

GOD'S PROMISES TO THE CHURCH

Pastor Russell Makes Clear the
Divine Message.

VALUE OF WORLDLY TROUBLE.

Noted Preacher Says That as It Was
Necessary For Jesus to Suffer Before
Entering Into His Glory, So Must His
Followers Demonstrate Their Loyalty
by Trial—Chastening Brings
Peace, Joy and Increasing Faith.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Nov. 19.—Pastor Russell on the Atlantic homeward bound. "Well as usual, thank God," was Pastor Russell's word of greeting by wireless to the millions of readers of his sermons in the secular press. His message for Sunday was from Psalm xlii, 5-9: "Why art thou cast down, oh my soul, and why art thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise Him. All Thy waves and Thy billows are gone over me." We quote as follows:

The Psalmist's knowledge of the sea was probably limited to the vicinity of Jaffa (then Joppa), where tradition says King Solomon once had a little harbor, now filled in and cultivated with orange groves.

King David's knowledge of sea billows was probably confined to the huge waves which sometimes break over the massive stones on the sea front of Jaffa, the result of strong north winds. Nowhere have I ever seen the majestic power of the sea more strongly contrasted with human weakness than at Jaffa Port. The water is deep and the billows follow one another with seemingly irresistible force.

In the Psalm of which our text is a part, the Prophet likened his trials and difficulties and his own helplessness to those of a swimmer battling with the stormy sea at Jaffa; wave after wave of trouble having rolled over him, yet his faith in God continued. He was suffering for righteousness' sake—because of his faithfulness to God. He knew that Divine providence permitted his troubles for some wise purpose. He called upon his soul, yea every power within him, to exercise faith, trust, confidence, and to rejoice in his tribulations, knowing that they were not marks of disfavor, but to the contrary—proofs of his loyalty; and that thus God was fitting and preparing him for His future service.

Songs in the Night.

"Why art thou cast down, Oh my soul? Why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise Him"—for these very experiences and the helpful blessing which they will bring to me. "The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the day time"—in the glorious day of Emmanuel, when Satan will be bound, sin will be uprooted and the Sun of Righteousness will beam forth with healing rays of restitution.—Acts iii, 19-21; Matthew xlii, 45.

But what about the night time of the present, while Sin and Death still reign, and while Satan is still the Prince of this world? How should David and all whom he typically represented conduct themselves in this present time, while waiting for the glorious day? Should they bemoan their lot and be unhappy and repine? Nay, says the Prophet: "In the night His song shall be with me, and my prayer shall be unto the God of my life."

Only God's children can rejoice in the trials and difficulties of the night of darkness which covers the earth, and the gross darkness which involves the heathen. Only those can sing with the spirit and with the understanding, because only these may understand clearly respecting the coming glorious, world-wide blessings which God has promised.

The unregenerate, even though good and moral, upright and noble, cannot appreciate the deep things of God. They do indeed get temporary pleasures of various kinds, and even have less tribulation than the Lord pours into the cup of His faithful ones, but after all their pleasures are shallow and fleeting. Their chief pleasure is in seeking joy and not in realization.

"The World Knoweth Us Not."

The world understands practically nothing about these things—this spirit of a new mind or will in accord with righteousness. It understands nothing about the anointing of the Holy Spirit, under the influence of which old things pass away and new hopes and aims and objects in life take their places. But each one who has passed through these experiences understands them; each one begotten again is aware of the change in his mind, his will, knows that he has consecrated his life to righteousness and to the Lord's service, and realizes that an anointing has come to him.

According to the Bible none have ordination of God to act as His mouthpieces except they have received this anointing. Such may be known by the fruits of the Spirit, which all the Spirit-begotten ones will soon be able to detect, and which will more or less

be manifest also to the world, although the world will not know how to make allowances for having the treasure of the new mind in an imperfect human vessel, although the world will not know how to sympathize with the weaknesses of the fallen flesh, and may often be apt to denounce and condemn those who are walking to the best of their ability, not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

God's Ordination Versus Man's Ordination.

We fear, however, that if this line were distinctly seen, sharply drawn, many who are now prominent ministers, reverends, doctors of divinity, would be seen to be barred from the Lord's service. Many of them have had ordination from men, but have never had the ordination of God, and hence are unable to see spiritual things themselves and equally incompetent to present such things to others. They have not been anointed or ordained of the Lord to preach.

