SERMON.

From One of the Most Thrilling Incidents of Bible History Rev.
Frank De Witt Talmage Draws Lessons For
the Life of To-day.

ants. It was of such vast wealth that walls were 365 feet high and wide entheir 16 chargers abreast upon the top upon 250 watch towers and tipped with solid brass, which swung open to let

Standing upon the heights of the famous hanging gardens, which Nebuchadnezzar, the king who had courted Amytis among the hills of Ecbatana, had thrown up to humor a whim of his queen, we can see off in the distflowing through the midst of the metropolis and cutting the city in twain. Along the wharfs of the river were daily heard the cries of the sailors unloading from the ships cargoes of merchandise and foodstuffs, as well as the gold and silver and myrrh and precious stones imported from other lands. In the centre of the capital we can also the waters of this mighty river into a large artificial lake 40 miles square. This lake was wide enough and deep enough to harbor all the modern navies of the world. In it all these ships of war could drop their anchors, fold their white sails and float side by side

The boulevards of this ancient city were pillared with statuary, The bridges which spanned the river. These were flanked with palaces, where beauty and wealth loitered away the lazy hours or sang themselves to sleep, cradled in the graceful gondowhich gently pressed the waters into ripples or contemptuously tumbled the foam from off their crested breasts. Everywhere artesian wells tossed up the weters into fountains. shining through which the sun arched the flowers with rainbows, while birds of brilliant hue, whose ancestors had been brought from tropical climes, stopped their singing long enough to.

THE FEAST OF BELSHAZZAR.

But we must hurry on tonight and not linger over the scenic delights of have them, and my little schoolmate's of their sins in the blood of the Lamb. this famous capital, for I am going to lead you into the royal banquet hall, said the old man, with tears streaming down his cheeks, "My little daughter had to tell that to me, who of the United States man-of-war Trender." quest and the triumph of art, with the air rhthmic with song and redolent with incense, with the faces of his dead ancestors pictured upon the walls or chiseled by the sculptors in marble of purest white. He is giving this feast in a banquet hall where the sandaled foot strikes mosaic floor or sinks into softest rugs; where under the light, the precious stones sparkle aristocrat pushes back the tapestry or lifts the golden chalice to the lip. The king is giving this drunken feast to show his contempt for the besigning army of Cyrus the Great, which for nearly two years had fruitlessly laid cuse for Belshazzar to say that seige to his capital, that seemed im-

But at last, in this banquet hall, at this famous feast, when the intoxicated of the Babylonish capital intoxicated eye witness, "a glowing tribute to the throats of the assembled guests and the fushed cheek redder than the wine ways did not call for cup, there appears a marvelous sight. Out of space there stretches a handan armless, bodiless hand-and with the finger of this strange hand for a pen den power writes three awful banquet hall. It is to interpret one of those words, "tekel," which means are found wanting," that I am today preaching this sermon. I preach upon this one word because these fatal five letters announced to Belshazzar, the king of the Chaldeans, that night that

God's balances always have accordant weights. He weighs every man ac-cording to the work which he has given proportion to the religious opportunilife. He weighs every man with reference to the Christian home in which he ence to the Christian home in which he was born and to the prayers of Christian men and women which have been attered in his behalf. God weighs a man flot only with regard to his sins might have accomplished for God had he applied himself for his Divine Mast-er as he should have done.

THE SCALES OF GOD. When God in this royal banquet hall this sinful feast. The capital of Baby-When God in this royal banquet hall of Babylon held high the balances with bough to supply the city for many of the Chaldeans, God weighed that life by a standard entirely different from that with which he would weigh the walls were too high to sagle. The walls were too high to sagle. that with which he would weigh the at all upon the bronzed gates. The ter described by the artist by whom life of an ignorant, brutal, African walls were too high to scale. For two I saw it pictured at Buffalo, N. Y., in

within its central temple was an idol lions' den. Daniel, at the time of which made of solid gold, which alone was I speak, was about eighty years of age. worth \$200,000,000. Its surrounding He could have testified and in all probability did testify to Belshazzar how ough to allow four charioteers to drive the love of the true God had cared for his believing child, now for nearly of them, while the moon shimmered four score years. So the word written on the wall of that banquet hall was light the spears of hundreds of sentin-els and shone upon a hundred gates of portunities of leading a godly life had been placed in one scale, and when the evil affects of the life he did lead were friends in and clanged shut to keep put in the other scale it had gone down like a flash. That was the inevitable result. He had been weighed in the balances and found wanting .

