

PLAIN WORDS TO RICH AND POOR

Pastor Russell Delivers a Message of Peace.

COD THE SOURCE OF WEALTH

Speaking in Madras, India, the Preacher Explained the Divine Plan of Redemption—God is No Respector of Persons and All Mankind Shall Be Measured by the Same Standard. Possession of Riches No Bar to the Lord's Favor—The Sin of Selfishness.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Madras, India, Feb. 11.—The Foreign Missions Investigation Committee is here. Our finest auditorium, the Victoria Hall, was crowded to hear Pastor Russell. He spoke twice here today. We report one of his discourses from the text: "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich; and He addeth no sorrow therewith." (Proverbs x, 22.) He said:—

The thing which strikes me specially as I visit your great city for the first time is the marked contrast between the palaces of your superior quarter and the hovels of Blacktown—the contrast between great riches and great poverty. But think not that I have come into your midst to speak words which would engender strife or even discontent. Rather my message will be one of peace. I bear you the Message of the Kingdom of God's dear Son—the Kingdom for which we have all so long prayed, "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven."

The inequalities, mental and physical, which prevail amongst us as members of a fallen race, produce naturally our inequalities as respects wealth and social conditions; it is well, therefore, that we should not accept the rigid views entertained by many, but we should think soberly, dispassionately. We should not be quick to think of the wealthy as robbers of the poor and injurious to the general welfare, wholly selfish and under Divine reprobation. We should remember that God Himself is very rich. All the gold and the silver are His, and the cattle upon a thousand hills, with infinite power, beyond human comprehension.

We should remember that it is written that "Abramam was very rich," and that his riches did not interfere with the fact that he "was the friend of God," and that to him God gave that great promise secured by the Divine oath, which is the basis of all hope for the blessing of the world. "In thee and in thy Seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." Other noble characters on the pages of history are noted as having possessed great wealth. Many of us have erred in thinking that the wealthy are to be measured by other standards than are the poor. And could anyone properly urge that if rich and poor be measured by the same moral standards the poor would be found more noble minded than the rich? We think not.

We should therefore view the matter of poverty and riches philosophically. Both poor and rich should be encouraged to use faithfully the opportunities which they possess and to wait patiently for the Lord's time and way for the introduction of the new order of things which He has promised, assured that it is not in our power to either hasten or delay the Divine program.

Bible Counsel For the Rich.
The Apostle says, "Charge those amongst you who are rich that they trust not in uncertain riches." The history of centuries corroborates the Apostle's words. The rich and prominent of one day become the poor and forgotten of another. "Riches take wings" in a manner that poverty rarely imitates.

The talents and opportunities which have brought great wealth to some of our prominent Americans have brought wealth and prosperity in smaller measure to those associated with them in their enterprises. Indeed, in some respects the entire world, and particularly America, owes them a debt of gratitude for their energy and perseverance in the exercise of their talents and opportunities along such broad lines. And if some of those have been negligent of their opportunities for the redistribution of their wealth in the interests of their fellow men, all the more should this throw a halo of honor about the heads of those who have remembered that wealth, like all other great talents, is to be used, not too selfishly, but for the public good.

My mind took this course of reasoning as I looked at the handsome edifices occupied by the Y. M. C. A. of this city, and I was informed that it was the gift of one of our American merchant princes, Mr. John Wanamaker, of New York and Philadelphia. I said to myself, Behold an instance in which riches have been generously expended, even in a far-off land, for the benefit of the masses and with a desire to promote clean and noble manhood along Christian lines.

Another of my countrymen, Mr. Rockefeller, has done much to promote the enlightenment of the world by the

introduction of system into the business of oil refining. The low prices thus obtained have permitted the use of oil in thousands of humble homes, where its price would have been prohibitive without Mr. Rockefeller's business genius for organization. He has thus assisted in lighting India. And even the rewards of his enterprise, represented in enormous wealth, he is daily seeking to turn into useful channels for the blessing of humanity.

Even if we must dispute the wisdom of investing millions in great colleges for the teaching of Higher Criticism and Evolution and thus for the undermining of the influence of the Bible and of a living faith therein, we must, nevertheless, compliment the evident good intention and must trust that the Lord will not hold a generous heart responsible for the terrible evils which are sweeping over the world, breeding discontent and anarchy as a result of unwise and improper direction of wealth.

