

PEOPLE'S PULPIT

Most Precious Text In The Bible

How Differently It Reads From What We Once Supposed.

Sermon by Charles T. Russell, Pastor Brooklyn Tabernacle

Pasadena, Cal., June 15.—Pasadena is favored. Pastor Russell was to have spoken today in Los Angeles, but the best auditoriums were unavailable. Instead, he spoke this forenoon at Santa Ana, this afternoon and evening here, giving Friday and Saturday at Los Angeles and Los Angeles. Pastor Russell addressed a thoroughly representative audience. His afternoon topic was "Beyond the Grave." His evening topic we report. His text was, "God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

Foretelling the Pastor pointed out that once Christian people, even Bible students, misunderstand this text and read into it a conflicting thought, dishonoring to God—read it as though it said that God so loved the world as to keep them from perishing, in order that they, the saintly Elect, might attain to glory and look over the battlements of Heaven and see all the remainder—Jews, heathen and the masses of Christendom—writing in torment to all eternity—unable to perish—forced to live in order that they might, by their sufferings, ascertain the more fortunate, who were guaranteed bliss to the full.

What right did we ever have, said the Pastor, to thus put into the mouth of our Saviour, as our creeds have done, words which He never uttered—words which are very untrue—indeed, a blasphemy against our Maker!

We are not faulting our forefathers. Had we been in their place, doubtless we would have been as confused as were they, and we might have indulged in heretic burning, etc. And had they lived in our wonderful day of great light, knowledge, privilege, opportunity, education, Bibles, etc., doubtless they would have had as noble ideas as ourselves respecting the prophecies of Christian conduct and Divine conduct and Love and Justice. The Bible tells us that Satan and his fallen angels are responsible for these terrible "doctrines of demons" which have given thinking people such horrible nightmares, and driven so many of them away from God and the Bible into unbelief, agnosticism, and even atheism.

Let us rejoice in the light of the better Day which has dawned. Let the become Bible students of the highest sense of the term. Never before has there been such an opportunity for knowing the real teaching of God's Book—what it does contain and what it does not contain. We have the Bible, concordances and helps, and we have the general education which permits us to study them. Our forefathers labored against lack of education, time, lack of Bibles, and lack of good artificial light.

When we come to think of it, the word perished contains not the remotest suggestion of fire or torture. In our ignorance we read all that into the text and into other texts of similar import; for instance, the statement that God is not willing that any should perish, but would that all should come unto Him and live; and the statement of St. Peter that the willfully ignorant shall perish like brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed; and the statement through the Psalmist, "All the wicked will God destroy." How lurid these simple words become before our inflamed and perverted imaginations! No man of us rang the changes on these Bible terms in a vain attempt to drive men toward God through fear, when God declares that He does not wish any to come and has no pleasure whatever in their worship or service.

Did not Jesus tell us that the Father seeketh such to worship Him as worship Him in spirit and in truth? (John 4:23.) And our perversion of the Divine Word and Plan only helped men away from God to such misunderstanding of Him that they could not worship Him in spirit and in truth, and, at most, could worship only in form and ceremony.

The Pastor told of an experience he had in India. Some of the higher caste Hindus, wholly unapproachable by the missionaries, heard that he was preaching a more reasonable message. They came, entreating him for further meetings, declaring their respect for the intelligence of Christians, but that they could not believe the doctrines usually preached. They could not believe in a God so unjust, so unmerciful, so wicked that He would torment them and their forefathers through all eternity because they did not believe on Jesus, when they had not so much as heard of Him. They said that their gods were not so unjust; for they forbade men to torture even dumb brutes. They preferred to hold on to the reasonable gods of their fathers rather than to believe in the unjust one preached by the missionaries.

Can we blame them? asked the Pastor. On the contrary, he admitted that in the past himself and other Christians had seriously misinterpreted the Bible. He urged his hearers to study the Bible itself and to ignore the unreasonable teachings which are driving men away from the Bible and the God which it presents.