My brother and sister, are you ready to let God hold aloft the same balances with which he weighed Belshazzar's ance the mighty river Euphrates life in the royal banquet hall of Babylon? Are you ready to let him weigh the results of your life? "Oh, no," you answer; "my life is nothing to what it ought to be, when I think of my past religious bringing up. No one had a better and more consecrated Christian mother than I have had. No one today has a more consecrated praying wife than I have. Every night even my little children pray for me and yet I am unwilling to pray for myself or do what I ought to do." If all this be true, then my brother, how are you to escape the doom of him who sat in Babylon's banquet hall? You are being weighed in the balances and found wanting.

THE INFLUENCE OF PRAYER.

It is an awful and heartrending sight to see a man stand up and confess that streets encircled the busy marts where he has crushed cut of his heart the remerchants wrangled for barter and ligious influences which surrounded his gain or led down to the magnificent early life. I once heard of an old man who arose in a great religious meeting and, facing the audience, said substantially this: "Oh, my friends, I beg of you not to fight against the influences of the prayers that have been uttered in your behalf. If you do, you will live to regret it, as I have done, I was brought up in a Christian home. After I came to the city my business grew so rapidly that I drifted away from church and from the Bible and the family altar. I had a little daughter who was the idol of my life. She was at that time accustomed almost stopped their singing long enough to quench their thirst or to cleanse their gorgeous plumage. There in the evening hour these fountains lifted up their lips, while their cheeks blushed into a deep red for the good night kiss of the setting sun.

Severy evening to go to a neighbor's house. I reproved her two or three times and at last whipped her for going hour these fountains lifted up times and at last whipped her for going. That night she was taken sick, and when she was flushed with the fever she called me to her side and transporting thought this should be, that we can have all our sins outweighed! We would not dare for one instant to preach a sermon upon God's balances at Belshazzar's feast unless upon this idea. It would be appalling to depict the horror of a single of the cross, shall go up and not go at Belshazzar's feast unless upon this idea. It would be appalling to depict the horror of a single of the cross, shall go up and not go at Belshazzar's feast unless upon this idea. It would be appalling to depict the horror of a single of the cross, shall go up and not go at Belshazzar's feast unless upon this idea. It would be appalling to depict the horror of a single of the cross, shall go up and not go the cross. every evening to go to a neighbor's said: 'Papa, don't think I und wions because I wished to go over to Mr. So-the horror of a sinner's eternity, unless the horror of a sinner's eternity, unless the horror of a sinner's eternity. and-so's house. I went there for you.

You used to have family prayers, but

don for all sins to all people if they somehow you are too busy now to have them, and my little schoolmate's would only all be willing to be cleansed papa always has family prapers," of their sins in the blood of a dramatic scene where had once been rocked in a Christian ton during the famous cyclone in the

She had to tell that to me, a sinful officer and sallor had divested himself man, when she herself was about to of all of his outer garments because ran, when she herself was about to take the last journey over the river of death, from which no traveller every moment they expected the huge every moment they expected the huge ship to go down, as many of the other vessels had already been engulfed before their eyes. But though every man was making all the necessary preparations he could for what seemed the interview balances. he is going to weigh us in reference to our religious opportuni-ties, as he did when he weighed the ties, as he did when he weighed the sinful life of Belshazzar, the king of wanted to take it and live and let his God's balances weigh every individual life irrespective of the conduct of al life irrespective of the conduct of officer would not put it on, but handed of other people. It was no availing exit to the captain. The captain in turn ought not to be weighed in God's balances and found wanting while there were a thousand other drunken lords

in the royal banquet hall. It was no ways did not call for more severe condemnation than those of hundreds of eastern royal aristocrats who were loathsome with the same cancerous sins. And yet there are thousands of flagrant sinners today who foolishly think that God will overlook and pardon their evil practices merely because they are no worse than their next door neighbors, no worse than the people with whom they come in daily contact. They act as if they experted a universal pardon for unrepentant sin, in spite of the fact that the Bible directly and emphatically declares, "Every man shall die for his own sin." Human teau, Czolgosz and the assassin of

justice makes examples of conspicuous criminals like John Wilkes Booth, Gui-President Carnot, each of them per- Oh, ne'er in Babylon did blaze a sight shing for his own crime, not for the crimes of others, just as you must perish, if you die penitent, for the Bearing his crown and dressed in robe sins you have individually committed,

regardless of what others have done. YOU MUST BE WEIGHED.

