

A SINNER

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD,
YET ONLY A CHILD,
ELECTROCUTED

Might Have Lived a Thousand
Years



Brooklyn, March 5.—Pastor Russell preached this afternoon in Brooklyn's largest Auditorium and in the evening held a Question Meeting. Both services were crowded and at both eager and deep interest was manifest. The text of the afternoon service was, "THENCEFORTH THERE SHALL BE NO MORE [DEATH OF] AN INFANT OF DAYS, NOR OF AN OLD MAN WHO HATH NOT FILLED HIS DAYS. FOR THE DYING ONE SHALL BE BUT THE CHILD AT AN HUNDRED YEARS OLD—A SINNER AT A HUNDRED YEARS OLD, HE SHALL BE ACCURSED"—CUT OFF FROM LIFE (ISAIAH LXV, 20). The speaker said:

The text is a part of the Divine prophecy of the blessings which will come to Israel and to the whole world during Messiah's glorious reign of a thousand years—beginning with the close of this Gospel Era. Successing verses tell that in that glorious Epoch landlordism will be a thing of the past. "They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them; they shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat." Additionally we read, "They shall not labor in vain nor bring forth for trouble." Further we read that then the "Wolf and the lamb shall feed together and the lion shall eat fodder like the bullock."

No Spiritual Sheep, Oxen, Wolves, Etc.

No end of confusion has been created by the intent of well-meaning people to apply these prophecies as the reward of the Church in heaven. Nothing in the Scriptures warrants us in thinking that there will be spiritual, heavenly sheep and oxen, wolves and lions, vines and houses, planting and building. Those who reject the clear Bible teaching respecting a Messianic reign of righteousness cannot understand the Bible at all. Not a single passage of the Old Testament tells of heavenly hopes or promises. Only a few of them teach青年 looking at sixty and seventy years?

All Unrighteousness Is Sin.

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As far as I am concerned, there will be nothing whatever of the past chargeable against any on the books of Divine Justice. The great "High Priest" by his better sacrifices, will have made full satisfaction to the demands of Justice but the weaknesses, mental, moral and physical, resulting from more or less willful and deliberate sin, must still be reckoned on, and thus every idle word and every idle thought, every idle and vicious action of the present time, by making its mark upon the characters of men, is providing for corresponding difficulties on their part in that glorious day of their opportunity.

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Hundred-Year Old Children.

Centenarians of the present time are few, and they by no means are like children. Usually they are wrinkled and haggard. We are to remember, however, the Bible record that several of the earlier members of Adam's race lived nine hundred years, or rather, they were more than nine hundred years in coming fully under the sentence against sinners—"By one man's disobedience sin entered into the world, and death as a result of sin; and thus death passed upon all men, because all are sinners (Romans v, 12).

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City Officials to Get After Residents and Have Yards, Streets and Alleys Cleaned

During a lull in the proceedings of the council last evening, Mr. Barker, representing the blossom festival committee, spoke for a few minutes, asking the city fathers to assist the movement in a number of ways which he specified. He said the committee did not want to attract a large number of people to North Yakima to attend the festival if the streets were to remain in the present dirty

condition. He thought it would be a good thing to have a "clean-up" day designated, on which everybody would get out and clean up back yards, streets and alleys. He spoke of the filthy condition of some streets and alleys and said the city, in its own defense, ought to get rid of the large amount of rubbish, manure, etc., to be found everywhere, before the hot weather caused it to breed pestilence.

Councilman Shaw thought that a time for the cleaning of the city should be set and that everybody who

abited, and even the marriage of second cousins is disapproved and held responsible for increasing weak-mindedness.

We see, then, that our text, describing Messiah's Kingdom, merely explains that Restitution blessings will recover mankind from the effects of the fall, so that it shall then be as it was in Adam's day—that full human rightness, maturity, will be reached in a century and that a man dying then would be dying in childhood as compared with the remainder of the race. The further guarantee is that none will die even at a hundred years of age, except wilful sinners who, refusing to submit themselves to the regulations of Messiah's Kingdom, will then be cut off from life as unworthy of any further favor at the hands of the great Redeemer—Messiah—all of whose dealings will represent Divine Justice, Wisdom, Love and Power.

Man's Years as a Tree's.

The Scriptures tell us that under Messiah's Kingdom the days of a man shall be as the days of a tree. And it is believed that some trees live to be at least a thousand years old. This is God's provision for every man—every member of the human family—after He shall have accomplished the work of this Gospel Age, the selection of the Spiritual Seed of Abraham, typified by the priests and Levites. "The Church of the First-born, whose names are written in heaven."

