

# OBEEDIENCE TO GOD THE BEST EDUCATION

**"The Wisdom of This World Is Foolishness With God,"**  
Said St. Paul.

Unbelief and Ignorance of God Abounding—Darkness of This World Palpable—God's People Walking in the Light—Knowledge of God's Word Costly—Time, Attention, Thought and Loss of Worldly Influence the Price. Illuminating Power of Scripture. Simple, Harmonious and Reasonable Are the Teachings of the Word.

Syracuse, N. Y., Aug. 8.—Pastor Russell preached here today on the text, "Sanctify them through Thy Truth; Thy Word is Truth." (John 17:17.) He spoke as follows:

Today we find that the great majority of people think very little about the Word of God, so that as a matter of fact our great colleges teach nothing pertaining to the Bible. Years ago it was quite customary that the Bible should have a prominent place in the schools, and the pupils were all under religious influences; for nearly every college was under the control of some denomination. This gave them a sectarian bias, however; and to whatever extent they were sectarian they were not free to study Truth.

But the world in its wisdom has been leaving everything pertaining to the Bible. Today our college-bred men are the greatest opponents of the Word of God. The great majority of those graduated from our colleges within the past thirty years are total unbelievers in the Bible as God's inspired Word. Many of them are ministers, who select their texts from the Bible and who retain a certain respect for it. Their parents venerated it, and so the sons still cherish it as they would an old friend. They regard it as they would a pair of old shoes that their great-grandfather had used—not that the shoes would have any intrinsic value, but that they were great-grandfather's shoes. Then the Bible is a convenient place from which to get texts. They know, too, that a great many people are not college-bred and still reverence the Old Book. They like to condescend to the extent of showing that they do not altogether ignore the sentiments of the common people.

If cross-examined carefully, probably ninety-five of every hundred of these would say, "I do not believe the Bible is the Word of God." Although many ministers do not so express themselves in the pulpit, they do so in private. As an instance of clerical unbelief in the teachings of Scripture, take the case of Rev. Dr. Aked. This well-known clergyman moved some years ago to the Pacific Coast, and became president of the Church Federation in San Francisco. Both orally and in print this gentleman expressed his utter unbelief in the prehuman existence of our Lord Jesus—his belief being that our Lord was merely an ordinary man, as this man. This view was published broadcast.

The next day somebody came out in the San Francisco papers and said that with such sentiments Dr. Aked should resign his position as president of the Church Federation, that certainly nobody would be desirable in that position who did not believe that Jesus had more than human nature—who thus discarded the Bible. The day following, Dr. Aked resigned, saying that he did not wish to offend anybody, etc. The Church Federation of ministers met, and re-elected him on the basis of his profession that he did not believe that Jesus Christ had either a prehuman existence or a superior birth! As far as I know, Dr. Aked is still president of the Church Federation; and those ministers that re-elected him, seventy-eight out of a hundred, were willing to come out in public and say so.

## Why True Religion is Discounted.

The point to which I am calling attention is this: The colleges and the ministers have abandoned the Word of God. The preachers like to select a text from it, just as they might on other occasions quote from Shakespeare. So far as we may judge, this is the general sentiment amongst them. Are they then sanctified by the Truth, the Word of God? If they declare that God has given a message to the world or to the Church, where do they find it, if not in the Bible?

The majority of the preachers do not believe in personal inspiration, except in the sense in which some people may be said to have a sort of intuition for music, etc., and so might be called inspired—that artist was inspired when painting that picture or composing that tune. But as for any belief in such inspiration as the Bible teaches—that "holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit," not knowing what they were saying—I doubt that five per cent. of the ministers thus believe the Bible to be the Word of God. (2 Peter 1:21; 1 Peter 1:10-12.) With the religious teachers and preachers in this condition of unbelief, is it any wonder that true religion is at a

discount with the people? It would be strange if matters were different. Jesus said, "When the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith upon the earth?" You are witnesses with me that He has come and has found very little faith.—2 Peter 3:3-9.

