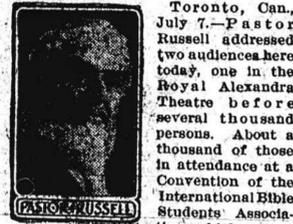


# DECLINE OF FAITH AND GODLINESS

## Pastor Russell Warns Mankind Against Selfishness.

### BLIGHT OF FINANCIAL GREED.

#### God Forgotten in the Scramble For Wealth—World is About to Learn a Great Lesson on the Sin of Avarice. Then the Messianic Kingdom Will Be Inaugurated and a Reign of Love and Righteousness Established—Thousands Gather to Hear Pastor Russell.



Toronto, Can., July 7.—Pastor Russell addressed two audiences here today, one in the Royal Alexandra Theatre before several thousand persons. About a thousand of those in attendance at a Convention of the International Bible Students Association, which was in session here during the week and adjourned yesterday, decided to remain and hear both discourses by Pastor Russell today. We report one of his addresses from the text: "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." (Luke xii, 21.)

Ours is the day of wealth. Nothing to compare with it has ever been known in the world's history, and the wealth is increasing. Not merely have we discovered rich deposits of gold and silver and precious stones; not merely are these being mined in a provident and successful manner, with which nothing in the past could compare, but additionally the world is growing rich in every conceivable way. Our cities are growing in size and beauty, in sanitary conveniences, in spacious parks, in good, paved streets, and boulevards all the world over.

Furthermore, machinery perfected within the last fifty years is being multiplied and turning out articles of convenience and value which add to the world's comfort and material wealth—not merely in perishable articles, such as clothing and bric-a-brac, but vast libraries, public and private, are being acquired; and many of these luxuries are becoming cheap, because of the facility with which they can be produced. These all, however, constitute riches, one glance at which would amaze our ancestors.

But are we as a race growing rich toward God, as our text intimates would be the proper thing? Is not the very reverse true; namely, that faith and godliness are on the decline? Is it not true that within the last fifty years the love of money, which the Apostle declares is "a root of all evil," has intensified? Is it not true that financial greed has become so strong and so persistent as to make necessary our recently passed Pure-food Laws for the protection of the lives of the people—because life and health were in jeopardy?

Is it not true that although we are all better housed, better fed and better clothed than were our forefathers, there is a general unrest, because of the trust in riches? Is it not true that even with all the modern safeguards of police and detective systems, and the telegraph, telephone, etc., still human lives and property are in peril, because of the everywhere prevalent hunger for wealth?

#### "Whose Shall These Things Be?"

Our text is a portion of one of our Lord's parables. In it He pictures a man whose lines were fallen in pleasant places. The smiling sun and genial showers prospered his undertakings and his wealth grew. The opportunity came to him for helping his friends and neighbors and relatives less favored—the opportunity for turning his material wealth to a good account in the cultivation of the generous traits of his character, and thus to develop more and more the Divine character (for God scatters His blessings, the rain and the sunshine, upon the evil and upon the good).

But instead of becoming rich through the cultivation of the noble qualities of his character, he allowed selfishness to dominate. He pulled down his barns and built greater. He accumulated instead of dispensing the wealth which Divine providence permitted to flow into his lap. Are there not many today who are patterning after the character which the Lord portrayed in this parable?—many who are saying to themselves, "I will accumulate wealth and then say to my soul, You have plenty; eat, drink and be merry? Think not particularly of your less favored brethren or neighbors, nor of the miserably poor; live for yourself." Does it not appear that the Lord has here drawn a picture of practically every man in the world, some of whom are really doing these things, and others only longing for the opportunity?

#### Hear the Lord's Estimation.

If the Lord declared that the man in His parable was a fool, what may we suppose is His estimate of the masses of the world today—blessed as men never before were blessed, privileged as men never before were privileged, and therefore responsible as men never before were responsible in the use of money? Alas! We fear that the Lord is not well pleased with the world in its scramble for wealth, with

nessed today, on every hand. In our text God's people of today have the opportunity of becoming rich toward God because they have the opportunity to cultivate the Christlike spirit through generosity, helpfulness and brotherly-kindness.

Not to the world, however, does the Lord address His reproof and admonition, but merely to His Church—the consecrated Jew. The world is about to learn a great lesson along this very line of selfishness. Having sown to the wind the seed of selfishness, it is about to reap a whirlwind of trouble, the fruitage of selfishness, in which the interests of the rich and poor will clash in the great conflict between capital and labor, between those who have secured wealth and those who will strive to take the wealth from them—"a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation."

