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Open Forum

ANENT SATAN.

Editor Journal:—Noticing the article in your paper of last week entitled "Who is Satan" and the indicated interest aroused by the discussion of the question, I thought a few suggestions from the Bible (as this is the only source of information we have on the subject) might be of interest to your readers.

As suggested by "Citizen," this question is one which vitally concerns us all, for this Satan is a cruel, vindictive, cunning adversary of all that is good in mankind. He is a living, active personality, and has had now over six thousand years of experience in foisting his deceptions upon this world. But how did he become Satan, and where did he originate? Jesus says, Luke 10:18, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven," so he must at some time occupied a place in heaven. In Ezekiel 28 we have a description of this heavenly being and he was at that time one of the most beautiful of all the heavenly host, verse 13. He is likened here to the king of Tyros. He occupied a very important position, verse 14. Also in Isaiah 14 we have a description of this same being and his fall. Lucifer was his name, or Day Star, or Morning Star, verse 12. The cause of his fall was self exaltation, verse 13-14. This self-serving spirit grew in Satan's heart until it brought on a rebellion in heaven, Rev. 12:9, and he and his followers were cast out INTO THE EARTH. He drew one-third of the angels of heaven with him, verse 4, and these fallen angels are the power behind spiritualism and with whom Conon Doyle and his followers are hobnobbing, thinking they are in communication with their dead friends, Rev. 16:14. Satan is a very prominent character all through the Scriptures, and his many titles indicate the nature of his work. He is called The Adversary, I Peter 5:8; Prince of the Devils, Matt. 12:24; Prince of the power of the air, Eph. 2:2; Prince of this world John 14:30; Abaddon and Apollyon, Rev. 9:11; Beelzebub, Matt. 12:24; Belial II Cor. 6:15. He appears as an angel of light, II Cor. 11:14, still future; as the father of lies, John 8:44. He is presumptuous, Job 1:6, Matt. 4:5-6; proud I Tim. 3:6; powerful, Eph. 6:12; wicked, I John 2:3; deceitful, Eph. 6:11; fierce and cruel, Luke 8:29.

The study of this subject is of the greatest importance to the human race. This Satan is the great adversary of mankind; our sworn enemy, not the horrible creatures with horns and hoofs and spiked tails as we sometimes see him pictured, but a fallen angel, one of the brightest and most intelligent of God's created beings, see Ezekiel 28:3-4 and 12, last clause. But thanks to God his race is almost run. His Satanic Majesty has nearly reached the end of his rope and he knows it, Rev. 12:12, and very soon he will meet his final doom, see Psalms 37:10, Malachi 4:1 and on, Rev. 20:9.

This question is too great to treat intelligently in a short article. I have merely touched a few of the high points in the Scriptures, but trust they may be a help to some inquiring mind.
D. MacLAFFERTY.

CAN A CHRISTIAN COMMIT SIN?

Editor Journal:—In case a professing Christian and a non-Christian commit identical transgressions, whose sin is the greater?

This question having been debated in the Men's Bible class and on the streets of Nyssa to a considerable extent, perhaps it would not be amiss to make a few remarks through the Journal.

The Bible being our only guide on

subjects concerning morality, it seems indisputable that the Christian is most at fault. He who, having put his hand to the plow, turns back is surely worse than one who has never presumed to plow.

Sin is simply transgression of God's law, I John 3:4, and where there is no law sin is not imputed, Rom. 5:13. The non-Christian is not under God's law except in the sense that he is under the law of death resulting from Adam's disobedience. This is commonly called original sin, and is quite a different thing from a person voluntarily putting himself under the law of Christ. When one does that and afterwards sins, he is guilty of presumptuous sin, from which David prayed to be delivered, Psalms 19:13. The non-Christian cannot be guilty of this particularly heinous form of transgression because he has never placed himself under that law, and there is no way of coming under it except by voluntary submission. Therefore when a professing Christian sins he commits an offense against laws he, of his own free will, solemnly promised to obey. Judas' sin was doubly great because he was a traitor in addition to betraying an innocent man. The offense of the Christian is infinitely greater in the eyes of God than is the offense of the non-Christian, even though both may appear alike to the eyes of man.