## "The Wise Shall Understand."

Away back in the time of the Prophet Daniel, God declared that in the Time of the End He would grant a special blessing upon Bible students. (Daniel 12:1-10.) And here we are, down in the Time of the End! Many are running to and fro in automobiles, electric trams, steam railroads, etc. Knowledge is increasing everywhere. But the worldly-wise do not understand; for these things of God's Word are hidden from the wise and prudent, and revealed unto babes—those not too wise in matters pertaining to this world. (Matt. 11:25.) These accept the Word of God and are guided by it. To these, therefore, has come a great blessing.

Our Lord also spoke about the end of the Gospel Age. His parable of the Ten Virgins refers not to the world, but to the Church—the wise and the foolish in the Church of Christ. (Matthew 25:1-13.) In the end of the Age all the virgins, all justified believers, were ready to meet Him. But the Bridegroom tarried, and for a while all the virgins slumbered and slept. Then came the Message, "Behold the Bridegroom"—He is here! All the virgins awakened. The wise virgins had oil in their vessels. They trimmed their lamps (Psalm 119:105); they saw the Truth, and were prepared to follow the Bridegroom in to the Marriage of the Lamb.

But the foolish virgins did not have the light. When they asked the wise virgins for oil, the wise virgins declared that they could not spare it. The oil represents the Holy Spirit and the enlightenment which it brings. The foolish virgins go to buy when they give time for study and investigation—time taken from business, pleasure and worldly affairs, that they may obtain the oil which God is pleased that His people should have. Those who do not find time for investigation do not wish to have the oil, the light. Although they are true Christians, yet they are not willing to pay the price and get the oil. Whoever is now rejoicing in the light of Present Truth will testify that it cost him something—something of worldly influence, time, attention, thought—to have the oil and the light, to make ready to go in to the Marriage.

How well the Master understood the present situation! God wished the light to cost something. To some of olden time our Lord said, "Sit down and count the cost"—how much the light will cost you—what discipleship will cost. After having put your hand to the plow, do not look longingly back to the things of the world. God is not pleased with such service. Whoever prefers the world, the flesh and the Devil may stay with them. During the Millennial Age the Lord will deal with that class, and will give them mercy, blessings. But now He is calling for a special class that delight to do the Father's will, that do not need to be urged, pushed and whipped. They must have the spirit of the Master, of whom it is written: "I delight to do Thy will, O My God. Thy Law is written in My heart."

## The Church Called, Not Compelled.

Should any of this class come under a measure of difficulty, and temporarily become weak in the doing of the Lord's will, He will give them the necessary experiences, if their hearts are right. He will awaken them from their lethargy, just as in the parable all the foolish virgins were awakened.

God is not seeking to deceive people or to force them into the Kingdom. During this Gospel Age He has merely sent forth His Message to gather out those who wished to respond. God has been taking out a people for His name—using no force, no compulsion, merely His Word. We heard the call, speaking peace through Jesus Christ. Our hearts responded, and we came back into harmony with God. The Word informed us that through the death of His Son God had made all arrangements for covering our sins; and that He was willing to receive us just as if we had not been sinners—willing to take us into His family and make us His heirs, joint-heirs with Jesus Christ our Lord.

But all this was merely the voice, the promise, of God. There was nothing to insist upon our becoming children of God, and if we were received into His family it was because we willingly, intentionally, gave ourselves to Him. All through the Gospel Age the Word of God has gone forth. If He had sent force, He could quickly have gathered all that He desired. After a few miracles people would have waked up and said, "What will happen to us if we do not get right with God?" That class will be dealt with by and by. Messiah's Kingdom will manifest the Power and the Wisdom of God.

## The Truth a Satisfying Portion.

Coming back to our text, we see that the Lord sent forth His Word, to accomplish a certain mission. His Word is Truth—not truth on every subject, but on the most important ones. Of these important subjects the principal one is that which God purposes to teach all His intelligent creatures—obedience to Himself. All other education will prove to be valueless, perhaps injurious, unless associated with obedience to God.

The world is becoming very much discontented. People are unhappy; they crave more money and less work. Nobody is satisfied except true Christians. The majority of professed Christians are under the delusions of the present time. But the true Christian has that which is satisfactory. Having given his all to the Lord, he has received the blessed assurance that all things

shall work together for good to them that love God, to the called according to His purposes. Therefore he is content to let the Heavenly Father shape his affairs; should he get out of work, God knows how to provide employment. He could feed Elijah by the brook, the ravens bringing the Prophet the necessary food.—1 Kings 17:5, 6.

