

# Pastor Russell's Sermon

## CHIEF CAUSE OF CRIMINALITY

No Man Totally Depraved, Says Pastor Russell.

## THE SIN OF FATHER ADAM.

Born With Criminal Instincts, Life is a Battle Against Them—There is None Righteous, No, Not One—Where Lies the Blame?—The Value of a Correct Diagnosis—We Can Oppose Sin Best When We Know Its Origin, Aids and Disadvantages in Fighting Sin—Divine Help Necessary—How the Needful is Provided.



Cumberland, Md., September 14.—Pastor Russell gave two discourses here today. We report one of them, on the text, "I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Psalm 51:5.) He said: Diagnosis is valuable in the at- tempted cure of any malady. This is as true of sin-sickness, depravity, as of any other ailment of humanity. The better we understand the origin of sin and the methods of its operation in ourselves and in others, the more successful we shall be in combating it. Our forefathers erred, evidently, in their declaration of total depravity. None of us ever met a human being entirely depraved—entirely devoid of sympathy for righteousness and truth—dead to all good influences. Experience, however, does corroborate the Bible statement that "there is none righteous, no, not one"—all are sinners. Moreover, the Bible goes to the root of the matter; and experience corroborates its statement in our text—that we and all humanity were born in a state of sin, with the predilection or inclination toward sin.

We are not, however, to conclude that God made us sinners; for the Bible contradicts that thought, and assures us that "all His work is perfect." According to the Bible, we received our lives from our parents; and they theirs from their parents; and so back to Father Adam. The Bible tells us that our parents sinned, and came under the Divine sentence of death; and that this meant mental and moral, as well as physical, degeneracy. The Apostle declares, "By one man's disobedience sin entered into the world, and death by sin."—Romans 5:12.

This curse of death which came upon the race, and which affects us from the moment of birth, is a terrible blight. Even though it is much more reasonable than the curse declared by our mistaken creeds—the curse of eternal torment—nevertheless the curse of God is sufficiently terrible, and world-wide. The penalty, "Dying, thou shalt die," is much less horrible than if it had read, "Living, thou shalt live in eternal torment."

When, therefore, we find in ourselves and others wayward, sinful tendencies, we reflect that these are evidences of the fall, the curse, and that all who are under such influences are to be pitied. True pity, however, must not be sympathy with sin, but with the sinner, who is handicapped by the predisposition to sin. Sin calls for radical measures for its extermination for the release of the sinner; but our best efforts for them and for others will be attained through a knowledge of the facts, and through the exercise of the proper sympathy. There are probably more people injured through lack of sympathetic help than are helped by the administration of cold-blooded justice without tenderness or sympathy. We have been slow to learn this lesson.

**Parental Sympathy Needed.** Undoubtedly as human sympathy expands through a knowledge of the facts, both parents and children will be blessed by that increase of knowledge. Parents need to learn that their own mental moods and sympathies with right or wrong serve to stamp, to birth-mark their children, either favorably or unfavorably. The parents of a vicious child should reflect that they had much to do with that viciousness. Properly informed and right-willed, they might have produced the child with a much more favorable organization. It requires a great deal of training to work out of the child's disposition that which was inbred at its birth. Indeed, the probability is that only a small portion of it will ever be eradicated in this life.

We are not forgetting the Scripture which says, "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?" We remember this, and merely suggest that the imperfect sinner-child, shapen in iniquity and conceived in sin, may have more or less of sinful disposition. We are suggesting that a weighty responsibility rests upon parents in respect to the pre-natal influences exercised, as well as to their parental obligations after their children are born.

With what care, what loyalty to God and righteousness, what desire to maintain purity of heart and loveliness of character, the procreative powers should be exercised! With what care the father should surround the mother

with every good influence helpful to her mental serenity, joy, peace, justice, reverence, love, during the period of gestation! What noble characters might thus be born into the world, even though still imperfect, sin-stained! What a different world in many respects we might be living in today, if parents had recognized these principles and felt their responsibilities and lived up to them! Thank God, death does not end all! and the lessons now being learned through disappointments and tears will, we believe, in many instances prove profitable in the great Hereafter.

