# LEPROSY OF SIN **NEEDS A SAVIOR**

Divine Remedy the Only Cure, Says Pastor Russell.

### THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS.

Every Unrighteousness la Sin-Open Sins - Secret Sins - Hypocrisies -False Accusers-What God Approves. What God Hates-The Wiles of the Adversary-The Redeemer Soon to Be the Good Physician-Ten Lepers Cleansed-Only One Appreciative.



St. Paul, Minn., June 29. - Pastor Russell spoke at he Auditorium here this afternoon, also at the Shubert Theatre. Minneapolis, in the evening. The announcement of his coming is always sufficient to draw a crowd. We report one of his addresses, based

upon the Savior's words respecting the ten cleansed lepers: "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? Only one bath returned to give glory to God."-Luke 17:17, 18.

Leprosy, said the Pastor, has long been regarded as incurable, and therefore is used as an illustration of sin. which is also incurable. As only the Master's word could heal the lepers, so nothing short of a Divine remedy can cure the leprosy of sin. Lepers in olden times were obliged to separate themselves from others, and whenever approached were required to cry, "Unclean! Unclean!" Cut off thus from association with others, the condition of the poor creatures was far from enviable. So sinners by Divine decree are isolated, separated from the pure, the holy, the righteous.

Though all humanity are sinners by heredity, we must not forget that they constitute but a small proportion of God's great family, amongst whom are angels, cherubim, seraphim, etc., who always have fellowship with God and with each other. But while the Scriptures declare of humanity that all are sinners, that none are righteous, no, not one, yet all do not appreciate their condition, nor cry aloud, Unclean! Indeed, there are various degrees of uncleanness: some are more and some

less sinful. The two extremes of sin are represented in our Lord's parable of the two men who went up to the Temple to pray, the one a publican the other a Pharisee. The publican realized his sin and smote his breast, saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner!" The Pharisee, on the contrary, felt himself so superior to the publican that he did not realize himself a sinner at all; he thanked God that he was not a sinner. Jesus declares that, because of his acknowledgment of sin, the publican was more acceptable than the Pharisee.

In other words, the Creator wishes that each one of Adam's race should realize his imperfection—that he comes short of the Divine standard of perfection-short of that standard which God would be pleased to bless with everlasting life. While the Bible thus declares that all are sinners, it does not unreasonably say that there is no difference. What it does say is that the slightest degree of sin would mean that we are sinners, and that hence the person with the least taint of sin upon him would need the Savior, the Deliverer-would need to be cleansed. And, in order to realize his need of assistance, he must see his sin and cry unto the Lord, Unclean! Lord, save. or I perish!

Here again many of us have made a serious mistake in the study of our Bibles. When reading that the sinner would perish, we forgot the meaning of the word perish, that it signifies to die, to lose life. There is nothing in the word perish that signifies to be tortured to all eternity. "The wages of sin is death." destruction-annihilation, if you please. And if God had not made some provision for man's recovery, there would be no future life for Adam nor for any of his race. Death would indeed have been a hopeless state: just as leprosy, whether in a small or greater degree, signified the presence of a hopeless disease, from which there is no recovery.

### Jesus the Good Physician.

Jesus is the only physician who can heal this leprosy of sin; nothing that the sinner himself can do would cancel the sentence. God purposely so arranged the matter. The Good Physician heals humanity at a great cost to Himself. As the wage, or penalty, of sin upon Father Adam and his race means death, so whoever would redeem Adam must be prepared to pay his penalty before he could assist the sinner legally, justly. None of Adam's race could serve as a redeemer, because each and all were born in sin and therefore as subject to the penalty as Father Adam himself. Nor could any of them be born without sin. because the life of the race came from

Whoever, therefore, would be the savior of man must have a life separate and apart from that of Adam, and must be willing to sacrifice it on Adam's behalf.

