

BROOKLYN ABERNACLE

PASTOR RUSSELL'S WEEKLY SERMON

Pastor Russell preached twice in Los Angeles. One of his discourses was very different from what some of his hearers would have expected. Many of his great congregation were evidently convinced of the truth of his position.

The committee of seven (including Pastor Russell) appointed by the International Bible Students association to investigate and report on missions in foreign lands, have reached here. Pastor Russell is the chairman of the committee, which is to sail from San Francisco Wednesday next. Great interest is being manifested everywhere in this committee and the honest report respecting foreign missions which its personnel guarantees. Reports from the missions have been so conflicting that the missionary funds have considerably fallen off, and those who give their money, as well as those who give thousands, are awaiting the report with keen interest—hoping, of course, it may be every way favorable, yet perhaps fearing a little the reverse of this. Next to the pastor in prominence on the committee is General Hall, U. S. A. Besides, there are three merchants, one doctor and Professor Robinson, secretary.

A Revolutionary Proposition.

His texts were, "The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all unrighteousness;" "for all unrighteousness is sin." (Romans 1:18; 1 John 5:17.) When the pastor pointed out that his texts declare a present revelation of Divine wrath and not a future one, his audience "sat up and took notice." The wrath of God is revealed, the pastor emphasized, and we see it all about us. Every cemetery witnesses to it, so does every coffin, every hearse, every piece of crape, every doctor's sign. Pain, suffering, decay of disease, disease of decay, decay of death working in the human family and bringing all rich and poor, bond and free, to the grave, the great prison house, from which none can escape until the resurrection, at the coming of Messiah.

Death, the penalty of sin, the manifestation of God's wrath against sin, began to be revealed six thousand years ago when our first parents disobeyed the Divine command. Every day and every hour since, the world has been witnessing that God's wrath is against it; that the death penalty is being inflicted. As the Scriptures declare, the world has been under a reign of sin and death. However sympathetic and loving the Heavenly Father has been, He has allowed stern justice to mete out this penalty against every member of our race. He is thus giving us a great lesson on the exceeding sinfulness of sin—its pernicious, injurious influence and results under Divine Law. He wishes this lesson to be so thoroughly impressed upon our race that when in due time He shall bring in relief we will never forget the lesson, to all eternity, but will hate sin and dread it as our worst enemy.

We may understand the apostle to lay special emphasis upon the word "all" in our text—"The wrath of God is revealed against all unrighteousness"—not merely against great sins and gross violence, but against every form of sin—even the slightest. Thus the Scriptures declare that God's Law is one, and that a violation of it in one point means the violation of the entire law. To break one command would be sin and merit the death penalty; and to break all the commandments would be sin and merit the death penalty. Eternal life is provided only for those who are perfect and who maintain that perfection and harmony with God by full obedience to the Divine Law in every particular. Do not misunderstand me to teach that it makes no matter whether one be a gross sinner or only a minor offender. In one way it will matter, and in another way it will not. Adam's transgression was, in some respects, a minor one, as compared to that of his son Cain. Adam stole and ate a forbidden apple, and the penalty was death—the very strongest penalty of God's Law. If he had murdered his wife the penalty would have been the same—death—not eternal torment.

Whatever Adam's transgression, Divine Law would have hindered him from ever again coming back to God. It would have cut him off from everlasting life, and he would have needed a Savior, just the same for one sin as for another. Murder would have been sin, and the disobedient eating of the apple was sin, and sin cannot be condoned by the Divine Law. It required a Redeemer, and to be the Redeemer He must suffer death, the penalty that was against Father Adam.

Now notice the case of Cain. He was shapen in iniquity; in sin did his mother conceive him; the condemnation upon our first parents extended to him; he was born with a fallen nature, he was born under the death sentence. The killing of his brother Abel did not increase the penalty, which stood the same—death—cutting off from life. "The wages of sin is death." "The soul that sinneth it shall die."

Retribution—Sowing and Reaping.

There would have been no Message sent to mankind exhorting to righteousness and to turn from sin had God not intended to redeem man by the death of His Son; and redeeming them means to give each and all of the human family another opportunity, another trial, another judgment, to test their worthiness or unworthiness of everlasting life—to prove to what extent their acquaintance with sin and its penalty has taught them the great lesson respecting the sinfulness and undesirability of sin and the sureness of its penalty—death.

Accordingly, for 4,000 years God sent no Message to the world in general—until Jesus came and died, the just for the unjust, and thus made possible the release of mankind from the death sentence—a resurrection

from the dead. The only exception to this rule was God's Covenant with Israel, under which they tried to gain eternal life by keeping the Law, and became a great example of the fallen man's inability and of the need of the Savior.

Light Shined in Darkness.

