

PEOPLE'S PULPIT...



Sermon by CHARLES T. RUSSELL, Pastor Brooklyn Tabernacle.

PASTOR RUSSELL'S DISCOURSE ON PENTECOSTAL BLESSINGS

GREAT WHITSUNTIDE SERMON AT ALBERT MEMORIAL HALL

London, Eng., May 15th. — Albert Memorial Hall, recognized as the largest modern auditorium in the world, was crowded today to hear Pastor Russell of Brooklyn Tabernacle, New York, on "Pentecostal Blessings." Many of the most prominent stalls and boxes are owned by the nobility, many of whom occupied them, while others, unable to attend, graciously granted permission for their occupancy by others; but hundreds were turned away. The meeting was held under the auspices of the "International Bible Students Association." The speaker said:—

It is appropriate that on this day, celebrated and recognized as the anniversary of Pentecost, we should consider the import, and have well in mind what we celebrate. I therefore take as my text, the words of St. Peter explanatory of the occasion: "This is that which was spoken by the Prophet Joel: And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall have the vision which your ancients dreamed of; and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days my Spirit, and they shall proclaim." (I give you a preferred translation.— Acts II, 17-18.)

St. Peter declares that the outpouring of the holy Spirit upon the waiting believers at Pentecost was mentioned by Joel the Prophet, but he does not say that all of the prophecy was fulfilled there and then. As a matter of fact we know that the holy Spirit was not then poured out on all flesh; it was poured out merely upon God's servants and handmaidens. A careful inspection shows us that there are two parts to the prophecy—(1) All flesh, and (2) God's servants and handmaidens. The order of the blessing is also stated. It will come upon all flesh after those days, but upon the servants and handmaidens in those days. The days mentioned evidently refer to this Gospel age—from Pentecost to the second coming of Christ.

In this period, of now nearly nineteen centuries, God's holy Spirit has been granted to his faithful ones, and to these alone. Only the fully consecrated have been accepted of the Lord as living sacrifices, and only such have been begotten of the holy Spirit, that they may be "new creatures in Christ." During all this time, the world has been unconcerned so far as the holy Spirit is concerned. Indeed, the Apostle after Pentecost went still further and declared that "the whole world lieth in the wicked one." The only action of the holy Spirit must be, as in the case of Felix, to "reprove the world of sin and righteousness, and of a coming judgment." Our text declares, however, that the time is coming when the world will receive a share of the great Divine blessing, which was fully secured by the death of Christ. But its time of favor will be "after those days"—after this Gospel Age shall have come to an end, after the New Dispensation, the Millennium Age, shall have come. Let us note first the blessings belonging to this Gospel Age, in which we are specially interested, and subsequently let us notice the blessings that God has promised shall come to all mankind.

The Church's Pentecost. It is not sufficient that we say that a Pentecostal blessing came upon the followers of Jesus in the upper room at Jerusalem, totally different from anything that had been known in the world before! We want to know why it was so; and if a blessing, why it did not come sooner to the people? We remember Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Daniel, the Prophets; we recognize the fact that they were grand characters, and, as St. Paul said, "They had this testimony that they pleased God." Yet there was no Pentecostal outpouring in their day, nor until the age of man in the world was more than four thousand years. Why was this? We answer that God has his own times and seasons for the various features of his work.

We recall the words of our Lord Jesus, respecting his forerunner, "Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist; notwithstanding he that is least in the Kingdom of heaven is greater than he" (Matthew 11:11). Why could not John, and others of the prophets preceding him, enter in and enjoy this Gospel favor? We answer, in the language of St. Paul, "God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect" (Hebrews 11:40). Our Creator has great gifts to dispense to our race through the Redeemer, and it is for him to determine the times and the seasons for the dispensing of these blessings, and to whom they shall go. According to the Divine arrangement, the Redeemer had first to die as man's ransom-price, before any of the race could come back into full relationship with the Creator. It is true that by faith Abraham and others of the past did enjoy certain of

God's favors, and much of his fellowship, but none could be received into full sonship and joint-heirship with Christ, until first their sins had been cancelled. Then they could be accepted in Christ on the terms which the Father has appointed.

