decision of the voters at the coming primary election. I ask the voters to place me in nomination on the democratic ticket. G. P. Barton, Union, Neb.

LOUISVILLE.

Courier.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. George Satterfield, May 30, a boy.

Mrs. Sam Foe of Red Cloud visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Heim, this week.

Bill Wendt went to Omaha Friday. He didn't say he was going to buy an automobile, but wore a gasoline look on his face which means about the same thing.

Mrs. Edgar Pankonin and children left Thursday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Bert Armstrong, in Elgin, Neb. On her return she will visit relatives at Albion.

The country school taught by Miss Emma Rossner held their annual picnic Thursday. The occasion was greatly enjoyed by the school and a large number of visitors.

Rev. T. Hartman was at Omaha Monday, where he called on Herman Schlieft, who is in the Presbyterian hospital at that place. Mr. Schlieft is suffering from heart trouble.

G. Gurwell has resigned his position as foreman at the Woodruff sand pits and left Thursday for Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Gurwell made many friends while in Louisville, who regret to have them leave.

James Stander, president of the Cass county Sunday School association, has been away this week attending three conventions of the association held at Wabash May 31, Weeping Water June 1,

and Union June 2.

The alumni banquet held last Saturday night at the Hotel Drake was pronounced one of the finest this association has ever given. Great credit is due the hotel management for the excellent cuisine, as well as for the taste in decorating the rooms and tables. About forty members and guests were present, who voted the affair one long to be remembered.

Probate Notice.

State of Nebraska, County of Cass, ss.

IN COUNTY COURT.

In the matter of the estate of Abel Bevan, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested: You are hereby notified that there has been filed in this court, report of the administratrix of above estate, together with her petition for final settlement of her accounts as set forth in said report, and for her discharge as such administratrix, in all things except the payment of claims. That a hearing will be had upon said report and petition before this court in the County Court Rooms at Plattsmouth, in said County, on the 27th day of June, 1911, at 10 o'clock A. M.

That all objections, if any, must be filed on or before said day and hour of hearing. Witness my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County this 5th day of June, 1911.

Allen J. Beeson,
County Judge.

Murray Vs. Pleasant Hill.

A ball game was played Friday between the Murray and Pleasant Hill school teams, which resulted in a victory for Pleasant Hill. The game progressed until the fifth inning, when the Murrayites threw up the sponge. The score being 7 to 1. The batteries were: Pleasant Hill, Fitzpatrick and Bickford; Murray, Jenkins and Hamilton.