

THE MOST PRECIOUS TEXT IN THE BIBLE

How Differently It Reads From What We Once Supposed! Says Pastor Russell.

Unintentionally We Read Errors Into Our Bibles—Our Eyes Were Dimmed by "Dark Ages" Smoke—The Fog Lifts—God's Glory Begins to Appear. The Bible Shines—Its Truth Is the Balm of Gilead—Poor Discouraged Humanity Needs Just Such a God. Shortly He Will Wipe Away All Tears.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Pasadena, Cal., June 15.—Pastor Russell spoke here this afternoon and evening. His evening sermon we report. His text was, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16.) He said:

"This text by some has been styled 'the most precious text in the Bible.' To read it is to be filled with the thought of the sin which has marred God's fair creation. Then comes the reviving announcement of mercy, through the Son of God, our Savior, through a work which He alone could accomplish for us, a race of sinners condemned to death.

Forcefully the Pastor pointed out that once Christian people, even Bible students, misunderstood this text, and read it as though it said that God so loved the world as to keep them from perishing, in order that the elect few might look over the battlements of Heaven and see the non-elect writhing in torture—unable to perish—forced to live, that by their sufferings they might entertain the more fortunate, who were guaranteed bliss to the full.

What right did we ever have, said the Pastor, thus to put into the mouth of our Savior, as our creeds have done, words which He never uttered—words which are very untrue—indeed, a blasphemy against our Maker!

Light Shines Through the Fog. We are not faulting our forefathers, said the Pastor. Had we been in their places, we would have been as confused as they, and we might have indulged in heretic-burning, etc. And had they lived in our wonderful day of great light, knowledge, education, Bibles, etc., doubtless they would have had as noble ideas as ourselves respecting the prophecies of Christian and Divine conduct, and Love and Justice. The Bible tells us that Satan and his fallen angels are responsible for those terrible "doctrines of demons," which have given thinking people such horror and driven so many away from God into unbelief.

Let us rejoice in the light of this better Day. Let us become Bible students in the highest sense of the term. Never before has there been such an opportunity for knowing the real teaching of God's Book. We have Bibles, concordances, helps, and general education which permits us to study these. Our forefathers labored against lack of education, time, Bibles and good artificial light. Surely the wonders of our day indicate that the New Day is upon us, that the sunlight of Messiah's Kingdom will soon break forth through every cloud!

What the Word "Perish" Means. When we think of it, the word "perish" contains not the remotest suggestion of fire or torture. In our ignorance we read that meaning into this and similar texts. Look critically at our text. It corroborates the account in Genesis 3, as explained by St. Paul in Romans 5:12-18. By one man's disobedience sin entered the world, and death as a result of sin, and so death passed upon all men, because all are sinners—by heredity.

This death penalty has been carrying on race to the tomb for six thousand years. The Scriptural declaration is that a would-be future existence any man would have—had it not been for the sin of Adam. The great love we have while we live were we to die, is a ransom-price, or price corresponding to the penalty upon Adam and his race. By providing an equivalent price for the sin-penalty against Adam, God can be just in releasing us from the death penalty.

All Saved From Perishing. The simple proposition of the Bible is that as Adam and all of his race legally perished, so they have all been legally redeemed from that perished condition—Jesus' death being the Satisfaction-price. Because of this redemption the Bible assures us there is to be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and of the unjust.

The Bible further assures us that the resurrection of mankind must wait until the completion of the Church of Christ. Then the Second Coming of Christ will be in order, that He may exalt His Church with Himself as the reigning Power, the Spiritual Seed of Abraham, which God has promised shall be exalted to glory for the very purpose of blessing all the families of the earth—the non-elect—in the glorious Messianic Kingdom.

The Hand Tells the Truth.

The great Creator made our souls when He made the universe. That indestructible self never dies. We are all a part of the whole great scheme. We have lived always, in many forms in many bodies, on many planets. Look in your Bible and you will find references to the subject of reincarnation and palmistry, which indicate an understanding of those truths, and ought to awaken respect in the Christian mind for these topics.

All the old books of sacred lore, all the Bibles, speak of palmistry. Reincarnation as a fact, believing it to be a fact, it gives me renewed reverence for the Creator to see how He has placed a history of past incarnations in the left hand, and how He has indicated by the right, even in an infant, the probable tendency of a young life in this plane of existence. But as we grow and develop we change the lines of this right hand. The left does not change. The left is, as we might say, the ledger of past lives, and the right is the ledger we are now keeping. It records with unerring certainty your mental, moral, physical growth or degeneration. You can train your eyes, your voice, your manner, your lips to hide and conceal facts. You cannot train your hand. It will tell the truth. Just as the little needle of the barometer is telling the changes of temperature second by second, so your mind is telling its thoughts in your hand. Mind makes character. Character makes destiny.—National Magazine.

Drives Off a Terror.

