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More About Our Cover...

This tranquil, peaceful lakeside scene on the Ambassador College campus in Bricket Wood, England, pictures an ideal Sabbath environment. Be sure to read "Have We, of All People, Been NEGLECTING God's Sabbath?" beginning on page 6.

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What our READERS SAY . . .

Thankful for Spiritual Growth

"Thank you so much for the wealth of spiritual food this last week — *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *The GOOD NEWS*. Both plainly show an increase of God's Holy Spirit upon the authors of the articles. It is good to learn about the work in other areas and I enjoyed getting acquainted with the Texas campus. The entire issue of *The GOOD NEWS* was tremendous this time, but the articles 'Are You UNpredictable?', 'How to Solve Bible Difficulties' and 'TRUE LOVE — What Is It?' are especially helpful. I'm glad the Bible is written the way it is. Each time we read it we can get more and more out of it. If it were written 'right-down-the-line' the truth would hit so hard we couldn't bear it. God is merciful in showing us our errors bit by bit so we can correct them without being crushed completely. Also it is very rewarding to discover something new. It makes God's Word exciting to read."

Mrs. J. F., California

Son Healed — Pernicious Anemia

"My son was healed of pernicious anemia by God through the prayer of faith by Mr. Al Dennis as well as prayers of many others both in Modesto and San Diego, also in Fresno and Sacramento. The doctor wouldn't have anything to do with him as he said he should be in his grave, not walking around. Blood count should be 14.5 — his was 5.5. In a week's time it was

up to 7.25. His spirits and attitude were so good I came on home. We truly give thanks to God knowing He will heal all of us that believe Him, in His good time."

Mrs. T. G., California

"Do You Really Repent?"

"The article written by Mr. Hunting entitled 'Do You Really Repent?' was FANTASTIC. I have needed this. I was so frustrated about why I could not overcome one big old ugly sin in particular. I counselled so many times over the past 5 years, and I wept, I prayed but it was to no avail. Now I am beginning to realize — I had not seen — I had not really experienced Godly sorrow that will produce the results. I don't fully understand yet — but I am now on the right track."

Mrs. E. B., Illinois

Daughter Healed — Fever and Lung Congestion

"I want you to know that I just had a wonderful experience with God's healing power. My daughter was very sick with a high fever (104½ degrees) and lung congestion. One of God's ministers (Mr. McMichael) prayed for her and she immediately began to recover. By the next morning the fever was completely gone and the congestion left soon after! Now only one week later, she is in perfect health. I know God heals today."

Mrs. T. D., Minnesota

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LOMA D. ARMSTRONG

1891-1967

For the many thousands of you Brethren who would have been present if it had been possible — and as a tribute to our First Lady — we reproduce the full text of the funeral service delivered by Albert J. Portune.

WE STAND here this afternoon in the presence of death, but also in the presence of the highest tribute and achievement and purpose a human life may render in its brief span upon this earth.

We cannot pass this day without taking note of that tribute. For many of us may never pass this way again.

Man has sought solace in many fantasies about death — conjured up many philosophies about death in an attempt to escape the *reality* of death! These fantasies and philosophies only cause empty sorrow! But, Jesus said: "You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." Real comfort, real understanding about death can only come from the true Creator God as revealed in His Word!

The Patriarch Job asked the eternal question many centuries ago: "If a man die shall he live again?" Job continues, "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee. Thou wilt have a desire for the work of thine hands."

Job knew the *truth* about death!

Job knew that every man who walks this earth is God's workmanship.

God created man and placed him on this earth to fulfill destiny. That destiny as revealed in God's Word in Ephesians 2:10: "That we should become His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath ordained that we should walk [live] in them."

To walk and live as the bond slave and servant of God in this world of evil, vanity and competition — to serve Him faithfully in sickness and in health — in trial

and storm and trouble — to obey and walk with God in loyalty and fidelity — is the highest achievement and tribute a human life may render on this earth.

That is what we salute here today: MRS. LOMA ARMSTRONG — handmaid and servant of God — who lived before Him and died — His faithful servant.

God has laid before every man and woman — a choice.

That choice is revealed in God's Word in Deuteronomy 30:19. God said: "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death — blessing and cursing: "therefore choose life, that both thee and thy seed shall live." (MRS. ARMSTRONG chose life and service to God.)

Either eternal life in His Kingdom and Family for obeying and serving Him or eternal death! For disobeying Him and serving self.

These promises reach beyond physical life, beyond the grave — into the soon coming future day that John wrote of in his Gospel: "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice and shall come forth: they that have done good unto the resur-

rection of life and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation."

We cannot escape the eternal justice of God!

So, God reveals the truth on this all important question. *There WILL be a resurrection of all who live and die!*

In this busy world of seeking pleasures — following human vanities — striving for human recognition and status



—how lightly so many consider the rules of life set down by Almighty God.

God has revealed through the ages His Law — which if followed produces happiness, peace of mind — abundant, joyful life. This Law of God is the basic Law of love — love to God and love to fellowman — expressed in: "Thou shalt love the Eternal thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind — and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

All of us live before God according to that Law. Transgressing that Law is sin — for God reveals in I John 3:4, "Sin is the transgression of God's Law."

And also in Romans 6:23: "The wages of sin is death, [eternal death] but the gift of God is *eternal life* through Jesus Christ our Lord."

None of us can escape this Divine decree. Some time, sooner or later, we must face the choice. We must decide whether to choose eternal life or eternal death.

For those who choose life (as MRS. LOMA ARMSTRONG did) we are assured that: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

A tremendous, fantastic reward and heritage beyond any human goal.

For those who choose evil and death God says: "I tell you, nay, but except you repent you shall all likewise perish."

If we follow human rules — the things that seem right to us but are contrary to God's Law of love — we shall perish forever. As God reveals, "There is a way which *seemeth* right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." — And God says: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

MRS. LOMA ARMSTRONG lived the life before God which points the way to eternal life. A tribute which we honor here today — the highest achievement of human existence.

We pause today to note that example which God has set before us all. That we, if we will live, must turn to the way of the happy, peaceful, abundant joyful life — the way of obedience to God's Law.

That we must believe Jesus and believe on Him as our personal Saviour, we must believe His Gospel — the Good News of His coming Kingdom — the Government of God, the Family of God which we may enter by being born again.

On these two conditions God gives, as He did to MRS. ARMSTRONG, the promised Holy Spirit which is the impregnation of eternal life — the imparting in us of God's nature, which will burst forth at the resurrection into glory and honor and eternal life.

The road she walked was not easy. But when she turned into that way, God took her by the hand and *He never let go!*

He asked her for her all. He asked her to sacrifice — to serve — to endure hardness as a good soldier.

He placed her other hand in her husband's hand and

TOGETHER *they have walked with God.* No man could have asked for a more faithful and loyal wife and fitting helper than MRS. ARMSTRONG was to her husband.

This was their golden anniversary year. *Fifty years together* — bound together by the Creator God to serve Him and His people — to raise up His Church in this age — to struggle together — to work side by side together to build and to plant.

And the vines have grown to reach around the world — in colleges and offices and churches which span the globe — in sons and daughters in God's three colleges who love her as a mother.

Behind those years of struggle and achievement together are the waymarks of a job — well done — waymarks which cannot be adequately portrayed in human words, but which are expressed in the hearts and minds of thousands of lives which have been touched and changed around the world — these works will bear eternal fruit in the World Tomorrow.

The apostle Paul speaks of this soon-coming day: "Now this I say brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised — incorruptible — and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written — death is swallowed up in victory.

"O, death, where is thy sting?

"O, grave, where is thy victory?"

In the soon coming World Tomorrow MRS. ARMSTRONG will *win the victory* and LIVE AGAIN to see the seeds she helped plant, grow into a world of peace, happiness and righteousness!

We also read in I Thessalonians 4:13-18: "But I would not have you to be ignorant brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the Word of God, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore *comfort* one another with *these* words."

The truth of God brings real comfort!

Yes, one day soon God will have a desire for the work of His hands — for the character, service, and loyalty MRS. ARMSTRONG built and infused in her life.

For those — like she — who loved Him and served Him — Jesus will return to this earth *with healing in His wings* — with His reward of eternal life with Him.

Jesus said: "Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house [His Kingdom on this earth] are many mansions [many offices of service]: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Jesus also said: "Behold *I come quickly*, and my reward is with me — to give to every man according as his work shall be."

Men leave behind them many monuments of worldly achievements — in business, in war, in governments and in personal vain grandeur. These monuments are like sand castles which the winds of time erase from human memory and which pass like a fading flower.

MRS. ARMSTRONG was born in 1891. She lived through 4 generations.

She saw many sand castles of men come and go. She saw men fight many vain wars for emptiness. She traveled around the world — saw the crumbling grandeur of the monuments of men in Egypt, Palestine, Europe, England.

From the quiet farming community of horse-and-buggy Iowa to the jet age — the atomic age, the space age, and the megalopolis of sprawling cities. But only one choice was hers — her God and His service at her husband's side.

The choice — *the life* — of MRS. ARMSTRONG before us today will remain forever an eternal tribute to an Eternal God.

Let's notice the words of the apostle Peter: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven [but coming with Jesus to this earth] for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

Let us take a glimpse into that glorious, undefiled reward — the Kingdom of God which MRS. ARMSTRONG will soon inherit.

It is revealed in Revelation 21:1-4: "And I saw a *new heaven and a new earth*: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away."

This is the world and kingdom MRS. ARMSTRONG will know in her next conscious moment.

This is *the new world* MRS. ARMSTRONG worked so many years to help prepare the way for — to help announce and proclaim — the *World Tomorrow!*

This is the coming world she lived for and died for.

All of the words we would like to recount about MRS. ARMSTRONG would be far too many to say.

So, from all of us who love her and thank her and reverence her life and memory around the world, let us pay her the highest tribute and say with God — to our own true "First Lady" — "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" — "You have fought a good fight, you have finished your course, you have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for you a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge will give to you at that day, and not to you only, but to all who follow your example and love His appearing."

The Patriarchs and Prophets, the men and women of God, through the ages, mentioned in Hebrews 11 *all died in FAITH* not having received the promises. Yet those promises are sure for them by their faith as they are sure for MRS. ARMSTRONG.

The last verse of that chapter says, "that they without us should not be made perfect." So we may be sure *we* may go on in faith, *as* MRS. ARMSTRONG *did*, to one day also receive those promises.

A few days before her death, MRS. ARMSTRONG said to a number of the leading ministers gathered by her bedside: "YOU MEN GO ON AND GET YOUR WORK DONE — I'M GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT."

In her death MRS. ARMSTRONG has given to us new energy — new zeal — new dedication — new courage.

And *we* WILL carry on as she asked us to — Solomon wrote in the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8: "To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace."

Now, in the purpose of God is her time to die for her God and our God — we accept His purpose.

Now, it is *our time to build and plant and harvest and to go forward in ever-growing strength to finish the work! To announce the Kingdom of God she lived for.*

She said: "You go on and get the Work done — I'll be all right."

Yes, she *will* be all right and we *will* go on!

Let's let her last words be our pledge to her — let us pray!

Have We, of All People, Been NEGLECTING God's Sabbath?

