



THE REMNANT OF ISRAEL

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"All ye inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth, see ye; when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountain, and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye."—Isaiah 18:3.

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BE STRONG!

*We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;
 We have hard work to do, and loads to lift;
 Shun not the struggle—face it; 'tis God's gift.
 Be strong!*

*Say not, "The days are evil. Who's to blame?"
 And fold the hands and acquiesce—Oh shame!
 Stand up, speak out, and bravely in God's name.
 Be strong!*

*It matters not how deep intrenched the wrong,
 How hard the battle goes, the day how long;
 Faint not—fight on! Tomorrow comes the song.*

—Malthie Davenport Babcock.

INFALLIBLE INTERPRETERS.

G. G. Rupert.

An interpreter is one who understands two or more languages and hence is able to translate one language into another. He becomes able, by interpretation, to aid one person to speak to another person of a different language things he wishes to convey to that party who does not understand his tongue.

A teacher is one who teaches the people in their own language direct. This teaching is done by reading the word of God, giving, if necessary, the meaning of the words used, as defined in the language of the one being taught, and the comparing scripture with scripture. Thus making the person understand what the Lord has said to the people. In this manner the one taught learns to know what God wishes them to understand.

There has been developed another class of false teachers, of whom there are not a few. This class

is composed of those whom the people are led to believe have supernatural power or gift from God of understanding His word in a manner which the common people cannot possess, only being able to receive the true meaning from them. This class is defined by Paul as those who through private interpretations lead the people astray from the truth. This class of interpretations stand at the head of every organization in the land. From some cause or other they come before the people giving the impression that through divine providence, the Lord has used them to give special light and truth, which it is not possible for anyone to possess only as they receive it through them. I feel it is not saying too much when I say that, beginning as far back as the rise of the Roman Catholic church, this class of interpreters stand at the head of the list in all church organizations that have existed since that time. Satan has always practiced this deception. The apostle Peter speaks especially of this class of interpreters of God's word. He says as a warning, "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scriptures is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Peter 1:20, 21. This warning is given directly concerning the subject of the coming of Christ, thus showing the need of a correct understanding of what the Lord says in the prophecy, and not depending on some private interpretation from the class above mentioned. Note what he further says:

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

"And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

"And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you; whose judgement now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. Second Peter 2:1-3."

Notice the word "*Privily*." That word connects these verses with verse twenty of chapter one. These false teachers are those who claim a private interpretation given them by some divine power or providence. Thus making them the interpreters of the scriptures. This power is used by some in the council of officials, by others in the chief head and by others in prophets and spiritual gifts. The people have been so thoroughly educated by this class, that today each denomination looks to them for the interpretation of the Bible. The prophet Hosea says, "They enquire of their stock (sect) and their staff (preacher) declareth it unto them." The Roman Catholic church has been greatly condemned by the Protestants for holding to this private interpretation of the scriptures. All who know the principles of the Roman church know that all translations of the scripture must have the sanction of the high authority of the church before they can be accepted. And second, that is not sufficient. Explanatory foot notes must be placed to the scripture which notes must also be passed by the censor of authority before the scriptures can be placed in the hands of the people. When this is done then the prayer book is furnished the member with other endorsed literature which has also passed the censorship.

The membership, in addition to this, is notified that it is not becoming or safe for them to read any other interpretation of the scripture. This is the logical results of the *private interpretation*. It is claimed that the Catholic church is the only church authorized by God and hence the Lord uses the head of the church to represent Christ on earth, that Christ has given that church the keys of the kingdom and vested them with all wisdom and authority. All this has been objected to by the Protestants. But are they justified in doing so? We reply, No. When we examine the various organizations of Protestantism we find every principle which they condemn in the Catholic, in each and every one of them, from the greatest to the smallest. All have patterned after the older church preceding them till there is in the last one no difference. The organizations all claim that some divine providence raised them up, and some special providence was given them in the understanding of the scriptures that caused their existence. Each possessing some peculiar feature, but in the main, the same principles governing them. This divine power is claimed by the followers for their founder, and his

ways, methods, peculiarities and mind are so followed that the class is known by the peculiar characteristics of the founder. They are seen in the followers as clearly as in a child marked by the peculiarities and features of the parents. All this is the result of their claim for divine providence, and that the power of private interpretation has been given the founders of the sect. Thus superstitious fear is placed over all minds till they lose the power of logical reasoning, comparing scripture with scripture to know the truth of God. And God and Christ are hid from the people by the headship on earth.