The chief executioner of death in winter and spring months is pneumonia. Its advance agents are colds and grip. In any attack by one of these maladies no time should be lost in taking the best medicine obtainable to drive it off. Countless thousands have found this to be Dr. King's New Discovery. "My husband believes it has kept him from having pneumonia three or four times," writes Mrs. George W. Place, Rawsonville, Vt., "and for coughs, colds and croup we have never found its equal." Guaranteed for all bronchial affections. Price 50 cts. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at all druggists.

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HORSES PIGS and CATTLE

METHODS OF MARKING SHEEP

Identification Brands—Now in Use Unsatisfactory Account of Injury Done to Wool.

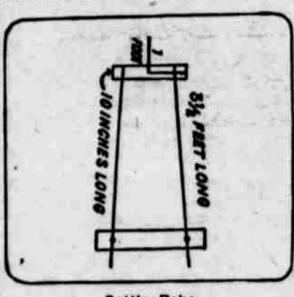
The means prevailing at the present time for the marking of sheep for the purpose of identification is unsatisfactory for the reason that the coal tar or pitch solution which is made use of has a serious effect on the wool not only where the mark has been made on the hair, but all that which is being put through the cleansing process at that time. Such wool brings a decreased price. The National Society of Agriculture of France has been investigating the matter and the report of those appointed to do the work contains the following: It has been proposed to use aniline colors, but this is even worse, since the colors do not merely soil the fleece, but actually dye it. Other means are not lacking, notably that of tattooing the ear of the sheep. Also, a small metallic plate can be fastened in the ear, as is done with African sheep to prove that they have been "clavelized," i. e., inoculated with the special serum which combats their dangerous and contagious eruptive malady, rot or scab. The Syndical Chamber of Commerce and Industry advises the employment of a color composed of linseed oil, essence of turpentine and Prussian blue or similar color. It recommends marking on nose, forehead or nape of neck.

TO ARRANGE A CATTLE POKE

Obstacle in Throat of Animal May Be Forced into Stomach by Use of Rubber Hose.

When cattle or horses choke take a three-quarter-inch rubber hose about five feet long, and with this you can force the obstacle down in the stomach without hurting the beast.

I give a cut of a stanchion poke to put on unruly cattle, says a writer in the Rural New Yorker. Similar in style to the stable stanchion. Take a 10-inch piece of three-quarter scantling; bore two holes six inches apart



Cattle Poke.

and one in front to put a pin one foot long. The upright standards are 3/4 feet long, size about 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 inch, or round poles to extend above upper crosspiece about a foot. The standards are driven in the block below, the upper piece is bolted on and spread according to thickness of neck.

Making Cob Charcoal.

One of the cheapest and best relishes for hogs of all ages and sizes is cob and bone charcoal. Some dry rake together all the cobs, no matter how dirty. Dig a shallow pit, start a fire with some shavings, and gradually bury it with cobs without smothering it. Put in the old bones that have been lying around.

Let the pile smolder until all the cobs are charred through, but above all things don't let the cobs burn so as to crumble. Throw on a bushel of oats the last thing, and when charred pour on water. Salt down and scatter to cool. This is a relish that will make a little pig hit daddy.

Exercise the Brood Mare.

Moderate exercise is essential to the brood mare while carrying her foal. Work which is free from special risk of accident is quite compatible with the well-doing of the mare and foetus. Though some mares work up to within a few hours of foaling and do well, it is advisable that work should be gentle and not continued beyond the tenth month. On removal of the brood mare from work it is highly important that she should have the opportunity of exercise up to the time of her foaling.

Generous Feed for Sow.

The incessant and continuous drain on a brood sow, when suckling a large litter of pigs, is such a drain on her system that it creates an appetite that will require generous feeding for the good of the sow, pigs and the man that contemplates getting quick returns from them.

Sheep Industry.

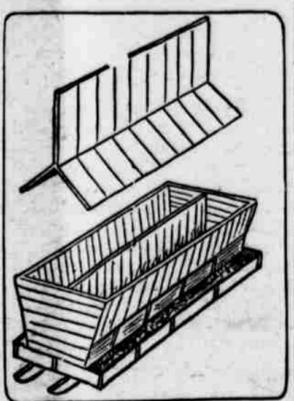
Census reports show that there have been no material changes in the sheep industry in the last 10 years. Worthless dogs are largely responsible for the slow growth of the sheep industry.

LIVE STOCK

MOVABLE RACK FOR FEEDING

Built on Runners, It May Be Moved About at Pleasure, Keeping It in Sheltered Spot.

