

God's Covenant Lasts Forever

Three Hundred Times Creator Makes Known Attitude Toward His People.

RELATIONS SAME AS ANY OTHER MAN

Humanity Too Apt to Picture Lord as Creature of Imagination—His Promises Once Made Have Never Changed.

At the First Presbyterian church yesterday morning Dr. William Hiram Foulkes preached upon the basis of the scriptural phrase, "An Everlasting Covenant," which he said, was found frequently in the Bible and which required no particular proof text.

"A covenant is a mutual promise between two or more persons confirmed by some outward seal or token. According to this definition it must be personal. Beasts cannot covenant nor can abstract realities, however great they are. It must have two or more persons as parties to its fulfillment. It is more than a promise and is more than two promises, for it is a mutual promise, each element of which depends upon the other. It must, finally, have a seal, some outward sign or token by which it may be confirmed. So much for definition.

"The relations of God to his people, though set forth in various terms, reach their highest expression in the terms of a covenant. Nearly every trace in the Bible the attitude of God toward the human race is portrayed by the word covenant. In the Bible can be believed that all God must be a person. The eternal not ourselves which makes for righteousness, of which Matthew Arnold was the prophet, who invests a duty to be able to understand a covenant let alone make one. A God who cannot think and feel and choose can never be properly called a covenant God.

"Men grow so accustomed to philosophizing and dreaming about God and so hesitant to receive God's own revelation of himself that they invent a 'covenant-making and covenant-keeping' God becomes distasteful to their vitiated spiritual senses. They invent a 'covenant' God as a beautiful spiritual reality hidden in the universe, a prisoner to the forms of his own creation. They talk about the covenant of the infinite when all that they are doing is to worship the indefinite.

"With all their poetic suggestiveness and their agonizing attempts at the imagination of the race, the holy scriptures leave no doubt in the mind of him who receives them that God enters into the closest personal relations with his people. They portray him as condescending to the pale of human understanding and submitting himself to the limitations of human obligation. Since the highest and holiest relations by which men are joined together are those of covenant, either matrimonial, political, economic, or nuptial, God employs the same manner of dealing with men.

"There are those who say that the Bible reveals God as a covenant God because the Jews, like all the Semites, were great believers in the covenant. Therefore, they contend, the Bible only reveals what the oriental mind thought of God and not what God thought of himself. There are two answers, one directed against the species of reasoning employed by the critics. It is no real challenge against the revelation of God to say that it came through a Semitic mind.

"We cannot rule out the Bible revelation of God because it is couched in oriental terms. How could it have been otherwise in the age of its origin? The second answer is that all other peoples, none the less than the Semites, recognize the covenant as the highest form of human relations. The complexity of modern life is only made possible with security on the basis of covenants made and kept.

"The Attributes of God. Instead of presenting an inadequate or unworthy view of God the covenant ideal calls forth the contemplation of the highest possible attributes. Not merely the justice of God, but his wisdom, power, holiness, goodness and truth are involved. Wisdom, for only an all-wise God could make an everlasting covenant. Long-headed men may make shrewd engagements and perform them, but the wisest of them often fail because they did not know everything.

"If God makes and keeps an everlasting covenant he must be the fountain source of wisdom to carry out his covenant. In the Bible he declares that he will establish his covenant, that it shall stand fast, that he will never break it. If he be God, he must lack no power to carry out all the provisions of his plan. Holiness, for his willingness and desire to fulfill his word must rest upon a confidence; so God is called a 'terrible God who keepeth covenant.' He is also declared to have 'sworn by his holiness, since he could swear by nothing greater. Justice because his covenant is not made with partiality and with human favorites. The blessings or the curses flow forth whether to saint or sinner, according to divine justice. Goodness, since only in this attribute is there any explanation of the reason why God covenanted with a lost race. As the Psalmist said, he heard their cry and he remembered for them his covenant—according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses. Truth, because without its fullest exercise he could not be depended upon to do his part. The covenant could not abide even a human test. Thus, all the attributes of God are involved in his covenant-making and covenant-keeping.

