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Louisville, Ky., Jan. 17. — Pastor Russell (who will address the Washington public at the National Theater next Sunday afternoon) preached here today at Macauley's Theater twice to splendid audiences. We report his discourse from the text, "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, your reasonable service."—Romans 12:1.

Speaking with great earnestness, the Pastor declared that he repeatedly meets with people inquiring for the Bread of Life—seeking to return to the Father's House. These seem to know that there is something radically wrong with the preaching of the nominal churches. They tell that they are importuned for money, but that when they ask for soul food they meet with evasion and subterfuge from many of the great and learned, who appear to have lost sight of the Bible and heart-conversion.

Or on the other hand, they are met by the Salvation Army, with traditions of the past which are not Bread, but as indigestible as a stone to anybody of ordinary intelligence. They are told with all seriousness that God created our race with full knowledge that nearly all would spend eternity in torture. They are told that to be saved from that awful fate they should become Salvationists and storm the slums for Jesus. No wonder the world is famishing, as foretold in the Bible, saying, "There shall be a famine in the land; not a famine for bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the Words of the Lord."—Amos 8:11.

The Pastor hoped that some of these hungry souls were present in his audience. He proposed to give them no human theories or speculations—nor would he compromise the Truth nor dodge the question. He would endeavor to make the way of God so plain that a wayfaring man need not err therein, and he would do this not by wisdom of his own, but by presenting God's own Word—1 Corinthians 3:18, 19.

Instinctively the most intelligent are repelled with the thought that God would pursue a course beneath the instincts of the most degraded. Undoubtedly the Bible is true in declaring such fallacies "doctrines of demons." (1 Timothy 4:1.) From the Bible viewpoint we can see that it was a master stroke on the part of Satan and his subordinates to misrepresent the teachings of the Bible and the God of the Bible, so as to repel those who in their weakness might be "feeling after God."

Truth-telling Provokes the Clergy.

To tell the truth to the people, even on so simple a subject, means to anger the clergy! Why, do you ask? Because it proves them in the wrong and proves that they have not been feeding the people with the Bread of Heaven. Instead of building up the House of God, the Church, they have been building meeting-houses—seeking numbers and popularity rather than instructing the people in the Word of God. Remarkably few church members know what they believe. They give evidence that if Christians at all, they are the merest babes in Christ. None can judge another's heart, but all should be able to judge the life, the fruits. "By their fruits ye shall know them," said the Master.—Matthew 7:20.

If the majority of Christian people have the fruits of the Holy Spirit, they keep them hidden, and surely many of them manifest the fruits of the Evil Spirit—"anger, malice, hatred, envy, strife, bitterness, slander," etc., which The Apostles style "works of the Devil." (Ephesians 4:31; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 John 3:8.) We would not be misunderstood; we do not complain that there are not nice people in all the churches. On the contrary, we compliment them on their education, their refinement, their wealth, their influence. Moreover, we compliment them on their humanitarian sympathies, as represented in hospitals, asylums, and other benevolences.

But all these things are shared evenly by people not members of churches. Participation in good works is by no means a proof of being a Christian. A Christian is one who has come into a very special relationship to God through Christ, which relationship exists not in respect to education, wealth or color.

With the popularizing of Christianity came such a modification of teachings as invited all decent worldlings into the Church and made them think they were consecrated saints, and heirs of all the blessings promised in the Scriptures. By inference the theory has gone forth that the penalty for sin will be visited only upon the worst sinners; those who neglect to say, "God forgive me," just before death. Notwithstanding the plain statements of the creeds, every funeral discourse lands the dead in Heaven, so far as can be understood. A misinterpretation of the Saviour's words to the dying thief is made the basis for this absurdity.

Let me say, then, with all kindness toward those who are deceiving themselves and others that the vast majority of church members and preachers are not Christians at all, according to the Bible standards. This does not mean that the Bible condemns them to eternal torment. Thank God, no! It does mean, however, that these self-deceived ones will have neither part nor lot in the wonderful blessing provided for God's elect church. God's church is separate from all human institutions; and only the saintly, regardless of denominational lines, are members of the true Church, "written in Heaven."

Surrender Self—Sacrifice to God.

According to the Bible, no human being is fit for eternal life. "All have sinned." The original sin was committed by Father Adam, when he was perfect, in God's image. Cut off from God, the race deteriorated, passing imperfections of mind, morals and body from parent to child. God declares His sympathy for the sinner, and that He has made provision for man's recovery from his present deplorable state. Moreover, a time has been set for the recovery, and the Bible tells us how it is to be accomplished—by Messiah and His Millennial Kingdom. We pray, "Thy Kingdom come," thus acknowledging the fact that that Kingdom is the hope of the world and of the Church.

The Church's hope is that of becoming sharers with Christ in the glory, honor and work of the Kingdom—for the blessing and uplifting of humanity from sin and death. God is making no attempt at the present time to convert the world. His time is just before us, and will accomplish all He has promised.—Revelation 14:6, 7.

Few now hear the Gospel Message, and still fewer believe it—it seems too good. They are deluded by the Adversary into thinking that God has been trying to convert the world for six thousand years and has been making a miserable failure of it; and that what ever is done we must do for ourselves. But the Word of the Lord standeth sure. He declares, "My Word that has gone forth out of My mouth shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11.) God's Word was sent forth to invite a very special class of humanity—a class loving righteousness and hating iniquity, weary and heavy-laden with sin, and desirous of coming back into harmony with God.

