Pastor Russell's Sermon

MISCONCEPTIONS

"Snashing of Teeth" Merely Bible Hyperbole.

Paster Russell Says the Bible Does Not Substantiate Herrible Teachings of Dark Ages-Classes the Spirit Mediums of Today With the Witches and Necromancers of the Past.



Philadelphia, Pa., June 16.-Pas. tor Russell delivered two discourses here today. In one he chose this text: "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth when ye shall see Abraham and tunne and Jacob and all the Prophets in the King-

out."-Luke xiii, 28.

Bible students in the past, resting Ages, finding that the Bible, rightly in-The hobgoblins and demons of torture, cloven boof, forked tall, malignant giance, pitchforks and tongues of flame came down to us, not from the inspired Word of God, but from the pens of misanthropic poets and the brushes of portrayal of blood-curdling scenes and endeavored to make them more awful than the tortures of the Inquisition chambers of their own day.

So far from describing Satan and his demon bosts as torturers of the dead, the Rible tells us plainly that the dead are "asleep" and will know nothing of joy or sorrow until the awakening time in the dawning of the Messianic Kingdom, and that Satan and his demon hosts of fallen angels are not far off stoking fires, but near by us, "powers of the nir." It tells us also that these seek to oppose the Divine Program and to ensuare our race by personating the dead, using as their channels deceived spirit mediums as they used witches wigards and necromancers in the past.

Satanic Influence Near.

St. Peter, so far from believing that Satan is far off stoking fires, described him as a roaring, angry tion, going about amongst men seeking whom he might devour-deceive, involve in ain: St. Paul forewarns us that Satan and his agents are crafty and are to be expected to present themselves as angels of light-leaders in advanced truth. We are assured that this dreadful, inwhole world for centuries. The Divine promise is that Messiah's Kingdom shall bind or restrain Satan for a thousand years that he may deceive the people no more until Messiah shall de liver up the Kingdom to the Pather.

The Scriptures specially forewarn us of great activity on the part of the evil spirits in the end of this Age, and intimate that they will have much to do with the great Time of world wide Trouble which will precede the inauguration of Messiah's Kingdom. It is time for us to be on the lookout for these wonderful manifestations of diabollim which for a time will seem to make many of our poor race madly insame, brutat, inhuman, diabolical. This is the real danger from the demons-to the present life, and not in the future.

They will deceive and torture humanity to the limit of their permission, when they will be restrained by the King of Glory and the bright shining of the Sun of Righteousness, which will usber in the New Day of earth's

the words "weeping and gnashing of teeth" represent, not new conditions amongst men, but those which may be witnessed every day-sorrow, heartache, grievous disappointment; and this is the use of this expression to the Bible. We should dismiss all thought that the experiences mentioned will be after death and the result of tortures lufficted by demona

Jews' Bitter Disappointment.

In our text the Lord graphically pictures the disappointment of the Jews when they shall find out how great was their mistake in the rejection of Jesus and His Message. They will find that the glorious opportunity offered to them of becoming members in the Bride of Christ was the bighest favor that Divine morey could offer them as the children of Abraham. Thuy will become aware of their loss of the heavenly portion and also of the earthly portion of the Divine promise. They will then come to understand that the promise to Abraham dealt with two seeds, one heavenly the other earthly, and that the faithful ones of past Ages, Abraham, lance and Jurob and all the boly Prophets and other faithful ones of their uszion, will be rewarded with the highear positions of honor in the earthly phase of Stessish's Kingdom, while they, who had the opportunity of en foring the still higher, the spiritual of the matter. A little later on therphase of that Kingdom, falled because elation with He tells us more on the or unreadiness of heart to receive the litediscours. They will find that come

spiritual Seed-members of the Mesinh, of which Jesus is the Head and the Church His Body.

well go out to them in sympathy in the His Thrope, their chagrin and disappointment. This multitu when they shall learn the truth on the subject, when they shall learn that they have lost not only the heavenly glory but also the honorable place ontrition of heart and penitence, we trust, toward God, which will bring them into the right condition to be amongst the first of humanity-to be lessed under the New Order of blindness is to be turned from Israelust as soon as the elect spiritual Seed of Abraham shall be completed, St. Paul tells us (Romans xi, 25-33.)

Then favor will return to the nattain mercy through your mercy." Their eyes of understanding will open; mentally "they will look upon Him whom they have plerced." They will mourn for Him, and the Divine promise is that God will then pour upon them the spirit of prayer and supplication.

