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# THE WORLD AS WE SEE IT

*A Prophetic Interpretation of Current Events*



## ★ Lotteries

THERE is a law that prohibits lotteries, but it is generally disregarded. It is not enforced. Magistrates wink at it. One Canadian magistrate dismissed a lottery charge because, he said, in his opinion Parliament was about to change it. We at once recognize that he exceeded his powers. His is the task of enforcing the laws which Parliament makes, and not to "guess" that a law is about to be repealed.

But be that particular instance as it may—what about Canadian lotteries in general? Most of them are operated by various civic clubs for the purpose of raising money for their charitable work. The question is: Is it right to do wrong, right to break the law, that good may be done? We think our sympathy and understanding of a civic club's desire to promote a worthy charity is as keen as most people's. Yet we find it impossible to subscribe to the proposition that the end justifies the means.

Civic organizations obviously have discovered a "gold mine" in the form of gambling. We remember only four or five years ago that not more than one car at a time would be parked on the street, being "lotteried" off. Now there may be three or four and in addition to these there are outboard motors, radios, television sets and a score of other commodities. Now (formerly this was not so) books of tickets are placed for sale in most stores and vended from the sidewalk. Thus it is that when you visit the barbershop you are asked to "buy a ticket." When you pay your light bill the girl solicits you to buy six tickets for \$1.00 on some new car or another, for some benefit or another. Walking up the street from the electric company's office you are accosted by two bulky, aggressive sidewalk ticket pushers who are determined that "you shall not pass" without "taking a chance"

on their car, or what have you. The local newspaper which printed an editorial declaring for the enforcement of the anti-lottery law, printed also in the same paper an advertisement of a draw for an electric washer, and a tudor sedan, tickets \$.25, six for \$1.00.

To say that the end justifies the means and to carry it out to its obvious and logical conclusion would mean that a man might be murdered if it were thought to be for a good cause. And that, incidentally, is the basis upon which Christ was put to death. The high priest declared that it was better that one man should die than for the whole nation to perish. This writer believes in the support of worthy charities and every worth-while project, but not by lotteries.

We are sure that the gambling instinct in people should not be exploited to support any good work, no matter how good. Charities and churches should be supported—not by gambling—but by free-will generosity. If a church is to be built or a summer camp for polio victims, let it be done as the

Israelites built the sanctuary in the wilderness. Moses invited the people to give to this project and they did—they gave so liberally that Moses was compelled to make a proclamation declaring an "end of giving." People are no different today if right things are done in right ways.

## ★ Waste

ONCE had a professor in college who said that if you had the entire Pacific Ocean on tap it would be wrong to let the spigot drip. With the passing of years I have realized more and more the soundness of this sage council. Waste is wrong, wicked, even sinful. It is confined chiefly to North America. In France, it is said, a peasant will save even a piece of string a few inches long. Here, in this land of plenty, frugality is a lost art.

It is declared on excellent authority that American housewives waste enough food, by the way of the garbage can alone, to feed some fair sized nation. We are "rich and increased with goods."

Whether a ticket on a car or a roll of the dice, gambling is gambling. This is basically wrong because it is an attempt to get gain without an expenditure of effort.



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EWING GALLOWAY

Jesus instructed that the scraps be picked up, that "nothing be wasted." Food waste is wrong — particularly when others are hungry, even starving.

We are a spendthrift nation. We squander our national resources, our personal earnings and our health.

In the matter of national resources the idea seems to prevail that they will never be exhausted—that they will last forever, that the coal, the oil and the mineral wealth will never be used up. But that is far from the case of it as we are beginning to see. In America we have wasted wantonly. I remember my grandmother telling of great walnut logs being rolled together and burnt. Such logs are today of almost incalculable value. This waste has extended to mine and field. In the recent past North American governments have bought potatoes from growers and sold them at an infinitesimal fraction of their value, or stacked them in mountainous heaps to rot. And this for the purpose of maintaining a high price through artificially produced scarcity. At the moment nature has taken a hand and shown government planners just how to produce a real scarcity.

As we dissipate our national resources, so we dissipate our personal income and our health. This writer's memory goes back to the time when his father worked long hours for \$1.00 a day. And more: father saved money—enough to build a house. Then money had realistic, down-to-earth value. Today men receive two or three times more per hour than father got for the entire day. Now money has an inflationary value that encourages waste.

Back in the "good old days" men worked longer hours a day and longer hours a week than do men today, yet they had more leisure, more time for relaxation. In a word, they took it

easier without the hundred and one labour-saving devices than we do with them. In addition they escaped the indigestion, ulcers and insomnia that afflict people in this modern age.

This "wastrel" age is in sharp focus to the economy of God. In the divine economy nothing is lost. While matter changes its form, it is indestructible. After feeding the 5000 Jesus instructed His disciples to pick up the remnants. God has a great abundance—He is rich in the wealth of the universe, but He doesn't waste anything.

### ★ Fickle Fame

THE MAN who today rides the tide of popular favour may tomorrow be in the slough of public ill will. The hero whom the crowd touts and tosses is forgotten by the coming of one greater than he. The king is deposed; the queen and her royal household must abdicate and flee the country. Those who received the acclaim of the multitudes, those upon whom the rich showered their wealth and the poor bestowed their gifts, are so often like General MacArthur's old soldier, they just "fade away." How many of these have died in attics and alleys, poor, friendless and moneyless. Fickle fame!

