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Jesus the Saviour of the World .-John 3: 1-21.

Commentary .-- I. An earnest in quirer (vs. 1, 2). Thus early in Christ's public ministry his words and feeds were taking effect. Nicodemus was a prominent Jew and a member of the Sanhedrin. His interest in Jesus was se great that he sought an interview with him. His coming to him by night does not of necessity mean that he was fearful for his reputation, though he might have known that his fellow members of the Sanhedrin weald look down upon him for countenancing him who had recently cleansed the temple by driving out from thence the traffickers in animals and money. It is not unlikely that he came by night, because either Jesus or he was busy during the day, and the only favorable time for an interview was at night. In his introductory remarks to Jesus, he did not ductory remarks to Jesus, he did not siah nor as a prophet, but as a divine-ly-commissioned teacher. He recog-nized that it was through the power of God that he was able to perform miracles. This visit to Jesus shows that Nicodemus was candid and carnest. Subsequent references to him show that he was favorable to Jesus (John 7: 50-52; 19: 30).

11. The new birth (v. 3.8). 3, 4. Although there is no record that Nicoactous asked Jesus to explain to him the way to salvation, the Master knew the desire of his heart, and at once gave utterance to one of the deep truths pertaining to the kingdom of God. No one, whether a ruler of the Jews or any other person, could enter the kingdom of God without being born from above. This statement was something new to Nicodemus, er, at least, he seems to have been unher reast, he seems to have been and prepared for that truth. He was a loading Jew in Jerusalem, yet he did not know the essence of true relig-He did not know what it was te bo made spiritually alive. 5. Verily verity-This word, repeated for emstatement which follows is of great importance. I say unto the --Jeaus spore with full authority. Except a man be born of water and of the spirit - The Jews made use of the expres-sion, "born again," to represent the

acceptance, by a Gentile, of the Jew-ish faith, and the outer sign of that was water baptism; but the words of Jesus to Nicodemus were to the of fost that Jews as well as Gentiles must be born again. To be born of water was to be baptized with water az an external sign of the internal or heart renovation. To be born of the Stdrit is to be created anow in Chirst night? What great truth did Jesus az an external sign of the internal or Jesus. By this operation old things pages away and all things become new 12 Cor. 5: 17). Training in the church or a profession of religion does not procure for one admission into the kingdom. A change of heart, or re-generation, is the essential condition, and in connection with that the regenerated ones are to declare to the world by the rite of baptism that they have been born again. "The meaning of the 'birth from above' is still further explained by an analogy. What man inherits from his parents is a body with animal life and passions: what he receives from above is a spiritual nature with heavenly aspiraspintual nature with neavenly aspin-tions and capabilities. What is born of sinful, human flesh is sinful and human; what is born of the Holy Spirit is spiritual and divine."---Plum-where God reigns as king, where he is the supreme object of love and service, where his will is the law, obey it as naturally men obey it as haturally as they breathe, and where all his subjects are formed in his holy image and inspired with his spiritual life. It is that for

ment scriptures. 11. We speak-Jesu changes from the singular to the plur al in the remaining utterances of this verse. He may include with himself verse. He may include with himself John the Baptist and others who were to declare the truths of the gospel. Another opinion is that he included the Father and the Spirit with him-self. And we do know-We can not fully grasp the impressiveness with which Jesus uttered these words, He spoke with authority. The true min-ister speaks from definite, positive knowledge. He speaks with the unc-knowledge. He speaks with the unc-knowledge. He speaks with the unc-

