

CHIEF OR FIRST RESURRECTION

Pastor Russell's Address to Bible Students.

PASTOR SPEAKS IN GLASGOW.

"The Rest of the Dead Lived Not Again, Until the Thousand Years Were Finished"—Explanation of Doctrine That Has Proved Puzzling to Many Believers and Unbelievers.



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xx, 5. It was announced that next Sunday he will address a similar convention in London. He said:

The resurrection of the dead seems to be the most difficult thing in the Bible for the worldly-minded to grasp by faith. This must be because the human mind instinctively realizes the majesty of the Power and Wisdom necessary to the reproduction of the same individuality which lived and thought centuries ago, before passing into the silence of the tomb. The Bible makes no denial of the stupendousness of the resurrection miracle—so far beyond the wildest flights of human imagination—it confesses this and calls upon us to exercise faith in the great Creator, the Omnipotent One, whose greatness we can but feebly sense and surely cannot comprehend.

Hence, the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead, from its first announcement in the Scriptures, has called for the strongest faith on the part of believers and has excited the general resentment of unbelievers, who seem to find it easier to believe anything else respecting the dead. Undoubtedly this is the reason why so many who give evidence of general intelligence accept the absurd theory that when a dog dies he is dead, but when a man dies he is more alive than ever.

These properly claim to hope for everlasting life, but not having faith enough to believe in the Divine power to perform the resurrection of the dead, they are driven to the theory of Plato. Indeed, who has not heard Plato quoted by ministers and other learned men when discussing the future life? They do not quote Jesus and the Apostles, because the explanations of Jesus and the Apostles are all to the contrary, proving that the dead are dead, and that the only hope of a future existence is by a resurrection.

Jesus' Answer to the Sadducees.

Note the answer of Jesus to the Sadducees of His day, who, we are told, specially denied the resurrection of the dead. Jesus answered, "That the dead are [to be] raised was shown to Moses at the burning bush," when God's message was, "I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." (Mark xii, 26; Acts vii, 32.) Jesus commented that God would not declare Himself to be their God if they were dead in the absolute sense that brutes die. Jesus' argument was that the fact that God still recognized them as persons while dead implied that their souls merely slept and will be granted a resurrection of the dead, in God's due time and in better bodies—under more favorable conditions than those under which they died.

We remember that St. Paul's letters and sermons abound in references to the dead. We call to mind his great resurrection chapter (I Corinthians xv), in which he declares that "As all die in Adam, so all shall be made alive in Christ—every man in his own order." (Verses 22, 23.) He does not say that every man is alive, but that they shall be made alive in the resurrection. The intermediate state he declares is a sleep, from which, by Divine arrangement through Jesus, they will all be awakened in the resurrection morning, at and after the second coming of Christ.

We remind you afresh of his positive statement that if there be no resurrection of the dead, then all whom we have supposed have fallen asleep have perished. (Verses 16-18.) But that God is able to raise all the dead he declares is demonstrated by the fact that He raised up Jesus from the dead on the third day; and so likewise on the Third Day of a larger scale—the third thousand-year day from the time Jesus was raised—God will raise up all those who have died because of Adam's sin.

That Third Great Day, the Millennium, will be the Great Seventh Day or Sabbath. So to speak, our Lord gave Himself a Ransom-price in the Fifth Day, from which the Seventh would be the Third Day, the day of the world's resurrection—"the last Day"—the end of the present Week of 1000-year days in which sin and death have reigned, ushering in the glorious Epoch when God's will shall be done on earth as it is done in Heaven.

The Chief Resurrection.

The tenor of all the Scriptures is that the Church alone will participate in the

First or Chief Resurrection—the world in general will have no share in it. Hearken to Jesus' words on this subject, and note their explicitness of statement to the effect that all who participate in this First Resurrection will be the elect overcomers of this Age, and they will be the Royal Priests, or Priestly Kings, of the next Age, in which the world will be dealt with and, so far as willing, uplifted from sin and death. He says, "Blessed and holy are all they that have part in the First Resurrection; on such the Second Death hath no power; they shall be priests unto God, and unto Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."—Revelation xx, 6.