These very disciples who received the blessing in the upper room on Pentecost, had forsaken sin, and become Jesus' disciples, had made full consecration of all their earthly hopes and interests, had been accepted by the Lord Jesus, and he had put his Spirit upon them, enabling them to do many mighty works in his name. However, it was one thing to do mighty works through his Spirit, or power, and another matter to possess that spirit inherently—to act directly as agents of Divine favor instead of indirectly. It is in harmony with this thought that we read that after our Lord breathed upon them the holy Spirit, symbolically imparting his Spirit, and commissioning them as his representatives to preach the Gospel, he told them, nevertheless, to tarry at Jerusalem until they were endued with power—the holy Spirit—until the Father should recognize them directly as his ministers and ambassadors.

From the standpoint of Divine Justice, the Apostles and believers were still under the sentence of death as sinners at the time of our Lord's death, at the time of his resurrection, at the time of his ascension. Then he said to them, "It is expedient for you that I go away, for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you" (John xvi, 7). After the forty days, joyfully present with his disciples, except on a few occasions for a few moments each, our Lord ascended, and after ten days the holy Spirit from the Father came upon the waiting household of faith. It evidenced to them the fact that their sins had been forgiven for Christ's sake, that they were justified freely from all things through his sacrifice, and that their consecration to sacrifice themselves had been accepted of the Father, and that henceforth they might count themselves as "joint-heirs with Christ," "members of his body," members of "the Church of the First-born, whose names are written in heaven," members of the "Seed of Abraham" (Galatians III, 29).

Keys of the Kingdom. The Master in speaking to St. Peter assured him that to him were committed the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, which signified that the way into the Kingdom at that time had not yet been opened, and that Peter would be honored by being the Lord's servant to do the opening work. There were two of these "keys," and therefore there were two opening works to be accomplished.

The Church, under Christ her Lord, is God's kingdom, not yet set up or established "in power and great glory"—not yet finished or inaugurated. The work of this Gospel Age is to "call" or invite such as have a hearing ear to become joint-heirs in this Kingdom, for which he taught us to pray, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven." So many as genuinely accept this heavenly calling, this "high calling" to glory, honor, and immortality, are probationary members of the Kingdom of Heaven. Such are Scripturally exhorted to continue faithful to their vows of consecration, and thus make their calling and election sure to a place in this glorious Kingdom, which will be inaugurated at the second coming of Christ. But the Lord instructs all saying, "Sit down first and count the cost" (Luke xiv, 28); "but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him" (Hebrews x, 38).

All who are thus spirit-begotten by the holy Spirit, John I, 13, during this age are promised a spirit birth, to spirit-being in the resurrection. We read, "It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption; it is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power; it is sown an animal body; it is raised a spiritual body." For this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption" (I Corinthians xv, 42-44, 50). The entire period between the first advent and the second advent of our Redeemer is set apart in the Divine Program for this great work of selecting from amongst men the "little flock," such as shall be counted worthy of these honors on the spirit plane, and the privilege of participating with Messiah in his great work of the next age.

To the Jew First. Only Jews received the Pentecostal blessing. The Gentiles were excluded for three and a half years thereafter, in harmony with a Divine promise made to the Jewish nation. Then came the time for a smaller privilege to be extended to the Gentiles, and the record informs us that Cornelius was the first Gentile to be received into spiritual relationship with God. He was a good man, and had been a good man for years; he prayed often, and gave such aims to the people, but until then, the middle wall of partition

separated between Jew and Gentile. Even then he could not be received of God because of his works, or prayers, or aims, but must first be instructed respecting Christ and his redemptive work, and must believe and accept the same. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts iv, 12), either in this age or in any other.

