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THANKSGIVING.



O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord, bless His name; show forth His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the heathen, His wonders among all people.

For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are idols; but the Lord made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before Him, strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name: bring an offering and come into His courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; fear before Him, all the earth.

Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth; the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved; He shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar and the fulness thereof.

Let the field be joyful and all that is therein; then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

Before the Lord; for He cometh, for He cometh, to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness and the people with His truth. — *Ps. 96.*

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EDITORIAL.

Thanksgiving Day.

In our blessed country we have established the God-pleasing custom of celebrating annually a special day of thanksgiving, a day on which we assemble in our houses of worship to thank Almighty God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us during the year. The first Thanksgiving Day in America was celebrated in New England by the Pilgrim Fathers in 1621. God had preserved these pioneers in a new and strange country through a perilous winter and had blessed them in the ensuing summer with a bounteous harvest. For these blessings the Pilgrim Fathers returned thanks to God on a special day of thanksgiving. It was President Lincoln who in 1863 issued a proclamation setting apart the fourth Thursday of November with a view to having the day remembered annually thereafter.

In accordance with this time-honored custom the President of the United States will this year again issue a proclamation, in which he will set apart November 26 as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer, recommending at the same time that on this day the people cease from their work and in their homes and accustomed places of worship devoutly give thanks to the Almighty for the many and great blessings which they have received this year.

This is eminently proper in spite of the present economic depression and the general pessimism pervading all strata of society. By the grace of God we are continuing to live in a Christian land of advancement, civilization, and Gospel liberty. This year again we have been privileged to enjoy God's blessings of food, raiment, health, friends, and home. The storehouses of this nation are filled. The temporary business depression and general pessimism is more than offset by the fact that God has again given this country a great abundance of fruits and crops. In some sections

of our blessed land the growers are even restricting their sowing, while in many foreign countries the inhabitants lack food and clothing. The economic problem of unemployment, created through our machine age, is not beyond remedy. It requires, however, the intelligent, Christian cooperation of employer, employee, and distributing agencies.

We can show our gratitude to God for His many blessings by helping to provide for the spiritual and material wants of our less fortunate fellow-men. Thus we shall be rendering thanks to God and honoring Him for His mercies to us.

In addition to the many material blessings which we have received this year, God has given to us the "unspeakable Gift," the Lord Jesus, to be our Savior from sin and death. He has blotted out our sins, has saved us from death, and has brought to us eternal bliss and joy in heaven. We cannot measure the greatness of the blessings we receive through Christ. Ought we not to be thankful and exclaim with the psalmist: "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever"? Ps. 107, 1.

Even the heathen Canaanites returned annual thanks to their idols for the blessings of nature. The ancient Greeks likewise celebrated an annual harvest festival, and the pagan Romans worshiped a harvest deity under the name of Ceres. How much more ought we Christians to return thanks to the living God, who has provided us not only with all that we need to support this body and life, but has redeemed our soul from sin, sorrow, death, and damnation! We who sincerely believe that God has saved sin-stricken mortals from the consequences of our guilt will make every day a heartfelt Thanksgiving Day. May we gratefully join the Christian poet in the following praise of God, our Maker and Redeemer:—

Ten thousand thanks to Thee, Lord Jesus,

For coming from God's home above;

Ten thousand thanks to Thee, Lord Jesus,

For revealing to me God's love.

Ten thousand thanks to Thee, Lord Jesus,

My soul would now render to Thee;

Ten thousand thanks to Thee, Lord Jesus,

For bearing my sins on the tree.

Ten thousand thanks to Thee, Lord Jesus,

For rising alive from the tomb;

Ten thousand thanks to Thee, Lord Jesus,

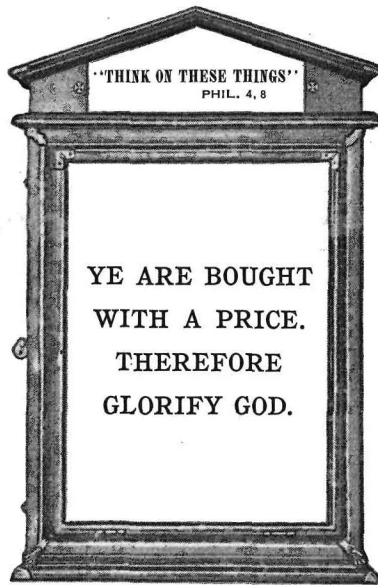
For robbing the grave of its gloom.

Ten thousand thanks to Thee, Lord Jesus,

For ascending through opening sky;

Ten thousand thanks to Thee, Lord Jesus,

For my place now in Thee on high.



Ten thousand thanks to Thee, Lord Jesus,
For living as my shield and my stay;
Ten thousand thanks to Thee, Lord Jesus,
I'm saved by Thy life on the way.