**"Brethren, What Shall We Do?"** This was the question asked of the Apostle Peter by those who heard him preach and learned that we were sinners under condemnation. We should discern that the question is not, What shall we do to escape damnation, or condemnation? We were born in damnation, condemned to death as unworthy of life. The Divine decree is that no sinner may have everlasting life. It is a gift of God, designed, not for sinners, but for those who are perfect sinners. Adam was condemned to death as soon as he became a transgressor; and all of his children were born in the same condemned condition. Condemnation passed upon all men because all are sinners. All are imperfect, fallen. Our text tells us that they were born in this fallen, disapproved or condemned condition.

The question with us, then, is not, What shall we do to escape coming under condemnation? for the whole world is condemned already. (John 3:18.) The question is, How shall we, who are already condemned of God as unworthy of everlasting life, get free from that condition in which we were born and get back into that condition of perfection which God will approve, in which we should be accounted worthy of everlasting life?

The Bible answers our question. It tells us that God has had compassion upon our race and has provided the Savior. It explains that for God to be just and yet grant forgiveness to the sinner requires that One shall pay substitutionally the penalty originally pronounced against Father Adam. This being effected, the Redeemer will have the right to restore to perfection Adam and all his posterity desirous of returning to God.

The message respecting this merciful arrangement is called the Gospel—the Good Tidings that there is a way of return from sin to holiness and from condemnation to death back to justification of life.

**"Times of Restitution."** As we have seen, the thing needful for all who desire to return to God's favor is that they may be restored to that condition of physical perfection in which Adam was before he sinned. When thus restored, they would have the same opportunity of demonstrating loyalty to God that Adam had at first. If they, when recovered, stand the tests of loyalty and obedience, they shall receive God's gift of everlasting life. And they shall receive it through Jesus Christ; for the way was opened up by His sacrificial death, "the Just for the unjust," and His salvation accomplished by His work of Restitution.

Not until recently have Bible students discerned how far our forefathers have been confused in respect to the Divine Plan—through neglect of the Bible for fourteen hundred years. They now see that Jesus and the Apostles and Prophets taught that God's great time for dealing with the world is yet future—under Messiah's Kingdom. The thousand years in which that Kingdom shall rule the world, restraining sin, chastising sinners and helping the willing and obedient back to perfection, is called by St. Peter "Times of Restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by all His holy Prophets."—Acts 3:21.

The restitutory work of those thousand years will be accomplished by the power of Messiah's Kingdom, and the Elect Church of this Gospel Age will be associated with the Redeemer in His Throne and in the great work of restoring the obedient of mankind to perfection. That thousand years is also called the time of the world's resurrection or raising up—*anastasis*. Bible students now discern that the word *resurrection* in the Greek signifies more than merely the awakening from death. It signifies the lifting up of the individuals to human perfection—to that which was lost by Adam and redeemed by Jesus' death.

During those Times of Restitution, Satan is to be bound, that he may no longer deceive humanity, as he has been doing with false doctrines, putting light for darkness and darkness for light. On the contrary, the time when he, the Prince of Darkness, is cast down from influence amongst men will be the time when Christ and His Bride, the Church, will become the Sun of Righteousness to the world and scatter all its ignorance and superstition. (Matthew 13:43.) Respecting that time the Bible assures us that all the sin-blinded eyes shall be opened, and all the sin-deaf ears shall be unstopped, and the true Message of God's Love shall be made known, and "the knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall fill the whole earth."

**God's Dealing With the Church.** God has a special plan and a special salvation for the Church. He desires that the Church shall consist of a very special class. He has issued a special call therefor, and has prescribed special terms or conditions for members of this class.

All who will be accepted as members of the Bride, the Lamb's Wife, must have the same spirit, mind or disposition that Jesus had. Did He delight to do the Father's will? So must these. Was He willing to be

obedient to the Father's will to the extent of sacrificing earthly pleasures and advantages? and to the extent of death? So must His followers walk in His steps, as He has set them an example, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of their faith. The invitation to these is that if they suffer with Christ they may also reign with Him, share His nature and glory and honor. They are advised from the first that the footsteps of Jesus are the way of the cross.