tion of the Holy Spirit. Every one who is born of the Spirit has a positive testimony as to what has been done for him. Definite knowledge and definite testimony regarding the work of grace in the heart influence the world for good. Ye receive not our witness—The Jews had knowledge of the miracles that Jesus wrought, yet they were not willing to believe his teachings. 12. Earthly things—Jesus had told Nicodemus about the work of regeneration, which was accom-plished on earth, and he did not receive his words with full faith. If he should speak to him of things per-taining to the divine government and to the atonement, much less would his faith grasp it. 13. No man hath ascended up to heaven—This does not mean that no one had gone to __caves yet, but that no one had gone there and had come back to earth to report. But that he that came down from heaven—Christ came from heaven to tell men about heavenly things. Son of man-This was a favorite title used by our Lord in speaking of himself. He identified himself with humanity. Which is in heaven-Heaven was the home of Jesus. "So far as heaven is home of Jesus. "So far as heaven is a state and a character, Jesus was al-

ways in heaven." IV. The basis of our salvation (vs. 14-21). 14. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness-The story is given in Num. 21. 4-9. So must the Son of man be lifted up-Jesus must be lifted up on the cross .This is a prophecy and a promise, 15. Believeth in Him-Only those who look to Jesus in faith as the world's Redeemer and their personal Saviour can be saved. Eternal life—This life begins with the new birth and is designed to last forever. 16. God so loved the world, that Ho gave His only begetten Son --This expresses the measure of God's ove for mankind. That love led Him to give His Son as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. Should not perish --God purposed to save men from et-waal death. 17. Not....to condemn --The world was under sentence of death, but Jesus came to save it from the execution of that sentence. 18-21. While God has given His Son for our redemption, the responsibility is upon the individual to believe in Jesus to the saving of his soul. Those who love their sins shun the light of the spel and persevere in their wicked WR.YG.

Questions-Who came to Jesus for declare to him? How did Nicodemus receive Christ's message? What illus-tration did Jesus use? Give the story a the life of Moses to which Jesus r ferred. What is the measure of Christ's love for the world? What msibility resta upon us as indiiduals?

PRACTICAL SURVEY. Tonic .- The great Teacher.

I. Set at naught false theories. II. Defined personal salvation.

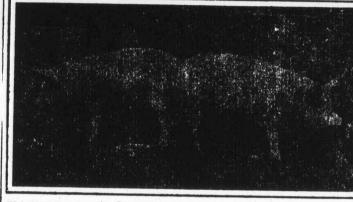
1. Set at naught faise theories. The days of "the old oaken bucket." impression made on the public mind av Christ's teaching and miracles was very great. Reports had reached the teachers and rulers concerning Christ which startled them. A man not educated in their schools, not sent forth tween the two extremes." isarried it to a horizontal pole to which i was hung up. While another victim was being soon cut off. "Hans and shoulders with their authority, an obscure man of peasant origin, was preaching doc-trines not included in their systems, and doing works to which they were not equal. Nicodemus, one of the rulers, came to Christ versonally to inquire as to these things. The open-ing remark, made by Nicodemus, implied that he and his people had little to learn. He came expecting to disto learn. He came expecting to dis-cuss with Jesus things concerning the Jowish church as they related to at this, Jesus made plain how it was Christ's miracles. Jesus returned an possible through the incarnation. The answer which apparently had no bearing on the subject of miracles. He showed incidentally the true position All through the ages God's love go and value of his mighty works. At a single stroke Jesus laid low all erned the world with a view to renowned greatness to which Nicodemus made claim and swept away the fondest of his race. Jesus spoke Barnes. Because he was unable to emprehend the process, it was not infinite think the new birth an im-the soul naturally suggested the ques-tion "How can these things be?" the great Teacher sent from God. T. R. A. Chaldean Tablets. plied a new relation, no longer ser-The clay tablets of Chaldea, probvants, but sons. The term had a peculiar significance to a Jew inasmuch as all his privileges were secured to him by birth. It was well that Nicodemus should know that, however far he might be inclined to go in his acknowledgment of Jesus, ething short of personal trust in him short of personal suffice. The Messiah would suffice. The at a mighty change has been as his Messiah would suffice sucht. He not paly realizes it from general teaching of Jesus fruits, but the Spirit bears witness there should be a change in with the not valy realizes it from protect to be a change in the con-traits, but the Spirit bears witness to should be a change in the con-him that he has become a child of od. The Moster's authority (vs. \bullet - works of the law. They must experience the new birth. The old rites decrus did not deny the fact of the would pass away. new birth, but he could not graep the process. That he was honest in his questioning is shown from the full point of a new spiritiant experience, and careful answer Josus gave him. His teachings awakened the conwould pass away. II. Defined personal salvation. Jesus vens and stored away in the state libraries. THE MIDNIGHT OIL. (Washington Star) Eliggins says he got on by burning the statisht ell." "Well, keeping late hours did help him some. He danced all night three or four times a week till finally he met a rich girl and married her." 16. Art thou a muster of Israel-"Art ectence, calightened the understand thou the teacher of Israel?" R. V. ing and stirred the heart of Nicode then the traditional for the state of the state of the traditional state of the sta Nicodemus knew much of istars in mus. His principles were bread and tory and was familiar with the law and generous, having universal application the sceepted interpretation of R, but to the paysical, social and spirital he was leagely in the dark regarding meeds of man. The new birth is des-the spiritual import of the Old Testa-eribed as entering a kingdom of which You never can tell. Man- a white has left a black mark behind it. 114