Thus it was that, in harmony with our Redeemer's promise, St. Peter used the "key" which introduced the Gentiles to the Pentecostal blessings. As he used the first key on the day of Pentecost in explaining to the multitude of Jews the meaning of the Pentecostal blessings, and the privilege that they had of entering into the Divine favor thereby, so, at this later date, the Lord instructed Cornelius to send for Peter, saying, "Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodging in the house of one Simon a tanner by the seaside; who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee" (Acts x, 32; xi, 14, 15). Thus were the two "keys" used by St. Peter, and thus were the doors of the Gospel favor—the high-calling of joint-heirship with Jesus—thrown open, both to Jews and to Gentiles, through faith in the precious blood. The doors thus thrown open are not yet closed; but, as we sometimes sing, "That gate was left ajar for me."

I rejoice with you today, fellow-students of the Word of God, that this great gift of God is still obtainable, that the time has not yet fully come when the door of opportunity to this high-calling must close. Close it will, so soon as the full number of the "elect" shall be completed. Thank God that another door will then open; the door of Restitution to human perfection and to earthly life, grand beyond the power of description.

But the blessed opportunity of this Pentecostal favor is still granted. As St. Peter declares in his epistle, "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature" (II Peter I, 4). The door to this divine nature is the one that will soon shut, as our Redeemer illustrated in the parable of the "Wise and Foolish Virgins." When a sufficient number of "wise virgins" shall have entered to complete the bride-class, forthwith the door of opportunity to that station, to that class, to that honor, to the divine nature, will be closed, and the elect of God will be neither one more nor one less than the number originally foreordained.

"My Spirit Upon All Flesh." St. Paul speaks of this Gospel age saying, "Now is the acceptable time; today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Not all hear his voice in these days. The great mass of mankind have not even heard of the name of Jesus, and consequently could not harden their hearts against him, nor against the terms now offered for return to fellowship with God. This is the acceptable time or period of salvation, in the sense that God is now willing to accept the offerings of believers if they present their bodies living sacrifices. St. Paul declares that this is a reasonable service, holy and acceptable to God (Rom. xii, 1).

The testimony to the Church and the high-calling have been open during this Gospel Age. The testimony to the world and the blessings under that testimony will be during the Millennium Age. The death of Jesus is "the propitiation satisfaction for our sins (the Church's), and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world"—in due time, during the Millennium Age (I John I, 2). For, as the Apostle Paul declares, "there shall be a resurrection, both of the just and of the unjust" (Acts xxiv 15). That will be the time for the precious merit of Jesus' sacrifice to be made known, to be understood, to be appreciated, and to bring its blessed results of restitution to who-so-ever will receive the same.

Then God's holy Spirit—holy power will, through Christ, be outpoured upon all flesh—upon all mankind. Messiah will inaugurate the new dispensation by sealing with Israel the New Covenant in his blood; as says the Lord through the Apostle Paul, "This is my Covenant with them when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the Gospel they are enemies for your sakes, but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes" (Romans xi, 27, 28).

This outpouring of the holy Spirit is not merely for Israel, nor God's blessing merely upon Abraham's natural seed outside the Church class. It will include all of every nation desirous of coming into accord with God, after they shall have come to a clear knowledge of the Truth. All nations shall be privileged to enter into and enjoy Israel's great Covenant, by becoming children of Abraham through faith. And all rejectors of God's grace having been destroyed in the Second Death, the world of mankind will constitute the promised seed of Abraham, whose number shall be as the sands of the seashore, even as the spirit-begotten ones of this Gospel Age are likened to the stars of heaven.

The Ancients, the Prophets, St. Peter declares, have all spoken of these glorious "times of restitution," and it will be during these times when the Lord shall pour out his Spirit upon all flesh, that the people may realize what the Ancients had seen in vision and in dreams—"the wilderness blooming as a rose," "the solitary place being glad," "fountains in the desert," "the knowledge of the Lord filling the whole earth as the waters cover the deep, and none needing to say to his neighbor, Know thou the Lord, for all shall know him from the least to the greatest."

TIMON Lodge Confers Rank And Organizes Baseball Team

Timon lodge No. 45 K. of P. conferred the rank of Esquire upon three candidates at the regular meeting Thursday evening. The work was done chiefly by new members of the lodge and was greatly enjoyed by the candidates and attending knights. The baseball committee was authorized to purchase supplies and uniforms at once and proceed to organize the best ball team in the city.

