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SERMON BY CAPTAIN C. O. BRANSON

The following sermon by Capt. C. O. Branson, evangelist, of Troutdale, Oregon, has been published in many papers throughout the country and has received flattering comments.

Captain Branson is well known for his sturdy faith and fearless preaching. Our readers will be glad for the opportunity of reading this sermon.

The subject of the Holy Spirit is one of great importance, and the more I see revealed in God's word on this subject the more I am convinced that there are many who have not the right conception of who and what the Holy Spirit is.

When we speak of the Holy Spirit our minds may be confused. Dear reader, we are living in a time when God wants his people to understand and receive the Holy Spirit in the fullness of his power. This is his ministry through the Third Person of the Godhead. I take it for granted that you believe in the personality of the Holy Spirit. A text or two on this, to prove that He is not a nonentity or an impersonality. In John 4:24 God is a self-existing Spirit. In 1 Cor. 15:24, Christ is set forth as a "quickening Spirit." In John 16:13-15 we have the Third Person, as God operative in man, and his immediate affairs.

In Hebrews 1:7, 14. We have information that angels have also personality, and are "ministering spirits." The term spirit is a flexible word and may apply to a mere state of mind occasioned by the human spirit. It may be called a good spirit or a bad spirit.

Satan is also spoken of as a spirit, see Eph. 2:2. Fallen angels are spoken of as "unclean spirits." We are cautioned to "try these spirits." 1 John 4:1. Lest we be misled. We can only know these two great powers or forces, as we prove them by trying them, by their fruits, in the light of God's word.

Notice the work delegated by God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son, to the Holy Spirit, in working out the plan of redemption. He is the agent of the Godhead, to reprove the world of sin, John 16:8. He is God's agent in the work of regenerating or justifying the sinner, also in sanctification. See 1 Samuel 10:6 and 1 Cor. 6:9-11.

He also makes intercession for us, helping our infirmities. Rom. 8:26. He is the one also commissioned to "Seal" the saints. He is not the seal but the Sealer. Eph. 1:13. He is the light bearer, communicating the light to men. Rev. 1:1, 2:7, 3:6, 13, 22, 22:16, 1 Cor. 2:9-12, Acts 8:29, 39, 16:19, 13:2-4, 16:6, 7, 2 Peter 1:21, 2 Samuel 23:2, Mark 13:11.

A careful study of the ministrations of angels will reveal that the Holy Ghost is in charge of all the angels of God, and does his work through them. I could give many texts here, which doubtless are already familiar to my readers.

It is well to stop here and take a look at Lucifer in his created position, and to the principles involved in his fall, and to the one who takes his place. Rev. 3:11.

If we hold not fast our place and occupy it, where God has called us, another shall take our crown. Rom. 11:29, Rev. 3:11, Eph. 1:4, 2 Timothy 1:9, 1 Thess. 5:9. This with many other ones, will show that God has called every created intelligence to fill a specific place in His great plan, and that each soul has been endowed with the privilege and power to accept or reject God's calling and appointment. To every one God bestows gifts, adapted to the position to which he is called. Lucifer was called to be a light-bearer, one of the bright morning stars, one of the cherubs, and stood next to Christ in power and authority. See Job 38:4-7, Rev. 22:16. The latter text refers to Christ as one of the morning stars. Isaiah 14:12. Note the margin, this refers to the second morning star or Lucifer. Verse 12 and 14 refers to the spirit that anointed Lucifer in his self-exaltation, which caused his fall. In Ezek. 28 we have the same spirit brought to view personified by the King of Tyrus. Reading verses 12-17 it is seen that this can only refer to Lucifer the anointed cherub. You will notice in these, that it was Lucifer's unwillingness to accept the position to which God had called him, that led him to his fall. We can give no reason why he was ever conceived in his heart. If we could it would no longer be since God speaks of it as the "mystery of iniquity and sin." You will note that the light-bearer who receives his light from God cannot seek his own glory. Christ says of him, "He shall glorify me, for he shall not speak of himself, but whatever he shall hear that shall he speak." John 16:14. Thus you see that the Holy Ghost is a prime minister and acts in Christ's place and represents the Father and Son. Matt. 12:31.

