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BIBLE QUESTIONS
QUESTIONS and Bible Answers
 If Parents will encourage children to look up and memorize the Bible Answers, it will prove a precious heritage to them in after years.
 What are some of the reasons why we should love the Lord? —Ps. 103:1-5
 To whom is the mercy of God everlasting? —Ps. 103:17, 18
 Does God deal with us after our sins? —Ps. 103:12

THE SEVERITY OF LOVE

A Methodist minister in Nebraska has caused somewhat of an excitement by declaring that he could not accept the Biblical statement that God instructed the Israelites to clean up the Canaanites, men, women and children. That these and other like statements are so inconsistent with the character of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, that the Bible must be wrong in so stating.

This is a question which puzzles many, and it is quite a problem to reconcile such action with the goodness and mercy of God, Who is love. But it must be remembered that severity, and even extreme severity, is not inconsistent with love. God is love, righteousness and justice. He loves righteousness and hates iniquity, and His judgments are directed against iniquity, and only against the iniquitous person as connected with iniquity. God hates the sin and seeks to punish and destroy it, but loves the sinner whom He tries to separate from his sin. In His wrath He remembers mercy, so His most terrible punishments have a merciful end in view, the separation of the sinner from his sin.

When considering such problems as the extermination of the Canaanites, the character of God must first be always clearly kept in mind, and then the conditions and issues involved.

God being love, righteous, just and good cannot act otherwise. It may seem to us that God in directing the Israelites to seize the land of Canaan and dispossess the inhabitants, was countenancing robbery. But "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof," God has never abandoned title to the earth. What men enjoy is merely possession, and this is held conditionally, on their making a right use of what they possess. This is especially noticeable among nations. Vast empires have arisen and held sway for a time, only to pass away. The whole Orient is the graveyard of departed nations and greatness, whose decadence in each instance can be traced to moral degeneration. They were weighed in the balances and found wanting, so the kingdom departed from them.

Not only from hints in scripture, but from other sources we learn that the inhabitants of the land of Canaan, at the time of the Israelites were morally degenerate almost beyond conception. They formed a leprous sore and were dangerous to themselves and all with whom they came in contact. Their destruction meant moral health. It seems harsh, but no more so than amputation by a surgeon of a diseased limb, which if not removed, would cause the death of the patient. As to the unfortunate Canaanites, it was mercy to them to arrest them forcibly in their wickedness before they sunk yet lower. And we may hold that their physical destruc-

tion was meant to further their own spiritual salvation as well as that of others.

It must be remembered, that the real conflict was between Jehovah the God of the Israelites and Baal the god of the Canaanites. The former was fighting for recognition and the establishment of His authority in the earth, and He was doing it in the way which would be most clearly understood. He had to show He would brook no opposition, and was as equally severe with the Israelites when they rebelled, as with the Canaanites.

But in the light of Christian revelation we now enjoy, we can feel more assured that no matter how terrible God's methods sometimes are, they are not arbitrarily adopted, but guided by wisdom, goodness and love. For we are told that "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself." To effect that reconciliation God in Christ suffered to the utmost, more so than the Canaanites or any one else. God has shown us then that if from suffering and punishment He cannot save men who sin, He can and does share with them their suffering and punishment. This proves conclusively that He is never vindictive, cruel or unjust.

SHOULD HAVE A RIGHT SENSE OF PROPORTION

"For several reasons we are beginning to see the evils which may follow upon the feverish interest displayed by certain journals in crime and in the loathsome details revealed in the divorce and other courts. There is clearly a type of mind to which these pieces of news outvalue in importance events which may alter the destiny of nations. But while this type is to be found, there is no reason why the press should cater to it. To plead that these things are true is a legitimate plea only if the paper has a just regard to proportion. If a vile murder case takes up a page, though every detail may be correctly reported, the paper has failed to give the truth. To have regard for truth there must be a context into which the news fits. If, after reading a paper, I have the unhealthy suspicion that the only thing which has happened of any importance is a sordid intrigue or brutal murder, then I have not been told the truth. The context is missing; the proportion is wrong. Newspapers have a great power of suggestion, and the modern city dweller is peculiarly sensitive to repetition and loudness and emphasis. It is disquieting to find some of our journals ready not simply to answer a demand, but to create one. Happily, it is still possible here to buy papers which have not sold their souls for the sake of circulation." —British Table Talk in The Christian Century for January 4, 1923.

We commend the above especially to our esteemed contemporaries, the Portland dailies, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest.