Sir Walter Scott said before his death: "Friends are fewer and fewer." Sheridan, who once stood on the very pinnacle of glory, said in his old age: "I am absolutely undone and broken hearted." The poet Burns in the closing years of his life feared jail. And Campbell, who wrote *The Pleasures of Hope*, said: "I am alone in the world. . . . My last hopes are blighted." William Pitt, the great statesman, "died of a broken heart."

But let us come closer to our day. Where are the heroes of yester year? Where the actors and actresses? Where the great athletes? Where the statesmen and titled rich? To answer our questions in part, we think first of Charles Lindbergh, the American Lone Eagle, who captured the imagination of the world as he flew *The Spirit of St. Louis* nonstop from New York to Paris. No other man in known history received the ovations of the multitudes as did this intrepid airman. Neither has any man ever received so many newspaper columns as he. Twenty-five years ago Lindbergh became the hero of two continents, and the idol of millions of American and European youth. But a series of unfortunate incidents has caused Lindbergh to withdraw into a state of anonymity.

With monotonous regularity we read of actors who a score or two of years ago occupied the spotlight, and "pulled down the house," dying penniless in the slums. The great football player and all-round athlete Jim Thorpe, said by some to be the "greatest of them all," is now in his old age almost unknown and without money. A look at Europe and Asia reveals that the titled rich have been deposed and their riches confiscated.

To the thoughtful it must be admitted that fame is fleeting. The crowd is fickle. It is not different than it was in the time of the apostle Paul. Then the same crowd that would bow down and worship him as a god one hour, stoned and left him for dead the next. What is fame? It is but a bubble that bursts as it reaches its greatest dimensions. It is but the cheers of the crowd. Basically, the laurel wreaths which the Greek marathon runners often died to obtain represented nothing but the plaudits of the people.

Is nothing lasting, then? Is no fame permanent? Nothing that pertains to this earth is lasting. All things earthly are fleeting, transitory. But the things of faith, the things intangible, the things heavenly, are enduring. Jesus said on one occasion, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away." Matthew 24:35.

The one who would obtain enduring fame must have his name written in God's book of life. Fame is enduring only as life is enduring. Therefore, to obtain lasting fame it is necessary to seek this eternal fame among the things that endure for eternity. And what are these eternal verities? Faith, truth, righteousness, love, obedience, deeds of charity, acts of kindness, service to God and to man. The man who does these things shall have praise of heaven, and the man who continues faithful unto death shall have enduring praise.

# God at the Wheel

*Is He at the Wheel of Your Life?*

By

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IT WAS a glorious afternoon in which to view the Creator's works.

As a tranquil lake swung into our vision, Miss Willis said, "Before I start on an auto trip, I always ask for God's protection."

"God is at the wheel with you," replied Mrs. Diedrich. "We need God at the wheel with us in these days of speed, recklessness, and drunkenness," I thought. "But we need Him at the wheel of our lives as well as of our autos."

Mrs. Diedrich had come to America from Europe. Through poverty, suffering, and persecution, she had learned the precious lesson that God is always at the wheel with her.

As we study the rise and fall of empires, one civilization struggling to the top, only to be succeeded by another; the ebbing and flowing immigrations of men; the cruel persecutions, and the numberless wars throughout history—we ask whether God is directing in the affairs of men. "In the annals of human history the growth of nations, the rise and fall of empires, appear as dependent on the will and prowess of man. The shaping of events seems, to a great degree, to be determined by his power, ambition, or caprice. But in the Word of God the curtain is drawn aside, and we behold, behind, above, and through all the play and counter-play of human interests and power and passions, the agencies of the all-merciful One, silent-

ly, patiently working out the counsels of His own will."—*Education*, p. 173. Yes, God is at the wheel of the universe.

Have we truly learned the lesson that God is at the wheel of our individual lives—in the valley as well as on the

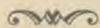
Although we cannot in this life fully understand the workings of Providence in our lives, we can put our hand into the hand that is stronger than ours; we can ask the great mind of the universe to direct our small minds; we can entrust body, life, and spirit to God's great spirit of love.

"God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern the glory of the

Unless a ship were properly guided no one would risk his life in making a voyage. Divine guidance of our "ship of life" is even more important.



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## Return to Me

Return to Me, despondent one,  
Repent and run the race,  
Respond to My redeeming love,  
Refuse not wondrous grace.

Rejoice my heart for Calvary's love!  
Reclaim thy lost estate!  
Restore in me Thine image, Lord,  
Receive me for His sake.

Reflect in me Thy goodness, Lord,  
Renew my mind each hour,  
Refine and purify my life,  
Refresh me with Thy power.

Return, ah then, return to earth,  
Redeem me from the grave,  
Return for all Thy ransomed saints,  
Redeem, restore and save.