On the other hand, many of the Lord's people, misled by the human distinctions between clergy and laity and the privileges and limitations accorded to these by Churchianity, fail to recognize that they are ordained to preach, and that unless they are continually preaching they are failing to accomplish the Divine will—failing to fulfill the ordination which was granted them of the Lord when they received the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

This does not mean, however, that all who are anointed of the Holy Spirit are appointed of the Lord to preach in the same manner, for, as the Apostle explains, we have gifts differing one from another, and, as our Lord's parable explains, we have talents differing one from another, and our opportunities in life are among these talents. For instance, some may have the talent for presenting the Divine message of mercy and truth in a private manner, and may be very effective in their ministries, in their service; others may have the talents and opportunities for more public service. The sisters, for instance, are not scripturally authorized to engage in the more public functions of preaching, but they, nevertheless, have glorious opportunities in a more private way of showing forth the praises of Him who has called us from darkness into His marvelous light and who has anointed us to preach, to declare, to make known the good tidings.

Well did the Master say that those hungering and thirsting for righteousness should come to Him if they would be filled. This is the class described by the Psalmist. In the context he likens himself to an antelope, famished for water and seeking a spring. He declares, "My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God;" yet he was misunderstood, his opponents pointed to the waves of trouble which rapidly buried him, and they said, "Where is thy God?" If, as you say, you are His servant, His child, surely He would not permit adversities to cross your way.

But the Psalmist continued to hope; and all true Christians, whom he typically represented, have continued to trust, continued to sing songs of thanksgiving in the night, continued to wait for the morning of the New Dispensation, very early in which will come their own resurrection change. So the Prophet said, "When shall I come and appear before God?" and again, "I shall be satisfied when I awake in Thy likeness."

"Yet He Learned Obedience."

St. David's experiences were not only profitable to himself, but they were typical—illustrative of the experiences of Messiah—Jesus, the Head, and the Church, His Body. For nearly nineteen centuries the waves of adversity have been overwhelming the Lord's Anointed—first the Head, and since, His Members, each in his turn. St. Paul tells us the value of these tribulations. Of our Lord he says, "Yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered;" "He humbled Himself unto death, even the death of the cross; wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him"—to the heavenly glory and divine nature.

God has made similar promises to the Church; "If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him." If it was necessary that Jesus should suffer before entering into His glory, assuredly it will be necessary for all those who constitute His glorious Bride class to demonstrate their love and loyalty by suffering for righteousness' sake before they can enter into glory with Him—before "the marriage of the Lamb."

The World Has Lessons, Too. Although the present time is the judgment day or trial day for the spirit begotten, the new creation only, nevertheless, the effects of the reign of Sin and Death, and the waves of sorrow and trouble are not confined to the Church. Although God's children receive extra waves of trouble as part of their special training, the world has a heavy load, too. St. Paul speaks of the groaning creation and we can readily understand why the world's fewer waves of trouble are much more troublesome than the many of the Christian. Those Divine providences teach the Christian his songs in the night. When he passes through deep waters the Lord is with him. The chastening of his soul brings peace and joy and increasing faith and love.

None of these ameliorating conditions are possible to the world. Our Lord's invitation, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," is open, of course, to all who have the ear of understanding to hear, and the responsive "conditions of heart; but the great mass hereat, neither do they understand,

Alas! poor world, you should have the sympathy of every Christian and not his imprecations and threats of further and eternal torture in the future. The world is surely losing the great "prize of the high calling" which the Church will obtain. It deserves sympathy in respect to this loss; and as our eyes open to see the true Plan of God, we may give to the world the message of God's Word—"Good tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people."—Luke ii, 10.

All Heart-Breaking Lessons.

The lessons taught by the present reign of Sin and Death, sorrow and pain, are heart-breaking. God represents man as originally created in His own likeness and of tender sympathy—tender-hearted. Sin, depravity, selfishness, have gradually hardened men's hearts, some more and some less. The coming Age of Messiah's Kingdom is declared to be a time for the taking away of the stony hearts from mankind and giving back instead hearts of flesh.—Jeremiah xxxi, 32.

Meanwhile the trials and difficulties of life are heart-breaking to all who are still tender-hearted. The message of the Gospel is for this class, the weary, the heart-broken, the discouraged, those not satisfied with the rewards of sin and selfishness, but hungering and thirsting after righteousness—satisfied only with the glorious hopes of the future set forth in God's Word, which they grasp with the arms of faith.

The Lord, through the Prophet, tells us that the Gospel message is to this tender-hearted, broken-hearted class, at the present time; and each, as his own heart is healed with the Divine blessing, becomes the authorized and qualified agent for the seeking out of other heart-broken ones and the binding up of their hearts with the promises of God. Thus we read of the Divine commission to Christ, the Head, and the Church, His Body: "The spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, for He hath sent Me to preach the Good Tidings to the meek, and to bind up the broken hearted."—Isaiah lxi, 1.