God's balances weigh every individual at the times when he feels independent of God as well as when he feels dependent upon the divine mercy. Never in all his life did Belshazzar consider himself more independent of his enemies than on the occasion of

feast, while the king and his princ his kingdom were drinking themselves drunk, Cyrus, seeing his opportunity, turned aside the course of the river Euphrates, and in the early hours of the morning marched along that river until the whole room glowed with light, bed, under the great bronze gates and we saw the inside of a huge palace.

when his servant was thrown into the even have a candle lighted in his tent. So when the would be sinner would be put out and that no soldier should nally lost and the destroyed. That night the great Prussian gener enter the banquet hall of sin he always al, as was his custom, went prowling goes there at first like one groping around his camps to verify with his own eyes whether his orders were obeyed. Seeing a light in a soldier's tent, he crept up and looked in There he saw a soldier with a lighted candle bidden beyond the saw a soldier with a lighted candle bidden beyond the saw as soldier with a lighted hidden beneath his knapsack writing a letter. All that Frederick the Great said was this: 6"Young man, add a wall. You, O sinner, today see it! You postscript to that letter which you see it with horrised eyes, as Belshazhave just written. Say: Goodby forever. I have disobeyed my king's dead fingers of those who have lifted commands in order to write this letter, and by the order of King Frederick you are lifting at the present time. I shall be shot tomorrow." As Frederick the Great always kept his eye on his troops, God's all seeing eye is always watching us, even in the most secret of places. He watches us in the can no longer keep your courage up. nost sacred places of our chambers, in the office, when we go down the street, the advancing messengers of God's wherever we may be. No sin is a seven geance. It is horror at the opening oret sin to God. He knows all and of the banquet; it is horror in the midsees all. The same divine scales that weighed the sinful life of Belshazzar able horror at its close when God shall in the banquet hall of the Babylonish finally say to you, O sinner, "Thou capital are continually weighing us, no art weighed in the balances and art

> SINS BALANCED BY ATONEMENT. But, though God's balances may be

matter where we may be.

may be piled into the right scale, but rather of whether we are willing to place the atoning cross in the left.

Though the sins of God's wayward centre of a group of your loved ones. children may be mountains high and It is right next to your sainted mother seas deep, yet that cross is able to out- and father and wife and sister and weigh them all. In the Philadelphia mint can be seen a pair of scales so perfectly adjusted that if a speck of fly walks across the balancing har er of life, which will fit you for en-overhanging it that scale will sink. trance among the sainted hosts, or shall God's scales are perfectly adjusted spiritually. No matter how many or how great our sins may be, if we once place the cross of Jesus Christ into the scale opposite to that which is piled

alances, he is going to weigh us in server for which no one seemed to have All Control of the property of any particular use. It was the only

cannibal, taught from the days of his captives to ling years the Persian hosts had been youth that it was right and honorable conducting a futile seige. But history a dark room, we sat there awhile in total darkness. Then, by the magical St John, NB, via Louisburg.

ALLES ON THE STREET STREET, ST

effects of lights, it slowly became brighter and brighter, until, upon the side of the wall, we could see dim figures begin to form themselves. They looked at first like hideous phantoms. urs of Then, as it became lighter and lighter CHICAGO, Oct. 26.—From one of the most thrilling incidents of Bible history Rev. Frank De Witt Talmage through the most thrilling incidents of Bible history Rev. Frank De Witt Talmage through the most thrilling incidents of Bible history Rev. Frank De Witt Talmage through the most thrilling incidents of Bible history Rev. Frank De Witt Talmage through the most farmage through the weak through the weak through the weak through the most farmage through the most farmage through the most farmage through the was and found warming."

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nival the banqueter in the hall of sin sees that fatal handwriting upon the zar saw it; you see it written by the Then, as in the room where I saw the picture at the world's fair, you feel that it begins to grow darker and darker. The light in the reveler's eyes Already in that darkness you can see

found wanting." So, in closing, as I plead with you to flee from the banquet hall of sin, I again invite you into the other banquet condemning scales for the Belshazzars groom, is to be married to the church, fis bride. I would invite you into that savails itself of Christ's atonement. It is not now a question of how many signs hall where Christ the Divine Bridecause there is a vacant place at that centre of a group of your loved ones. child, and by the looks of your loved ones I think they are waiting for you.
O sinner, are you ready today to leave dirt falls into one of the scales or a the revelers of sin and to quaff the watyou, as a result of this spurned gospel invitation, be weighed in the balances and forever found wanting? God is even now holding high the balances. high with our sins, we shall then be weighed in the balances and not found wanting.

Hay every one of decide how the balances of Ged shall be moved! May we one and all, decide that the scale of

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Oct 28—Sch Pardon G Thompson, 162, Brown, from Providence, A Cushing and Co, bal.

Sch Sarah C Smith, 259, Wood, from St eGorge, J A Gregory, bal.

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Sch Harry Morris, 98, McLean, from Quaco for Boston, laths, in for harbor.
Sch Victory, 124, Bishop, from Hillsboro for Boston, tan bark, in for harbor.
Coastwise—Schs Maggie, 34, Scott, from Noel; Margaret, 49, Stanley, from St George; str Centreville, 32, Graham, from Sandy Cove. Cove. Oct 30—Sch Jessie D, 86, George, from Ellsworth, J W Smith, bal.

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LIZARD, Oct. 23—Passed, str St Louis, from New York for Southampton.

