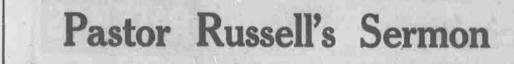
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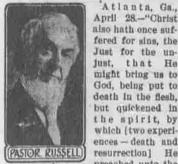
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HOW JESUS PREACHED TO SPIRITS IN PRISON

Who They Are and What Was Their Olfense.

"GAST DOWN TO TARTARUS."

Pastor Russell, at Georgia's Capital, Tells How Angels Once Materialized and Took to Themselves Wives From Among the Daughters of Men-Now Imprisoned In Earth's Atmosphere.



death in the flesh, but quickened in the spirit, by which [two experiences - death and resurrection] He preached unto the spirits in prison."-I Peter III, 18, 19.

This text, said Pastor Russell, has been made the basis for some peculiar presentations. From it some have deduced an intermediate state lasting between death and the resurrection. Others have claimed it as an authority for the doctrine of Purgatory. The difficulty in every case seems to be the failure to remember that the Bible always and everywhere teaches that the dead are really dead, that they know nothing, and that, therefore, it would be impossible to do any preaching to the dead humans. Undoubtedly the theory that people are more alive after they die than when they were alive is responsible for nearly all of the foolish things which we have all at some time professed to believe.

Before dismissing the thought that these "spirits in prison" are human apirits, let us note the fact that to say. "human spirits," is an absurdity of itself, because human beings are not apirits and spirit beings are not hu "Who maketh His angels spirtts," is the Scriptural proposition. True, we do sometimes speak of humans as possessing a spirit of life, but by this we merely mean that he possesses the power or energy of life, and the same would be equally true of the lower orders of creation, beasts, fish, fowi, etc.

Again, we sometimes speak of the Church as spirit beings-begotten of the Holy Spirit. Thus the Apostle speaks of the natural man in contrast with the New Creature, a spirit being. To appreciate this statement we must remember that the Church class re-ceives the begetting of the Holy Spirit to the end that, if faithful, they may attain unto a spirit resurrection and become spirit beings, like unto the angels and like to the Redeemer. But we

We are particularly told that the off- God, even amongst His people who spring of this improper union between truly love Him, and who truly desire the angels and the daughters of men to believe the teachings of His Word! were giants, both physically and men- We have all been under a kind of tally superior to the fallen human fam-"The god of this world "hoodoo." ily-"men of renown." And this state- [Satan] hath blinded" our minds on ment, that they were "men of re-nown," was at a time when manhood's see that death is the penalty for sin estate was reached at a hundred years, and that the resurrection is the salvaand implies that God did not interfere tion which God has promised and will to hinder or stop the progress of sin

provide. for perhaps several centuries. In the Satan has had powerful allies and meantime the race had become so corservants in the fallen angels, and it is rupt that apparently only Noah and through their persistence that his were uncoutaminated-all lie has triumphed over the Divine others had more or less come under Word of truth-"Dying, thou shalt the influence, directly or indirectly, of die." These failen spirits have made these fallen angels or their giant sons. Hence, of Noah it was written (not various manifestations in every land for centuries, and thereby have apthat he was a perfect man, but), "Now parently substantiated the theory that Noah was perfect in his generation' a dead man is more alive than when (uncontaminated) and his family apparhe was allve. Knowing that mankind ently the same. Hence these alone were saved in the ark, while all the rewould have nothing to do with them if their real personality were known mainder, more or less contaminated, they hide their personality and reprewere destroyed by the flood. sent themselves as our dead friends "In Chains of Darkness." who desire to speak with us, either di-It was then and there that God im-

rectly or through mediums. prisoned those spirits, angels, who kept A further desire of these angels is to obsess or to get possession of a hunot their first estate, and are therefore called fallen angels, devils, demons. man being. Being chained or restrain-They were not imprisoned in some far-off world called hell, nor are they ened from the privilege of materializa-tion, the next most desirable thing in gaged there in stoking fires for the tortheir estimation is to gain control over ture of poor humanity. Following the a human being and to use his body leading of the Scriptures we find that instead of their own. This is styled when the flood came they were not de-stroyed because, while their fleshly obsession, and persons so afflicted today are sent to an insane asylum bodies which they assumed might inwhere, it is estimated, they constitute deed perish, yet they would merely deat least one half of the entire number. materialize, or assume their spirit con-In the days of our Lord these were not mistakenly supposed to be insane, The record is that God cast tham but rightly declared to be obsessed. down, that He condemned them to an All remember the New Testament acoverthrow-that they might not any count that our Savior and His Aposonger associate with the holy angels,

ties cast out legions of fallen spirits from humanity. "Know Ye Not That the Saints Shall Judge Angels?"

