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Washington, D.C., Jan. 12-Pastor Russell preached this afternoon at the Temple, corner Thirteenth Street and New York Avenue, to a large congregation. He made the rather startling declaration that the Millennium is already here; that chronology proves that we have been living under some of its blessings for the past thirtyeight years; and that our modern onveniences and progress are attriutable to the beginning of the rolling away of the curse, and the substitution of the Divine blessing.

The reign of Messiah for a thousand not only bind Satan and kind, but will also bring light, knowledge, ilumination, to every corner of the earth. The speaker pointed out the beginning of these blessings as already with us; but they are only the faint dawnings of the greater light which will flood the world when the great Sun of Rightsousness, Emmanuel's Kingdom, shall be mani-

fested above the horizon.

Yet we must not expect all sunshinc. A great cloud is immediately before us, with a terrific storm, which will convulse the present order of things—social, financial, political and religious. The momentary chaos will yield to the Prince of Peace, who will yield to the Prince of Peace, who will then take t Himself His great power and reign. He will say to the raging winds of strife and the billowy waves of trouble, "Peace, be still!" and there will be a great calm, even as was illustrated on the Sea of Galilee. The storm, the Pastor stated, is

etimes spoken of as a manifestation of Divine wrath and indignation; but he explained that the great Je-hoval is the synonym for Justice, and Messiah is the synonym for Mercy.

Justice operates along the lines of cause and effect. Whosoever sins shall suffer. From this viewpoint, he explained, the trouble which will pre-cede the establishment of Messiah's Kingcom will be the natural, logical result of the operation of the laws of

Humanity is not using the bless-ings of this Millennial Morning in that noble and generous manner in which they should be used. Selfishness prevails everywhere, amongst rich and poor. The earth's present abundant supply for men's needs should bring contentment to high and low, rich and poor; but it is bringing the reverse, because the natural heart is full of selfishness, depravity. The noble image of the Creator has been considerably lost, though no one is

God will allow this ferment of selfishness to lead on to its natural results, in order to demonstrate to mankind the fallacy of that principal-in order to prepare men to appreciate the reign of righteousness, equity, rey and love, about to be inaugur-d. The lesson, he said, will be a severe one-but not too sef it teaches mankind the pur-lesson of the sinfulness of sin, elfishness, meanness and the beauty of holiness, righteousness, harmony

which de desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose." This prophecy is having a literal fulfilment now in our West-ern States. He told of what he had Oregon and Washingtonbeautiful groves bearing delicious fruits growing where once nothing but sage brush grew—on land sup-posed at one time to be practically alueless. The application of water has wrought a marvelous transformation, or miracle. It might be described just as the Prophet portrays. Streams break forth under the guid-ance of human intellect, operating the marvelous machinery and implements of our day. He witnessed further transformations in Colorado and

Our Government is co-operating with our intelligent fellow-citizens of the West in the fulfilment of the Diwine prophecy. Although the work is only in its infancy, the results are already marvelous. Some of the Truits are so beautiful so luscious. already marvelous. Some of the truits are so beautiful, so luscious, that we may well wonder if there was anything superior in the Eden of old, or if the Paradise promised to be established in all the earth will be established in all the earth win be able to bring these fruits to a fuller

A similar work of reclamation of the desert is going on in old Arabia. Shortly the land of the "Arabian Nights" will realize in a natural way far greater wealth and far more wonderful changes than those of the fairy tales which entranced our childish

The great Sahara Desert, too, has been examined by engineers. They ascertain that a considerable portion of its vast area is below sea level.
At a comparatively small cost it can
be inundated and made to rejoice
with the remainder of the world, by sharing in the Millennial blessing. The Scriptures prophesy also that the Dead Sea will be connected with the ocean, and that region become once

more prosperous.

Pastor Russell, dealing with the context, pointed out that it tells the whole story. He applied Verse 3 to the present time, declaring that he was seeking to carry out its command, "Strengthen ye the weak hands and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not; behold your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recommend.

with a recompense; He will come and sa.e you."—Verses 3, 4.

The Church is here addressed—not the world. True, Messiah's coming is to bless the world, but before the blessing can come to the world, the Elect Church must first be gathered.