Are any so blinded as not to see the awful growth of anarchy, which is gradually settling down upon the highest civilization to which the world has ever attained? And are there any so blinded as to be unable to see that the conflict will be along the lines of selfishness—desire on the one part to hold on to the other part to acquire? But God is not appealing to the world, and indeed an appeal would be useless, so intense is the spirit of avarice.

God, therefore, is allowing the world as a whole to learn its great lesson that selfishness is an integral part of sin, as love and benevolence are integral parts of righteousness. We cannot doubt that by the time the lesson of selfishness and its results shall have been fully learned by the world it will be ready to cry out for Divine assistance.

And by that time, too, God's assistance for the poor world will be ready. The Messianic Kingdom will be inaugurated and a reign of love will be established which will contrast sharply with the present conditions in all its blessed results of peace, joy, love and good will amongst men. And we may reasonably assume that there is no better way than this for teaching the world its needed lesson on this subject.

#### The Lesson to the Church.

God's lessons are for the Church—not for the church nominal, which is merely a more civilized section of the world—but for the Church real, for God's saints people in and out of the various sects and parties, and in every nation, kindred and tongue. These, anxious to know and do the will of God, receive special instruction such as the world is not prepared to receive. To these saintly footstep followers of Jesus, the Lord says, Let not your riches, your treasures be of an earthly kind. Rather, go to the opposite extreme and spend and be spent in the interests of others, in the service of God, in the service of His message of love; and thus, along the lines of the Divine promises, seek for a share with the great Redeemer in the sufferings and self-denials of the present life, and in the glory, honor and immortality of the life that is to come.

"Therefore, take no thought for your life [soul] what ye shall eat, neither for the body what ye shall put on. The soul is more than meat, and the body more than raiment."—"Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of." Therefore, "seek first [chiefly] the Kingdom" and the righteousness which it demands and all needful things shall be supplied according to your Father's wisdom. "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. Sell that ye have and give alms, provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens which fadeth not away, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."—Luke xii, 32-34.

#### "Charge Them That Be Rich."

We are not for a moment to suppose that the Apostle referred to the worldly rich when he wrote to Timothy, "Charge them that are rich in this world that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God who giveth us richly all things to enjoy." (I Timothy vi, 17.) Most evidently the Apostle refers to some of the consecrated people of God as having wealth; they are to consider it a stewardship, and not their own—not to be disposed of according to their own worldly caprices, and surely not to be disposed of according to the dictum of their friends and neighbors and relatives.

If they are the Lord's, all they have must have been consecrated to Him, else they were not accepted as His disciples as He said. The charge which the Apostle directed to be given to the brethren possessing wealth is stated, "that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute (for the necessities of others), willing to communicate" (liberally; willing to share with others of the brethren as members of a community, somewhat along the lines of Christian communism).

The effect of so doing, the Apostle states, would be "laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come. The word foundation here is used in the same sense as when we say that a wealthy man gave a foundation of a million dollars for a college. His present constitutes the foundation or basis for the carrying out of the college plans and arrangements.

Thus a Christian who generously uses in the Lord's service his financial stewardship is laying a foundation for the future—a foundation for his spiritual wealth, and the more of time and influence and wealth any of us can lay up thus in doing good in forwarding the interests of the brethren and the Lord's work, the more are we piling up our treasures in heaven and lessening those on earth. And the advantage of this procedure is that it helps to center our hearts on things above, and to wear them from the things of the earth, for

where our treasures are there will our hearts be also. And thus, says the Apostle, we will be able to "lay hold on eternal life," now proffered to us.

#### Like Unto Your Father.

It helps God's intelligent children to follow in the "narrow way" and to learn the lessons of the present life, if they can see the principles involved, and how the lessons in the School of Christ are advantageous. For instance, many at first are inclined to say, "I do not see how it will make any difference to the Lord what I do with my money, my talents, my influence. He is rich, He needs nothing. Moreover, if any are needy, He is quite able to supply their needs without in the slightest degree impoverishing Himself. Why, then, should He desire His children, who are far from rich, in the world's estimation, to use their little talents of time and money and influence, and why make this a test for them, which will determine whether or not they shall attain to the Kingdom at all, and if they attain, at all, whether they shall be amongst the greatest or amongst the least in the Kingdom? What is the philosophy of it?"