In this connection I must not neglect to mention that generosity and public spirit are not associated merely with Christianity. Even here, on the opposite side of our globe, you have doubtless heard of our great steel manufacturer, who declares that if he has any belief in a religious way he is a Buddhist, and thus much in sympathy with the religion of millions in India. This man of genius, while putting into practice methods of steel manufacture which have greatly reduced the cost thereof, and thus benefitted the world, incidentally reaped for himself a huge fortune. Noble spirited, he has publicly announced his intention to use his vast wealth in the public interest, wisely declaring that it is a shame for any man to die very rich while so many fellow-creatures are very poor. All over the world Mr. Carnegie's generosity and public spirit are manifested in public libraries which he has freely donated.

It is not for us to discuss the wisdom or unwisdom of Mr. Carnegie's gifts or whether he could have done better; it is for us to congratulate our race upon the generosity of this one of its number and upon his proper appreciation of his relationship to the race as manifested in his desire to give back to the public the rewards of his genius.

Not so familiar with the rich of India, I nevertheless counsel them with the Divine Message, to "trust not in uncertain riches"—to make not these the treasure of their hearts—rather to consider them as blessed opportunities for doing good to their fellow-men. I counsel them that the riches of Divine favor alone endure for eternity. If they are enterprising and ambitious, let their eyes rest upon the great "prize" which the Master called, figuratively, "The Pearl of Great Price"—a share in the Messianic Kingdom.

Bible Counsel to the Poor.
The Gospel of the Kingdom is for rich and poor, male and female, white and colored, on the same terms. God is not a respecter of persons. For a time He was a respecter of nationalities; for a time He conigned the offer of joint-ship with Jesus in the Kingdom to those Jews who would hear and respond to the Message. But after gathering out the "Israelites indeed" after begetting these by the Holy Spirit, the call was made general and has been sent to the four quarters of the earth.

Tradition says that one of the Apostles, St. Thomas, brought the Message here to India, and we are pointed to his tomb. No matter whether the tradition be true or false, the facts stand: (1) the Gospel privileges have stood open to India and to every nation for centuries; (2) the Gospel was not sent to convert India nor any nation, but merely to bear witness. That witness has been borne and I am re-echoing it today. The Message is for the calling, instruction, sealing of as many as desire to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and no others. Only those who appreciate this great offer will sacrifice every earthly interest in order to obtain this "Pearl of Great Price." The masses have no ear to hear God's Message—they have no desire to self-sacrificially take up their cross and follow the Redeemer.

However, all God's purposes shall be accomplished; His Word shall not return unto Him void; it shall accomplish that which He pleases. It will find the elect number of saintly characters whom the Father foreordained shall be with the Redeemer and share His glory throughout His Messianic reign.

I have a special word for the encouragement of the poor of India and of every land. I wish the poor to realize this truth, namely, that poverty is not unfavorable to their best interests for eternity, but, on the contrary, is assistful. Hence the Scriptures tell us that "not many great, wise, learned or rich" will be heirs of the Kingdom, but "chiefly the poor of this world, rich in faith." (1 Corinthians i, 26-28; James ii, 5.)

It is not that God more highly esteems the poor than the rich, but that they have less to fill and satisfy their hearts now and are, therefore, more hungry and thirsty for the right way of the Lord and more ready to hearken to His voice, which says to both rich and poor, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The rich usually feel less weary and less heavy laden—they have more to console them in the things of this present time. The poor, on the contrary, having fewer of the blessings of the present, are hungering and thirsting for some better thing for the future and thus meantime find the Lord and are glad to receive His blessings upon His only terms—full consecration of mind and body, time and purse.

God's Blessing Maketh Rich.
Our text is an epitomized statement of the Gospel of Christ. All God's

blessing for our race will come through the Seed of Abraham—The Christ. The giving of His Son to be man's Redeemer and Deliverer from sin and death was God's blessing to man—making man rich. Messiah, having died for the redemption of the world, is about to bestow upon men the Divine blessing promised to Abraham, "In thee and in thy Seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

That blessing to the non-elect world will be a glorious opportunity for rising up out of sin and death conditions to full human perfection in the image and likeness of God—as Adam possessed this before his fall. It will mean the bringing of the earth to the conditions pictured in Eden. The earth, God declares, He formed not in vain, but to be inhabited. At present man is in a condition of enmity and separation from His Creator and his earthly home is disordered. God's footstool, for six thousand years, has been the scene of a terrible reign of Sin and Death.

Why the Delay in the Removal of Sin and Death?

The only hope is in Messiah's Kingdom, which God has promised shall be established for the overthrow of Satan, the abolishing of ignorance and superstition, the enlightenment of mankind and the uplift of all the willing and obedient and for the destruction of the wilfully wicked in the Second Death. But before the Kingdom could be established a redemptive work was necessary for the satisfaction of Justice on behalf of Adam, the sinner, and his race involved with him. By the grace of God Jesus has appeared and, as a corresponding price, has died, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us back into harmony with God and bring in the glorious and long-promised thousand years of restitution. —Acts iii, 19-21.