Other Similar Texts, All Bible students will recall several dom of God, and you yourselves thrust guage to that of our text. But when under a terrible fear of an eteralty of periences in the present life, that none torture after death, were inclined to of them relate to incidents beyond the Heavenly pinnel twist the statements of Scripture into tomb. A greater care in the study of supports for their misconceptions. We the Bible might have protected us are now breaking loose from some of from the thought that any of these those horrible nightmares of the Dark references apply to the dead, because the Scriptures not only tell that they terpreted, does not substantiate them. are sleeping and waiting for the morning, but they also particularly inform us that "the dead know not anything;" "their sons come to bonor and they know it not, to dishonor and they perceive it not of them;" and that "there is neither work, nor device, nor knowlambitious painters who revelled in the edge, nor wisdom in the grave [sheef]" -whither all go.-Ecclesiastes ix, 5, 10;

This expression, "weeping and gnashing of teeth," is found also in the parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins. The context tells us that this parable applies in the end of this Gospel Age, at about the time for the second coming of Jesus-not as a sinbearing Sacrificer, but as the King of Glory. His consecrated, saintly people are likened onto ten virgins-five wise and five foolish.

The parable does not relate to the world at all, but merely to the saints. They are all virgins, all pure, all justifled, all sanctified ones. The difference between them is in respect to their wisdom or unwisdom. The wise saints of God in the end of this Age. guided by the Divine Word, will walk very circumspectly, very faithfully, searching the Scriptures in respect to all they believe and striving to conform themselves to the Divine will in all that they do and say.

Because of their watchfulness, alertness, devoutness and loyalty they are wise and will be in a special position deemer. Being justified by faith the of advantage and knowledge in respect consecrated have not only peace with to the things of the Harvest time of this Age. The Master, the Bridegroom. will lead these; and gradually, one by one, they shall go through the door of death into the marriage, experiencing the giorious change promised, "in a noment, in the twinkling of an eye." They will complete the Bride Class, to which none can be added, because it is a foreordained and predestinated num ber. With the end of our Age the door to glory and immortality will close. never to open again, because there is to be but one Bride and her membership is limited by forcordination.

The Foolish Virgins. The "foolish virgins" will miss their glorious opportunity by reason of unwisdom. They will be so overcharged with the cares of this life and the deceltfulness of riches and the attempt to have the favor of the world as well hinder them from proper Bible study and from faithfulness in walking in the footsteps of Jesus. Because of this

they are styled foolish, unworthy of God's highest favor-the divine nature. The parable shows them as finally, n the very close of the Age, obtaining the light which they should have had sooner and they not been overcharged with earthly cares and ambitions. As soon us they obtain the light they real ise the situation and ask for ade as members of the Bride of Christ, to which they were called; but the answer is that it is complete, that the Bridegroom can know only one Wife and cannot recognise them thus. Then to them will come weeping and gnashng of teeth, sorrow, disappointment chagrin, that they have failed to obtain through their own carele this bighest Prize, to which Divine mercy and love had invited them.

At that time will be great tribulation n the world, such as never was since there was a aution, and these "foolish virgins" will have their portion in it -with the hyporrites. The "time of trouble" will be specially upon the hypocritical or "tare" class of Chrisendom, which has pretended layalty o God on His Church when in reality hetr hearts were far from Him. The "foolish virgins" are not hypocrites out troe saints; nevertheless, on account of not living fully up to their orivileges, they will fall to gale the Prize and be given a portion in the great trouble time with the uyporites.

This is the Master's own description subject, that only Rible students may fully appreciate and orderstand. He

whom they esteemed as publicans and tells as that after the completion of sinners and Gentiles, by accepting the Church, spiritual Israel, the 144,-Christ and becoming His disciples, be- 000, a great multitude will "come op came heirs of the highest promise through great tribulation and wash made to Abraham-became Abraham's their robes and make them white in the blood of the Lamb." These will be bonored with a place before the Throne, while the "elect," as the Alas, poor Jews! Our hearts may Bride, will be honored with immanuel

This multitude will be granted paim branches, representing a final victory, but they will never be granted the crowns of victory, which will belong only to the elect, "wise virgin" class, SCRIPTURES MISINTERPRETED of being areasing a street will be class will be the Temple, composed of living stones; but the Great Company, we the "foolish virgin" class, will not be the "foolish virgin" class, will not be stones of that Temple, but will serve God in the Temple. An honorable place will thus be granted the "foolish virgins," who finally get the oil and things. Very soon, we believe, the finally cleanse their robes in the time of trouble, but never will they attain the portion of the Bride.