The word in this text rendered *first* signifies *chief, foremost, superior*. It will indeed be first in order of time, too; but the particular thought is that it is superior. Its superiority rests in the fact that all who share in its blessings will not only attain life, full, perfect and everlasting, but additionally they will receive life on the highest plane, being made partakers of the divine nature, by the "change" which this resurrection will bring to them.—II Peter I, 4.

The sharers of this resurrection will not only receive everlasting life, but more, they will thereby be made death-proof—immortal in the Bible sense, in which it is declared that God alone hath immortality. God has also given immortality to our Redeemer in His resurrection, and has promised the same to the elect Church, the Bride, the Lamb's Wife, in this First Resurrection. Aside from these, so far as the Bible teaches, this special kind of immortality goes to no other creatures in the Universe.

Even angels, both the holy and the fallen, possess only the ordinary immortality known as everlasting life—an immortality or deathlessness dependent upon the Divine pleasure and supported by necessary elements of Divine provision. The Church, on the contrary, sharing in this Chief Resurrection, will possess inherency of life, the same kind of immortality possessed by Jehovah Himself.

From the context it will be seen that none will participate in this Chief Resurrection except such as shall successfully pass their trial and be accounted worthy of joint-heirship with Messiah in His glorious Kingdom, for it is distinctly stated that they are to "reign with Him a thousand years."

Sharing "His Resurrection." From what we have seen it must be evident to all of us that to gain a share in this Chief Resurrection is to gain the great Prize held out before us in the Gospel Age—the Prize which our Lord referred to as the "Pearl of great price," for which a man would be well justified in selling all that he has that he might purchase it.

It will be admitted on all hands that the great Apostle Paul is represented amongst the loyal ones who sacrificed every earthly interest, aim, hope and ambition that he might attain the Kingdom blessings and joint-heirship with Christ. We are therefore deeply interested in St. Paul's words respecting his hope, his sacrifice and his anticipation of attaining a share in this better resurrection, which he styles "His Resurrection"—namely, the resurrection of Christ.

The Scriptures continually maintain the thought that Jesus is the "Head of the Church which is His Body" and that these saintly Elect constitute the members of His Body. Carrying out this figure, the whole Body, all the members, should share in the same resurrection as that experienced by the Head—the Redeemer. And to this the facts agree. More than eighteen centuries ago our Lord Jesus was raised from the dead by the Father's power.

St. Paul declares that because of His obedience in carrying out the Divine Program as our Redeemer—even unto death—"Therefore God hath highly exalted Him, and hath given him a name [honor, station] above every name [except His own—He is excepted], that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, both of things in heaven and things on the earth." (Philippians ii, 9, 10.) To this end we must all be changed from earthly to heavenly nature, because "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom."

It seems a long time indeed between our Lord's resurrection and the resurrection of His Mystical Body, the Church class (Col. I, 18, 24), but the period is long only from our limited human standpoint—not long from the Divine standpoint, in which a thousand years are as one day. (II Peter iii, 8.) He who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, will bring us also [from the dead] by Him, and with Him, as members of His Body.

It is to this that St. Paul refers saying, I count all [earthly] things but as loss, * * * that I may win Christ [in a membership in His glorified Body—in the Kingdom class], * * * that I might know Him and the power of His resurrection [that I might experience that great power of God which in the Redeemer's case lifted Him not only out of death, but to the very highest plane of existence, the divine nature, with its glory, honor and immortality], * * * being made conformable unto His death, that I might share also in His resurrection.—Philippians iii, 7-11.

Oh, the Apostle gives us the key to his hopes: he did not hope that the Heavenly Father, who had required of Jesus a manifestation of His loyalty unto death before He would crown Him with immortality at His own right hand—he did not expect that this same God would give him a share in that great glory and honor, except as he should have the mind of Christ and should demonstrate similarly his loyalty to the extent of his ability in being conformed to Christ's death.

There is a lesson here for us. It is in vain that we shall hope to share the

Master's glory if we fail to share His loyalty, His indignity—to be dead with Him to the world, its praises, its ambitions, its rewards. "If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him." And the only way to enter into that reign of glory will be through the power of "His Resurrection"—the Chief Resurrection.