Eighteen centuries ago Jesus accomplished His redemptive work and was rewarded, in His resurrection, with glory, honor and immortality. Ever since then He is at the right hand of Jehovah God, merely awaiting the Divinely ordained time when He shall take unto Himself His great power and reign. Of that time we read prophetically, "Ask of Me, and I will give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession." (Psalm ii, 8.)

But why so long a delay between the time when He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself and the time when He shall appear in His glory to establish the reign of righteousness and lift up the world of mankind for whom He died? The Bible alone answers this question, and oh, how much we are interested in its answer! It tells us that in this interim between the death of the Savior and the inauguration of His Kingdom a special and great work is to be accomplished according to the Divine arrangement—the calling and the choosing of a faithful few from amongst the redeemed race to constitute a Royal Priesthood, to serve and reign in association with the Savior.

These heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ our Lord are variously described in the Scriptures. Under one figure they are spoken of as being members of the Body of which He is the Head. Thus is shown the oneness of Christ and His faithful followers. In another picture Jesus is spoken of as the heavenly Bridegroom, and the Church is described as His espoused. At the second coming of Jesus His espoused virgin Church is to be made alive from the dead and thus to be married to the Bridegroom and become His Bride and joint-heir to the glory, honor and immortality which are His by virtue of the heavenly Father's arrangement and of the Savior's worthiness—faithfulness unto death, even the death of the Cross.

How Rich We Shall Be Made!

Thus seen, God, the Fountain of every good and every perfect gift, proposes, first, to make rich the Church, the Elect of this Gospel Age. Theirs will be heavenly riches, a spirit nature, glory, honor, with our Redeemer—"far above angels, principalities and powers and every name that is named." The blessing of the Lord will make these rich indeed, and after they shall have entered into the riches of this reward, in the First Resurrection, they will be absolutely perfect. God will add no sorrow to that completed blessing. All the imperfections of the present will be past and we shall be like our Redeemer and share His glory and see Him as He is.

And as for the world, we have already seen that God is waiting to be gracious to all who will accept His favors. He is waiting for the completion of the Church of the First-born, who constitute "a kind of first-fruits unto God of His creatures (James i, 18). He is waiting for the Kingdom Class to be fully selected, fully developed, fully shaped and polished in the Redeemer's likeness before bestowing the blessing upon mankind through natural Israel. The blessing of the world will require a thousand years for its outpouring upon every nation, people, kindred and tongue. "They shall obtain mercy through your mercy." (Rom. xi, 31.) The blessing will come to natural Israel and, gradually, through natural Israel, to other nations.

Gradually the blessing of the Lord will be making rich all who will come under the terms of the New Covenant, and of Messiah's glorious reign. By the close of that thousand years the world will be perfect—no more sighing, no more crying and no more dying. The blessing of the Lord will have made rich, and then what? He will add no sorrow. The lessons of Sin and Death will have been learned before mankind will thus be enriched by the Savior through restitution processes and uplift from sin and death.

CONGRESS FACES IMPORTANT WEEK

Presence of Presidential Candidates Lends Keen Interest.

HOUSE DEMOCRATS TO MEET.

Lower Chamber Expected to Dispose of Army Appropriation Prior to Caucus on Chemical Tariff Revision Bill.—Stephenson Report is Due.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Congress will work this week with the tariff, arbitration treaties, senatorial elections and army and agricultural controversies. Republicans and Democrats are looking sharply ahead to the coming national campaign. The presence of presidential candidates on both sides of the capitol lends keen interest to the increasing congressional activity. Both parties in the house are tilting for advantage, with nearly every move aimed at the effect of the polls next November. The problem in the senate is the exact position which the progressive flank of the Republican party—the balance of power in the senate at this and the recent extra session—will assume when the test comes on the steel bill, and on the other tariff revision measures which will be sent over by the Democratic house.

The exoneration of Senator Stephenson from the charges of corruption in the use of \$107,593 in the primary which resulted in his election will be reported to the senate today. Senator Heyburn, chairman of the subcommittee which conducted the inquiry, will make the majority report. Five members of the committee will unite in a minority dissenting report, to be presented later. This will contend that the wholesale outlay of money, irregularly accounted for, raised a presumption of wrongdoing. Meanwhile the special committee which investigated the election of Senator Lorimer of Illinois will consider that case in executive session.

Democrats Will Caucus.