The Father has honored his Son above himself in one thing, a name above every name, and that is Redeemer. The Father Himself does not take this honor. The Son and all other intelligences honor the Father as above all others, yet He has committed an honor to the Holy Ghost above the Father and the Son, and namely, that men may blaspheme against the Father and the Son and be forgiven, but to blaspheme against the Father and the Holy Ghost there is never forgiveness. The Holy Ghost is the prime minister, to reject Him, is to reject the only power that can bring Christ to us. Will you receive Him now?

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Columbia Heights

Sunday was a great day for auto-ists on their way to Chanticleer, and the opening day at that place was a grand affair. Everybody was kept busy all day from the hostess to the black mammy, who is an expert in frying chickens. Chanticleer has been refurbished and many conveniences have been added to the already attractive place. While we do wish Chanticleer a splendid trade this summer, we sincerely hope our highway will get some oil, or we shall smother with the dust caused by the heavy travel of speeding autos, and on that account a motorcycle collided with an auto down a little ways in Corbett's woods, and the man on the motorcycle was almost killed. He was badly hurt. Neither of the party could see the other for the dust. The man was still unconscious when last heard from.

The ladies were pretty well represented at precinct 312, but the democrats did not make much of a showing. But we find consolation in the old saying, "Every dog has his day."

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Rasmussen will motor in their new Overland to Monmouth Tuesday to attend state grange and also to visit their youngest daughter, Ruby, who is a student there.

The grand ball at our grange hall, Saturday was a gay affair. A good and jolly crowd was there and some of the latest costumes were seen and made a big hit. The music was fine and so was the midnight supper.

G. Puren, of Hariburt, left for Seattle last Tuesday, from where he will go by boat to Alaska. He intends to go way up the Yukon river where he has spent many years prospecting. Mr. Puren has many friends here who would be glad to hear of his success under the wonderful aurora lights.

Miss Laura Ross, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ross, of the Heights, has opened up an ice cream parlor overlooking the bluff and Rooster Rock. She aims to serve light lunches, coffee and ice cream. She did a good business yesterday.

Mrs. E. Clark and two beautiful twin boys of Portland, are out for a few weeks at the Illidge bungalow.

Miss Henky is spending the summer with her sister Mrs. Frank Reed.

The Heights school, which is in charge of F. Heath, will close next week with a picnic to Rooster Rock. The pupils who took the eighth grade examinations are Bessie Kniern, Arthur Hicks and Fred Woodward.

Pleasant Valley

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Orient

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist chapel met on Wednesday with Mrs. Harris and spent an enjoyable and profitable afternoon.

Mrs. McAlpine and Mrs. Hale drove to Gresham on Friday and did some shopping.

Mrs. Minnie Rook and daughter Eunice visited at the Rook ranch on Wednesday. Eunice returned to Portland the same evening and Mrs. Rook stayed over night with the Japs.

The sale of P. H. Rook on Saturday was well attended and good prices were got.

R. I. Anderson, who has recently bought in this district, has had several teams engaged getting in his oats.

Mrs. James S. Burns and Mrs. John Burns and families of Melrose visited Mrs. McAlpine on Saturday. Will and Ralph Johanson were treated to a pleasant surprise party on Friday evening by their classmates in the school and needless to say all enjoyed themselves immensely.

A family from Roseburg district has moved into the Carl Anderson place north of Orient depot.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson from Kelso, and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson from Orient and an auto load of friends from Portland were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Johanson's on Sunday.

The ladies of the Epworth League dispensed ice cream and cake at the Rook sale on Saturday and report a good sale.

Walter Johanson and Leonard Lauderback went to Portland on Monday and it is rumored that one of them may be married before he returns.

Joseph W. Wick, of Cherryville, stopped off between trains and visited Robert S. Smith at his place on Monday.

The school dinners under the superintendency of Mrs. A. F. Chase are being largely taken advantage of and proving a great success.

William McAlpine and sons Fred and Laurie were Portland visitors yesterday and attended the circus and Buffalo Bill's show.

