

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST TO CHURCH CIRCLES OF SALEM

HEINE TELLS OF MILLENNIUM

Sermon on Revelations Text Says Ordinary Doctrine Not Scriptural

The Rev. A. L. Heine, pastor of the Christ Lutheran church, State and 18th streets, will use Revelations 20:1-10 as the basis for his sermon this morning, a synopsis of which follows:

The Scriptures in general are not dark, as some would have us think, but only portions of them. On the other hand the Scriptures are a bright and shining light which God has set into this world so full of darkness.

Those are not few who know nothing in spiritual things, but who imagine themselves very enlightened and very spiritual. Such men frequently formulate their own opinions and doctrines, and then they wrest the words of the Scriptures to suit them to their own preconceived ideas. They are sure to miss the way of truth by their own conceit. To guard against being carried away by our own fancy is of paramount importance when we treat of prophecies referring to the history of the church, the coming of Christ and the end of the world.

Often Distort Text

What are we to understand by the thousand years of Christ's ruling with his saints?

There are two rules of interpretation which we must be careful to observe in explaining this chapter of Revelations. The first is: "We must never put anything into the text which is not contained therein. For instance, in substituting the Holy Supper, the Lord said: 'Take, eat, this is my body.' Now if I explain these words so as to make them say: This is an emblem of my body, then I am putting something into these words which is not there, and I am so corrupting the Lord's words and altering His testament.

The other rule is this: Dark passages, or passages which appear dark to us must be explained by clear passages and not vice versa. This also applies to entire books of the Scriptures. For instance: It is evident that Paul's epistles are clear on the doctrine of the justification of a sinner before God, but what James wrote on justification is not so clear. Therefore I must not explain Paul by James, but must explain James by Paul.

Kingdom Is Spiritual

The Scriptures distinctly teach that the kingdom of Christ is a spiritual, invisible, and not an earthly and visible kingdom. "My kingdom is not of this world," saith the Lord. The kingdom of Christ is of a spiritual nature with spiritual treasures and spiritual joys. And because its joys are spiritual and not earthly it must be a kingdom of the cross while it remains on this earth. Before a kingdom of grace and the cross Christ's kingdom can never become a kingdom of earthly and visible glory, or earthly and bodily enjoyments.

It is not doubtful that this chapter of Revelations does teach a millennium, Christ ruling a thousand years with his saints, but the chief questions concerned are these: whether this millennium is past or future, and whether it is a kingdom of earthly glory and enjoyments, or of a purely spiritual nature.

One Doctrine Involved

The doctrine of the Millennium runs about in this wise: The false and the false prophet would be destroyed and Christ would come visibly on earth; the sleeping saints would arise, and with these Christ would rule in a visible kingdom over all the earth, while Satan would be bound for a thousand years. Then, Satan being loosed, Gog and Magog would come and then the end.

That the ordinary millenarian doctrine is not scriptural is evident from the fact that it militates against doctrines clearly taught in the Scriptures. Such a doctrine would change the very nature of Christ's kingdom on earth, which can never be, because it must always remain a kingdom of salvation for sinners.

This is therefore what the text says: "Christ ruled with His own a thousand years, but the rest were dead and remained dead and became not alive." Therefore this first resurrection is not a resurrection of the body, but of the soul from being dead in trespasses and sins, and this is demonstrated from the fact that if men are made "priests of God" and of Christ, "now priests of Christ we do not become by the resurrection of the soul through repentance and faith. The thousand years here spoken of can not mean a visible kingdom of earthly glory.

Application of Text

The application may be stated thus: This key is the power over hell and death earned by Jesus Christ. The chain binding Satan is the word of the Gospel which is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." This chain remained unbroken for a thousand years and over, during which time the divine authority of the Bible was not questioned within Christendom. Infidelity and atheism among Christian nations are products of modern times. Rationalists, skeptics and infidels are now stepping upon the broad of the earth, and are assailing the church not with the sword, but with the more dangerous weapons of false philosophy, mockery and ridicule. The many legions of unbelievers may be the Gog and Magog.

Certain is the day of judgment in coming, and the one thing needful for us to do is to embrace Jesus Christ as the Savior of our soul; but in Jesus Christ we must not seek earthly advantages; we must be willing to follow him unto the cross. Because we live in

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the time when the end of all things is at hand." It is incumbent on us to watch and pray that we may escape the snares of the evil one, and our names be found in the book of life which is Jesus Christ.

SEVERAL CHURCH EVENTS PLANNED

The week's calendar for the Mill street Methodist church, of which Patrik Dahlin is pastor, contains the following events:

Monday night the usual At-Home for the young people will be held at the church parlors. Tuesday night the Intermediate group will meet for recreation and good fellowship in the church parlor. Last week the attendance was more than 20 and the evening was full of fun and merriment. The hours are from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Wednesday evening the usual mid-week meeting of the study class will not be held owing to the fact that a Father and Son banquet will be held at the church. An effort will be made to get every father and son represented in the church at that event. The banquet is being sponsored by the Ladies' Aid and the church school. Professor William H. Mertzog of the faculty of the Kimball School of Theology will be the main speaker. Norman Sorenson will lead in the singing and Henry Warber will accompany on the piano. The newly organized Study club for mothers will meet next week at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the church. All mothers are invited to attend and enjoy the following and the study of the problems that relate to the instruction and control of the children in the homes and in the church.

