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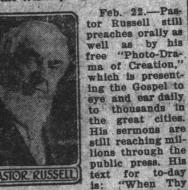
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ma of Creation," which is present eye and ear daily the great cities. still reaching millions through the public press. His text for to-day is: "When Thy

is: "When Thy udgments are abroad in the earth, he inhabitants of the world will earn righteousness." (Isaiah 26:9.)

Only those who come to an advanced knowledge of God's Word can realize how Divine judgments are all good—all blessed. Under the influence of the fog of superstition, not understanding aright the teachings of the Scriptures, supposing that they teach eternal torment for the materity of our race, we feared God, they teach eternal torment for the majority of our race, we feared God, rather than loved Him. We dared not say that such a judgment on God's part was wrong, malicious, devilish, yet we were unable to see it in any other light. Hence have come the general perplexity of Christendom, the general alienation of heart, and many intelligent minds driven to infidelity, to dislike to think about God and His supposedly terrible purposes respecting our race, to general awe respecting the Bible, and to fear of its misunderstood teachings.

teachings.

But now in the dawning of the New Dispensation, the Word of God is shining as never before. One passage illuminating another, our fear sage illuminating another, our fear is shining as never before. One passage illuminating another, our fear gives place to reverential love and filial awe. We begin to understand that the torment doctrines which we received are wholly foreign to the Divine character, which, on the contrary, is distinctly marked by Wisdom, Justice, Mercy and Love toward all. We find ourselves now in agreement with the Scriptural declaration that God's judgments are "righteous altogether," and we delight in them.

Instead of a judgment of eternal torment as a penalty for sin, we find a judgment, or sentence, of death. We agree to the righteousness of We agree to the righteousness of that verdict, or judgment. God had a right to demand of His creature the obedience he was able to render. He had a perfect right to desiroy him in death when he refused the blessing of life eternal on the terms of obedience. Seeing this, how rejoiced we are to note the Divine Mercy in the Plan of Redemption for the sinner and his offspring through the sacrifice of Christ! As a result we have good hope in His judgments; for He who once judged us worthy of death has with equal justice redeemed us and granted us the opportunity of eternal life through the resurrection. It was another part of the Divine

It was another part of the Divine judgment against our race that, instead of the death penalty's coming instantly upon Adam and Eve, it came gradually, that through the processes of gradual dying they might the better learn the lesson of "the exceeding sinfulness of sin," to the intent that, when granted the new trial secured by the merit of Christ's sacrifice, they might profit by it the more. The same principle by it the more. The same principle applies to all of Adam's posterity. "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now, * * * waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God." (Romans 8:22, 19.) They are waiting for the establishment of Christ's Millennial Kingdom, under which they will have a full opportunity of coming to a knowledge of the Truth.

a knowledge of the Truth,
This is God's provision for the
world in general! .What God did for
Natural Israel during the Jewish
Age, and what He has been doing for
Spiritual Israel since Pentecost, in
this Gospel Age, are matters separate and apart from His general dealing with mankind. The natural and
the Spiritual Seed of Abraham are
exceptions to the rule. Natural Israel under the Law Covenant and rael under the Law Covenant and Spiritual Israel under the Abrahamic Covenant have been granted special privileges and blessings not granted to the world in general.

From these two nominal Israels special "overcomers" have been chosen, or elected. These shortly, in association with the Redeemer, will constitute the Kingdom of God. The overcomers of Spiritual Israel, becoming the Bride of, Christ by resurrection change to the Heavenly nature, will be like Him and share His glory and will constitute the

thou shalt die." But Natural and Spiritual Israel have been dealt with as freed from the original sentence and on trial for life or death afresh under Ged's judgments, or disciplines. Thus it is written, "Jehavoh will judge His people." Not all under these judgments have understood them; not all were in the condition of heart to receive their instructions.

them; not all were in the condition of heart to receive their instructions.