Messiah's Kingdom is to dominate the earth for a thousand years, with a view to blessing Adam and all of his posterity—with a view to uplifting them from sin and degradation and death. The uplifting influences will begin at once, following the great time of trouble with which the Kingdom will be inaugurated. The judgments of the Lord will be abroad in the earth and the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. None shall longer need to say to his neighbor or his brother, "Know thou the Lord; for all shall know Him, from the least unto the greatest of them," for "the knowledge of the Lord shall fill the whole earth" (Jer. xxxi, 34; Isaiah xi, 9).

Whoever, then, by obedience to the laws of the Kingdom will avail himself of the blessed privileges of Restitution (Acts iii, 19-21), will not only be helped upward out of mental, moral and physical imperfection step by step toward perfection, but, so long as he progresses, he may live—clear down to the end of that blessed thousand years. If we had never seen trees; if our own experiences had been with vegetation such as perishes within a year, we might have difficulty in believing some one who would tell us of having seen trees centuries old. Such a statement would seem as unreasonable to us as to tell us that humanity could live for a thousand years or forever.

Have we not indeed seen children old and wrinkled looking, yet only in their teens? And have we not seen others cheerful, fresh and comparatively young looking at sixty and seventy years?

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The Reward, Life—The Punishment, Death.
Not a word is said about the hundred-year-old sinner—child—being sent to eternal torment, just as there is not a word said in the Bible to the effect that Adam or his children were condemned to eternal torments. The sentence upon Adam, which his race shares by heredity, was a death sentence. This just but awful sentence has wrought havoc with our race—sickness, sorrow, pain, dying, death.

God's mercy has provided the redemption of Adam and his race through His Son, who died the Just for the unjust. The death of Jesus is the price which will eventually secure the release of Adam and all of his posterity from the death sentence and give to them resurrection privileges provided through Messiah's King-
dom reign.

But every one who has been enlightened, and brought to a clear knowledge of God and to the opportunities provided for his salvation from sin and death, is more responsible for the manner in which he accepts or refuses "the gift of God, eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." As the wily, intelligent sinner in the Church now is sentenced to the Second Death (Hebrews vi, 6; 23-31), so, our text tells us, it will be with the masses of mankind during the Messianic reign. If they wilfully reject reconciliation to God, they will die the Second Death. God has provided a redemption and recovery from the first death, but assures us that the Second Death will be an eternal one.

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did not comply with the edict should be dealt with summarily.

Dr. Carver said he would like to have the city health officer and his deputy enforce the present ordinance that provides for keeping the city clean.

City Attorney Lockhart said the trouble was over the hauling of garbage by unauthorized persons. The people are not supporting the man with whom the city entered into a contract, but others, with the result that the work is not half done. He said it was the intention of the city

church class are required to walk in the narrow way, steep, narrow, rugged, and beset with snags of the Adversary. "For we are not ignorant of his snags" (II Corinthians ii, 11).

We are not to forget, however, that these differences between the Church and the world are fully offset by the differences of reward. The overcomers of the Church are to be rewarded with glory, honor, immortality, "the divine nature," and be joint-heirs in the Kingdom as members of the great Messiah. The world is to have no such change of nature from human to spirit, but is to have the earthly nature restored or perfected in them, if obedient, and to enjoy the earthly Eden. Truly God's ways are equal. True and righteous are Thy ways, Lord God Almighty! (Revelation xv, 3, 4.)

Humanity's Final Test.

The Church's test takes place in the present life. And in each member thereof the matter of worthiness, or unworthiness of eternal life on the spirit plane for all time is determined at death. Not so with humanity in general. As we have just seen, some may live for only a hundred years and then be cut off in the Second Death, because found unworthy of further opportunity. Others, by availing themselves of the privileges and rendering obedience to the laws of the Kingdom, may live to the very close of the thousand years, and be found unworthy of eternal life. Still others may so fully appreciate Divine Wisdom, Justice, Love and Power and may become so obedient thereto that God will be pleased to grant them eternal life. Their days, their lives, will be far more than the days of a tree.

The world of mankind, at the conclusion of Messiah's reign of righteousness, will have attained again the perfection originally enjoyed by father Adam. Like him they will be in Eden, which then will be world-wide. Those perfect human beings will be required to stand a test—to demonstrate to prove their absolute loyalty to God and his righteous laws, as Adam was tested, proven in Eden. As Adam was promised eternal life if his restored race will have before them the offer of eternal life if they shall manifest their obedience satisfactorily.

