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## HUERTA'S APPEAL FOR PEACE.

General Huerta, the self-constituted dictator of Mexico, if reports are to be relied on, has made a request of the administration at Washington to assist him in restoring peace in Mexico. This request is made in an artful way, and is intended for foreign consumption with no expectation that it will receive serious consideration by President Wilson or the secretary of state. There is no intimation that Huerta has any purpose of eliminating himself, or in any way changing his attitude in the contest that has distracted Mexico for several years. Such an appeal for peace, if it can be called one, will have no other effect upon the United States government than to make it more determined to maintain the policy of a watchful course of its dealings with the Mexican question. President Wilson did not adopt the policy of "watchful waiting" without due consideration of what would be best for this country as well as for Mexico. It was his desire, for peace in Mexico which led him to urge upon Huerta the elimination of himself from the position he had usurped. The assassination of President Madero, and the usurpation of Huerta, are the principal causes which have aroused the states of Northern Mexico to appeal to arms for the overthrow of Huerta. It is in Huerta's power to aid greatly in securing the peace he requests the administration at Washington to forward. Victoriano Huerta has full knowledge of the efforts of the United States government to aid in bringing peace to his country and he has sense enough to know how peace can be secured. There may be a difference of opinion as to the methods to be adopted to restore peace in Mexico, but there can be no difference of opinion among sensible people as to the hollowness of General Huerta's pretenses that he desire peace with honor. Peace will come to poor Mexico in time, but it will be some other route than that suggested by Huerta.

The season will soon be here when all good citizens should join in the move for a better Plattsmouth, and everyone, saint or sinner, should take a part in the good work. It tends to make us all more contented and happy, and sometimes even secures the eternal gratitude of those who are always ready to knock. The booster is the man who believes in his fellow man, and is not afraid to stand up in meeting and say so. The knocker on his home town hasn't the courage to look an honest man in the face, but, like the midnight assassin, gets in his work when you can't see him doing it. Be a man, and begin to boom for your town. You know that's the proper thing to do.

It has been officially decided that the Panama canal will be opened for business on July 1st. The 4th of July would have been a good time to have pulled off the event. But the colonel knows best.

We believe in a man staying by his friends. This has always been the policy of the Journal. We have been sadly disappointed in many respects, but we don't propose to have such to occur again, if we can help it.

The peace ideas of President Wilson are commendable, but there are times when patience ceases to be a virtue. We still retain great confidence in the president, and believe he will come out on top with his Mexican policy.

There may be no truth in the report that the bull moose party will rally to the support of the Federal league, each, in its way, being a third party with more or less hard sledding ahead.

The republican county convention will not come off on the date advertised in the Journal. A card from the chairman appeared in these columns giving the reasons, which we suppose are sufficient.

It seems that when a man gains prominence either in the political or business world, there is always somebody ready to discredit the man on his motives. Jealously and personal ambition prompt some men to do awful things, even at times assailing the character of others.

Now, to be honest, do you have the least idea that Charley Bryan could be elected governor if he even got the nomination? He couldn't get the full democratic vote of this state by many thousands, and there are very few republicans who would vote for him. Under such circumstances what's the use of talking about him for governor?

The song birds will be coming soon. To make it attractive for the songsters, food should be left around for them, they should be protected as much as possible from cats and little houses should be set up for the birds. By making an early start the people who would increase the number of song birds can have things in such shape that the birds will be attracted to stay. Martin boxes set up will attract that bird which is reputed to be a great enemy of the mosquito and other insects. Right now is the time to begin preparations for welcoming the song birds.

With improvement as our watchword the coming spring—with the fear of panics vanished, and with a united effort on the part of all our up-to-date business men, our star of progress will again be in the ascendency. "With our hand on the lever and our eye on the rail," our high purposes for Plattsmouth will speed to a full realization.

The following from the Falls City Journal surely contains more right down, wholesome truth than you can shake a stick at: Some people seem to have no thought of man or beast when a storm is on. One merchant had ten separate orders for one spool of thread and another said the largest order for thread he had was a quarter's worth. One groceryman had an order for ten cents' worth of cheese, "and would he please go out and get a loaf of bread and send over with the cheese?" Any merchant is justified in refusing to deliver such orders, yet in many cases the orders were filled. People who are so careless in providing such little things could hardly be expected to be thought of the dumb beasts that must stand in the cold all day to deliver such trivial orders. Do they realize how utterly selfish they are?

