

# Pastor Russell's Sermon

## MESSIAH TO ASK FOR THE HEATHEN

The Redeemer Has Not Yet Asked For His Inheritance.

### ACCORDING TO DIVINE PLAN.

World-wide Dominion Promised Messiah—The Conversion of the Heathen Shortly to Be Accomplished—Messiah's Conquest of the Nations—The Arrows of Truth Will Reach Men's Hearts—From the Quiver of Divine Wisdom, Justice and Love—Force to Be Employed in Putting Down All Opposition—Death the Last Enemy to Be Destroyed Forever.



March 8.—Pastor Russell's discourse today related to that feature of his free Photo-Drama of Creation which refers to the answer to Jesus' prayer, The text was: "Ask of Me, and I will give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession." (Psalm 2:8.) He said:

Our text is from one of the Messianic Psalms. It represents our Lord as making known to His people the Heavenly Father's decree awarding Him for His faithfulness as our Redeemer, assuring Him of His exaltation to the Kingdom, and declaring that with this will come the inheritance of all the earth, with power to subject all things to the Father's will. He was to have it for the more request—"Ask of Me." As a matter of fact, this world-wide dominion has not yet come to Messiah; the heathen are not yet His inheritance; the uttermost parts of the earth are not yet His possession. Indeed, as the Prophet declares, "Darkness covers the earth, and gross darkness the heathen."

When we remember our Redeemer's love for the race, the love which led Him to lay down His life to seek and to recover that which was lost, we are at first inclined to amazement that He has not yet asked the Father for His inheritance of the heathen. We are astonished that He has permitted the Prince of darkness and the reign of Sin and Death to exist for more than eighteen centuries since He suffered, "the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." But perplexity in the matter might well be answered by our Lord's reply to the Sadducees: "Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God." As we come to understand the Scriptures more fully, and to appreciate how the power of God will be exercised in bringing the heathen under the domination of the Redeemer, the eyes of our understanding open, and we are enabled to rejoice accordingly.

#### Why Did He Not Ask?

Our Lord did not ask for His great power to reign at an earlier date because He knew the Father's Plan, and was well contented with the Divine times and seasons. He had no wish for a change in this. He did not ask to receive the heathen for an inheritance at the beginning of the Gospel Age, but has been content to wait, and to place that request in its due time. In harmony with another feature of the Divine Program which must first be fulfilled, that other feature is the selection of the Church, the Bride of Christ, the members of His Body. It pleased the Father to make our Lord not only the world's Redeemer and King, but also the High Priest of an under-priesthood, the Bridgroom of the Church, His Bride, the Elder Brother of those saints of glory whom the Father is pleased to develop during this Gospel Age as New Creatures in Christ Jesus, to be sharers of His sufferings and of His glory to follow.

Meantime the heathen have been suffering no injustice. Born in sin, shapen in iniquity, condemned to death, they have been having experiences with sin and death, and going down into the great prison-house for periods of unconsciousness—until the Redeemer, at His Second Advent, shall call them and all mankind from this great prison-house, the tomb. This He foretold, saying, "All that are in the graves shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and shall come forth."—John 5:28, 29 R. V.

#### Fair Trial is Promised All.

Not only will this include the Church of the First-born, who have been approved of God, and who, passing trial now, will come forth into life eternal, but it will include also the remainder of mankind, those who have not had God's approval, all of whom, because redeemed, shall come forth unto judgment—trial. A fair trial will be theirs, to determine their worthiness or unworthiness of life everlasting by the manner in which they shall receive, or by their rejection of, the Christ of God when, during the Millennium, He shall be made fully known to them.

It was also part of the Divine purpose that the whole earth should be filled with people; and hence the bringing forth of a progeny is a part of the Divine will for mankind. The few short years of the present life, with an experience of sin and death conditions, will in due time be supplemented by the glorious period of the Mil-

lennium, with its grand opportunities for lessons of righteousness and its rewards for obedience. Its corrective "stripes," or punishments, will be to the intent that so many as possible may ultimately be entirely recovered from death conditions and brought into full accord with God in Christ. But those who demonstrate their unwillingness to come into heart sympathy with righteousness will be utterly destroyed from amongst the people.—Acts 3:23; 2 Peter 2:12.