Comparison.

By comparing the organization principles of the Catholic and the Protestant in church polity we see the similarity and verification of my statement that the condemnation of the Catholic by the Protestant is not justified.

The Catholics have as their head the pope, next the cardinals, next the archbishop, next the bishop and last the priest. We now take a late Protestant organization. First, the president of the general conference, second the general conference committee, third, the president of the union conference, fourth, the president of the state conference and last the ministry. Each department of both, control, subject to the general head, a certain portion of territory and people, the same as the officials of the Catholic church. The Catholics have their church schools and colleges for the education of workers in the church. These workers, from the ministry up, are to reach a certain standard before they can be accepted. The Protestants do the same in their various organizations. Each and all workers must accept all interpretations of the church on the scriptures.

The next step is the propaganda of each church. After the school, the Catholic is to work for the sick. The Catholic builds hospitals in all cities. The principal solicitors for these and their maintenance are the Sisters of Charity. This system is all conducted as a propaganda for the church. As the final result Protestantism is following the same method. Recently a Protestant evangelist rented a large hall in one of the cities. He was advertised as an evangelist of a certain association. He had under him a company of trained nurses. These nurses visited the homes of the sick and gave free treatment. Multitudes attended the meetings. Later, however, it became known this evangelist belonged to a certain sect, and the doctrine of the sect were next preached in a general way, but not specific. For further instructions on such points, the people were invited to the church building of that certain sect on certain nights of the week to learn more specifically the church doctrines. But in the meantime more and more of the doctrines were taught in the assembly room. At last

the objectionable feature of the sect was reached, which was the divine interpreter. Thus the similarity of labor of the Catholic is being closely followed by the Protestant. We would not condemn the acts of charity in either of these two sects mentioned, but when such a work is done to secure a membership to a creed it is hypocritical and Satanic in the extreme.

Why the Division?

We reply, that each has a private (supernatural, as claimed) interpretation of the scriptures.

The Catholics say they are the representative of Christ on earth and that the correct interpretation must come through the head of that church. The Protestants above referred to, say they have a divinely appointed interpreter of the scriptures whom God gives visions and revelations. As a result of this, there is no union of fellowship though their methods are the same in organization and propaganda of religion.

So when each organization is logically examined, there exists in each the same superstitious darkness thrown over the mind, resulting from this private interpretation of the scriptures, "*Privily*" brought in by each to lead the people. If I were to stop right here almost every reader would ask, who then is the correct interpreter of the scriptures? Each and all of the sects say they are right and providence is with them. How are we to know who is right? This last statement reveals the fact that all are expecting some one to tell them the truth, and that that they are depending on that someone to do it. Is that the right way to get truth? We reply, No. *God never appointed any man or set of men to interpret the scriptures for another.* Man can *translate* the scriptures but cannot *interpret* them. He can *teach* them but not *interpret* them. The scriptures must remain the same. There are no interpreters. Again, we quote, "Consider what I say and the Lord give thee understanding in all things." Not man, nor any set of men. Man can teach and tell what the scriptures say, but the understanding comes to each individual as they follow the rule laid down in the scriptures. No power of interpretation is, or never was given, to any church organization. All claim for such is a fraud and of the evil one, and tends to evil in every case where claimed.

The lawyer in the evil courts reads to the judge and the jury, decisions rendered on certain cases, by former judges. Thus he hopes to establish his claim. Each denomination reads to its followers the rendering of scripture by those who stand at the head of the church organization to which they belong, as authority. The Catholic fixes foot notes to the scriptures. Those notes stand to the people as greater

authority than the word which they are supposed to explain. The individual thinks he can understand the notes, but the word is too high for him to understand. So the notes become of greater importance to them than the Word of God.