All of the angels had such a lifeseparate and apart from Adam's life-

and age of them, therefore, would have been capable of being man's redeemer if the Heavenly Father had made them the proposition and they had chosen to accept it. But Jehovah God gave the first offer to become man's redeemer to the very highest of all His creatures-His Only Begotten Son, the Logos, of whom we read that He was the Beginning of the creation of God, the First-born of every creature, the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,

"For the Joy Set Before Him." It was not within the province of even Jehovah Himself to demand that one holy creature should die to rescue, to redeem, humanity. The matter, therefore, was optional with the Logos: and if He had not chosen to accept the proposition, it doubtless would have been extended to others. But such was the love and loyalty of God's Only Begotten that to know the Father's pleasure in the matter was to cheerfully obey. It was a joy to Him to serve in

any manner and to further God's will. No doubt the Son would have done this without any suggestion of a reward, but the Apostle suggests that a great reward was proffered Him. He says, "Who for the joy that was set before Him endured." His joyful obe dience began when He exchanged the higher nature for the human. The same joy continued when, as the Man Christ Jesus. He offered up Himself. and was faithfully obedient to the Fa ther's will to the very last, saying "The cup which My Father hath pour ed for Me, shall I not drink it?"

St. Paul further explains that it was the Redeemer's faithfulness and loyalty to the Father, in doing His will to the extent of laying down the human life, that became the basis of His still higher exaltation-above His prehuman condition. The Apostle says, "Where fore God also hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in Heaven and things in earth." Thus, as the Apostle explains, He has been ex alted and qualified to be made a Prince and a Savior and able to grant forgive ness of sins to as many as will come unto the Father through Him.

#### What Sin-Forgiveness Means.

Forgiveness of sin has two aspects (1) the cancellation of the legal con demnation; and (2) the recovery of the sinner from his loss, his imperfection. Jesus came into the world to accomplish both of these results. By His death He would legally satisfy the Divine Justice, giving His life as instead of Adam's life, which was forfeited by sin. Then, according to the Father's promise, being raised from the death state to a glorious state, with plenitude of power. He would use that power and opportunity for the release, or recovery, of mankind from the mental, moral and physical degradation brought about by sin.

God might be just and yet be the Justifier of all those who believe in Jesus-of all who shall become His disciples and follow His leading and direction. Again, we read that He came to seek and to save, to recover, that which was lost.

### Sinners of Two Classes Saved.

It was just like our great Heavenly Father to take advantage of the oppor tunity of human salvation from sin to Illustrate different characters amongst men and different degrees of His favor toward these. He foresaw that the great necessity of the world would be the Messianic Kingdom, the powerful Reign of the Redeemer forcefully putting down sin and all unrighteousness. scattering ignorance, darkness, superstition, etc.

He foresaw that some of the human family would need to have stripes. punishments, corrections in righteousness, in order to teach them the great lesson that all unrighteousness is sin: and that all sin brings degradation. sorrow, pain, death, according to Divine arrangement. Messiah's Kingdom would be necessary to show how obedience to God would, on the contrary, bring a gradual uplifting and recovery out of sin. sorrow, tears and death, eventually back to perfection.

But while the great mass of mankind would need the severe lessons of the Millennium, the Reign of Christ, a certain few would be able now to develop an eye of faith and an ear of faith by virtue of their desire to do God's will. These would be doubly precious in God's sight; for "without faith it is impossible to please Him," and those who could exercise faith under adverse conditions would be His peculiar treasure. Therefore God has arranged to gather out this special class in advance, and these He calls His Elect, the Church of the Gospel Age.

