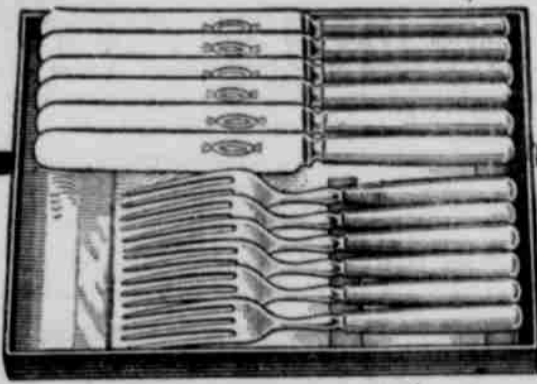


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The Courier's Weekly Sermon BY PASTOR RUSSELL SUBJECT

THE KEYS OF DEATH AND HADES

Shed to Be Destroyed, Then Will Come the Shout:

"O Hades, Where is Thy Victory!"



Pastor Russell of the Brooklyn Tabernacle preached on the Resurrection, approaching the subject from another standpoint—the destruction of *sheol, hades, the grave, the state of death.* He said:—Death is spoken of throughout the Bible as an enemy. Merely hymn-book theology presents it as a friend, an angel sent of God. Death is introduced to our attention in the Bible as the penalty for sin, with the distinct understanding that had Adam not transgressed the Divine commands he need not have died, nor ever have been cast out of his Eden home. St. Paul emphasizes the fact that death is the penalty of sin and that the resurrection of the dead will come to mankind as the result of the redemptive work of Christ. He says, "Since by man comes death, by man also comes the resurrection of the dead. For as all in Adam die, even so all in Christ shall be made alive; but every man in his own order," band or cohort (1 Corinthians xv, 21-23).

Death a Ravenous Monster.

As Genesis introduces death as a penalty for sin, Revelation concludes the great drama by pointing out Christ's victory and the destruction of sin and death, the release of all the members of Adam's family from his sentence and eventually the bringing of all the willing back to fellowship with God and to eternal life. Between these two extremes of Divine Revelation are the assurances of the Prophets and the words of Jesus and His Apostles explaining the processes of redemption and reconciliation. St. Paul summarizes these with the statement, "By one man's [disobedience] sin entered into the world, and death as the result of sin, and thus death passed upon all men, because all are sinners. * * * As by one man's disobedience [the] many were made righteous" (Romans v, 12, 19).

In the poetic language of Scripture death is symbolically represented as a great monster which has been swallowing up the human family, never satisfied. The Divine proposition is that whoever would meet the requirements of Justice against Adam and his race might purchase or ransom them and have full right to deliver them from the prison-house, the tomb.

"The Last Enemy"—Death.

St. Paul points us to the great Deliverer, the glorified Messiah, at the time when He shall take the Kingdom under the whole heavens and begin the fulfillment of the prayer He taught us, "Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as in heaven." He tells us He must reign until He shall have put all enemies under His feet—"The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death" (1 Corinthians xv, 26).

Of Knox and Calvin



"What do you think," the man inquired, "Oh Calvin and of Knox? Have you in every way admired the way they led their flocks? We looked at him and tried to think just what his words might mean; He looked at us without a blink, With countenance serene."

"You don't reply," he argued then. "Well, now, between the two I think to open-minded men There is no doubtful view. The work of Knox was never done With frenzy and with haste. Our thoughts as yet had not begun To get the Calvin placed."

He went right on and proved that Knox Was greater of the twain. And with the cunning of a fox We said that that was plain. Yet we subliminally tried To think of Calvin's post. For public knowledge far and wide Had ever been our boast.

"Now, old John Knox," continued he— We laughed: "What is your game? You know as well as well can be Philander is his name." And while he gasped and waved his hand We offered, too, to bet No Calvin ever in our land Had graced the Cabinet.

He turned and walked away at once While we sat down and thought How any man can act the dunce Who don't know what he ought. But if he had not called him "John" The chances are that we Had never set him right upon The sage Philander C.

And Still He Lives.

The man with the glittering whiskers tiptoed gently across the office and looks over the desk of the pale, perspiring hireling with the discouraged mustache and the recalcitrant fountain pen.

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"O Death, Where is Thy Sting?" Then will be brought to pass the Divine prophecy, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (Hosea xiii, 14; 1 Cor. xv, 55.)

We must notice when this will be brought to pass. It is not now true. The sting of death is in us all, for, as the Apostle explains, sin is the sting of death. And because all have been stung by sin, all are dying. It will require the entire Messianic Age to fully extract from humanity the virus, the sting, of sin by bringing mankind to perfection. Only as the sting of death is removed will the power of death relax, because it is a part of the Divine law that "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Death now has its sting. But when that which is perfect shall have come, the sting will be gone, the imperfection and weakness will be gone, the cause for sin will also be gone.

Not now, but then, will be brought to pass the saying, "O Hades, where is thy victory?" *Hades, sheol, the grave,* has been having a victory over Adam's race for over sixty centuries. And its victory will not be entirely overturned until the Redeemer shall have delivered from the power of the grave the *rest member* of the human family—for all of whom "He died, the Just for the unjust, to bring us back to God."

Thus, as the Apostle says, with the consummation of Christ's Kingdom, with the deliverance of all mankind from the deliverance of sin and death, death will be forever laid up in victory. The Apostle probably quoted from Hosea xiii, 14, where we read, "I will ransom them from the power of the grave (sheol). I will redeem them from death; O death, I will be thy plagues (gradual destruction); O grave (sheol), I will be thy (complete) destruction; repentance shall be hid from mine eyes." The Almighty will never change or turn from this decision. Death and the grave, *sheol, hades, the Bible hell,* are to be destroyed. Every member of Adam's race is to be delivered by Him Who redeemed all, except those who after abundant opportunity will not obey the great Deliverer; these will be destroyed from among the people (Acts III, 22, 23).

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