In Panim xiv we have a description of the Church in glory, the Wise Virgin class. She is pictured as a Bride. ural seed of Abraham: "They shall ob- all giorious within and clothed in raiment of gold and fine needlework. The Heavenly Bridegroom will present her faultless before His Father, the Great King; and then we read, "The virgins, her companions, shall follow her; they shall be brought into the presence of the King." How glad we are that in Divine providence their weeping and gnashing of teeth and sorrow and disother passages of very similar lan- appointment at losing a place in the Bride Class will eventually work out we get the right focus upon them we for them a contrition of beart and a perceive that they all belong to ex- demonstration of loyalty which God can reward with a blessing upon the

Wailing In Outer Darkness. Another text dealing with "walling and guashing of teeth" deserves consideration here. It occurs in connec tion with the parable of the Wedding Garment. That parable pictures the losing time of this Age, when under Divine blessing God's most saintly people will be given greater light on His Word and be enabled thereby to more fully appreciate the lengths, breadths, heights and depths of His Love and its wonderful providences.

These consecrated ones are repreented as being guthered into a great banquet hall, radiantly beautiful. In it they tarry, waiting to be ushered into the banquet proper, in an adjoining apartment. The light of these apartments is in the parable vividly contrasted with the darkness that prevalls outside, which darkness represents the condition of the world and all of God's people who have not yet come into the light of "present truth."

The parable is given specially to show the necessity of the "wedding garment"-that none may enter into the marriage feast except he acknowledges and uses the "wedding garment." On such festival occasions in ancient times it was customary that all guests should be furnished by the host with garments of white which would cover their own garments, and for the time being, as his guests, this placed them all on the same footing. whatever their ordinary station in life. Thus we have pictured the justification which all God's people receive as a urative "marriage supper."

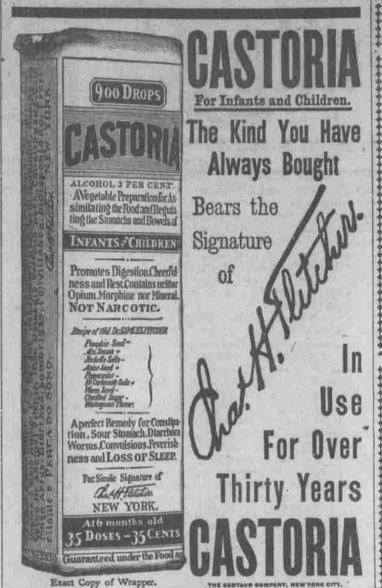
The parable is laid in the end of this Age and points out that at this time an inspection of the Church may be expected. "When the king came in he bebeld a man who had not on a wed ding garment." The implication is that the man had put on the wedding gar ment, else he could not have gone to at all; and his appearing later on without a "wedding garment" implies that he had rejected the robe provided by his host.

Thus he represented a class of Chris tians in this our day who, after nelieving in the merit of Christ's sucri fice, and accepting it us the passport to favors and privileges, nitinately reject it and count it common or unimportant. The parable shows what is to be expected now, namely, that the as the favor of the Lord that it will Great King will command that such as ignore the merit of His sacrifice be cast into outer darkness

> Outer Darkness General. But let us note enrefully that the

outer darkness" is not something be gond death, but that it prevails every where, all around us "Darkness cov ers the earth and gross darkness the beathen." The only ones who are in the light are the ones whom the Lord has specially received and specially enlightened and specially privileged be carse thay wear the "wedding gar ment" of Christ's righteensness. The canting out of the one without the "wedding garment" into "outer darkocas" therefore would mean merely that such a one, despite his struggles and desire to remain to the light, would by Divine providence be forced into the darkness common to the whole

world and lose those special privileges which he had enjoyed as one of the children of the light and heirs of giory. About the time that the faithful will be unbered into the marriage the great "time of trouble" will break upon the world, and all who are in darkness will have "weeping and gnashing of teeth" as they behold the collapse of hose things upon which they have set their hearts and affections the things of the present Order. Think God, their weeping and granting of teeth may altimately be turned into joy, because there is a silver lining to the dark cloud which is shout to envelop the world! It will be the dark bour preceding the dawning of the New Dispensation and the blessing of all the families of the earth by Messiah and His Bride, to a place in which, by the grace of God, dear heavers, let us agrave. make our calling and election ware.



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