These disciples of Jesus in the present Age are figuratively styled "soldiers of the cross," and Jesus is declared to be the Captain of their salvation, leading them on through victories to glory. Their battle in some respects is the same as the world will have in the next Age, only more intense, more concentrated. The world will have a thousand years in which to fight and win. The battle of the Church as a whole is more than eighteen centuries long, but each individual share is much shorter. The coming Age will be the world's time for gaining a victory and escaping from the condemnation, the imperfection, that came upon all the race through Adam's sin.

**Children of Wrath as Others.** We are not to think of those whom God accepts as the Church as being different by nature from the remainder of mankind. On the contrary, we are particularly informed that we were born "children of wrath, even as others." But this special class get free from the condemnation, or damnation, that came upon the race through Adam in a different way from that of the world in the next Age. They first exercise faith in God's promises and in Jesus as the Redeemer. They realize by faith that the merit of His death is the basis of deliverance from the damnation, or condemnation, passed upon all and of reconciliation with God, and restitution to perfection and attainment of everlasting life.

The Kingdom of Messiah, through which these blessings are to be extended to mankind, having not yet been established, these believers cannot get these blessings. However, to them comes a special message or invitation to become members of the Kingdom class—"heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ" their Lord: "if so be that they will suffer with Him, that they may be also glorified together, and share the Kingdom."—Romans 8:17; 2 Timothy 2:12.

Charmed with the prospect, these are not daunted by the trials and difficulties of the way, especially when they hear the Redeemer's Word encouraging them and saying, "Fear not, I have overcome the world." "Greater is He that is on your part than all they that be against you." "My strength is made perfect in your weakness." "All things shall work together for good to them that love God—to the called ones according to His purpose."

Thus encouraged, these believers make a full consecration of themselves to God and His service, realizing and confessing their own imperfection and insufficiency, and pledging themselves to fight a good fight against sin in every form under the captaincy of Jesus. Jesus becomes the Advocate of all who come unto the Father through Him during this Age. He supplements their sacrifice in such a manner as to make it perfect—holy and acceptable to God. (Romans 12:1.) They give their wills, and resign all earthly interests and rights. He adds to their sacrifice all those Restitutory qualities which would be theirs in due time under the Kingdom. Thus they stand complete in Him.

When the Father accepts these by the begetting of His Holy Spirit they become His children, His saints, "heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ" to "the inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, reserved in Heaven" for them.—1 Peter 1:3-5.

**Then the Fight Begins.** Every battle against sin is a good fight—whether it be the battling of the world during the Times of Restitution, or the battlings of the Church during this Age. But because God designs to give the Church a higher nature, a greater salvation, therefore He requires of every member of it a special demonstration of love and loyalty. And who will say that this is not a reasonable requirement of these sons?

These spirit-begotten sons are all alike in the sense that they have one mind, one spirit, one disposition—the Spirit of Christ, the spirit of holiness, the spirit of loyalty to God. But these are all distinctly different as respects their flesh. All are imperfect, but some more and some less so. Some are more and some less educated; some more and some less wise; some more and some less talented. But the tests are all under Divine supervision. The Lord sees to it that each shall be thoroughly tested. Each must have trials, difficulties, beatings, from the world, the adversary and his own flesh. Each must personally demonstrate his loyalty to the principles for which Christ died—the principles of righteousness.

The chief lessons for all of these sons of God to learn are: (1) Faith in God—full trust in Him and His providences; (2) Loyalty to Him—to the principles of His Government, and to all those whom He has accepted as sons. (3) They must all possess in large degree God's own Spirit of love, kindness, gentleness and mercy, as well as of the Truth. They will not, however, be judged holy according to the flesh. Rather, judgment, or decision, in their cases will be rendered according to the spirit, the intention, the will. They will be rewarded for what they have endeavored to do and have striven to do in harmony with the Divine will, rather than according to the success they have attained.