For more than 18 centuries this Message has been going forth—namely, that God has provided for the race a redemption from the original death sentence, and that there is to be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust. All mankind who heard this Message are thereby warned that every act of the present life will have its weight, either in the uplifting or in the degrading of his own character, and thus have a learning upon his future interests. It is in view of this future opportunity for life or death everlasting that our conduct in the present time has a bearing.

Those who have the hearing ear and the eyes of understanding opened, discern, as the apostle says, that in God's estimation all unrighteousness is sin—however great or small. Those who now accept God's invitation are informed that if they make a consecration of their lives to follow in Jesus' footsteps, God will deal with them as with new creatures, and no longer impute to them their share of Adam's condemnation, but treat them as having passed from death condemnation to life justification.

Moreover, their flesh will be reckoned as dead; full arrangements will be made for the covering over of all their unintentional weaknesses, and their judgment in God's sight will be according to their will or intention. If their intentions are perfect they will be counted as perfect through the merit of their Redeemer and Advocate. But St. Paul admonishes the church, saying, "If we sin wilfully, after that we have received a knowledge of the truth," and have tasted of the good Word of God and the powers of the Age to come and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, it is impossible to renew us again to repentance"—"wilfulness in the matter would seal our case; however small the transgression—just as it sealed Adam's fate with his minor transgression."

But let us not forget that the apostle limits this possibility of sin—the sin unto death—to the church—to the spirit begotten ones. These, receiving their share of the great atonement sacrifice of Jesus, and failing to conform to the Divine requirement, come under the Divine penalty second time, and theirs will be the second death, from which there will be no resurrection, no recovery.—Compare Hebrews VI, 4-6 and x, 26-31.

Coming Events Cast Shadows Before.

It should be clear to us then that, in harmony with our text, the whole world is now under the wrath of God, which came upon the race through the disobedience of our first parents; and the only ones who have escaped from that wrath and gotten back into harmony with God are the saintly few, the elect of the Holy Spirit. The escape of these from Divine wrath, or the death sentence is not actual, but by faith. They reckon themselves as having passed "from death unto life."

As for the remainder of the world, they are not thus reckoned, for they are yet in their sins, still children of wrath and experiencing the penalty of sin. The world will continue under these conditions until the completion of the election of the church, and then the Redeemer, who now occupies the position of Advocate toward the church, will assume a new office; He, with His church associated with Him, will become the great Mediator between God and man. He will mediate for Israel and for all the families of the earth—appropriating the merit of His sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, even as in the beginning of this age He imputed this merit to the church for the covering of her sins.

Therefore, as soon as the great High Priest shall have sealed the New Covenant for the world, and the Father shall have accepted it, the sins of the world will be cancelled. That is to say, death, the wrath of God revealed against all unrighteousness for 6,000 years, will immediately be cancelled as respects all who will then avail themselves of the privilege and enter into the New Covenant relationship. The glorious Mediator of that New Covenant will bind Satan for a thousand years and scatter all the ignorance and superstition which now darken the human mind and cause misapprehensions of the Divine Word and character. Simultaneously He will loose the blessed influences of truth and enlightenment and the "whole earth shall be filled with the light of the knowledge of the glory of God."

Therefore the wrath of God will no longer be revealed against any on account of Adam's transgression. It will no longer be necessary to be sick or in pain, or dying. On the contrary, all may be making good, rapid progress up, up, up out of weakness and dying conditions, back toward the full perfection of human nature which Adam had before he sinned, when he was in the image of his Creator. There will still be the marks of the wrath upon mankind, the weakness and imperfections of the human flesh. These marks will not be fully blotted out until toward the close of the 1,000 years of Messiah's reign. This agrees fully with St. Peter's words, "That your sins may be blotted out when times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." (Acts III, 19.) It is therefore one thing to have our sins forgiven and to realize that God is no longer angry with us, but reconciled, and it is quite another thing to know our sins are blotted out.

The sins of the church are forgiven the moment we are accepted of God through Christ and made partakers of the Holy Spirit and are styled children of God and heirs. But the marks, the blessings of sin, continue with us as long as we have our present, imperfect bodies. This to the church will mean that the blotting out of their sins will be in death, because the church will be awakened in the resurrection perfect, "spotless," "without blame," "irreprovable." The apostle describes this resurrection as the chief resurrection, saying, "It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown an animal body, it is raised a spiritual body."—1 Corinthians XV, 44; Rev. XX, 6.

"The Wrath to Come."

If we have seen what has constituted the Divine wrath as it has been revealed for 6,000 years, we will be better prepared to understand what to look for in respect to any future manifestations of Divine wrath—"wrath to come." We are to clearly distinguish between the wrath of God and the wrath of a bad man, and how these would manifest themselves; and, similarly, we should be able to discern between the wrath of God and the wrath of the devil. The wrath of God, as exhibited to us for 6,000 years on the pages of history, has been a just dealing—the abandonment to destruction of those who are not worthy of everlasting life, by reason of disobedience to Divine Law.