For nearly nineteen centuries the Message has been going hither and thither, quietly, unostentatiously. God's consecrated ones have lifted up a light which the world and the nominal churches have hated, on account of which they have frequently been put to death or have had "their names cast out as evil." If their books were merely in the present life, these would be making a miserable failure. But-not so; they "walk by faith and not by sight." They await their reward at Christ's Coming—by a share in His, the First, Resurrection. And even now their joy and peace in God more than offset all their trials, difficulties and ostracisms. "To them [only] it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God."

Shepherd's Voice, "Come Unto Me."

The trials and difficulties of life pressing many today are giving them a hearing ear for the Great Shepherd's words, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." He does not say, "Go to the Lutheran Church; go to the Presbyterian Church; go to the Methodist Church; go to the Roman Catholic Church," or "go" to any other church. He says, "Come unto Me." It is the privilege of whoever hears this Message to immediately go to the Lord. True, he cannot go to the Heavenly Father direct; for "God heareth not sinners." But he can go to Jesus; Him hath God set forth to be our Saviour. Jesus said, "No man cometh unto the Father but by Me." He did not say, "No man can come except through a preacher, or priest, or bishop, or pope."

But when we desire to come to God, and learn that we must come through Jesus, what shall we do? This—ask Him upon what terms He will receive us and introduce us to the Heavenly Father, and thus bring us back from the condition of condemnation into the family of God.

Many have somehow gotten the impression that the Heavenly Father and Jesus are in great distress because so few are desirous of becoming members of the Church; that they would be ready to receive anybody, on any terms, simply to have another name added. How absurd this is, when we come to think of it! We call to mind the teaching of the Master. He said, "Sit down first and count the cost," before complying with the terms of discipleship. Do nothing rashly.

Some of us can count more rapidly than others. Many of the weary and heavy-laden through sin are ready to say, "I know the cost of sin in my personal experiences. The cost of being disciples of Jesus cannot be greater than the cost of being rebels against the Divine Law." Such can frequently decide quickly and take their stand firmly on the Lord's side. Others are like the rich young man who came to Jesus, saying, "What good thing shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? I have kept the law from my youth up. What lack I yet?" They think they have done everything the Lord would have them do. But Jesus says, No. "If any man will be My disciple, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me," "that where I am, there shall My disciple be"—in Heaven, on My Throne.

How To Become a Christian.

It should not require long to count how much more we will receive than we give. We give a condemned and dying existence; we give mental, moral, and physical imperfections. In exchange we receive riches of grace in the present life—peace, joy, which the world can neither give nor take away; and in the life to come, "glory, honor, immortality." Joint-heirship with our Savior in the Heavenly Kingdom, which shall dominate the world for the thousand years, for its blessing and uplift.

Really, after counting the cost, there is danger that we would feel so ashamed of the littleness of our offering that we would fear to come to the Lord with it. We gain courage to present our bodies only by a realization of the mercy and favor which has prompted His kind invitation for an exchange of something of little value for great things of inestimable value. But unless we take this very step, and enter into a definite contract with the Lord, we have neither part nor lot with Him, however much we may try to pattern our lives after decent models and to avoid the grosser and the finer sins.

Now, then, I ask, have not these facts been hidden from you by the clergy? Have they not sought to set aside the words of Jesus because they conflict with their theories? Is not this really why so many have been unable to find any of the satisfying "meat in due season" in the nominal churches? We believe it is. And we urge all—ministers, everybody—to return to the Bible simplicity of a fully consecrated Church of Christ—His elect Bride—and then a blessing for the world of mankind through the Millennial Kingdom of Christ. The world's blessing will be earthly—restitution to human nature, instead of a change to the Divine nature, as promised the Church. All who will refuse the Call of this present time and also the opportunity of the future Restitution, will die the Second Death—Acts 3:19-23.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. Washington, D. C., January 15, 1915. Application for permission to take the examination for the selection of candidates, actual residents of the District of Columbia, to be recommended by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to take the examination for admission to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, in June, 1915, will be received by the Commissioners not later than two o'clock p. m., on Tuesday, February 2, 1915. Applications for permission to take this examination must be made in the applicant's hand-writing, and be addressed to The Commissioners of the District of Columbia, Room 509, District Building, Washington, D. C. The application must state the place and date of the applicant's birth and his postoffice address; and be accompanied by a certificate from two reputable residents of the District of Columbia, that the applicant is a person of good moral character, and that he is an actual resident of the District of Columbia. Applicants must be between the ages of sixteen and twenty years on the third Tuesday in April, 1915. A physical examination of applicants will be held in Fire Department Truck House No. 3, situated on the southeast corner of Fourteenth street and Ohio avenue northwest, on Saturday, February 6, 1915, at ten o'clock a. m. A competitive mental examination of applicants will be held in the Assembly Room of the Franklin School Building on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 16th and 17th, 1915, commencing at nine o'clock a. m. The mental examination will include the following subjects: Reading, writing, and spelling in English; punctuation and capitals; English grammer; geography; United States history; High School arithmet