#### The More Excellent Way.

So, then, our Lord's reason for not asking sooner for the heathen as His inheritance and the remotest parts of the earth as His possession, was that He knew the Father's Plan to be a different one, the more excellent way; and He delighted to do the Father's will. And so with all the followers of Christ. As soon as they ascertain the Father's glorious Plan of Salvation, they find it to be soul-satisfying, and greatly prefer it to any plan of their own. Undeveloped Christians, whom the Apostle designates "babes" in Christ, are the ones who are continually praying to the Heavenly Father for a change of the Divine Program, imagining that their wisdom and their love in respect to the heathen are superior to those of the Infinite Creator. Nearly all Christian people have had their experience with such ignorance; and we are glad to suppose that the Heavenly Father laid not the sin of such presumption to our charge, but rather, sympathetically appreciated our interest in the heathen, although He must have deprecated our lack of reverence, our headiness, our high-minded assumption of more than infinite wisdom.

We are not saying a word against missions—home or foreign. Quite to the contrary, we believe that every Christian should labor with heart and hand to do all in his power to glorify the Father and the Redeemer, and to enlighten his fellow-men respecting the Cross of Christ, and the blessings which it secures. But while willingly, gladly serving the Divine Cause, "instant in season and out of season," we should "learn to labor and to wait." We should learn that the laboring under present conditions is arranged chiefly for our benefit—for the development in the minds of the Royal Priesthood of the sacrificing qualities and the graces of the Holy Spirit—meekness, gentleness, patience, faith, long-suffering, brotherly kindness, love.

#### Workers Together With God.

Let us be sure, dear friends, that any theory of ours respecting the heathen, or any other feature of the Divine Program, which in any degree implies superior wisdom, superior energy or superior love on our part, as compared with that of our Heavenly Father and our Redeemer, must be wrong. The sooner we learn to pray from the heart, "Thy will be done," the better it will be for us, the more shall we be able to get into harmony with our Lord, and the more shall we be used as His ambassadors and representatives. The wisdom of man is foolishness with God, and the Wisdom of God is foolishness with man. Hence we must not take the human standpoint in investigating or reasoning upon the Divine purposes and Program. Rather, we must go direct to the Word of God, that we may be taught of God, that we may discern the beauty, the harmony, of His plans.—1 Corinthians 3:19.

It is written that "obedience is better than sacrifice"; and this being recognized, how careful it should make us to inquire what the will of the Lord is; to search the Scriptures, that we may there ascertain the Divine Program, and be found in harmony therewith: There we find that the Lord's present work is the completing of the Royal Priesthood, the Royal Judge, the Royal Prophet, the Royal Mediator, the Great King, for the world of mankind—for the world's deliverance from the bondage of Sin and Death, and their assistance back to harmony with God. Thus seeing, we shall have patience in respect to the heathen, and strive now to make our own calling and election sure and to lay down our lives for the brethren. In assisting to build them up in the most holy faith, "until we all come to the measure of the stature of a Man in Christ"—the great Mediator of the New Covenant, of whom Jesus is the Head—the Church His Body.

#### Converting the World.

When will the world be converted? When will Christ ask for the heathen? When will the Father give them to Him? How long, O Lord? The Scriptural answer, dear friends, is that He has pleased the Father to select the "Jewel" class during this Gospel Age by means which the world would think foolish—by means of the preaching of the good Tidings. But His Program for the future Age is different. There are millions who have no ear to hear the preaching of the Cross of Christ. (1 Corinthians 1:18.) There are millions who have no eye of faith to see the glorious things of God. In fact, according to the Scriptures, only a little flock, comparatively, can be brought into accord with the Lord under the conditions of the present time, because sin abounds, because Death reigns, because Satan, the Prince of this world, now works antagonistically in the hearts of the children of disobedience.