—Mrs. M. H. Cooper



mountaintop? "Into the experience of all there come times of keen disappointment and utter discouragement,—days when sorrow is the portion, and it is hard to believe that God is still the kind benefactor of His earthborn children; days when troubles harass the soul, till death seems preferable to life. It is then that many lose their hold on God, and are brought into the slavery of doubt, the bondage of unbelief. Could we at such times discern with spiritual insight the meaning of God's providences, we should see angels seeking to save us from ourselves, striving to plant our feet upon a foundation more firm than the everlasting hills; and new faith, new life, would spring into being."—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 162.

purpose which they are fulfilling as co-workers with Him. Not Enoch, who was translated to heaven, not Elijah, who ascended in a chariot of fire, was greater or more honoured than John the Baptist, who perished alone in the dungeon. 'Unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake.' *Philippians* 1:29. And of all the gifts that Heaven can bestow upon men, fellowship with Christ in His sufferings is the most weighty trust and the highest honour."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 225.

In our work today, in our plans for the morrow, in our joys and achievements, in our vicissitudes and shadows, let us remember, God is at the wheel with us!



## BIBLE ANSWERS



Do you have unanswered Bible questions? If so, you are invited to send them to the EDITOR, Box 398, Oshawa, Ontario.

### Is it possible for a man to save himself through his own good works of sacrifice?

Many think so, but this is a grave error. Christ is the Saviour. Could man have saved himself through his works of charity, through his benevolence, through superior education or by any other means, God would not have sent His Son to suffer the cross. Satan delights to have people believe that they can save themselves in one way or another. So long as a man trusts in his own powers of salvation he is not trusting in Jesus, and so is lost.

A Christian woman visiting a badly wounded soldier in a large military hospital, prayed with him before leaving. After she was gone, the nurse said: "You have no need to worry over your sins. Anyone who gives his life for his country as you have is all right." The man smiled faintly, shook his head, and said: "Ah, that is a mistake! When I lay out there in the open, I knew I had done my bit. I hadn't failed my king or my country, but that didn't help me to face God. I wasn't fit to die, and I knew it, and it has been an awful trouble to me every day since. But just now, as I heard that woman's prayer, I saw that the Lord Jesus had been punished for all my sins that I might go free, and such peace has come into my heart! How wonderful of Him to come to die for the likes of me! No, I'll not be afraid to die now, because He has forgiven me."

We must never let it pass out of our mind that Jesus is the Saviour provided. There is, as the apostle says, no other name given among men whereby we must be saved. There is but one plan of salvation. That one was made by heaven and not by man. Man's part in it is to conform to it. It is so easy, so simple, that sometimes we miss the point. We have only to believe. The Christian does not, must not, perform good works in order to be saved but because he is saved.

**Does Christ intend that the "gospel of salvation" shall be preached to His enemies?**

That is exactly what He meant when He gave His great missionary commis-

sion just before His ascension. He instructed that the gospel should be preached first at Jerusalem, then in Judea, then in Samaria and finally in all the world. It was for His enemies that He died. And in His death He exemplified His teaching that a man should love his enemies.

Dwight L. Moody gave this illustration: "When Christ said to the little band around Him, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel,' Peter said, 'Lord, do you really mean that we are to go back to Jerusalem and preach the gospel to those men that murdered you?' 'Yes,' said Christ, 'go hunt up that man who spat in My face; tell him that he may have a seat in My kingdom yet. Go find the man who made that cruel crown of thorns. Tell him that I will have a crown ready for him when he comes into My kingdom, and there will be no more thorns in it. . . . Search for the man who drove the spear into My side. Tell him that there is a nearer way to My heart than that. Tell him that I forgive him freely, and that he can be saved if he will accept salvation as a gift.'"

Salvation is extended freely to every sinner, to every enemy of God. It matters not to what extremes he may have gone—God still loves him and will forgive and blot out his sins as a thick cloud. No man can save himself or any other man. He can but yield himself to the One who is able to save to the uttermost. Then having yielded himself to Christ he becomes a disciple. And as a disciple he becomes a propagator of the great gospel commission.

**Will there be a definite time when God will judge men, or are we being judged all the time?**

From Acts 17:30, 31 I read this: "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: because *He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness* by that Man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead."

The judgment is a definite, specific time. And I might add: there are three

phases to it. First, the investigative judgment. Second, the thousand-year judgment. And third, the executive judgment at the end of the thousand years. The investigative judgment takes place in heaven before Christ returns to this earth the second time. How do we know that? We know because when He comes His reward is with Him to give to every man according as his works shall be. Since that is true it must follow that a judgment has been held to find out who merits a reward (the reward of eternal life) and who does not.

The thousand-year judgment takes place during the period of the millennium. It is the judgment of the wicked, and is for the purpose of determining the degree and length of their punishment in the lake of fire. "I saw thrones, and they [the redeemed saints] sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: . . . and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. . . . Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years." Revelation 20:4, 6.

This is the judgment in which the redeemed participate. "Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?" 1 Corinthians 6:2, 3.

**Were people saved by keeping the ten commandments in the Old Testament?**

No, far from it. No man has ever been saved by keeping the law either in the Old or the New Testament. Christ is the Saviour first, last and always—not the law. It was never the purpose of God's law to save any man. It is the purpose of the law to reveal sin—not to forgive it. The law is like a mirror. It reveals the sins resting upon the soul. But it has no power to remove them, and even though men keep the law perfectly they still cannot obtain freedom in this way from past transgressions.