"But the Rest of the Dead."

The statement of our text that the rest of the dead will not live until the thousand years of Christ's reign are finished has proven a stumbling block to many who have studied too superficially. Let us not forget that the Spirit does not reveal the deep things of God, except to those who search for Truth "as men search for silver"—patiently, persistently, delving deeply.

It is very easy for all to grasp the thought that Messiah's Kingdom is to last a thousand years, and that all who shall be alive at that time, all who shall be born during that period, will participate in the wonderful blessings and privileges which it will bring to the human family. They are ready, too, to admit the reasonableness of giving an equal opportunity to those of our race who have gone down into death with either no knowledge of Christ, as was the case for four thousand years, or with the too limited knowledge to benefit them, as has been the case during the past two thousand years, and today, only this text respecting the "rest of the dead" stands in their way. I should be glad if any such are present here today, because I know I can relieve them of their difficulty. Yes, shall be glad if my words through this press shall reach many others who have been perplexed by this Scripture.

It is not necessary for us to set this Scripture aside, even though all Bible scholars know, or should know, that this portion of Revelation xx, 4, 5 which relates to "the rest of the dead" which live not again until the thousand years are finished—is spurious—that it is not found in any of the old Greek manuscripts. It is supposed that it got into the text, not through any desire to corrupt the same and falsify the record, but that in the days when the manuscripts were copied by pen, some copyist made this memorandum on the margin of his manuscript as a helpful thought, and that other copyists, using his manuscript, supposed it to be a part of the original and incorporated it in the text.

However, the additional words are in no sense in conflict with the facts, which are these: Adam, created in his Maker's likeness, perfect, was alive in the sense that he enjoyed perfection of life and that he had a right to a life everlasting, except as he should forfeit the same by disobedience. The moment he disobeyed God's command he came under the sentence of sin, namely, death. From that moment onward he was judicially dead, even though the dying process lasted for more than nine hundred years.

Similarly, all of his posterity, from the Divine standpoint, are dead, "children of wrath." Jesus carried out this same thought in His teaching, saying, "Let the dead bury their dead." Only those who have accepted Him as their Life-giver are even reckoned considered alive, from the Divine standpoint.

And so, throughout the thousand years of Messiah's reign, "All in their graves shall come forth," "every man in his own order" but they will still be, from the Divine standpoint, judicially dead—without the right to everlasting life. The work of the Lord Jesus, as the Great Prophet, Priest, King and Judge, and the Church with Him, will be the instruction and assistance of these for their gradual uplifting out of sin and weakness and imperfection—toward perfection—toward acceptance with God—toward everlasting life. Such as reject the assistance offered will die the Second Death. Such as avail themselves of the blessed privileges of that time will attain human perfection. But still they will not have everlasting life accorded to them. They will merely be in a good, suitable and ready condition for God to grant them everlasting life, if they shall stand His tests.

The tests for eternal life will come at the close of the Messianic reign—when the great Mediator between God and men, having accomplished His work of restitution of the race, shall deliver over everything into the hands of the Father—the hands of Justice. Everlasting life will not be given as a matter of mercy, but as a matter of justice—to those who will demonstrate their loyalty and worthiness of everlasting life. The mercy of God will be exercised in the bringing of them to this condition, where perfection in word, deed and thought will be possible.

The great temptation which will then come to all the world, through the losing of Satan—the temporary permission of evil in the world—will demonstrate which of these resurrected from the dead God can approve and consistently grant the great gift of eternal life. All those who fail in their trial will be destroyed with Satan in the Second Death, while all who prove their loyalty will be acknowledged worthy of everlasting life.

Thus the rest of the dead, aside from those now on trial, the Church class, will not live in the full sense of Divine recognition as worthy of everlasting life, until the thousand years of Messiah's reign shall have ended.

But, beloved brethren, much as we are interested in the glorious blessings that the Messianic Kingdom shall bring to the world of mankind, the Lord wishes us to be specially interested in the glorious opportunity and privilege which He has accorded us of having fellowship with our Redeemer in the suffering of this present time, and being counted worthy to share with Him in the glory which shall follow—into which the faithful will be ushered by the power of the First Resurrection.