HOME PORK BARREL FOR EVERY FARMER

How Uncle Dave Cured the Pork That Made His Reputation and How You May Do as Well-The Equipment and Methods That Are Required.

Uncle Dave Ramsey, of Ramsey's captured and put through the scalding Corners, is the champion home-pork maker in our end of the county. Be cause of this little notoriety he has come to be his own packer. When the neighbors found out that a better brand of pork was being turned out right at home than the big abattoirs would supply at double the price, they weren't slow in patronizing the local industry. So it came about that hog-killing times at the Ramsey farm hog-killing times at the Ramsey farm were "red letter" days. Along in Jan-uary, when the weather had settled arrowards and promised to stay there one might look any morning to see a wreath of smoke ascending from Uncle Dave's killing house. This was a signal that everything was in readi-ness and was sure to be be responded to by half a dozen stalwarts-with visions of real country sausage and spare ribs-ready to lend a hand.

DON'T DEPEND ON MOON. "Is there any best time for this business, uncle?" I enquired, as sev-



The First Requisite is the Right Kind of Hog. These Fellows are "Right" -They Beat Out Everything Else at the Guelph Winter Fair.

"Well, I don't pay any attention the moon, not being much on astrono-my, if that's what you mean," he laughed. "I do look to the marketing end, though, and this seems a good time from that standpoint. People like beef and poultry during the holi-days, then they want a change, and there is a call for pork. I try to have my hogs ready when the demand is likely to be the greatest."

carcass to the scaling platform. Will make a dish fit for a house of Uncle David's method of handling was unique. Instead of all hands expend-ing their last ounce of strength in sousing two hundred weight of dead hog he had planned to make the job inches forward of the pelvic bone, was the reason helpers were always plentiful. An old-fashioned sweep-pole, that I suppose did duty in the to the top of an upright post. By at-taching the gambrel to the short end, the carcass was easily lifted from platform to scalding vat and back again; later, the same contrivance carried it to a horizontal pole to which

God is king, as being born into the family of which God is Father as com-ing into the divine realm, into the (SUNDAY PAT HOME spiritual kingdom, into right relations with God and heaven through Jesus Christ. When Nicodemus staggered whole system of types betokened that in the fulness of time God would give Son to make atcnement for man. final redemption. The brightest and fullest manifestation of God's love is in the mission of Jesus to the world to save sinners. The life and death of Jesus were but the working out of the love of God. Nicodemus was taught that he who apprehends believingly the work of Christ as the ground of his justification, will not fail to experience it as a regenerating power, a restoration in the soul of what has been lost through ein. Jesus brought the responsibility of men's perdition home to themselves. Unbelief is made the ground of condemnation because it involves the rejection of the only begotten Son of God and a willingnees to remain in sin. In this interview reculted the first fruits of Jesus' direct ministry. The occasion was most sol-emn, the theme most momentous, the hearer a ruler in Israel, the speaker

eral of the stalwarts rounded up a and cold toward the ground, I could 208-psund cross of Berkshire and appreciate to the full the real beauty (Tanworth. "Well, 1 don't pay any attention to the kitches, I was ready to agree with