In the Old Testament men were saved in the same way they are now. Christ was the Saviour then—He is the Saviour at present. In olden times men showed their faith in the coming Redeemer by bringing a type of Him, a lamb, without spot or blemish, to the door of the sanctuary as a sin offering. In the ceremony that followed the bringing of the lamb the sinner's sins were removed from himself to the lamb, or from himself to Christ in fact. In the Old Testament the law of God revealed sin—Christ forgave it. It is not different today.

# Ancient Prophecies

## *Of Christ's Second Coming*

NO BIBLE subject can be more profoundly interesting and more deeply important than that of the return of Jesus Christ to this earth. It is not alone in the New Testament that this great truth is taught. The prophecies of the Old Testament most distinctly foretell the great day when Jesus will come the second time to this earth.

Among the most glorious privileges and most important duties of Christians is waiting and watching for the Son of God from heaven. Take this away and believers would be of all men most miserable. Let it remain, and though their tribulations are many, they are of all men most happy.

Christian disciples are urged to comfort one another with the promises of His coming, and particularly as they "see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:25. Therefore, it will be agreeable to those who love His appearing to collect and compare the promises and prophecies of the ancient Scriptures regarding this glorious event. Those who are waiting with longing eyes to see their Lord, whom having not seen they love; in whom though they now see Him not, yet believing, they rejoice with joy unspeakable, will be made happy at the multiplied assurances given in the Word of God of the second coming of the Lord.

Speaking to David the prophet Nathan made this prediction:

"When . . . thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy Seed after thee, . . . and I will establish His kingdom. He shall build an house for My name, and I will establish the throne of His kingdom forever." 2 Samuel 7: 12, 13.

This prophecy points with certainty to the coming of a personage, David's Son, who will be established on David's throne "forever." No fulfilment of this has ever taken place nor will take place until Jesus comes into His everlasting kingdom. Then He, as the true Master Builder, shall complete the Lord's house.

David was himself a prophet as well as a psalmist. He wrote:

"Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about Him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people." Psalm 50:3, 4. Plainly this passage foretells Christ's coming to judgment. This is His second, not His first, coming.

Looking far into the future from his day Isaiah, in holy vision, saw the coming of "the day of the Lord":

"Howl ye; for the day of the Lord is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. . . . Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it." Isaiah 13:6, 9. The desolation of the earth and the destruction of sinners foretold in these passages will take place at the second coming of Christ, of which this is a prophecy.

Again Isaiah wrote:

"Behold, the Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain." Isaiah 26:21.

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This will be fulfilled only when Christ comes the second time. It is then that the blood guiltiness of the wicked throughout the whole earth will be disclosed before the entire universe, and then the dead shall no more be covered in the dust of the earth.

Once again Isaiah spoke of Christ's second coming:

"Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; He will come and save you. . . . And the ransomed of

the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Isaiah 35:4, 10.

It is the second coming of our Lord which brings vengeance to the enemies of God and salvation to His feeble and afflicted saints. It is at that time that "the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion."

The prophet Jeremiah, too, included the second advent in this prophecy:

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth." Jeremiah 23:5, 6. While this passage deals with the first coming of Christ, it just as plainly reaches, in its complete fulfilment, to the second coming.

Ezekiel wrote about the removal of the diadem from the "wicked prince of Israel," and the overturning of the great world kingdoms of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome:

"I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him." Ezekiel 21:25-27.

Here Ezekiel is speaking of the kingdom of David. When this kingdom passed into captivity to Babylon "the diadem" was removed, "the crown" was taken off. It ceased to be "the same"; he that was "low" (Nebuchadnezzar) was exalted, he that was "high" (Zedekiah), the last king of Judah, was abased and taken captive. Then the kingdom was to be still further overturned from Babylon to Medo-Persia, and overturned from Medo-Persia to Greece, and finally overturned from Greece to Rome, after which it shall be no more until He come (Christ, at His second coming), whose right it is; and it will be given to Him.

Interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the great image, Daniel said:

"In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume

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all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." Daniel 2:44.

Daniel had explained to the king the meaning of the various parts of the image—the head of gold, Babylon; the breast and arms of silver, Medo-Persia; waist and thighs of brass, Greece; the legs of iron, Rome; and the feet and toes of iron and clay, the nations that arose in Europe on the ruins of the Western Roman Empire. Then the prophet's vision penetrated beyond all earthly kingdoms to the great kingdom of Christ, which is to be established on the earth following the destruction of the present world governments.

Of this kingdom and the second coming of Christ Daniel spoke again:

"I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought Him near before Him. And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed." Daniel 7:13, 14.

Once more Daniel testified of that day when Christ shall come the second time to deliver His people, and he wrote the words contained in Daniel 12:1-3.

Habakkuk gave a striking description of Christ's second coming in power and glory, with His glory covering the heavens and His praise filling the earth, when he wrote:

"God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of His praise. And His brightness was as the light. . . . He stood, and measured the earth: He beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: His ways are everlasting." Habakkuk 3:3-6.

Zephaniah, too, foretold this great event:

"The day of the Lord is at hand. . . . The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the

voice of the day of the Lord. . . . That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness." Zephaniah 1:7, 14, 15.

The evidence is full and complete that Jesus fulfilled the Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament. He was the long-promised Messiah. His birth, His life, His miracles, His teachings, His character, His works, His death, burial, and resurrection, and all things pertaining to Him were in exact accord with the predictions of the ancient prophets.