I go to this certain sect of the Protestant before referred to. I attend their Sabbath school. The lesson in the quarterly is presented to me. The question is asked. The answer is frequently printed answering the question by the supposed divinely appointed interpreter of the scriptures. That answer is infallible and stands in the mind of all the believers in preference to any thought they may have, or even the statement of the Word of God itself.

This interpreter is relied upon by all authors and writers of the denomination and all writings are to correspond with that interpretation. One of these men met me on the street one day and asked me to give him the scripture why I believed as I do. I replied, "Brother B., that is useless for me to do. You would not accept the plainest statement of the Bible till you first examined what your interpreter said about that text." He replied, "That is true." So it is a truth that neither the Catholic nor the Protestant accept any teaching, as a rule, till they first inquire "at their stock (sect)" and "their staff upon which they lean, (the preached) "declares it unto them."

Note, this all grows out of the idea that some authority must interpret the Bible to them, and when done the interpretation stands ahead of the Bible to them. Sad indeed is the situation. It is all from an individual.

A Few Texts Considered.

First. Settle it in your mind forever that Christ has no divinely appointed interpreter of the scriptures on earth among men.

Second. Christ has no visible church on earth to whom he looks as the divinely appointed leader of His people.

Third. No pope, president, conference, committee or anything else on earth organized by men has any dominion over the faith of a single individual in the world. "To his own master he standeth or falleth."

Fourth. The only true church of God on earth is not visible as an organization.

Fifth. That invisible church has Christ as its head and he is the head of every member of that church. 1 Cor. 12.

Sixth. The word of God is the only authority in that church.

Seventh. The Holy Spirit is the only divinely appointed instructor to give knowledge of that word as to what it teaches each and every individual.

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Many, many thanks for the letters of consolation received regarding the death of our dear brother. It is still hard to realize that he's gone forever, in this life. What would we do in hours of affliction if we did not believe in God and his promises for the hereafter. They are so precious.

I am more concerned than ever to get to the world, the light for the Remnant people.

I thought when I published the July Remnant, that it might be the last. Every bit of money was gone. The Postal Regulations allowed me one summer month off, so I did not publish an issue for August. In the meantime I received enough money for the September paper. Several have written me that they intend to help soon. It will all be gratefully received, I can assure you.

Oklahoma City, Okla.,

May 27, 1924.

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Dear Sister in the Lord:

Your kind letter of May 25 received. I am glad you are studying the subjects I mentioned to you in my last letter. This is all so clear to me I wonder I never saw it before.

When you stop to think that not only the 10 Commands and the book of the Law were the basis of the old covenant *but every word that was given from* time to time when inquiry was made of the Lord what must be done under certain circumstances or when the Lord or his angel that accompanied them gave a message

concerning *any duty*. Take for example the command to encompass Jericho. This was not part of any of the book of the Law, only oral instruction but could the Israelites have retained their favor with God had they refused to obey and contended that this special command was not part of the agreement or covenant?

If the 10 commands and the book of the Law were all they were to obey they could have justly claimed exemption and said we did not agree to jeopardize our lives and we are not going. So we see that we are to live by every word of God—Jesus, Matt. 4:4. Now when a new covenant is made with the House of Israel, they will be under obligation to obey every order given by those in authority. The Tabernacle of God will be with men, visibly manifest and there can be no mistake in receiving orders. Many religious people work themselves into a frenzy of nervous excitement or are weak and delirious physically and get impressions while under these conditions and think the Lord has communicated to them. I believe when God desires a message given he appears or sends an angel and delivers it by *word of mouth* to sound-minded servants of his.

The Gospel of the kingdom is the "Good News" of the restoration of the kingdom of God as it existed formerly only more grand and elaborate. I get this from Ezekiel's visions God gave him for Israel. A resurrection is mentioned by him and "David my servant shall be King over them." Ezekiel 37:24. (David had been dead hundreds of years when this prophecy was given.)

It is with these resurrected ones Jesus rules the earth and breaks in pieces the nations of earth.

God's kingdom is not in existence on earth now except in the seed state "The children of God are the seed of the kingdom" Matt. 13:38. And the word of God is the seed of the kingdom, Luke 8:11.