Hence it has pleased God to have a different method of dealing with the world of mankind in general from that which He has adopted in dealing with the Church in this Age. In the next Age, force will be used, and not merely moral suasion. Force will be employed in putting down the reign of evil. Satan will not merely be requested to desist from deceiving the world, but will be bound for a thousand years, and be unable to deceive the nations.

Likewise, mankind will no longer be invited to accept Christ, and to give their hearts in obedience to Him, but on the contrary, they will be compelled to be obedient. As it is written, "Unto Him every knee shall bow and every tongue confess, to the glory of God." Offers of grace will no longer be held out, with reward for faith attached; instead, knowledge shall fill the whole earth, as the waters cover the great deep. (Philippians 2:10, 11; Isaiah 11:9.) As a result, no one shall then say to his neighbor or to his brother, "Know thou the Lord"; for they shall all know Him, from the least unto the greatest of them.—Jeremiah 31:34.

#### Heathen Fall Under Him.

Another Psalm describes Messiah's triumph in the Millennium Age, saying, "Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O Most Mighty, with Thy glory and Thy majesty. And in Thy majesty ride prosperously in the cause of Truth and Meekness and Righteousness; and Thy right hand shall teach These terrible things. Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; whereby the people fall under Thee." (Psalm 45:3-5.) Instead of people here, read heathen, as in the original, and we have a picture of the conversion of the heathen as it will shortly be accomplished. We are not to suppose the Lord will ride upon a horse, or that literal arrows will literally pierce the hearts of His enemies. We are to understand this picture to signify our Lord's triumphal conquering of the world; and that the arrows of Truth, which will go forth unto the whole world, will reach the hearts of men and smite them down. Even so we read that when St. Peter preached at Pentecost that the Jews had taken and crucified the Son of God, the hearers were "cut to the heart"—with the lance of Truth. Thank God for such arrows from the quiver of Divine Wisdom, Justice, Love! We rejoice that the heathen will thus be conquered for the Lord, and thus eventually every knee bow and every tongue confess.

The work of dealing with the heathen, with the world—with all except the Church—will begin with the generation living at the time of the establishment of the Lord's Kingdom. In due time it will proceed and will ultimately include all that are in their graves in the reverse order that in which they entered. And the last shall be the first to come forth—"every man in his own order," or class.

#### Deep Humiliation is Yet Promised the World.

Too frequently do Bible students neglect to see whether or not their interpretations are in harmony with the context of the passages under discussion. Let us not make this mistake. Turning to the second Psalm, we find that following our text is the declaration, "Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." (Verse 9.) The application of this evidently is to the time of our Lord's Second Advent, when the selection of the Church shall have been completed and she shall have entered into His glory as the Bride, the Lamb's Wife, symbolically pictured as the New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven.

From that New Jerusalem, we are told, the River of the Water of Life shall flow freely, and whosoever will may freely partake of it. On either bank will grow the Trees of Life, whose leaves are for the healing of the nations. And the Spirit and the Bride will say, Come; and whosoever will may come, and take of the Water of Life. But in the meantime, while the nations, the world, will be ready for that blessing from the New Jerusalem, they must needs pass through a period of very deep humiliation—"A Time of Trouble such as never was since there was a nation."—Matthew 24:21.

As for the nations of that time, the extent to which they will suffer destruction will depend largely upon their own attitude, as is intimated by the verses following our text. Those of the nations who freely and heartily accept of Messiah's rule will be correspondingly saved from the breaking process. Hence it is urged, "Be wise, O ye kings of the earth! Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little."

But while this seems to offer leniency, mercy, these favors are conditional on the manner in which the Messianic Kingdom shall be received. Other Scriptures intimate that all the nations, not only heathen but converted, will be found in violent opposition to the Heavenly Kingdom, and hence that all together they will be crushed as the vessels of a potter.