Dr. Henry van Dyke that "the course of empire was greased with the bacon fried on the way." The following morning I was on hand to help with the cutting. With the help of the sweep-pole we got the first carcass down on the chopping bench, square on his back.

"Now, the first thing we've got to do it to take off the head," remarked Uncle Dave, making a cut just back By this time hog number one was ready for scalding, the killing having been done carefully and with no un-netwessary excitement. A gambrel stick, uniting its hind legs, was then inserted for convenience in lifting the carefully and with no un-the sticking hole to the throat. "By taking the bone out, the jowl will go stick, uniting its hind legs, was then inserted for convenience in lifting the the pate worked up into head-cheese carcass to the scalding platform. will make a dish fit for a house of

almost child's play, and perhaps that slicing at nearly right angles to the was the reason helpers were always foot. "If you cut square across the plentiful. An old-fashioned sweep- carcass," he explained, "the ham will carcass," he explained, "the ham will be pointed and will have to be trim-med more, which means waste. On the other hand, if cut exactly at right angles to the foot, while the ham will be square, the bacon will have a sharp corner needing to be trimmed extra. You see I'm trying to compromise be was You see I'm trying to compromise be-

exercised in order not to cut or rup-ture the intestines. Then, with the removal of the entrails, more fresh, clean water was used, and the car-cass washed on the inside. Every-where cleanliness was the first con-sideration. "There," said he, "putting the finishing touches to his work, "that one will be all drained out and ready for cutting up in the morning." VARIOUS CUTS EXPLAIMED "Now, then, for the spare ribs. You have to be a little careful or they're too spare or too generous." In per-forming this operation the cutting was done from the back side toward the belly, the knife being held flat to VARIOUS CUTS EXPLAINED. Well, that job was finished at last, but the moon was beginning to show itself when Uncle Dave doused the

belly, the knife being held flat to avoid gouging the bacon. The foregoing menoeuves were car-ried out as many times as there were carcasses to cut up. After a pretty steady spell of cutting, sawing and chopping, intermingled with sundry explanations by Uncle Dave, the pieces of cut meat began to accumu-late. So between the dissection acts, I was kept tolerably busy carrying I was kept tolerably busy carrying them to the smoke house. Finally, the scene and the nature of our activities shifted. A number of barrels that had been airing outside after a thor-ough scrubbing, were brought in to serve as containers for the meat dur.

less danger from spoiling. Of course, the trimmings are turned into lard and sausages, as the case may be.

BRINE PICKLING BEST.

"Which is it to be, unclo?" I in-quired, "dry cure or brine pickling?" "Oh, the brine," he replied, "it takes less labor, and there isn't the risk if the weather don't stay cold. I've seen a good deal of drzenred I've seen a good deal of dry-cured pork spoil during a muggy spell."

Accordingly, we prepared a brine sufficient for each one hundred pounds of meat, consisting of eight pounds of sait, two pounds of brown sugar, two ounces of saltpetre and one ounce of red pepper. These ingredi-ents were stirred into four gallons of hot water mixed until dissolved, after which the mixture was allowed to

ool. "A little saltpetre helps to keep the natural color of the meat," observes Uncle Dave, "but it has the draw-back of making it dry and woodlike. Sugar is good for the color and at It is an entry of the second s In packing the meat in the barrels alt was used in the bottom and besalt tween each succeeding layer, after which a well-cooled brine was poured over it and the whole weighted down with a large stone.