## NO NEED TO HURRY.

When President Woodrow Wilson sets himself the task of presenting a question there is not anybody speaking the English language who can do the turn better. Monday's dispatches contained a short statement from him in relation to this country and Mexico and the policy that is being pursued by the United States. If you will take the trouble to look up that statement again and read it over carefully you likely will agree that there is about it all the finish of the "last word." Among remarks by the president are these: "A country of the size and power of the United States can afford to wait just as long as it pleases; nobody doubts its power and nobody doubts that Huerta is eventually to retire. Those people who were in haste to have things done were forgetting what they would have to do themselves, that they would have to contribute brothers and sons and sweethearts to do it if they wanted something done right away."

That is the whole story of the situation. There is no pressing reason why this country should be in a hurry in handling the Mexican situation; there is no dignity gravely at stake, for the reason there is no one who imagines this country is not able to do what it should in this matter. Yes, all along there have been those who went through the noise of demanding that we go into Mexico and clean up things in a hurry. And perhaps most of this clamor came from people who are not disturbed by thoughts of sons, brothers and sweethearts. The fact is when you get down among people who have a notion that the best trick they can turn for the day—turn for themselves—is to make a big talk about immediate war. They usually proceed at once to try to turn this talk into money; they sell it. But those folks as a rule have not been selected to represent us in Washington. However, they generally manage to overlook this important detail. And this time they are not having their way; and we don't find that people are grieving on this account.

The Journal is glad to note the fact that republicans in the U. S. senate defended the democratic president against the fierce attacks of other senators on account of the administration policy on the canal toll question. That this country ought to do with the Panama canal as it pleases is no doubt its moral right. But the wrong is in the treaty entered into at the beginning of negotiations, for the construction of the canal. The treaty having been in force, the administration had no alternative but favor the treaty; had any other course been pursued, embarrassing international complications might have resulted.

Among those mentioned as possible candidates on the democratic ticket at the primary in August, is Mike Kime, of Nehawka, for member of the legislature. Mr. Kime is one of the best men in Cass county, broad-minded and a gentleman, who would represent his county with credit to his friends and honor to himself. The Journal can freely support Mike Kime, and we are here to tell you that we will if he becomes a candidate. He has always been a worker in the democratic harness, and has never asked to be rewarded for his faithfulness.

Soon the candidates will begin to shell the woods. Some of them will probably use wooden guns and make a big noise, but won't be able to bring down any game. Keep your powder dry and have faith in the good sense of the voter.

Opposition to the removal of the state university is growing throughout the state. We thought the taxpayers would get their eyes open to the scheme of the real estate dealers around Lincoln, who care only for the "feathering" of their own nests.

A Dennison (Texas) man says he killed a telegraph operator because the latter insulted the slayer's wife. But is not a telegraph operator at a railway station privileged to insult everybody? There is a general theory among travelers that the operator looks upon this privilege as half of his pay.

The fat man had hardly become reconciled to the fact that nobody loves him when a life insurance expert announced that abnormally slim men outlive fat men. The same week another cherished theory is exploded by a 300-pound editor in Long Island freezing to death.

At a general conference held at Walla Walla, Washington, last week, by the Seventh Day Advents, President Evans condemned laughing, joking and jesting. About the only place a cheerful man could live under this ban is in a graveyard. Laughter is the song of the soul. Who would want to hush it?

Former Governor Dockery, now third assistant postmaster general, is making his influence felt as of yore, although his official position is only a subordinate one. He is a man that won't down, his very fertile brain is constantly busy. Some of the most important bills for the improvement of the postal service of the country are the handiwork of Mr. Dockery.

The editor of the Weeping Water Republican seems to be considerably worked up because a call for a republican county convention appeared in the Journal. The call was brought to this office with the request that we publish it, knowing full well that hundreds of republicans were patrons of this paper, and no other paper here in which it could appear. And we are willing to accommodate our republican friends in this manner at any time. It doesn't look well for the editor of the Republican to become peeved because the republican brethren desired to give such notice as wide circulation as possible, believing that the Journal has double the circulation of any paper in the county and that nearly as many republicans take the Journal as take the Republican. That is all.