The philosophy is this: Man as originally created, in the Divine likeness, was tender-hearted, sympathetic. It was after sin entered the world and the strife for a living began that selfishness gradually became the predominant influence, producing hard-heartedness—carelessness of the interests of others—self-love.

#### Take Away the Stony Heart.

God proposes that during the thousand years of Messiah's reign the hard-heartedness of our race shall gradually be dissolved. Satan will be bound and his allurements will be ended. The curse will be lifted, the earth will yield its increase, the thorns and thistles will give place, and so will the pests. The stress being lifted from mankind it will be easier for him to learn the lessons of love and brotherhood, and to rise up out of his present condition of meanness and hard-heartedness, selfishness—back to the glorious image of God in which man was created. This will mean the dissolving of the stony-heartedness of our race; or, as the Scriptures put it, the Lord will take away the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh—a heart of sympathy. All under that favorable condition who will refuse to return to harmony with God, and to the likeness of God, will be destroyed from amongst the people in the Second Death.—Acts iii, 19-23.

But while such a restitution under the favorable conditions of the Messianic Kingdom is God's provision for the world, He has a different provision for the Church, now being called, tested, proven. By nature our hearts are hard and selfish; and, as the Apostle says, "We were children of wrath, even as others." The fact that God has called us to joint-heirship with His Son in the glorious Kingdom that is shortly to bless the world does not signify that He will accept us in our present condition of hard-heartedness and selfishness.

On the contrary, if we are to be the kings, priests and judges of the world, in association with our Lord and Head, the great King, we can readily see that we ourselves must get rid of this condition before we could be properly capable of helping the world up out of its hard-heartedness.

#### "We Walk by Faith."

In various respects the Lord's dealings with His called Church at the present time are different from what His dealings will be with the world by and by. This is because ours is so high an honor; and, correspondingly, it is appropriate that we should manifest the more love, the more zeal than will be expected of the world.

To illustrate: We must walk by faith and not by sight, and voluntarily accept the Lord's providences, and voluntarily undertake to co-operate in putting away the stony heart, accepting instead the Spirit of the Lord, and the Spirit of the Father—a spirit of love, kindness, gentleness, meekness, patience and long suffering toward all. Moreover, during the thousand years of the world's recovery from sin and selfishness and hard-heartedness, doubtless each individual will have several centuries for his gradual development, but the Father seeks in the Church class such as will manifest so much zeal for Him, and such as will give such heed to His instructions, and show such earnestness to copy His character, that they will succeed in attaining a heart condition of tenderness, sympathy and love like unto the Heavenly Father's, in the present years of their Christian experience.

And if we shall ultimately demonstrate this fixity of our hearts, the Lord will own us as His children in the First Resurrection and grant us perfect bodies on the spirit plane, when it will be possible for us to be absolutely like Him. That is the glorious condition for which we are waiting, hoping, praying, striving. And it is within our reach, for the Lord has not called us in vain: "Faithful is He who hath called us."

So then, dear fellow-Bible students, let us gird up the loins of our minds, determining that with the Lord's help we will be rich toward God. Let us think less and less of earthly riches, and more and more prize the Kingdom which the Lord has promised to His faithful ones. All who shall attain to it will be rich in the highest sense, rich toward God. Not only will they be rich in the possession of the highest prize that God has to give—His very best—but following the process and lessons of our Great Teacher we shall be rich in His character—likeness, rich in experience, rich in faith, rich in benevolence, rich in all that is good and great, however poor we may be in earthly goods, at the finish of our course.

# Progressive Party Call

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peated betrayals, realize that today the power of the crooked political bosses and of the privileged classes behind them is so strong in the two old party organizations that no helpful movement in the interests of our country can come out of either.