Many have NOT REALIZED they have been NEGLECTING to keep the Sabbath as they should! We need to WAKE UP to the real SERIOUSNESS of this! Here is surprising, eye-opening NEW TRUTH for many of our members!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

MANY OF US HAVE BEEN in the predicament of the rich young ruler. He came to Jesus asking, "Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus told him to keep the Commandments, naming five of them.

"All these," the young man said, "have I kept from my youth up."

"Yet lackest thou," said Jesus, "one thing!"

What Many Lack

God used Mrs. Armstrong's recent critical illness to PURGE a great deal of spiritual waste, filth, and leaven out of His Church. True, there was much humbling, repenting, and spiritual rejuvenating in the Church. But even after this, to MANY, Jesus says, in effect, "YET lackest thou *one thing!*"

Multiple hundreds in the Church have come to realize our minds had been too much on the physical duties, cares, burdens, interests, even pleasures of this life! We had been too much concerned with physical and material interests—*neglecting* sufficient Bible study and PRAYER! And hundreds repented. A great CHANGE was made.

But we had to realize GOD'S CHURCH was not yet fully CLEANSED! There was, indeed *one thing yet lacking*—a MOST SERIOUS thing!

Often the thing we would least suspect neglecting is that on which we have put MOST emphasis—that which we have accepted as SO BASIC we have come to take it for granted—that with which we were SO FAMILIAR that the familiarity had bred contempt. It had become so COMMON to us we didn't

realize we were becoming CARELESS about it!

WHY Stress TWO Commands?

Did you ever wonder *why*, in that pivotal of all Old Testament prophecies, Leviticus 26, God mentioned and emphasized only TWO of the Ten Commandments?

He said: "Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image . . . for I am the ETERNAL your God. Ye shall keep my Sabbaths . . . I am the ETERNAL."

Then, He promised: "IF ye walk in MY statutes, and keep MY commandments, and do them: then I will . . ." and there followed promises of matchless, unprecedented prosperity, wealth, abundance, peace, physical and national blessings. (Lev. 26:3-13.)

"But IF ye will *not* harken unto me, and will not do all these commandments, . . ."—and then followed the CURSES for disobedience, including military invasion, defeat, and slavery to a foreign enemy.

WHY emphasize just *these two* Commandments?

Because *these two*, more than others, were given to keep us *in close contact with God!*

We don't *see* God! We are far more prone to get out of contact with God, whom we *don't* see, than close humans whom we do see! It is easier to obey the Commandments that regulate our relationship with human associates, whom we *see*, and with whom we talk, than to keep a close and *right* relationship with God, whom we don't see or hear.

Having our minds and interests too

closely on material cares, duties, interests—unaccompanied with sufficient PRAYER and Bible study, becomes a form of IDOLATRY putting *material* things BEFORE God in our minds, hearts and affections! Hundreds had seen this, and repented of it!

But hundreds had NOT seen that they had *not* been properly keeping God's Sabbath—*really* keeping it—as God intended!

And this thing we lacked is NO LIGHT THING—IT IS A MOST TREMENDOUS THING!

HOW Keep It?

On the very seventh day of what we call Creation Week, GOD Himself *rested* on the Sabbath day, and was refreshed. He delighted in it! He greatly ENJOYED that Sabbath Day! He rested from GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT, drinking in the JOY that comes from achievement—even as we ought to do, every Sabbath. For we should have *accomplished* worthwhile things by our week's labor! And what is so satisfying as *the thrill of accomplishment?*

He set that day *apart* for HOLY use and purpose—SANCTIFIED it! He made that interval of TIME, between what is now called Friday sunset and Saturday sunset, HOLY time. He made FUTURE TIME *holy!*

Then, in the 4th Commandment, He commanded us to "REMEMBER . . . to KEEP it *holy!*" You can't keep ice-water hot. You can't keep time *not* made holy HOLY. And none but God can make future TIME HOLY! No one can "KEEP Sunday *holy!*" God never made it holy!

To keep holy this HOLY time that belongs to God means to "take our foot off of it" — as Moses was commanded to take his foot off of holy ground! (Exodus 3:5.)

"If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on MY HOLY DAY; and call the Sabbath a delight, the HOLY of the ETERNAL, honorable; and shalt honor HIM, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: THEN shalt thou DELIGHT thyself in the ETERNAL; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the HERITAGE [eternal life in God's Kingdom] of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the ETERNAL hath spoken it!" (Isa. 58:13-14.)

"Saturday Is Not MY Day!"

God calls the Sabbath "MY Holy Day." The space of time that is the Sabbath day belongs to GOD, not to us.

I am reminded of the time when I was holding Sunday night services in the Chamber of Commerce Auditorium in Seattle. Shaking hands with the people at the front entrance after the service, one woman paused to ask a question.

"Mr. Armstrong," she said, "someone distressed me a great deal by telling me that SATURDAY is *your* day instead of Sunday. That is not true, is it?"

"No," I replied promptly, "that is not true. Saturday is *not* my day — SUNDAY is *my* day."

"O, THANK you, Mr. Armstrong!" she exclaimed. "I'm greatly relieved. I was sure that was not true."

"But I think you don't understand," I added. "You see, Sunday is MY day — and so is Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. But the hours between Friday sunset and Saturday sunset are *not* my day — that day is GOD'S DAY — God's Holy Sabbath. It belongs to HIM!"

HOW Important?

But is it IMPORTANT? Does it make much DIFFERENCE?

Go back and read the blessings for obedience, and the curses for Sabbath breaking, in Leviticus 26!

Notice what God said to JUDAH through Jeremiah: "But if ye *will not* harken unto me to hallow the Sabbath day . . . then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched!" (Jer. 17:27.) This was Judah's LAST WARNING, before their captivity into SLAVERY!

They didn't heed! They didn't think Sabbath-keeping important!

RESULT?

"Now in the fifth month, in the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar King of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, . . . into Jerusalem, and burned the house of the ETERNAL [Solomon's multi-billion-dollar temple], and the King's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great men, burned he with fire!" (Jer. 52:12-13).

More than a hundred years before, the northern Kingdom, ISRAEL, had been driven out of their land as slaves by the Assyrians, BECAUSE of Sabbath-breaking! (Ezek. 20:10-25.)

IMPORTANT? Carelessness in keeping HOLY God's day can KEEP YOU OUT OF GOD'S KINGDOM! That's how IMPORTANT it is!

Made PLAIN in NEW Testament!

Now what does GOD say to US, TODAY?

I want all in God's Church to NOTICE how God says this carelessness about His Sabbath can KEEP YOU FROM BEING BORN INTO GOD'S KINGDOM! It is JUST as important to US, TODAY, as to Judah, *then*!

The Book of Hebrews is the Book of the LIVING Christ, TODAY!

I want you to see, now, what this world's theologians have never SEEN!

I want to take you, quickly and in brief, through the first four chapters. This was written for GOD'S CHURCH, for TODAY! And you will see why I keep emphasizing that word "TODAY!"

" . . . GOD . . . has spoken to us by a Son — a Son whom He has appointed heir of the UNIVERSE, as it was by Him that He created the world. He, reflect-

ing God's bright GLORY, and stamped with God's own character, sustains the universe with the word of His POWER . . ." (Heb. 1:1-3 — *Moffatt* translation).

Notice — the "all things" of the King James translation means the entire UNIVERSE!

This introduction, shows HOW GREAT is the living CHRIST — now on the THRONE OF GOD — the THRONE OF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE — having been given the Administration of the GOVERNMENT of the UNIVERSE by God the Father! Following verses of Chapter 1 show the glory of angels, but the far SUPERIOR glory of the living CHRIST.

The last verse of Chapter 1, speaking of angels, says:

"Are they not all ministering *spirits*, sent forth to minister for them who shall be HEIRS of salvation?"

Now skip briefly through the WEIGHTY Chapter 2.

I say *weighty*, because this chapter, perhaps more than any other writing in recorded history, reveals the PURPOSE of human life — the true MEANING of life — WHY humans were put on earth — what is our true goal and destiny — our HERITAGE!

This last verse of Chapter 1 suggests, but does not define it. It refers to those who *are Christ's* — who have, and in whom, the Holy Spirit dwells — as the HEIRS of salvation.

Important We HEED!

But notice how this chapter begins:

"Therefore we" — the "WE" being the aforementioned HEIRS of salvation — "ought to give the more earnest HEED to the things which we have heard" — that is things heard from GOD, about our coming salvation — "lest at any time we should let them slip." (Verse 1.) *Moffatt* translates the last few words, "*lest we drift away.*"

We *could*! Unless we diligently HEED, we might!

"How shall we" — we Spirit-begotten Christians — "escape, if we NEGLECT *so great* salvation?" (Emphasis is mine throughout.) (Verse 3.) Few realize HOW GREAT is this salvation — but, beginning verse 6 this chapter reveals it!

Now verse 5: "For unto the angels

hath He NOT put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak." When the apostle Paul, whom God inspired in writing this, spoke of "so GREAT SALVATION" he was speaking of "the world to come" — the WORLD TOMORROW — to be ruled by Christ and God's Kingdom. It has *not* been put in subjection to angels. Then TO WHOM has God put it in subjection?

The PURPOSE of Human Life

He explains in the very next words: "But one in a certain place testified, saying, . . ." It was David who testified, in the 8th Psalm, verses 4-6. There he said, quoted here in Hebrews 2:6: "WHAT IS man, that Thou art mindful of him?"

Yes, what IS a man?

And WHY should the Great GOD be mindful of HIM — insignificant, sinning MAN?

He explains, continuing the quote from the Psalms, Verse 7: "Thou madest him a little lower than the angels." Or, in the R.S.V., "Thou didst make him *for a little while* lower than the angels." The meaning is, man is now, for a time, lower — but in the world to come shall be much HIGHER than the angels. Read I Corinthians 6:2-3.

Continuing, same verse, ". . . thou crownedst him with glory and honor, and didst set him over the work of thy hands." What is "the work of God's hands," that man is set — or to be set — over? ALL THAT GOD HAS CREATED!

Verse 8: "Thou hast put ALL THINGS in subjection under his feet." In verse 3 of Chapter 1 we saw that "ALL THINGS" means the entire UNIVERSE. Notice what follows! It means that HERE! "For in that He [God] put ALL in subjection under him [man], *He left nothing* that is not put under him. But now we see *not yet* ALL THINGS [the universe] under him."

Now compare with verse 5. The WORLD TO COME, "*whereof we speak*," has NOT been put IN SUBJECTION to the angels — but what of MAN? God *has* put not only the WORLD to come, but the WHOLE UNIVERSE, "in SUBJECTION under him" — under MAN. Not under angels — but under MAN! Man is, now, for a little while, lower than

angels. Yet angels are sent as *ministers* to those HUMANS who are HEIRS of this salvation.

HOW GREAT, then, is this salvation? SO GREAT, that the entire *universe*, beside the WORLD TOMORROW, has been assigned under our feet — only, we see NOT YET all this under our feet. BUT, what DO we see, NOW? Next verse: "But we see JESUS, who *for a little while* was made lower than the angels, [NOW] CROWNED with GLORY and HONOR . . ." (verse 9, RSV).