One cannot fellowship with the world, and at the same time be great in the Lord. We prefer to be amongst those to whom the Master will say: "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." The knowledge that God is for us and loves us is a satisfying portion to heart and mind. Having left the world to follow Jesus and daily seeking to walk in His steps, the Church class are loved of the Father. They are the ones whom He has called.

## The Hidden Mystery.

In the beginning God created the Lord Jesus, the Logos. (Colossians 1:15; Revelation 3:14.) The Logos, as His active Agent, made the different orders of spirit beings, and finally man. (John 1:1-3.) After man had fallen into sin, God said, "We will let him have his experience with death and His concomitants. In due time I will send a great Redeemer, to ransom Adam and all his posterity. During the Seventh Thousand-Year Day of man's existence this Redeemer will take charge of humanity. Meantime I will have nothing to do with them until they are restored to perfection."

But while God was thus resting from His earthly creation, He considered it a good time to bring in a New Creation. The first of this New Creation was the One who redeemed mankind. He passed through His experiences and testings eighteen hundred and more years ago. But this was not all of the Divine Plan. As the Apostle says, there was a secret which God had kept hidden from before the foundation of the world—His Purpose to have not merely a great Redeemer for mankind, but a people taken out from amongst humanity to be the Church of the First-born. These were to constitute the New Creation, of which the Redeemer would become the Head.

This work of gathering the Church class has been progressing for nearly nineteen centuries. All who have been begotten of the Holy Spirit are members of the New Creation, to whom all things have passed away, and all things have become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17.) From the very moment of their spirit-begetting, the light of the Truth begins to enlighten the minds of these New Creatures. They begin to see something of the lengths and breadths, the heights and depths, of God's character. It is a revelation. The Word of God is illuminating; the Holy Spirit has great power, and gradually brings more and more with the light of the knowledge of the glory of God.

## Sanctified by the Truth.

Of this class God says, "Gather My saints together unto Me, those who have made a Covenant with Me by sacrifice." (Psalm 50:5.) He does not say, "Those who have made a covenant to enter some church system, although some may have made a covenant with God and ignorantly with some church system also. Many people like to count themselves in amongst God's people, yet they have never entered into a covenant with Him. Apparently they think that they will receive the same reward as will those who have entered into such a covenant; but they are mistaken. No one will receive the Prize of the High Calling except those who have entered the race in the proper way and have run according to the prescribed rules.

Whoever makes this Covenant of Sacrifice in walking in the Master's footsteps, our Lord made it at the age of thirty years. At Jordan He gave Himself, a perfect man, His time, His will—everything to do the Father's will, whatever that might be. The Father indicated His acceptance by begetting our Lord with the Holy Spirit and by giving Him the enlightenment that goes with it. Whoever would be His footstep follower must also covenant to give his time, his influence, his money—everything—to the Lord. Then the Lord says, "I will place in your care those things which you have given Me. If you demonstrate your faithfulness as steward of these little things, I will know that you can be trusted with the greater things of the Kingdom. If you try to withhold what you have consecrated, you have not the spirit for which I am looking. I am seeking those who love Me and desire to serve Me."

From first to last the Bible is in harmony with itself. This is God's Message. This is His way of reaching His Elect, whom He desires to take out of the world. For nineteen centuries the Church has been engaged in calling men apart from the world that they might gain Divine favor and joint-heirship with Jesus in His Kingdom.

"Sanctify them through Thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth." The world does not have this Message; therefore its truth cannot sanctify. Mankind are seeking otherwise, and are getting more or less confused and further away from God through their studies. It is a remarkable fact that we seldom find any one well versed in the sciences who has any faith in God or in the Bible. Men have only the truth that the Prophet Moses discounted. (Hebrews 11:28.) This is the world's portion today. But the Science which will sanctify toward God, the Science in which we are in harmony with God, in which we are now happy and will be during the Time of Trouble, is ours. Faithful is He who has called us, who will also sanctify us, according to the riches of His grace in Christ Jesus our Lord.—1 Thessalonians 5:23, 24.

UNION.  
Ledger.

Miss Lena King of Edgar, Neb., has been visiting her cousin, L. J. Hall and family, and departed for home on Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Allison of Plattsmouth was here last Friday and Saturday to visit with her mother and other relatives.