The Church's Present Mission.

Our present mission, then, is not that of heart breaking! The stony-hearted are doing that work continually. Our mission is to lay down life itself in assisting all the broken-hearted to a true knowledge of God and a true appreciation of His Plan for the Church, and His subsequent Plan for the world. We, then, as ambassadors for God, beseech men to be reconciled to God and to come into harmony with Him. But even though our words be scattered broadcast we know that only the tender-hearted and broken-hearted are likely to hear and to respond. The message once confined to the Jews, as God's "chosen people," is no longer confined to them. It was to the Jew first, now equally to the Gentiles: "He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear."

Those who have not the ear cannot hear this message, even though the sound thereof has gone out into all the earth, and the words of the message to the ends of the earth. In due time, during Messiah's Kingdom, all the blind eyes will be opened and all the deaf ears will be unstopped, and the knowledge of God shall be worldwide and ocean-deep. But not yet! So long as Satan rules in this world he will blind the minds of those who believe not, in order to hinder the true light from shining into their souls. God has permitted him success in respect to the world; because the Divine message at the present time is intended only for the special class who hunger and thirst after righteousness. These are called with the message, "Gather My saints unto Me, saith the Lord, those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice."

The Church's Future Mission.

We have seen that the Church's present mission is merely to gather from the world the broken-hearted class, which hears and responds to the Divine message. Thus the present work of the Church is merely to complete her own numbers—to gather in a sufficient number to complete the elect Church. So the Scriptures declare that in the end of this age shall come the union of the Church with her Lord, by the power of the First Resurrection: "The marriage of the Lamb has come, for His Wife hath made herself ready." The work of the Church is not only to find a sufficient number of humanity willing and glad to walk in Jesus' footsteps, but also to instruct these, building them up in the most holy faith and preparing them for the glorious consummation, and for their future work.

The future state of the Church will be devoid of waves of trouble, trials, sorrows and tears. Her triumph will come; she shall enter into the joys of her Lord and hear the Bridegroom's voice, saying, "Well done, good and faithful!" But the joys of the Lord upon which she will enter will be a career of usefulness for a thousand years. She will be with her Lord, and labor with Him in the world's enlightenment, and in their uplifting by restitution to all that was lost in Eden and redeemed at Calvary.

Free grace will then be proclaimed: "Whoever will may come, and take of the Water of Life freely." And everyone drinking may say, "Come," to others. The whole world will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God, and the whole world may join in acclaiming, "Glory, honor, dominion and might and power be to Him that sitteth upon the Throne, and to the Lamb, forever." The whole world of mankind will be blessed with the opportunities of this glorious Epoch, in which all the willing and obedient may attain full perfection and Divine favor, while all who refuse the Divine favor will be totally destroyed in the Second Death.—11 Peter ii, 12.

AFFAIRS IN CHINA GROW INVOLVED

Neither the Rebels Nor the Imperialists Able to Keep Order.

YUAN SHI LOSING HIS POWER.

Revolutionary Forces Approaching Nanking Number Many Thousands and Are Within Day's Striking Distance of City.

Shanghai, Nov. 20.—The situation in southern China is becoming more involved each day. The republicans apparently are determined to secure their independence from the Manchukuo dynasty, but there are grave doubts of their ability to establish a stable government in time to avoid the consequences of continued disorganization and the absence of revenue and a competent administration.

The local organizations generally are preserving order. Shanghai is the center of business for the entire Yangtze valley, which is stagnant while the military operations around Wuchang and Nanking are proceeding. The situation at Peking has little influence on the rest of the country.

The power of Yuan Shi Kai's name is waning, because it is believed he has deserted the cause of the people.

Many Separate States.

The provinces which have declared independence are organizing separate governments, but each refuses recognition of the responsibilities incurred by the central government. Nanking, the ancient capital, is still firmly in the possession of the imperialists; therefore the assertion of southern supremacy is not taken seriously. Even the reformers recognize the importance of Nanking, and both they and the imperialists are directing all their efforts to this important center, where the result of a battle may mean either the end of the Manchukuo dynasty or a serious setback to the revolutionary cause.

The reformers do not conceal the tremendous strain upon their financial resources in conducting the campaign against Nanking and maintaining their position at Wuchang. The fall of Nanking will possibly mark the real commencement of the final act of the drama, but even then entire unity may be impossible. The outcome of the attack which the reformers are preparing to make on Nanking is problematical, but if the imperialists elect to remain behind the walls, it probably will become a question of siege and starvation. Neither side has an overabundance of food supplies.

Battle Imminent at Nanking.