Ten thousand thanks to Thee, Lord Jesus,
For Thy promise, "I will come again";
Ten thousand thanks to Thee, Lord Jesus,
I'll be with Thee and like Thee then.

O. C. S.

Studies in the Chief Teachings of the Bible and the Catechism.

Jesus Christ, Our High Priest, and His Sacrifice for Sin.

Our High Priest Jesus Christ, as we learned last month, perfectly kept the Law to save us who were under the Law, Gal. 4, 5. But as our High Priest He furthermore must bring an offering unto God for our sins.

Man had broken God's commandments and deserved punishment now and forever. But in His great mercy the Lord laid upon our High Priest Jesus Christ the sins of all. He had to suffer the punishment for the sins of the world. He had to suffer great pain; for they scourged (whipped) Him, crowned Him with thorns, and nailed Him to the cross. He was spitefully (shamefully) entreated and spitted on. The people reviled (mocked) Him, wagging their heads; the rulers derided (laughed at) Him, saying: "He saved others; let Him save Himself"; the soldiers mocked Him, offering Him vinegar and saying: "If Thou be the King of the Jews, save Thyself";

and also the two thieves who were crucified with Him spoke the same words against Him. And then He went into death. The Bible tells us: "Christ died," Rom. 5, 6; "He laid down His life," 1 John 3, 16; "He poured out His soul unto death," Is. 53, 12. And on the cross He also had to suffer the punishment which we had deserved to suffer in hell in all eternity; for we hear Him cry out: "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" Yes, it was an unspeakably great suffering.

And He is our High Priest. He did it for us. The Bible says, Titus 2, 14: "He gave Himself for us." Jesus Himself says, John 6, 51: "I will give My flesh for the life of the world." Isaiah writes: "He was wounded for our transgressions [wickedness], He was bruised for our iniquities [sins]," Is. 53, 5. And Paul tells us: "Christ has loved us and has given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God," Eph. 5, 2. Very plainly the Bible says that Christ gave Himself for us. And still so many people read this Bible and hear this Word of Salvation in church and nevertheless think they must save themselves and seek to do it by their good works. Friend, here is an offering for your sins. You need no other!

By this offering He paid for all sins. John writes, 1 John 1, 7: "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." He paid "not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world," 1 John 2, 2. He is "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world," John 1, 29. "He by the grace of God should taste death for every man," Heb. 2, 9. A perfect offering for the sin of the whole world!

Thus He made "peace through the blood of His cross," Col. 1, 20; "hath made us free" from the Law, Gal. 5, 1; "hath redeemed [saved] us from the curse of the Law," Gal. 3, 13; "hath washed us from our sins in His own blood," Rev. 1, 5; "hath delivered [freed] us from the fear of death," Heb. 2, 15; "hath destroyed him that had the power of death, that is, the devil," Heb. 2, 14, 15; "hath made us righteous before God," 2 Cor. 5, 21; and has "everlasting life" for all, John 3, 14—16. Full salvation for all!

But why are not all saved? Jesus gives us the answer; He said to the Jews: "Ye would [wanted] not," Matt. 23, 37. He promises: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life," John 6, 47. Now, so many will not believe in Jesus, but trust in

themselves and their own works and their own offering, and therefore they will be lost. Jesus says: "He that believeth not shall be damned," Mark 16, 16.

Come, my friend, "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," Acts 16, 31. Accept Him as your High Priest, trust in this Lamb of God sacrificed on the cross for you, and say with Luther in the explanation of the Second Article in our Catechism: "I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true."

On Thanksgiving Day thank and praise God also for this true High Priest and His sacrifice for your sin.

J. L. S.

Bible-Studies for Sundays in November, 1931.

"O Give Thanks unto the Lord."

"Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men!" Thus the writer of Ps. 107 cried out again and again because the Jewish nation did not praise and thank the Lord for His goodness. And the same unthankfulness for the Lord's goodness and mercy we see in the world to-day. Not a word of thanks in the hearts of many to the Giver of all good gifts. Also we must exclaim: Oh, when will people turn to God and thank Him for His goodness and mercy? And how about us Christians? Do we thank and praise God for all His benefits? With shame we must cover our faces. And as the Studies for November will show, God has given us not only many bodily blessings, but also spiritual blessings — forgiveness of all sins, life, and salvation. Prayerfully read these Bible-studies, and may they urge you to sing: "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever," Ps. 107, 1.

Study for Sunday, November 1.

"To-day if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts," Heb. 4, 7.

Bible-Lesson: John 7, 32—36.

"The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning Him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him. Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and then I go unto Him that sent Me. Ye shall seek Me and shall not find Me; and where I am, thither ye cannot come. Then said the Jews among themselves, Whither will He go that we shall not find Him? Will He go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles and teach the Gentiles? What manner of saying is this that He said, Ye shall seek Me and shall not find Me; and where I am, thither ye cannot come?"