PLANS MORE SHORT COURSES

State College Arranges for 80 Schools of Instruction.

WILL INVADE NEW COUNTIES.

Districts Not Visited Heretofore Will Be Included in the Work—Managers to Meet at State Fair Grounds on Aug. 27.

Ames, Ia., July 29.—Iowa State college expects to take its work to the people of Iowa in a larger way than ever during the coming season. The extension department is planning to conduct more than eighty different short courses, ranging in length from two days to a week, dealing with agriculture and domestic science and reaching more than half of the counties of the state.

About one-half of these courses have already been arranged for. As far as possible the others will be booked by the time of the meeting of the short course managers and officers of Iowa at the college building on the state fair grounds in Des Moines, Aug. 27.

The extension department expects to conduct about twenty to twenty-five "large short courses," each containing a week and giving instruction in both agriculture and domestic science; also about fifteen two-day short courses in live stock and farm crops, and about thirty domestic science schools lasting a week. The large and small short courses differ in the equipment furnished by the college and the number of instructors furnished, and also in the cost to the local association. For the two-day courses, no guarantee is asked.

"We are anxious now to get into the fifty or more counties in which no short course work has been done," said Director Kennedy. These include the following:

Adair, Adams, Appanoose, Audubon, Benton, Boone, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Calhoun, Cass, Cedar, Chickasaw, Clarke, Clayton, Clinton, Davis, Decatur, Des Moines, Dickinson, Dubuque, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Grundy, Hancock, Howard, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Lucas, Lyon, Madison, Monona, Monroe, Osceola, Pocahontas, Polk, Ringgold, Sioux, Tama, Union, Van Buren, Wapello, Wayne and Webster.

Some of them are already provided for in the coming year. As many as possible of the others are asked for short courses, and put up the customary guarantees will be taken care of.

AUTOMOBILE TURNS TURTLE

Dallas County Farmer and Family Are Injured Near Perry.

Perry, Ia., July 29.—The automobile belonging to Albert Rosander, who lives nine miles southwest of this city, was overturned while he and his wife and little daughter were returning to their home from Des Moines.

In attempting to turn a corner, while going at a high rate of speed, the car skidded and turned completely over twice. The occupants were thrown out and Mrs. Rosander sustained a fracture of the hip bone. She had been in Des Moines taking treatment for appendicitis and in her weakened condition the accident may result seriously.

Neither Mr. Rosander nor the little girl were badly hurt. The car was a wreck.

FARMER KILLED IN BINDER

Runaway in Field Results in Death of West Side Man.

West Side, Ia., July 29.—Fred Mow, a farmer living eight miles north of here, was killed when the team hitched to the binder ran away. He suffered many cuts and bruises.

A few hours later Gus Gertz, a farm hand employed by Ed Gassner, two miles north of here, was seriously injured in a similar accident, his team running away while hitched to a binder. Gertz will recover.

College Selects New President.

Rarlan, Ia., July 29.—Dr. John R. Hutchinson, late principal of the college of commerce in the University of Wyoming, at Laramie, has been chosen president of the Western Iowa Vocational college here for next year by the board of directors and he will move here Aug. 1. Professor George Galloway, who has been president of the college since its organization, will remain in the institution in the capacity of dean of the faculty.

Carnegie to Give Library.

Webster City, Ia., July 29.—Mayor William Anderson of Jewell has received an offer from Andrew Carnegie to give the town a donation of \$7,500 for the erection of a Carnegie library, conditioned upon the citizens of Jewell furnishing a site and maintaining the institution after it is erected. Mayor Anderson expects to call a mass-meeting for a discussion of the matter. The proposition, in all probability, will be accepted.

Iowa Farmer Is Missing.

Williamsburg, Ia., July 29.—Lew Goodman, a prominent farmer living in the southern part of Iowa county, left his home July 14, and no trace of him has been found, although 200 men and a bloodhound have made diligent search.