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We are not informed of the particulars of the test that will then be applied to mankind. We merely have the figurative declaration that Satan sin and everything which Satan represents will be loosed for a little season at the close of Messiah's reign (Revelation xx, 7-10). The world, full of perfected humanity, "as the sand of the seashore," will all be subjected to the test. But how many, or what proportion of the whole, will prove loyal, and what proportion disloyal, we are not informed.

All that we know on the subject, and all that is necessary for us to know, is that the trial will be thorough and just and that all found faithful will have eternal life, and all found unfaithful will be counted as followers of Satan and, with him, will be destroyed in the Second Death. The test which God will apply will be so searching, so thorough, that although his creatures will still be free moral agents, he is able to guarantee that thenceforth "there shall be no more sighing, no more crying, no more dying, because all the former things of sin and death shall have passed away."

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Kills a Murderer.
A merciless murderer is Appendixitis with many victims, but Dr. King's New Life Pills kill it by prevention. Gently stimulates stomach, liver and bowels, preventing that clogging that invites appendicitis, curing Constipation, Headache, Billiousness, Chills, 25c at Clark's Pharmacy.

LINBARGER HAS LICENSE GRANTED AS AN AUCTIONEER

The county commissioners met Monday and transacted some business before adjourning for the day. Adelbert A. Avery was appointed supervisor of drainage of district No. 3, at Sunnyside, and L. H. Linbarger was granted a license to act as auctioneer. They approved the plat of Prior's subdivision of Lot 19 of the Ontario Land company's Garden lots. Bids for the grading of the North First street road were opened, but the contract will not be awarded until Tues-

day. The power has not been taken from first class districts. As there have been petitions before the local district for the re-establishment of the schools and as the directors have expressed themselves as being favorable, it is expected that kindergartens will exist here next year.

City Health Officer to Arrest Unauthorized Garbage Handlers

case to determine the status of the man who had contracted with the city to take care of the garbage. Then get after the people in the city when they neglect to have their refuse and manure taken care of.

At this juncture of the proceedings

Mr. Olson, representing the Warren Construction company of Portland, said he would contribute \$100 toward the Blossom Festival if the city decided to use his paving, the bitulite.

BIDS TO BE ASKED FOR BUILDING OF THE DAM

Secretary of Interior Says Storage Reservoir Work on Lake Kachess Will Be Pushed

Confirmation has been received from Senator W. L. Jones, regarding the federal intention of prosecuting the reclamations work at Lake Kachess in the construction of the storage reservoir. This work was carried on by the reclamations service last year under the force account and is being so carried on next year unless it is found advisable to let a contract. The letter of Mr. Jones contains two announcements of interest. One is that authority has been granted for the advertising for bids on the work. The other is the promise of the secretary of the interior that it is his intention to proceed with the development of the storage under certain conditions which he outlines. So far as the bids are concerned they will merely determine whether the reclamations service or some contractor shall do the work. The promise of proceeding with the storage is a reiteration of more definite promises previously made.

The letter of Senator Jones is as follows:

What Secretary Says

"I took up with the secretary of the interior the matter of providing for storage at the headwaters of the Yakima, and I am in receipt of his reply, in which he says that he has:

"Approved specifications and granted authority for the advertisement for bids for the building of a dam and accessory structures on Lake Kachess, which work will involve the excavation of approximately 345,000 cubic yards of embankment, 15,000 cubic yards of riprap and paving, 8,000 cubic yards of concrete and 300,000 pounds of reinforcing steel, etc.

Promise for Future

"In accordance with my letter of May 8th, 1909, with the recommendation of the board of army engineers, as approved by the president, and in view of the importance of the development and control of the storage of the waters in the Yakima Valley by the government to protect the reclamations work already undertaken and contemplated, as well as private interests, it is my intention to proceed with the development of this storage as rapidly as the work can be economically carried on and as funds may be available.

"I do not deem it advisable at this time to suggest to the president a specific reallocation of funds, but when necessity arises, I will take up the matter of securing such allotments as may be necessary to carry on the work."

The secretary of the interior also is looking into the situation in connection with the Yakima Indian Reservation.

JUDGMENT

TO BE GIVEN SOON

Judge Preble, in the case of Mayhew versus the Yakima Valley Power company, overruled the demurrer of the defendant, saying that it seemed to him that the question of alleged negligence of the Yakima Valley Power company and of the contributing negligence of the plaintiff are both cases for consideration by the jury.

The demurr