When the Pharisees heard that the people were murmuring, or speaking in a low voice, that this Jesus must be the Christ, then they sent officers to take Him. There are always some who seek to hinder the work of Jesus. If people go to church and gladly hear the Word of God, others will come and try to stop them. Let us watch and pray.

These officers came to Jesus, and He said to them: "Yet a little while am I with you, and then I go unto Him that sent Me." He was to go to the Father through suffering and death, suffering and dying for a lost world, and He was to do it shortly; for only a little while would He still be with them. His suffering and death for sinners always was in His mind. He had come to save from sin and wished to finish His work. Come, believe in Him, and also you will go to the Father.

But the heart of Jesus was filled with sadness, for He must say: "Ye shall seek Me and shall not find Me." When He came to the Jews, they did not want to come to Him and have life. But in a little while, Jesus said, they would seek Him, but then they would not find Him. That happened when the Romans came and destroyed the city of Jerusalem. Then so many cried for the Messiah, but they could no longer find Him and therefore died in their sins. To-day God offers us grace and forgiveness in His Son Jesus Christ; to-day therefore let us accept the grace and forgiveness He offers us in the Gospel and trust in His Son. Yes, accept Him to-day; to-morrow it may be too late. Let the Jews be a warning to you. Forgiveness and salvation a man can receive only through Jesus, the Son of God. And this Jesus the Jews did not want, and therefore He said to them:

Where I am, thither [to that place] ye cannot come."

When He said these words, the Jews began to laugh and to mock: "Whither [to which place] will He go? What manner [kind] of saying is this? Perhaps He will go to the dispersed [scattered Jews] among the Gentiles [non-Jews] and teach the Gentiles, because He said that we shall not find Him." So the world to-day laughs and mocks when we come with the words of Jesus. O woe to them all! For they that despise Jesus and His Word cannot go to the Father in heaven.

Read this Bible-lesson again and then answer these questions in writing: 1. What was always in Jesus' mind? 2. What should we do to-day and not put off till to-morrow?

Prayer: Thanks, kind Savior Jesus Christ, for Thy great love to us in going to the Father through suffering and death for our sins. Help that we may trust in Thee and Thy suffering; for without Thee no man can go to the Father. Amen.

Study for Sunday, November 8.

"Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst," John 4, 14.

Bible-Lesson: John 7, 37—44.

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit which they that believe on Him should receive; for the Holy Ghost was not yet given because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? Hath not the Scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? So there was a division among the people because of Him. And some of them would have taken Him, but no man laid hands on Him."

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried: "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink." Jesus is the Water of Life. He has the living waters of salvation for poor sinners. If a man knows his sin and is thirsty for the water of forgiveness and salvation, he need only go to Christ. Christ has forgiveness and salvation also for you. Go to Him and drink.

And wonderful things Jesus said of the believer. He said: "He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly [heart]

shall flow rivers of living water." And John explains this, saying: "But this spake He of the Spirit which they that believe on Him should receive; for the Holy Ghost was not yet given because that Jesus was not yet glorified." How was Jesus glorified? By His suffering and death, by His coming out of the grave on Easter Day, and by His going to heaven forty days after. And ten days after this, on the day of Pentecost, He sent His Holy Spirit upon His disciples. Indeed, also in the Old Testament no man could say that Jesus is the Lord except by the Holy Ghost, 1 Cor. 12, 3; but the time of the Holy Ghost really is the time after Christ's coming out of the grave and going to heaven. This Holy Spirit all the believers receive, and He urges them to bring this water of salvation to other thirsty sinners, as the Holy Spirit filled the apostles on Pentecost and urged them to speak the wonderful works of God through Christ Jesus to people in many different languages. Have you this water of life and salvation? Do you believe in Jesus and have you received the Holy Ghost? Then rivers of water will flow out from you. Go and bring this water of salvation to many others!

When the people heard this, they said: "This is the prophet who should come." Others said: "This is the Christ, the promised King and Savior." But some said: "This man is from Galilee, and therefore He is not the Christ, for the Bible says that Christ will be the son of David and come out of the town of Bethlehem." They were right, but if they had only asked about this Jesus, they would have learned that He was the son of David, born in Bethlehem, and therefore the promised Christ and Savior. Some believed, but some did not believe. So it is to-day. And some of those who did not believe wanted to take Jesus and kill Him. However, no man laid hands on Him, for His time to suffer had not yet come. Can you say: "Truly, this is the Christ, the Savior of the world, and also my Savior"? Oh, blessed are you if you say this with all your heart!

Read this Bible-lesson again and answer these questions in writing: 1. What has Jesus for the thirsty sinner? 2. What does Jesus say of those who believe in Him, the Living Water?

Prayer: Jesus Christ, Thou Living Water, thirsty and tired I come to Thee for the water of forgiveness and salvation. Help by Thy Holy Spirit that I may believe in Thee and then bring this Living Water to many other thirsty sinners for their everlasting salvation. Amen.