#### The Glorious Outcome.

The Lord tells us that as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are His ways higher than man's ways, and His plans higher than man's plans. And this we find true as we come to better understand the Scriptures. Who ever dreamed of such lengths and breadths and heights and depths of "Love Divine, all love excelling," as are implied and included in God's great Plan of selecting first The Christ—Jesus the Head, and the Church, His Body—and then through those blessing all the families of the earth with a knowledge of Himself and the glorious opportunities for life eternal.

We make no claims of universal salvation; for the Scriptures distinctly speak of some who will die the Second Death, having proved themselves not sufficiently in harmony with righteousness to be worthy of eternal life—even after being brought to a knowledge of the Truth. But the Scriptures show us that when all the unwilling and disobedient shall have been cut off in the Second Death, the whole earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God.

## REHEARING DENIED IN WASHINGTON CONTEST

Supreme Court Decides Against Wets in Case of Wiley Against Reasoner For Second Time.

### MARION COUNTY DECISION IS AFFIRMED BY COURT

Decision in Case of Smith Against Cain is One of Six Handed Down By Justices.

The supreme court this morning handed down five opinions and also denied six petitions for rehearings. Among the latter was that of Wiley vs. Reasoner, it being the liquor case from Washington and the one on which the supreme court based all its opinions on in the wet and dry contests. It with the others was denied.

Opinions were handed down as follows:

Eliza J. Lewis, appellant vs. George E. Chamberlain et al; appealed from Jackson; application to register title to land; affirmed.

C. M. Smith, appellant vs. J. M. Cain; appealed from Marion; suit to ascertain the dividing line between certain lands; affirmed.

G. Zanella and Son, appellant vs. Portland Central Heating company et al; appealed from Multnomah; suit to foreclose mechanic's lien; affirmed.

Dan Nicklas vs. S. L. Bathburn, appellant; appealed from Tillamook; action to recover \$242.35 for the conversion of personal property, affirmed. Bertin & Lepori appellant vs. N. Matison, et al; appealed from Clatsop; suit on promissory note, reversed.

Petitions for rehearings were denied in Parker vs. Wolf, Hills vs. Shaw, Markham vs. Loveland, Reasoner vs. Wiley, Casciato vs. Mason, Christianson vs. Talmage.

## COLONEL LAWSON CALLED

WARDEN OF PENITENTIARY MUST TELL WHAT HE KNOWS ABOUT COPPERFIELD MATTERS.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Baker, Or., March 10.—The grand jury investigation at the coming session March 16, promises to center around Copperfield, with the many cases which were hinted at by Governor West coming up for a searching inquiry. District Attorney Godwin is said to have obtained more conclusive evidence (not from the governor) and several indictments are expected to result.

One Copperfield case, evidence in which was provided by Colonel B. K. Lawson when at Copperfield with the militia, is against William Wiegand, the Copperfield saloon man who is suing Governor West for \$4000 for the destruction of his business.

Colonel Lawson has been subpoenaed to appear. The case is an outgrowth of Colonel Lawson finding in Wiegand's saloon alleged improper pictures, and an indictment is to be sought on these grounds.

District Attorney Godwin intends to make a strong crusade against Copperfield on selling liquor to miners and gambling, but he is withholding his fire until after Governor West crusade had ended. This, however, is the first grand jury session since the alleged law violations.

## LAUNCH NEW INSTITUTE

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY PEOPLE PLAN TO MAKE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

"The Willamette Institute of Scientific Research" is the latest organization now planned by the students of the University. The institute plan was launched recently with a charter membership composed of the following: Miss Mildred McBride, Miss Carrie Cooksey, Miss Ethel Caspers, Herman Clark, Willis Bartlett, R. L. Pfaff, R. Neustel, W. R. Jeffrey, Harry Rice and Harold Jory.