The revolutionary forces approaching Nanking number many thousands. From Nanking, on the north side of the river, 4,000 revolutionists, with forty-one guns, are marching to Pukow, which lies opposite Nanking.

From Wuhu, on the south side of the river, 2,000 men are advancing. Above Chinkiang there is a force of 3,000 revolutionists, with 100 guns, and it is estimated that 3,000 more are proceeding down the line of the Tientsin-Pukow railway. Fifteen warships, now in the river under command of the rebels, are awaiting the signal for the attack.

The imperialist garrison in Nanking, under command of General Chang numbers about 1,000 men, well trained, well armed and strongly entrenched and fortified.

It is believed that all the republican forces are within one day's striking distance of the city.

ANOTHER ARREST IN TAR CASE

Fifteen Now Involved in Attack Committed on Miss Mary Chamberlain.

Lincoln Center, Kan., Nov. 20.—James Booz, an engineer in Everett Clark's mill, was arrested on a charge of being an accessory to the "tarring" of Miss Mary Chamberlain, a school teacher at Shady Bend. This is the fifteenth arrest in the case.

A jury was obtained in the case. The intention of the prosecution, it is understood, is to call Miss Chamberlain as the first witness.

Wounded Robber Dies.

Galesburg, Ill., Nov. 20.—Peter Willits, confessed member of a band of robbers that for months terrorized merchants of Galesburg and vicinity, died of a bullet wound inflicted a month ago by Deputy Sheriff Frank Hooker. The fatal shot was fired while Willits was attempting to escape arrest.

Millionaire Fatally Hurt.

New York, Nov. 20.—John J. Clancy, a real estate man reputed to be a millionaire, died in Roosevelt hospital as a result of a fractured skull. According to the police, he received his injury when he fell in front of an uptown hotel while preparing to enter a taxicab. An investigation of his death has been instituted by the district attorney's office.

Jury Chosen to Try Hyde.

Kansas City, Nov. 20.—Ten men who are either married or widowers and two bachelors will try Dr. B. Clark Hyde for the second time on a charge of murdering Colonel Thomas H. Swope.

Persia and Russia at Odds.

Teheran, Nov. 20.—Diplomatic relations with Russia have ceased.

MARTIN A. KNAPP.
Commerce Court Judge
Who Sees Crisis Near In
Railroad Regulation.



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WOOD ALCOHOL KILLS THREE INDIANS

Charley Houton, Wife and Niece
Are Victims.

Winnebago, Neb., Nov. 20.—The deaths of three Winnebago Indians at the farm of Taylor Houton was caused by the drinking of wood alcohol. The dead are Charley Houton, his wife and his niece, Fannie Little John, who was here from Wisconsin visiting her uncle.

Charley Houton and his wife lived in a cabin near the more pretentious home of his son, Taylor, who has an alcohol lamp and always keeps a supply of wood alcohol on hand for fuel. An Indian stopped at the Houton farm and gave the old man a quantity of whisky, which was consumed by himself, his wife and his niece. When the supply was exhausted Fannie Little John started a search for more fire-water and found the wood alcohol. Mixing it with water she drank freely of it herself and carried drinks to the old folks. They were alone and no one knows the story of the night's agony. The girl died in convulsions, lying on the floor, fully clothed, the old folks, drunk and dying, being unable to give her any assistance. Charley Houton died in the morning and his wife at noon.

LODGE DOCTORS UNDER BAN

Fraternal Order Contract Physicians May Be Ostracized by Fellows.

Omaha, Nov. 20.—Doctors of Omaha who sell their services at wholesale to fraternal organizations at such low rates as to preclude the possibility of proper service, in the minds of their fellow physicians, are threatened with ostracism by their fellows of the Omaha Douglas County Medical society.

Members of the society consider that rapid fire visits made in such haste as to render it impossible to furnish valuable or scientific treatment are unworthy of sanction by a body of representative medical men.

A committee has been appointed to consider the matter and recommend a penalty to be imposed on members of the society who do not respect the purpose of the resolutions. This penalty probably will be expulsion from the society, in case gentle correction fails. The present situation arose from the situation in Council Bluffs, where fraternal lodges sprang up in such numbers that 12,000 people, or more than one-third of the population of the city, were being given free medical treatment by the physicians of their orders. These physicians, it is said, were selling their services to the fraternal orders as low as 25 cents per call.

Firebug Tries to Burn Pool Hall.