"Covenants Many but One. The Bible records many specific covenants made between God and his people—Noah, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Moses and Joshua, David and Solomon, all entered into binding treaties with Jehovah. Yet, in the truest sense, all these covenants are one, God's own personal and self-initiated covenant, of which all the rest were but fragments.

"Professional men—men who get less exercise than they need, use up brain and nerve cells very rapidly. Coffee is a hurt to such persons, and many realize its harmfulness. Try leaving off coffee 10 days and drink only the wholesome beverage with the 'coffee' flavour—Postum. It is free from any drug and contains all there is in wheat, including the 'vital phosphate' placed there by nature for nerve building. There's a Reason.

The Presbyterian church has always stood for what is known as federal theology. With all its defects of vision and its exaggerated statements of truth, this system will never perish in its essential principles; it builds upon the covenant relation between God and the whole human race. It maintains that we are merely with Adam and the Patriarchs for themselves, but with them as representatives of the human family. God entered into league. There can be no doubt that this one covenant as revealed in scripture is redemptive through and through.

"Revelation to his people is of himself as their savior. He covenants not merely or largely to give them temporal blessings, but everlasting salvation. So this divine and human transaction is called a dozen times in scripture, an everlasting covenant. Men may change in their attitude. God never ceases to be the redeemer of his people, not merely because he has promised, but because he has made an eternal covenant with them.

"Seals and Signs. Almost every visible and tangible thing has been used as a seal of a covenant. Noah received the bow in the clouds. Abraham received circumcision as a seal to God's fruitfulness, and one of the Hebrew words translated literally means to cut a covenant. Salt was used many times as the outward token. So also bread, the ark of covenant, the tables of the law, the Book of the Covenant, water, and the whole sacrificial system. The outward token was reached when blood was used. Not for itself but for that which it signified.

"Earthly covenants received earthly signs. The eternal covenant received this seal, 'the blood of a lamb slain from before the foundation of the world.' The life and death of Jesus Christ gave reality and security to all the earlier covenants, and in addition confirmed to a lost world the assurance that the living God was able and willing to come unto the uttermost all who will save unto him. In the covenant of faith in Jesus Christ, 'What a glorious God! What a wonderful covenant! How imperishable and perennial a seal and sign, Jesus Christ, the rainbow of promise in the sky of God, the ark of safety, the bread of heaven, the salt of the earth, the word of God, the rock of ages, the water of life, the Lamb of God! How faithfully and prayerfully we ought to walk in the presence of the living God with whom we have made an everlasting covenant!

LINCOLN'S CHARACTER.

Life of Martyred President Most Thrilling in American History.

Dr. Benjamin Young spoke on the life of Abraham Lincoln at the Taylor street Methodist church last night in anticipation of the great emancipator's birthday anniversary Wednesday. The lecture was interesting, well delivered and dwelt upon the character and early life of the martyred president. It was in part as follows:

"The history of our country there is no study more thrilling than the later life of Abraham Lincoln. His life was a humble one, his father, though evidently a good man, was in poverty. His mother was a superior woman, but of a morbid temperament. He was born in a log cabin, his home was rude and uncomfortable. His environment was harsh and forbidding. Lincoln, however, had grit and self-distinguishing purpose. He was enthusiastic in his efforts to obtain knowledge and ingenious in securing material near at hand. Many a sentiment was scolded in his mind as the flickering light of shavings burned on the primitive cabin hearth. In young manhood he took a course in English grammar, and later mastered surveying. He became captain of a company of volunteers; he achieved distinction enough in the local community to be made postmaster. He was ambitious, but he had to be careful. Self-improvement was his aim, and he never veals a fine intensity of purpose in this direction. While a young man he was elected to the state legislature, but did not distinguish himself. He even seems to have been somewhat Utopian, as is revealed by his advocacy of certain schemes.