This call, to which these respond, is not so forceful as will be the call of the future; they must have hearing ears and attentive hearts to hear the voice of God in the present time at all. Additionally, they must be both able and willing to walk by faith, their path lighted only by the Lamp of God's Word. "Thy Word is a lamp to my feet, a lantern to my footsteps.' Furthermore, they must walk in a narrow way, a difficult path of separation from the world. Not only must they strive to live separate and apart from sin, but after the pattern of their Redeemer they must present their bodies living sacrifices, holy, acceptable to God.

through the merit of Jesus' sacrifice. These are scripturally styled the justifled by faith, the sanctifled, or set apart to the service of God. These, under the typical arrangement of God with Israel of old, were pictured in the tribe of Levi, who were set apart from the remaining tribes to be God's special servants, and ultimately to be the instructors and guides of their brethren of the other tribes. So the elect class in process of selection since the ascension of Jesus since Pentecost-

are to be God's special servants by and by in the blessing of the world in general; for they are to be joint-heirs with Jesus, their Redeemer, in all the great work of His Millennial Kingdom. designed, arranged, prepared, for the blessing and uplifting of all bumnalty and for the destruction of the wilfully intelligently, sinful and rebellious.

#### "Though Your Sins Be Scarlet."

The Lord used crimson and scarlet as indicative of the most flagrant sins. and then declared that His arrange ment for the forgiveness of sins through the great Redeemer is effective even for the very worst sins Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as Kansas Statesman Proposes \$10,000 wool." (Isaiah 1:18.) This is an assurance for us. God knows that all of Adam's children were born with the hereditary taint of sin. "prone to sin as are the sparks that fly upward." He is not expecting perfection of any under such conditions; all must have help. and the Savior whom God has prepared is qualified to give help to all.

The help given to the special class of the sinners, and thus biding the actual blemishes of his flesh. In other words, the Lord declares of this class that He will judge them, not according to their flesh, but according to the report. spirit of their minds, the intentions of they will put forth in resisting sin and private citizens in their own behalf. in doing God's will. This Robe of Righteousness will cover sins of every kind and degree, except wilful sins. "O blessed thought!

O words with Heavenly comfort fraught!" The arrangement for the sins of the world, to be carried out in the future. tween persons employed in behalf of will similarly be ample, though different. The world's sins will not be covered, nor will the world be dealt with merely according to their minds and hearts. The world's salvation is spoken of as being one of works. Each sinner will be encouraged and assisted good works

Assistance and strength of character will come to them day by day and year by year until, before the Millennium will have ended, all the willing and obedient will have become perfect. mentally, morally and physically. They other means. will have attained the image and like ness of God. lost by Father Adam in Eden; and with this perfection will five senators and five representatives. come their right to human life, forfeited by Adam and redeemed by Jesus.

are to have an opportunity during the two dockets, in which shall be regis Millennial Age, will that not be a second chance? We reply, No. None will have a second chance for everlasting their employers, the time of their emlife. By nature we are all sinners, con-Thus we read that Jesus died that fice. He died for all. But only when lative agents and counsel are forbidden fer. we accept the fact and come under His to accept employment for contingent direction as His disciples, do we obtain fees. our share.

during this Age only such as conse-

Sin a Transgression of Law. Human laws are not always the same as the Divine, though properly intended so to be. Thus the Lord in- not apply to persons summoned by forms us that some who are highly esteemed among men, and approved by in the sight of God. Contrariwise. sometimes things disapproved by man of the document room. are in accord with the Divine Law. God seems to put justice in the very gives it a very low place. For instance, petty thievery, who would not hesitate violation, are liable to imprisonment. to join in a Trust intended to deprive thousands of fellow-creatures of their share of the blessings of our day. In the eyes of human judgment, these would be esteemed noble examples; while in the sight of Divine Justice, we believe, they would rank as very vicious and criminal.

Ten Cleansed-but One Thankful. When ten lepers came to our Lord praying for healing and were granted their request, only one of them returned to thank the Savior; and Jesus called attention to the fact. It well ilfustrates the difference between the two classes of the saved. The entire ten lepers would well represent the world of mankind in sin. All would be glad to be relieved of the leprosy of sin and to be holy and happy.

But as only one of the ten was so appreciative as to come back and worship the Redeemer and offer Him his services, it represents the fact that only a small proportion of humanity is properly appreciative of the blessing of forgiveness of sins and healing therefrom. The only one who was thankful would well represent the class of sinners who now constitute the true Church, and who, realizing the Divine arrangement for the forgiveness of sins come thankfully and offer the Lord their little all to be used in His service.