While we do not profess to be able to fathom all the mysteries of Scripture, we raise the question of whether a sinning man can by any possibility be a Christian. In this connection we will, in closing, quote some passages from the New Testament, which we earnestly commend to the careful consideration of all professing Christians. We would be especially pleased to have the views of the Men's Bible class thereto:

I John 3:6 "Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not; whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you; he that committeth sin is of the devil. . . . Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin, . . . and he CANNOT sin, because he is born of God."

In the fifth chapter, first verse, we learn that "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God." The conclusion therefore seems to be inescapable that a true follower of Christ cannot commit sin.

FUNDAMENTALIST.

WHO IS SATAN?

Editor Journal:—To those who are seeking light on the mystery of evil I would like to point out that there is one source of information, and one only, where he who studies the subject thoughtfully may obtain the answer. The reasonings of the wisest men cannot provide a satisfactory answer; only in the revelations of the Scriptures can be found the facts relating to the arch enemy of mankind.

To ascertain his origin look up Isaiah 14. Lucifer, second highest among the inhabitants of heaven, in envy and jealousy, led a revolt against God and as a result was cast out of heaven with all his followers, to become the Satan of earth. Having occupied the position of an arch angel before his fall, Lucifer is of course immortal in his nature, the difference being that before his sin he was a good angel and afterwards an evil one. Lust for power which rightly belonged to God caused his expulsion from heaven, and lust for power today causes him to work ceaselessly to gain such influence in the hearts of men that they will be his subjects for eternity in the kingdom of darkness.

His mission is to lead astray as many of the human race as he can. Having placed himself in opposition to God, his whole energy is bent on deceiving mortals into allegiance with him, instead of God. He is the father of lies, and by lies and deception he persuades men to follow him. He deceived our first parents into sin in the Garden of Eden, and is today deceiving multitudes in this and every other land to such an extent that it would almost seem that he was to gain the victory. But instead of victory, a fearful fate awaits him.

John the Revelator, on the Island of Patmos, foresaw his doom: "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever."
J. B. D.

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NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned, the executor of the estate of J. S. Pinkston, deceased, has filed with the clerk of the County Court of the State of Oregon, his final account in the above entitled estate and that on Monday, August 27, 1923, at 10 a. m. in the Court House at Vale, Oregon, has been fixed by order of said Court as the time and place for hearing and settling said account and hearing objections thereto.

This notice is published by order of the above entitled Court dated July 16, 1923.

WALTER H. PINKSTON,
Executor.

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NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION TO FORM DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF MALHEUR.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that hearing on the following petition will be held at the Court house in the City of Vale, Oregon, on the 30th day of July, 1923, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, for the purpose of determining whether the prayer of said petition shall be granted.

All persons owning or claiming interest in lands described in said petition are hereby notified to appear at said place and on said date and show cause if any there be, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

H. S. SACKETT,
Clerk of Malheur County Court.

By Roy Daley, Deputy.

TO THE HONORABLE COUNTY COURT OF MALHEUR COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON:

The undersigned, being owners of more than fifty per cent of the acreage of the contiguous body of alkali, wet and overflow land in Malheur County, State of Oregon, hereinafter described, do hereby petition your honorable body to cause to be organized a drainage district for the purpose of having lands reclaimed and protected from the effects of water, for salinity and agricultural purposes and for the convenience and welfare of the public utility and benefit; and for the purpose of this petition we state the following matters as required by Chapter 440 of the General Laws of Oregon, for the year 1915:

1. The name proposed for such District is Owyhee Drainage District.

2. The boundary lines of the proposed District are as follows: Beginning at the corner of sections 25, 26, 35 and 36, T 20 S, R 46 E; thence east to the west bank of Owyhee river; thence south and west along west bank of Owyhee river to a point where said bank intersects south boundary of section 35; thence west to southwest corner section 35; thence north one mile; thence east to place of beginning. All being in Malheur County, State of Oregon.

3. The total acreage included in the said proposed district is 600 2 acres.

4. The names of the owners of the land in said proposed District, as shown by the records of Malheur County, Oregon, and the acreage owned by each of said owners is as follows:

NAMES	ACREAGE
J. F. Reece	153 4
Wm. McEwen	129 0
Wm. Peutz	118 0
C. L. Fischer	38 0
S. M. Stewart	156 0
Malheur County	12 2

5. The proposed reclamation and protection of said lands is for sanitary and agricultural purposes; and such reclamation and protection will be conducive to the public health and welfare, and of public utility and benefit.

