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REV. JOHN JASPER.

A CELEBRATED DIVINE

His Famous Sun Sermon.

He Challenges Philosophers

JOSHUA & THE DIVINE COMMAND.

Declares the Earth is Square

The Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church was filled to overflowing on Sunday, December 1, 1895 at 11 A. M. The announcement had been made that Rev. John Jasper would preach his famous "Sun sermon" and a large crowd of white persons filled the spacious edifice. They were composed of the students of Richmond Female College and Richmond College. Even the galleries were filled with white people.

The hymn was lined by Rev. Y. C. Burrell, Secre ary of the Colored Y. M. C. A. The choir was at its best and rendered the melodious selections which enraptured all true believers. Rev. Burrell read the 2nd chapter of Genesis. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Braxton.

Rev. John Jasper, the venerable pastor arose and said: "Since this subject has become so question, I have preached this sermon no less than 275 times in this and other states. One of my youngsters in the gallery asked me to preach it for his benefit. There had been a controversy between him and his associate.

If ever I spoke the truth, I never thought of the philosophers one time during my discussion, and the gentleman that said my assertion was a base contemptible lie, I had never said a word concerning him. I blamed him for calling me a contemptible base lie and for publishing me as such because I preached God's revealed will.

Now I didn't add anything to the Bible in preaching that sermon and neither took anything therefrom. As he had published me to the world as a base contemptible liar, I thought myself upon the world and invited them to come and hear me.

From the time I preached it and he published me as a contemptible base lie, I made this my motto: "Bring me editor or editors and if I did not prove by uncontradicted testimony that I was right I would not preach any more."

An Episcopal minister asked me to preach it for him and his friends, and if they thought I preached a contemptible base lie, they did not tell me so.

The legislature of Virginia wrote me and asked me to preach it for their accommodation. If they thought I was a contemptible base lie, they did not tell me so.

Mr. George D. Wise asked me to preach it for the benefit of himself and some of his friends, and if they thought I was a contemptible base lie, they didn't tell me so.

Mr. Ford asked me to preach it for a number of northern people. I preached it, and if they thought I was a contemptible base lie, they did not tell me so.

I was invited to preach this sermon at the Old Market Hall. There were more people who could not get in than there were on the inside. If they thought I was a contemptible base lie they did not tell me so.

Rev. Jasper was severe on the minister who unjustly criticized him. Said he, He is no more entitled to be in a pulpit than a hog is to fill the seat of the president of the United States. His intentions were to sustain the philosophers.

The philosophers have no right to believe as they believe unless they could give ample satisfaction on the assertions made by them.

HIS EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES. Now you know I am called one of the old fogies because I have never aspired to a school-house. I stole seven months' schooling in a New York spelling book. William Johnson was my teacher. I started out to pray, became reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. God said that I should be a leader in my day and should answer the infidel. Moses led the church 40 years and I have been leading this church 55 years.

The philosophers from the North came to see me and when I had gotten through with the argument they left without a word to the contrary and stated that they were fairly beaten on the Bible but would come back and have it over again and have never seen them since. I am here in defense of the Bible and to maintain his honor. There has never been a time that God has aspired to counselors to lead him in the way of judgement. I am not a lettered man so far as the schoolhouse is concerned.

WHAT GOD WANTS. I have got just the kind of education that God wants me to have. And I don't want any other. My sight is very weak now. I have had eye-sight same as an eagle in days past and gone. I can't see to read so well, but

CAN BE TO RECOLLECT. I ain't so blind as not to see to recollect. You just make up your mind to listen to the old fogie for an hour and a half. Now you make up your mind to hear all this old fogie to say in an hour and a half.

Exodus 15:3. "The Lord is a man of war, the Lord is His name."

chapter which the brother read just now will explain it to you. At the time of the flood there were eight people present in the ark, Ham, Shem and Japhet and their three wives and Noah and his wife.

It was God's purpose to make a choice of the house of Terah. He was the father of Abraham. He called Abraham of his father, Terah's house, and he went down to the land of Canaan.

Abraham begat Isaac. Jacob, 12 sons each a head of a family called twelve tribes. God had promised Abraham that through his son, Isaac his seed should be blessed. He told Abraham to go to the mountain and offer his son as a sacrifice. He took his son to

text is, "The Lord is a man of war, the Lord is His name."

God sent ten plagues upon Pharaoh. He was advised to let the Hebrews go. He thrust them out and told them to go. Information came to him that the Israelites had become entangled in the wilderness.

Pharaoh ordered 300 chariots. When the Hebrews found that the Egyptians were pursuing them, they attempted to go forward, they found a sea in front and mountains loomed up on the right and on the left. They found a sea in front, a host behind and rocks on either hand.