I do hope the Remnant of Israel will give some light on the subject I mentioned before in regard to the Law and the prophets being the standard to try every doctrine by God has not changed his plan of salvation, only waiting for the Times of the Gentiles to be fulfilled".

We cannot keep the law perfectly under our present conditions and we should not undertake to carry out the rites and ceremonies of Israel but we can admit they are right and just and emanating from an all wise God.

We are living in a day of grace or favor when God is extending mercy and pardon—not imputing or charging to our account trespasses if we confess our sins and turn away from them, writing his law in our minds and hearts that we may know how to conduct ourselves in his kingdom when it is established again.

—ALBERT HODGES, Orlando, Florida.

HELPS TO BIBLE STUDY

This is an age which furnishes many privileges. Men have divided the scriptures into verses, chapters and bound the books together. Then we have the concordance which all should possess. Bible dictionaries giving each individual and city in the Bible, where found and their history. We have various versions of the Bible each expressing the thought in their best language. Also Bible geographies and manners and also customs of Bible times. Various commentators have written verse commentaries of portions and of the whole book.

Books on prophecy and law have been written. Also on Bible doctrine of many subjects. All can be used if desired. But remember, none of them take the place of a personal acquaintance as an individual and a personal comparing of the scripture by each one. These may all be used as reference to see what this one or that one believes but you must know *what you believe*. In doing so you will find you believe with them all on certain points and with none on other points. The real cause of this is first, the truth is progressive and much by divine providence is unfolded to those who search in the age in which they live for the truth applicable for that day and age. If this is true it is reasonable that those in past ages would not be interested in those things for our times, neither likely to understand them. Second. Another cause for the division is denominationalism. Nothing has caused more harm than they to the people in knowing the Bible. The cause of this is they have been built on what some founder of the sect believed in his day. They have laid their belief down as land marks for that sect. It has been unlawful to both God and man, say they, as interpreted, to in anyway change such a position. Hence, that sect remains as expressed by the prophet by the wine which is settled on its leese, and not changed or drawn off from the sediment. Such is the condition today.

To come more fully down to our day we therefore can't either look for or expect sound doctrine from denominationalism. Next, it must be looked for from those who are up to date, studying the truth for the day in which we live as revealed in the law and through the prophets. The teaching on those things must be carefully examined. For false teachers will arise and deceive if it were possible the very elect. Therefore we prove all things at all times and hold fast to that which is good. But we are thankful it is our privilege to *know what is right*.

THE RECHABITES

In the late study of Jeremiah, among the many things of interest I noted the obedience of the Rechabites. Isa 35. Jeremiah taught Israel in many ways by object lessons before their eyes, how God looked upon things pertaining to their day and the future. One was he wore a yoke made of wood about his neck in the presence of the people to show them how it would be with them when God was no longer their ruler and when they would be ruled by civil governments of the world. It would then be a yoke of servitude on their necks which they would never get rid of.

Then on one occasion in the Rechabites who were the descendants of Jonodab. Jonodab had commanded his sons that they should never drink wine nor live in houses all their days. The instruction of their father was strictly adhered to by his family and their children. So Jeremiah in order to teach Israel how they had regarded their Father who was God, the prophet poured before the Rechabites as they came in the house of the Lord pots full of wine and cups for them to drink out of, but they refused and would not drink, saying our father commanded us not to drink wine and we have obeyed him till this day. Then the prophet said to Israel: Ye see how the Rechabites obey their Fathers but God who has blessed you and led you all your life after you have entered into a covenant with him to keep His commandments but ye have refused and only do evil in all things.

Then the Lord said through Jeremiah that the Rechabites should never want for a man to stand before him all their days because of their true principle of obedience. The point is obedience. It teaches us the importance of obeying God. That nothing will appeal to God like pure simple obedience and reverence for his commandments. Obedience is the highest order of worship that can be rendered, and why men will oppose the laws of Jehovah surely must be that they are not willing to obey. God respected the Rechabites not that he had commanded them to do what their father had commanded but because they were willing to do the will of their father in what they supposed was right. Today the man who has never had the light and believes he is keeping the seventh day in keeping Sunday not having his attention called to the matter is far better than the hypocritical dishonest Sabbath keeper. Read Romans 2nd chapter.