Cooperative Selling of Farm Produce

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adopted by the Oregon Cooperative council at Salem, January 17 is carried out. A state-wide educational campaign was agreed on by the twelve associations comprising the council, to be conducted by specialists of the state college extension service.

What the new system is, how it works and some things it has already accomplished in Oregon, will be told in the campaign. Already wheat prices have been raised from 88 per cent of Kansas prices to 102 per cent, making Portland one of the best as well as one of the biggest wheat markets in the United States.

IMPORTANT MEASURES EXPECTED TO APPEAR

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Senator Zimmerman's concurrent resolution which would require all bills for introduction in the legislature to be filed with the secretary of state at least thirty days before the legislature meets, except budget bills, has aroused considerable interest.

The anti-sectarian garb bill, designed to prevent the wearing of costumes of religious orders by teachers in the public schools, which passed the house or city in the state.

Election pamphlets would be done away with completely and newspaper publicity substituted in their place for the advertising of measures, amendments or candidates going before the people at an election through a bill introduced in the senate by Senator Toole of Clackamas county.

Legislative Brevities.
 The legislature visited the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis in a body Wednesday.
 Representative Schulmerich's bill to make jury duty for women mandatory was indefinitely postponed on adverse committee report.
 Payment of bounties on coyotes would be stopped entirely under the terms of a bill introduced into the senate under the sponsorship of Senator Ellis and Representative Lackey.
 Representative Sherman Miles of Columbia county has introduced a bill requiring the licensing by the state of all hotels and restaurants.
 Representative Ezell of Crook, Deschutes, Klamath, Jefferson and Lake counties, sponsored a bill requiring residence on irrigation projects as a prerequisite to participation in the district election.
 Prohibiting by federal statute the issuance of tax-exempt securities is proposed in a memorial which received the unanimous support of the members of the senate.
 Representatives of the legislatures of Washington, Idaho and California are invited to Salem to confer with Oregon legislators relative to income tax and gasoline tax legislation by a senate concurrent resolution which has been adopted in both houses.

defeated in the house. One provided for dental inspection in schools and the other to extend the right of suffrage at school elections to all registered voters.

The agricultural bloc formed the nucleus for the opposition to the bills. No religious rancor entered into the discussion, but they were voted down primarily because they would increase expenses.

Representative Lewis' bill to prohibit the importation or transportation of wines for sacramental purposes was crushed by an overwhelming negative vote when the house indefinitely postponed it.

Party Change Regulated.
 A bill by Representative Kuehn to prevent changes in registration from one party to another within 30 days of a primary election, passed the house with only slight opposition. Among the eight democrats in the house only two voted against the measure and there was but a scattering of republicans in opposition to it. The house also passed the bill introduced by Representative Heese of Washington county, doing away with all the sections of the Oregon laws which provide for the taxation of all dogs within the state.

The speed cop who brings disrepute upon his community by making arrests simply in order that his own income may be increased through getting a percentage of the fines assessed, may become a thing of the past, if the senate approves a bill passed by the house. The measure prohibits the splitting of fines or payment of fees out of fines to officers making arrests for violation of the speed laws. It covers officers of any city or county and the state itself.

Under a joint house resolution introduced by Representatives Blowers and Jackson, a constitutional amendment would be submitted to the voters providing for the election of a lieutenant governor at the general state election at which a governor is elected, and meeting the same qualifications.

Medical Examination For Both Sexes.
 Men and women applicants for marriage certificates would be required to pass both a physical and mental test under the terms of a bill introduced by Mrs. C. B. Simmons of Multnomah county. Failure to pass this examination would preclude the issuance of a marriage license unless one or both parties submitted to sterilization. The bill would require the mentality of at least a 12 year old child to permit granting of a certificate.

A proposed law that will have the support of the farm bloc in both houses has been introduced by Senator Brown of Marion county. This bill provides that producers of farm and agricultural products shall be exempted from the authority of any so-called peddlers' license law that may be imposed by any incorporated town

caused a split in the senate education committee. A majority of four members favoring enactment of the bill by striking out the penalty of fine and imprisonment and the minority, three, favoring allowing the penalty to remain.

Oregon Trail Bill Passed.
 The first senate bill to pass the house was Senator Strayer's measure designating the east and west highway from the Pacific ocean to the Idaho line as the Oregon trail. This was recommended by both Governor Pierce and Governor Olcott, so there is no doubt as to its becoming a law. Two of Representative Woodward's

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 Dated January 18, 1923.
V. LINGELBACH,
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