Study for Sunday, November 15.

"Not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called," 1 Cor. 1, 26.

Bible-Lesson: John 7, 45—53.

"Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought Him? The officers answered, Never man spake like this Man. Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on Him? But this people, who knoweth not the Law, are cursed. Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,) Doth our Law judge any man before it hear him and know what he doeth? They answered and said unto Him, Art Thou also of Galilee? Search and look; for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet. And every man went unto his own house."

The Pharisees and the chief priests had sent officers to take Jesus, and these now came back without Him. The leaders of the people had been waiting for them to bring Him, and now they were disappointed and said: "Why have ye not brought Him?" And the officers answered: "Never man spake like this man." They had heard the Word of Jesus, and His Word had touched their hearts. The Pharisees then mocked them and answered: "Are ye also deceived? None of the rulers of the Pharisees believe on Him, but only the common people, who know not the Law. They are under God's curse." So it always has been to this day. Many think themselves wise and great and therefore do not believe the Word of Jesus, His saving Gospel. They think it is all right for the common people, — for they do not know any better, — but for the wise people it is only foolishness. But these wise people are blind. God has hidden these things from them and has made them known to babes. People will call also you foolish and ignorant for believing in this Christ, but do not let that keep you from Him and His saving Word.

But our lesson tells us also of one of the rulers who believed in Jesus. This one was Nicodemus, who some time ago had come to Jesus by night. He told the enemies of Jesus that they were doing wrong in judging Jesus before they had heard Him and known what He had done. And now they were angry also with him and asked: "Art thou also of Galilee? Search and look; for out of Galilee ariseth [cometh] no prophet." They had forgotten that the prophets had foretold that Christ would let His light shine especially in Galilee. Besides, Jesus had grown up in Galilee

(Nazareth), and therefore it could very well be said that He came out of Galilee. Now every man went to his own house. So if you speak for Jesus, the world will speak also against you and mock; but stay with Him and live for Him.

Read this Bible-lesson again and answer these questions in writing: 1. What do they who think themselves wise say of Jesus and His Word? 2. What will happen if a man speaks for Jesus?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, never man has spoken as Thou hast. Help that we trust in Thy Word unto our salvation, even though people call us foolish and ignorant and mock. Thy Word is the true wisdom, which alone can bring sinners to heaven. And may we bring this Word of Salvation to many other poor and humble sinners unto Thy glory! Amen.

Study for Sunday, November 22.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins," 1 John 1, 9.

Bible-Lesson: John 8, 1—11.

"Jesus went unto the Mount of Olives. And early in the morning He came again into the Temple and all the people came unto Him; and He sat down and taught them. And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto Him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, they say unto Him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now, Moses in the Law commanded us that such should be stoned; but what sayest Thou? This they said, tempting Him, that they might have to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground, as though He heard them not. So when they continued asking Him, He lifted up Himself and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. And again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last; and Jesus was left alone and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had lifted up Himself and saw none but the woman, He said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more."

Jesus is again working in the Temple — teaching, preaching, seeking lost sinners. So let us always be busy in bringing others to Jesus, the Savior of sinners. The scribes (Jewish teachers) and Pharisees also brought a sinner to Him, a woman who had lived in adultery, in shame and uncleanness. They had caught her in the very act. Why did they bring her to the Lord? Not to save

her soul; no, but to accuse her and to tempt Jesus. Oh, so often we do the same. We accuse others and speak against them. We think we are better than they. We do not try to save their souls, but judge them. That is a great sin. Let us not do as the Jews did, for then also we, like them, must with shame go away from Christ. The Jews also wanted to tempt Jesus that they might have something of which to accuse Him. They told Him that Moses commanded to stone people who, like this woman, lived in uncleanness; and then they asked Him: "What sayest Thou?" They hoped He would say: "Do not stone her," because He always had been the Friend of sinners. And then they could tell the people: "This Jesus is not of God, for He speaks against Moses and the Law."

Now see what Jesus did. He acted as though He did not hear the Jews. He stooped (bent) down and wrote on the ground with His finger. The Jews should not have an answer. But they would not let Him rest. They wanted an answer and therefore asked Him again and again. He then lifted Himself up from the ground and said: "He that is without sin among you, let him cast [throw] the first stone at her." He intended to say: "Yes, stone her, but let him that is without sin throw the first stone." And then He again stooped down and wrote on the ground. And what happened? Not one threw a stone. All were convicted (judged guilty) by their conscience. Not one could say: "I am without sin." Full of shame they all went out, and Jesus was left alone, and the woman stood in the midst (middle). If we think of our sin, then we shall not judge others and accuse them, but with shame confess our sins before God. Then He will not condemn (judge worthy of punishment) us, but forgive us as He did this woman. And then let us remember these words of Jesus to the woman: "Go and sin no more." No, they who have forgiveness should no longer do sin and serve the devil, but they should serve the dear Lord who died for them and rose again.