—G. G. Rupert.

FLOYD COLLINS

By C. W. Sewell.

Almost every one knows of the great tragedy that cost Floyd Collins his life. The whole of the United States and I guess many in other countries were in sympathy with him. His suffering was great and it touched the universal heart. I am glad of this. The people in general may be very wicked, but this case shows that they are not without sympathy. Whence came this great heart? I answer that it is by a product of Christianity. Go back along the line of human history beyond the introduction of Christianity; even go back to the dark ages when Christianity was hid under a "bushel" and tell me if such universal sympathy can be found? Nor is this all the by products of the influence of the Bible. The Bible has given us every advantage and enjoyment that our civilization has brought us. These learned infidels and evolutionists are like an ungrateful son who would smite down the mother that bore him and on whose bounty and goodness he grew to manhood. The Bible and its influences have made it possible for these men to be what they are—great and learned—with a degree of high and refined feelings. If one of them is disposed to deny this let him point to one such that has grown up and attained to such an estate in a land where the Bible and its influences are unknown. Yet these very men are seeking to destroy the Bible.

But there is another lesson that we should learn from Floyd Collins. Recently I heard a man preaching in which he described a very bad railroad wreck through which he had passed. He called upon his hearers to call up the worst wrecks they had ever known with all their harrows yet said he, there is another wreck that is worse than any of these—a wrecked life. How true that is. So I say there are tragedies far worse than that that befell Floyd Collins—the tragedy of sin. How many thousands there are in our land entombed in far worse caves than that in which Collins was held. And the hard and strange part of this is that there are so few who are concerned about them—so little effort being made to rescue them. We are one-sided creatures. Even we Christians. During the late World War, one of our religious papers made solicitations for funds to feed the starving in Europe and collected thousands of dollars for that purpose. Yet that paper has collected no such sums to save souls from eternal death. Which is worse for the body to suffer, death, which must eventually come to us all, or for the soul to be forever lost? All believers in the Bible know that the latter is far the worse. Every device that it was thought would be of service in rescuing Collins was brought to the res-

cue. The gospel of Christ is the only means for saving men and women from sin. Let us try harder to save men's souls than their bodies.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. We Should Search Them Reverently.

"The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether, more to be desired are they than gold, yea, than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned, and in keeping of them there is great reward." Ps. 19:8-11.

2. We Should Search Them Diligently .

"But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night." Ps. 1:2.

3. We Should Search Them Intently.

"So that thou incline thy ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding." Prov. 2:2.

4. We Should Search Them Systematically.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15.

5. We Should Search Them Prayerfully.

"Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy laws." Ps. 119:18.

6. We Should Search Them Understandingly.

"Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I except some man should guide me?" Acts 8:30, 31.

7. We Should Search Them Believingly.

"But these things are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, ye might have life through his name." Jno. 20:31.

8. We Should Search Them Retentively.

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Ps. 19:1.

9. We Should Search Them Daily.

"And searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Acts 17:11.

10. We Should Search Them To Be Saved.

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all of them which are sanctified." Acts 20:32.

11. We Should Not Add to Them.

"If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book" (Rev. 22:18). The Bible is an inspired guide to heaven, any modifications are dangerous.

(Taken from "Firm Foundation.")

THE CHALLENGER CHALLENGED

AN EDITORIAL FROM "THE WATCHMAN"

Clarence Darrow, veteran criminal lawyer, says: "there is neither purpose in existence nor a goal in living. If we knew where we were going, we could pick out the road. But so far as science, philosophy, or history can throw any light on the subject, we are not going anywhere and there's no purpose. . . . You can make nothing else of man but man. Selfish, mean, aggressive, tyrannical, prejudiced; that's what man is, and a lot more. It is absolutely hopeless to change men; I don't care how much environment you give him. Heredity and not environment shapes the human race."

It is true that neither science, philosophy, nor secular history projects a spotlight that pierces the mystery at the end of the road of life.

It is true that to the godless philosopher there is no solving of the riddle of the universe, and for him there is no sublime purpose in it all.