That estimable household periodical, the Woman's Home Companion, lately conducted an anxious inquiry among some of its leading lady subscribers, to learn why women don't go to church. It seems that some of them don't, the opinion of hen-pecked husbands to the contrary notwithstanding. Among the answers received, there were many reasons or excuses, that the men might do well to look up, but the one receiving the most liberal support seemed to indicate that the church is likely to be a chilly proposition, and not sufficiently given to warming up to the stranger within its gates. If this is true, it should be the signal for the glad hand in religion, and a kindlier fellowship, which seems to have biblical backing. One woman blamed her husband; he wouldn't go, and this strange creature preferred to stay at home with him to going to church without him. Another, a preacher's daughter, becomes bold and admits that she's an unbeliever, to some extent. A large number of women who were asked for opinions on the subject, remained silent, and a mean man rises to inquire if wonders will never cease.

## MESSIAH TO ASK FOR THE HEATHEN

### The Redeemer Has Not Yet Asked For His Inheritance.

## ACCORDING TO DIVINE PLAN.

World-wide Dominion Promised Messiah—The Conversion of the Heathen Shortly to Be Accomplished—Messiah's Conquest of the Nations—The Arrows of Truth Will Reach Men's Hearts—From the Quiver of Divine Wisdom, Justice and Love—Force to Be Employed in Putting Down All Opposition—Death the Last Enemy to Be Destroyed Forever.



PASTOR RUSSELL

March 8.—Pastor Russell's discourse today related to that feature of his free Photo-Drama of Creation which refers to the answer to Jesus' prayer. The text was "Ask of Me, and I will give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession." (Psalm 2:8.) He said:

Our text is from one of the Messianic Psalms. It represents our Lord as making known to His people the Heavenly Father's decree rewarding Him for His faithfulness as our Redeemer, assuring Him of His exaltation to the Kingdom, and declaring that with this will come the inheritance of all the earth, with power to subject all things to the Father's will. He was to have it for the mere request—"Ask of Me." As a matter of fact, this world-wide dominion has not yet come to Messiah; the heathen are not yet His inheritance; the uttermost parts of the earth are not yet His possession. Indeed, as the Prophet declares, "Darkness covers the earth, and gross darkness the heathen."

When we remember our Redeemer's love for the race, the love which led Him to lay down His life to seek and to recover that which was lost, we are at first inclined to amazement that He has not yet asked the Father for His inheritance of the heathen. We are astonished that He has permitted the Prince of darkness and the reign of Sin and Death to exist for more than eighteen centuries since He suffered, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God. But perplexity in the matter might be answered by our Lord's reply to the Sadducees: "Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God." As we come to understand the Scriptures more fully, and to appreciate how the power of God will be exercised in bringing the heathen under the dominion of the Redeemer, the eyes of our understanding open, and we are enabled to rejoice accordingly.

### Why Did He Not Ask?

Our Lord did not ask for His great power to reign at an earlier date because He knew the Father's Plan, and was well contented with the Divine times and seasons. He had no wish for a change in this. He did not ask to receive the heathen for an inheritance at the beginning of the Gospel Age, but has been content to wait, and to place that request in its due time, in harmony with another feature of the Divine Program which must first be fulfilled. That other feature is the selection of the Church, the Bride of Christ, the members of His Body. It pleased the Father to make our Lord not only the world's Redeemer and King, but also the High Priest of an under-priesthood, the Bridegroom of the Church, the Elder Brother of these saints of glory whom the Father is pleased to develop during this Gospel Age as New Creatures in Christ Jesus, to be sharers of His sufferings and of His glory to follow.

### Fair Trial Is Promised All.

Not only will this include the Church of the First-born, who have been approved of God, and who, passing trial now, will come forth unto life eternal, but it will include also the remainder of mankind, those who have not had their trial, and who are now being redeemed, shall come forth unto judgment—trial. A fair trial will be theirs to determine their worthiness or unworthiness of life everlasting by the manner in which they shall receive, or by their rejection of, The Christ of God when, during the Millennium, He shall be made fully known to them.