"The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him; and He will show them His Covenant" (Psalm 25:14). Thus, during the Jewish Age, Israel often lapsed into more or less darkness and idolatry, and failed to see their special privileges. the Lord and o' character develop or less darkness and idolatry, and failed to see their special privileges and relationship to God under their Covenant. But amongst them were the few who with the eye of faith discerned the righteousness of God's dealing with them. Of these were the Prophets, who rehearsed the District and punishments, devine rewards and punishments, declaring that they were true and righteous altogether and merciful in the Similarly during this Gospel Age hristendom as a whole has not been in the condition to hear, to understand, to appreciate, the judgments of the Lord. But some have been "Israelites indeed," who possessed the and that the wild beasts of vice and degeneracy will all be brought into subjection. Thus nothing "shall hurt or destroy in all God's holy Mountain (Kingdom)." And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the Way of Holisecret of the Lord and who were able to rejoice in His judgments— His righteous dealings. They have

realized by faith God's love for them.
"The Father Himself loveth you"
(John, 16:27). By faith they have appreciated the Apostle's assurance that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose."—Romans, 8:28. We have seen that God's judg-ments in the past have been merely with those who shall constitute the Seed of Abraham (natural and Spiritual), through whom, according to the Promise, "all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis 28:14). We now note the fact that

days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace as long as the moon endureth." these; for their judgments could be discerned only by the eye of faith. Our text refers to the world's judgments during the Millennial Age. hen God's judgments will be abroad n the earth-not confined merely to and will include every member of Adam's race. And while these are declared to be the Lord's judgments, declared to be the Lord's judgments, note the fact that they will be administered by The Christ of which our glorified Redeemer will be the Head, and His members, when glorified, will be the Body—the Church.

The judgments of the Lord abroad in the earth will not mean havoc and dispersely but the control of the Lord abroad in the earth will not mean havoc and dispersely to manking in general, but ismay to mankind in general, but the very reverse — relief, assistance, to all who come into line with all the

to all who come into line with all the righteous arrangements of that Kingdom, designed for their uplifting from sin and death conditions. The judgments of that Day of a thousand years will be severe—even to destruction, against the wilfully, the deliberately rebellious, after they shall have been brought to a clear appreciation of right and wrong, good and evil, and their results—life and death. But these would not be fair cri-teria, Present conditions are permit-ted to test and to prove the faith as well as the obedience of those who are under trial, or judgment, and who have such a faith as permits them to grasp the glorious features of the present call. Consequently, few there will be who will find the great reward now offered .- Matthew

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the

They have

our text does not relate to either

one nation or especially called class-

Before the Lord; for He cometh, For He cometh to judge the earth; He shall judge the world with right-

St. Paul (Hebrews 11:32-40) will also be judges, earthly representatives of the Heavenly Kingdom. As it is written, "I will restore thy judges as at the first and thy counsellors as at the beginning."—Isaiah 1:26.

Our all-wise Creator, who has thus provided both the Heavenly and the earthly judges of the world in the election from Israel and the election of the Gospel Age, has thus demon-

of the Gospel Age, has thus demonstrated, to the few who understand "the secret of the Lord," "The Mystery hidden from ages and dispensations" past. It is evident that there will be no disappointment, no failure. will be no disappointment, no failure, in respect to God's great Oath-bound Covenant made with Abraham — "In thy Seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." The basis of the blessing is the redemptive work of Christ, finished at Calvary. The outworking of that blessing will come through the glorified Lord and the Church, His Body.

becoming the Bride of, Christ by resurrection change to the Heavenly nature, will be like Him and share His glory, and will constitute the Kingdom class, in the highest sense. The overcomers of Natural Israel, the hands of those already proven in the hands of

King, but also the great Priest, Prophet and Teacher. Even so, also, the Church shall be kings and priests Their office, their service, will be a combination of ruling and healing, in

structing and uplifting.

