

Short Stops.

BY W. E. JOHNSON.

If God will not dispense justice in this world, how can we expect him to do the square thing in the day of judgment? A god who demands that his own son be killed because someone else did some dirt is not fit to preside over a police court.

There are about twenty-seven passages in holy writ that favor drinking liquor. There are about thirty-six which discourage the same. About the only way out of the dilemma for the Christian, is to compromise by watering his drinks.

If God and the devil were yanked before the grand jury and the Bible offered as the only evidence for the prosecution, there would not be enough testimony to return a single indictment against Satan, while God would probably be lynched before an indictment could be returned. The Bible does not charge the devil with a single infraction against the penal code, while God is accused of nearly every crime known to man.

If the slaughter of Jesus was accepted by God as satisfaction for the sins of the world, what is the use of all this preaching and other theological manouvers?

Talk about Christianity being a "progressive religion"! The only change that has ever been made in this belief is to take something away from it. The more that is taken away from it, the better it becomes.

God's Mercy.

BY JOHN A. WILSON.

"The Lord is very pitiful and of tender mercy."--Jas. v. 11.

Let us read the bible, God's "holy word", for the purpose of finding samples of his "mercy", which is said to endure forever.

"Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but shall not find me."--Prov. i. 28.

"And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you; yea, when ye make many prayers I will not hear."--Is. i. 15.

"They cried, but there was none to save them; even unto the Lord, but he answered them not."--Ps. xviii. 41.

"I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy them."--Jer. xiii. 14.

"Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not, but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling."--1 Sam. xv. 3.

"And the Lord said unto Moses, take all the heads of the people and hang them up before the Lord

against the sun, that the fierce anger of the Lord may be turned away from Israel."--Num. xxv. 4.

"For ye have kindled a fire in mine anger which shall burn forever."--Jer. xvii. 4.

"For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains. I will heap mischiefs upon them; I will spend mine arrows among them. They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction. I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust. The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs."--Deut. xxxii. 22-25.

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."--Mat. xxv. 41.

"And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months; and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man."--Rev. ix. 5.

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."--Rev. xx. 15.

"And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever; and they have no rest day nor night."--Rev. xiv. 11.

"For his mercy endureth forever."--Ps. cxxxvi. 1-26.

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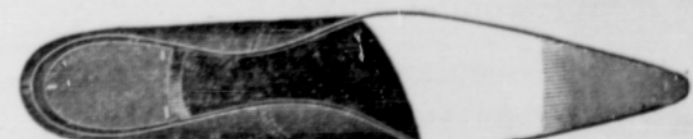
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