

Pastor Russell's Sermon

HOLY! HOLY! HOLY! LORD OF HOSTS

Knowledge of God's Character
Shall Yet Fill the Earth.

CLEARER LIGHT SHINING.

The Pastor's Special Thanksgiving. Character is Known by Plans and Works—Holiness Not an Empty Title—He That Doeth Righteousness is Righteous—He That Plans and Does Holy Things is Holy—God Has Been Slandered—In Bible Language Blasphemed—Evil Plans Attributed to Him—Satan, the Deceiver, to Blame—Doctrines of Devils Were Worked Into Our Creeds in the Dark Ages to Turn Us From God and the Bible—Clearer Light Shining.



New York, Nov. 30.—Pastor Russell spoke here twice today. We report one of his themes from the text, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth shall be full of His glory." (Isaiah 63.) He spoke without notes as usual, saying in part:

Since shortly after the Second Century the Christian Church has been gradually led into a total misconception of the Divine character as manifested in the Divine attitude toward humanity. Little by little heathenish doctrines respecting an eternity of torture for all except the saints, favored few, were preached. Gradually men with fervent spirit enlarged upon the errors until today the most horrible descriptions of the Almighty God are printed in Christian publications, creeds, commentaries, etc. No heathen people have ever pictured their god in so devilish a light. Ugly, fierce, devilish, though their idols be, they cannot compare with the Satanic descriptions which Christians in the creeds of the Dark Ages have given of the God of all Grace and Father of Mercies—1 Corinthians 13.

The noblest and best people in Christendom have abandoned the horrible teachings of their fathers, and are more and more worshipping the God of Love, the Fountain of blessings. But the world still judges our God by our printed misrepresentations of Him. In heathen lands, the missionaries are more blinded, perhaps, than ministers in the home land. The rein of orthodoxy is more tightly drawn on them. No wonder they can make little impression on the heathen, who openly declare that they could not worship so unjust and vicious a God as the missionaries present—a God who has already sentenced their forefathers to everlasting torture, because of their ignorance of Jesus, in whose name alone is salvation!

It appears to me, therefore, that to whatever extent any intelligent Christian today gives open or secret support to these slanderous, blasphemous statements, of the creeds he is responsible. Nor does it seem to be sufficient that either a Christian or a congregation here and there should privately disown these doctrines. Denominational names stand as representative of the doctrines which led to the formation of these denominations. Would not the only honorable way of rectifying matters now be either as denominations, publicly, openly and in round terms, to repudiate the slanders of the Devil; or, since this would be tedious work, should not each individual set himself straight by as public a withdrawal from such creeds as was his endorsement in joining? The latter surely is the surest and quickest method of rectifying the difficulty. Moreover, it is the right method; for the Bible never authorized any one to organize various sects and parties.

The Bible recognizes only the one Church of Christ—"The Church of the First-born, written in Heaven." Every one who has accepted Christ as his Savior and consecrated his life to be a faithful follower of Jesus—all such, begotten of the Holy Spirit, are members of the one true Church. Their names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and they have the promise that they will be granted abundant entrance into His Kingdom in the First Resurrection—if they abide faithful. "He that is faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Seducing Spirits—Doctrines of Devils.
Let me not be misunderstood. I am not charging that these blasphemous doctrines were intentionally brought in to misrepresent God or to deceive the Church or the world. I prefer to take the Apostle Paul's explanation. He wrote prophetically, "I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." (2 Corinthians 11:3.) This is exactly what has happened. The Church of Christ has been beguiled by earthly favors, not only into a wrong attitude toward the Kingdom of this world, but, as St. Paul declares, from the simplicity of the Truth into a mass of confusing and blasphemous error.

First came the beginning of the blasphe-
my into thinking that they were suc-
cessors in The Twelve Apostles and

equally inspired authorities and mouth-
pieces of Christ. Thus the doctrine of
Apostolic Succession was gradually es-
tablished. Jesus prophesied of these,
describing them as false apostles,
"which say they are apostles and are
not," but do lie. (Revelation 2:2.) As
the bishops received credit as being
living Apostles, the inspired words of
Jesus and The Twelve Apostles whom
He appointed took second place, and
with the masses Bible study ceased as
wholly unnecessary.

Upon this foundation, the great Ad-
versary built, item by item, the ter-
rible doctrines of purgatory and of
eternal torture. When finally, in the
Sixteenth Century, the Bible again
began to be consulted, Satan so work-
ed matters that some of our forefathers
retained the Hell of indescribable
torture for all except the elect few—
reputing because not Scriptural the
only ameliorating feature—the purga-
torial theory.

Their eyes blinded with the errors of
fourteen centuries of no Bible study—
the errors of human theories and doc-
trines of demons—can we wonder that
the enlightenment of the past three
centuries has come very slowly? Even
when we were getting free from the
errors, Satan, our wily foe, entrapped
our forefathers into the making of
creeds, and thus hindered further pro-
gress out of the darkness into the light,
for which we all cry out.