Yes, Jesus is now, already, CROWNED, and RULING the UNIVERSE! He is in GLORY — His eyes like flames of fire — His face shining like the sun, full strength (Rev. 1:14-16).

And He is called the "CAPTAIN" or, (RSV) PIONEER of our salvation. He is the PIONEER who has already gone on ahead, paving the way for us, as His CO-HEIRS. He has already INHERITED the Kingdom!

THAT is HOW GREAT a salvation we *could* NEGLECT!

And the theme carries on to show that we *could* NEGLECT it by becoming *careless about God's SABBATH!* So continue on!

What "DAY"?

Come now to Chapter 3.

Verse 1: "Wherefore, HOLY BRETHREN, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; . . ."

Notice, the salvation to which we are heirs is SO GREAT, that we, even now, are called "HOLY brethren."

Verse 2: Jesus was faithful to God the Father who appointed Him, even as Moses was faithful in God's house. But (verse 3), Christ is worthy of much more GLORY than Moses, because the BUILDER (Creator) of the house has more glory than the HOUSE. And GOD is the Builder of "ALL THINGS" — the Universe (verse 4), which He created by Jesus Christ.

Verse 6 makes plain that WE are the "House" today — as the "Church in the wilderness" of Moses' day (Acts 7:38) was then. So Moses was only a *part* of the House Christ made — a ruling *servant*, who was faithful.

Verse 6: "But Christ, as a Son over His own House, *whose House are we,*

. . ." And this Message is to US, TODAY.

Now we come to the heart of the Message to US!

Verse 7: "Wherefore, as the Holy Spirit saith, Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: . . ." It is plainer in the RSV: "Today, when you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the REBELLION, on the day of testing in the wilderness, where your father put me to the test and saw my works for forty years."

This is the Message for God's Church — TODAY — of the present "Philadelphia" era. As the first six verses compared Moses and Christ, showing that Christ is far greater; so beginning verse 7 it compares the "Church in the wilderness" under Moses with OUR Church TODAY, under our High Priest JESUS CHRIST!

Christ is GREATER than was Moses. Christ is *our* Leader — our High Priest, our Lord and Master, our coming KING! And, by way of further comparison, let us remember WE have God's Holy Spirit — they under Moses *did not!*

This 7th verse is a quotation, applied here to us of the Philadelphia era, from the 95th Psalm, verses 7-11. As David said to the Congregation of Israel in *his* time, "Today, if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: when our fathers tempted me, . . ."

The marginal references render the word "provocation" as "*at Meribah*," and "temptation" as *Massah*. The RSV translates it: "Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness." *Moffatt* also renders it "Meribah" and "Massah."

A SABBATH Psalm

This 95th Psalm, on which virtually the entire 3rd and 4th chapters of Hebrews is based, is a SABBATH PSALM. It records what David said, or preached, to the Congregation on a SABBATH day.

It begins the Sabbath service: "O come, let us SING unto the ETERNAL: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before

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HOW TO SOLVE BIBLE DIFFICULTIES

Here are more principles that will help you solve Bible difficulties — how to determine original word meanings — how to use marginal comments and footnotes — and other basic guidelines to help you better understand God's Word.

by Robert C. Boraker

WORDS mean different things to different people. Bible verses have been misunderstood because a *wrong meaning* was given to a word that was not intended by the writer.

Knowing how words are *used in the Bible* is essential before finding their correct interpretation. Seeing how words are used in the Bible is more important than what meanings have been given to them by lexicons, dictionaries, and commentaries. These types of books are often based merely on etymology — the origin of words — or on the meaning put on words by *tradition*, or on how the words were used at some time *other than* the time at which they were written or spoken in the Bible.

Meaning of Words Can Vary

The usage of a word may change throughout different periods of time. Words are much like coins in that they can differ in meaning between different countries. Their meaning even changes at different periods of time in the same country.

Therefore, we must take great care when we try to find the meaning of words used in the Bible. We must know which English words are no longer used, which usage of English words has been changed, and also which usage of some Greek words has changed.

Not only have there been mistranslations, some English words used in the King James Version have *gone out of use altogether!*

Some English Words Now Obsolete

When studying the authorized King James Version, keep in mind that it was translated from the original Hebrew and Greek manuscripts in 1611 — *over three hundred fifty years ago!* Many words and expressions used at that time have since changed in meaning or become totally obsolete and archaic — have gone out of use altogether.

When you come across these words and expressions in the Bible, the correct meaning of the scripture will not always be clear. This is where modern translations are very helpful. Check all such obscure scriptures in a modern translation to help you clearly understand.

Some English words have not become *obsolete*, but have *changed in meaning* since the King James Version was translated. The word "prevent" is a good example. This word originally meant *to precede* or *go before*, but now means *to hinder*. See I Thessalonians 4:15 which should be corrected into *today's* English: "We which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not *precede* them which are asleep."

The word "charity" is frequently used in the thirteenth chapter of I Co-

rinthians. This word meant *love* in 1611 A.D. It comes from the old French word *charitet* which meant *deariness*. This deariness of affection gradually evolved into the mercenary act of *giving money* which is the origin of our word "charity" as we use it today. But "charity" no longer represents the Greek word *agape* which should be translated "love" in I Corinthians 13 instead of "charity."

The Usage of Some Greek Words Changed

Greek is a living language that has changed down through the centuries. When the Holy Spirit inspired the Apostles to write the New Testament in Greek, it inspired them to use old Greek words with a new and expanded meaning attached to them.

The meaning of the Greek word *ecclesia* was expanded in this way. The Greeks used it only when referring to *a town's meeting* of its citizens (Acts 19:39), but the New Testament applies it to the assemblies or churches of God's people and to the people in the Church of God themselves.

Regarding the changes of Greek usage made by man, Bullinger says, "The Greek language was in use some four centuries before Christ, and had a wonderful literature. But, in the course of time the laws which operate to affect and change the usage of words wrought the same inevitable changes in

many Greek words. For this reason classical Greek usages are no infallible guide to the usage of Biblical Greek" (*How to Enjoy the Bible* by E. W. Bullinger, page 235).

This is why lexicons may *not* have the correct meaning of a word if their definition is based on classical Greek. Classical Greek differs in many ways from the *koine* or "Common" Greek used by the Apostles. *Papyri* of documents of all kinds have been dug up in Egypt that are in Greek and belong mostly to the first and second centuries before and after Christ. They have been a great help in finding the exact sense and usage of Greek words used during that period.

This information that is continually coming to light sometimes clarifies and gives added meaning to the scriptures. The Greek word *apecho* is generally defined as meaning *to have from, to receive or be (distant) from*. But the *papyri* show that it was the common form of giving a *receipt in full*. This is the way it is used in Matthew 6:2, 5 and 16.

When the scribes prayed, they did it to be seen of men. When men had seen them, therefore, they were given their *receipt in full*. There was nothing more for them to receive. They could expect no real answer to their prayers. The word "reward" does *not* convey this more accurate sense of the Greek word.

The *papyri* have also given added meaning to the Greek word *charagma* which means "a mark." "In the *papyri* this word (1) is always used for a mark connected with the emperor; and (2) it always contains his name or effigy, and the year of his reign. (3) *It was necessary for buying and selling*. (4) *It was technically known as charagma*" (*How to Enjoy the Bible* by Bullinger, page 241).

This word is found in all kinds of documents — even on "a bill of sale." In the Book of Revelation, it is used for the "mark" of the Beast who will be the Overlord of that day.

Greek Words With More Than One Meaning

The Bible uses many Greek words in different connections and with various meanings. *Different words* in the origi-

nal Greek (and in Hebrew as well) are often rendered by the *same word* in English where it was thought important to have variety.

Here is where the use of a lexicon and concordance will be a great help. Both Young's *Analytical Concordance* and Strong's *Exhaustive Concordance* are excellent for this purpose. With the use of these concordances, you can see at a glance, under the English word, the Greek word from which it is translated. The index will tell you whether the word is translated otherwise elsewhere — and if so, under what renderings you can find them.

Turn to every passage where the Greek word is used and note how the Bible, inspired by the Holy Spirit, makes use of that word. When you have all the information before you, you will soon discover whether the usage is uniform or whether there is more than one sense in which the word is used.

This type of study requires a spiritual understanding (I John 5:20; I Cor. 2:14), common sense, and strength of mind to follow the leading of God's Word in spite of what you have learned in the past and received from tradition.

The Meaning of "Parousia"

One particular sect teaches that Christ is already ruling here on earth. To back up their belief, they state that the word "coming" was not correctly translated in the New Testament and that it should be "presence."

The original Greek word for "coming" is *parousia*, and means: "a coming which *includes* the idea of a permanent dwelling *from that coming onwards*" (*A Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament* by Bullinger).

Whether this word should be translated "coming" or "presence" really doesn't matter as long as we understand the context of the verses in which this word is used. You can substitute the word "presence" for the word "coming" in the following scriptures: Mat. 24:22-27; I Thes. 4:15 and II Peter 3:10-12.

You will notice that all these scriptures show that the coming or presence of God and Jesus Christ will be accom-

panied by supernatural events to be seen by everyone on this earth. When Jesus Christ returns to this earth, this world will *know* when this *world-shaking* event takes place. It will not be a "secret rapture" or only known to a select group.

Nowhere does the Bible speak of an "invisible second presence" of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ will come in all His power and glory to put down all opposition and to rule all the nations of the earth with supernatural force. When Christ begins to rule the world, *everyone* will KNOW it!

Greek Words With a Uniform Usage

Not all Greek words have different usages. The vast majority have but one uniform usage and this should not be departed from in the English translation. Even though the violation of the principle may not lead to a misunderstanding or a wrong interpretation of a passage, it could cause great and unnecessary confusion.

As an example, if you were to make a study of the word "temptation" in the Bible, you will find that it has been translated from two different Greek words — *peirazo* and *peirasmos*. You will particularly notice that the latter Greek word occurs 21 times and is rendered temptation in all but one (I Pet. 4:12 where it is rendered "try").

But *peirasmos* is always used in the Bible in the sense of *trial* and especially in the sense of *trouble* or *tribulation*, because it is that which really *tries* a man better than anything else. This is clearly its use in Luke 8:13, "in time of *trial*, or trouble [not temptation in the sense of enticement, the normal usage of the word] fall away."

From this you can see that the word "temptation" is incorrectly used in Christ's prayer outline when He said, "And lead us not into temptation" (Mat. 6:13). Christ actually said, "Pray that you be not led into TRIAL." Or it could also be translated *tribulation* and specifically the Great Tribulation.

God will tempt no one (James 1:13). But God does allow trials to come upon us as Christians so that we can over-

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WHY GOD CONDEMNS PORK!

Disease epidemics are on the increase! There are specific reasons why! Flagrant violation of God's Laws of "Clean and Unclean" meats are an important factor! Scientific facts back up the truth! Pork IS unfit for human consumption.

by Paul Royer

DEATH stalks the earth on every continent! Worldwide disease epidemics threaten the extinction of the human race!

We have about had it — civilization is doomed! These are the warnings — not of alarmists, but of nationally known educators, scientists, physicians and theologians.