"As a lawyer, he was not brilliant, but he was honest and much loved. His law partner has not given any too great praise of his legal ability, although he says, 'that for some phases of a lawyer's work, he was peculiarly adapted.' He had an innate love for truth and a fine appreciation of the ethics of the bar. He was lucid and logical, and generally hit the nail on the head. As a speaker he was not brilliant, but he made a great mark. He had an introduction to grave policies, and began to see the importance of great principles. It was not until the outbreak of the war that he determined and held that slavery was a league with death and a covenant with hell. The north and the north fulfilled against the south. The signs of the times portended the coming storm. The compromise of 1850, the infamous Dred Scott decision all helped to stir passion to white heat.

REVIEW RECENT TRIAL.

Nation Looking for Men to Put Principles in Politics.

"I was anxious to see the power of the man who has turned two states upside down—Francis J. Heney," said Dr. Clarence True Wilson at the Centenary Methodist church last night in a review of the Hall trial. "I wanted to see the secret of his power before juries, his influence with the court and his gift of swaying the public mind. One must recognize the power of his strong personality, physical, mental and moral. But above this is the sublimity of a great conviction that things are wrong, and that he is the concentrated protest of a Christian nation, against wrongdoing, and that the fate of decency depends largely upon his words. Then, he never prosecutes a case of which he is not morally certain. He has a long and hard, and massive highway. He is bold beyond any man I ever saw at the bar.

AT PEACE WITH ALL.

A Mental, Moral and Spiritual Condition.

The annual visitation of Bishop Scadding, in the confirmation of class of 10 attracted a large congregation at St. Stephens Pro-Cathedral, yesterday morning. Bishop Scadding, in his text, 'Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, and if it be possible, as much as liveth in you, live peaceably with all men.' Following is the sermon in part: "Peace is not a fortunate sale of the soul somewhere to be discovered. Peace is not a year in one's life to which one hopes to grow. Peace is not a certain environment of outward circumstances. In short, peace is not an objective place or thing, but a subjective condition. It is not an outward, but an inward mental and spiritual condition. Peace being an inward condition, that which prevents our living at peace with others is irritable temper and rash judgment, which makes us see the faults of others, interpretations to facts, thus creating a condition of hostile antagonism. Not long ago, coming north over the Southern Pacific, two men in our car got into an altercation. Each had a certain amount of truth on his side, but one was so positive, so self-assertive, and out of humor with the other, and so the only right one, that he refused to give any approval from the rest of the passengers, whose attention he had

aroused, he had only their pity or contempt for his lack of self-control. We all left the car at Portland, I with the hope that his wife would have a hot supper and a warm bed, and that the other man was not his next-door neighbor. Now such a man might be able to live peaceably with some women, but with men and forbidding who always knew what subjects to avoid, and who was ready to go to an early grave, but he could not live with any man with much less with all men."

LIVING IN PINT CUPS.

Humanity Very Often Narrows Its Own Mind and Vision.

Announcement was made yesterday of the gift of \$2,000 from the missionary board of the Universalist general convention toward the new home of the Universalist church of Good Tidings by Rev. J. C. Foster, in the course of his sermon on the first anniversary of his pastorate of the house of worship in East Fourth street. "Why live in a pint cup when a universe invites you?" Emerson recommends that you stretch your mind to stretch your eyes. There was some excuse for man being provincial and narrow, there was little travel or exploration; but today we are world-wide, and grow broader in every direction. People live within 50 miles of some of the greatest wonders in the world, yet have never gone to see them. Too many are content to remain at the foot of the mountain of life, in a narrow world with no inspiring vision.

"There is no large world for you if you have never been out of your native town or out of your narrow rut. There is a world for you, not for you. The world is full of people who are boasting of the progress of the age, who have never been touched by the quickening influence of a broad idea. There are Catholics who have never been in any church and Methodists who have never read any Universalist literature. There are Republicans who imagine Democracy to be vile simply because they have never studied its principles. And some petty small men have called themselves Universalists. It is Dr. Holmes who sings, 'Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul, as the swift seasons roll.'"