Lusted

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lusted, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Goff, of Portland, were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lusted last Sunday.

A. P. Armstrong, the superintendent, on his rounds visited this school last Monday.

The Embroidery club of the Victory school district will meet with Mrs. John Iekler, May 28th.

Mrs. Pearl Dodd, of Salem, visited her sister Mrs. Dorothy Hamilton several days last week.

Clifford Harris, of Orient, is working for his uncle Ralph Neibauer this week.

The pupils on the honor roll for this month are Harold Eder, Harold Jack, Fred Erz, Harry Carlson, Glenn Andre, Lenora Eder, Ida Sester, Willie Sester, Jessie Williams, Earl Andre, Earl Goger, Ernest Quay, Albert Quay and Wilbur Altman.

Scenic

Miss Alma Bauder, of Portland, and her friend Miss Dorothea Williams, of Seattle, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bauder Sunday.

Mrs. A. E. DeHaven was a Portland visitor Wednesday.

Miss Minnie Shriner visited home folks Sunday.

J. R. Duncan was a Portland visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Altman were guests of Mr. Altman's brother, B. C. Altman, Sunday.

Mrs. Gust Carlson and mother were visiting; friends in Portland Saturday and Sunday.

Oscar Carlson has a motorcycle.

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FORMER RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

Samuel E. Wishard, a pioneer of 1852, member of Scottish Rite Consistory and Washington Lodge No. 46, A. F. & A. M., died Monday morning shortly after midnight at his home, 475 East Stark street at 79 years of age. Mr. Wishard crossed the plains to Oregon in an ox team and the family settled at Lebanon, Oregon, where his parents took up a donation land claim. He came to Portland afterwards where he made his home for more than 45 years. In 1859 Mr. Wishard was initiated in Washington lodge, A. F. & A. M., being the first member to be received into that lodge. He was a member of the Scottish Rite and an Indian war veteran. His casket was draped with the American flag. Of Washington lodge he was a past worshipful master. He married Sarah Powell, a daughter of a pioneer. Mr. Wishard is survived by his wife and three sisters, Mrs. Lucinda Crowder, Albany, Oregon, Mrs. J. R. Riekey, and Mrs. W. A. Cummings, Portland. The funeral services was conducted Thursday under the auspices of the Masonic order. Mr. Wishard was well known in this county. His wife, who was Miss Sarah Powell, was a daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Powell and sister of Mrs. J. N. Clanahan. Mr. and Mrs. Wishard for many years owned 80 acres of the Powell donation land claim, now comprising the Neal, Faris and Arza Smith farms. The present Smith residence is on the site of the old Wishard summer home.

Among those attending the funeral from Gresham were Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Clanahan, Dr. J. E. Clanahan, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Faris and Mrs. Arza Smith.

EVANGELICAL CONFERENCE

PORTLAND, May 21.—(Special)—The annual conference of the Evangelical association of western Tacoma Sunday, decided that it would not take part in the proposed union college at Philomath, Oregon, with the United Evangelical and United Brethren churches. After extended discussion of the union college proposition it was considered that such affiliation would necessitate more expense and a greater burden in raising the subsidy than the membership could stand at the present time.

Conference appointed Rev. H. Schuknecht, pastor of the German First church, of Portland. He was elected district elder, and will enter on his duties at once. Rev. H. E. Hornschuch, who had been presiding elder for the district, goes to Liberty church, at Salem. Rev. E. D. Hornschuch was returned to First English, East Sixth and East Market streets, in this city. Rev. T. R. Hornschuch, of Tacoma, goes to Lents church, and Rev. Peter Conklin, of Lents, goes to Tacoma. Rev. H. R. Glei was sent back to Milwaukie, Oregon. Rev. E. M. Liening, of Salem, goes to the First German, of Portland. Rev. R. G. Streyfeller was transferred to Grace church, Seattle, and Rev. I. N. Fisher, formerly of Grace, Seattle, was transferred to Monmouth, Oregon.

Rev. E. H. Hornschuch, of this city, who goes to Liberty church, Salem, will remain in Portland until after the Portland schools close.

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