The "exceeding great and precious promises" of God's Word are given only to the thankful and consecrated, who have already presented themselves living sacrifices to God. "To you it is given to know the mysteries of the \$300 in the bank. He bought a thirty Kingdom." "God hath revealed them dollar gold watch on the installment unto us by His Spirit," which is granted only to the consecrated. These promises are to strengthen and nerve the consecrated and to enable them to overcome, in fulfilment of their covenant of consecration.

# **BILL TO PENALIZE** LOBBYING FILED

# Senator Thompson Is Sponsor of Drastic Measure.

## AIMS AT EX-LEGISLATORS.

Fines and Five Year Jail Terms For All Found Guilty of Infractions. "Legislative Counsel" as Defined by Bill Are Legitimate.

Although the end of the lobby investigation in Washington is not yet in sight, a sweeping bill to regulate lobbying and restrict certain of its forms that is in process of selection during has been introduced by Senator fractured arm. At this writing sign Gibbons Hotel again. this Gospel Age is in the Scriptures Thompson of Kansas. Penalties up to the little one is reported to be figuratively represented as the Robe of \$10,000 and imprisonment not exceed- doing nicely. Christ's righteousness, covering each ing five years are provided. It is expected that a bill along the lines of Mr. Thompson's proposals will be presented by the lobby committee with its

Mr. Thompson's measure throws no their hearts and the efforts which restrictions around the activities of ingham, south of town. Individuals employed by other persons or by corporations are divided into two classes-legislative counsel and legislative agents-and detailed provisions are made for their control. His bill distinguishes, however, beprivate measures and those supporting measures as representatives of the "whole people of the United States."

## Bill Defines Lobbyists.

The term "legislative counsel" as defined in this bill shall apply to any perback to perfection along the lines of sons employed to appear before either house of congress or its committees or with a view to affecting legislation. "Legislative agents" are those who seek to accomplish these ends by any

The bill creates a joint congressional committee on lobbying, to consist of with a clerk at a salary of \$2,500 and an assistant clerk at \$1,800. The But some one may say, 17 mankind clerk's duty would consist in keeping tered legislative counsel and legislative agents with detailed statements of ployment and the various subjects of

The bill strikes at former senators Since Jesus accepts as His disciples and members of the house serving in the capacity of lobbyists by providing ing of God's will, only they get the either house or in the adjoining cloak- titled to a little leisure. benefit of the Redeemer's sacrifice dur rooms or reception halls while that ing the present life. Those who do not house is in session. As former senators get that benefit now still have it as and representatives are practically the sured them by Jesus' death, according only agents who would have the right to the Divine promise. Those who do to the floor, this provision is evidently not get their chance of everlasting life aimed at them, but does not apply to now will get it during the Millennium. the representatives of a state or other the dad, well, he's alright. local government.

### Registration Requirements.

committees to testify before them. But if an agent files a brief under the human standards, are an abomination terms of this bill he may be required to supply additional copies for the use

The penalty for violating the law for individuals is fixed at a fine not to extive counsel or agents in violation of some will cry out vigorously and the act are subject to the same fine, vengefully against immoral dances and while their officers, cognizant of the

### IS IT BOAT OR AIRSHIP?

Harbor Officials and Aero Club Disagree About Hydroaeroplane. "When is a boat not a boat?" or When is an aeroplane not an aero-

plane?" The flying boat development of the hydroaeroplane has raised this ques-

tion, and no one appears to be able to satisfactorily answer it. The officials whose duties include the enforcement of Uncle Sam's harbor

regulations maintain that it is a boat and as such comes under the regulations governing motorboats and thererying the stipulated equipment of signal born, lights, life preservers, etc. On the other hand, the Aero Club of America officials as stoutly maintain that it is not a boat, but an aeroplane, and for proof point to the fact that it

ticipate in competitive flying events and that its pilots must operate under died. an aviator's license, just as though it had only wheels instead of a bull for water maneuvering.