House Democrats will caucus this week on the chemical tariff revision bill which would reduce duties on chemicals used in paints and for other common purposes, but raise the tariff on soaps, perfumes and other luxuries. But before the caucus the house is expected to dispose of the army appropriation with its train of controversies over army revision and consolidation, and following that the agricultural appropriation bill will be taken up.

James J. Hill, chairman of the directors of the Great Northern rail road, will be the star witness today before the Stanley steel committee. The sugar trust inquiry committee is about to report on its work.

The senate finance committee will resume its hearings on the house steel tariff revision bill tomorrow. The hearings may continue two weeks. The bill will be negatively reported by the committee. Democratic and progressive Republican leaders have individually discussed the possibility of getting together on the vote when the bill reaches the senate, but there have been no definite assurances between them.

The house will be busied during the week with its variety of investigations, including the Florida Everglades affair and the money trust by the banking and currency committee. There has been some talk that the senate committee on interstate commerce might also inquire into the money trust, but so far the majority of the committee have not found what they regard as evidence of such a trust.

The committee will take up in executive session on Feb. 27 the mass of testimony on anti-trust matters which it has obtained during the weeks of investigation and probably will report some sort of anti-trust legislation to the senate.

BREAKS MOTORCYCLE MARKS

Four World's Records Made at Los Angeles Meet.

Los Angeles, Feb. 12.—A new motorcycle champion sprang into fame here at the opening of the new one-third mile track when W. E. Hasha of Dallas, Tex., decisively defeated Jake De Risler of Indianapolis, and established what were declared to be four new world's records made in competition. The new marks set were given out as follows: One mile, 0:39 3/5; two miles, 1:19 2/5; three miles, 2:01 3/5; four miles, 2:40 3/5.

Dr. Huntington's Funeral.

University Place, Neb., Feb. 12.—The funeral of Dr. De Witt Clinton Huntington, chancellor emeritus of Wesleyan university, was held in the Methodist church here this afternoon. Since the death of Dr. Huntington Thursday, caused by pneumonia, messages of condolence have been received from all parts of the country. Many of the most prominent men of Methodism were present to pay their last tribute.

Nelder's Body Found in Ruins.

New York, Feb. 12.—A laborer at work in the ruins of the Equitable building, which was burned Jan. 9, found the portions of a human body which it is believed is that of Frank J. Nelder, a watchman, who was locked in the vaults of the Mercantile Safe Deposit company at the time of the fire and who has been missing since.

WOMAN STRIKE LEADER.

Miss Pearl Magill, Who Heads Strikers in the Mill Trouble.



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DESERT CHURCH TO FIGHT FIRE

Worshippers in Bellevue Church Rush Madly Out.

Omaha, Feb. 12.—While offering up a fervent prayer to the Almighty for graces granted Dr. Phelps of the Bellevue Presbyterian church was dumfounded when his congregation arose en masse and fled from the place of worship. Like all well regulated sinners they deserted the divine for something warmer and more exciting. Two blocks away the home of L. B. Erion was in flames, and there was a mad rush to join in the excitement or to assist in quenching the flames.

A ladder was thrown up against the burning building and Dr. C. Mitchell and William Ratcliffe were first among the evening Presbyterians to reach the flames. They climbed on a ladder to receive water buckets passed by the volunteers below and were getting along handsomely when the support under them gave way. Dr. Mitchell pitched headforemost on the cement pavement below and sustained severe injuries. Ratcliffe went with him, and the doctor says he has a broken leg.

OBJECTION HAD ITS EFFECT

Protest of Railroad Commission Heeded by Interstate Body.

Lincoln, Feb. 12.—The state railway commissioners were gratified by the news that the interstate commerce commission had granted a stay in putting the new western freight classification into effect that a thorough hearing might be had on its merits. At first the request was refused, but the various western railway commissions, among them that of Nebraska, made such a vigorous protest that the national commission took notice.

The Nebraska commission, in concert with those of other states, probably will participate in the hearing, but the burden of the work will come upon the commercial bodies of the section of country affected by the classification.

Peddler Killed by Passenger Train.

Albion, Neb., Feb. 12.—A peddler, believed to be Thomas Jett of Eads, Colo., Kan., killed by a Northwestern passenger train three miles out of Petersburg, when he was caught between the track and a huge snowdrift. He was knocked against the drift and rolled under the wheels, which mangled the body so badly that had it not been for cards found in his pockets identification would have been impossible.

Two Suspects Held.

Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 12.—The local authorities are having two suspects in the Goldie Williams murder case held for investigation. They are at widely separated points in the state. The officers did not divulge their location. Sheriff Slevers, accompanied by a man who can identify the murderer, left for the nearer of the towns this morning.