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By the "change" of the First Resurection, the Elect will cease to be of the human neture and will become "like unto the angels,"

clared, is Scripturally called "The Pride, the Lamb's Wife." In all of od's dealings with humanity this Spiritual Israel. They are not all children of Abraham by nature, he said, but are his chidren by fa th; for-Abraham typically was the Father of the Faithful. Abraham represented Jehovah, as Isaac typified the Son, Jesus, and Rebecca, Isaac's bride, typified the Church. The first of this company was gathered from the natural seed of Abraham, but the company as a whole has been completed out of every nation, people, kindred

cass. After its completion, the Divine lessing will extend through it to natural Israel, and through them to all nations again. The blessing them to be bestowed, however, will not be of the same character. They will all be earthly blessings—the life and health in Paradise will all be earthly. Only the Church of the Firstborn, begotten of the Holy Spirit, know; and only such can go on to make their calling and election sure and attain the birth of the Spirit in the resurrection. All others remaining of the human nature will get the blessings which God has provided for humanity. These, the Pastor said, will surpass anything of which the human mind has ever yet conceived.

The miracles which Jesus did at His First Advent were merely little illustrations of the much greater work which He will accomplish at His Second Advent. He explained this to the Apostles, saying, Greater works than these shall ye do. (See John 14:12.) It is a greater work now to open the eyes of human understanding to appreciate the Divine Character and Plan than to open the natural eyes, as Jesus did. So in the future Jesus and His Church, during the thousand years of Messiah's Kingdom, will open blinded eyes of understanding, unstop ears that have long been deaf to the Truth, loose to sing praises to God tongues that have never yet experienced that blessing. Moreover,

be strong and leap for joy.

We are not disputing that all the lameness, deafness, ailments of the present time, will quite disappear. during Messiah's reign of a thousand years. We are merely laying emphasis on the fact that the greater blessings will come also; the lamenesses, for instance, of human weakness and frailty incident to the fall and its hereditary influence. All this lameness will be done away with-

What a new aspect earth will wear when Paradise shall bloom, when righteousness shall prevail, when sickness and sin, sorrow and pain and dying shall gradually fade away before the touches of the glorious sunlight of that New Dispensation

The context declares that then a Highway of Holiness shall be estab-lished. The Hebrew word signifies a tinctly different from the broad road of the present, which is a downward one. The Highway will be an upward walk. It will be distinctly different also from the narrow way and rugged path of the Church of the present thorny way, beset by trials and diffi-culties, liable to attacks of the world, the flesh and the Adversary, it will be the reverse of this.

No lion and ravenous beast will be there. The beastly propensities and appetites will no longer have power to entrap, ensuare and devour the poor human family. All stumbling-stones of error will be cleared out of the way, whereas now the Christian's pathway is full of them. Indeed, all of our six hundred creeds are more less stones of stumbling, more or less indicate the doubt, perplexity and uncertainty in which God's peo-

ple have been traveling. We thank the Lord for the prospec-tive change to be brought in by Messiah's Kingdom. Satan will then be bound and no longer allowed to plant the seeds of discord, strife, error, mis-understanding of God, nor be permitted to water these seeds. On the contrary, every influence then will be favorable, as now every influence is unfavorable, to those who would walk in the path of justice, equity, righte-

Whither will that Highway lead the traveler, do you ask? him to the same glory, honor and immortality to which the narrow path of sacrifice and self-denial now leads the consecrated people of God who walk in the footsteps of Jesus? Oh, walk in the footsteps of Jesus? Oh, no! the narrow path of sacrifice will then be at the part of sacrifice will plished the purpose for which it was

designed, or permitted—the selection of the Bride class, Messiah's joint-heirs, or Cabinet, in His Kingdom. The Highway which Messiah's Kingdom will open up to all the children of Adam—to the non-elect—will lead them back to perfection. When God made Father Adam, He made fod made Father Adam, He made him a man, not an angel—an earthly being, not a heavenly being. God crowned Adam with earthly glory and honor, and set him as king over the earth, its fish, towl, beasts. God changes not. His purpose is the same to-day as in the beginning. For six thousand years God has allowed humanity to propagate and

allowed humanity to propagate and go down into the sleep of death, there

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o await a better time future. Mean-ime God sent forth His Sen and re-leamed mankind, and then glorified he obedient Saviour. Since then, of that he restricted a saintly few be resided in the restricted a saintly few be restricted in order is the blessing of all remainder of Adam's race by Resultion—restoration to the earthly ory and honor originally intended

"The desert shall and blossom as the rose. r hearts will be drawn nearmake increasing obodience more y possible. And love for our terth the grains of Him who hath alied us cut of darkness into His rervelous light.