The facts are startling! In this modern pulsating world of scientific achievement — in a world of missiles and rockets — HALF OF ALL children born in the Philippines die *before the age of one year!!*

In the wealthiest nation on earth, half of the total population have some form of chronic disease!!! One out of every two men, or half our male population, in the United States, will be rendered totally incapacitated by disease in another eight years if the present trend of disease and degeneration continues, say leading medical men.

Why Calamity?

Why have we come to such a state? What are the causes of such worldwide dilemma? Medical Science is alarmed over the present trend of increasing disease. They see disaster ahead and no apparent way of stopping the trend.

Dr. Lillie, a noted London physician warned several years ago that worldwide epidemics completely overshadow any threat of nuclear war. *The Winnipeg Free Press* recently quoted this noted physician as stating that we could expect a WORLD EPIDEMIC — before 1972!!!

The handwriting is on the wall. Heart disease in the United States is up three hundred percent in the last

fifty years and still climbing! Diabetes has increased by eighteen hundred percent. Twenty-five million people now alive in the United States will die of cancer!!

Catastrophe Predicted Over Three Thousand Years Ago!

We are right on schedule with our disease epidemics! God prophesied this time of sickness, disease and degeneration over three thousand years ago. In Deuteronomy 28:15-68 God outlined the condition of our sick, dying world! He said conditions are bad, and they are going to get worse — UNLESS we repent and obey His laws of health and the commandments of God!

This *dogmatic prophecy* from God seems strange to the world. It is difficult for a nonbelieving world to think that God could predict this time of chaos and disease with absolute accuracy.

God, from the beginning, knew that men would disbelieve and ridicule His Word, the Bible (II Pet. 3:3; Gen. 6:5). He knew man would defy His written instruction, the truth that, if obeyed, would bring health and happiness.

One of the causes of man's rapid descent into disease and degeneracy is his disobedience of a little-known section of the Bible found in Leviticus, the eleventh chapter, and Deuteronomy, chapter 14. It is only one of many reasons — yet it is an extremely important reason for sickness and death!

In the book of Leviticus and Deuteronomy God tells us what meats are fit for human consumption and what meats are harmful. He calls them "clean" and "unclean" meats. This Biblical law of health stands as one of the *most flagrant*

examples of the breaking of God's Word! This one violation has caused this world's population untold numbers of deaths, sicknesses and diseases!!

In the future, continued breaking of these laws may be responsible for the death of whole populations!

Man will continue to disobey!!

He will not listen to his Creator who says, "Of their flesh shall ye not eat and their carcass shall ye not touch; they are unclean to you" (Lev. 11:8).

Why does this have to be? Why does man disobey the truth and then have to suffer the penalty? Is it because God enjoys looking down on a world that is filled with wretched, suffering humanity? A world stumbling along in unhappiness, depravity, sickness and disease?

No — just the opposite is true!!

As a Father, He "eagerly, earnestly" wants us to follow His directions. He wants us to live by His Word, the Bible, so that we need never suffer. My Word is truth — live by every Word, He says! Yet it seems the only way man can learn obedience is to suffer the acts of disobedience until he is reduced to a state of submission.

God is deeply concerned for our good. He is our Creator. He is a God of love — a God that wants to give us every good gift more than we want to give to our own flesh-and-blood children. His love, compassion and mercy are beyond comprehension. At times He literally sits on the edge of His throne pulling for each one of us individually when we are in trial. He yearns for us to make the right choice — He wants us to obey so that He can bless us with long life, happiness and joy.

"I have no greater joy than to



H. Armstrong Roberts

Domesticated pigs here shown wallowing in their own mire. Be glad you can't smell what you can see!

hear that my children walk in truth" (III John 4). This pleases God — this makes God very joyful. When we obey His every Word, including Leviticus 11 — then He can prosper and bless us with good health.

Swine An Abomination

Out of all the animals that God pronounced unfit for food, the swine is depicted as the *greatest outrage and most obnoxious* (Lev. 11 and Deut. 14). God pronounced it an *abomination* to eat its flesh (Isa. 65:4). God says He is going to come in anger and fury (Isa. 66:15-17) and rebuke with flames

of fire those who eat swine's flesh. In spite of these instructions and warnings, the world *continues to disobey* and through ignorance or willful disobedience suffers degeneration and physical depravity!

There are many other causes of disease! However, the consumption of millions upon millions of "unclean," condemned and unfit-for-food animals, such as pork, play an extremely important part in our sick, degenerate, disease-ridden population.

Have you ever noticed the *habits* of swine? They are most often found lying around in a self-created stink-hole all

covered with flies! They are so filthy that they will eat their young and feed on their own filth. Yet man insists on eating this creature, *in defiance of God*, from his snout to his tail *including the tail!* We season our food with his mangy old dirty hide and convince ourselves that we cannot do without that old "hog flavor" in one pot of beans!

We have degenerated to the point that even "ministers" approve the eating of swine's flesh and sanction HAM suppers in their own churches. God tells us in Isaiah 65:4 that we eat swine's flesh and the broth of ABOMINABLE

things are in our vessels. In verse two of the same chapter, God says, "I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their *own thoughts*."

In *every single instance* where the Bible refers to swine, it depicts a low state, or the lowest state to which any person can stoop.

In Luke 15:15 the prodigal son was reduced to a complete state of depravity — that of feeding swine! We are told in Matthew 7:6 not to cast pearls (God's Truth) before swine. God compares a woman who does not practice discretion, to the snout of a swine containing a jewel of gold (Prov. 11:22). II Peter 2:22 pictures one who turns from the Holy Commandments of God as likened to a sow that was washed and has returned to wallowing in the mire. The first three Gospels, Matthew 8, Mark 5, and Luke 8 show Jesus Christ casting unclean spirits (demons) out of a man. At their own request, the demons are given permission to enter into the unclean flesh of a herd of swine. **THE ENTIRE HERD WAS DESTROYED!**

Swine Harbor Disease

Swine are scavengers, their bodies are reservoirs of disease. Their flesh is sus-

ceptible to a *greater number of diseases than any other domestic animal*, with most of their ills transmissible to man. Dr. J. H. Kellogg, M.D. has stated that it is quite certain that pork and pork products are a contributing factor of cancer.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Yearbook, 1942 lists over FORTY DISEASES AND PARASITES OF SWINE! Some of the diseases passed from swine to man are trichinosis, tapeworm, swine erysipelas, swine influenza, roundworm, undulant fever, food poisoning, hog cholera, boils and a host of others.

500 Million Dollars Lost Each Year to Disease of Swine

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Yearbook, 1956, reported the following statistics relating to swine disease. In 1954, ten-and-one-half million hogs and pigs died of diseases and parasites with 30 million lost from the same cause before weaning. *Annual losses from swine disease are believed to exceed 500 million dollars at a minimum!*

In 1954, federal meat inspectors condemned 99,000 swine for 50 different causes. Arthritis, abscesses and pleurisy accounted for half of the condemnations. However, in the same year "parts" of over *one million six hun-*

dred thousand swine carcasses were condemned. **THE REMAINDER OF THEIR CARCASSES WERE EATEN!!**

Out of 63 million animals inspected before entering a certain packing plant, the following number were condemned:

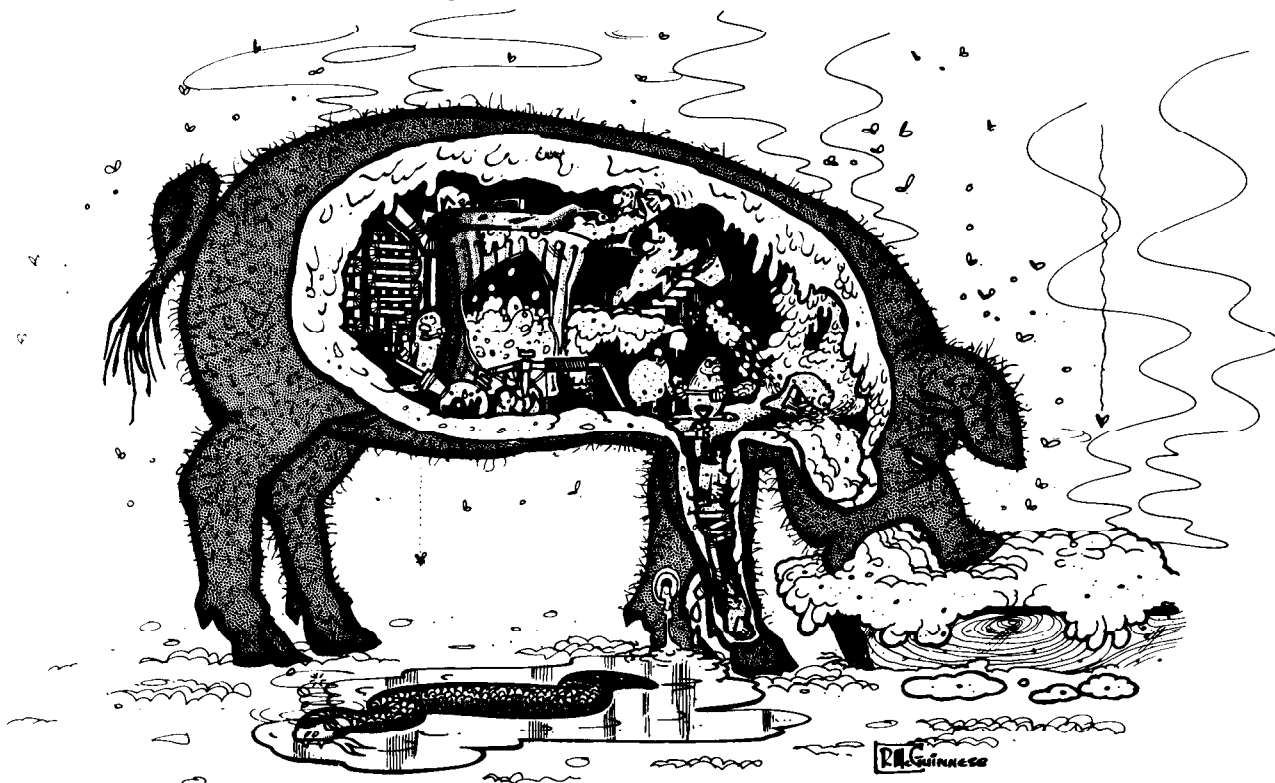
18 cattle, 11 sheep, 2,793 swine, 1 calf, goats, none. Note the high incidence of disease in swine compared with cattle and sheep.

The above report is by the Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Tuberculosis in Swine

In a given year, 46,688,860 hogs were slaughtered in the U. S. Only 65 percent of them were inspected for tuberculosis. Over *5 million were found to have the disease*, YET ONLY 42,381 WERE CONDEMNED! The remaining 5,278,971 hogs were sold to an unsuspecting public. (U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Bulletin No. 1069, 1939, p. 5.)

To help save dollars, two suggestions have been made to the farmer to eradicate tuberculosis from infected herds. The following quotes were taken from two different sources. "It is not necessary to apply the tuberculin test to all individuals in the hog herd because it is **MORE ECONOMICAL** to *send the entire herd*, with the exception of valuable breeding animals *to market* when fat, than to undertake to exterminate the



disease in any other way" (p. 15, *Tuberculosis in Livestock*). "There can be no doubt that the best and surest method of procedure, in nearly every case [when infected with tuberculosis], is to slaughter the entire drove as soon as the animals can be put into a marketable condition" (p. 9, *Tuberculosis of Hogs*).