Read this Bible-lesson again and answer these questions in writing: 1. How do we often sin as did the Pharisees? 2. If we think of our sin, what shall we not do, but what shall we do?

Prayer: Savior of sinners, to Thee I confess my sins. O forgive and wash me clean in Thy blood. And then help me to sin no more, but to live and work for Thee, who hast loved me and given Thy life for me. Amen.

Study for Sunday, November 29.

"The people which sat in darkness saw great light,"
Matt. 4, 16.

Bible-Lesson: John 8, 12—20.

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the Light of the world; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. The Pharisees therefore said unto Him, Thou bearest record of Thyself; Thy record is not true. Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of Myself, yet My record is true; for I know whence I came and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come and whither I go. Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. And yet if I judge, My judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent Me. It is also written in your Law that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of Myself, and the Father that sent Me beareth witness of Me. Then said they unto Him, Where is Thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know Me nor My Father; if ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also. These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as He taught in the Temple; and no man laid hands on Him, for His hour was not yet come."

Wonderful words you find in verse 12. Our Savior says: "I am the Light of the world." The world needs a light; for all people walk in darkness, in sin, and are on the way to everlasting darkness. And now Jesus, the Light of the world, is come, and He says: "He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of life." The man who follows, or believes in, Jesus is saved from sin and from everlasting darkness in hell and has the Light that gives life and salvation. Have you this Light and this life? Trust in Him, the Light of the world!

But many will not believe in Him, just like those Jews in our lesson. The Pharisees said to Him: "Thou bearest record [witness] of Thyself; Thy record is not true." They thought this to be a good excuse for not believing, just as people to-day have all kinds of excuses for not accepting Jesus as their Savior. But He told the Jews that His record, or witness, was true because He knew whence (from where) He came and whither (where) He was to go. He came from the Father and went to the Father, and therefore His Word must be true. But they could not tell whence He had come and whither He was going. They judged after the flesh; that is, they believed Jesus to be only a man and therefore did not trust in Him. Indeed, Jesus is true man, but also the true Son

of God. So many people judge Jesus as did the Jews and do not believe in Him.

He then said: "I judge no man." He came not to judge the world, but to save the world. But even if He would judge, His judgment would be true, for He was not alone, but He and the Father that had sent Him. His judgment is God's judgment. And because He was One who bore witness (spoke truthfully) of Himself and the Father, who sent Him, was the Other One who bore witness of Him, therefore the Jews ought to have believed Him according to their own Law, which says that the testimony of two men is true. Yes, Jesus Himself tells us that He is the Son of God, come to save the world, and the Father tells us: "This is My beloved Son; hear Him." Believe His Word! But the Jews believed not because they knew neither Jesus nor His Father, for they asked: "Where is Thy Father?" If they had known Jesus, they would have known the Father also. Without Jesus we cannot know the Father. Therefore go to this Jesus, believe in Him who says: "I am the Light of the world," and you will know the Father and have the Light of life.

These words Jesus taught in the Temple. The Pharisees had come to take Him, but "no man laid hands on Him; for His hour was not yet come," His hour to suffer and die for the sins of the world. Neither can the enemies of Christ do anything to His Christians and His Church to-day till His hour has come. He is Lord of all.

Read this Bible-lesson again, answer these questions in writing, and then send all your answers to your pastor: 1. Who is the Light of the world, and why do all people need Him? 2. Why is the witness, or word, of Jesus true?

Prayer: Jesus, Thou Light of the world, Thou alone canst save us from the darkness of sin and from the everlasting darkness in hell. Help that we may always trust in Thee; then we shall not walk in darkness, but have the Light of life. May we then with a thankful heart bring Thee, the true Light, to all them that sit in darkness. Amen.

J. L. S.

Power and Providence.

No one can contemplate the great facts of astronomy without feeling his own littleness and the wonderful sweep of the power and providence of God. — *Edwards.*

The Gospel Among Pigmies.

That Baganda apostle, Apolo Kivebulaya, now evangelizing the pigmies of the Ituri, writes to England: "I am constrained to write to you just a few words to relate to you how the wonderful power of Jesus Christ, who died for us, is working in this country. It is the Gospel of Christ that is making clean the customs of the Mboga people. . . . Other people in the forest are just the same when I preach to them the words of God; they also accept the message and strive to give up their sins and their bad customs. It is when we preach the great love of God in Jesus Christ that this takes place. And now I know that, when any man by the grace of God trusts our Lord Jesus with all his heart and soul, he receives the power he needs to live a new life."

Schools for Deaf Children in China.