I used 2 by 8s for the runners of this movable rack, 2 by 4s for the rest of the frame, and 1 by 4s for slats. For length and size, the rack may be built to suit the needs of the feeder. The feed boxes in mine are 16 inches wide and 16 inches deep, with a solid bottom to prevent loss of feed, writes Willis Wolf of Meade, Kan., in the Farmers' Mail and Breeze. Hinged lids cover the feed box when not in use. We feed alfalfa in this rack and as we usually do not let stock have all they want we can drop the covers



Feed Rack and Divider.

whenever necessary. Do not build the sides of the rack too slanting or you will have to push the feed down. The upper drawing shows the divider inside the rack. This makes a self-feeder of the rack. By having the rack built on runners it may be moved about, so as to keep it in a dry sheltered spot all the time.

TEETH SHOULD BE EXAMINED

Veterinarian Should Be Consulted Where Owner Is Not Competent—Feed Must Be Chewed.

A great many of the troubles of the horse come when the owner thinks he is treating him the best in winter when there is little work and the horse is turned out to pasture, or to an alfalfa stack. There are a number of points to keep in mind when disposing of the horse for the winter, says a Colorado bulletin.

First of these is the condition of his teeth. Remember, if he has been living largely on chop feed, or other grain that requires little mastication, that his teeth may not be in condition to handle the roughage of the pasture or the poor quality of hay which is usually fed to horses that are not working. He may be parrot-mouthed and not able to bite off the grass.

The teeth should by all means be examined by a veterinarian, if the owner is incapable. Rough feed must be well chewed before it can be properly digested.

HOGS IMMUNE FROM CHOLERA

College of Agriculture of University of Wisconsin Has Herd to Secure Serum From.

"Over there are several pigs that have been vaccinated. You can't give them hogs cholera," said Dr. Beach of the college of agriculture of the University of Wisconsin. "If anyone has cholera among his pigs and wants a demonstration of the value of vaccination, I'll send him one of those pigs or the state will send serum to immunize a couple of susceptible pigs to put among the sick ones to demonstrate the value of the serum as a preventive."

The college maintains a herd far out on the field beyond the barns, where pigs are given cholera in order to get their diseased blood for use with the anti-serum in vaccination.

Gestation Period of Ewes.

The gestation period of the ewe, or the time she carries her lambs, is between 145 and 150 days on the average. Ewes bred in the middle of October are due to lamb in the middle of March—a good time for lambs to come if good shelter is available if shelter is poor, however, it is better for the lambs to come the last of March. A tried ram is of great value in insuring the time for the lambs to arrive. It is a great disappointment to have lambs coming for a period of six weeks.

Conservative Hog Raising.

The farmer who has a nice bunch of hogs is one that rides in automobiles and has a city bank account. When the price of hog flesh soars farmers over the country begin to breed their hogs, but by the time they have any pigs to place on the market there is a slump due to the increased supply. Keep a few hogs all the time, and do not become discouraged.

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Pear Blight.

Pear blight, or fire blight, is causing considerable loss to orchard owners at the present time. This scourge of pears, apples and plums is known by a variety of names, as blossoms blight, twig blight, fire blight, fruit blight, canker, etc.

The symptoms are too well known to most orchardists. The most striking symptom is the twig or limb being covered with brown leaves, contrasting sharply with the bright green foliage of surrounding branches. In winter it is recognized by the presence of the brown leaves adhering to the affected branches. The leaves look as if they had been scorched by fire and it is from this that the name fire blight was originated. The disease is due to bacteria that enter the tender parts of the tree. These bacteria live over winter in the cankered areas found on the trunks and limbs of trees affected the previous season. During the blooming period they are carried from these cankered areas to the flowers by bees and various other insects. The bacteria work down through the flower into the host and cause the dying twigs as noticed on the affected trees. The fact that the bacteria work entirely within the host explains why it cannot be controlled by any spray or wash that may be applied.

There are two methods of controlling the disease in affected trees. The first is to cut out and burn all diseased branches, and the second is to keep trees growing slowly.

It is absolutely necessary that the orchard be gone over several times during the winter and all suspicious branches removed. If his practice is carefully followed there will be no affected limbs left to act as sources of infection in the spring. The trees should also be watched very closely during the growing period and the diseased branches cut out whenever noticed. Every tree should be inspected at least once a week during the growing season, beginning first as soon as the blossoms begin to fall. It is a good plan to rub off with the hands from the trunks and main limbs, all blossoms, fruit spurs and watersprouts as soon as they start. This will prevent the formation of all limb and body cankers and save a great deal of work another season. Whenever a limb is removed, cut at least six to ten inches below the blighted area as to avoid any chance of the disease starting anew.

All the tools used in removing the branches should be thoroughly disinfected after a cut is made. For this purpose crude carbolic acid or alcohol may be used.

The "tree doctor" who claims to be able to prevent blight by inoculating trees with some patent compound should not be given a chance to try his art. It is a fake, as there is no so-called remedy that has proved effectual. In many cases harm has come from its use. If the diseased areas are carefully removed and destroyed and the trees kept from growing too rapidly the disease may be kept in control.

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