Pastor Russell's Sermon

DECLINE OF FAITH AND GODLINESS

Pastor Russell Warns Mankind Against Selfishness.

BLIGHT OF FINANCIAL GREED.

God Forgotten in the Scramble For Wealth-World Is About to Learn a Great Lesson on the Sin of Avarice. Then the Messianic Kingdom Will Be Innugurated and a Reign of Leve and Righteousness Established - Thousands Gather to Hear Pastor Russell.



Toronto, Can., July 7 .- Pastor Russell addressed two audiences here today, one in the Royal Alexandra Theatre before several thousand persons. About a thousand of those in attendance at a Convention of the International Bible Students Association, which was in

session here during the week and adjourned yesterday, decided to remain and hear both discourses by Pastor Russell today. We report one of his addresses from the text: "So is he that layeth up tressure for himself, and is not rich toward God." (Luke xii, 21,) He said in part:-

Ours is the day of wealth. Nothing to compare with it has ever been known in the world's history, and the wealth is increasing. Not merely have we discovered rich deposits of gold and aliver and precious stones; not merely are these being mined in a provident and successful manner, with which nothing in the past could compare, but additionally the world is growing rich in every conceivable way. Our cities are growing in size and beauty, in san-Mary conveniences, in specious parks, an good, payed streets, and boulevards all the world over.

Furthermore, machinery perfected within the inst fifty years is being multiplied and turning out articles of convenience and value which add to world's comfort and material wealth-not merely in perishable articles, such as clothing and bric-a-brae, but vast libraries, public and private. are being acquired; and many of these inxuries are becoming cheap, because produced. These all, however, consti-

But are we as a race growing rich toward God, as our text intimates would be the proper thing? Is not the It not true that within the last fifty flunncial greed has become so strong our recently passed Pure-food Laws for the protection of the lives of the people-because life and health were

is it not true that although we are all letter housed, better fed and better clothed than were our forefathers, there is a general unrest, because of the trust in riches? Is it not true that even with all the modern safeguards of milice and detective systems, and the telegraph, telephone, etc., still buman lives and property are in peril, because of the everywhere prevalent hunger for wealth?

"Whose Shall These Things Be?" Our text is a portion of one of our Lord's parables. In it He pictures a man whose lines were fallen in pleas ant places. The smilling aun and genial showers prospered his undertakings and his wealth grew. The opportunity game to him for helping his friends and neighbors and relatives less to vored-the opportunity for turning his material wealth to a good account in the cultivation of the generous traits sel tils character, and thus to develop more and more the Divine character afor tiod senture Illa blessings, the rain and the sunshine, apon the evil and upon the goods

But instead of becoming rich through the cultivation of the noble qualities sif his character, he allowed seithhness to dominate He pulled down his barns and built greater. He accumuintest firstend of dispensing the wealth which Divine providence permitted to flow into his lap. Are there not many today who are patterning after the character which the Lord portrayed in this parable?-many who are saying ro themselves, "I will accumulate wealth and then say to my soul. You have plenty; 'eat, drink and be merry?' Think not particularly of your less faworld brethren or neighbors, nor of the sutserably poor; live for yourseif." Does it not appear that the Lord has here drawn a picture of practically evvey man in the world, some of whom ere really doing these things, and others only longing for the opportunity?

Hear the Lord's Estimation. If the Lord declared that the man in ffin parable was a fool, what may we suppose is His estimate of the muses of the world today-blessed as men mayer before were blessed, privileged as men never before were privileged. and therefore responsible as men nevor before were responsible in the use of money? Aims! We fear that the our hearts on things above, and to weam we may be in earthly goods, at the mucid to its noramble for wealth, wis-

portunity of becoming rich toward eternal life," now proffered to us. God because they have the opportunity to cultivate the Christ-like spirit

brotherly-kindness. tion, but merely to His Church-the Christ are advantageous. For instance, to learn a great lesson along this very not see how it will make any differ-line of selfishness. Having sown to ence to the Lord what I do with my about to reap a whirlwind of trouble, the fruitage of selfishness, in which the interests of the rich and poor will clash in the great conflet between capital and labor, between those who capital and labor, between those who have secured wealth and those who dren, who are far from rich in the will strive to take the wealth from them-"s time of trouble such as nev-

er was since there was a nation."