From the above examples it would seem that the best and surest means of ridding the farm from disease is to feed the diseased animals to the public! Such selfish interest motivated by the desire for money is not the exception, rather it is the *rule*—*in many businesses!* This practice does not apply to the "unclean," forbidden meats alone! It is also true of beef, lamb, chicken, and other meats. However, pork dominates the picture and has by far the highest rate of disease.

Trichinosis, A Malady of 20th Century Man

Adelle Davis, in her book *Let's Cook It Right*, states that millions of people spend years of their lives suffering from rheumatism, neuritis and arthritis which in all reality and in all probability are the result of trichinosis contracted from pork.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture states that 66 percent of all swine from the Midwest contain trichinosis. The American Medical Association has estimated that there are 48 million cases of trichinosis in the United States which they say is far from being a national asset (*Journal of American Medical Association*, March 18, 1939, p. 1074). This amounts to over one fourth of the present-day population in the United States (note date of last reference—U. S. population in 1939 was only 130 million). C. H. Evans of the Institute of Pathology, Cleveland, in research found 36 positive cases of trichinosis in the first one hundred cases studied in Cleveland (Hall, M.C. and Collins, B. J. Pub. Health Reb. 54:468, April 6, 1937).

Trichinosis is a little-known disease or parasite, cyst and worm which thrives in the flesh of certain animals and humans. They settle chiefly in the muscles and intestines. ONLY THOSE ANIMALS PRONOUNCED UNFIT FOR HU-

MAN CONSUMPTION BY GOD CAN, UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS, BECOME INFECTED WITH THE TRICHINOSIS PARASITE! Herbivorous domestic animals such as cattle, sheep and goats do not become infected with the parasite since they are not scavengers and do not eat meat.

From the *Yearbook of Agriculture* 1942, p. 791 and 792, only the unfit ("unclean") animals of Leviticus and Deuteronomy 14 are listed as host of trichinosis. Those mentioned are the bear, fox, badger, martin, raccoon, otter, mongoose, hedgehog, squirrel, rabbits guinea pigs, rats and mice.

Trichinosis was discovered quite accidentally in 1835 when a medical student was dissecting the muscles of a human body. Small gritty spots dulled the edge of his scalpel during post-mortem. Investigation revealed that they were cysts containing organisms later termed encysted parasites or trichinella spiralis.

In 1860 the parasite was discovered as the cause of death in a 19-year-old German girl. The disease was first diagnosed as typhoid fever. Death came as a result of eating raw sausage a month or so before!

Of all the animals slaughtered in the United States *only the hog can transmit trichinosis*. THERE IS NO KNOWN SYSTEM OF INSPECTION THAT CAN GUARANTEE PORK SAFE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION. So says the U. S. Department of Agriculture (1942 *Yearbook*; p. 67).

Dr. G. M. Dack, M.D., in his book, *Food Poisoning*, reveals that the early stages of trichinosis are often confused with food poisoning. In the year 1939, records show that most food poisoning resulted from eating pies and pastries; with pork and pork products being the second most numerous as a cause for food poisoning (p. 117).

Quality Flesh or Quick Money

According to livestock experts, the hog is one of the most efficient producers of flesh. Therefore, farmers are advised to raise more hogs in the *interest of their feed DOLLAR*. We should question whether or not the flesh is quality flesh! We need to ask ourselves why the hog can produce flesh so much more

rapidly and do it more economically than clean animals.

The digestive system of the hog is the key to its ability to gain weight so quickly. His digestive system is *entirely different* from that of the clean animals that chew the cud as the cow and sheep as differentiated in Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14. A cow will, for example, take as long as *twenty-four hours* to convert GRASSES AND GRAIN into flesh. However, the hog is able to change any food including the POISON-LADEN WASTE of the land into flesh in only *three or four hours* and gain far more weight per pound of food consumed. Both the cow and the sheep have, for all practical purposes, THREE STOMACHS. As a result of their more elaborate digestive systems, the clean animals are able to refine and convert grain and grass into sound, clean flesh.

Some will say, "Why not give the hog clean food, then his flesh will also be pure." It is true, the hog will eat grain. However, his desire is for unclean foods since *God created him to be a scavenger*. Giving the hog clean food will not change his digestive system nor will it make his flesh fit for food. The hog is an UNCLEAN animal! Man cannot change its habits or its flesh.

Fat — Pork — Digestibility

In spite of all the reports to the contrary, most authorities believe there is not a great deal of difference in the digestibility of lean meats. By measuring the rate meat passes from the stomach, it is found that lamb is a little more digestible than beef, and that pork is less digestible than beef. Slowest to digest of all, are fried pork chops, fried ham and bacon (p. 364, *Food and Principles of Dietetics*).

Directly beneath the skin of the hog is a layer of fat. The layer varies in a mature hog. In some cases it has been known to measure *six inches in thickness!!*

Because of the thick layer of fat and the slow circulation of blood, the hog can successfully withstand even *snake bites!* The hog seems to have an inner urge to seek out and destroy snakes. Strictly speaking, a hog is not immune to snake venom. However, they have

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YOU CAN BECOME A SON OF GOD!

*Yes, you can become a literal Son of the living God in Heaven!
But this will not occur by accident. It takes effort, definite
planning and training. Don't miss this supreme reward because
you didn't follow the proper guidelines!*

by John Bald

THE nerve-chilling screech of the telephone shattered the tranquility of the city's early morning hours. The time: 2 a.m. The date: Monday, January 16, 1967. The place: Chicago, Illinois. A young reporter, just asleep after a 24-hour assignment, heard the following words as he lifted the receiver: "There is a fire at McCormick Place!"

He called for a taxi, dressed quickly and mumbled under his breath about being called at this hour, after the long assignment he had just completed, just "because a janitor must have seen a waste basket burning." The taxi sped quickly to the offices of radio station WBBM, where he was employed. He quickly located the mobile unit, an automobile equipped with radio transmitter and tape recorder, specially marked to provide immediate access to the scene of any disaster.

As he drove south he noticed a dull red glow illuminating the low-hanging clouds. "That couldn't be McCormick Place—it just couldn't be," he thought. "That building is *fireproof*. Besides, when it was completed they said it was more durable than the coliseum in Rome!" He drove into the huge parking lot which was now rapidly filling with fire-fighting apparatus, and began to dictate into the portable tape recorder. "It was," he said, "as if there were a giant fist inside the columbarium-like exhibition center which just pushed out the entire center section of the west wall." The firemen retreated, regrouped their lines and set about with a will to extinguish the holocaust.

A New Problem

In the sub-zero temperatures most of the available fire hydrants were frozen, there was no water available with which to fight the inferno. But these firemen were *professionals*, THEY DID NOT GIVE UP! Utilizing one of the principles of the seven laws of success, they were resourceful! They broke through the ice of nearby Lake Michigan and supplied their huge snorkels from this inexhaustible source! The fire was out at about eight o'clock the following morning. "Where there's a will, there's a way," the old saying goes, and these highly trained and skilled fire fighters found a way to control the blaze against tremendous odds. The fire was out—they had accomplished the first step of a long and arduous series to follow.

Only the Beginning

That same afternoon the National Association of Housewares Manufacturers was scheduled to open an exhibition. Sales representatives from all the Midwestern states were on hand. Multiple thousands of dollars and untold hundreds of man-hours had been expended to make this possible. Hearing the news of the destruction of McCormick Place, some of the sales personnel began packing for the trip home. However, the majority of those involved dipped into their reservoir of knowledge and training and came up with another principle from the seven laws of success—they persevered. They too, were professionals, they were there for a sales campaign and have it they would!

Quickly the wheels began to roll. The facilities of the Chicago Coliseum were made available to provide *make-shift*, but workable quarters. McCormick Place crews as well as hundreds of volunteers set about the task of removing the bleachers from the previous night's basketball game. The Boone Sound Engineering Company, who were the original installers of the public address equipment in McCormick Place made all their facilities available to the displays. Radio station WBBM, the CBS outlet in Chicago, cancelled all its network commitments and opened its tremendous facilities to all exhibitors to provide a huge radio clearing house, broadcasting *all day long* with information vital to the convention. An air freight company volunteered to fly in new displays from any point in the country. Sign companies worked around the clock to provide the necessary show cards. Illinois Bell Telephone Company provided a complete temporary switchboard for the use of the exhibitors. The convention went on, almost as scheduled!

An Object Lesson

When it seemed impossible to fight the fire—a way was found!

When it seemed impossible to hold the convention—a way was found!

All this was made possible because a few individuals rolled up their sleeves and made a way! Their goals were clear-cut and despite the fact that seemingly insurmountable obstacles lay in their path, THEY FOUND A WAY! The fire was out and then the even

greater task of securing facilities in which to hold the gigantic convention were completed!

Brethren of God's Church, these people, though totally without their knowledge, set a tremendous example for us! They possessed *six* of the *seven* laws of success. They had a GOAL — to hold a convention. They worked tirelessly toward that goal despite problems which they could not possibly have foreseen. They had a goal and they attained it! Those responsible for the engineering of this mammoth program were EDUCATED, trained for and skilled in the work which they were doing. HEALTH, in most of these people, was sufficiently good to enable them to go without sleep, to miss meals and to call on extra reserves of strength for the duration of this crisis.

Law of Success No. 4 is DRIVE. No question about that one here! They drove themselves far above the average in order to meet their commitments. Number 5 is perhaps the most fitting law in this entire illustration. The emergency law — RESOURCEFULNESS. An entire city, people who were strangers to each other, united and worked together toward a gigantic goal. They dug deeply into mental and physical resources and they came up with some amazingly resourceful ideas. Said one executive: "At first, we thought we were licked, but as we got this thing rolling it became a real challenge. Actually, we rather enjoyed it!" Law No. 6 is PERSEVERANCE. They stayed with this job and saw it through.

The seventh, and most important law, is *Divine Guidance*. They did not have access to this one, but their goals were physical, not Spiritual, and they, by and large, set about with a will which would put many in God's Church to shame!

Our Goal

We, in God's Church have a goal too. Our long-range goal is the resurrection! Birth into the Family of God at Christ's Second Coming! This goal will be achieved in a step-by-step attaining of other lesser goals. We call this process GROWTH and OVERCOMING. McCormick Place, where many Midwest brethren have assembled to ob-

serve many of God's Holy Days, now lies a twisted mass of charred rubble, broken concrete and ashes. The temporary goals of extinguishing the fire and holding the convention have been realized. Their greatest goal is yet to be reached — the rebuilding of that tremendous lake-shore colossus!

The men involved in these tasks were trained — they were highly skilled in their individual fields and they used their minds and talents effectively! Before we can qualify for positions in God's Government we too will have to become highly skilled in the use of His law, we will have to persevere, we will have to be resourceful and learn to be *administrators* of the *Ambassador program*! Our goal is high — the highest — it's total stakes for total rewards. And it's well worth the effort!