"Well, that job's done," I remarked

well, that job 6 done, I remarked casually, as the last barrel was fin-ished and finally weighted down. "For the present, yes, but it's a case you can't hury," was the rejoin-der. "In about a week that meat will al have to come out and be reversed, that is, the top pieces will go in the bottom and the lower ones on top.

bottom and the lower ones on top. Ten days later the overhauling has to be repeated. It takes from four to six weeks altogether for a thorough curing. Then, if freezing weather is over it is hung up in the smoke house and a smudge kept going for two or three weeks, after which it goes into

sacks until sold. "Of course," added Uncle Dave, some of my customers get their supply as soon as it is cured, and a few don't even wait for that, but on the whole that smoked meat is ready Light the whole that smoked meat is ready Light. for delivery about the time the de mand is keenest."

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which we pray in the first petitions of the Lord's prayer .--- Peloubet. Only those who have been born again, born anew, born from above, can enter that kingdom. That which is born of the flesh is

flesh-The child partakes of the na-ture of the parent. By nature man is ture of the parent. By hature man is sinful, and his offspring is sinful. Nicodemus acked about a man's being Nicodemus acked about a man's being horn a second time of his earthly mo-ther. Even if that was possible, his moral and spiritual nature would not be improved thereby. That which is born of the spirit is spirit--'Is spir-trual, like the Spirit, that is, holy, the spirit to private judgment. It is large mental capacity had been cultured to mental capacity had been cultured to weight born of the spirit is spirit—"Is self-itual, like the Spirit, that is, holy, purce." He only who is born of God hears the image of God. He has the auprediate evidence and to weigh qualifies that declare his parentage. He brings forth the fruits of the spirit. 7. Marvel not—Wonde: not, harned that he must submit to a the possible that Nicoffmus in some It is possible that Nicoffemus in some revolution in his ideas of the Me ay still expressed a doubt of the foc- siah as a condition of instruction. He ine, and Jesus took occasion Trine, and Jesus took occasion in a did not dony the doctrine of the new very striking manner to illustrate it. Birth. He merely introduced a diffi--Barnes. Because he was unable to culty. A call from outward circumfor him to think the new birth an imy. S. The wird bloweth listeth—The power of the possibility where it listeth—The power of the Nicodomus was taught not to deny results because he could not under-source is not understood. We hear the stand processes. The new birth imhave no disposition to deny either its existence or force. So is every one that is born of the Spirit—Such is the case of every one. He feels the spiri-tual influence, but finds, it incompra-bessible in its origin, which is from above, and in its end, which is eterral life.- Cam. Bib. While he can not explain the manner, he is conscious

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ably the very earliest writing materials used by man, were of different sizes, the largest being flat and measuring 9 by 6½ inches, while the smallest were lightly convex and in some cases not Spirit. slightly convex and in some cases not nore than an inch long. In the same ruits with the tablets have been found the glass lenses which were used by heir readers. The writing was done while the tablets were still soft by a little iron tracer, not pointed, but tri-angular at the end. The tablets, hav-ing been inscribed on both sides and pecurately numbered, were baked in God bath called us unto hell. accurately numbered, were baked in

"Father, to us Thy children, humbly kneeling " Conscious of weakness, ignorance, sin and shame, such a force of holy thought and feeling That we may live to glorify Thy name. birds That we may conquer base desire and passion, That we may rise from seifish thought and will, some the world's allurement, threat, and fachion,

AN APPEAL.

Walk humbly, gently, leaning on Theo still. Let all Thy goodness by our minds Let all Thy mercy on our souls be sealed: Lord, if thou wilt, Thy power can

make us clean;

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Verily, verily, I say unto you, What-soever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My same; ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.—Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.

your sanctification. God hath .. called us .. unto holl-mess .. who hath also given unio us His Holy Spirit. Dray: mitheut an expanding power. It turns out unises not the mess ower. It turns out unises not the mess ower. It turns out unises not turns out u

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