It was also part of the Divine purpose that the whole earth should be filled with people; and hence the bringing forth of a progeny is a part of the Divine will for mankind. The few short years of the present life, with its experience of sin and death, conditions, will in due time be supplemented by the glorious period of the Mill-

ennium, with its grand opportunities for lessons of righteousness and its rewards for obedience. Its corrective "stripes," or punishments, will be to the intent that so many as possible may ultimately be entirely recovered from death conditions and brought into full accord with God in Christ. But those who demonstrate their unwillingness to come into heart sympathy with righteousness will be utterly destroyed from amongst the people.—Acts 3:25; 2 Peter 2:1.

### The More Excellent Way.

So, then, our Lord's reason for not asking sooner for the heathen as His inheritance and the remotest parts of the earth as His possession, was that He knew the Father's Plan to be a different one, the more excellent way; and He delighted to do the Father's will. And so with all the followers of Christ. As soon as they ascertain the Father's glorious Plan of Salvation, they find it to be soul-satisfying, and greatly prefer it to any plan of their own. Undeveloped Christians, whom the Apostle designates "babes" in Christ, are the ones who are continually praying to the Heavenly Father for a change of the Divine Program, imagining that their wisdom and their love in respect to the heathen are superior to those of the Infinite Creator. Nearly all Christian people have had their experience with such ignorance; and we are glad to suppose that the Heavenly Father laid not the sin of such presumption to our charge, but rather, sympathetically appreciated our interest in the heathen, although He must have deprecated our lack of reverence, our headiness, our high-minded assumption of more than infinite wisdom!

We are not saying a word against missions—home or foreign. Quite to the contrary, we believe that every Christian should labor with heart and hand to do all in his power to glorify the Father and the Redeemer, and to enlighten his fellow-men respecting the Cross of Christ, and the blessings which it secures. But while willingly, gladly serving the Divine Cause, "instant in season and out of season," we should "learn to labor and to wait." We should learn that the laboring under present conditions is arranged chiefly for our benefit—for the development of the sacrificial qualities and the graces of the Holy Spirit—meekness, gentleness, patience, faith, long-suffering, brotherly kindness, love.

### Workers Together With God.

Let us be sure, dear friends, that any theory of ours respecting the heathen, or any other feature of the Divine Program, which in any degree implies superior wisdom, superior energy or superior love on our part, as compared with that of our Heavenly Father and our Redeemer, must be wrong. The sooner we learn to pray from the heart, "Thy will be done," the better it will be for us, the more shall we be able to get into harmony with our Lord, and the more shall we be used as His ambassadors and representatives. The wisdom of man is foolishness with God, and the wisdom of God is foolishness with man. Hence we must not take the human standpoint in investigating or reasoning upon the Divine purposes and Program. Rather, we must go direct to the Word of God, that we may be taught of God, that we may discern the beauty, the harmony, of His plans.—1 Corinthians 3:13.

It is written that "obedience is better than sacrifice"; and this being recognized, how careful it should make us to inquire what the will of the Lord is; to search the Scriptures, that we may there ascertain the Divine Program, and be found in harmony therewith! There we find that the Lord's present work is the completing of the Royal Priesthood, the Royal Judge, the Royal Prophet, the Royal King, for the world of mankind—for the world's deliverance from the bondage of Sin and Death, and their assistance back to harmony with God. Thus seeing, we shall have patience in respect to the heathen, and strive now to make our own calling and election sure and to lay down our lives for the brethren, in assisting to build them up in the most holy faith, "until we all come to the measure of the stature of a Man in Christ"—the great Mediator of the New Covenant, of whom Jesus is the Head—the Church His Body.

### Converting the World.

When will the world be converted? When will Christ ask for the heathen? When will the Father give them to Him? How long, O Lord? The Scriptural answer, dear friends, is that He has pleased the Father to select the "jewel" class during this Gospel Age by means of the preaching of the Good Tidings. But His Program for the future Age is different. There are millions who have no ear to hear the preaching of the Cross of Christ. (1 Corinthians 1:18.) There are millions who have no eye of faith to see the glorious things of God. In fact, according to the Scriptures, only a little flock, comparatively, can be brought in accord with the Lord under the conditions of the present time, because sin abounds, because Death reigns, because Satan, the Prince of this world, now works antagonistically in the hearts of the children of disobedience.

Hence it has pleased God to have a different method of dealing with the world of mankind in general from that which He has adopted in dealing with the Church in this Age. In the next Age, force will be used, and not merely moral suasion. Force will be employed in putting down the reign of evil. Satan will not merely be requested to depart from deceiving the world, but will be bound for a thousand years, and be unable to deceive the nations.