He came into the world nineteen centuries ago exactly as foretold. His people at that time did not understand the prophecies of His coming and consequently were unprepared to receive Him.

Ere long He is to come again in exact accord with the prophecies of His second coming. Again His people do not understand these prophecies as they should. There is grave danger that many will be unprepared for His coming. They have served the world and not the Lord, therefore they are not

Inspired prophets wrote of things they did not understand. Among other things they portrayed the second coming of Jesus in the glory of the angels, in His Father's glory, and in His own glory.



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ready in heart and life for a home in His everlasting kingdom.

Some day, and soon, the skies will disclose their glorious Maker. Some day we who have been watching the sky will see a cloud such as we have never seen. We have seen inky black clouds and clouds of snowy whiteness; clouds brightly tinted and many silver lined; clouds made brilliantly gorgeous by the afterglow of the setting sun, but never yet have we seen a cloud made magnificently glorious by the blazing splendor of the Son of God.

We have seen clouds charged with thunder and lighted by flashes of lightning. But not yet have we seen a cloud charged with the wrath of the Eternal and flashing with the radiance of the Son of God. Afar off we have seen the morning clouds as they have enwrapped the distant mountain peaks and daintily capped the hilltops. We have yet to see the cloud which shall unveil the awful form of the Mighty One. We have seen clouds driving as chariots to carry rain to the dry and thirsty fields. A cloud will one day be seen that will be the chariot of heaven's King of glory when He comes to refresh His saints.

What a sight that will be! How it enraptures the faithful ones who "love His appearing," and who have hoped to the end "for the grace" that is to be brought "unto them" "at the revelation of Jesus Christ." Of a sudden the blazing light of day will take on a new brightness above all the glory of the sun, and grow still more light, more bright, and more dazzling, until there is revealed to us the advancing glory of the King of kings. And on a glory cloud of myriads of angels the all-conquering Christ will come again to earth.

**I** WILL return," prophesied General MacArthur, getting aboard his plane and heading for Australia. You doubtless remember those historic words. The war had not been going well for the Allied forces. The outlook was dark. Pearl Harbour had found the United States unprepared. Important naval units had been destroyed. One disaster had followed another in the early days of the war until at last it was necessary to abandon the rear guard at Bataan and to set up headquarters in a friendly nation.

Some may think that God has forgotten His promise, but not so. It is far from reasonable to assume such a prem-

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ise. To begin with, God never alters or changes. He is the same "yesterday, today and forever." God is love. He loves

thou laugh?' said he who wept. 'Nay, wherefore dost thou weep?' demanded Eliezer. 'I weep' replied the Rabbi Joshua, 'because I see what is written in Lamentations fulfilled: "Because of the Mount Zion which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it."—'And therefore,' said Rabbi Eliezer, 'do I laugh; for, when I see with mine own eyes that God has fulfilled His threatenings to the very letter, I have thereby a pledge that not one of His promises shall fail.'"

Divine prophecy will no more fail in

# New Testament PROPHECIES

## of Our Lord's Return

The general's prophecy, though a human one, was fulfilled to the letter. He did return. He returned in triumph to conquer and subdue his enemies. This prophecy is a close parallel to one made almost 2000 years earlier—one as yet unfulfilled. I refer to the prophecy made by Jesus Christ to return to this earth—the prophecy in which He gets the victory over his ancient enemy, Satan, and his followers. Said Jesus:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3.

This prophetic promise made to His followers, held captive in the land of the enemy, has been their stay in all centuries. It is a sure, certain, realistic promise pertaining to the future—a promise that affects the eternal destiny of all who name the name of Christ. It is to be fulfilled in the "fulness of time." And it is certain—as certain as the fact of nature, as certain as the fact of life, as certain as the fact of the stars, as certain as the fact of God's throne. God's throne would have to fail if Jesus' promise to "return" for His people were not kept.

This promise has been the "hope of the ages." The aged have taken it as their staff as they have gone down into the valley of the shadow of death. The young have rejoiced in its glorious implications. It has sustained the sick and the discouraged, and has given hope to the martyr in the burning flame. This promise is rich in divine assurances. It is supported by One who has all power, all wisdom and all might. It is made by One who "loves us" and who has graven us on the palms of His hands.

sinners, and gave His only-begotten Son to suffer the cross that sinners through Him might live. In other words it was in the death of His Son on Calvary that the Father paid the price for the redemption of the world. Knowing, therefore, that we always desire possession of that which we buy and pay for, we can understand that God, having paid such a price for the redemption of man, will certainly claim His own.

### Not a Promise Fail

"Two rabbis, approaching Jerusalem, observed a fox running upon the Hill Zion. And Rabbi Joshua wept; but Rabbi Eliezer laughed. 'Wherefore dost

the New Testament than in the Old. In either case God unveils the future. He shows what is coming, and oftentimes tells why and how. He does that that His servants may know where they are living on the stream of time and know what to expect. Old Testament prophecies pertaining to Christ's first advent were exactly fulfilled. He was born at the time Daniel foretold and at the place Micah predicted. He carried on His ministry in the manner which Isaiah declared hundreds of years before, and He was crucified according to David's prophecy. Of all the scores of Old Testament predictions concerning Christ and His work, not one failed. As Peter said, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy."