Those Who Attained

In the *requirement manual*, the Bible, we find recorded the many necessary characteristics for achieving the goal. Notice the drive and the *sheer will power* which those who have gone before us have demonstrated. They were the pathfinders, the ones whose examples have marked the route for us.

First and foremost, of course, is the example of Jesus Christ. Notice Hebrews 5:9: "And being *made* perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." I Peter 2:21 tells us that He set us an example which we are to follow. I Corinthians 11:1 shows us that the apostle Paul clearly understood and lived by that example and he exhorted his people to do the same. Read slowly and carefully Philippians 3:10-14. Let these powerful words sink in deeply. "That I may *know him*, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; *IF by ANY means* I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained [note the apostle Paul was not "saved"], either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, *forgetting* those things which are behind, and *reaching*

forth unto those things which are before [he buried the past and didn't let it hinder him], I PRESS toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." He had a goal and he labored vigorously toward it!

In Deuteronomy 30, God gave the House of Israel (and it applies as well to us now) a *choice*. A choice of whether or not we want to accept and live by the *law* of God. This is a complete program, an entire *way of life*, administered by Christ through His Church. If we choose to follow this way of life after God has opened our minds to understand, then we are expected to follow with all our might that *entire* way of life! True Christianity is a total and complete CHANGE. We are to totally *bury* what we were before God called us, to study diligently to *learn* to live by the *entire program* which Christ is administering through His Church. Learning to follow this program takes *drive*, it requires the setting of *will* and it demands the successful completion of a *certain prescribed course*.

Notice Mark 7:20-23. "And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man." Here are some of the first guidelines of Christianity. These things mentioned here are some of the basic components of our natures! These must be removed! These must be conquered! God's Spirit has been promised as an aid to guide us into all truth, but we must also work hard to accomplish this overcoming!

Read Psalm 42:1. "As the hart [male deer] panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." David sincerely desired to learn God's way — not what *he* thought about the law — but *what God had said*! Thus, he became qualified to rule over the entire nation of Israel in the Resurrection. He set specific guidelines for you and me to follow.

In Philippians 3:8 the apostle Paul showed that he was willing to give up

any physical thing which he possessed in order to achieve the reward of the Kingdom. He was not continually looking backward at all, he had "given up" for Christ's service — he buried his past, counted it nothing more than manure, and instead *pressed* FORWARD toward the final goal. Hebrews 13:8 tells us that Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. As Christ helped those individuals in the past, He will help us to learn the same program which those men followed.

Look to Headquarters

"Look to Headquarters" is not some empty slogan which is a sort of theme for this Philadelphia era. Headquarters is giving us the *training* which will fit us for offices in the Kingdom, just as the *professionals* mentioned at the outset of this article were trained along specific lines. Hearing the sermons and reading the articles is not all, however. A potential candidate must use his *mind* and concentrate on his "lessons" too. In Psalm 55:17 David explained how he prayed three times in a day.

He had to be concentrating his energies to do this.

No drifting or daydreaming here! He was keeping close to his Creator and making definite progress in learning to *administer* a specific program. Notice Psalm 40:8: "I *delight* to do *thy will*, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." Get in the habit of learning how to *set your will* to follow what the law says — then *study* specific parts of the Bible and strive to literally carry out what you have learned.

Suppose, instead of trained and skilled firefighters at the McCormick Place fire we had only willing passers-by. Perhaps their "hearts were right" — they may have sincerely *wanted* to help extinguish the fire, but they would not have known how to operate the various pieces of equipment which might have been provided for their use. No matter how good their "attitudes" might have been, they were not trained in the use of available apparatus.

Many of us are the same way when it comes to studying. We *want* to do what is right, we *want* to obey. But much of our study time is wasted because we

have not been taught *how* to study. Many brethren have told me that they find it extremely difficult to remember Scriptures or to remember what they have heard on the broadcast or in sermons.

Positive Not Negative

Christianity is a positive thinking way of life. Far too many of us present the Truth of God, especially to our children, as a series of "don'ts." "Don't keep Christmas," "don't color valentines," "don't," in short, "have fun." Notice in Philippians 4:13: "I *can do* all things . . ." Paul could do whatever was required of him, not because he possessed an early edition of a Dale Carnegie course, but because his mind was so much on the example of Christ, because he was so well acquainted with His "method" that Christ would add the help which Paul lacked. ". . . *through Christ which strengtheneth me.*" In Philippians 2:12 we find: "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, *work out your own salvation* with fear and trembling." Take the Ambassador program and apply it personally in your own situation!

There are two major reasons why many of the brethren are not making the progress they should: They do not see the *goal* or objective clearly. They do not have the *will* to accomplish the goal.

Neither of these is Scriptural. It is impossible to make Spiritual progress unless the goal or objective is *clearly* seen. Read and reread, until you have virtually memorized the principles of the new booklet, THE WONDERFUL WORLD TOMORROW, *What It Will Be Like*. This will make crystal clear for you, literally and specifically, what life under God's form of government will be like — it will make it as clear to you, as real to you, as January's newspapers spell out the details of the McCormick Place fire.

Sincerely doing this will also overcome the second reason for coming up short: the *will* to succeed in this endeavor. It would be a *selfish* individual indeed who would not desire to teach

God's way of life to human beings around this world. To help *make* headlines like: TOTAL DISARMAMENT ACHIEVED! OF NEW, PURE LANGUAGE SWEEPS EARTH!

Have we been so bombarded with the swill of this society today that we can no longer be stirred up? Are we so accustomed to one disaster and problem after another that we cannot get excited, almost tremble with anticipation against the time when a gigantic banner headline will proclaim: MILLIONS HAIL KING OF KINGS! To see the marvelous plan of God unfold around this world would be a supreme privilege indeed, but how much greater would be the joy to be permitted to *help* with the work, to actually be given part of the responsibility of *DOING*, not just watching.

A Personal Note

As I was sitting at my typewriter preparing this article I was interrupted by a knock at the door. An individual was going from door to door collecting for the March of Dimes, gathering money to aid in the fight against polio and other crippling diseases. "A fine gesture" you say, and perhaps it was. But how *much better* AND MORE EFFECTIVE when the government of God, under Christ, brings about Divine and immediate *healing* of the terrible diseases, then begins by programmed instruction to teach all the peoples of the world the proper manner of living which will *avoid the causes* of these scourges entirely!

That time is coming, brethren! It is coming as surely as tomorrow's sun! The beauty of the entire program is that *we — you and I* — can have a personal part in carrying out this work!

The horrible travesty of it all is that *some* of us who *could* have a part will miss out simply because we never took the time to clearly visualize the goal, because we just could not get motivated to prepare for and qualify for an office!

Study brethren! Get the goal clearly fixed in mind, then *PRESS* toward it! Make those seven laws of success work for you! People have put them to use to make a physical goal a reality. Let's

get stirred up about the Spiritual goal and prepare for a place in it! Luke 12:32 tells us that it is our Father's *good pleasure* to give us the Kingdom.

He WANTS to share it with us! Let's really *bear down* and set an iron-clad will to be there and to have a part in it!

How to Solve Bible Difficulties

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come and grow in the grace and knowledge of Him. The Israelites were put to trial in the wilderness (Deut. 8:15, 16). God led them into that TRIAL in order to test them.

But, do you need to be constantly led into trials? Can you learn to obey God without Him bringing some trial upon you to help you grow as you should? You should pray that God would give you the strength to obey Him without having difficult trials come upon you. So, pray that God will not have to lead you into TRIALS. If you obey Him and live by His laws, this will not be necessary. But whatever God does will be for your good — whether it be through trials or not (Rom. 8:28).

Sometimes the *same* original Hebrew or Greek word is rendered by *different words* in English. This may lessen the effect of the sentence or suggest a difference in meaning where none exists.

As an example, the Hebrew word *shool* and the Greek word *hadēs* are rendered thirty-one times as "the grave," thirty-one times as "hell" and three times as "pit."

Marginal Renderings and Footnotes

All good Bibles have marginal notes or a center reference column. This can be a very useful and valuable aid to the Bible student. This column contains different renderings of words and phrases that are either the literal translation of the Hebrew or Greek where the English idiom requires a different form of expression, or are alternative translations in doubtful cases. In most cases the meaning will not vary to any great extent. But in some cases the marginal rendering will clarify a scripture without having to check a concordance or lexicon.

One example is found in Hebrews 2:14 which some use to prove that

Satan the devil will be destroyed. The word "destroy," however, is in question. One Oxford edition of the King James Version uses numbers by words in the text to denote renderings given in the center reference column.

By the word "destroy" is the number 5. When we find the number 5 in the center reference column, we see a note which says, "Or *annul*." In other words, the Greek word translated "destroy" in Hebrews 2:14 could also be translated "annul." It could also be translated, as it is in other places, "make of no effect," or "make void."

Christ will annul Satan's power, make him of no effect. Satan will be made *powerless*, all his power and authority stripped from him by Jesus Christ at His return. This verse in Hebrews 2:14 does *not* teach that Satan will be *literally destroyed* (see the article, "Satan's Fate").

The center reference column also gives references of Old Testament passages that are quoted in the New Testament. Various editions of the Bible, of course, will differ as to what material is given in the center column.

Use these Bible helps to answer your Bible questions and solve the problems you come across in your study. Another helpful book is, *Alleged Discrepancies of the Bible* by Haley. Over 900 solutions are given for so-called contradictions and discrepancies.

When studying the Bible, follow the basic rules given in the reprint article, "Twelve Rules for Bible Study," available on request. In addition, here are several more principles that will help you solve Bible difficulties.

What is the Literal Meaning?

Find out the most exact and LITERAL meaning of the original text. Acts 12:4 mentions the word "Easter," but is that the exact meaning of the original Greek? No! The original

Greek word is *pascha* and is translated as "passover" in every other place it is used in the New Testament.

Another example is in Luke 17:21 which some people take to mean that God's kingdom is set up in our hearts. First of all, they don't realize that Christ was talking to the *Pharisees*. Is the kingdom of God "within" the Pharisees? Of course not. The marginal rendering is, "in the midst of you." The representative of God's coming Kingdom, Jesus Christ, was right there *among* the Pharisees — not *in* them.

False teachers use Revelation 20:10 to prove that people are tormented in an ever-burning hellfire. But any word in the King James Version that is written in italics is *not* in the original text. Italicized words have been supplied by the translators to clarify the meaning in English. In some cases, however, the meaning has been perverted.

Notice that the word "are" in Revelation 20:10 is in italics. The correct word should be "were" or "were cast." The devil will be cast into the lake of fire "where the beast and the false prophet *were cast*, and [the devil] shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."

Is the Language Figurative or Symbolic?

Scriptures written in figurative or symbolic language are not to be taken literally. In Psalm 42:9, David describes God as a rock and in Psalm 91:4 speaks of His wings and feathers. These descriptions are not to be understood as literally being that way. The spiritual attributes of God are compared to physical objects so that we, as human beings, can comprehend spiritual beings.

Prophecies often use symbols. Always remember that *the Bible interprets its own symbols*. The book of Revelation is filled with symbolic language. Mr. Armstrong's booklets about this book of Revelation show how these symbols are explained — either in the book itself or elsewhere in the Bible.