QUEENSTOWN, Oct. 23—Ard, str New England, from Boston for Liverpool (and proceeded).

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HONG KONG, Oct 23.—Ard, str Empress of India, from Vancouver, 7 a. m., today.

LIVERPOOL. Oct. 28.— Sid, str Buenos Ayrean, for St Johns, N F, Halifax, and Philadelphia.

At Kingston, Ja, Oct 14, bark Edith Mary, Hughes, from Aruba for Berwick; schs Lena R Storer, Melene, from Pascagoula; I5th, Elva, Porter, from Mobile.

At Garston, Oct 27, bark Olivia, Christensen, from Shediac via Liverpool.

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From Swansea, Oct 25, str Zanzibar, Robin-From Swansea, Oct 25, str Zanzibar, Robinson, for Boston.

From Port Spani, Sept 30, sch Minto, Tinck, for Mayaguez.

From Glasgow, Oct 30, str Sellasia, Purdy, for New York.

From Cardiff, Oct 30, str Cheronea, Swatridge, for Boston.

FOREIGN PORTS.

At Boston, Oct 25, schs James L Maloy, Whelpley, from St John; John Proctor, Haskell, from Hillsboro; Race Horse, White, from Port Gilbert.

GITY. ISLAND, Oct 28—Bound south, sch Modoc, from Eatonville, NS; Clifford T White, from Calais, Me.

BOSTON, Oct 28—Ard, str Fos, from Louisburg, CB; schs Sciantilla, from Port Hastings, NS; E C Gates, from Calais.

Sid, str Prince Arthur, for Yarmouth, NS; Athalie, for Sydney, CB.

READY ISLAND, Del, Oct 28—Psd down, sch Rosa Mueller, from Philadelphia for Rockland.

CADIZ, Oct 21—Sid, sch Dione, for St Johns, NF.

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CADIZ, Oct 21—Sid, sch Dione, for St Johns, NF.
PORTLAND, Me, Oct 28—Ard, str Norseman, from Liverpool; schs Annie M Allen, from Nova Scotia for New York.
Cld, strs Larne, for Miramichi, NB; Lord Charlemont, for Hull, sch Inez N Carver, for Fernandina.
VINBYARD HAVEN, Mass, Oct 28—Ard, schs Beaver, from New York for St John; R D Spear, from Hoboken for Boston; Calabria, from Brighton for Windsor, NS.
BOOTHBAY HARBOR, Me, Oct 28—Ard, schs Riverdale, from St John; Hattie Muriel, from do; Quetay, from do; Ida May, from do.
PURO DE DUZ (Las Palmas), Oct 14—Ard, bark Giambattiste Padre, from St John, RIO JANEIRO, Oct 28—Ard, str Pandosia, from Dublin.

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NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—Ard str McBaba,

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From City Island, Oct 26, sch Beaver, Huntley, for St John.
At New York, Oct 27, sch Lewanika, Williams, for Hillsboro: Olympia, Shubert, for Curacoa and West Indies.
At New York, Oct 28, sch St Marie, Atkinson, for Bermuda.

From Lorenzo Marques, Oct. 25, ship Creedmore, Kennedy, for Barbados.
From Sity Island, Oct 27, sch Demozelle, Morris, for Port Greville.
From Bath, Oct 27, schs Abble Ingalls, for New York; Emeline G Sawyer, for do; Rebecca J Moulton, for Philadelphia; Lawrence Haines, for New York.
From Fernandina, Oct. 27, sch Bessie Parker, Whittaker, for Hamilton, Ber.
From City Island, Oct 28, schs Lewanika, Williams from New York for Hillsboro, NB: Blanche Morgan, Wasson, from New York for Bridgeport; Lizzie D Small, Coombs, from Port Reading for Bangor.

REPORTS. VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Oct 28-A the bay.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Oct. 29.—The schr Soudan, from P. E. Island, for St. Johns, with a cargo of cattle, went ashore in a dense fog this morning at Trepassay, near Cape Race. She lies in a dangerous position and will probably the school of the sch

Ship J D Everett, Crossley, from Vancouver for Queensborough, Oct 12, lat 8 N, lon 26 W. Bark Malwa, Rogers, from Montevideo for New York, Oct 4, lat 8 S, lon 33 W. MEMORANDA.

Passed St Helena, previous to Oct 27, ship Andora, Handerson, from Java for Delaware Breakwater. Passed Ventnor, Oct 27, ship Fred E Scam-mell, Campling, from San Francisco for London.

NOTICE TO MARINERS. NEW YORK, Oct 26—Notice is given by the inspector of the Third Lighthouse dis-trict that on Oct 25, 1902, a spar shaped ex-perimental gas lighted bucy, painted red, and showing a fixed red light during per-

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