It is true that unregenerate man will ever be but "man," with a lot of unlovely traits, inherited or cultivated, that have a most distressing way of showing themselves at intervals.

It is true that you cannot change degraded, sin-befouled man by environment. A pig in a parlor is a pig withal, and the parlor will soon become a sty.

It is also true that heredity, unless counteracted by higher forces, shapes the human race with relentless hand.

But it is not true that man's prospect is hopeless and impossible of change. There is a power outside and above man, even the creating, converting power of God, that has changed and still does change the lives of men who have even touched bottom. Thousands of cases are on record, with transformations so marked that even a lawyer must admit the evidence.

It is not true that life is an aimless tramp through the mire of purposeless events. Life is the scaffolding upon which we build for eternity. It is a period of test for the development of character. There is a divine purpose for every life, and a grand objective toward which the whole creation moves.

Neither is it true that there is no light that illuminates the goal at the end of the road. The Bible is an unquenchable "lamp," lighting life's path from cradle to grave, and its prophecies are mighty search-lights piercing the darkness of the future and disclosing the goal of human existence.

Mr. Darrow, with all your keenness of intellect and your forensic brilliance, your major premise is defective and your conclusion therefore false. You have left out God, His revealed word and will, His

transforming power, and His redemptive love and mercy. God is the missing factor in your great equation."

INFALLIBLE INTERPRETERS.

G. G. Rupert.

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Eighth. God has placed in that church by his own appointment those whom He alone has called for teaching men *what the Word says*. Again we quote, "Consider *what I say* and the Lord give thee *understanding in all things*." Man teaches *what the word says*, calling our attention to the comments of each writer of the Bible. *The understanding comes from the Word*. Says the beloved John as he wrote under the influence of the spirit, "Ye have an unction from the Holy One, *and ye know all things*." Again he says, "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you and ye need not that any man may *teach you*; but as the same anointing *teacheth you of all things is truth*, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him." 1 John 2:27.

Thus there are two teachers of men, one the man who teaches the word, the other the Holy Spirit which gives the understanding of the word. This shuts out all private interpretations and claims of the *so-called authority of men* over men. This teaching of the spirit *appeals to every individual* as the only one to impart knowledge on the word. That forever ends all this supposed authority or organizations on earth.

Again we read how the Spirit and the Word are to be united in the search for truth. Says the apostle, "Comparing spiritual things with that which is spiritual." "The word is spirit and it is life." Thus comparing the word, with the word is what that teaches. 1 Cor. 27:15.

Says the apostle, "*He that is spiritual is judged by no man*." This teaches me that no man is amenable to others regarding his faith and understanding of the word of God. Here is what the Master said when here:

"If ye love me, keep my commandments.

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;

"Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you and shall be in you.

"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

"He that loveth not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

"These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 14:15-18, 23-26."

That could not be more plainly stated than the scripture cited has spoken on the point of Christian instruction.

So it is clear that not one of the so-called teachers in the whole world who are accepted as authority are any authority at all. The whole fabric is but a fraud and deception of Satan as he practices it on an ignorant people who know not what the scriptures say on the subject. It is right and proper when individuals so relate themselves to God that God accepts them in His service as helpers in His cause of truth, to "esteem them very highly in love for their works' sake" and minister to them the things they need, but to hold them superior to any other individual on earth as a divinely appointed authority and a private interpreter of the scriptures is wicked in the extreme. It will blind your own eyes to truth. It will lead you into dense darkness, as to what is truth. Oh! how I wish that this veil of superstition could be lifted from all eyes as it has been lifted from my own. How glad they would be to once enjoy that freedom which the truth alone can give to each individual. All who accept this truth we are here teaching will be brought to a unity of the faith and fellowship with one another and with God. It is then alone when "the watchman shall see eye to eye." God speed the day when freedom from Babylon will be enjoyed by all the true Remnant people of God.

Who Can Understand the Bible?

First The understanding of the scriptures is based upon different principles from that required in the understanding of any other book in the world.

Second. In order to understand the Bible, the rule to follow, laid down in the Bible, must be strictly adhered to by the student.

Third. The character of the individual seeking the knowledge of the scriptures must be such as is acceptable to God, the Author of the book.

(To be continued).

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