Likewise, mankind will no longer be invited to accept Christ, and to give their hearts in obedience to Him, but on the contrary, they will be compelled to be obedient. As it is written, "Unto Him every knee shall bow and every tongue confess, to the glory of God." Offers of grace will no longer be held out, with reward for faith attached; instead, knowledge shall fill the whole earth, as the waters cover the great deep. (Philippians 2:10, 11; Isaiah 11:9.) As a result, no one shall then say to his neighbor or to his brother, Know thou the Lord! for they shall all know Him, from the least unto the greatest of them.—Jeremiah 31:34.

Another Psalm describes Messiah's triumph in the Millennium Age, saying, "Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O Most Mighty, with Thy glory and Thy majesty. And in Thy majesty triumph prosperously in the cause of Truth and Meekness and Righteousness; and Thy right hand shall teach These terrible things. Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; whereby the people fall under Thee." (Psalm 45:3-5.) Instead of people here, and heathen, as in the original, and we have a picture of the conversion of the heathen as it will shortly be accomplished. We are not to suppose the Lord will ride upon a horse, or that literal arrows will literally pierce the hearts of His enemies. We are to understand this picture to signify our Lord's triumphal conquering of the world; and that the arrows of Truth, which will go forth unto the whole world, will reach the hearts of men and smite them down. Even so we read that when St. Peter preached at Pentecost that the Jews had taken and crucified the Son of God, the hearers were "cut to the heart"—with the lance of Truth. Thank God for such arrows from the quiver of Divine Wisdom, Justice, Love! We rejoice that the heathen will thus be conquered for the Lord, and thus eventually every knee bow and every tongue confess.

### Heathen Fall Under Him.

The work of dealing with the heathen, with the world—with all except the Church—will begin with the generation living at the time of the establishment of the Lord's Kingdom. In due time it will proceed and will ultimately include all that are in their graves in the reverse order from that in which they entered. And the last shall be the first to come forth—"every man in his own order," or class.

### Deep Humiliation Is Yet Promised the World.

Too frequently do Bible students neglect to see whether or not their interpretations are in harmony with the context of the passages under discussion. Let us not make this mistake. Turning to the second Psalm, we find that following our text is the declaration, "Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." (Verse 9.) The application of this evidently is to the time of our Lord's Second Advent, when the selection of the Church shall have been completed, and she shall have entered into His glory as the Bride, the Lamb's Wife, symbolically pictured as the New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven.

From that New Jerusalem, we are told, the River of the Water of Life shall flow freely, and whosoever will may freely partake of it. On either bank will grow the Trees of Life, whose leaves are for the healing of the nations. And the Spirit and the Bride will say, Come; and whosoever will may come, and take of the Water of Life. But in the meantime, before the nations, the world, will be ready for that blessing from the New Jerusalem, they must needs pass through a period of very deep humiliation—"A Time of Trouble such as never was since there was a nation."—Matthew 24:21.

As for the nations of that time, the extent to which they will suffer destruction will depend largely upon their own attitude, as is intimated by the verses following our text. Those of the nations who freely and heartily accept of Messiah's rule will be correspondingly saved from the breaking process. Hence it is urged, "Be wise, O ye kings of the earth! Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little."

But while this seems to offer leniency, mercy, these favors are conditional on the manner in which the Messianic Kingdom shall be received. Other Scriptures intimate that all the nations, not only heathen but civilized, will be found in violent opposition to the Heavenly Kingdom, and hence that all together they will be crushed as the vessels of a potter.

### The Glorious Outcome.

The Lord tells us that as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are His ways higher than man's ways, and His plans higher than man's plans. And this we find true as we come to better understand the Scriptures. Who ever dreamed of such lengths and breadths and heights and depths of "Love Divine, all love excelling," as are implied and included in God's great Plan of selecting first The Church—Jesus the Head, and the Church, His Body—and then through these blessing all the families of the earth with a knowledge of Himself and the glorious opportunities for life eternal.

We make no claims of universal salvation; for the Scriptures distinctly speak of some who will die the Second Death, having proved themselves not sufficiently in harmony with righteousness to be worthy of eternal life—even after being brought to a knowledge of the Truth. But the Scriptures show us that when all the unwilling and disobedient shall have been cut off in the Second Death, the whole earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God.