Ord, Neb., Nov. 20.—An attempt was made to burn down a frame building occupied by Roy Drake as a pool hall. The firebug used an augur to bore a hole through the side of the building, but when he struck the back plaster he transferred his efforts to the rear door of the building. Through the hole he poured some kerosene, lighted it and made his getaway, leaving his tracks in the fresh fallen snow. The fire must have gone out when the oil was consumed and left only a charred door and a room full of smoke. In an adjoining frame building, the sample room of Hotel Ord, Mrs. C. H. Partridge and her little daughter are quarantined for scarlet fever.

Normal Student Killed by Boy.

Schuyler, Neb., Nov. 20.—Bohumil Skorka, aged twenty-one years, a student in the Fremont normal college, was instantly killed when a gun in the hands of the fourteen-year-old son of Frank Pekerny was accidentally discharged. Skorka had been in the United States only since last May and was visiting his relatives on a farm, seven miles northwest of Schuyler.

JUDGE QUASHES PACKERS' WRIT

Kohlsaat Grants Stay of Order
Until Wednesday.

ATTORNEY OBJECTS TO DELAY

Counsel for Government Opposes Order, But Is Overruled—Requires Eight Years to Get Indicted Men to Plead—Grants Appeal to High Court.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—Counsel for the nine Chicago packers indicted under the Sherman anti-trust act succeeded in getting a further delay in the criminal trial, which was scheduled to begin today in the United States district court. The delay—until Wednesday—was granted by Judge C. C. Kohlsaat in the United States court, where, earlier in the day, the defendants were defeated in their efforts to make effective a writ of habeas corpus.

An appeal to the United States supreme court was allowed by Judge Kohlsaat in his decision. After deciding to quash the writ of habeas corpus and after ordering the defendants remanded to their sureties, Judge Kohlsaat agreed to delay formal entry of his decision and order until Wednesday. This, it is asserted, will necessitate postponement of the opening of the criminal trial of the packers long enough to permit the indicted men to get before the United States supreme court before they automatically have accepted jurisdiction in the district court by appearing at the trial there.

Objects to Delay.

James Sheehan of special counsel for the government made sharp objection to this delay while the point was being argued before Judge Kohlsaat.

"It has taken eight years to get a plea of 'not guilty' from these defendants," said Attorney Sheehan, "and now six months after the 'not guilty' plea has been entered the trial has not been begun and these defendants have not faced a jury. I protest against any further delay and I submit that counsel for these defendants has but one purpose in making his request for time, and that purpose is delay."

Judge Kohlsaat, in discussing the point at issue, said he could see no pressing reason for the delay.

"I don't see how you will be any better off a week from now than you are now," said Judge Kohlsaat to Attorney Levy Mayer of counsel for the packers. "However, I will delay having the formal entry of the order made until Wednesday."

RUSSIAN ENVOY ARRIVES

New Ambassador From St. Petersburg Reaches Washington.

Washington, Nov. 20.—George Bakmeteff, the new Russian ambassador to the United States, arrived here. The coming of the new ambassador is of greater interest than ordinarily attaches to a shift of diplomatic representatives, for he arrives at a time when a wave of popular and official protest is at its height against his government because it refuses to honor American passports without discrimination against the Jews.

It is understood the ambassador comes empowered to negotiate a revision of the treaty of friendly relations between this country and Russia, the abrogation of which is advocated in resolutions now pending in congress.

JURY NOT YET IN SIGHT

Another Talesman Accepted Provisionally in McNamara Case.

Los Angeles, Nov. 20.—The seventh court week of the McNamara trial opened with five sworn jurors and one provisionally accepted. The prediction of Attorney Clarence S. Darrow, chief counsel for James B. McNamara that Jan. 1, 1912 would see a jury to try his client for the alleged murder of Charles J. Haggerty, one of the twenty-one victims of the Los Angeles Times explosion and fire a year ago, seemed to be optimistic in view of the fact that fourteen jurors finally will be sworn, two acting as supply jurors in case members of the original panel should become incapacitated.

Taxi Driver Too Much for Robbers.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—John Cullinan and John Mahoney, each eighteen years old, held up a taxicab driver at the point of a revolver, but the chauffeur, William Bartoo, who had a revolver under his seat, caught the men off their guard and shot Cullinan to death. Mahoney fled, but was captured by a policeman within two blocks.

Odd Fellows to Meet in Philadelphia.

Hartford, Conn., Nov. 20.—The directors of the grand lodge of the United States Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, decided to hold the next annual convention at Philadelphia in June, 1912.

Aged Couple Burn to Death.

Detroit, Nov. 20.—Robert Dosner, a boiler-maker, and his wife, each about fifty years old, were burned to death here in a fire which destroyed their one-story cottage.

Fowler Resumes His Flight.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 20.—Aviator Robert G. Fowler resumed his flight eastward with Pecos, Tex., 175 miles away, as his first scheduled stop.