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The Law of Retribution

Sowing and Reaping--Visiting Sins of Parents Upon Their Children--Justice of the Divine Arrangement--Grace So Much More Abounds--Else Were Your Children Unholy.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 12.--Pastor Russell of the Brooklyn Tabernacle preached here twice today to large and attentive audiences. We report his discourse from the text, "I, the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments" (Deuteronomy v. 9, 10). A report of the discourse follows:--

No one of experience can question the fact that our text is corroborated by all our experiences in life. However unjust some may claim it to be that the children should inherit the weaknesses resulting from parental dispositions and violations of the Divine law, the fact remains that however atheism may question the existence of a God or infidelity doubt the inspiration of his Word, no one can question the two facts of this text, (1), that sin and its penalty can be inherited and (2) the fact that God is merciful to such as renounce sin and turn to him and seek to walk according to his direction. However these blessings upon evil doers and their children and these blessings upon well doers and their posterity may be termed natural laws and laws of heredity, it does not alter the fact, because the Almighty is the one who made these laws of heredity.

Under the delusion handed down to us from the "dark ages"--that God had condemned to eternal torment all the children of Adam because of his sin--we are all inclined properly enough to feel rebellious against any such matter and to assert that from the standpoint of human reasoning it would be entirely unjust to torture the posterity of Adam eternally for his transgression--"original sin." But as we get the eyes of our understanding opened to see what is the real penalty for sin, that it is death, extinction, and that our perfect parents, fully informed respecting the divine will, were culpable, worthy of death, and when we learn further that whatever is enjoyed by Adam's posterity in the way of life, however disadvantageous the conditions, is so much of divine leniency and mercy and comes so much short of being the full penalty, death, extinction--then we begin to see that life under any conditions and disadvantages is still a boon, better than extinction.

In Wrath Have Mercy, Lord. Recognizing the wrath of God as manifested in the death penalty (not in an eternity of torture) we can see that in the Scriptures everywhere declare that the wrath of God is resting upon our race; that every member of it is subject to this very penalty which came upon father Adam and has been entailed upon all of his posterity.

The Almighty Creator did not wait for us to cry out for his pity and compassion, but from the very beginning, foreknowing our fall into sin, he had the plan arranged for our redemption and ultimate recovery from this condition of wrath, curse, death. We are informed that our Lord Jesus was the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world--in the Divine purpose and arrangement--though only now being made manifest to the Church and shortly to the world. Thus viewed there has been no injustice practiced against our race in permitting the children to share with their father Adam in his penalty. Rather they had esteemed it and do esteem it better than the sentence itself, and furthermore in the Lord's providences the world's present experiences in the fall and later on in the recovery from the fall in the hands of the great Redeemer during the Millennial Age, is to prove a lesson, a schooling, in the exceeding sinfulness of sin, which the race as a whole will never forget and out of which many now the Church, later on the world) will draw lessons of wisdom and grace.

Looking still more deeply into the Divine Plan as it is revealed in the Lord's Word for those who are his (Psalm xxv. 14), we find a particular reason why it was not only advisable but necessary that this law of heredity should operate in our race, even though it brought in its train a terrible list of experiences to our race. The reason for this is based upon one element of the Divine character--Justice--the very element which at one time we supposed was violated by this law of heredity. As our eyes open to the teaching of the Scriptures we perceive that if God had not permitted his law of heredity to operate, but had permitted each individual of the race to come forth to perfection and to stand an individual trial such as father Adam was subject to, it would doubtless have meant that at least one-half of the race, possibly more, would have deliberately chosen a course of sin as father Adam chose it. To expect more than one-half to be obedient would be unreasonable. Rather, from what we see about us in the experiences of life, we would have been liable to conclude that only a very small majority, perhaps one-tenth, would have been obedient to God, while the remaining nine tenths would have been disobedient.

Some might ask, Would not even that have been better than the Divine arrangement as we see it operating now, that the whole race should suffer for one man's disobedience? We answer, No! Not according to the testimony of the Scriptures. The Bible shows us that while this law of retribution has worked such terrible havoc in Adam and his race for now 6,000 years--while 20,000,000,000 have been born in sin and sorrow and pain and after a few years of trouble have died in sorrow and pain, nevertheless in God's due time all of these shall have more favorable opportunities of knowing God's true character and of attaining to a full character development in his likeness during the Millennial Age. This means that probably more will gain eternal life and blessing under the divine arrangement as we have it than we could reasonably expect would have been saved had the Lord not provided this law of heredity and condemnation of all, but on the contrary had permitted each to be born in perfection and to stand his trial as between loyalty to God with the reward of eternal life or disobedience punished with death. But we shall see that it means much more than this.

Condemned in One--Redeemed by One.

A great economic law is connected with the divine arrangement; The condemnation of a race in one man's loins because of his transgression made possible the divine arrangement that a Second Man should pay the penalty for the first and redeem both him and all who were in him at the time of his condemnation. This is at once a demonstration of Divine Wisdom and of Divine Justice. Suppose, for instance, that the law of heredity had not prevailed, had not been instituted by our Lord, but that each individual had come forth perfect and had been personally placed on trial and had been personally condemned to death. Would it not have required an individual savior for each one condemned under such an arrangement? Surely it would. Hence, had one-half of the race proven themselves sinners and been personally condemned it would either have been necessary to avoid redemption altogether or to redeem the sinner half of the race, by giving a life for a life--a perfect being's sacrifice for or instead of each imperfect life. Estimating the total number of our race at 20,000,000,000, Justice would have been obliged to require 10,000,000,000 of perfect beings to be offered as the ransom price for the 10,000,000,000 of sinners. Under the very best estimate that we can possibly make, this would have required the death of all the perfect ones of the race as redeemers for all the imperfect members of the race, and what a havoc that would have implied--with just as many dying as under present conditions, namely, one-half as sinners and the other half as redeemers, ransoms. Besides, we perceive that it would not have been just on the part of the Almighty to compel the righteous ones to suffer for the unrighteous as their redeemers, hence there would have been no assurance even then that any but a fraction of the sinner race would have been redeemed. On the contrary, how wise, conservative and economical was the Divine arrangement that by one man's disobedience under the laws of heredity the many would be born sinners and sharers in his penalty, death, and that then in due time one Savior, one perfect one, the "man Christ Jesus," might redeem Adam and, redeeming him, redeem all of his race from the death sentence, the curse, the wrath of God, and as a result of the redemption obtain the right, the authority, the power during his Millennial Kingdom and in association with his glorified Church of the Gospel Age, to bless all the families of the earth and to uplift as many as would be willing out of all their ignorance, weakness and sinful and dying conditions to all that was lost in Adam.