They then prayed to God. Moses and Aaron went together. Then Moses stretched out his rod and the sea



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worship. When Abraham was arranging the altar Isaac was interested. When he had arranged the altar, he took his son and bound him upon the altar. As he drew back to slay his son an angel said, I don't know which one it was told him to stay his hand. He asked him how was he to accomplish his design. He told him to look and catch the ram that was caught by the horns on the mountains and offer him as a sacrifice.

THE AFFLICTION OF JACOB'S OFFSPRING. Seventy-six souls out of the line of Jacob went down into the land of Egypt to be afflicted 400 years. They were to be brought out of bondage and they multiplied rapidly. They were an able gigantic people. Pharaoh thought that if any nation should fall against them these Israelites would join with the enemy. He issued an order to all the mid-wives to kill

divided and the Hebrews pitched into the sea. Ex. 14th, 24th and 25th verses.

HARD HEARTED PHARAOH. God looked and saw Pharaoh driving his people. He told the angels to take off the chariot wheels. Pharaoh said that surely God is fighting for Israel this day. This proves that God is a man of war.

The twelve went over into the Southern part of Canaan that was populated by the Amalekites. The cities were walled and the people were like hopper-grasses,—they were so numerous. They were large men of powerful stature. I guess that you and I would make for them one good walking stick.

There were twelve as I said awhile ago and out of the twelve there were ten hypocrites.

Everybody whose names you see on



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all of the male children. At this time Moses was born. The queen found Moses in the bulrushes and ordered a maid which was Moses' mother to take care of him. Moses went down and saw an Egyptian contending against one of his Hebrew brethren. He killed the Egyptian and buried him and supposed no one saw him but God. Soon thereafter he went down again he saw two Hebrews fighting and separated them, when one of them reminded him of the killing of the Egyptian. He was wrought up by the fact that this thing was known. In order to escape the violence at their hands he took his father-in-law's flock and watered it forty years. This made him 80 years old.

Rev. Jasper told of Moses and the burning bush from which God told Moses what to do. Recollect what the

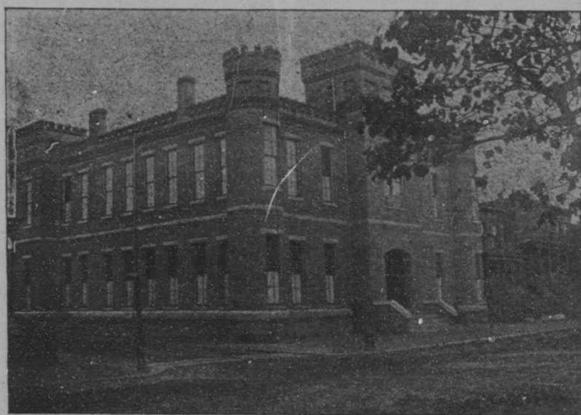
church book, that call you brother or sister ain't so—they are hypocrites.

When the twelve came back and brought back the news to Moses, ten of them reported that they would never be able to get there.

GOD'S PROMISE TO JOSHUA. Joshua said that God had promised that they should get there and drive out the adroitous people and take possession of that for which they had not labored.

The people continued to murmur and in keeping with Moses and Aaron's prayer, God promised not to cut down the Israelites. God placed a curse upon Israel. Joshua and Caleb were the only ones that came out of Egypt that put their feet on Canaan's shore. After the death of Moses, Joshua, the son of

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Nun succeeded him. The Israelites were to go from the wilderness of Parah to Shittim. They were told to go to Shittim and locate themselves there. Joshua sent two spies to spy out the land. Rahab had a home on the wall. The king of Jericho ordered their arrest and Rahab deceived the king's agents.

The promise made to Rahab was recited and also her success in the concealment of these spies. "I am rushing to get to the place you want me to get to," remarked the Elder. "I am making all the haste I can. The two spies made their report to Joshua."

THE TWO COMMANDS. With the twelve priests, who bore the ram's horn, he told them to take a stone and when they get into the land of Canaan, go to Gilgal and build an altar unto God's name. When they got over to the walls, go around the walls six times for six days and on the seventh day give a shout. This was done. The walls of Jericho fell and the king was captured.

Now, for the capture of Ai. You all know what an ambush means. Joshua sent out about 3,000 of his men and kept back the main force in ambush. 30 men fell a victim to the Amorites. The others ran back to Joshua, who fell on his face in agony. An examination was made and it was found that Achan had coveted 250 shekels of silver and a golden wedge and a Babylonish garment and had buried

Achan was stoned to death and

cast into the valley. Joshua decided to go up himself and when the Amorites came, he would run from them. The Amorites were caught in ambush and slain by the Hebrews. Then the city was captured. The Amrcites were slain on this side and that. This proves that God is a man of war.

Now, we will go to Gibeon, the royal city. When it was found that Moses had conquered and that Joshua had followed up the conquests after they had taken the city, the Gibeonites decided to wear old clothes, old bottles old bread and to lie in among the Hebrews and offered to become hewers of wood and drawers of water.