The purpose of the organization is to make intelligent, scientific research and the members have already sent to the eastern scientific institutions for books and other matter pertaining to geological survey and various other studies of like nature. The officers of the new institute are as follows: President, Herman Clark; vice-president, Willis Bartlett; corresponding secretary, R. L. Pfaff; recording master of the exchequer, R. Neustel.

### MAY END STRIKE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Seattle, Wash., March 10.—T. W. Boyce, of the immigration service of San Francisco, is on his way to Raymond, Wash., where he will endeavor to bring about a compromise in an effort to stop the threatened strike of shingle weavers and mill workers.

## WATSON REFUSED MAN

ATTORNEY SAYS ADDITIONAL HELP CANNOT BE PROVIDED FOR SUIT JUST BROUGHT.

Owing to the fact that the Blue Sky law has been attacked, Commissioner Watson requested the attorney general to employ attorney Martin L. Pipes to assist him in the defense of the suit. The attorney general replied that the head of a department, under the construction of the law placed upon it by Governor West in the case of a Portland company had no right to employ additional counsel, and as he did not want to get in a wrangle with the board of control he declined to ask for help, and besides said the attorney general's office was ready, willing and able to handle the case. However, at the request of Commissioner Watson, Governor West this morning wired Commissioner Watson, authorizing the employment of Mr. Pipes. In this the governor reverses his position in the case of the state against the Title Guarantee and Trust company, of Portland, in which he held that no additional counsel could be employed.

### FOR ROUGH, WRINKLED, FRECKLED, PIMPLED SKIN

As March winds, flying dust and dirt are apt to injure any complexion, this information will be of special value right now. If you have any cutaneous blemish, don't use paint, powder or anything else to cover it up. Too often this only emphasizes the defect. Besides, it's much easier to remove the disfigurement with ordinary merozole wax. Applied nightly, the wax will gradually remove freckles, pimples, moth patches, sallowness, red or yellow blotches or any surface eruption. The affected cuticle is absorbed, a little each day, until the clear, soft, youthful and beautiful skin beneath is brought wholly to view. Ask the druggist for one ounce of merozole wax and use this like you use cold cream. Remove in morning with soap and water. Many who have tried this simple, harmless who have tried this simple, harmless treatment report astonishing results.

If bothered with wrinkles or furrows, a wash lotion made by dissolving 1 oz. powdered sorbolite in 1-2 pint witch hazel will prove wonderfully effective.

### CONSTABLE IS OUTWITTED AND CAPTURED BY REDS

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Lewiston, Idaho, March 10.—P. Welsh, constable at Arrow, Idaho, started to arrest Chief Thomas Moxmox, of the Nez Perce tribe, accused of beating his aged mother; but the officer passed the night as a prisoner in the Indian's house and walked back to town, eight miles, minus his hat, revolver and some preconceived notions of an Indian's lack of sagacity.

The constable told Sheriff Lydon that when he found the Indian he had no trouble in arresting him. The pair were waiting for a train when Moxmox, who is a physical giant, and the Beau Brummel of his tribe, asked to be allowed to go to the river for a drink. The constable gave permission, and a few minutes later found himself overpowered by the red man and his squaw. The squaw stuffed part of a shawl in the officer's mouth and with her husband's aid marched Welsh up Potlatch creek and kept him a prisoner all night.

Meantime the finding of the officer's hat near the scene of the scuffle beside the river started the report that he had met fool play.

Sheriff Lydon took up the trail and located Moxmox in a clump of brush. Covering the Indian with a gun the sheriff arrested him, but not until he had finished the contents of a liquor bottle. Sheriff Lydon then obtained a handcar and brought Moxmox to Arrow Junction, where they embarked for Lewiston.

In the meantime the Indian had become peacefully drunk and he lies in a stupor at the county jail.

The aged mother of the redskin is badly cut and bruised about her head.

## ACID STOMACHS ARE DANGEROUS

Common Sense Advice by a Distinguished Specialist.