"Who believe that the time has come for a national progressive movement—a nation wide movement—on nonsectarian lines, so that the people may be served in sincerity and truth by an organization unfettered by obligation to conflicting interests;

"Who believe in the right and capacity of the people to rule themselves, and effectively to control all the agencies of their government; and who hold that only through social and industrial justice, thus secured, can honest property find permanent protection;

"Who believe that government by the few tends to become, and has in fact become, government by the sordid influences that control the few;

"Who believe that only through the movement proposed can we obtain in the nation and the several states the legislation demanded by the modern industrial evolution; legislation which shall favor honest business and yet control the great agencies of modern business so as to ensure their being used in the interest of the whole people; legislation which shall promote prosperity and at the same time secure the better and more equitable diffusion of prosperity; legislation which shall promote the economic well-being of the honest farmer, wage worker, professional man, and business man alike, but which shall at the same time strike in efficient fashion—and not merely pretend to strike—at the roots of privilege in the world of industry, no less than in the world of politics;

"Who believe that only this type of wise industrial evolution will avert industrial revolution;

"Who believe that wholesome party government can come only if there is wholesome party management in a spirit of service to the whole country, and who hold that the commandment delivered at Sinai, 'Thou shalt not steal!' applies to politics as well as to business;

"To all in accord with these views a call is hereby issued by the provisional committee under the resolution of the mass meeting held in Chicago on June 22d last, to send from each state a number of delegates whose votes in the convention shall count for as many votes as the state shall have senators and representatives in congress, to meet in convention at Chicago, on the 5th day of August, 1912, for the purpose of nominating candidates to be supported for the positions of president and vice president of the United States." The following names are appended to the call:

- Alabama—Oscar R. Hundley.
  - Arizona—Dwight B. Heard.
  - California—Hiram W. Johnson, Chester H. Rowell, Charles S. Wheeler.
  - Colorado—Ben B. Lindsey.
  - Connecticut—Joseph W. Alsop, Flavel S. Luther.
  - Florida—J. H. Gregory, Jr., H. L. Anderson.
  - Georgia—Julian Harris.
  - Indiana—Edwin D. Lee, Horace D. C. Stilwell.
  - Illinois—Medill McCormick, Chauncey Dewey, La Verne W. Noyes.
  - Iowa—John L. Stevens.
  - Kansas—Henry J. Allen.
  - Kentucky—Leslie Coombs.
  - Louisiana—John M. Parker, Pearl Wight.
  - Maryland—Charles J. Bonaparte, E. C. Carrington, Jr.
  - Massachusetts—C. S. Bird, Matthew Hale.
  - Michigan—Theodore M. Joslyn.
  - Minnesota—Milton D. Pardy.
  - Missouri—W. B. Nelson.
  - Montana—Joseph M. Dixon.
  - Nebraska—Arthur G. Ray.
  - New Hampshire—W. J. Beattie.
  - New Jersey—Everett Colby, George L. Record, J. Franklin Fort.
  - New Mexico—George Curry, Miguel A. Otero.
  - New York—W. A. Prendergast, Oscar S. Straus, Woods Hutchinson, Timothy L. Woodruff, Chauncey J. Hamlin, Henry L. Stoddard.
  - North Dakota—A. Y. More.
  - Oregon—Henry W. Coe, L. H. McMahan.
  - Ohio—James R. Garfield.
  - Oklahoma—George I. Priestly.
  - Pennsylvania—E. A. Van Valkenburg, William Flinn, Gifford Pinchot, William Draper Lewis.
  - Rhode Island—Henry J. Doughty.
  - South Dakota—R. T. Vessey.
  - Tennessee—George L. Taylor.
  - Texas—Cecil A. Lyon.
  - Utah—C. E. Loose.
  - Vermont—Charles H. Thompson, E. W. Gibson.
  - Virginia—Thomas Lee Moore.
  - Washington—Miles Poindexter.
  - West Virginia—W. M. O. Dawson.
  - Wisconsin—H. F. Cochems.
  - Wyoming—Joseph Carey.
- Included in the list of signers are three Democrats: Judge Ben B. Lindsey, of Denver; Julian Harris,

of Atlanta, son of Joel Chandler Harris, and John M. Parker, of New Orleans.

Among the well known newspaper owners and editors are Chester H. Rowell, owner of the Fresno Republican; Henry B. Allen, of the Wichita Beacon; L. J. McMahan, editor of a newspaper in Salem, Oregon; E. A. Van Valkenburg, of the Philadelphia North American; Henry L. Stoddard, editor of the New York Mail, and W. R. Nelson, owner of the Kansas City Star.

Among other men of note are President Flavel S. Luther, of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.; Governor Hiram W. Johnson, of California; Governor R. T. Vessey, of South Dakota; Governor Joseph Carey, of Wyoming; ex-Governor W. M. O. Dawson, of West Virginia; former Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte; United States Senator Miles Poindexter, of Washington; Leslie Coombs, Kentucky, formerly minister to Peru and Guatemala; Congressman George Curry, a former governor of New Mexico, and Miguel A. Otero, a leader of the Spaniards there; State Treasurer George O. Taylor, of Tennessee; William Draper Lewis, dean of the law school of the University of Pennsylvania.