PROVIDING SAFE MARGIN.

There Are No Doubtful Business or Political Policies.

That every man owes it to himself to keep a safe margin between himself and any doubtful act was the theme of Rev. S. C. Lapham at the Second Baptist church yesterday morning. He pointed to the conspiracy case as an illustration of his remarks, saying that Hall failed because he did not keep a margin of safety. "There are no doubtful business policies," said Mr. Lapham, "and there are no doubtful political acts and deeds. The right and wrong is so clearly marked that all questionable and doubtful acts are positively evil. No mechanic or architect would think of building a house with a margin of safety as sure and wide as possible, and shall we build character and manhood for time and eternity with less care?"

"Men should not allow themselves to walk in paths of peril, the speaker declared. Human nature is weak, and the dependable life will keep away from the appearance of evil. Jesus demands of everyone who makes any pretense of following him a margin beyond the demands of the mere needs of the day. The bankreckers of this city violated this rule and conducted their business to the uttermost line, so that there was no escape from failure when the strain came.

TRIALS OF THE CHURCH.

Bishop Carroll of Helena, Montana, Speaks at Cathedral.

"The Trials of the Church" was the subject of a sermon by Bishop Carroll of Helena, Montana, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 11 o'clock mass yesterday. He described in turn the three great crises in the history of Catholicism, beginning with the persecution inflicted by Roman authority in the nineteenth century following the death of Christ.

"The period of revolt in the sixteenth century, termed the reformation, was a second struggle. In this, the speaker said, the revolvers prepared the way for their own undoing and the distinctions of the reformers later on by introducing and materializing the principle of individualism. Last of all is the struggle against materialism in the nineteenth century, wherein men deny the existence of Christ, or fail to grasp the spiritual meaning of his life. The encyclical of Pope Pius condemning materialism was referred to as a great defense of the fundamental truth that has been under fire.

RELIGION NOT DISPLAY.

Real Prayers From the Heart Not Always Eloquent.

Rev. Elmo Robinson, pastor of the Rodney avenue Christian church, preached yesterday morning on "The Relations of the Jew to the Jewish Religion." He said the Jewish religion had submerged true religious feeling in a mass of form, ritual and ceremonies which had become a hindrance to them and show what was the true religion of the chosen people. He said in part: "It is not the forms that make up real religion and enter into the real affairs of religious life, but the spiritual. Some times we hear of eloquent and eloquent prayer and think if we only could pray with the same force we would never refuse to pray. The real prayer is not the eloquent prayer, but the prayer which is the outpouring of the spiritual life. Religion consists not in display."

STEVENS BUSY WITH PUTER'S BOOK.

Horace Stevens, well known in Portland as a newspaper man and a government special agent, has resigned his position with the Puter book in order to give his full time to the publication of the Puter book in exposition of the land trust of Oregon. Stevens will leave in a short time for California on business but will later return to the city.

Mr. Stevens for the past four years has spent much of the time in the government service and has had much to do with gathering the evidence of the land cases which have been tried and which are still pending for trial.

Saturday certain markets near the Smith Meat Co. put out signs and copied Smith's prices from Saturday's Oregonian in order to mislead the public as to the number of people. "Yes, this is Smith's." The Beef Trust was never known to tell the truth.

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The African Negro

Has Beautiful Pearly Teeth, Clean, White and Perfect, Without a Flaw, Even in Old Age

Living Near to Nature, His Digestion Is Perfect.

Dr. Livingston, and later, Henry Stanley, both of whom spent much time in the exploration of Africa, in their memoirs mention the fact that members of all the tribes that they came in contact with possessed beautiful white, pearly, sound teeth, and that on investigation they found that this was due to the fact that the digestive organs of the negro had never been impaired, and that they were able at all times to take care of the coarse foods that were taken into the stomach.

The negro's food is of the plainest kind and is seldom if ever cooked. It is eaten as it is found, with but little preparation.