## The Markets

The British government's official estimate of the acreage in hops this year is 35,613 acres, 782 acres more than last year, but 1800 acres less than dealers estimated. The total yield is given at 250,000 cwt., as compared with the official figures last year of 373,438 cwt. Reports from the continent show German hops are selling at a price equal to 80 cents here. Evidently the foreigners are trying to break the Oregon market and all growers have to do is to stand pat, for the supply is far short and the world must have the Oregon crop. They should be worth 40 cents here, are in fact worth that, and will probably bring it before the crop is exhausted. In this connection it is noted that beer sales were 656,542 barrels greater in August, 1913, than in the same month last year. The total consumption of beer in the United States during the month of August this year was 7,277,526 barrels. Wheat is lifeless and other markets show no changes, all being well supplied.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc. Wheat—Track prices: New Club, 79c; new Bluestem, 80c; new Fortyfold, 80c; new Red Russian, 78c; Fife, 80c; Valley, 80c. Millstuffs—Bran, \$23.50 per ton; shorts, \$24; middlings, \$31. Flour—Patents, \$1.70 per barrel; straights, \$1.10; exports, \$3.05 to \$4.55; wheat, \$4.70; graham, \$4.00; whole wheat, \$4.80. Corn—Whole, \$37; cracked, \$38 per ton. Hay—Fancy Idaho timothy, \$17@18; fancy eastern Oregon timothy, \$15@16; timothy and clover, \$14@15; timothy and alfalfa, \$13@15; clover, \$8.50@10; oats and vetch, \$10@11; chest, 10@11; valley grain hay, \$10@11.

### LOCAL WHOLESALE MARKET.

Butter and Eggs. Butterfat, per lb., f. o. b. Salem .31 Creamery butter, per lb. .31@.31 1/2 Country butter, per lb. .35 Eggs, per dozen .30@.28 Poultry. Fryers .16 Hens, per lb. .13 Roosters, per lb. .18 Steers .7@.8 Cows, per cwt .4@.5 Hogs, fat, per lb .8@.9 Stock pigs, per lb .7 to 7 1/2 Ewes, per lb .4 Spring lambs, per lb .4 1/2 Veal, according to quality .11@.13 Pelts. Dry, per lb. .8 Salted country pelts, each .65@.81 Lamb pelts, each .25

### Groceries, Dried Fruits, Etc.

Dried Fruits—Apples, 10c per lb.; currants, 10c; apricots, 12@14; peaches, 8@11; prunes, Italian, 8@10; all other, 15c; figs, white and black, 6 1/2@7 1/2; raisins, loose Muscatel, 6 1/2@7 1/2; bleached Thompson, 11 1/2; unbleached Sultanina, 8 1/2; seeded, 7 1/2@8 1/2. Coffee—Roasted in drums, 18@32c per lb. Nuts—Walnuts, 17 1/2@18c per lb.; Brazil nuts, 12 1/2; filberts, 15c; almonds, 16@18c; pecans, 17c; coconuts, 90c@1.00 per dozen. Salt—Granulated, \$14 per ton; half-ground, 10c, \$10 per ton; 50s, \$10.75 per ton.

Beans—Small white, \$5.50; large, White, \$5.50; Lima, \$6.30; pink, \$4.15; red Mexican, 5c; bayou, \$4.15. Rice—No. 1 Japan, 5@5 1/2; cheaper grades, 4 1/2; southern head, 5 1/2@6c. Honey—Choice, \$3.25@3.75 per case. Sugar—Dry granulated, \$5.65; fruit and berry, \$5.65; beet, \$5.45; Extra C, \$5.15; powdered, barrels, \$5.90; cubes, barrels, \$6.05.

### Fruits and Vegetables.

Apples—New, 60c@1.75 per box; apricots, 75c@1.25 per box; cantaloupes, \$1.25@1.50 per crate; peaches, 40@60c per box; watermelons, \$1.25 per cwt.; plums, 30@50c per box; pears, 75c@1.50 per box; grapes, 50c@1.15 per crate; casabas, \$1.75 per dozen. Tropical Fruits—Oranges, Valencia, \$4; navel, \$4.50@5.50; Florida grapefruit, \$5.50@7; lemons, \$8.50@10 per box; pineapples, 7c per lb. Vegetables—Beans, 3@4c per lb.; cabbage, 1 1/2c per lb.; cauliflower, \$2 per crate; corn, 10@15c per doz.; cucumbers, 20@40c per box; eggplant, 5@7c per pound; head lettuce, 35@40c per dozen; peas, 5@7c per pound; peppers, 6@8c per pound; radishes, 10@12c per dozen; tomatoes, 40@60c per box; garlic, 10c per pound.