### Will Jesus Come Secretly?

There need be no misunderstanding here. The New Testament is clear on the point. Listen to John: "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him." Revelation 1:7. This teaches no secret rapture. He will come literally, visibly. A correct understanding of Jesus' glory, the Father's glory, and the angels' glory, precludes the idea of a secret second coming.

From Revelation 1: 16 we learn that Jesus' face is so glorious that it is as the sun shining in its full strength. (Revelation 1:16.) But more than that: when Jesus comes the second time, He comes not only in His own glory (brightness), but in the glory of His Father and in the glory of all the angels. (Matthew 16: 27; Mark 8:38.) The glory of one angel is such that it caused the Roman soldiers guarding Jesus' tomb to fall "as dead men." Multiply the glory of this one angel by that of millions of others, add to that the far greater glory of Jesus, and then add to all this the exceeding great glory of the Father and ask your-

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Prophecy is God's means of pointing out the future to "heaven-bound" travellers. He says we do well to "take heed" to it.

self the question: Can anyone living fail to see Jesus when He returns?

Before Jesus ascended to heaven He gave warning against this "secret coming" idea. "Wherefore if they shall say unto you behold, . . . He is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24:26.

At the time of the ascension angels told the disciples that Jesus would come again "in like manner" as He had departed from the earth. Said the angels: "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? *this same Jesus*, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Acts 1:10, 11. They saw Him go; therefore, He will be seen as He returns.

#### What Is the Reason for His Return?

Divine prophecy has given us the answer to this question. Jesus' return is another phase—a happy and joyous one for the redeemed—in God's plan of salvation. The first thing that our Lord does as He nears the earth is most important. He raises the righteous dead from their graves. All those who have lived righteously and who have died in the faith hear His voice and come forth, possessors of that coveted heritage, eternal life.

"And the dead in Christ shall rise first." 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

"Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Daniel 12:2.

"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the *resurrection of life*; and they that have done evil, unto the *resurrection of damnation*." John 5: 28, 29.

The resurrection of "all" is promised. But all will not be resurrected at the same time. There are two resurrections, the "resurrection of life" first, and second, the "resurrection of damnation." The righteous are raised in the resurrection of life at the second coming, but the wicked sleep on through the millennium until the third coming of our Lord and the resurrection of damnation.

The prophetic word tells us that in addition to the raising of the righteous dead, the righteous living will be translated; that is, changed—changed from mortal beings to immortal. They will never again be subject to death. The great enemy is conquered, and in all eons of the future not one will fall under the scythe of the grim reaper.

Still another purpose of Jesus' return is to destroy the wicked. Sin and sinners have long plagued the earth. But now, by the brightness of His eternal glory, Jesus brings an end to the reign of the unrighteous. "To you who are troubled

rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in *flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God*, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Thessalonians 1: 7, 8.

The wicked are consumed with their sins. They are put to death by the exceeding great glory attending Jesus at His coming. Rather than face Jesus, polluted as they are by sin, they call out for the rocks and mountains to fall upon them, and to hide them from the face of the Lord. (Revelation 6:13-17.)

#### When Will These Things Come?

No man knows the exact time of Christ's return, although we may know when it is near. Said Jesus: "But of that day and hour *knoweth no man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but *My Father only*." Matthew 24:36.

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in *such an hour as ye think not* the Son of Man cometh." Verse 44.

Since Jesus Himself did not know the "time" of His return it is the height of folly for men to speculate about it and to set dates concerning it. Prophecy does give us signs and conditions by which we may know when that event is near. To these we should give earnest heed, and we should show our conviction by reformed living. One of the signs most prevalent today is the social and moral condition that is so similar to that of Noah's day:

"As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." Luke 17:26-30.

Since we know all these things, Peter asks this vitally important question: "What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God? . . . Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless." 2 Peter 3:11, 12, 14. The right answer to Peter's question means the difference between life and death.

CIVILIZED men frequently are laid aside at a period when they should be at their best. The first eighteen years of life are spent chiefly in gaining theoretical knowledge. The next fifteen or twenty years are devoted to the acquirements of practical knowledge. Not until men reach the age of thirty-five or forty are they really best fitted to enter upon a successful career.

Last year there were over 2,000 suicides recorded in the United States. This is by no means a complete report, for most men who die at the age of forty to sixty should be classed as suicides. It matters little whether a man puts a rope about his neck and takes his own life in a few minutes, or whether he takes one year or forty years to do it. In either case it is suicide. The majority of men commit suicide by the slow

For best digestion, mealtime should be a happy and pleasant occasion.



EWING GALLOWAY

## WHAT, WHEN *and* HOW to EAT

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process. They form habits that are injurious to life and health, but because these habits do not instantly kill, they conclude they are not doing themselves any serious harm. When a man dies at the age of fifty it is not usually overexertion or the hot weather that causes his

Fruits can be depended upon as an excellent source of life-giving vitamins and minerals.



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death. It is something he has been doing for years, under the delusive belief that he was not being injured by this wrong habit.

A knowledge of right doing is one of the best remedies for diseased bodies and minds. In the care of the health, as in all other aspects of human conduct, the best guidance is derived from the Bible. Our heavenly Father desires us to be in health (3 John 2), and to that end has warned us against the indulgence of the appetites of the body, which have become perverted through sin. The Christian's standard of living habits should not be to tickle his palate or please his whims. The Christian should remember the Bible counsel: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31. This self-control should be heeded because God owns us. "Know ye not that *your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you*, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.