Note the exact force and precise meaning of each word used. The wrong idea that Peter was the first pope and built the Christian church is due to not applying this rule. In Matthew 16:18,

Christ said to Peter, "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church." Did Christ mean that the Church was to be built upon Peter?

The Greek word used for "Peter" is *petros* which means a pebble or small stone. But for "rock" the Greek word is *petra* — a large rock or boulder. The Church was to be built on the Rock — *petra* not on a pebble. Christ is the Rock (I Cor. 10:4) and the "chief corner stone" (Eph. 2:20).

The precise meaning of words can be important in understanding other scriptures. Notice that II Corinthians 3:7 is telling about the ministration of death written and engraven in STONES — *not* TABLETS of stone on which the Ten Commandments were written. These *whole stones* are mentioned in Deuteronom 27:1-6 on which was written the CIVIL LAW — the statutes and judgments — which included the administration of the death penalty (see the article, "Is Obedience to God Required for Salvation?").

What Did the Writer Mean?

Words of each writer in the Bible should be understood in the light of how they are normally used by that writer. What is the meaning the writer meant to convey? Matthew, for example, uses the term, "kingdom of heaven" whereas the other gospel writers consistently say "kingdom of God" (compare Mat. 3:2 with Mark 1:15). Matthew certainly didn't mean that the kingdom was *in* heaven. The word "of" denotes ownership, *not* locality. It is the kingdom belonging to God who rules from his throne in heaven. This is what Matthew meant to convey.

The apostle John often uses the term "little children" in his first epistle (I John 2:1; 3:7; 4:4). Obviously he's not writing to actual children. He's writing to the "children of God" (I John 3:10) — those who have been spiritually begotten.

The prophet Isaiah frequently uses the expression, "in that day." Whenever he says this, he means the "day of the Lord" — *the latter days* just before Christ returns (Isa. 2:2, 11-12).

Study Plain Scriptures First

Begin with the plainer scriptures

and reserve the more obscure ones until you have more knowledge. Realize that some scriptures, if taken by themselves and out of context, can be made to say more than one thing. This is why it is important to study *all* the scriptures on any one subject to get at the truth. In such a study, begin with the plain and clear scriptures first.

When studying the subject of the law and Ten Commandments, keep these clear and plain scriptures in mind: I John. 3:4; 2:4; 5:2 3; Mat. 5:17; 19:17. These scriptures *cannot* be twisted to say that God's Law and His Commandments are abolished and no longer need to be obeyed.

If heaven and hell is the subject, begin with such scriptures as John 3:13 and Acts 2:34 before trying to understand John 14:2 and Luke 16. About the soul, Genesis 2:7, Psalm 146:4 and Ecclesiastes 9:5 *are clear and plain.* Matthew 10:28, on the other hand, is vague and obscure. Any such scripture must be understood in the light of the plainer ones.

Any passage in the Bible should be understood as those who were addressed would have understood it. When Paul wrote to the Corinthians and said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (I Cor. 16:2), did he mean they were to collect an offering at their Sunday morning church service? The booklet, *Which Day is the Sabbath of the New Testament?* explains this was not the case at all. The Corinthians knew and understood that Paul was referring to a collection of food and clothing for the poor church members at Jerusalem.

The Corinthians also knew that Paul was referring to meat offered to idols when he said, "Whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no questions for *conscience* sake." The idea of eating unclean meat such as pork and rabbit didn't enter their minds. Yet, these scriptures are misunderstood today because people don't read Paul's letters from the point of view of those who received them.

Paul's letter to Philemon cannot be really understood at all unless you know the background and what was on Paul's

mind. Onesimus was once Philemon's slave who ran away and then became converted through Paul's preaching. Paul *tactfully* requests Philemon to take Onesimus back — not as a bondsman, but as a brother in Christ. Paul really wanted Philemon to *willingly* release Onesimus of his duties so Paul could use him in carrying out the gospel (verses 13-14). The tact and diplomacy Paul used is remarkable to see once you read the letter in this light.

Some say the "fruit of the vine" in Matthew 26:29 means grape juice — that the word wine itself is not used in the Gospels in connection with the New Testament Passover. But, according to the *Encyclopedia Biblica* (article, "Wine"), "fruit of the vine" was an expression used by the Jews at that time in a benediction over the *wine* cup.

Consider the opinions the writer opposed when reading what he wrote. The epistle of I John takes on an entirely new meaning when we understand that John was writing in opposition to the false teaching of Simon Magus that was creeping into the Church.

The apostle Paul continually attacked vegetarianism in his letters. He writes about this problem in Romans 14 and again in I Timothy 4:1-4 where he also opposes celibacy. In Philippians 3:1-9, Paul fights the idea that physical circumcision makes a man righteous.

In Colossians 2:16, Paul is not referring to the law of Moses or to rituals. Colosse was an area of asceticism and God's people were being criticized for fellowshiping, eating and drinking on the Holy Days (see the article, "Does it Matter Which Days We Should Observe?").

Use these rules in your study of the Bible. Study the Bible with the intention of finding out what every word means. Study it for *wisdom* and let it guide your daily life. And study it for *correction*, letting it help you grow closer to God.

Bible study shouldn't be a drudgery. It should be something you *love* to do. It should be *enjoyable*, exhilarating and satisfying. *Make Bible study a very important part of your life!*

Why God Condemns Pork

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something as good as immunity—that thick layer of fat just beneath the skin. The venom is deposited in this fat layer and absorbed so gradually that no harm results. The slow circulation of blood in a hog is documented in the following report. "It is more difficult to bleed a hog than any other domestic animal" (*Meat and Meat Products*, p. 69).

Wisdom of God—Don't Eat the Fat or Blood

God's instructions are not to eat the fat or the blood (Lev. 3:17; Lev. 7:23; Deut. 12:16). Both harbor the poisons and diseases of the flesh. The bloodstream is the life of the body. It carries the nutrients to all parts of the body. The blood then returns the poisons, dead cells, and tissues and carries them to the various organs in the body for excretion. If an animal is diseased or laden with poison and we eat the blood or fat, we then help ourselves to a *concentrated diet of disease and poison!*

God is the Lawgiver, the Maker and Redeemer. He is the Master Dietitian. It's about time we wake up and realize that His instructions to us in all things are given in love and concern for our welfare.

Vitamins and Minerals

Vitamin and mineral content are not the proof for determining what is food! Unclean animals, such as pork, do provide energy. They do contain vitamins and minerals. *So does grass and poison ivy!* When pork is used as food for the human body, it leads to degeneration, contamination and disease!

Pork, for example, has more vitamin B-1 than other meat and it is also rated as having the highest calorie content, 100 calories per ounce (because of high fat content) compared to 44 calories for fish. Other unclean scavengers such as oysters and crabs are also rich in certain minerals. However, their flesh, just like pork, when ingested into the human body builds sick de-

generate human flesh that is susceptible to most every disease that comes along.

Many shellfish are especially rich in phosphorus and iodine, but they are *also rich in disease*. Shellfish are cold-blooded creatures feasting on the poisons and the waste of rivers, lakes and oceans. When their flesh is ingested into the human body and in warm-blooded animals, the diseases that have been dormant in the shellfish, because of cold water and design, become active. Thus the good of the vitamin and mineral is offset by the harmful effects of disease-laden flesh. Even without disease and poisons their flesh is harmful to man in the end.

From the *Medical and Health Encyclopedia* edited by Morris Fishbein, 25 years editor of the *Journal of The American Medical Association*, comes the following report on mussels and shellfish:

"Do not eat the visceral (dark meat of the mussel) or drink the juice from mussels, clams, or similar shellfish from the open Pacific Coast between the first of May and the first of November." The reason—the mussel and other shellfish feed on plankton as well as waste material. Plankton feed on a microscopic germ organism that grows in the ocean. "The poison developed by the germ organism on which the plankton feed has been analyzed and found to be one of the *strongest poisons known!* So powerful is this poison that one-millionth of a gram is sufficient to kill a mouse if it is injected into its body. A fatal dose by mouth [contaminated shellfish] for human beings is just a few milligrams, or a thousandth of a gram. When the mussel takes in the plankton, [which eat this poisonous organism], they store the poison in their digestive glands. This poison is not harmful to the mussels but is harmful to the person who eats them" (*The Medical and Health Encyclopedia*, p. 1604).

That's the purpose of the mussel and other shellfish. They were created like

the swine to clean the earth of refuse. The mussel has special created abilities to consume even poisonous material in order to rid the sea of poison and waste.

You can be sure God knew what He was talking about when He said, "These shall ye eat of all that are in the waters; whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat. And all that *have not fins and scales* in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they shall be an *abomination* unto you. They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye SHALL NOT EAT of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcasses in abomination. Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that shall be an abomination unto you" (Lev. 11:9-12).

Swine, Why God Created

When God said, "Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things" (Gen. 9:3), He did not include unclean animals. He made it crystal clear what he meant in Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14.

Many people think this verse in Genesis 9 gives permission to eat any and all meats. Let us look again! God says, "Even *AS* I have given you the green herb." How has He given the green herb? Do we eat poison ivy and poison oak? Of course not! Even *AS* we do not eat all green herbs we do not eat the unfit or "unclean" meats. *Everything that was created was not created for the purpose of being eaten!*

When we look to God's Word (John 17:17) and not our own interpretation (II Peter 1:20) of what God has written, we find that the Bible really means what it says, *there are no contradictions*, God still hasn't changed, only man changes!

God did have a purpose in creating each animal. He is a God of order and purpose, THE HOG WAS CREATED TO BE A SCAVENGER. He was made to *help clean the earth of refuse and filth*. In order to eat the putrefied waste of the land, the hog came equipped with a *special sewerage system* through which he is able to eliminate the poisons he consumes. On each foreleg, just above

the hoofs, is an opening which is connected by a series of tubes to all parts of the hog's body. Through these two openings the hog eliminates a puss like fluid of waste and poison.

Man has domesticated the hog which God created to roam the forest. He has gone contrary to God's law and penned this animal up in a pigsty restricting his movements until the hog is forced to wallow in his own filth. As a result

24:42 Jesus Christ ate fish with the disciples. "...these are the beasts which ye *shall* eat among all the beasts that are on the earth" (Lev. 11:2) — that's a command! Finally in Romans 14, God says he who is WEAK eats only herbs or vegetables.

The flesh of animals created by God for food are good. God said so (Gen. 1:25). Their meat supplies vital nutrients and protein for a balanced diet.

break down before our allotted time. We become susceptible to disease! Heart trouble begins to skyrocket. Cancer increases to the point that it becomes the second greatest killer in the United States!

Men want to argue with the manufacturer. He has thrown away the BIBLE, the instruction manual and decided matters for himself based on what *seems or looks right!* Man has decided that he knows more than God, his Creator. He has chosen to ignore the wisdom of God who has created the human body so marvelous that scientists have termed it the world's greatest chemistry laboratory, a complex and complicated creation.