Potatoes—New, 75c@1 per cwt.; sweets, \$2.25 per crate. Onions—Oregon, \$1.50 per sack. Dairy and Country Produce. Butter—Oregon creamery, solid pack, 30c per lb.; prints, box lots, 34c. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 34@35c per doz. Cheese—Oregon Triplets, 10 1/2c; Daisies, 17c; Young America, 18c.

turkeys, live, 20c, dressed, 25c. Veal—Fancy 15@16c per pound. Pork—Fancy, 12 1/2c per lb. Provisions. Hams—10 to 12 lbs., 21@22c; 12 to 14 lbs., 21@22c; picnic, 14 1/2c; cottage roll, 17 1/2c. Bacon—Fancy, 29@30c; standard, 25@26c; English, 21@22c. Lard—In tierces, choice, 14 1/2c; compound, 9 1/2c. Dry Salt Meats—Ducks, dry salt, 13@14c; backs, smoked, 14 1/2@15 1/2c; bollies, dry salt, 14 1/2c; smoked, 15c. Smoked Meats—Beef tongues, 25c; dried beef sets, 22c; outside, 20c; inside, 23c; knuckles, 21c. Pickled Goods—Barrels, pigs feet, \$14; regular tripe, \$10; honeycomb tripe, \$12; lunch tongues, \$22; lambs' tongues, \$40. Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc. Hops—1913 contracts, 27 1/2c; 1912 crop, nominal. Wool—Eastern Oregon, 10@16c per lb.; valley, 18@19c. Mohair—Choice, 25@26c per lb. Hides—Salted, 12c per lb.; salted calf 16@17c; salted kip, 12c; salted stag, 6 1/2c; green hides, 11 1/2c; dry hides, 21c; dry calf, No. 1, 25c; dry stags, 12@13 1/2c.

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Capital Journal readers have learned this distinction by the exercise of common sense—the kind of common sense that is the outgrowth of education—of wholesome home surroundings—of a natural preference for the better things of life.

The Capital Journal is essentially a newspaper that meets the requirements of progressive people—whether rich or in moderate circumstances—and its clientele is one that the best local advertisers can profitably cultivate with their important store announcements.

A complete list of Salem business men who advertise in The Capital Journal contains those whose names have become household words—whose reputations for fair dealing stand out most prominently. They are leaders in their respective lines. Their stores have been built by continuous conformance to sound commercial principles—by adherence to the finer ethics of buying and selling.

While they advertise to create sales from day to day, they do not lose sight of that which is even more valuable than the accumulation of good will—without which no business can endure. They are recognized in the homes of Capital Journal readers and their advertising is responded to with confidence. This is because every line of advertising in The Capital Journal is practically CERTIFIED advertising—the advertising of foremost local and national advertisers—and readers can depend upon securing everything offered in the way of price and quality advantage. The Capital Journal has established a bond of trust between its readers and its advertisers. To bring this about The Capital Journal has edited its columns for the home and consistently refused to print advertising of questionable character. This knowledge—which is shared by readers of The Capital Journal and business men who advertise in its columns—forms the basis of mutual faith that operates for the benefit of each.

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We have a big line made up of Wrappers, Kimonos, Waists, House Dresses, White Underwear, new line Silks and Dress Goods, Men's and Boys' Suits, Pants and overalls. All kinds of Underwear and Overshirts, Sweaters, Coats, Shoes, Ladies', Girls' Fancy Dresses, Fancy Silk Scarfs, Blankets, Comforters, Embroidery, Lace, all kinds Hose, Chinaware, Mattings, big line, etc., at greatly reduced prices. Remember this is the store that saves you money.  
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