Alfalfa Mill Sold at Auction.

Fairbury, Neb., Feb. 12.—The Fairbury alfalfa mill, which was built several years ago with capital furnished by Jefferson county farmers, was sold at public auction to Luther Bonham for \$2,700 to cover a mortgage of \$3,316 against this institution. Mr. Bonham turned it over to Fairbury citizens, who will operate it.

Wreck of Maine Floated in Dam.

Havana, Feb. 12.—The wreck of the Maine floated free of the mud when the water was turned into the dam surrounding the wreck.

FOUR BODIES IN ONE GRAVE

Victims of Maxwell Tragedy Buried at Iowa Center.

REAL CAUSE OF FIRE MYSTERY

Only Survivor, an Eight-Year-Old Boy, Does Not Know Origin of Blaze. Boy Attempted to Start Fire and Explosion Followed.

Maxwell, Ia., Feb. 12.—Funeral services for the four children killed in the fire catastrophe at the Isaac Smith home were held at Iowa Center. Three coffins held the charred remains of the three boys and a girl. One grave was made for the remains of Curtis Smith, while the coffins of the Hickman children—Elsie, Leon and Gaylord—were lowered into the same resting place. The Rev. Charles Sykes, pastor of the United Brethren church at Colo, had charge of the services, which were held at the Evangelical church. Pallbearers were the men who have known Isaac Smith, his children and their children all their lives.

In this wreck of a family everything that a neighborhood could give was theirs. Needless to say the funerals were attended by the entire community. The bodies were buried in the cemetery of Iowa Center.

Four Children Dead.

Three children were burned to death in the fire. They were Curtis Smith, the son of Isaac N. Smith, aged ten years; Elsie Hickman, aged three, and Gaylord Hickman, aged five. Leon Hickman, a baby little more than one year old, died from the results of burns and smoke. He was rescued from the burning building by the courageous work of George Coghenor. At the same time Mr. Smith was burned so severely that he is lying at the home of a neighbor, so badly injured that life is despaired of. The flesh is charred from his arms and face from the result of the burns received when he made one dash through the room where the children were in an effort to save some one of the four. Mrs. Hickman is suffering from a badly crushed arm, the result of breaking a window in a vain effort to rescue some one of the children.

Parents See Flash.

At the time of the fire Mr. and Mrs. Hickman were a half mile away on their way to Colo. Just as they turned a corner they saw the flash of the explosion which started the conflagration. Turning their horses, with the children following as fast as possible, they raced back to the house. One side of it was in flames. The cries of the children could be heard in the house. Mr. Coghenor entered one room while others broke in the windows at other points. The wails of the baby guided him to a corner back of the piano, where he found the child and bore it to safety, but not little Curtis Smith, the oldest of the children, was in a room from which there was but one small window, while the two other children were in the kitchen, where the fire started. Of the occupants of the room, but one boy, Verle Proshard, an eight-year old grandson of Mr. Smith, is living. He has not given a coherent account of how he escaped from the building, or of the events leading up to it.

According to his disjointed story, following the leaving of the parents, the room became cold and the elder boy attempted to start the fire to burn brightly. He was in the act of putting coals and paper into the stove when an explosion took place. The cause of this will never be known.

MRS. ANGUS DIES OF BURNS

Succumbs to Injuries Received Trying to Save Daughter.

Malvern, Ia., Feb. 12.—Mrs. William Angus, who was burned Jan. 20 while trying to save the life of her daughter, Miss Hannah Angus of Auburn, Neb., since Hannah Angus was killed by a passenger train three miles out of Petersburg, when he was caught between the track and a huge snowdrift. He was knocked against the drift and rolled under the wheels, which mangled the body so badly that had it not been for cards found in his pockets identification would have been impossible.

Big Farm at High Price.

Monticello, Ia., Feb. 12.—Lawrence Jacobs of this city has sold to the James Gardner Land company of Waterloo his farm of 226 acres near the line of Scotch Grove and Wayne townships for \$175 per acre. It was a cash sale, the property to be transferred March 1. Mr. Jacobs paid \$190 an acre for some of this land three years ago.

Dubuque Expects Meeting.

Dubuque, Ia., Feb. 12.—While the matter has not been decided it practically is assured the next meeting of the State German-American league will be held in Dubuque. The meeting held at Waterloo last week placed the affair in the hands of the executive committee, and this body is said to be unanimously in favor of the Key City.

Killed While Coasting.

Iowa City, Feb. 12.—John Benish, Jr., twelve years old, was killed at Solon while coasting. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Benish of Solon.