The redemption accomplished for those through the death of Jesus will eventually be gloriously worked out, and give to every man a full opportunity of recovery, harmony with God and everlasting life. The reason why God makes this provision for redemption is because only one man sinned, wilfully and intelligently. All the remainder of his children were "born in sin" and under the death sentence. The redemption therefore is in order that every individual may have an opportunity for reaching a decision as to obedience or disobedience.

The lesson of sin and death is taught first, in the few years of the present life, and the marks of sin will go over till the next age. Those marks will be deepened in proportion as any in the present life live below the plane of their knowledge of the Divine standard and in wilful opposition thereto. While being instructed respecting the other side of the question—the Divine requirements and the blessings attending them, mankind will be given an individual trial or test, to demonstrate whether the great lesson has been rightly learned. The willing and obedient will get the reward of eternal life, the unwilling and disobedient will receive the final penalty, the second death. It will be final in that God will make no provision for rescue from that second death. It will be "everlasting destruction."—II Thess. I, 9.

As the wrath of the present time is the Divine death sentence upon the race, so "the wrath to come" will be the "second death" sentence, which will fall upon all who sin wilfully, after they have come to a knowledge of the truth. With this "wrath to come," in this complete sense, may be included inferior manifestations of Divine wrath; for instance, such as came upon the Jews in the end of their age—destroying them as a nation—and such as is to come upon Christendom in the end of this age.

Both of these are styled "days of wrath," "days of vengeance." The Divine vengeance which overthrew the Jewish polity took cognizance of the fact that as a nation they had enjoyed great privileges for centuries. It took note of the fact that they had not lived up to their light and privileges and were therefore deserving of a corresponding national chastisement, which was administered to them. Of that time our Lord declared, "These be the days of vengeance, that all things written in the Law and in the Prophets concerning them should be fulfilled." Justice owed them those experiences, and the account has been squared.

In the end of this age the "wrath" will come upon Christendom, because Christendom in general has not appreciated and used, as it might have done, the wonderful privileges, blessings and enlightenments showered upon her. She has the more responsibility because of her great light and privileges, and so much the more will be the claim of Divine justice against her, which will be settled in the great "time of trouble" with which this age will end. (Daniel XII, 1.)

TERMS OF CONTEST ARE ANNOUNCED

Bozeman, Jan. 13.—The second annual basketball tournament and speaking contest of the Montana state college here at Bozeman will take place on March 7, 8 and 9. These dates were set after consultation with the principals of Montana high schools who were present at the meeting of the state teachers' association, held recently at Great Falls. In a letter which will be soon sent out to the high schools of the state the purpose of the tournament is given as follows: "Last year the Montana state college organized the basketball tournament and speaking contest for the first time with the following objects in view: First, to bring the college and the various high schools of the state into closer touch and to give the high

school students some idea of the work done by the Montana state college. Second, to offer an opportunity whereby the high school championship of the state might be decided in basketball. Third, to promote a kind of public speaking that is of the greatest value in public life but which is too often overlooked in the education of young men and women. We believe that the tournament last year did much to attain these objects and that it met with approval throughout the state. Consequently the Montana state college has decided to make this tournament and speaking contest an annual affair and is making arrangements for this year's contest. With the experience of last year to work on and with the aid and advice of the various high school principals throughout the state as to any bettering of last year's arrangements we hope to make the tournament this year still more complete and satisfactory. Every accredited high school throughout the state is cordially invited to be represented in either or both of the contests and the co-operation and advice of each and every high school principal is earnestly desired."

The program of the tournament week has been planned to give Wednesday over to the arrival and accommodation of the various teams; Thursday morning, afternoon and evening for playing off the preliminary round of the basketball tournament; Friday morning and afternoon for the second round of the tournament games, and the evening for the third round of games. This will bring the contest down to the semi-finals which will be played Saturday morning, followed by a luncheon served in the Agricultural hall by the home science department. Saturday afternoon will be given over to the extemporaneous speaking contest in the college assembly hall, and the evening will see the final championship basketball game followed by the award of prizes and the reception to guests with dancing.

The college agrees to pay all expenses for six basketball players and the eligibility rules of the tournament will be governed by the rules of the State Intercollegiate Athletic association. The competing teams will be paired off by lot and the playing will proceed by the elimination of the losing team.

Each high school is allowed one representative in the speaking contest. This representative shall be required to speak on a subject which he will choose from among a list of prescribed subjects and will be given two hours to prepare his speech.

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The college promises that every effort will be made to give all guests an enjoyable and profitable time. Committees will meet every train and see that the members of the various teams find their respective boarding and rooming places and that they are comfortably taken care of. The college hopes that the tournament this year will prove as enjoyable and as satisfactory as last year's.

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Claimant names as witnesses: J. W. Curry, Walter Grant, Mark Poe, John Weiss, all of Missoula, Montana.

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