6. All of the lands included in said proposed District are properly included therein, and will be beneficially affected by the operations of the proposed District.

7. The benefits of such proposed reclamation and protection will exceed the damage to be done; and the best interest of the land included, and of the owners of such land as a whole, and of the public at large, will be promoted by the formation and proposed operation of said District.

8. The formation of the Drainage District, under the provisions of Chapter 340 of the General Laws of Oregon for 1915 under the provisions of which this petition is proposed, is a proper and advantageous method of accomplishing the reclamation and protection of the land in said proposed Drainage District.

9. The proposed plan for the reclamation and protection of the property in the proposed District is by system of tile drains properly designed and located to carry off drainage water.

The land included in the proposed district is so situated that without ditches being constructed and water is not drained off the land remains cold and sour.

10. The signers of this petition agree that they will pay any and all expenses incurred, and any tax or taxes that may be levied against their respective lands for the purpose of paying the expense of organizing or attempting to organize the proposed district, such expense to be taxed against the lands of the signers in proportion to the number of acres owned by them and affected by the proposed drainage.

11. WHEREFORE, your petitioners pray that the lands described here in, or each of them as may be found by the court to be properly included in the proposed drainage district, either permanently or until further investigation and surveys may permit elimination shall be declared organized into

drainage district under the provisions of Chapter 340 of the General Laws of Oregon for the year 1915.

Signed,
WM. PEUTZ
C. L. FISCHER
J. F. REECE
S. M. STEWART.

STATE OF OREGON }
COUNTY OF MALHEUR } SS

I, Wm. Peutz, being first duly sworn, say that I have read the foregoing petition and that I believe the allegations thereof to be true. I further state that the signatures appended to said petition are true and proper signatures of persons whose names appear thereto, and that each and all of said signers of said petition are owners of land within the proposed drainage district as set forth in said petition.

WM. PEUTZ
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of June, 1923.
H. S. SACKETT,
County Clerk.
By Roy Daley, Deputy.
First publication June 22, 1923.
Last publication July 13, 1923.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as Superintendent of Banks for the State of Oregon, is in charge of the assets and affairs of the Bank of Nyssa, Nyssa, Oregon, for the purpose of liquidation.

All persons who may have claims against said bank are hereby notified to make legal proof thereof by filing a duly verified claim as by law provided, with the Deputy Superintendent of Banks in charge at the office of the BANK OF NYSSA, Nyssa, Oregon, on or before the 23rd day of September, 1923.

FRANK C. BRAMWELL,
Superintendent of Banks.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land office at Vale, Oregon,
June 27, 1923.

Notice is hereby given that Leila Thompson, widow of Samuel H. Thompson, deceased, of Nyssa, Oregon, who, on October 28, 1913, made desert land entry No. 02945 of W1NE4, E1NW1, Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 46 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, under the third paragraph of the Act of March 4, 1915, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Vale, Oregon, on the 7th day of August, 1923.

Claimant names as witnesses:
W. T. Fenn, F. L. DeBord, J. S. Glascock, Geo. E. Schweizer, all of Nyssa, Oregon.

Geo. W. McKnight,
Register.

SUMMONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MALHEUR.

Ross Jenkins, Plaintiff, vs. Catherine Jenkins, Defendant.

TO KATHERINE JENKINS, the above-named defendant:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are hereby required to appear and answer the Complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the expiration of six weeks from the date of the first publication of this Summons, and in the event of your failure so to do, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in his Complaint on file herein, to wit: For judgment and decree of this Court forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between plaintiff and defendant, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable.

This summons is published under and by virtue of an order of the Hon. Dalton Biggs, Circuit Judge, duly made and entered on the 7th day of June, 1923, authorizing and directing publication of summons against you by publication for six consecutive weeks and seven publications in the Gate City Journal.

R. W. SWAGLER,
Attorney for Plaintiff, residing at Ontario, Oregon.
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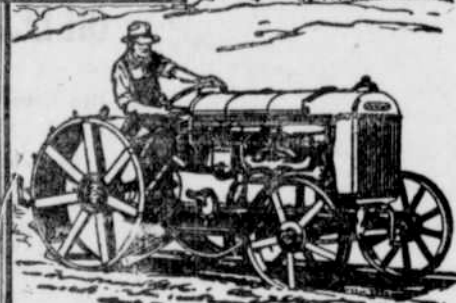
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