Miss Myrtle Snell of Benson, a cousin of Mrs. L. G. Todd, returned home yesterday, after making several days' visit with the Todd family in this village.

Mrs. Lyda True, Mrs. Rachel Pell and Mrs. Frank Hughson left Saturday morning for Walthill to make an extended visit with relatives in that vicinity.

Reuben Stine was "tied up" at home several days with rheumatism of the kind that hurts, but is now getting along very well and will be on hand for the reunion.

Miss Hattie Taylor went to Lincoln last Saturday to join a party of friends on a trip to Colorado to enjoy a few weeks outing in the city of Manitou and other places of interest in that state.

Mrs. Athaliah Delaney arrived home Thursday night from her ten months' trip east and south, having visited her son Hallie and family in Florida, and spent some time with relatives in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. She had a very pleasant time, but says that Union still looks like home for her.

Mrs. Tillie Hargus departed on the Wednesday evening train for a pleasure trip of about six weeks, stopping first at Edgewater, Colo., to visit her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Carper. From there Mrs. Hargus will go to California and enjoy the exposition at San Francisco, also a visit to other places on the coast.

William Mueller and family, who were residents of this village for three years, moved last week to their new home in Springfield, where Mr. Mueller recently bought an elevator. Their removal from here is regretted by all who knew them, as Mr. Mueller was one of our wide-awake business men and the family had the warm friendship of this whole community.

LOUISVILLE.  
Courier.

Born—Monday, August 2, to Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Metzger, a girl.

The Commercial club prize contest was a grand success. More than fifty-eight thousand tickets were issued.

Rev. T. Hartman went to Bancroft, Neb., Saturday to hold a Mission festival at the German Lutheran church. He returned home Monday.

Mrs. Andrew Stohman and son, Martin, went to Port Huron, Mich., Sunday to see her brother, Ed Winters, who is ill and not expected to recover. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Alfred Goeglin, of Williamsburg, Iowa.

An operetta, "Cinderella in Flowerland," will be given August 20 or 21 under the direction of Mrs. Mae Morgan of Plattsmouth. This is under the auspices of the Woman's club, and all the children in town are invited to participate.

C. A. Richey came down from Omaha Tuesday with his local manager, V. M. Haddon, to attend to business matters of the sand company. Mrs. Richey and daughter, Miss Katherine, have returned home from a two months' trip to the California exposition.

George Jackman of Oklahoma City, Okla., visited his cousin, J. M. Jackman and family Wednesday. Mr. Jackman was on his way home from the California expositions. This is his first trip to Louisville since his visit here over thirty years ago, but he remembered a great many of the old names and places.

We are glad to report that H. E. Pankonin, who is at the Methodist hospital in Omaha, where he recently underwent an operation for kidney and bladder trouble, is getting along as well as could be expected. He is in the best of spirits and has sent word to his old-time friends to come out to the hospital when they are in the city.

Harvey Koop was taken to the Methodist hospital in Omaha Wednesday morning to undergo an operation for appendicitis. He had just recovered from an operation for the same trouble, but the appendix had not been removed and as he suffered another attack recently, it was thought best to delay the operation no longer. His many friends hope to hear a favorable report soon.

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EAGLE.  
Beacon.

We are glad to report that Travis Crabtree is improving and that he will again be able to be out in a few days.

Mrs. J. T. Lydell and children returned home Tuesday afternoon from an extended visit with relatives in Missouri.

Mrs. Jesse Westlake went to Nehawka Monday afternoon for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Heebner.

Samuel Vaughn left Tuesday morning for Vermont, Illinois, to attend to business matters there. He expects to be gone a month or six weeks.

The Misses Barbara and Ruth Robtham came down from University Place Tuesday night to attend the picnic and visit their sister, Mrs. Mamie Hudson.

The Misses Alvina and Louise Blomkamp came down from Hastings, Neb., Tuesday to attend the picnic and visit the home of their brother, F. W. Blomkamp and family.

Alvin Reiter and family, who just recently arrived here from Bogard, Mo., to make their home, have moved into the house on George Oberle's farm, two miles northeast of town.