We are further commanded: "Let your moderation be known unto all men." Philippians 4:5. Moderation, or temperance, is one of the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:23), and one of the rungs in Peter's ladder into heaven (2 Peter 1:4-11).

To practise Bible temperance requires

a knowledge of the laws of digestion and of general bodily hygiene. Some of the most important of these are here briefly stated.

Cheerfulness should be cultivated at all times—especially during the meal hour. A good rule is "never eat when mad or bad or sad, only when glad." Contentment and simple foods form a very happy and agreeable combination. Each is needed to make good digestion possible. Look upon the bright side of life. Do not fret or complain. Worry and discontent are a greater injury to the digestion than errors in diet. If inclined to find fault or feel blue, remember that the trouble probably exists within, not without. Strive to make the world happier and better. Be a blessing to the needy. "If you are feeling blue, something for someone else go do." This is the best remedy for despondency.

Thoughts influence, favourably or unfavourably, the digestive process; therefore, "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; . . . think on these things."

Eating a great variety at any one meal is injurious. Animals thrive best on simple foods and few kinds. By eating not too great a variety at any one meal, frequent changes may be made, and that sameness which leads to disrelish of the meal may be avoided.

Thoroughly masticate your food, and

do not make a practice of eating freely of soft foods. Eat with such foods something that demands mastication. Milk is a food, not a drink. Eat some food with it which requires chewing, or else take it, as does the infant, in a minute stream. If saliva is mingled with it, curds are formed and indigestion is prevented.

Regularity of meals is essential. As a general rule there should be an interval of at least five hours between meals. Ordinarily three meals a day are ample. For brain workers, whose habits are sedentary, two meals may be better than three. The evening meal should always be light, and should be composed of foods that are easy of digestion. While one sleeps at night the stomach should be empty and have a period of rest.

Vegetables and fruits do not make the most desirable combination. They should not, as a rule, be eaten freely at the same meal. Sugar and milk used together, or preparations in which they are freely combined, favour fermentation and should not be used freely. Cane sugar and jelly, used freely, tend to produce catarrh and should be used sparingly. Acid or subacid fruits should not as a rule be eaten at the beginning of the meal. They should be reserved to near the close, so as not to interfere with starch digestion.

Sleep immediately before or immediately after eating retards digestion; so does hard mental or physical labour. A few minutes of rest and relaxation before meals, and cheerful, moderate exercise for thirty minutes after meals, has a beneficial influence on digestion. Walking is the best of all exercises.

Meat is not a necessity. The proteins of nuts, grains, legumes, and cottage cheese are ample to meet the demands of the body. Nuts, olives, and cream provide fats in the best form.

The use of hot foods or hot drinks should be avoided. They tend to debilitate the mucous membrane of the throat and stomach. When a catarrhal condition of the stomach exists, drinks of hot water may be taken a half hour before meals with benefit, for a time.

Copious drinking at mealtime, or immediately after, should not be indulged in, especially by those who subsist largely upon starchy foods. A half glassful of water may with benefit be taken at or near the close of any meal. The best time to drink freely of water is when the stomach is empty—at night before retiring, or in the morning soon after rising, or a half hour before meals. Drink at these periods aids in cleansing out the stomach, or answers the purpose of an internal bath.

Deep breathing, singing, and laugh-

ter improve the circulation of the blood in the abdomen, and improve the qual-

ity of the digestive juices secreted. They are an aid to digestion.



### WHO TOOK THE TULIP BUDS?

ANNE, who picked the buds off those tulips?" I cried in dismay. "Where?" My daughter, almost four years old, gazed innocently into the sky.

"There by the walk! They would have been so pretty!"

"Oh, just somebody." She started off toward the garage.

My lovely flowers! What was I to do! Were we never to have a garden? Although many children played here, it was plain to be seen, I thought, who the culprit was. No doubt those expensive parrot tulips would be spoiled, too. Anne certainly must be taught better, but how could I teach her?

Immediately after this we went out together in the car, and when we returned Anne came into the house with me. Yet, when we went into the garden together next morning, every pretty parrot tulip had lost its head!

"Anne, who takes the buds?" I demanded. It certainly was not she who was to blame this time.

"Oh, just someone." Again she hastened away.

I checked the urge to follow and question her, suddenly realizing that she would be forced either to lie or to "tell on" her friends. What was I to do? My expensive bulbs.

Days later we stopped before a roadside nursery. Potted geraniums, hanging baskets, and trays and trays of bedding-out plants tempted me beyond bearing. Jim, my husband, and I bought quite a few things. Anne hung around a table of gorgeous pansy plants.

"Aren't they beautiful, Anne?" I said. Jim admired them, too. "Would you like to have one to put in your garden?" he asked Anne.

"Oh, yes!" She danced with delight.

"Well, here's one." He reached in and lifted out a sturdy plant with a single purple bloom.

"No, not that one! I want this yellow one!" She picked out an overblown plant covered with yellow blooms—to her it seemed much more desirable.

Her choice was wrapped and laid in her arms and it was cuddled and admired all the way home. This puzzled

me, for Anne had shown little interest in the plot we had given her, although we had provided her with plenty of seeds. But, of course, seeds take a long, long time to come up—when one is hardly four.