RAISE FOR MANY COUNTIES

State Board of Assessment Decides on Tax Values.

Lincoln, July 29.—The board of assessment finished up all the counties as regards the raising or lowering of the land values.

Box Butte still continues to be the delinquent county and until that report is in nothing definite regarding each county will be given out for publication by the board.

Notice was sent to each county showing the amount the board has agreed on for a raise or reduction and giving them until Aug. 13 to appear and show cause why the figures set by the board should not stand.

Following are the counties which will be raised, though in some cases the raise is practically small:

Boyd, Boone, Buffalo, Butler, Cass, Chase, Cherry, Cheyenne, Colfax, Cum-ling, Custer, Dawes, Dawson, Deuel, Dixon, Douglas, Dundy, Filmore, Gage, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Holt, Hooker, Johnson, Kearney, Keith, Keya Paha, Knox, Lincoln, Logan, Loup, Morrill, Nuckolls, Phelps, Pierce, Platte, Red Willow, Richardson, Saline, Saunders, Sioux, Thayer, Thomas.

The following counties will be given a reduction: Blaine, Burt, Cedar, Seward, Thurston, Washington, York.

TWO MEET DEATH IN UNUSUAL ACCIDENTS

Victims South Omahans Who Had Gone to Sarpy County.

Omaha, July 29.—Death under most unusual circumstances came to two South Omaha people, the victims both being on trips to Sarpy county. Joseph Miller was knocked from the Missouri Pacific trestle by a train near La Platte while fishing and was killed. Mrs. Lena Goodman was instantly killed by a bullet from a rifle being carried over the shoulder by Ernest Meyers, a ten-year-old boy. Mrs. Goodman was sitting on a porch in Bellevue, holding her small baby at the time.

That the shooting was accidental appeared from the fact that the young Meyers boy was carrying the gun over his shoulder at the time the weapon was discharged. What caused the discharge of the gun could not well be accounted for, although it is surmised that the weapon had been left cocked by the boy, who was hunting in the garden when the accident occurred.

Run Over by Load of Lumber.

Wymore, Neb., July 29.—John Rothmeyer a farmer living south of town, was run over by a wagon full of lumber and escaped with severe bruises. Physicians are unable to understand why the man was not killed outright or seriously injured.

Stanton Farmer Commits Suicide.

Stanton, Neb., July 29.—Frank Kosa, a Bohemian farmer who lives five miles east of Stanton, committed suicide by shooting himself with a shotgun. Domestic trouble is supposed to be back of the tragedy.

Omaha Man Expires After Short Illness

Beatrice, Neb., July 29.—W. W. Butts of Omaha died suddenly here of paralysis. He was taken ill at Ellis, near which place he owns a farm. He leaves a widow and two children.

SENATE PASSES SUGAR BILL

Measure Carrying Heavy Tariff Cut Gets Big Majority.

Washington, July 29.—A Republican sugar tariff bill, the first purely Republican revision measure of the present congress, was adopted in the senate. Deserting their allies of the last two days, the Republican progressives, by an ironclad agreement with the regulars, succeeded in passing a tariff reduction bill which they believe President Taft will sign if it reaches him.

The sugar bill was a compromise between the Lodge plan, indorsed by the regular Republicans, and the Bristow bill. It would cut the present sugar duty of \$1.90 to \$1.60; would abolish the Dutch standard, under which practically no refined sugar can be imported, and would abolish the 7½ cent "refiners' differential," an additional duty on refined sugar, which, it is claimed, has accrued directly to the profit of the sugar refiners.

The Republicans played "big politics" in the third and last day's fight on tariff measures. The regulars came down from the \$1.82½ duty of the Lodge bill, while the progressives moved upward from the \$1.53½ rate in the original Bristow bill.

Five Japanese Seized.

San Diego, Cal., July 29.—Making their way with the aid of a compass across El Cajon valley, five Japanese were captured near Bostonia by immigration inspectors, brought to San Diego and lodged in the county jail. The Japanese admit they came from Mexico overland. They probably will be deported to Mexico.