"Lead, kindly Light, Amid the En-
circling Gloom!"

The seducing spirits mentioned by
St. Paul are surely none others than
the fallen angels, of whom Satan is the
chief, or "prince of devils." As St.
Paul suggests, there is a similarity
between the deception of the Church
and the original deception of Mother
Eve. Eve was beguiled into believing
that God's threat, "Dying, thou shalt
die," could not be true. The serpent
declared, "Ye shall not surely die."
Thus deceived by the serpent's lie,
Mother Eve was ensnared and led her
husband and our race into death.

And now note the parallel. The se-
ducing spirits, the fallen angels, have
sought to perpetuate in the Church
the very same falsehood which misled
Mother Eve. And they have succeeded.
By visions, dreams, tipping tables,
trance mediums, clairvoyant powers,
mesmeric powers, hypnotic powers,
they have deceived the Christian
Church, even as they had previously
deceived the heathen. Into thinking
that the dead are really alive. Upon
that foundation they have built the
doctrine of the tortures of Hell and
Purgatory, and subsequently, doctrines
of masses and prayers for the deliver-
ance of the dead from Purgatory, and
doctrines respecting God's having fore-
ordained and predestinated all except
the Elect to eternal anguish.

The Pastor's Thanksgiving.
On Thursday last, when my heart
went out to God in special thankgiving
for all the mercies of life, I gave
Him special thanks that gradually the
eyes of my understanding are opening,
enabling me to see Him in the glorious
light of His great, loving Plan of Sal-
vation for the church and for the
world. My thanks for all temporal
mercies and blessings were dwarfed
as the anthem of my soul went up,
and I repeated the text of today, "Holy,
holy, holy, Lord of Hosts!"

Ah! It is a blessed thought that God
has already made provision that Mes-
siah's Kingdom shall be established;
that Satan shall be bound and shall
deceive men no more; and that, instead
of the darkness of ignorance and super-
stition, the glorious light of God's
goodness shall shine forth, causing the
earth to be filled with His praises!

With great patience God has permit-
ted His plans and His character to be
misrepresented and traduced. Yet we
can see a wisdom in this; for eventu-
ally, when all the blind eyes shall be
opened and all the deaf ears shall be
unstopped, when all the delusions of the
past—the hobgoblins of seducing spirits
and the doctrines of devils—shall have
gone, the Lord's precious character
and loving provision for our fallen race
will stand forth in glorious radiance.

When to Know is Life.

The Savior declares, "This is life
eternal, that they might know Thee,
the only true God, and Jesus Christ,
whom Thou hast sent." (John 17:3.)
Evidently He meant by this that who-
ever would have an intimate acquaint-
ance with God must be received again
into God's family; that those who do
not come back into God's family will
never know Him in the true sense of
the word—he able to appreciate the
glories of His grand character—His
Justice, His Wisdom, His Power and
His Love. Such knowledge is imparted
only to those brought into the family
and made partakers of God's Spirit.

In the present time only a very few
of our fallen race are able to take the
steps which lead to this intense, deep
knowledge of Jehovah. The great
mass of mankind are blinded by igno-
rance, superstition and the weaknesses
of their fallen nature. But God is not
content that merely the elect Church
shall have this knowledge of Him and
this opportunity for everlasting life. His
glorious purposes encompass the
world of mankind. His Divine ar-
rangement is two-fold; first, that "all
the blind eyes shall be opened and all
the deaf ears shall be unstopped"; sec-
ond, that "the glory of the Lord shall be
revealed and all flesh shall see it to-
gether," and that "the knowledge of
God's glory shall fill the whole earth,
as the waters cover the great deep."

A Grand Hallelujah Chorus.

We may be sure that when the true
enlightenment shall reach humanity
the real character of the Heavenly Pa-
ter will be manifested, and there will
be a hallelujah chorus on earth which
will rival the Heavenly acclamation of
"Glory to God in the Highest." It is
not for us to say that all, or even the

majority of the human family, enlight-
ened and set free from the bondage to
Sin and Death, will become the willing
servants of God, righteousness and
Truth. We cannot judge from our
own experiences. We must remember
that God recognizes human free agency,
the will; and that He seeketh only
such to worship Him as worship Him
in spirit and in truth.

The Scriptures make clear that only
those who shall learn to love righteous-
ness and to hate iniquity, evil—in the
present time as members of the elect
Church, or in the future Age as restor-
ed humanity—only such will be judged
worthy of life by the Great Judge.
Any sympathy with sin, after having
known of its bitter fruits, and after
having been recovered from the curse,
will be a crime—an evidence of failure
to learn the great lessons of seven
thousand years—lessons of the exceed-
ing sinfulness of sin—lessons of God's
Justice in punishing sin—lessons in
God's Mercy in providing forgiveness
for our sins and release from them and
from their penalty—lessons in the hu-
mility of our Redeemer—lessons in the
cost of recovery from Sin and Death.