With loving care the plant was set in the ground and watered. Friends were invited in to look and were *ordered* not to pick flowers or buds. I thrilled with hope—perhaps now *our* garden would be respected. But next day when I went out the pansy plant was gone—buds, flowers, and roots. Really, something must be done! Anne would be heartbroken! Just then the gate clicked and in she ran—plant held close to her chest.

"Whatever are you doing with your plant?" I cried.

"I took it down to show Mrs. Hurst and Mrs. Wembly. They said it was lovely. Now I'm going to put it back."

"But, my dear, you will kill it. Flowers must stay in their beds and grow and not be moved."

"But we brought it home this way." She almost shed tears.

"Of course, dear, it had to be out of the ground while we were bringing it home, but now it must stay in the earth."

We rooted it once more, and the brave little plant went on living and blooming. With equal delight and interest on the part of Anne a marigold and a petunia plant have been added to her garden; each was in flower at the time of planting. Interest has not died. Flowers are carefully picked—with long stems—and put in water. Seeds previously sown keep coming up and are carefully weeded out. Anne's garden has been loved and treasured for weeks, and best of all, ours has suffered no harm whatever.

But I am still wondering who took my parrot tulip buds. Of one thing I am certain, however. If we would try harder to understand just what goes on in our youngsters' minds—to get their point of view—bringing them up would be much easier. The pansy plant in full bloom was something the four-year-old could understand. Seeds, and even green buds, had as yet no meaning for her. —Laura Gray, *National Kindergarten Association*.



# The DOCTOR'S VOICE



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## Indigestion

**Question:** I take a lot of baking soda for indigestion. Two or three times I have brought up what looked like blood. I am not run down, but sleep poorly at night. Sometimes my stomach feels full, though I am not a heavy eater. When I bend down, I regurgitate. I feel better when I can do that. The rest of my food stays down. When my stomach gets painful, I take hot milk. These spells last two to three days.

**ANSWER:** Your symptoms are suggestive of ulcer. An X ray would help rule out anything more serious. In any case, a general examination would be in order. In the meantime, you could follow an ulcer diet. This excludes meat, fish, coarse vegetables such as cabbage, Brussels sprouts, turnips, and onions. Desserts are pretty well eliminated, also jams and jellies. Zwieback (dry whole-wheat or white toast) is better tolerated than cooked cereals. A glass of milk between meals and at bedtime is generally recommended. Drinks that are excessively hot or cold should be avoided. In fact some people do better on a so-called "dry diet." A little olive oil with or after meals is soothing to the stomach. If there is a tendency to overweight, this might have to be restricted. The overweight can use skim milk. Alumin hydroxide or resin antacids are preferable to baking soda. The latter, in fact, increases gastric acidity. Tea, coffee, and meat extracts such as Oxo, also increase gastric acidity.

## Hardening of Arteries

**Question:** How can one prevent hardening of the arteries? What diet

would help this, also high blood pressure?

**ANSWER:** It is generally recommended that cholesterol be restricted in the diet. Some people are more susceptible than others. The overweight tend to run a high blood cholesterol. It is now recommended that they reduce as rapidly as possible, under medical supervision. One group of physicians in the United States Army was of the opinion that hazards of being overweight were much greater than those of losing weight rapidly. Foods high in cholesterol are beef brain, cream cheese, butter, eggs. Three or four eggs a week are plenty. Margarine can be substituted for butter. Hypertensives should restrict salt, including foods with high salt content, such as meat and fish.

## Food Allergy

**Question:** Is it possible to become desensitized to food allergy such as severe hives after milk is taken?

**ANSWER:** It is generally agreed that it is impossible to desensitize by the hypodermic method as is done in the case of inhalants (pollens and house dust, and animal danders, et cetera). However, after a period of three to six months' abstinence from foods containing milk it is possible to desensitize one's self by taking extremely small amounts such as a few drops of diluted milk and increasing the amount from day to day. When milk is excluded from the diet it is well to supplement with calcium in tablet or capsule form.

## Phlebitis

**Question:** What can I do for phlebitis? I have had it in my foot and leg since Christmas. It causes pain as soon as I start to walk, and a sick feeling all over my body. What would you recommend?

**ANSWER:** An elastic stocking would give some relief. A limited amount of exercise is beneficial, but you should get more rest than usual, preferably reclining. If you are overweight, you should reduce. Hot and cold leg baths help some—hot water as hot as can be borne two and a half minutes, cold water one-half minute. A general physical examination would rule out any predisposing causes. Tobacco, if used, should be discontinued entirely, also condiments. Avoid standing too long in one position.

## Nephritis

**Question:** What is nephritis, and what are its symptoms?

**ANSWER:** Nephritis is an inflammation of the kidney. It may be an allergic inflammation similar in origin to the acute rheumatic fever that sometimes follows scarlet fever or strep sore throat. It may be a small abscess of the kidney, or an ascending infection following inflammation of the bladder.

## Dulse

**Question:** Is dulse of any food value, and what does it contain?

**ANSWER:** Dulse is a red seaweed used as food by the Scotch and Icelanders. As far as I know, it is similar to agar, which acts as a bulk laxative. It has practically no food value.