Saturday the "story hour" will be held for the younger children at the church from 2 to 4 o'clock. The Pioneer club with Mr. Dahlin in charge will meet at the church at 1:15 o'clock. The boys will then go to the Y. M. C. A. where they will engage in games and swimming. The regular meeting will be held in the evening at 7 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

U. B. MEETINGS TOLD

Prayer meeting will be held at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday night at the First United Brethren church on Mission street, between 12 and University. The Rev. A. S. Henderson is pastor. The Woman's Missionary association will meet at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. It is also announced.

TOPICS GIVEN

W. Earl Cochran, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, will preach upon "The Bible as a Message" at the morning worship to-day and the chorus choir will sing an anthem "My Task" which will be the pastor's subject for the night sermon and there will be special music. The B. Y. P. U. will meet at 8:30 o'clock tonight as usual.

WEEK DAY MEETINGS

Evangelists and Bible study services will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday nights at 7:45 o'clock at the Emmanuel Full Gospel Mission, 420 State street, upstairs over the Man's shop, reports the pastor, Ralph D. Bullock.

HOLD CLASS PARTY

The Young Business People's class of the First Presbyterian church held a party at the church parlors Tuesday night as the first activity of the new class year. Over 25 members were present. W. A. Deisel is the teacher, Miss Norma Detrick is president and Miss Elaine Steingrube, secretary.

Church Women to Sew For Students

Miss Earl Wood, 1048 North Winter street, will entertain the South Circle of the First Christian church Wednesday for an all day meeting with a covered dish luncheon at noon. Serving will be done for the girls' college at Eugene and the boys' school at Turner.

Mrs. F. J. White of Coronado, California, was the house-guest recently of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Donaldson, 933 North Eighteenth street, on her return trip to California after spending three months in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, the former home of the Donaldsons.

Members of Mrs. Roy Gatke's drama league study class will meet at the home of Mrs. Clifton Mudd Tuesday afternoon.

CONGREGATIONAL QUARTET TO SING

A musical program will be given tonight by the mixed quartet of the First Congregational church, beginning at 7:30 o'clock and preceding the showing of the moving picture, "The Temple Hill" in conjunction with the sermon. The picture shows scenes from the mountain on which Abraham prepared to offer up Isaac as a sacrifice and Mount Moriah where Solomon built the most famous temple in history. Traces of the city of Sodom built are shown with his stone quarries, water system and other reminders of his ancient kingdom.

Following is the complete program which will be presented by the choir, the members of which are: Mrs. Harry Harms, soprano; Miss Zella Ruble, contralto; H. E. Blischoff, Mr. Gille, tenor; and Miss Roberta Morton, organist:

1. Organ Voluntary—Maestoso A. D. 1520 (MacDonell).
2. The King of Love My Shepherd is (Shelley). The choir.
3. Solo—Consider the Lilies. (Blischoff). Mr. Gille.
4. Seek Ye the Lord. (Roberts). The choir, with tenor solo by Mr. Glaisyer.
5. Solo—Light. (Scott). Mrs. Harms.
6. Offertory—Reverie (Callendar).
7. Solo—Open the Gates of the Temple (Knapp). Mr. Glaisyer.
8. "The Heaven Are Telling." (Hayden).
9. Postlude—Polonaise. Militaire. (Chopin).

Church to Have Dinner Meeting

The monthly church night supper of the Knight Memorial Congregational church will be held Wednesday, November 22, beginning at 6:45 o'clock. Members of the church will bring their friends as guests. A program of music, including the young men's quartet, solo by Ronald Craven, has been arranged and the women of the church will present a farce, "The Janitor's New Broom" the entertainment features of the event.

PLANNING BAZAAR

Wednesday night meetings of First Church of Christ, Scientist of Salem, which is located at the corner of Liberty and Chemeketa streets are held at 8 o'clock and include testimonies of healing, experiences and remarks on Christian Science. All are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

TO GIVE CANTATA SOON

The chorus choir of the Calvary Baptist church is practicing for the cantata Belshazzar to be given Sunday night, November 25. The pastor, W. Earl Cochran, is directing the production which promises to be one of the year's musical treats.

The Ladies' Aid of the First Methodist church is making plans for a bazaar and chicken dinner to be held at the church parlors Friday, December 7. The various circles will meet Wednesday of this week to formulate plans for the booths, each circle to conduct its own booth at the bazaar.

PLAN TWO MEETINGS

The congregation and friends of the Salem church of God will meet for prayer service Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Brother and Sister Carnines. The regular mid week prayer meeting will be held at the church chapel, 1346 North Church street. L. Christenson is the pastor.