Whoever, after all these lessons,
would still be sympathetic with sin,
would, according to the Bible, be un-
worthy of everlasting life. For the
Scriptures assure us that death is the
penalty for sin, that the soul that sin-
eth must die, and that the gift of
God is eternal life through Jesus Christ
our Lord, which will be given only to
those wise enough and loyal enough to
use it in accord with the great Cre-
ator's regulations and laws, framed for
the benefit of His creatures and for
the glory of His name.

"Have Patience, Brethren."

Those whose eyes of understanding
are gradually opening to see the real
glory of Jehovah's character as re-
flected in His great Plan of the Ages
may well have patience with others
who see not as yet. The fact that our
own eyes were so long in opening, the
fact that we were as honest and sincere
before as we are now, should lead us
to assume that the same conditions ap-
ply to our brethren, professed people
of God everywhere. Moreover, we are
not to be judges one of another. Pro-
claiming the Truth in as nearly as
possible the Bible words, we are to be
content to deliver our Message and to
leave to the Lord the results.

It is ours to point out the horrible
confusion into which the Lord's people
go during the Dark Ages, and which
justified the Lord in calling the nomi-
nal church Babylon. It is ours to
point out the Message of the Lord,
saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen,
from Divine favor!" Come out of
her, my people, that ye be not partak-
ers of her sins, and that ye receive not
of her plagues." Whoever sees that
the entire nominal church system of
all denominations is the Babylon re-
ferred to by the Lord has the responsi-
bility of the Lord's Message without
any urging on our part.

Whoever sees the blasphemy of the
Holy Name seen that misrepresentation
of the Divine Plan, making the world
drunk with the wine of false
doctrines, has been amongst the crimes
of Babylon, and should wish forthwith
to come out of her, to share no longer
in her misrepresentation, however
much blended with forms of holiness.

Whoever, after seeing the real char-
acter of Babylon and the horrible work
which Satan has done in her, still has
sympathy with her and with her blas-
phemies and distortions of the Truth—
such persons deserve to share in the
confusion that is shortly to come to
Babylon when she shall fall as a great
millstone into the sea.

"Light is sown for the righteous;
Truth for the upright in heart." Those
who do not receive the Truth as meat
in due season have reason to fear that
they do not belong to the class de-
scribed by the Prophet as the right-
eous and as the upright in heart. Hon-
esty seems to be a quality which the
Lord holds in very high esteem. The
dishonest in word or conduct or in
their thoughts are an abomination to
Him, and should not expect to receive
special favor or light or knowledge.

We may well imagine that the entire
Millennial Age will be one grand
Thanksgiving Day, in which the num-
bers who will praise God will be con-
tinually increasing as more and more
they are awakened from the tomb. As
their eyes shall see and their ears shall
hear of the grace and love of God, every
tongue will confess, while every knee
will bow, not only to Jesus the Re-
deemer, but to the gracious Creator,
who formed the Plan which the Mil-
lennium will execute.

Praise to God in Heaven and Earth.

The Master gives assurance that ulti-
mately there will be no place where
curse and blasphemies will be heard—
no place where rebels against God and
His goodness will remain. All such
wicked, intelligent sinners will finally
be destroyed in the Second Death.
Then will come the grand anthem of
the Universe: "Every creature in
Heaven, and in earth, heard I saying,
Praise, glory, honor, dominion and might
be unto Him who sitteth upon the
Throne, and unto the Lamb, forever."

That will be the glorious Day men-
tioned by our Master in His prayer,
"Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done
on earth, as it is done in Heaven."
And because God's will shall be ac-
companied done on earth as in Heaven,
therefore sin, sorrow, sickness, pain
and death will no longer be conditions
on earth, even as they are not condi-
tions in Heaven. Thus will be fulfilled
the Master's words, that there shall be
no more dying, crying, sighing, for all
the former things shall have passed
away. He that sits upon the Throne
shall have made all things new, and
thus in His Messianic Kingdom God
will have wiped away all tears from
all faces.

PUBLIC MARKET AT MEDFORD BIG SUCCESS

Something About What Has Been Ac-
complished in Southern Oregon in
Handling Products.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.]
Medford, Or., Dec. 13.—Medford,
Oregon, has one of the best known pub-
lic markets in the country, and is get-
ting much publicity from it. E. J.
Runyard is market master and has the
charge of the municipal enterprise since
its start, May 25, 1912. Concerning the
market Mr. Runyard says:

"Our public market has been a suc-
cess from the start. It was built by
the city and is operated and controlled
by the city. There are 24 booths and
the farmers and gardeners pay \$3 per
month rental, the meat men \$7.50.