The sick members were all reported to be getting better. In a communication from Elisha Wages, county deputy, at Fredericktown, he stated that he would issue a call for the meeting of the picnic committees of the several lodges of the county, said meeting to be held at Castle Hall on W. Gambier street.

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CASE Against Insurance Co. Still Being Heard

One Juror In The Case Has Been Excused

Other Items From The Temple Of Justice

The case of Stewart vs. the insurance companies is still occupying the attention of the jury in the court of common pleas. A greater part of Thursday was consumed in arguing a point of admission of certain testimony.

But eleven jurors are now sitting in the case. John Conkle of the First ward was excused Thursday on account of the death of his granddaughter, little Helen Graham.

Action For Money—William H. Cox, administrator of Joshua Harris, has filed a suit in the court of common pleas to recover the sum of \$530 with interest from May 15, 1910. The action is based on a promissory note. Columbus Ewalt represents the plaintiff.

Inventory and Appraisal—In the matter of the estate of Margaret Hartman an inventory and appraisal has been filed as follows: Personal goods \$100, securities \$8,700, real estate \$3,200. Total \$12,900.

Roberts Estate—In the matter of the estate of John C. Roberts an inventory and appraisal has been filed in probate court as follows: Moneys \$500, securities \$1,807. Total \$2,307.

Marriage License—George Ransom, meat cutter, and Dona Frick, both of Gambier. Rev. Thomas Hamby.

Deeds Filed—Jacob Horn et al., trustees to W. W. Whitney et al., 54.75 acres in Union, \$1,000.

M. B. Bartlett et al. to W. D. Straight, 131 lots in Vernonview and Vernondale, \$1.

Chas. A. Bird to Daniel K. Bird, part lot 353, lot 354, Northern add. Mt. Vernon, \$1,900.

BIBLE Institute To Open In This City n May 23

Meeting To Be Held At Y. C. A. Building

And Will Continue For Period of 10 Days

Rev. J. E. Turner To Lead The Institute

Separate Classes To Be Arranged For Children

Some days ago it was announced that The Federated Bible Classes were endeavoring to arrange for a Bible Institute. With the co-operation of the various superintendents and teachers full arrangements have been made for the same. The institute is to be led by the Rev. J. E. Turner, of Cincinnati, beginning Monday night, May 23, and continuing for 10 days. Mr. Turner enjoys a very unusual distinction as a Bible expert, both as an interpreter and as one who lives the truth. Mr. Turner is well known in the city and is heartily recommended by such men as Mr. A. R. Sipe, Mr. A. B. Jones, Rev. C. J. Rose and Mr. Silas Parr. The institute is for everybody—men, women and children. All meetings will be held at the Young Men's Christian Association building. There will be separate classes with distinct lines of work for children, meeting after school, adults who cannot come in the evening and a regular evening session for adults.

Mr. Turner feels confident that he can interest a very large number to take the work if they will but come to the first meeting, Monday night, May 23rd, so that special effort will be made to get a full attendance from all of the Sunday schools and many others who care to attend.

There will be no limitations to the attendance at the institute. The following schools have, through their superintendents, concurred in the institute: Methodist Episcopal, Baptist, Presbyterian, Congregational, Christian, A. M. E. and Methodist Protestant.

As to the cost of the work it is likely that the expenses will be taken care of by offerings taken from time to time. This will be determined a little later, but let it be clearly understood that no one will be kept away because he cannot make a contribution.

NOTES Of General Interest From The Gas Field

(Utica Herald) The Everett company get a very light well on the Dr. Dawson farm north of Granville.

It is reported that the Ohio Fuel will soon resume work in the field with several strings of tools.

The Columbus Natural Gas Company got but half a million on the Dano farm northeast of Jackson town. Frank McCullough, oil well shooter, was blown up with a magazine near Burgettstown, Pa., Tuesday.

The Medina Oil, Gas and Fuel Co., composed of John W. Smith, Thomas Kier, Fenwick Ewing, the Neeleys, and others, are drilling a well near Berlin Heights, Erie County. The Company has had ten leasers at work. Charles Hindel being of the number, and has about 25,000 acres.