Are any so blinded as not to see the awful growth of anarchy, which is not they shall attain to the Kingdom at ever attained? And are there any so blinded as to be unable to see that the What is the philosophy of it?" conflict will be along the lines of selfishness-desire on the one part to hold and on the other part to acquire? But God is not appealing to the world, and indeed an appeal would be useless, so lutense is the spirit of avarice.

as a whole to learn its great lesson that seifishness is an integral part of sin, as others-seif-love. love and benevolence are integral parts of righteousness. We cannot doubt that by the time the lesson of selfishness and its results shall have been fully learned by the world it will be rendy to cry out for Divine assistance.

And by that time, too, God's assistance for the poor world will be ready. The Messiaule Kingdom will be inaugurated and a reign of love will be established which will contrast sharply with the present conditions in all its blessed results of peace, joy, love and good will amongst men. And we may ter way than this for teaching the edness, schishness-back to the gioreasonably assume that there is no betworld its needed lesson on this subject.

The Lesson to the Church. God's lessons are for the Church-God's lessons are for the Church-not for the church nominal, which is will take away the stony heart out of merely a more civilized section of the their flesh, and give them a heart of world—but for the Church real, for fiesh—a heart of sympathy. All under God's saintly people in and out of the that favorable condition who will revarious sects and parties, and in every fuse to return to harmony with God. nation, kindred and tongue. These, anx-lous to know and do the will of God, stroyed from amongst the people in receive special instruction such as the world is not prepared to receive. To But while such a restitution such as the second Death.—Acts iii, 19-23. these saintly footstep followers of Jethe favorable conditions of the Messus, the Lord says, Let not your riches, sinnle Kingdom is God's provision for your treasures be of an earthly kind. the world. He has a different provision Rather, go to the opposite extreme and spend and be spent in the interests of others, in the service of God, in the service of His message of love; and thus, along the lines of the Divine oven as others." The fact that God or the world, He has a different provision for the Church, now being called tested. For the control of the church, now being called tested. of the facility with which they can be promises, seek for a share with the has called us to joint heirship with great Redeemer in the sufferings and His Son in the glorious Kingdom that tote riches, one giance at which would self-denists of the present life, and in is shortly to bless the world does not the glory, honor and immortality of signify that He will accept us in outhe life that is to come.

"Therefore, take no thought for your life [soul] what ye shall cat, neither On the contra very reverse true; namely, that faith | for the body what ye shall put on, The and godiness are on the decline? Is soul is more than meat, and the body it not true that within the last fifty more than raiment"-"Your Father years the love of money, which the knoweth what things ye have need of "Apostle declares is "a root of all evil," Therefore, "seek first [chiefly] the Therefore, "seek first [chiefly] the has intensified? Is it not true that Kingdom" and the righteousness which at demands and all needful things shall be supplied according to your Father's wisdom. "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. Sell that ye have and give aims, previde yourselves bags which was not old, a treasure in the heavens which fadeth not away, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."-Luke

"Charge Them That Be Rich," We are not for a moment to suppose that the Apostle referred to the worldly rich when he wrote to Timothy, 'Charge them that are rich in this world that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God who giveth us richty all things to enjoy." (I Timethy vi. 17.) Most evidently the Apostle refers to some of the consecrated people of God as having wealth; they are to consid er it a stewardship, and not their own -not to be disposed of according to their own worldly caprices, and surely not to be disposed of according to the dictum of their friends and neighbors and relatives.