Mrs. H. W. Wetenkamp underwent a serious operation at the Lincoln sanitarium last Wednesday morning. At the time of going to press she was reported to be getting along nicely, although it will be several days before she will be able to return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Wächter, who reside southeast of town, are rejoicing over the arrival of twins—a six and one-half-pound boy and a seven and one-half-pound girl—which arrived at their home Sunday, August 1st. The mother and little ones are reported to be getting along nicely.

WEEPING WATER.  
Republican.

Miss Marie Dietrich of Kansas City, Mo., arrived Monday for a two weeks' visit with her aunt, Mrs. George Hitchman and family.

Ed Lewis, who works on the farm for Wallace Philpot, received a badly sprained ankle Monday when a hayrack he was driving overturned with him.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ranney left Friday for a month's visit to the Pacific coast country and the expositions. Their trips will be via Seattle and possibly Canada.

Mrs. William Noble and little son of Elgin, Ill., have been visiting her cousin, Mrs. A. C. Welch, since last Thursday. The ladies went to Lincoln Tuesday for a couple of days' visit.

Mrs. Abe Woodward, who has been visiting at the S. W. Orton home and among old friends the last two weeks, left Monday for Red Oak, Iowa, where she makes her home with her son.

Mrs. Henry Treat of Omaha and Miss Flora Wolcott of Talnaga, O., arrived Thursday afternoon of this week for a three days' visit at the home of their aunt, Mrs. H. B. Wolcott. The ladies are sisters. Miss Wolcott is registrar of Oberlin college.

Dr. Neeley of Elmwood and Dr. Brendel of Avoca, members of the pension board, met at the Dr. Butler office Wednesday morning. They adjourned to meet next month, by which time it is expected someone will be appointed to fill the vacancy of the deceased member, Dr. M. M. Butler.

Frank Marshall left Monday for Hinsdale, Montana, where he will be married August 12th to Miss Eda Leonard at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Leonard. Mr. Marshall will return with his bride about the last of the month. They will go to keeping house on the farm of his father, E. F. Marshall, a mile east of Wabash, where the home is being put in readiness.

Mrs. Mary Pool was brought home Saturday afternoon from the hospital at Lincoln where she underwent a series of operations. It is hoped by the many friends that she will soon be granted a full recovery from the trouble and from the effects of the operation. She was accompanied home by Mrs. R. J. Pool and by a trained nurse. Albert Pool of Wabash was here to meet them.

John Marquett and wife, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Marquett's parents, south of this city, for a short time, departed this morning for Davenport, Neb., to visit for a time, and where Mr. Marquett will look after some threshing.

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ELMWOOD.  
Leader-Echo.

Misses Catherine and Bessie Voss of St. Joseph, Mo., are guests at the home of their cousin, Mrs. A. H. Weichel.

Mrs. J. B. Miller and children of Chicago, who were visiting her sister, Mrs. M. L. Baird, returned to her home at Chicago last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vogt are rejoicing because of a fine baby boy which was born on Tuesday. They have the congratulations of their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cobb returned on Monday from their two weeks vacation trip in Minnesota. They spent most of the time in boating and fishing.

H. Dettman arrived Saturday from Imperial, Neb., to look after his property here and to make a short visit with his daughter, Mrs. E. J. Jeary and family.

Noel Tyson departed on Tuesday for a visit with his sister, Mrs. F. W. Robb, in Montana. He will also take in Glacier National park and other points of interest.

Mrs. William Mueller and children, Clara, William, Jr., and Stanley, were here for a few days visiting friends. The Mueller family has moved from Union to Springfield, where Mr. Mueller will continue in the elevator business.

L. B. Cunningham gathered twenty bushels of apricots from his eight trees of that splendid fruit. The apricots were of uniform size and splendid quality, and goes to show that this fruit can be profitably and successfully produced in Cass county if properly attended to.

The first of the week a deal was made whereby the H. Dettman building occupied by the Shreve restaurant, was purchased by Ed Gustin. The consideration is not made known, but in the deal Mr. Dettman takes Mr. Gustin's large Lion touring car. This is one of the best store buildings in Elmwood and Gustin has a good piece of property. The building will continue to be occupied by the Shreve restaurant.

## Despondency Due to Indigestion.

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N. H. Isbell, wife and son, Walter, departed this morning for Omaha, where they will visit for the day with relatives and friends.

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