Even the tentative court of last resort, the American Power Boat association, confesses itself "stumped."

In Six Weeks \$1 Grows to \$300. Starting six weeks ago with \$1, "Dago John," a Kansas City huckster. now has a prosperous business and plan, paying the jewelry company his last dollar down. After obtaining the watch he pawned it for \$10. With this money he purchased a cart and He has redeemed his watch.

# EAGLE.

Near State Historican rough

Ray Wells reports the loss of a south of town. valuable horse Sunday afternoon from the effects of lockjaw.

daughter, Mrs. Charles Renner. J. H. Latrom has just received what it is.

J. C. Benz is gradually growing turing the bone below the knee. weaker at her home in this city. Earl is around with a pair of Mrs. Benz has had a long sick- crutches, but has a very sore limb, ness and has borne up bravely under the strain. We all hope prietor of the Hotel Eller, has refor the best.

A. Giebenarth and wife came up from Davey, Neb., to attend the funeral of Grandma Umland Tuesday afternoon. They will foliable f spend a few days at the home of their daughter, Mrs. S. Vanland-

On Wednesday evening, June with relatives. 25, at 8 o'clock, at the home of Misses Ethel and Stella Tritsch the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. of Plattsmouth visited their many I. M. Dawson, well known and re- little friends in this vicinity over spected residents of Bennett, Sunday, Neb., occurred the marriage of their daughter, Reva, to Mr. Wm. Fred H. Ossenkop were passeng-H. Crabtree of Eagle.

Mrs. Wm. Christopherson, who Schyler train. moved to the home of Mr. Chris- W. C. Dorsey, over Sunday, topherson's parents in Lincoln subcommittees and present briefs or able that she may be able to re- Omaha are visiting at the home of oral arguments or examine witnesses turn to her home, southeast of C. W. Merriam this week, Eagle, Sunday.

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Mrs. Irene Mason and son, this week. Mort, left Saturday evening for Omaha, where Mrs. Mason will have received word that their keep house for her children.

Oregon, and Miss Georgia Dele- from an operation for appendidemned to death. Our chance for life their activities. Except in the class of | zene of Louisville, were here visit | citis, which she underwent reat all is through the Redeemer's sacri- claims against the government, legis- ing their cousin, Frank Boedeck- cently.

vesterday with a dollar for the printer. He is 82 years old and guests of Mrs. M. Peterson Tuescomplains of being feeble. God day. They were on their way crate, or sacrifice, their lives to the do that no lobbyist shall go on the floor of bless you, Andrew, you are en-

Mr. and Mrs. John Ahresman are rejoicing over the safe arrival at their home Saturday morning of a baby boy. Mother and son are reported as doing well, and

Mrs. O. Knudson and little daughter, who are down in this The requirements for registration do part of the country from Minnesota, were here the first of the week visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Rose. Mrs. Rose is an aunt of Mrs. Knudson.

Mrs. Rockwell left Wednesday for her future home in Tuscola, Michigan. She has been helping few miles northeast of here, went highest place in His estimation of sin. ceed \$10,000 or imprisonment for five her brother, J. M. Palmer, in the to Lincoln yesterday. while poor human judgment sometimes years. Corporations employing legisla- postoffice for the past two years and has made a host of friends Saturday for Steele City, Neb., to that will regret to see her go and make a few days' visit with one of wish her all manner of success in her sisters. her new home.