Pastor Russell found that the heathen do not really worship the idols, but through the idols seek to worship an unseen deity. At first he wondered that they could bow before such hideous, awkward, vicious-looking images. Then he thought came to him, that these poor heathen had formulated their gods of clay, stone, bronze, etc., but that Christians had formulated ours differently—instead of using material substances we merely constructed ideals and described them, and that from this viewpoint, the credal pictures of the God of Love are farther

TO-MORROW IN THE CHURCHES

Guide to the Places of Public Worship in Brantford

- ANGLICAN**
ST. JUDE'S CHURCH. Peel St. Cor. Dalhousie and Peel Sts. Sunday, June 22nd. Morning Prayer—11 a.m. Evening Prayer—7 p.m. The Rev. E. C. Whitaker, of Fort McPherson will preach at both services. Sunday School and Bible Class—3 p.m.
- GRACE CHURCH.** Albion St., opp. Church.
- ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.** 150 Oxford St.
- ST. JAMES' CHURCH.** Dublin St., Cor. Grand.
- ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.** West Mill St.
- TRINITY CHURCH.** Cor. Cayuga and Huron.
- ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.** Cor. Elgin and Brock.
- BAPTIST**
FIRST BAPTIST. 104 West St. Pastor, Rev. Llewellyn Brown. The pastor, Rev. Llewellyn Brown will be in charge of all the services. Morning worship 11 a.m., Bible school come forth—the faithful, the saintly, to a resurrection of life—perfection, honor; the remainder of mankind—those who are not resurrected—1 Corinthians 15:51. Without the death of Jesus, said the Pastor, all of the race would be perished, and only the resurrection of Jesus would save anyone from perishing and have an opportunity for believing in a salvation from death. Only because Christ died is there an opportunity for the Church to be saved from a "high calling" to the Divine nature. Likewise only through the merit of Christ's death will the world of mankind be saved from perishing and have an opportunity during Messiah's Kingdom to be re-covered from sin and death conditions, from ignorance, superstition, etc.—from the tomb. "Gradually they will be raised up, up, up, in the image and likeness of God in the flesh, ultimately to enjoy Him forever in a world-wide Paradise, from which will be cut off in the Second Death all unfaithful doers, all who prefer sin to righteousness, and who do not wish to be made part to them when the opportunity will be fully within their grasp. Incidentally, the Pastor mentioned a gross mistranslation of the Greek word in John 8:52, namely, "resurrection, of damnation." The Greek word here, he said, is krisis, and has not in it the slightest suggestion of suffering or suffering. The Revised Version renders this verse properly—"a resurrection of judgment." "I am not forgetting," said the speaker, that our text proffers Divine blessings only to believers. Neither am I forgetting that only a few are believers in the Scriptural sense now. Statistics mention four hundred millions of Christians; but, as we all know, this includes practically everybody in Europe and America, with Asia and Africa. It includes many in prisons and insane asylums, penitentiaries, etc. And that leaves three times as many now as call heathen, who have no knowledge of Christ whatsoever—twelve hundred millions. Surely none of these are believers in the sense defined by Jesus and the Apostles. Jesus implies that if any one really believes His Message, his faith will transform his whole life—he would be a faithful follower of Jesus that he would count all other aims and ambitions as loss and cross—and I will with him, the race set before him. Only these are believers, and they are comparatively few. They are a fine company. They will get his prize, the "pearl of great price," the Kingdom joint-ownership with the Redeemer in His glory, honor and immortality. "But are no others to be blessed? For every man? Does not that expression imply that every man will have some opportunity of profiting by the Kingdom? It surely does. Those who now hear, appreciate, believe, in the Bible sense, alone will have an opportunity for sharing in the Kingdom of the blessed and holy. But the remainder, we are assured, will all come forth from the tomb—to be granted an opportunity then for hearing and believing and gaining an inferior blessing. The blessing now is a spiritual one only; but the blessing to be offered under Messiah's Kingdom will be an earthly one—Restitution, human perfection in an earthly Paradise everlasting." The Bible tells all this, says Pastor Russell. It declares that the god of this world, Satan, is now blinding the minds of all except believers. It equally tells that in God's due time, during Messiah's reign, all the blind eyes will be opened, and all the deaf ears unstopped. (Isaiah 35:5.) Then the Kingdom will be granted an opportunity of enlightenment respecting the God of Love, and His wise, just and loving nature of reconciliation, and will be blessed by the great Mediator of the New Covenant. Note how this is explained by the Apostle: God wills to have all men come to a knowledge of the Truth, that they may be saved. To this end He has provided that Jesus shall be the Mediator between Himself and mankind. In His name shall the Father's Plan, Jesus is now selecting the Church class, to be a Royal Priesthood, a Bride class, to share with Him in His Kingdom glory and Mediatorial work for the world. It was to this end that He gave Himself a ransom for all—to be testified in due time.—1 Timothy 2:4-6.