We have seen that in harmony with the Divine law it would not have been just for the Heavenly Father to obligate the righteous to die for sinners and that hence the redemption of the sinners would have been problematical--very doubtful. But on the contrary the Heavenly Father well knew in advance the loyalty of his First-Begotten, his only Begotten, who is declared to have been the "beginning of the creation of God" (Revelation III. 14). He knew not only of Jesus' loyalty but that his experiences with him in glory would every way qualify our Lord for the tests and the sacrifices necessary for the redemption of the race with his own precious blood. The Scriptures assure us furthermore that the Father set before him some certain joys, certain blessings, certain promises, in connection with this work of man's redemption; as we read, "Who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is now set down on the right hand of the majesty on high" (Hebrews xii. 2). Retributive Joys and Rewards. We are to remember, too, that the

Scriptures distinctly teach that the condition of the affairs of our world--sin, retributive punishment, the redemption through Jesus, the call of the Church and their sufferings with their Redeemer and the promises of future blessing and glory both for the Church and for the world--are subjects in which the angels of God are interested. As the Apostle Peter says, "Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently. . . . Searching what or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. . . . Which things the angels desire to look into" (1 Peter, I. 10-12). They wondered when all the sufferings of Jesus and the Church would be completed and when the glory time would come and recovery from sin and death conditions; when God's purpose would thus ripen and bear fruit in the recovery of those who fell from his favor in Adam's disobedience but were redeemed by the precious blood.

The great lesson of what constitutes disobedience, and how serious a sin it is, and what it would lead to if allowed to take its course, was illustrated in man's experiences; and all the hosts of angels looked on with amazement, no doubt. God's Justice was fully demonstrated in the infliction of the death penalty and the permission of its inroads upon the mental, moral and physical perfection of his creatures, bringing many of the race down almost to brutality. God's Love was manifested in the gift of his Son, in the arrangement of his plan by which for the joy set before him, Jesus might become Adam's Redeemer, and the Bridegroom of the Elect Church and ultimately the great King of Glory who, during the Millennial Age, is to restore, revive and bless and test Adam and all his race.

BROKEN ROD COMES UP THROUGH FLOOR OF CAB

LAKE CRYSTAL, Minn., June 20.--Omaha train No. 42 on the Elmore branch came in two hours late, presenting a sorry spectacle.

When the train was running at a fast clip between Blue Earth and Winnebago, to make-up lost time, a side rod became loose from the rear driver and the heavy piece of steel began to whirl around. It came up through the floor of the cab at Engineering A. B. Coy's feet, throwing him from his seat. His feet caught in the reverse lever and his arm became entangled in the door chain of the fire box. Fireman Frank Brosnan released him.

The train ran almost half a mile before being brought to a stop. One rod was bent double, the air pump and all of the piping was stripped from the engine, and the cab was completely demolished.

Swallows Ink, Turns Blue.

AUSTIN, Tex., June 20.--After swallowing indelible ink, Arthur Floyd, two years old, son of J. C. Floyd, living on San Jacinto street, has turned blue. His case is the first of its kind to come to the notice of local physicians. The skin of the body turned blue within three days after swallowing the ink and according to medical theory will remain that color as long as he lives. The physician diagnosed his affliction as argyria, produced with a poisoning of the skin with nitrate of silver, contained in the ink he drank. The child was found playing with a bottle of ink by his parents three days ago and the physician called in. Soon he began changing color and before night his skin was a shade between blue and black.

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Governor Gillett of California not only put a crimp in the prize fight game in California but sounded the death knell of the boxing contests in Oregon. The local "exhibitions" will cease and the state law stands between them and the men who look the other way will hereafter remain unbroken. Portland brought about a number of contests of the no-decision variety that developed into knockouts and then the Municipal league got busy and asked for indictments. Some of the promoters, one of whom is out of town, conveniently, smiled, and said: "It will all blow over; just wait." Result is that the Gillett decision came like a wet blanket and not a promoter in Oregon would dare present a fight proposition for the state laws of Oregon are even more clearly defined than those of California relative to prize fights, and everyone here knows that they were flagrantly violated for months.

There is some good, after all, may come from the stand of Governor Gillett. He has killed the plug-ugly matches and made the professional prize fighters go back to work.

SPLENDID ORE FOUND IN OREGON MINE

Developments at the Oregonto mine the past week have been of a very encouraging character. Some of the finest rock yet found has been taken out, says the News. A cross-cut was recently completed which showed the lode to be 43 feet in width, 11 feet wider than it had before shown, and much wider than usual. Since completing the cross-cut the work has consisted in drifting on the footwall for a distance of 20 feet. Many large quartz boulders are encountered. They are heavily mineralized. The vein matter is what is known as dissolved quartz, lying in a ribbon formation, and is also highly mineralized. "These conditions point conclusively to rich mineral deposits and a

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