The cause of unsound and imperfect teeth found among civilized people is due to two important factors: the prevalence of dyspepsia, indigestion and stomach troubles, and the food we eat.

In the foods that we eat there is a lack of phosphorus and other material necessary to make repairs and supply the waste in the teeth.

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FUNERAL HELD AT ST. STEPHEN'S CHAPEL.

Arrangements for the funeral of M. A. Meyendorff, who died at Good Tidings hospital Saturday morning, were completed yesterday and were carried out this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The services were held at St. Stephen's chapel by Rev. H. M. Ramsey, who was a close personal friend of the deceased. Following the services the remains were committed to earth.

The funeral arrangements were made by T. E. Neuhausen and W. H. Galvani. The pallbearers were W. H. Galvani, W. C. Bristol, Henry F. Connor, John Carson, A. C. Newhall and Ashley Vanline.

Mr. Meyendorff leaves an estate of considerable proportions and Galvani will endeavor to reach some of the relatives of the deceased in Poland in order that the estate may be turned over to them.

Building Permits.

C. H. Korrell, erect foundation, Hoyt between Twenty-second and Twenty-third, \$1,000; M. A. King, erect dwelling, East Third, \$1,000; Bishop Carroll, roll of Helena, Montana, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 11 o'clock mass yesterday. He described in turn the three great crises in the history of Catholicism, beginning with the persecution inflicted by Roman authority in the nineteenth century following the death of Christ.

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Paving at Grants Pass.

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Grants Pass, Or., Feb. 10.—The Grants Pass Commercial club with the assistance of the council, is taking up the paving of eight or 10 blocks of Sixth street, the main business street. The owners of abutting property will pay for the paving on the main blocks, and the city will meet the expense of paving the intersection of streets and alleys. The city and county will purchase a roller and rockcrusher to be used in both town and country.

Grants Pass Pythians Elect.

Grants Pass, Or., Feb. 10.—Thermopylae lodge, Knights of Pythias, has elected the following officers: C. C. Peter Parley Proctor; V. C. W. H. Huggart; E. of S. Lincoln Savage; M. T. Utley; B. E. Joseph Moss; S. A. Joseph Chausse; I. G. Morgan Powell; O. G. Tom W. Williams.

ST. JOHN'S GOODNESS SO GOOD JAIL IS EMPTY AND POLICE ARE IDLE

Every day is his "busy day" with A. M. Esson, city recorder, police court judge and political forecaster of St. Johns. From morning till night he is hard at work enrolling the voters for the coming election, April 6. Already 250 of the 550 have been registered.

When asked as a court judge what cases there were on the docket he made the astounding statement: "There are none. There are no criminals left, and there are no cases that have departed for parts unknown."

"But isn't it true that the new furnace makes the jail positively luxurious?" he was asked.

"Yes," was the answer, "it is the most comfortable place in town, but there is no one left to enjoy it. The police force is idle and Mayor Couch has suspended indefinitely Officer Alton, the terror of all criminals, because there was nothing for him to do to earn his pay. The Good Government league met, the other evening with a quorum of six members present, and finding there was no work for them in the regenerated city, adjourned sine die."

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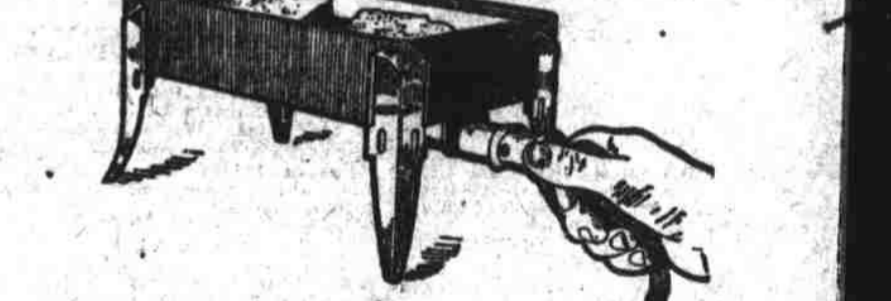
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