At the present time, as far as we know, there are only ten schools for the deaf in China, and they are reaching less than four hundred deaf children. To educators of the deaf that statement means that there are thousands of deaf children who are growing up in complete ignorance, without means of communicating with any one, even with their friends, except by a crude pantomime. In the United States, last year, there were two hundred schools for deaf children, where 18,767 children were being taught language by 2,576 trained teachers. China with her four hundred million population cannot have less than four hundred thousand deaf people. More than three hundred and ninety-nine thousand belong to a class of people who are *without hope*, as they cannot learn that they have a Savior until they have been taught language by specially trained teachers.

Chefoo School Report.

Sin and Its Results.

The results of sin have always been, and always will be what they have always been: a dark, disgraceful stain in man's soul, a blighting curse in man's dwelling-place, and a destroyer of man's future prospects. Sin leaves in its path eternal ruin and wreckage.

Sin's wages can never be anything else than death. Sin is the root of all the misery in this world and affects man in every part of his being.

Pain, suffering, and misery it brings to the body; sorrow, remorse, and anguish it brings to the soul; fear, depression, and heaviness it brings to the spirit.

What a wearisome burden sin puts upon man! How we have longed to be delivered from its degrading influence!

Is it possible to be freed from this burden? Yes, in Jesus is to be found a deliverance, a rest for our troubled souls. "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light," Matt. 11, 28—30.

T. H. Atkinson.

Where Am I Going?

A young and beautiful woman, surrounded by her husband and her family, was passing into that bourn whence no traveler e'er returns. Consumption had done its deadly work, and now the lover of pleasure was face to face with death, the king of terrors. Raising herself up, as far as her feeble strength would admit and clasping her husband's hand, she said with despairing earnestness, —

"Oh, William, I don't know where I am going — it is all dark!"

Alas! none of them knew the Lord Jesus, the One who alone can make a dying bed a scene of joy and triumph. Her husband was an avowed unbeliever, and he tried in vain to quiet her fears by telling her that "there is no hereafter and death is only ceasing to be."

She died with the despairing wail, "It is all dark!"

"Be not deceived, God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." You must spend eternity in heaven or hell — an eternity of either untold joy and bliss or of untold misery.

Reader, how would it be with you? Whither are your steps going? Jesus still says: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Again, the Word of God says: "Make your calling and election *sure*." You can be positively certain that you are saved, that your sins are forgiven, and that you will go to heaven if you take God at His word; for "it is impossible for God to lie." Happy are they who trust in Jesus. — *Selected.*

Prayers of a Mother.

A student at college whose home was in the town used to come up to the halls in the evening "for a good time" with his fellows. Tuesdays he was always dull, gloomy, and taciturn. We used to rally him over it, but to no purpose. The allusions to it seemed rather to deepen his gloom. He generally went away early. Now, he has said in my hearing over and over again since, that as he left the house, his mother would say to him, "We have our meeting to-night, my son," and sometimes she would add, "It is our turn to-night; they will pray for my children, and for you among them." And this was what subdued him. He could not cover from his eyes the vision of those faithful parents, wrestling at the Throne of Grace for his conversion all through the hour. He has assured me that many a time he went to his room and prayed in the very agony of his heart that his soul might not be lost. He is now a minister of the Gospel, and the turning-point of his life was when, on his way home one evening, he paused before the humble dwelling in which the association was held, and just behind that closely drawn curtain were those who would pray him into the Kingdom. — *Family Treasury.*

Do We Want God?

If we want God as much as the astronomer Herschel wanted the distant stars, with such sincerity that he would sit all night on a balcony in the wintry winds with an awkward telescope; if we want Him as much as Edison wanted an electric filament, so that he was willing to experiment with six hundred different substances that he might get his radiant light; if we crave Him as much as did Koch, who risked his life a hundred times living and working with tubercular bacilli that he might know the way to conquer death; — if we hunger like that for God, we shall not complain about difficulty, we shall quit arguing and postponing and begin this very hour our quest for Him.

Robert M. Bartlett.

I Am Sorry.

"I am sorry for the men who do not read the Bible every day. I wonder why they deprive themselves of the strength and of the pleasure."

Woodrow Wilson.

MISSION NEWS.

Los Angeles Mission. — On September 27, at three o'clock in the afternoon, before a large gathering of hearing and deaf people, the Rev. George Gaertner, formerly of Seattle, was installed as missionary to the deaf of Northern California. These services took place in Bethlehem Church, Berkeley (Rev. M. Engel, pastor). Rev. G. Mieger, First Vice-President of the California and Nevada District of the Missouri Synod, performed the installation and also preached a very instructive sermon on Ps. 71, 16, 17. Rev. Engel and the Los Angeles missionary acted as interpreters during the services. Bethlehem Congregation and its pastor showed a real missionary spirit when they opened their club-rooms and served lunch to all the deaf who could remain after services, thereby giving them an opportunity to meet, and become acquainted with, the new pastor.

At eight o'clock in the evening of the same day services were held in St. John's Church, San Francisco. About 25 interested and attentive deaf were present. At this time the missionary from Los Angeles preached on 1 Cor. 1, 24.