The Proph doclars respecting the osts that will pass over the Highway of Holiness, that they are all From world of mankind. He says, The ransomed of the Lord shall be nd everlasting joy upon their heads hey shall obtain joy and gladness ney snall obtain low and gladness, nl sorrow and sighing will flee way." And Jesus add shall be no more sighing, crying and dying, because all the former things of sin and death shall have passed away. He that sitteth upon the Throne shall make all things new .-

Revelation 21:4, 5. Once in our ignorance we supposed that Jesus died only for the Church that only tht Bride class, the Little Flock, were to be ransomed by the precious blood. Now we see differ-ently-that God's Love and the provision He has made in Christ are world-wide. We knew that the Scriptures stated the matter broadly, but we looked through the narrow spectacles of the creeds of the Dark Ages. Thus we disregarded the words of the Apostle, "God * * * will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the Truth. For there s one God, and one Mediator between God and man (mankind), the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." (I Timothy 2:4-6.) How strange that we could have read these precious words over and over again without seeing their real import! How doubly strange when we so well know that few of our friends, relatives an neighbors belonged in any sense or degree to the saintly Little-Flock, the Elect!

How glad we are that in this Morn-ter time when the light is shining in on all subjects, and the more conall subjects, and when all man aschedly, we may enjoy the clearer light of God's Word! It is so very broad in one sense of the Word, and ret so very narrow, in another, that t meets every condition.

None but the saintly followers in the

otsteps of Jesus can enter the Kingdom class. Then the wideness of God's Mercy will operate, through the King-dom class on the spirit plane, to give come to a knowledge of God. As they shall experience the blessings secure them through the "Ransom for ' they will have the privilege of ing up, up the Highway Holiness, during the thousand years,

The reward will be human perfecion and a world-wide Eden, gradualattained under the assistance of the Church in glory, the Kingdom. Ultimately, God's blessing and everlasting life will be given to all the willing and obedient. Even the wilfully wicked will not be tortured eternally, but will be destroyed, with an everlasting destruction from which there will be no recovery. Ah! now we see the glorious prize before the row way of trial, testing! Now do we is as the wideness of the sea, in the provision that, as all came under the reign of sin and death, through Fath-Adam, all may come under the essed reign of righteousness and life everlasting through the Redeemer, the Second Adam!

It is from that destruction toward which all are tending that Christ has for the very purpose of destroying the broad way and rescuing the poor degenerates born in sin and shapen in quity, who were heedlessly going the downward way. In the Highway there will be no lions and ravenous beasts of licensed saloons and other evils to tempt, to entrap; and Satan, the great Adversary, will be bound during that thousand years.

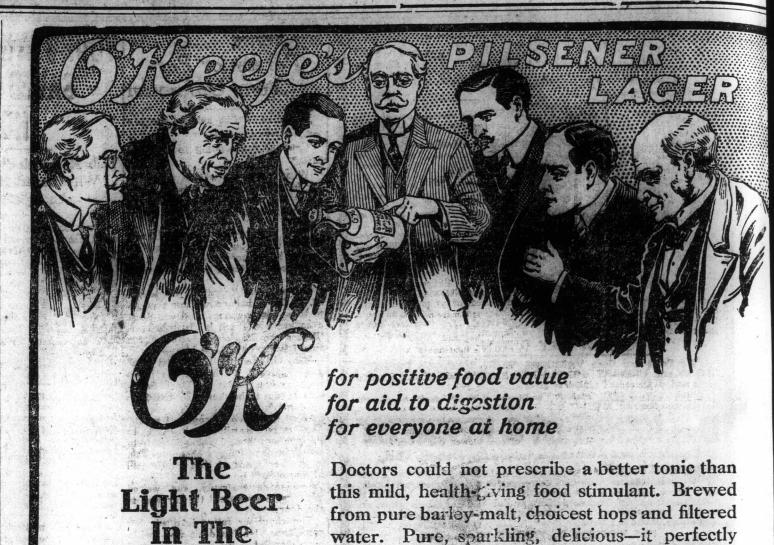
What a glorious change from the resent time! Everything then will be helpful. Insteal of evil spirits to attempt to mislead and deceive, will e the glorified ones on the spirit plane to assist and direct. Nevertheless, we see, according to the Scriptures, the importance of the various trials and difficulties of the present time. God is now seeking a very spe-cial class; and in order to be fitted and prepared for His service, they

Indian Model Village.
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