"I regulate the price of products.
The products are confined to Jackson
county. The market is open Tuesday,
Thursday and Saturday and that per-
mits the producer to attend to his other
duties and get ready for the next mar-
ket day.

"At the beginning, before the city
decided to build, there was strong op-
position from the grocers and meat-mar-
ket men, but that feeling has disappeared
and the grocers buy from the market
for their families and sometimes for
their stores.

"The public is satisfied; the market
means a living to many growers, and of-
ten the sales foot up to \$800 or more.
One Saturday this season 3200 melons
and 500 boxes of peaches were sold.
Berries and cherries are not counted by
the crate, but figured by the ton. Dairy
butter, eggs, home baking booths, are
always sold out early. Towns 50 to 75
miles distant keep a buyer here in fruit
season to buy and ship. This has also
eliminated the peddler with his poor
stock, as the market is subject to county
inspection."

A visit to the Medford market shows
a well lighted and neat appearing build-
ing with cement floors and the general
appearance of a large garage. Saturday
it is crowded. All kinds of garden,
orchard and vegetable products, fresh
and wholesome, are displayed in neat
booths.

As an instance of the way the opera-
tion of the market has changed the at-
titude of the merchants there is told
the case of Mrs. Frye, a resident of
Trail, 40 miles from Medford. Last
summer she brought in a wagon load of
chickens and sold them at prices above
what she could have obtained by ship-
ping and the consumer obtained them
at figures much lower than would have
been possible if they had passed through
two or three hands. Mrs. Frye then
called on a local merchant and bought
a bill of goods. The merchant had not
seen her for 10 years, and was glad to
regain a customer. She had not done
any trading in Medford during that
time.

Tables on which as a rule household
necessities and luxuries are sold are
rented for 30 cents a day, and some
very tempting canned and preserved
fruit, bread, pies, cakes, etc., are
displayed by housewives who are proud
of the trade their skill draws to them.
Sometimes one of the churches sets up
a table, and at other times a country
home mistress exhibits her home
products.

"Little pigs for sale" is a sign that
attracts, and the market master ex-
plains that a farmer has sold over 100
little pigs through the market this
season. People seeing the sign tele-
phone to him if he is not at hand, and
there is no commission.

O. I. Ames lives 10 miles north of
Medford, and on his stand, had some
fine yellow corn for which he takes
orders, selling several tons in that way.
Strawberries are sent in from 20 to 25
miles away, sometimes 60 crates being
brought in at a time by a single grow-
er during the busy season.

All stock must be sold fresh; no stale
and wilted exhibits are allowed. The
farmers bring in their fresh meat as the
weather gets cool and the hoops of sav-
ory spareribs and the half and whole
hogs on sale do much to reduce the high
cost of living.

From the mines of northern Califor-
nia and adjacent country comes to the
market master many orders for fruit.
This season 150 boxes of peaches were
shipped from the market direct to con-
sumers in Portland. Orders are fre-
quently turned over to local merchants
to fill. The people of Medford are sat-
isfied that the public market is a good
thing for every one, and that it has
come to stay.

One effect of the establishment of
the market has been to increase the de-
sirability and consequently the value of
real estate in that section of the town.
The Medford people have discovered
that it does no harm to have the pro-
ducer and consumer come together with-
out a fine, tax or license.

C. J. Ruh & Son exhibited to the
writer a fine load of corn that was sold
for a good price to local consumers. It
was brought 12 miles from the Clinton
Bowers ranch and was raised between
the trees of an orchard. They thought
it equalled six acres of solid corn, and
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draw the moisture out of the ground.
"I got a good crop that way, too," he
said. "I let the weeds grow some on
purpose, and it worked out all right in
this country."

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

Notice is hereby given that the coun-
ty school superintendent of Marion
county, Oregon, will hold the regular
examination of applicants for state cer-
tificates at the East school, corner of
Twelfth and Center streets, Salem, Ore-
gon, as follows:

Commencing Wednesday, December
17, 1913, at 9 o'clock a. m., and contin-
uing until Saturday, December 20, 1913,
at 4 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday forenoon—Writing, U. S.
history, physiology.

Wednesday afternoon—Physical ge-
ography, reading, composition, methods
in reading, methods in arithmetic.

Thursday forenoon—Arithmetic, history
of education, psychology, methods
in geography.

Thursday afternoon—Grammar, geog-
raphy, American literature, physics,
methods in language, thesis for primary
certificate.

Friday forenoon—Theory and prac-
tice, orthography, English literature,
chemistry.

Friday afternoon—School law, geol-
ogy, algebra, civil government.

Saturday forenoon—Geometry, bot-
any.

Saturday afternoon—General history,
bookkeeping.

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