May the good Lord bless the work of Pastor Gaertner in the future as He has in the past, so that by his teaching and preaching many may be brought to know, and believe in, their Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ!

Also from Los Angeles we have happy news to report. October 4 is a day which will live long in the memory of Pilgrim Mission. On this day Miss A. Rogers of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. R. Van Devender of Pasadena, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Wakefield of Alhambra were received into membership with the Lutheran Church and vowed life-long faithfulness to their Redeemer. Being mindful of the Master's command to let little children come to Him, Mr. and Mrs. Van Devender brought little Russell Junior with them to be baptized. And, surely, it was a sight to gladden the heart of a Christian when, with folded hands, little Russell stood beside his big father and both were baptized in the name of the Triune God.

C. H. F.

Kansas City Mission. — On August 30 the missionary addressed our Lutheran congregation at Slater, Mo., Rev. W. Schwab, pastor, on our Deaf-mute Missions. Although a storm was raging that evening, the church was filled to capacity. Mr. P. Blumhorst attended the service. He is one of our Lutheran students at the Missouri State School for the Deaf.

Rev. M. Mueller is rapidly learning to preach the Gospel in the sign-language. On September 27 he conducted the Bible class in Kansas City. His first sermon was preached in Kansas City on October 11.

The *Lutheran Witness* recently reported how our deaf friends of Cincinnati, O., learn more about their Savior Jesus through the activity of one of the Lutheran pastors who has a speaking congregation. We have a similar case at Great Bend, Kans. When Brother Westermann moved to Seattle, Wash., Rev. J. Resner promptly studied the sign-language and is now instructing the Lutheran Sunday-school for the deaf at Great Bend. (Also the family of Rev. Resner studied the sign-language.) Miss Dohrmann continues to be of great assistance to us in teaching the language as well as by

inducing friends to attend the meetings. At Wichita, Kans., the Lutheran Sunday-school is progressing well under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Grier and Miss Dwyer. Rev. Deffner gives us valuable advice. Many thanks to all!

As winter is approaching and the visiting of friends increases, why not also make up *your* mind, dear readers in the Kansas City territory, to discuss certain chapters of the Bible with one another? "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; *teaching* and admonishing *one another* in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord," Col. 3, 16.

The total attendance for the twelve services conducted in the month of September was 123.

A. E. FERBER.



Miss Katherine Kuntz,

who makes it her business to locate the Lutheran deaf missions. She has temporarily attended the services of Pastors J. Salvner, W. Ferber, G. Ferber, and O. C. Schroeder. Miss Kuntz is now a communicant member of our Fargo, N. Dak., mission.

New York Mission. — We wish to record in the news columns of the DEAF LUTHERAN some of the events in our midst. We have reason to be grateful that the dreaded infantile paralysis did not strike a single home of the Lutheran deaf. The disease was prevalent again after many years of hiding and claimed victims in every borough of our great city, so much so that school authorities deemed it wise to delay the opening of the schools for two weeks. But now the children are back in their school benches, and the New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf has opened its doors.

While we are thankful that we had no victims of the dreaded disease and that anxious care has been removed from the hearts of fond parents, unemployment with its attendant miseries is still stalking through the city in large numbers. In this respect the deaf have not been spared. One of our deaf has been out of work for eleven months, and our guild, a society with the charitable aim of succoring worthy deaf in distress, has come to the aid of this unfortunate brother with a num-

ber of gifts. Several others have received temporary employment from the city at the beaches, in public buildings, working three days a week. Nearly all have had part-time in place of full-time work, and those who escaped, had to submit to a cut in wages. Whatever the immediate causes may be for this unemployment, Christians are reminded of the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer and of the meaning of that petition, that God would lead us to know that it is He that gives us daily bread and that we should receive it with thanksgiving. Of course, the contributions to our church have fallen off, but grateful Christians will bear in mind that a portion of their income belongs to Him who gave His all that we might live forever and have abundance. Our oldest member, who has long been in feeble health at a time when he was without means asked me to explain the words Ps. 37, 25: "I have been young and now am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread." He is now eighty years old and receives an old-age pension of \$34 a month from the State of New York. When he was without income and had to depend on gifts from private persons and from our guild, he asked to be excused from his contributions. It was readily granted by all the members. Now that he receives a small stipend, he again asked for his envelopes and gives a portion of his income to God and his church, where the Gospel of Reconciliation is preached. Such experiences are heartening.

The congregation has been able to meet the obligation it assumed towards our Mission Board, and besides there were extra gifts for the various missions of Synod to the amount of \$22.40. At present the Lutheran Hospital is in great distress to balance its budget and to meet its obligations. We are glad to report that some of our deaf are participating in the good work of helping it.