"Acid" stomachs are dangerous because acid irritates and inflames the delicate lining of the stomach, thus hindering and preventing the proper action of the stomach, and leading to probably nine-tenths of the cases of stomach trouble from which people suffer. Ordinary medicines and medicinal treatments are useless in such cases, for they leave the source of the trouble, the acid in the stomach, as dangerous as ever. The acid must be neutralized, and its formation prevented, and the best thing for this purpose is a teaspoonful of bisulphated magnesia, a simple antacid, taken in a little warm or cold water after eating, which not only neutralizes the acid, but also prevents the fermentation from which acidity is developed. Foods which ordinarily cause the greatest distress may be eaten with impunity if the meal is followed with a little bisulphated magnesia, which can be obtained from any druggist, and should always be kept handy.

### WHERE DID HE GET IT?

Fred Kiser, indicted by the grand

## ELY'S CREAM BALM OPENS CLOGGED

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End such misery now! Get the small bottle of "Ely's Cream Balm" at any drug store. This sweet, fragrant balm dissolves by the heat of the nostrils;

penetrates and heals the inflamed, swollen membrane which lines the nose, head and throat; clears the air passages and stops nasty discharges and a feeling of cleansing, soothing relief comes immediately.

Don't lay awake tonight struggling for breath, with head stuffed; nostrils closed, hawking and blowing. Catarrh or a cold, with its running nose, foul mucus dropping into the throat and raw dryness is distressing but truly needless.

Put your faith—just once—in "Ely's Cream Balm" and your cold or catarrh will surely disappear.

### GARDEN MEET FAVORED THROUGHOUT OREGON

That a majority of the state will be represented at an industrial congress of school children to be held at San Francisco during the Panama-Pacific exposition is assured. The plan which was suggested by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, has met with the approval of many superintendents of other states, and Mr. Churchill has assurance that they will co-operate.

Mr. Churchill wrote to various state superintendents several weeks ago, asking that they send winners in the school industrial contests to the proposed congress, explaining that programs could be arranged for boys and girls of the various states detailing their experience in preparing exhibits.

"In nearly all the states," said Mr. Churchill today, "the departments of education have answered, indorsing the movement and many have offered to co-operate in arranging for the industrial congress. The industrial work in some states is being directed by O. H. Benson, of the United States Department of Agriculture and these states do not wish to pledge themselves to sending their winners until Professor Benson sanctions the plan."

Montana, Nebraska, Washington, California, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Utah, Georgia, Ohio, Tennessee, Kansas, Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming, Massachusetts, Iowa, Wisconsin and Louisiana, Mr. Churchill said, were arranging to send children to the congress. Oregon has arranged to send the winners of the 10 classes at the state fair next fall to the congress.

### OLSSON WINS OUT IN HIS CITIZENSHIP FIGHT

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Seattle, Wash., March 10.—The case of the government against Leonard Olsson, of Tacoma, to deprive him of his citizenship, which was set for hearing before Judge Cushman in Tacoma yesterday, was dismissed on motion of District Attorney Clay Allen. Olsson's papers were taken from him by former United States Judge Hanford, but a rehearing of the case was ordered from Washington, D. C. Allen is of the opinion that the case was given too much prominence before and that its pressing is not so important as the prevention of further agitation, which would follow further prosecution by the government.

### A REMARKABLY FREE COUNTRY.

This is a free country. But what is it free for? Well it is so free that you can take the initiative branch of government and curtail some one's freedom. It is as free-for-all grab for someone else's freedom. You are free to "go-get-it" with a recall for some fool measure on the ballot. Under the divine right of kings the power to "go-get-it" was in the hands of him who held the scepter while now it is in the hands of him who holds a ballot. The majority is free to take away the freedom of the minority. It is free alright. Everyone is free alright. Everyone is free to license, tax, limit or deny the freedom of some one else. The fact is that it is so free that everyone is opposing some cause to limit the freedom of another cause which in turn is arranging and planning to free some one else from freedom.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

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