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FIRST SECTION

PORTY-FOURTH YEAR

GAYEST WEEK OF THE SEASON

Ascot Sunday on the River—All Grades of Society Were Out.

[Canadian Press Despatch]

NEW YORK, June 23.—A Long cable says: This is likely to be the gayest week of the season. As Sunday is always spent on the River, and yesterday was certainly the greatest up-the-river day of the year, all grades of society were on water and a record number of over 1,600 to be precise, passed through the Lock.

To-day the Prince of Wales celebrated his nineteenth birthday. The King and Queen will attend the opera at Covent Garden to-night to be Melba and Caruso in La Bohème. This is really a command performance, as the Queen has expressed a wish to hear these famous singers together in her favorite opera.

To-morrow the Prince, a representative of the King, welcomes the French President at Portsmouth. The Prince of Wales and President Poincaré will travel together and the suite will be received by the King.

Wednesday is "Alexandra Day" when London will be a city of roses where the wild roses are to be sold for charities in which Queen Alexandra is interested. By 20,000 women dressed in white with wreaths of wild roses in their hats. Queen Alexandra will, during the afternoon drive down London to visit the Queen's State ball at Buckingham Palace. Several private dances also fixed for this event.

HEATED AIR MADE EXPLOSIVE

Theory in Connection With Terrible Fatality at Montreal.

[Canadian Press Despatch]

MONTREAL, Que., June 23.—That the wall which fell during the explosion of the Ixwelle and Sarrazin, and killed four firemen and injured five others, were blown out by an explosion of heated air, was the statement issued by Fire Chief Tremblay this morning. The fire itself, which did not now estimated at \$150,000, started, it is believed, by a cigar butt, carelessly flung into a pile of shavings.

All the injured men were reported as doing well this morning. A civic funeral will be given for the dead firemen on Wednesday and services will be held in the Roman Catholic and Protestant churches. A benefit in aid of the Montreal firemen's benevolent fund, which has to be cancelled, but the newspaper have opened their columns free to the acknowledgement of subscriptions.

Mohawk Car Service.

The city street car service to Mohawk Park has been withdrawn. The Grand Valley cars, which are now being conducted between the city and the park. The cars will be taken up by the proper authorities in the near future.

Building Permits.

Building permits have been issued by the City Engineer's office to William Payne for the erection of a cottage on Grant St., costing \$1,000. To William Sutch, for the erection of brick cottage on Rawdon St., cost \$1,000.

Sad Word.

News was received in the city morning of the death in Toronto of Miss Georgina King, a daughter of late Mr. George King, who formerly lived in Brantford, and funeral services will be announced later.

Seriously Ill.

Many friends will regret to learn of the very seriously illness of Mr. Snyder, wife of Rev. A. J. Snyder, pastor of Sydenham St. Methodist church. The family have all been summoned and have arrived in the city.

McManus Released.

Word reached the city this morning to the effect that Louis Cook, Manager of the Guelph team had released Pitches McManus from the club, strictly to the rules and regulations of the club.

Take a Rest.

There will be no practice of the local lacrosse team to-night. The team are going to take a rest until Wednesday night, and they deserve it, what they did to those Cuckneys Saturday.