

Pastor Russell's Sermon

PASTOR RUSSELL AT ILLINOIS FAIR

Honor to the Son Means Honor to the Father Also.

THE NEW DAY ALREADY DAWNING

Pastor Russell at the Illinois State Fair said that the Work of Calvary is Progressing, but Far From Finished. The Selection of the Elect Church is the Beginning, Not the Completion, of the Divine Purpose—Messiah's Kingdom Will Accomplish His Triumph Over Sin and Death by the Deliverance of Humanity.



Springfield, Ill., Oct. 6.—Pastor Russell arrived yesterday, the guest of the State Board. His address this afternoon at the fair grounds auditorium drew an immense audience. His topic was "BEYOND THE GRAVE." We report his evening address from the text, "At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess—to the glory of God."—Philippians II, 10, 11.

The speaker referred to the Six Great Days of a thousand years each, during which the world is experiencing a reign of sin and death, sighing and crying. Physicians physical and moral have been unable to effect a cure. God Himself alone is able to roll away the curse which He imposed and to give mankind instead His blessing.

In the past we have been so intent on following our own sectarian schemes and theories that we have neglected the proper study of the Bible. Indeed not until our day has such a study been possible for the masses. Only now do they have the Word of God in their possession in convenient form in every family, and only now is education so general as to permit all to read, all to study, all to know the good things of the Divine promises.

The creeds of the "Dark Ages" did indeed die into our ears the message of the curse. Yea, they distorted it and made it a message of eternal torture, whereas the Scriptures declare that "the wages of sin is death"—not eternal torment. In our darkness we misinterpreted and misinterpreted God's Word to our own confusion, swallowing also some interpretations without proper scrutiny. No wonder we were nauseated by those creeds! No wonder the intelligent portion of humanity were in danger of all being driven into infidelity—away from God and from His Book, which we misunderstood and misrepresented!

A New Day is Dawning.
Bible Students are arousing from their sleep and finding that they have long suffered from nocturnal hallucinations. The true message of God's Word is spreading, and with it goes increase of faith, together with joy, peace and gladness.

We have all noted the fact that ours is the most wonderful day of earth's history. At this great State Fair our eyes open widely as we note the contrast between the blessings which surround us and those enjoyed by our fathers. Although we are viewing here the exhibits of but one State out of many, we are surely all amazed at what we see of progress, invention and labor-saving machinery, of educational arrangements, of improvement in the breeding of cattle, sheep, swine, horses, poultry, etc.

We are equally astonished at the progress made in the culture of fruit and vegetables. We say to ourselves, Surely the fruits and flowers and animal life of Paradise could not have very greatly surpassed the prize-winners of this exhibition! We cogitate further that with the progress of invention, the necessity of arduous labor and sweat of face for the daily bread will soon be at an end and the necessary leisure and conveniences and comforts which will pervade every man to be a nobleman will soon be available to all. What do these things mean? Why have they come suddenly upon us in one generation?—yea, and give no indication of slackening, but rather of progressing to still greater wonders! What is the explanation of this?

The Bible alone gives the reply to this query. It explains to us the meaning of the reign of sin and death which we and our forefathers have shared. It tells us that our sorrows, aches and pains, weaknesses mental, moral and physical, are all the results of sin—the sin of Father Adam entailed upon us by the laws of heredity for the Six Great Days of a thousand years each, already past.

Then to our astonishment the Bible opens the door of the future and bids us look abroad and see the better Day which God promises. It explains that He has been giving us lessons respecting the exceeding sinfulness of sin, but that all the while He has sympathized with and loved His creatures. It tells us that as a beginning of the Divine intention to roll away the curse and to give instead Divine blessings, Jesus came into the world and died for Adam and his race, "the Just for the unjust," to cancel their judicial obligations—

the death penalty upon them—and thus to give them an opportunity in God's due time to return to their former estate, all that Adam lost—to the perfection which was his when he was in the image of God, to all that was his in his glorious estate—Paradise.