A new rural mail route has been established between Chesterville and Mt. Glead for the convenience of all persons who reside on the new route which will be known as the Starr route.

ALCOHOL is almost the worst thing for consumptives. Many of the "just-as-good" preparations contain as much as 20% of alcohol; Scott's Emulsion not a drop. Insist on having Scott's Emulsion FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS

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RAILROAD TIME TABLES Mt. Vernon, Ohio B. & O. R. R. East No. 14... 5:50 a. m. No. 4... 11:18 a. m. No. 16... 6:42 p. m. No. 6... 7:29 p. m. West No. 7... 8:25 a. m. No. 17... 8:57 a. m. No. 3... 2:44 p. m. No. 15... 8:50 p. m. Nos. 16 and 17 daily except Sunday. Other trains daily. C. A. & C. R. R. South Bound **No. 506... 12:41 a. m. **No. 520... 9:58 a. m. 6:30 a. m. **No. 504... 7:44 a. m. **No. 518... 11:00 a. m. **No. 205... 12:36 p. m. **No. 508... 5:15 p. m. **No. 500... 9:37 p. m. North Bound **No. 507... 2:25 a. m. **No. 501... 7:24 a. m. **No. 509... 8:19 a. m. **No. 503... 1:20 p. m. **No. 505... 5:53 p. m. **No. 519... 6:52 p. m. **No. 521... 7:10 p. m. (To Mt. Vernon only) 7:30 p. m. **Daily. **Daily except Sunday. **Sunday only.

KNOX CO. TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS 1909-1910 Meetings for the examination of teachers will be held at the CENTRAL SCHOOL Bldg Mt. Veron, Ohio, The first Saturday of every month Pupils' Examination The third Saturday of April and the second Saturday in May. Examination will commence at 8:00 o'clock, a. m. Address all communications to the Clerk of Board of Examiners. Organization of Board: C. M. BARBER, President, Mt. Veron, O. W. W. BORDEN, V. Pres., Fredericktown, O. C. M. GRUBB, Clerk, Centerburg, O.

On the occasion of the fourth anniversary of her birth, May 11, Elizabeth Sutton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sutton, Maplewood avenue, was the recipient of 62 souvenir cards.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE 106 acres of land in Howard township, Knox county, Ohio, adjoining the village of Howard, being the "Homestead Farm" of Frank E. Allen, at the time of his decease, will be sold at public auction, on SATURDAY, MAY the 28th, between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock, p. m., upon the premises. One of the choicest farms in the county; new buildings, and well improved. ELI A. WOLFE, Administrator of Frank E. Allen, deceased. Park B. Blair, attorney for administrator.

SHERIFF'S SALE Frank Quirk, vs. Caroline Bebout et al. Knox Common Pleas. By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Knox county, Ohio, and to me directed, I will offer for sale at the door of the Court House, in Mount Vernon, Knox county, on Saturday, the 21st day of May, 1910, between the hours of 1 p. m. and 3 p. m. of said day, the following described real estate, to-wit: Situate in the county of Knox and State of Ohio. FIRST TRACT 25 acres off of the south end of the east half lot 31, in township five, quarter four and range fourteen Knox county, Ohio. SECOND TRACT 15 acres off of the north end of the east half of lot 31 in said township, quarter and range aforesaid. THIRD TRACT 41 acres being in the east half of said lot 30 and lying between said 25 acre tract and said 15 acre tract above described, said twenty-five, forty-one and fifteen acre tracts being in the east half of lot 31 in said township, quarter, range and county aforesaid. Appraised at— First tract of 25 acres, \$2,000. Second tract of 15 acres, \$200. Third tract of 41 acres, \$2,050. As a whole, \$4,250. Terms of sale—One-third in hand, one-third in one year and one-third in two years from date of sale with interest. Deferred payments to be secured by mortgage upon the premises sold, or the purchaser may elect to pay all cash. P. J. PARKER, Sheriff Knox County, Ohio. Owen & Carr, attorneys for plaintiff. 4-19, 20, 5-3, 10-17