MEETINGS ANNOUNCED

Miss Thea Sampson will be in charge of the Friday night Young people's prayer meeting at the Salem Church of Nazarene. The regular adults' prayer service will be held Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

MEET THURSDAY

Prayer service and Bible study of the South Salem Friends' church will be held Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock, announces the pastor, Charles C. Haworth.

Poems that Live

PARTING
Too fair, I may not call thee mine;
Too dear, I may not see
Those eyes with bridal beacons shine;
Yet, Darling, keep for me—
Empty and hushed, and safe apart—
One little corner of thy heart.
Thou wilt be happy, dear! and bless
Thee; happy mayst thou be.
I would not make thy pleasure less;
Yet, Darling, keep for me—
My life to light, my lot to leaveen,
One little corner of thy Heaven.
Good-by, dear heart! I go to dwell
A weary way from thee;
Our first kiss is our last farewell;
Yet, Darling, keep for me—
Who wander outside in the night,
One little corner of thy light.
—Gerald Massey (1828-1907)

Leslie Young Folk Arrange Extra Service

The young people of the Leslie Memorial church will observe three nights of Comradship services this week, beginning with a pot-luck dinner at 6 o'clock Monday night. The dinner will be followed by a social hour and an address to be given by the Rev. Norman Kendall Tully, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

The second meeting will be held Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock when Miss Margaret Leavenworth will lead the discussion. The Rev. T. H. Temple, district superintendent of Methodist churches, will give the principal address at the Friday night meeting.

Other activity at the church during the week will include the mid-week service at the church Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. This to be in harmony with the Comradship program of the younger people. Choir practice will be held Thursday at 8:30 o'clock, this to be in harmony with the Comradship program of the younger people. Choir practice will be held Thursday at 8:30 o'clock, this to be in harmony with the Comradship program of the younger people. Choir practice will be held Thursday at 8:30 o'clock, this to be in harmony with the Comradship program of the younger people.

Young people's prayer meeting will be held Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Immanuel Baptist church, corner Hazel and Academy. The adults' prayer session will be held Thursday night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

E. L. TO HAVE BIG WEEK, FIRST M. E.

"Win-My-Cham" week will be observed by the Epworth leagues of the First Methodist church, with meetings to be held every night this week, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The theme for the week is "Disciples of Christ." Ronald C. Glover, local attorney, and Dr. John D. McCormack of Willamette university, will address the leagues Tuesday and Thursday nights, respectively, and for the other hour meetings student leaders will have charge of the discussion.

Other activities of the week planned by the different groups of the First M. E. church are announced as follows: The Board of Stewards will meet Monday night in the church annex to complete plans for their work, and hear the reports of the canvass.

The Methodist Men's council will meet in the church parlors Tuesday. Dinner will be served by the women of the Southeast Circle which will be open to all who care to be served. The men of the council will sit together and hold their meeting later in the church parlors.

The topic for the Bible study for the mid-week prayer and praise service Thursday night will be "Prevailing Prayer." The study day night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stolz. There are nearly 50 young people in the class.

Leagues Plan Comradshin Observance

"Comradship Week" will be observed at the Jason Lee Methodist church this week, with the members of the several leagues in charge of daily services. The church is at the corner of Jefferson and Winter streets and the Rev. Harry E. Gardner is pastor.

Other announcements from the church include: Choir and devotional meeting, Thursday night beginning at 7 o'clock; the mission class at 7:30 o'clock with Professor Hammond leading the Bible study on the book of John, and Synoptic gospels taught by Professor Clark; a teachers' training class convenes at 8:30 o'clock under direction of Professor Keefe.

Calvary Baptist Groups to Meet

The Women's Missionary Society of the Calvary Baptist church will meet at the home of Mrs. W. T. Stolz Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Randall will be the leader, telling of her experiences in China, and Mrs. W. F. Foster will lead the devotional.

The young people's Bible class, of which Miss Nina McNary is teacher, will be entertained Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stolz. There are nearly 50 young people in the class.

Ford Memorial Gives Schedule

A Boy Scout Troop meeting will be held at 7 o'clock Tuesday night at the Ford Memorial Community church in West Salem. Harold Cook will be in charge. The regular prayer meeting hour of the church will be observed Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. Wednesday afternoon the Ladies' Aid will give a Silver tea at the home of Mrs. J. A. Gesser in West Salem.

CLUBS TO MEET

The Young People's Fortnightly club of the First Congregational church will meet Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. The Woman's Union will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. B. Neer, 785 North Church street to sew for the Christmas bazaar the group is planning.

Announcements Of U. B. Church

The Ladies' Aid of the Castle Chapel, United Brethren church, will meet Wednesday morning at 7:30 o'clock, the pastor, L. W. Biddle, reports. The women are planning to present the church with a new bulletin board. Prayer service will be held as usual at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night and at 8:30 o'clock that night the Sunday school council will meet.

DINNER PLANNED

The regular "church night" meeting of the First Christian church will occur Wednesday night, beginning with a covered dish luncheon at 6:30 o'clock. Choir rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock.

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