Woman Claims Half of Ewald's Million

Louisville, July 29.—Claiming that a wife in common law is entitled to half of the personal property on the death of her husband, according to Missouri laws, Ellen J. Ewald filed suit here demanding half of the property left by Louis P. Ewald of St. Louis. The estate is said to be valued at about \$2,000,000.

SENATE PASSES EXCISE TAX BILL

Democrats and Progressive Republicans Again Unite.

BORAH BILL IS DEFEATED.

New Tariff on Print Paper Is Provided For—Bill Extends Tax on Corporations to Individuals and Private Concerns.

Washington, July 27.—Democrats and progressives united again in the senate and by a vote of 36 to 18 passed the Democratic excise tax bill, extending the present tax on corporations to the business of individuals, private firms and co-partnerships. Attached to the measure, also by the aid of Republican votes, were amendments for the repeal of the Canadian reciprocity law and the fixing of a \$2 per ton tariff on print paper, and for the establishment of a permanent non-partisan tariff commission.

Senator Borah, in a fight to have his income tax bill substituted for the "tax on business," lost by a vote of 33 to 23, although he mustered to his support many of the regular Republicans and four Democrats—Ashurst, Culberson, Hitchcock and Martine.

The Democratic majority stood almost solidly against any change in the house bill that would threaten its defeat. They declared that "tax on business" was clearly constitutional, while an income tax law had once been held unconstitutional by the supreme court, and might again suffer that fate, until the states ratify the amendment to the federal constitution.

Wool Bill in the House.

The senate's unexpected passage of the La Follette wool bill presents a situation upon which Majority Leader Underwood of the house thinks the two branches of congress can agree. Mr. Underwood said he thought there would be little difficulty in reaching a compromise. In this case a bill almost identical with the one President Taft vetoed on Aug. 17, 1911, probably will go to the White House within a few weeks.

The former bill was vetoed on the ground that the tariff board had not reported on its investigation of schedule "K." Leaders of both houses say the La Follette bill follows the conclusions of the board quite closely.

Rodenberg Attacks Wilson.

Representative Rodenberg (Rep., Ill.) made a political speech in the house attacking Governor Woodrow Wilson.

Mr. Rodenberg quoted long extracts from Governor Wilson's "History of the American People," in which the writer referred to Thomas Jefferson as an "aristocrat, who deliberately practiced the arts of a politician," and said that "Washington found him a guide who needed watching."

Governor Wilson's writings on the immigration question, Mr. Rodenberg reviewed at length. Mr. Rodenberg quoted Governor Wilson's praise of Chinese and declared "that there must have been rejoicing in every Chinese laundry in the United States" when the governor was nominated at Baltimore.

Mr. Rodenberg concluded his speech with praise for President Taft.

ROOSEVELT IS FOR BIG NAVY

Colonel Attacks House Democrats for Refusing Battleships.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 27.—An attack on the Democratic majority in the house of representatives for refusing to adopt the two battleships program was made by Colonel Roosevelt. He declared the upbuilding of the navy must go on if this country is to maintain its position among the nations of the world.

"When the Democrats vote down the battleships," he said, "if they are to agree, they should also vote to abandon the Panama canal. It is an outrage, from the standpoint of the national honor and interest to go on with the Panama canal at all unless we both fortify it and keep up an adequate navy."

ANOTHER INQUIRY ORDERED

Part of Americans in Mexican Rebellion to Be Investigated.

Washington, July 27.—An investigation to determine whether any persons or organizations in the United States have been engaged in fomenting rebellion in Cuba or Mexico was directed by the senate when it adopted the Nelson resolution.

Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan will head a subcommittee of investigation. Senators McCumber, Dillingham, Shively and Hitchcock will be the other members.

"Star Spangled Banner" National Air.

Washington, July 27.—All doubt as to whether you should rise and uncover when the band plays "America" or "The Star Spangled Banner" will be solved if congress passes a point resolution introduced by Representative Foss of Chicago. The Foss resolution provides that "The Star Spangled Banner" shall be "adopted as the official national air of the United States."

Opposed to Income Tax Law.

Milwaukee, July 27.—The Wisconsin Bankers' association adopted a resolution opposed to the income tax law.