We need not discuss this question with Bible Students, for it is too well recognized to be disputed. We suggest a topical study of this subject by all of our hearers. See how many times Jesus and the Apostles cast out demons, and note the particulars. Although we still have with us spirit nediums and many obsessed, we cannot know whether the proportionate

Once Disobedient-Still Disobedient. We of course cannot know that all number is greater or fewer than in of those failen angels are still in a disour Lord's day. Since the world's poployal condition of heart. On the couulation today is so much larger, the trary, in harmony with our text, we same number of evil spirits (which do may suppose that some of these fallen not increase) would show proportionangels have since repented of their ately less. But, however that may wrong course and it would be none be, we may assume that some frultage too strong a way to state the matterresulted from the great sermons that any such repentant ones would surely have terrible experiences as a preached to these in connection with the death and resurrection of our result. To be obliged to be in close Lord, respecting which St. Peter touch and relationship with the more tells us in our - text. Additionally, evil and malignant ones and to have St. Paul remarks, "Know ye not knowledge of all their evil designs and that the saints shall judge angels?" efforts would be a terrible experience (I Corinthians vi, 3.) We do know and, hesides this, we may be sure that that the holy angels need no judging. the rebellious would not hesitate to no trial, hence the Apostle must in persecute the repentant ones in every some way refer to a trial or judgment conceivable manner, as they would be or testing of these spirits in prison inwiess, regardless of the Divine will. who were once disobedient, in the On the other hand, the repentant ones would be obliged to restrain days of Noah. And if the judgment or testing is a part of the Divine plan, themselves and to not render evil for it implies a hope for them, and in conevil, knowing that this would be confunction with St. Peter's statement trary to the Divine will. In other In our text it gives the reasonable inwords, repentant ones amongst those ference that the preaching which Jefallen spirits, influenced by the preachsus did to them was not wholly in vain.

How Jesus Preached In Death,

Here arises another question: If Je-

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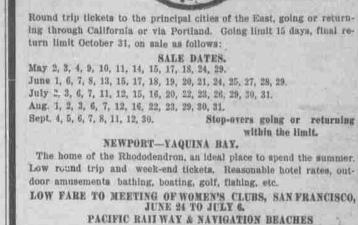
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are not spirits yet, except by faith-by hope. However, the context shows that the Apostle had no reference to the Church, either: we were not in pathy. prison; we received the Measage of subvation through the Apostics.

Spirits Once Disobedient.

The spirits to whom the message was given had proven themselves disobedient, says St. Peter. He even his angels, his messengers, his servtells us the time of their disobedience. ants and he is spoken of as Beelzebub. namely, that it was "in the days of Noah, while the ark was preparing." Surely, if noticing these particulars mentioned in the context, no one would tell us was an angel of a higher rank, be excusable for misunderstanding this Scripture and considering it in any way applicable to humanity of our day or to humanity in general. However, it is helpful to us to learn the full particulars of the matter. What was their disobedience, and when and how were they imprisoned?

there the cause of the disobedience of those angels, who for a time had been wrong along the may use. St. Paul's permitted to see what they could do for the uplift of humanity, or, rather, permitted to demonstrate that the downward tendency of sin is incurable except in the manner which God has already arranged for through Messiah and His glorious reign of a thousand years,

Instead of those angels beloing mankind out of sin they helped themselves into sin, and by so doing they increased the depravity amongst humanity until the astounding record is that "the wickedness of man was great in the earth. and that every fungination of the thought of his heart was only evil continually." 'The particular sin of those angels was that when they were granted the privileges of materializing-of taking human bodies for the sake of helping and instructing mankind-they misused this power and took to themselves the daughters of men for wives.