J. S. Rough went to Omaha last known and popular young lady of covered that part of the clothing Billings, Mont. belonging to Mr. Bates that was stolen from the automobile. The came in last Saturday to attend bundle was recovered in a pawn the Jones-Carpenter wedding shop, where it had been "soaked" by the party that took it. They Hugh Robb and family, did not get the thief.

who lived in a hovel on the east eral of Mrs. Mary A. Everett, reedge of town, was discovered turning home on Wednesday, Wednesday evening in an unconscious condition in his garden, here to attend the wedding of her fore must comply with the law by car- He was brought to a room in the old hotel and Dr. Thomas called, who pronounced him suffering and friends a few days. with apoplexy. He was given treatment, but never regained consciousness and died about the reunion committee regarding must have Aero club sanction to par- midnight, Earl Toney and Ohe Miller being with him when he

#### WEEPING WATER. Republican.

Mrs. Calkin returned to her home at York Monday morning, after her visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rubga.

ing with her son, N. C. Klepser Montana country.

and family at the farm southwest

A. V. Wellen and sons of Eimwood have just returned to cheir home after spending their vacation at "Grandpa's" W. C. Wollen,

Mrs. George Schrader and the children returned to their home Grandpa McKey is reported to at Atchison Monday morning afbe quite sick at the home of his ter several days' visit with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Davis.

Earl Wiles, son of George an appointment to some big fat Wiles, northeast of town, met office, but he refuses to tell us with a painful accident Friday. While bridling a young borse he We are sorry to report that Mrs. was kicked on the left leg, frac-

Mr. J. B. A. Beland, the promodeled his sign to read Gibbon The little boy of Mr. and Mrs. Hotel. This was the name that Ray Wall, who reside east of the hotel carried from the time it Eagle, fell from a lounge one was first started until a few years evening last week, receiving a ago. It looks natural to see the

#### LOUISVILLE. Courier.

Mrs. Elmer Amick and children are here from Tekamah visiting

Henry Ossenkop and wife and ers to Omaha Thursday on the

recently underwent a serious Mrs. Will Irwin and daughter, operation at a hospital in Lincoln, Gwendolyn, of Table Rock, Neb., is rapidly improving and was re- visited the former's sister, Mrs.

Mrs. C. N. Merriam of Chicago Wednesday. It is thought prob- and Mrs. E. C. Bennett of South

> C. H. Meyers of Omaha has accepted the position of manager of Rev. Theo, Hartman, pastor of the German Lutheran church, four miles southwest of town, is attending conference at Beemer

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Heim daughter, Mrs. Hugh Seiver, of Harold Brunson of Portland, El Reno, Oklahoma, has recovered

Attorney W. C. Frampton and Andrew Pittman got up town family, and Miss Fay Lichtensteiger, of Lincoln, were the home from Omaha, where they visited friends and relatives over Sunday,

Miss Grace Erhart has returned for the summer from the Sacred Heart academy at St. Joseph, Mo. She had been attending school in Omaha, but the convent was badly damaged in the late cyclone and the pupils were transferred to the school in St. Joseph,

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Mrs. Gertrude Wiley, residing a Mrs. Matt McQuin departed last

Miss Eleanor Carpenter, a well

week in response to a telegram this vicinity, was married Monfrom the chief of police and re- day to Mr. Herbert B. Jones of Mont Robb and wife of Sutton

Monday, and visited their son, Henry Eastwood of Lbierty, Robert Wilson, the aged hermit Neb., was here to attend the fun-

> Miss Gussie Robb of Sutton was cousin, Miss Eleanor Carpenter,

on Monday, and visited relatives Bert Tulene of Plattsmouth was here Saturday to confer with

the merry-go-round business at the big celebration here August 15-16. Roy Delaney of Fairview. W Va., and David Delaney of Mt.

Morris, Pa., brother and nephew of Reese Delaney, arrived Wednesday morning and are visiting relatives at the Delaney home, Ed Everett of Lindsey, Mont.,

arrived Saturday night in response to a message informing him of the very serious illness of Missses Ethel and Verena his mother, and fortunately he Langhorst of Elmwood are visit- was able to get here several hours ing their uncle and aunt, Mr. and before her death. Ed is farming Mrs. Wm. Langhorst, this week. on a large scale and owns a large Grandma Klepser came up from tract of good land, and is very well consignment of fruit and started out. Falls City last week and is visit- pleased with prospects in the