When Will the Curse Roll Away?
Chronologically we are already in the Great Seventh Day or Thousand-Year Sabbath—we are already thirty-eight years into the great Seventh Day. This explains the blessings which are ours and which are coming to us increasingly. This progress will continue throughout the great Thousand-Year Sabbath of Messiah's Kingdom. The Bible promises that it shall bring blessings to every creature—not only the living, but the dead, "for all that are in their graves must hear the voice of the Son of God, and come forth." (John V, 28, 29.) All must be given a full opportunity to come into harmony with the Creator and to come to perfection and everlasting life. Only by personal, willful, intelligent sin can anyone's blessings be turned into the second curse of God, the Second Death, from which there will be no redemption.

Incidentally let us note that the coming of those blessings is, in one sense, premature, in that they have come to us before the establishment of the Messianic Kingdom. Consequently, instead of the world's being happier because of these favors, it is more unhappy, more discontented than ever. The Scriptures show that the discontent will culminate in a short, sharp period of terrible anarchy, from which the world will be rescued by the establishment of Messiah's Kingdom.

The permission of the light and blessings of our day, in advance of Messiah's Rule, the Creator intends shall teach humanity a great lesson respecting their own fallen condition and respecting their need of the very help which God is providing in Christ. None shall have the opportunity of erroneously supposing that God's blessings, coming to the unregenerate hearts, will make them thankful and happy. The new heart is necessary to real happiness.

We also incidentally see that if God had sent or permitted the light of our day with its blessings a thousand years sooner, then the discontent of humanity would have culminated in anarchy a thousand years sooner—and before the time divinely arranged for the establishment of Messiah and His Bride, the Church, in heavenly glory for the ruling, blessing and uplifting of humanity.

Truth Discerned Aids Faith.
As we gradually come to realize that we are living in the dawning of the time for the long-promised blessing, this Sabbath Day of earth, when the Curse shall roll away, it gives us a fresh interest in all the affairs of the present life, as well as in those features of the Divine Plan which are yet future! The knowledge makes life worth living. Millions of people live a treadmill existence, unworthy of themselves and joyless, because they have not come into the family of God and not been taught to understand the deep things of His gracious purposes.

The first step is an acknowledgment of the Creator and a consecration of life to Him, and then an application of our hearts to know His will, that we may do it. One day of such living is worth more than a year of the aimless, mis-remembering common to the masses. All who have entered into this blessing should rejoice therein. All who have not, should seek the Door, Christ, and be glad to walk the narrow way, following His footsteps into grace and peace Divine.

Stiff-necked and Stiff-kneed.
We may, indeed, rejoice in the lessening of the sweat of face coming to mankind—in the dawning of this New Day. We may, indeed, rejoice in the greater spread of knowledge to every class. We may, indeed, rejoice in the more comfortable housing, feeding and clothing of our race. We may, indeed, praise the day which is ushering in these blessings and which, through irrigation canals and artesian wells, scientific study and teachers, books and newspapers, is making the wilderness blossom as the rose and many blades of grass to grow where one alone grew previously, bringing increased fruitfulness. But still much is to be desired—much that we cannot accomplish for ourselves. We need an outside influence, an outside power—the very one which God's Word declares is about to take control—Messiah's Kingdom.

Our blessings thus far are not drawing the masses nearer to God—not making them more thankful, more holy, more reverential, more loving. On the contrary, we are becoming more selfish, more self-willed, than any previous generation—less inclined as a world than ever before to worship and reverence the God of All Grace—less inclined to believe that there is such a Being at all! At the present rate of growth of irreverence it would seem as though the time might soon come when no knee would bow and no tongue confess to God's glory.

"As I Live, Saith the Lord."
But here we look to God to see what provision He has made for present conditions. And as we look, our hearts are cheered. We have the Divinely solemn declaration that the full end of the reign of sin and death is to come. And we have outlined in God's Word proofs that we are now living in the time when that new reign of righteousness shall be inaugurated. We have prayed for it with more or less of faith all our lives: "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, even as it is done in heaven."

Permit not faith to let go her hold; the Word of God cannot fail. As He is bringing to us the temporal bless-

ings promised in His Word and appropriate to this time—the New Dispensation—let us trust Him for every other feature of His promised blessing. He who has begun the good work is able to complete it. If He has promised, and swears to this promise, that all the families of the earth shall be blessed in Abraham's Seed, surely we may rely upon it. If we see at present only the Spiritual Seed of Abraham in full harmony with God through Christ, and they not glorified, let us wait patiently for the Lord, knowing that He will fulfill His promises in due time.

