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blessings.-Romans 8:28.

Go show yourselves to the priests."

According to God's arrangement

with the Jews under their Law Cove-

nant, they were to have no sitkness ex-

cept as these would represent sins;

and the priests were to pass judgment

ipon cases of leprosy. Our Lord's di-

ection that the lepers show themselves

they would reach their destination they

would be healed. The levers must have

crying out for instantaneous healing,

They had gone but a short distance

when they found thenselves cured.

was a Samaritan, an alien from the

Another Crumb of Favor.

from the children's table, for the rich

not yet departed from Israel. Jesus

had not yet uttered the fateful words.

Your House is left unto you desolate.

Nay, it was three and a half years

after Jesus' death before the individual

an extent that the Gospel could go to

Had the returning leper been a Jew

thy faith bath made thee whole."

Apostles arge worldly people to be

come disciples of Christ. They merely

declared certain great facts, and ac-

cepted those who were thus influenced.

and to righteous

The point we

make is that ac-

cording to the

Bible no attempts

were ever made

facts, which should

to know and to do

of our lesson repre-

crateful followers of

words and doings;

of those who simi-

His favor are dis-

he ambitions and the

resent life. Neglect-

reach the glory, hon-

lly which He attain-

people are growing or we are living today

mid trial as respects

te that we are near

on the Church, the Body

received by the Lord

made a covenant with

th which the Master

to give Him glory

by Jesus and the Apostles to obtain

recruits for the Lord's army by a "hip-

hip hurrah" process. In this we are

not criticising others, but merely call-

ed and to which He has called all of

in the Resonation change to be His

the Lord who

white the re-

Intly have no

ing to twice in

the opinion

In their though

In his case the healing was a crumb

but by the time

for instead of

to the priests implies

exercised great faith:

We can imagine

with what Joythey

hastened for the

priest's approval,

in order to return

to their families.

But one of them returned and fell at A

Him thanks. We

he would receive

not then; for he

Jesus' feet, giving [3]

cannot doubt that E

a great blessing eventually, though

commonwealth of Israel

the Gentiles. - Acts 10

ber of His disciples?

they started for the priest

Luke 17:11-19-May 31.



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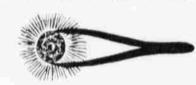
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MESSIAH'S KINGDOM TO BE IN-Were there none found that returned to give glory to God, save this client'-Verse 18.

VISIBLE. Luke 17:20-37-June 7. HE essence of today's lesson is gratitude. It is impossible to

imagine a perfect being as ac-HE Pharisees heard, of the ceptable to God without this Claim that Jesus was the long-We might almost say that promised King, and they de-rided Him. They considered the degree of our acceptance with God is measured by our gratitude. It leads Jesus a deceiver and Ris followers to obedience to Divine laws and regu- dupes. Our lesson tells how they atlations, whether understood or not. It leads to self-sacrificing labors in the service of God, and according to a Df-Him. When will God's Kingdom Come? vine automatic arrangement has its Jesus Faswered that God's Kingdom Jesus was approaching Jerusalem by
That is to say, when it comes people
way of Samaria. It is surmised that
will not see it; for it will be God's

this was His last journey to Jerusalem. Power exerted everywhere. which eventuated in 10s death. Ten Had the trynslators noticed carefully. epers sitting by the condside heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, ing that God's they would have guarded against any and immediately called to Him, "Mas-Kingdom was er, have mercy upon us!" He replied,

within those whom n a ted hypocrites, whited sepulchres, etc. A closer as etc. A closer ex-amination shows that the text would better be translated, "The Kingdom of God is inyour midst." A kingdom is al-

Ways represented Pharisess Questions by its king. Jesus,

the King, was present, but they did not recognize Him. Similarly, through out the Gospel Age, His Church has been undiscerned by the world. "The world knoweth us not, even as it knew Him not." Christ and the Church in the fit h have been only the Kingdom class preparing for investiture of authority in God's due time.

"Days of the Son of Man."

Turning to His disciples, Jesus said. The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and ye shall not see it. And when they shall say unto you, See here; or, see there; go not after them, nor follow them. For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so also shall the Son of Man be in His Day."

This is better understood when we translate the Greek word astrape as man had not died-tool's favor had shining, instead of lightning. Evidently our Lord referred to the sun. The Day of Christ is the Millennium; and His statement was one of His "dark sayings," respecting which He promised that in due time the Holy favor to the Jews terminated to such Spirit would grant enlightenment. This portion is now becoming clear.

Then, to indicate that these things belonged to a distant time, Jesus exno doubt he would have been invited plained that first He must suffer many to become a follower of Jesus. But things and be rejected of that nation. because he was a Samaritan, Jesus Coming back to the signs of His presmerely said, "Arise and go thy way; ence, He declared, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the Doubtless, when the time came for days of the Son of Man."

pening the door to the Gentiles, this Here we have something definite. At grateful Samaritan was amongst those the time for the establishment of the who gladly made consecration to God. Kingdom, everything will go along quietly and orderly, just as before the Jesus called poblic attention to the Deluge and the destruction of Sodom. fact that only one of the ten healed Then mankind ate, drapk, married, had returned to give glory to God. built, planted, as usual. These things True, He had not asked them to acare mentioned merely to indicate that knowledge the furine Power that the world will have no outward sign wrought through Him. True, they had of Christ's Second Presence. done exactly what He had told them to

The Deluge and Sodom's Destruction. do. But why did He not bargain with Everywhere the Bible foretells that them, saying, if I heal you, will you Messiah's Kingdom is to be establishbecome My disciples? Why did not He ed upon the wreck of our present intake this method of adding to the numstitutions. It is this wreck that Jesus illustrated by the Deluge and Sodom's The preaching of Jesus and the Aposdestruction. His own presence is to tles is in strong contrast with much be unknown to the world until the of the preaching of evangelists, revivtrouble is precipitated. alists, etc. Never did Jesus or the

The Time of Trouble is frequently described as a burning of the world, and all the creeds of Christendom express the thought that the earth is to They reasoned of sin, of righteousness be burned. They overlook the fact and of a coming time of decision, or that the "heavens" are to be burned. judgment, and left the matter with the In the symbolical language of the Bindividual conscience. They told that ble, the earth represents the social orthose who furnise sin and turn to God der; the sea, the restless, discontented may have forgiveness and reconcilia- masses; and the heavens, the ecclesition through the astical powers. St. Peter declares that blood of Christ, these will pass away with great con-They told of a fusion, and that instead will come new Heavenly Call for beavens and earth. (2 Peter 8:10-13.) all such penitents The new heavens will be the Church who would con- in glory; the new earth, the social orsecrate their lives der under Messiah's Kingdom,

Saints on the Housetop. The Lord seems to assure us thatfall His faithful ones will die before the



symbolic fire will consume present institutions. In figurative language He says that in that Day of His Parousia presence, before His Epiphania, revealing, those on the housetop

showld not go down to take Lot's Flight. their goods out The house is the House of God, and those on the housetop are God's most saintly people. At that time such will realize the necessity for flight, and are warned not to seek to save any of the stuff-social privileges, honor of men small offices-deacon, elder, etc.

his family were warned to hasten, and not even to look back. So the Lord's people now are to "flee out of Babyion." Lot's wife, disobeying, failed to escape. The Lord applies this illustration to His people and urges that their flight be with a full renunciation of the things of the present.

In the flight from Sodom, Lotsand

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