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# Educated Ministry

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The 3rd day session was opened by Revs. A. D. Lockett and H. C. Gregory. Rev. R. L. Goodson, returned delegate from the National Baptist Convention, made an excellent report. Rev. Meadows brought back a good report from the Mt. Zion, the Flat Top and the Tygart Valley Associations. An excellent sermon was preached by Rev. T. H. White.

The afternoon session was devoted to routine work which was dispatched with unusual harmony. The following were elected as officers: Moderator, Rev. C. N. Harris, of Fayetteville; Vice Moderator, Rev. Wm. Jackson, Lewisburg; Recording Secretary, Rev. R. S. Gordon, Hill Top; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. J. Turner, Mt. Carbon; Treasurer, Rev. P. A. Harris, Sylvia, all succeeding themselves, having served from two to fifteen years, which shows that they discharged their duty well. They were installed by Rev. J. W. Robinson, of St. Albans. The closing sermon was preached by Rev. N. A. Smith on "The Inspiration of the Prophets."

Rev. J. D. Coleman spoke urging that greater efforts be put forth to educate our young people. Rev. Meadows, after reading the report on State Missions, spoke on "What Missions have done for Negroes in West Virginia." The report was further discussed by Rev. R. B. McDaniel, pastor of the White Baptist Church, of Alderson, which is the oldest Baptist Church in the state. Rev. D. Stratton, vigorously discussed the report on Temperance.

The financial report, which was read by Rev. Turner, showed that 57 churches were represented and that \$418.47 was sent up for the association work.

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# WOMAN CHARGED WITH MURDER

Chicago, Ill., July 8.—The case of Mrs. Rene B. Morrow, the former Chicago clubman indicted for the alleged murder of her husband, Charles B. Morrow, was called for trial today. Morrow, who was a well-to-do inventor, was found shot to death on the porch of his home on December 28th, last. Mrs. Morrow was charged with the crime after neighbors had testified, it is said, that the couple frequently quarreled and that the wife had been heard to threaten her husband.

# JOHN D. HAS BIRTHDAY

Tarrytown, N. Y., July 8.—John D. Rockefeller, "the richest man in America," had a birthday anniversary today—his seventy-third. The Standard Oil magnate declares he is too old to celebrate, so he spent the day quietly with his family at Pocantico Hills. Mr. Rockefeller is in excellent health. Plenty of golf and other outdoor exercises have done wonders for him. At seventy-three he appears to be in better physical condition than fifteen or twenty years ago, before he laid aside the cares of active business.

# AMERICAN WHIST CONGRESS.

New York, July 8.—Whist players from almost every part of the country are in town to take part in the twenty-second annual meeting and tournament of the American Whist League, which was opened today at the Hotel Majestic and will last a full week. There are two championship contests on the program, the Hamilton Club today trophy for teams of four and the Minneapolis trophy for pairs, besides four spec-

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BASEBALL BUBBLES.

Kemper Shelton, known to the fans throughout West Virginia, especially in the territory which has embraced the Mountain States League as well as that visited by the Marshall college team of Huntington, is doing phenomenal work for the Columbus team in the American Association. He is leading in the batting order and is usually relied on to help out in a pinch. His fielding has been nearly perfect all this season and he gets the hand every time he faces a pitcher on the home grounds. He is looked on as being a candidate for one or the other of the bigger leagues next season. His batting is nearly .300 right now, and he heads the league sluggers with 89 to his credit. He has made 73 runs in 83 games.

Along this line of the K. & M. are a number of sturdy ball teams, some of the members of a few of which will be heard from in a faster company before long. There is one great pitcher at Plymouth who is said to have it on all the other amateurs in this region. Leon has a good team, and at Black Betsey there is an aggregation that stacks up well with the best of them in its class. These teams often make barnstorming tours and on several occasions have shown remarkable class away from home.

At the present time Cincinnati has five men who are exceeding 300 in batting, with Grant, who has taken part in 19 games, leading with an average of .389. Bates, Marsans, Hoblitzell and McDonald are the other sluggers who have the enviable figures to their credit.

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