Thus these angels came gradually to prefer to live as men amongst men and to rear earthly families rather than to abide in the condition in which they were created-spirit beings, higher than humans. Not only was this wrong in the sense that it was taking a course in opposition to the Divine arrangement, but it was wrong also because the thing was done for the cultivation and gratification of lust. and it led to their own moral defilement as well as having a baneful influence upon humanity; for we can same line of falsification? And has he come leaders in lustful practices would in every land believe that when a man mean a great infinence upon mankind dies be does not die, but gets more toward sin and definement of mind and alive-exactly Satan's lie of the first

ing of Jesus or otherwise, would have a kind of purgatorial experience, and the very thought calls forth our sym-

declare, if "He poured out His soul When imprisoned or cut off from the unto death," and "made His soul an privilege of materialization, many of offering for sin," and His soul was not raised from the dead until the third the fallen spirits, we know not what proportion, continued their active opday after His crucifixion, how could position to God, after the manner of He in the meantime preach to spirits Satan. Hence they are spoken of as in prison, or to anybody else? reply that He could preach in the same way that the Apostle refers to. the Prince of Demons. Satan, who saying, "He, being dend, yet speaksinned much earlier than the others, eth" (Hebrews xi, 4); and again, in the and in a different way, the Scriptures same way that the blood of Abel is said to have cried to God-figuratively. or a higher nature, and this superiori-Of one thing we are sure, namely, that Jesus gave no oral address while ty of his has made him the Prince of ruler over the hosts of fallen spirits. He was dead. He preached in the way Fighting Against God.

we sometimes refer to when we say, The fight of Satan and his fallen an "Actions speak louder than words." gels is against God, against all who are It was the great object lesson which in harmony with Him, against all the the fallen angels saw that constituted regulations of righteousness, and to them the great sermon that gave them a ground for hope. On several occasions the fallen spirits, when commanded to come out of human beings. remarks that God's people contend not declared that they knew Jesus. In the merely "with flesh and blood," but also long ago they had known Him, when, with wicked spirits in high positions," us the Only Begotten of the Father, and the question arises, "Who is suffi-cient for these things?" The reply is and His Representative, He had created them and all things that are that none is sufficient; without the aid made, and was also the mouthpiece for of the Redeemer His church would be all Divine orders and regulations. uite overcome and vanquished by evil. They realized that He had come into Likewise, without the Redeemer's aid the world to be its Redeemer; they perthrough His Kingdom, without the ceived the great stoop that He had binding of Satan, without our Lord's made from His lofty position on the releasing of the world from the bondheavenly plane to the servant position age of sin and death, there would be on the human plane. They admired no hope of the world's recovery from His loyalty and faithfulness to God, its present bondage. But with the Apostle we exclaim, "If God be for us, ish; they never expected Him to arise who can be against us?" (Romans from the dead. But when they perceived His resurrection on the third lay to glory, honor and immortality,

Through Mediums and Obsessions. Satan's original plan of attack was to "far above angels, principalities and oring our race under his infinence by

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powers and every name that is named," His sermon to them was complete, nlarepresentation-by putting darkness for light and light for darkness-for innamely, that "the wages of sin is stance, the temptation under which death," but that "the gift of God is Mother Eve fell. Satan there repreeternal life." (Romans vi. 23.) And as sented bimself as Eve's friend, giving they realized thus the Power of God her sound advice. He represented God and the Love of God for His human as having a selfish motive behind His creatures, the Apostle's words imply command that our first parents should hat this constituted to them a meanot ent of the tree of the knowledge of sage of hope. Perhaps if they would good and evil. Satan declared that show full contrition God eventually God had told an untruth when He said would have mercy upon them, even as that the penalty for sin would be death. He had had mercy and had provided Satan declared that man cannot die. for humanity. And has he not since kept up the

The lesson is one for all. God's powreadily see that for the angels, of su-perior powers, and intelligence, to be-the every subject? Do not all peoples wifful sin will have its punishment, a er is Infinite, so is His love, His merjust recompense of reward, and only the willing and obedient shall have the Divine favor and everlasting life. Let instance? How few have believed each apply the lesson to himself.

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