The Church, the Elect, are indeed the Spiritual Seed of Abraham. This class, as the Bride of Christ, must be completed and must be united to their Redeemer by the First Resurrection change before they will be qualified to share with Him the great work of blessing Abraham's Natural Seed.—Galatians III, 29.

The completion and glorification of the Church will mark the time for the establishment of the Kingdom. Then will begin the pouring out of the Divine blessing and the removal of the Curse. Satan will be bound for a thousand years. The knowledge of God will gradually fill the whole earth. The Natural Seed of Abraham will be the first to receive the Restitution blessings—to return to the likeness of God in the flesh and to have returned to them Paradise conditions and Divine favor. The ancient saintly ones of the Jewish race, we are assured, shall be made princes in all the earth for the correction of their brethren, Natural Israel, and for the instruction and assistance, also, of the people of every nation, kindred and tongue—the living and the dead.

Paradise Restored.
Rapidly the knowledge of the glory of God will fill the whole earth. Corrections in righteousness will be meted out to all not doing their very best to come into harmony with the Divine Law. Blessed rewards of increasing perfection of mind and body will gradually come to the willing and obedient in that day. The wilful evildoers shall be cut off in the Second Death. Then as a result, before the thousand years of Messiah's Kingdom shall expire, every knee will bow to the glory of God.

Meantime also the blessings of Paradise will be coming to the earth as a whole. "God will make the place of His feet glorious." (Isaiah LX, 13; LXVI, 1.) Jesus will see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied. (Isaiah LIII, 10, 11.) All those who have suffered for righteousness' sake during the present time of the reign of sin and death will be more than compensated therefor in the blessings and joys of the New Dispensation. The knowledge of the glory of God shall fill the whole earth. The glorious Divine character will be made manifest, not only to angels, but to men. The infinitude of God's Love, Justice, Wisdom and Power may then be seen by all; whereas today under the reign of sin and death, with minds beclouded by the error instilled by the Prince of Darkness, the opposite condition—darkness—covers the earth and gross darkness the hearts.

What a glorious consummation is before us! What lengths and breadths of human possibility in perfection we see with the eye of faith! Man was made in the image of his Creator, and the earth was provided to be his everlasting home. The Curse that has rested upon the earth and its king has brought both to angels and to men valuable lessons, which perhaps could not have been learned under any other process of instruction.

The result will be glorious, as described by the Master Himself. There shall be no more sighing, no more Curse there, nor sorrow, nor pain, nor any more dying; for all the things of sin and death will have passed away. He who sits upon the Throne "will make all things new." (Revelation XXI, 4, 5.)

The Prophet Isaiah declares that Jehovah will do these things and that every knee shall bow "to Him and every tongue confess." (Isaiah XLV, 23.) St. Paul applies this Scripture and declares that it will be fulfilled through Jesus, and incidentally it will be fulfilled by the Church through Jesus. All things are of the Father and by the Son. The thought, then, is that the world in acknowledging Christ and the Church, and bowing to them, will be bowing to Jehovah, for the Logos, Jesus, the Redeemer, forever will be the Representative of the Father and His Power; hence all men should honor the Son even as they honor the Father also—not honor Him as the Father, but as the Son, the Father's direct Representative—Heir of all things.—John V, 23; Hebrews I, 2.

The Elect Church Already Bows the Knee.

The Elect Church of the present time already bows to Jesus as the Representative of the Heavenly Father, and already enjoys a great blessing through this special relationship into which she has entered and which is to be completed in her resurrection change. Jesus, as the great King of Glory, and His Bride class as the great Queen of Glory will be distinctly separate from the world—sharers of an altogether different salvation. These, begotten of the Holy Spirit, are promised a participation in the Divine nature, which is far above that of angels, the Apostle assures us.

For the same reason that the Heavenly Father is invisible to men Christ and the Church will be invisible, though all-powerful. The blessings of human Restitution that they will bring mankind will be conveyed through earthly channels, of whom Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets and faithful ones of the past will be the leaders, or Princes, as God has declared.—Psalm XLV, 16.