Everything done will come under the head of judgment — righteous dealing. Every good deed, yea, every good effort, will be a bessing. It will judgment will be a blessing. It will nean an increase of harmony with ment, and restitutional physical ex-periences. (Acts 3:19-21.) Instead of the ways of darkness there will be the way of light. Instead of the broad road leading to destruction, with the masses going down thereon—to the tomb — there will be the Highway of Holiness. Instead of stones of stumbling, we are assured that all the stumbling-stones shall be gathered out of the way. Instead of Truss gathered out of the way. Instead the peasity violence, overmastering temptations and besetments, devouring mankind because of their inability to without Knife, Danger or Pain Without K resist the Adversary, the Bible assures us that Satan will be bound J. Y. EGAN, Specialist of Toronto and that the wild beasts of vice and

ness."—Isalah 11:9; 35:8.

The Messianic Psalm — seventy-second—finds its application in that glorious Millennial Epoch. Thus we read: "Give the King Thy judgments, O God, and Thy righteousness unto the King's Son. He shall judge Thy people with righteousness and Thy poor with judgment (justice). * * * He shall judge the poor of the people. He shall save the children of the needy and shall break in pieces the oppressor. * * * He shall come down ike rain upon the mown grass, as showers that water the earth. In His

moon endureth."

As already shown, God's dealings in the past have been with the world only in the sense of executing a general sentence for Adamie sin — a death sentence with all that it involves of mental, moral, and physical degeneracy—dying. All of God's special judgments have been with those who were justified to special relationship through faith. If we were to judge of the number who will be blessed during the Mitlennium by the sed during the Millennium by the numbers in the Little Flock of Natural Israel and the Litle Flock of Spiritual Israel, saved under God's judgments in advance of the Millenium, the outcome of the world's

death.

Mark the statement of the Prophet

David when prophetically referring to
the Millennial Age. He points out
that the judgments of that time will
be a cause of gladness. He says:

"Say among the heathen that the
Lord reigneth;
The world also shall be established
that it shall not be moved;
He shall judge the people righteously.

This is as God designs it, because
He is selecting a special class. But
the arrangements made for mankind
in general are that the darkness and
sin of the present time shall fee
away. The dawning of the Millennial
Morning, with the rising of the Sun
of Righteousness with healing in His
beams (The Christ in glory to enlighten the world), will mean that
knowledge will be granted mankind
—facts, evidences, proofs.

The world will not be required to This is as God designs it, because

eously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
Let the sea roar, and the fuiness thereof.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein;
Then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

The world will not be required to "walk by faith and not by sight," as are the Elect of the Gospel Age. Instead of the Eye of Faith of the present time will be the Eye of understanding (knowledge), then. Instead of the secret of the Lord being stead cious purposes will then stand fully revealed. "The knowledge of the glory of God shall fill the whole earth revealed. "The knowledge of the glory of God shall fill the whole earth as the waters cover the great deep" (Habakkuk 2:14.) As a result, none shall need to say unto his neighbor and to his brother, Know the Lord, for all shall know Him, from the least to the greatest of them. Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess, to the glory of God (Jeremiah and to his brother, Know the Lord, for all shall know Him, from the least to the greatest of them. Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess, to the glory of God (Jeremiah 31:34; Romans 14:11; Philippians 2:10, 11). When every good deed shall receive promptly and manifestly its reward, and every evil deed shall receive promptly its punishment, the world will speedily learn to avoid the punishments and to win the rewards by obedience to the laws of the Kingdom.

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The Prophet in our context personates The Christ, Jesus the Head and the Church His Body. Note the statement in our context: "With my soul I have desired Thee in the night." The night of sin has been upon the world for centuries. The Morning is at hand, but not yet fully come.

During the night time the faithful of the Church are represented as walking in the light of God's Word. walking in the light of God's Word.
"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a lantern unto my path." (Psalm 119:105.) St. Peter says: "We have a more sure word of prophecy, to which we do well to take heed as unto a light shining in a dark place—until the Day dawn and the Day Star arise (2 Peter 1:19.) In this night time the Elect are different from the majority of those around them. They desire God's righteousness and they pray: "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, even as it is done in Heaven."

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