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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 is necessary to please God? —Heb. 11:6  
 Who did Christ say was his brother, and sister, and mother? —Matt. 12:46-50  
 What directions did Jesus give concerning the giving of alms? —Matt. 6:1-4

**A PERENNIAL PROBLEM**  
 A request has been made to the writer to write something on the question, "Why God permits man to be tempted?" or "why could not man have been made temptation proof?" This question covers a wide range, and to answer it, a clear notion is necessary of the divine idea of man, of the divine purpose in the creation of man, and of the nature and character of man in relation to God his Creator, on the one hand, and to and distinguished from the rest of creation on the other.

But to be brief, the whole creation manifests a purpose which is slowly being attained. This has been described as "the far off divine event, to which the whole creation moves." In the consummation of this "far off divine event" man was destined to be the fellow laborer with God. For this he was created in the image and likeness of his Creator, so he would act toward the rest of the creation as God acts, in wisdom, righteousness, love and holiness. But these characteristics need to be developed in man. God cannot create a perfected righteous or holy man, for man has a free will and power of choice, and to be righteous, he must be given the opportunity to choose righteousness, freely, willingly and knowingly. Man as a moral being is not an automaton, his development in righteousness or any other moral quality is a growth, to which he himself must consent, and in which he must co-operate.

From the Biblical account, man was not created holy or righteous, but innocent, knowing neither good nor evil. But all his inclinations and propensities were toward the good. Left to himself he would act rightly according to his knowledge. But unless there was temptation to do otherwise there would have been no moral advancement. Disobedience was not necessary but the temptation and opportunity to disobey were necessary that man might freely, willingly and knowingly choose the good, which was then as now, obeying the known will of God. Every temptation successfully met and overcome involves an increase in the knowledge of goodness, and also of evil, that is a perception of the true nature and characteristics of evil. If temptation is yielded to, a man thereby is overcome by evil and enslaved by it. So we are admonished, "be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

But it is asked, as such a moral development entailed so tremendous risks, does it not reflect on the goodness and righteousness of God, that He created a being subject to such a test involving in case of failure untold misery? This question cannot be fully answered until the final outcome is manifested. At present we fall back on the goodness and love of God Who is incapable of

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doing wrong. We walk by faith believing where we can neither see nor prove. But it may be said without the creation of a moral being like man, destined for eternal life the creative activities of God would be incomplete. They would represent a broken circle instead of a complete one. We may be fully assured that when that "far off divine event, to which the whole creation moves," is finally consummated, it will more than justify all the travail and labor pangs by which it was brought to birth.

And for those who are considered lost for their wickedness, it will be seen that they were condemned, not for ignorance, nor the sin of someone else, nor even for their own frailty or weakness, but for their fault, their own fault, their own grievous fault, which was wilful and deliberate. As to their numbers or whether their fate while age long, is endless, without any possibility of recovery, we do not know. None is authorized to pronounce judgment on another, and none is deprived of a hope that even for the worst, there may yet be a prospect for the better, for God's mercy endureth forever.

**MAY DAY**

In "the good old days" the first of May was looked forward to with anticipation, as a day of fun and frolic. It was the day when apprentices were given a holiday. The girl who was chosen to be the queen of the revels was indeed envied by all her companions. Tennyson's exquisite poem, "The May Queen" voices the joy and eagerness with which the fortunate candidate looked forward to this "maddest merriest day." But now the day brings care and anxiety to those whose duty it is to keep the peace, for it is now

marked with strikes and revolutionary harangues by the radical element.

**A NOTABLE EDITION**

George A. McArthur editor and publisher of the Milwaukie Review has just issued his first anniversary edition which is one of the highest merit. It consists of twelve pages with a two page supplement, replete with interesting historical matter of the town and suburbs. Two especially absorbing stories appear on the front page, both written by early residents of the place containing their recollections of the place. The first is entitled, "O Don't You Remember," signed with the *nom de plume*, "Old Timer," and the second, "Early Reminiscences," by Mrs. Florence C. Harlow, the oldest resident in Milwaukie. Both of these present pictures of a romantic past, which suggest the query whether with all its modern conveniences and resources of which the early settlers knew nothing, life is more enjoyable, sociable, friendly and wholesome now as then. Numerous cuts of stores, buildings and prominent citizens are interspersed throughout the pages. The merchants, business and professional men seem to have been alive to the opportunity afforded by this edition as an advertising medium. Altogether Bro. McArthur is to be congratulated on his effort, which we hope will receive the appreciation it deserves.

The U. S. Supreme court has rendered a decision which gives the right to all ships to sell and serve liquor on the ocean outside the three mile limit. But no ship, foreign or American can legally bring liquor within this limit even under seal. This will necessitate re-routing by way of Canada, or the stationing of supply ships just outside the three mile limit from the shore, and unloading the liquor on arrival at the line when coming to and reloading when departing from the U. S. A. The cost for the extra expense in work and trouble will no doubt be passed on to the consumer.

Our thanks are due George H. Himes, whom we are glad to learn is convalescing from a recent operation, for a copy of the March Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society. It contains an interesting article by Mr. Himes on "First Newspapers of Southern Oregon and Their Editors." The papers dealt with are the Umqua Weekly Gazette published at Scottsburg, Umqua

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county, and the Table Rock Sentinel, published at Jacksonville, Jackson County.

Whether it will be through the League of Nations, President Harding's world court, or Senator Borah's court the U. S. will have to take a hand in settling up the world mess which now prevails.

Ex-Senator George E. Chamberlain will resign from the Shipping board June 13. It is rumored he is thinking of running again for the U. S. Senate at the next election.

"Manners must adorn knowledge, and smooth its way through the world. Like a rough diamond, it may do very well in a closet by way of curiosity, and also for its intrinsic value; but it will never be worn, or shine, if it is not polished."  
 —Chesterfield.

E. Krigbaum went to Portland Sunday morning.

**SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th day of May, 1923, at the usual polling place in the City of Estacada, to-wit, at City Hall, Clackamas County, State of Oregon, a Special Election will be held.

For the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of the City of Estacada, Clackamas County, Oregon, the question of whether or not John F. Lovelace, a Councilman of said City of Estacada, shall be recalled; also at said election the office of councilman of said City of Estacada will be filled for the remainder of the term of said Councilman Lovelace which expires on the 9th day of November, 1924.

Which election will be held at 8 o'clock in the morning and will continue until 6 o'clock in the afternoon of said day.

Dated this 30th day of April, 1923.  
 J. K. ELY,  
 Recorder of the City of Estacada, Clackamas County, Oregon.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Portland, Oregon, April 7, 1923.

NOTICE is hereby given that L. T. Hodson, of Portland, Oregon, owner of the NE 1/4 Sec. 4, T. 2 S., R. 7 East, W. M., did on April 4th, 1923, file in this office his application for the exchange of said lands, under the Act of March 20, 1922, and in lieu thereof to select the timber on the E 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 7, and the N 1/2 of N 1/2, Sec. 18, T. 3 S., R. 6 E., W. M., all within the National Forest Reserve, Portland Land District.

Any and all persons claiming adversely to the above stated lands, or having bona fide objections to the allowance of said application must file their affidavit of protest in this office within thirty days of the date of the first publication of this notice.

ALEXANDER SWICK, Register.  
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