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These doctors are considered by many former patients among America's leading stomach and nerve specialists and are experts in the treatment of chronic diseases and so great

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Diseases of the stomach, intestines, liver, blood, skin, nerves, heart, spleen, kidneys, or bladder, rheumatism, sciatica, diabetes, bed-wetting, leg ulcers, weak lungs, and those afflicted with long-standing, deep-seated chronic diseases, that have baffled the skill of the family physician, should not fail to call.

According to their system no more operations for appendicitis, gall stones, tumors, goitre or certain forms of cancer. They were among the first in America to earn the name of the "Bloodless Surgeons" by doing away with knife, with blood and with all pain in the successful treatment of these dangerous diseases.

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Deafness often has been cured in sixty days.

No matter what your ailment may be, no matter what others may have told you, no matter what experience you may have had with other physicians, it will be to your advantage to see them at once. Have it forever settled in your mind. If your case is incurable they will give you such advice as may relieve and stay the disease. Do not put off this duty you owe yourself or friends or relatives who are suffering because of your sickness, as a visit this time may help you.

Remember, this free offer is for one day only.

Married ladies must come with their husbands and minors with their parents.

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GRAND JURY COMPLETES ITS LABORS

Friday night at 5 o'clock the grand jury turned in its report, which includes eight indictments. There are other indictments which have not yet been made public as the defendants have not yet been arrested. Among those indicted are two women and there were two not true bills returned. Two days were spent in making a thorough investigation of the condition of state and county institutions in the vicinity of Salem, all of them standing the scrutiny of the examining jury very well. Some few changes are recommended in the interest of sanitation, but in all other respects the conditions were apparently satisfactory.

The following is a list of the true bills reported and given out for publication: State against Phillip Webber, larceny from a dwelling house; State against Ben Gentry, Ed. Mason and Everett Hamlin, enticing a woman to practice prostitution; State against J. W. Campbell, obtaining money under false pretenses; State against Paul Rhodes, unlawfully and purposely pointing a gun; State against Frank Wells, larceny from a store; state against Ed. Mason and Grace Gentry, larceny from the person; state against William Grabach, larceny; State against Ed. Mason and Grace Gentry, larceny from the person.

Not true bills were returned in the cases of State against Frank Kirsch and State against Clifford Shelton, accused of rape.

The report concerning the conditions of the institutions shows that all are in satisfactory condition and properly managed. The report concluding: "We found no grounds to criticize the management of any of the public institutions."

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed proposals for the erection of a girls' dormitory at Monmouth, Oregon, will be opened by the board of regents at the Governor's office, Salem, Oregon, at 2 p. m. Tuesday, October 22, 1912.

Plans and specifications may be obtained from Doyle, Patterson & Beach, architects, Portland, Oregon. Contractors will be required to deposit twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each set of plans as a guarantee that the plans will be returned to the office in good condition on or before the date set.

A certified check for five thousand dollars (\$5000) must accompany each proposal, drawn to the order of the secretary of the board of regents of normal schools, to guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute the required bond within ten days from award of contract. Said five thousand dollars (\$5000) to be forfeited to the normal school fund should the bidder not enter into a contract and execute the required bond within ten days of award of contract.

Proposals shall be made only on the form furnished by the architects.

The right is reserved to accept or reject any or all bids, or to waive any informalities in bids.

Proposals to be directed to Governor Oswald West, Salem, Oregon. (Signed) J. H. ACKERMAN, Secretary Board of Regents, Oregon State Normal School. 10-2-7-12

Eugene Celebration OF OPENING THE Oregon Electric Railway

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15th \$2.10 ROUND TRIP TO EUGENE Good only both directions on

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Eugene has prepared a splendid program of entertainment, and extends an invitation to Salem citizens to join in celebrating the completion of the Oregon Electric railway through the Willamette Valley to Eugene.

REGULAR DAILY TRAINS On and after Thursday, October 17. Leave Salem for Albany and Eugene, local 8:35 a. m.; limited, 10:10 a. m.; local, 1 p. m.; limited, 8:05 p. m.; local, 2 a. m. Limited trains carry observation, parlor cars and coaches. W. E. COMAN, General Freight and Passenger Agent, Portland, Oregon. C. E. ALBIN, General Agent, Salem, Oregon.