The other five kings hearing that Gibeon had fallen in with Joshua decided to fight against them. Joshua was at Gilgal. The sun was over great Gibeon. The fight had waxed warm and Joshua bled sent for, seeing that he could not continue the battle and avenge his enemies before the sun went down. Joshua asked God to stop the sun. What do you suppose that God was going to tell Joshua to tell the sun to stop when it was not moving.

God had some sense if Joshua did not. What did he tell the sun to stop for if it wasn't moving. Now you can see that after the sun stood still and the moon remained stationary, the five kings ran into the save McKiddier. Joshua tol them to roll up stones

to the mouth of the cave until the bat tie was ended. He took the five kings and hung them on five trees until the sun went down. Joshua 10 chapter 27 verse.

Could the sun go down if it was not moving. Psalms 50 chap 1 verse. Psalms 118 chap. 3rd verse. Judges 14 chap 18 verse. Isaiah 38 chap 8 verse.

You tell me that the sun could turn 10 degrees backward and didn't move. How could it? Why a lunatic wouldn't believe it. Eccle 1st chap 5th verse. Malachi 1st chap. 11 verse.

This is what God said, Does anybody say God told a lie? The philosopher tells you are living on a round earth. If we are living on a round earth it is something inconceivable to me. When you were studying English Grammar, did you ever tell the people that four corners mean round, you get rid of that kind of books. Rev. 8 chap. 1 verse. "And I saw 4 angels standing on the four corners of the earth."

You have missionaries white and colored to go out in all civilized nations and yet they never said a word about these down there. If they have any school-houses down there, they have never said a word about them.

THEIR BAD PREDICAMENT. Those poor people if the philosopher don't take care of them, they are eter-

nally lost. They not only say they have searched the foundations of the earth beneath, but have measured the height of the heavens above.

Capernicus said that the distance of the earth from the sun was 3,391,300 miles.

Keple said the distance of the earth from the sun was 12,376,800 miles.

Ricciola says that the distance of the earth from the sun is 27,380,000 miles.

Isaac Newton says that the distance of the earth from the sun is 28,000,000 miles, and another that it is 54,000,000 miles, take either one—either will do. Benj. Martin says that it is between 81 and 82,000,000 and 30 years later earth. How can a railroad car run 98,000,000 miles from earth 30 years ago, children were taught that it was 95 million miles, until now they estimate it at 104,000,000 miles.

A POINTED QUESTION. Now which of those philosophers are right? Their ideas are based on reasoning and you have the same right to reason that they have.

When the Central railroad was laid in Virginia, I was fifteen years old. The philosophers say that a railroad car running at the rate of 30 miles an hour, in 36 days it can run around the earth. How can a railroad car run without water or steam?

They say that running at the same rate it would arrive at the orbit of the moon in 11 months. They say it would take the same train, 301 years to reach the sun. Where would they get their clothes from? Where could their secure food? Who would do the washing and the cooking?

Again they say that a ball leaving the mouth of a cannon going at the rate of one mile in 4 seconds, would take 12 years to reach the sun. It would take the same time to come back.

How could any body go from here sitting down on a cannon ball for 24 years to measure the distance to the sun? He'd have to carry a change of apparel. Do you mean to tell me that the gentleman would not carry something to cook his food, he'd have to carry a cook and washer. He'd certainly have to carry 104,000,000 miles of tape line. Who's going to touch that line on to the sun?

THOSE HOT MONTHS. You know how hot the sun is in August—not with fans in the house. Well how can you approach the sun, you can't get that close to the sun, if it is as hot as that at a distance of 104,000,000 miles from the sun.

You endorse my theory when you teach your people that the Bible is God's revealed word.

THE BOOK OF BOOKS. Go into the Congress of the nation, at the head of all your assemblages, courts of justice when a criminal has violated the law, then Justice of the peace won't prosecute any case until you swear and kiss this book. You have to swear on this book that what you say is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Don't you make any departure from the Bible. When we don't take the example laid by Jesus we have none to follow. Nations wont reconcile divine justice. Nations wont qualify you for the kingdom of heaven. Stick to the Bible!

I hope you will take the words of this old fogie and compare it, and when you can condemn it by the Bible the old fogie will quit you.

This ended the discussion. The choir sang, the benediction was announced. The tall form of the Reverend divine who had so ably preached the sermon approached the front of the rostrum, shook hands with some admirers and a few minutes later passed out of the new edifice down the street to the confines of his humble home.

THE GOVERNOR'S FAREWELL. HE SENDS A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATURE. The Facts and His Efforts to Uphold the Laws. A STATESMANLIKE DOCUMENT. He Asks for a Defining of His Power to Protect the Prisoners—The Entire Matter in the Hands of the Law-Makers The Celebrated Case Now in the Hands of God and the Courts. What Will the End Be?

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Unless steps are taken to save them from harm, it is reasonably certain that they will be swinging from trees or weltering in their own blood forty-eight hours after they have reached the county.

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