If they are the Lord's, all they have must have been consecrated to Him. else they were not accepted as His disiples as He said. The charge which the Apostie directed to be given to the "that they do good, that they be rich n good works, ready to distribute ifor the necessities of others, willing to communicate" (liberally; willing to share with others of the brethren as members of a community, somewhat along

the lines of Christian communism). The effect of so doing, the Apostle states, would be "laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come. The word foundation here is used in the same onse as when we say that a wealthy man gave a foundation of a million dollars for a college. His present constitutes the foundation or basis for the

Thus a Christian who generously uses from which the Lord has promised n the Lord's service his financial His faithful ones. All who shall at stewardship is laying a foundation for tain to it will be rich in the highest the future—a foundation for his spir sense, rich toward God Not only itual wealth, and the more of time and will they be rich in the possession of influence and wealth any of us can lay the highest prize that God has to give up thus In doing good in forwarding the interests of the brethren and the process and lessons of our Great Teach Lord's work, the more are we pfling up for we shall be rich in His character our treasures in beaven and lesseafing likeness, rich in experience, rich is those on earth. At the advantage of faith, rich in benevolence, rich in all this procedure is that it helps to center that is good and great, however poor

nessed today on every hand. In our where our treasures are there will our text God's people of today have the hearts be also. And thus, says the reminder that the masses have the op- Apostle, we will be able to "lay hold on

Like Unto Your Father, It below God's intelligent children to through generosity, belpfulness and follow in the "narrow way" and to learn the lessons of the present life, if Not to the world, however, does the they can see the principles involved Lord address His reproof and admoni- and how the lessons in the School of consecrated few. The world is about many at first are inclined to say, "I do the wind the seed of selfishness, it is money, my raients, my influence. He world's estimation, to use their little talents of time and money and influ ence, and why make this a test for them, which will determine whether or gradually settling down upon the high- all, and if they attain at all, whether est civilization to which the world has they shall be amongst the greatest or amongst the least in the Kingdom?

The philosophy is this: Man as originally created, in the Divine likeness, was tender-hearted, sympathetic. was after sin entered the world and the strife for a living began that selflahness gradually became the predom-God, therefore, is allowing the world | mant influence, producing hard-heartedness-carelessness of the interests of

> Take Away the Stony Heart. God proposes that during the thouand years of Messiah's reign the hardheartedness of our race shall gradually be dissolved. Satan will be bound and his allurements will be ended The curse will be lifted, the earth will yield its increase, the thoras and thisties will give place, and so will the pests. The stress being lifted from mankind it will be easier for him to learn the lessons of love and brothergood, and to rise up out of his present ondition of meanness and hard-heartrions image of God in which man was created. This will mean the dissolving of the stony-heartedness of our race;

But while such a restitution under present condition of hard-heartedness

On the contrary, if we are to be the kings, priests and Judges of the world. in association with our Lord and Head, the great King, we can readily see that we ourselves must get rid of this condition before we could be properly capable of helping the world up out of

"We Walk by Faith."

In various respects the Lord's dealings with His called Church at the present time are different from what His dealings will be with the world by and by. This is because ours is so high an honor; and, correspondingly, it is appropriate that we should manifest the more love, the more seal than will be expected of the world.

To illustrate: We must walk by faith and not by sight, and voluntarily accept the Lord's providences. and voluntarily undertake to co-op erate in putting away the stony heart, accepting instead the Spirit of the Lord, and the Spirit of the Fathera spirit of love, kindness, gentleness, meekness, patience and long suffering toward all. Moreover, during the thou sand years of the world's recovery from sin and selfishness and hardheartedness, doubtless each individual will have several centuries for his gradual development, but the Father seeks in the Church class such as will manifest so much real for Him, and such as will give such heed to His to structions, and show such carnestness to copy His character, that they will succeed in attaining a heart condition of tenderness, sympathy and love tike onto the Henveniy Father's, in the present years of their Christian ex-

And if we shall ulrimately demor strate this fixity of our hearts, the Lord will own us as His children in the Pirst Resurrection and grant us perfect bod les on the spirit plane, when it will be possible for us to be absolutely like That is the glorious condition for which we are walting, boptng, pray ing, striving. And it is within our reach, for the Lord but not called us in vain: "Faithful is He who hath

So then, dear fellow-Rible students let us gird up the loins of our minds determining that with the Lord's help we will be rich toward God. Let us carrying out of the college plans and think less and less of earthly cirbes and more and more prize the King -His very best-but following the Children Cry for Fletcher's

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