We wish to record the death of parents of several of our members. Edna von Pollnitz lost her mother after an illness of three years, which kept her bedfast. The Lutheran deaf have lost a dear friend who never failed to aid any worthy cause. Mrs. Brooks lost her father, who was also interested in the Lutheran deaf; and Frieda Hausman also mourns the death of her father. At each of these funerals the pastor either addressed the deaf or interpreted the remarks of the pastor for the benefit of the deaf.

Janet, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Schoenewaldt, was received into God's family by Holy Baptism. Victor Lind and Ida Ruge were united in holy matrimony on September 19. May God's blessings attend them.

A. B.

Mission for the Blind and Deaf.—During our recent journey to Washington, D. C., and eleven other cities in the South it was our pleasure and privilege to conduct seventeen meetings with several hundred deaf. Bible classes also were held with approximately eighty deaf persons, and thirty-one missionary calls were completed. In addition some new subscribers for the DEAF LUTHERAN were gained, and arrangements were made to have our Lutheran embossed literature introduced in an industrial institution for the blind in the South.

In the month of August our sightless friends sent us over two hundred letters. The following is typical

of their contents: "I like your magazine so very much, especially the articles on the Bible. I should be sorely disappointed if I did not receive it regularly. Am starting to read the last number through for the fourth time. I always read the magazines over and over again. . . . Am enclosing a contribution. I do not think this will pay for the benefits I have received from the paper, but I wish I could tell you how thankful I am for what you and your friends are doing for the blind."

The amount of the contributions sent by our blind friends in foreign countries is considerably reduced by the low value of foreign money in the United States and by the exchange charges. We do, however, appreciate their efforts to encourage us with their gifts.
O. C. S.

Minneapolis Mission.—Gloria Maxine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tilleskjaer, and Joyce Enid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Savage, were brought to Christ in Holy Baptism, the former in our service on July 19 and the latter in our service on September 27. "Baptism works [gives] forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare." (Luther's Catechism.)

The other day we received a letter from an old friend, Mr. F. Burandt, formerly teacher of the Christian day-school of Trinity Church, Minneapolis. In it we found ten dollars for our mission. Heartly thanks to you, Mr. and Mrs. F. Burandt! May God bless you for the gift! Let us all show our thanks to God for His great salvation by gladly giving for the Lord's work. You cannot make a better use of your money.

September 5 our Spokane missionary, the Rev. F. Hischke, who last year worked with us here in Minneapolis for almost five months, and Miss Elna Kaus of Minneapolis were united in holy wedlock in Trinity Church by Pastor Hoffmann. After a few weeks' stay they returned to Spokane. The best wishes of Grace Congregation, Minneapolis, and of the deaf in the other cities are with them. May God be with them both in their home and in their work among the deaf! May He bless their home with peace and happiness in Christ and also bless their work unto the eternal salvation of many deaf!

September 9 we held services in Willmar. One who regularly attended our services in the past was missing in this service. It was Mr. Olaf Norling. He was seriously ill and not expected to live. After the service we called on him. He was very glad to see us and anxious for a message from God's Word. We spoke to him of the Savior of sinners and asked him whether he trusted in this Savior, and he answered and spelled the word *yes*. The next day, September 10, he fell asleep in this Savior, as we sincerely hope, and his body now rests in the grave, awaiting the glorious resurrection morn. May this be the comfort of his wife and children! We extend our sincere sympathy to them.

J. L. S.

Omaha Mission.—One of our Omaha members, Mr. August Gutting, passed away suddenly on Saturday morning, August 8. He suffered a stroke shortly after rising in the morning and did not regain consciousness.

Funeral services were held on August 11. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Gutting and his sisters and brothers.

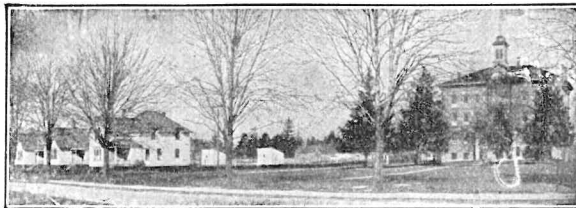
Mrs. Gutting is at present living at the Lutheran Old People's Home on South 10th Street.

It was quite a blow for our congregation when the Benson Bank closed its doors on August 10; for all our money, both that of the congregation and of the ladies' aid, is tied up for the present at least. It remains to be seen how much of our money we shall receive.

Upon decision of the voters in the July meeting the \$638.88 which our congregation had tied up in the Occidental Building and Loan Association for some time has been transferred to the person from whom we purchased our church lots as part payment on the lots.

The conference of our missionaries to the deaf has come and gone. All the pastors present expressed themselves as having enjoyed their short stay very much.

Our conference sessions were also a blessing to the missionaries and to the work among the deaf in general. The collection at the Sunday service, August 2, amounting to \$33.32, was turned over to our Omaha Chapel Fund. We thank St. Paul's Congregation for this collection and for the use of its church during our conference. E. M.



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