A Sick Nation

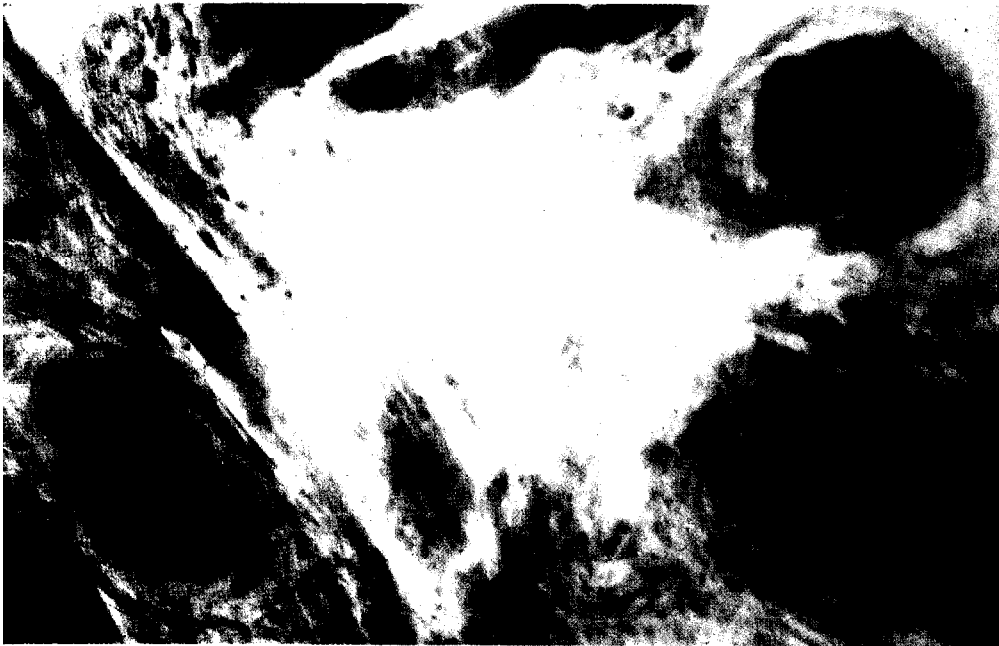
As a result of our disobeying God's laws, including the eating of unclean and diseased flesh of swine and abominable things, the United States has become a sick, DISEASED NATION. Sickness and disease is rampant around the world. Epidemics *are on the increase!*

We are in confusion! This is not God's way (I Cor. 14:33). When we go our own way, doing what we think right without the instructions of God, then we end up in death (Prov. 14:12).

This is exactly what has happened as prophesied by God! Man has rejected God's way (Hosea 4:6). *There is more death, sickness and disease today than in all the history of mankind in spite of more hospitals, more sanitation, and in spite of more so-called knowledge and science.*

An example of physical health, because of obedience to God's Laws on clean and unclean meats, occurred during the Middle Ages.

Hundreds of thousands of Jews were violently massacred during the Middle Ages by the populace because of the bubonic plague. They were accused of causing the plague. Some believed they were procuring poisons from the Orient and poisoning the wells. The Jews were convicted and murdered all because they were not seriously affected by the plague! *Their diet was clean!* The Jews abstained, lived cleaner lives and had more temperate habits. They ate only the clean meats of Leviticus



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The two circular darker spots are actually Trichina cysts found in the flesh of pork. Notice the actual worm structure in the left cell.

the hog has become riddled with disease. The stench that arises from his sty is so atrocious that horses must be taught and forced to pass by the ill smelling pigsty. *Man has again reasoned* in his own mind "the way that seemeth right," *contrary to God's Law.*

Clean Animals for Food

In the beginning God gave man the clean and the unclean animals (Gen. 1:24; 7:8). There are literally volumes of proof that man was created and made to consume the flesh of clean animals as a food. Write for articles on the subject: "What Should We Eat?" and "Is All Animal Flesh Good Food?"

Briefly, a few scriptures are: Genesis 18, where our father Abraham set table of a tender calf. He and three men [angels] — "did eat," verse 8. A New Testament scripture is found in Luke 15:11-32, the parable of the prodigal son who ate of the fatted calf. In Luke

Our major concern should be to eat only these animals created for food. Not everything that moves, shakes or quivers is good for human consumption. This should be increasingly clear as we look into the subject on pork.

Ignorance, No Excuse

When we ignore God's instruction, the BIBLE, and continue to eat the UNCLEAN meats in defiance of God's prescribed law, we are like a purchaser who selects the wrong fuel for his new car. If he buys cheap fuel not designed for the engine, he will soon run into trouble. The carburetor will gum up, the fuel lines will clog and the fuel pump will wear out before its time. Yet the car will run for a time.

When we eat swine, shellfish, rabbit, squirrel, our carburetors (stomachs), fuel lines (arteries and veins), and fuel pumps (heart), begin to clog up and finally we begin to sputter, miss and

11. (*Outline of Jewish History*, p. 163; *A History of the Jewish People*, p. 405.)

Man Created Free Moral Agent

In addition to cleaning up the earth, God also created clean and unclean animals for the purpose of *allowing man to choose*. If there were no choices, whole chapters such as Deuteronomy 28 and 30 would not be needed in the Bible. In fact, we wouldn't need the Bible, we would be perfect, we would be God!

God's way is the right way! He has set before us the blessings and the cursings and told us to choose. We are to choose right (Deut. 30:19)! By building character, by choosing right, by overcoming, we are to become God (John 17:11, 21 and I Cor. 15:49).

The choice is yours! Obey God — eat only that which was created for food — and God will bless you with long life and good health!

His presence with thanksgiving, and make a JOYFUL noise unto Him with psalms [songs].” The Congregation came before Him in assembly ON THE SABBATH!

David's Message, or sermon, on that Sabbath begins verse 7: “TODAY” — and that “Today” was a SABBATH day! “TODAY, if ye will hear His voice.” God inspired the 3rd and 4th chapters of the Book of Hebrews, His Message to His Church OF THIS TIME, around this same SABBATH Message.

HOW They “Hardened Hearts”

As David preached to the Congregation of Israel, so God inspires the WARNING to His Church, “Harden not your hearts, *as at Meribah*, as on the day *at Massah* in the wilderness.”

Have We, of All People, Been NEGLECTING God's Sabbath?

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This REBELLION was rebellion AGAINST GOD'S SABBATH!

The ancient Israelites under Moses had come to the wilderness of Sin (Ex. 16:1). It was on the 15th day of the 2nd month, a SABBATH, and after leaving Egypt. They left Egypt on “the morrow after the Passover” — that is on the 15th day of the *first* month, the year of 1487 B. C. That year the Passover fell on a Wednesday, and they left on a Thursday (Wednesday night).

These Israelites had griped, grumbled, complained, doubted God and blamed Moses ever since they had left Egypt — in spite of the stupendous miracles God had performed in saving and preserving them. Now they “murmured” and blamed God and Moses because they were hungry.

“Then said the ETERNAL unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, *that I may PROVE them, whether they will walk in my Law or no*” (Ex. 16:4). See verses 10-12. This was a Sabbath. Verse 13, after sunset.

This test was a SABBATH test.

After the first week of raining manna from heaven, came the Sabbath day. They had gathered a double portion the day before. “And Moses said” (verse 25), “Eat that today; for TODAY is a Sabbath unto the Eternal: today ye shall not find it in the field. Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the Sabbath, in it there shall be none.

“And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people *on the seventh day* for to gather, and they found none. And the ETERNAL said, . . . HOW LONG refuse ye to keep my Commandments and my Laws? See, for that the ETERNAL hath given you the Sabbath; . . . abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day” (verses 26-29).

Now the people had FOOD provided. But they still GRUMBLED and complained and DOUBTED GOD.

Now they demanded of Moses,

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"Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst? And Moses cried unto the ETERNAL, saying, What shall I do unto this people? They be almost ready to stone me. And the ETERNAL said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel: and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go. Behold I will stand before thee there upon the ROCK. . . ." ("For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them and that Rock was CHRIST. But with many of them God was not well pleased. . . . Now these things were our examples; . . . Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed. . . . Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for OUR admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth TAKE HEED, lest he fall" (I Cor. 10:4-12).

Again, pick up the passage back in Exodus 17: ". . . and thou shalt smite the Rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. AND HE CALLED THE NAME OF THE PLACE MASSAH, AND MERIBAH, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the ETERNAL, saying, *Is the ETERNAL among us, or not?*" (Ex. 17:3-7.)

And the very next verse records the event of King Amalek and his army coming to fight Israel — and of their WEAKENING, and failing to TRUST God to fight their wars for them — and of Israel *for the first time* GOING TO WAR!

In Joshua's Day

Compare all this with Psalm 95 and Hebrews 3 and 4 — and you GET THE MESSAGE FOR US, TODAY!

None of that generation, except Joshua and Caleb were permitted to enter into the Promised Land — type of OUR entering into THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

Now back to Hebrews 3. Pick up where we left off:

Begin verse 7: "Today [on the Sabbath day in congregation] when you hear his voice, do not harden *your* hearts as in the REBELLION, on the DAY OF TESTING [the Sabbath was the test — Ex. 16:4] in the wilderness, where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known MY WAYS. So I swore in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest" (verses 7-11, RSV). All this is a citation from Psalm 95:7-11.

Those Israelites under Moses were on their way to the PROMISED LAND, even as *we*, today, are aiming at the goal of entering into GOD'S KINGDOM.

The word "rest" in verse 11 is translated from the Greek "*katapausis*" defined as "reposing down", i.e. (by Hebrew) abode: or *rest*. As used, it denotes, for ancient Israel, the rest from the rigors of the wilderness by entering the Promised Land. This is a TYPE of the believer's *spiritual* rest, being *born* into (at Christ's coming) the KINGDOM OF GOD — made immortal.

Because they hardened their hearts — *doubted* God — disbelieved — lacked faith and DISOBEYED — even after stupendous MIRACLES they *saw in wonder and awe* — DISOBEYED, "hardened their hearts," PROFANED HIS SABBATH when God made that the VERY TESTING POINT ("that I may PROVE THEM, whether they will walk in my Law or no" — Ex. 16:4). God said of that generation, "*They shall not enter my rest.*"

And none, but Joshua and Caleb of that generation, did!

But *their children* — born along the way in the wilderness — did enter under Joshua. God had PROMISED this land to Abraham for his descendants. Regardless of Israelite sins, GOD WAS BOUND BY HIS PROMISE!

Before the Israelites crossed the Jordan River into Palestine, Joshua said to the men of three tribes: ". . . The ETERNAL your God hath *given you* REST, and hath given you this land. . ." (Joshua 1:13).

Again, as at the Red Sea, God parted the waters of the Jordan, so all Israel went over on the DRY riverbed.

The day they went over was the 10th day of the first month (Joshua 4:19). Dr. Herman L. Hoeh's researches have proved *this was the weekly SABBATH*, just before the PASSOVER, which came the 14th day of that same first month. This was in the year 1447 — *precisely* 40 years from the time their fathers had left Egypt! On this year 1447, as in the year 1487 *at the first Passover*, the Passover was on a WEDNESDAY!

God does things ON TIME!

They entered that "rest" — Palestine — ON A SABBATH DAY! Crossing the Jordan into Canaan was a mere short "Sabbath day's journey!"

How significant! In the year 31 A.D., the Sabbath *before* the Passover day on which Jesus was crucified, was the day of His Triumphal entry into Jerusalem! That entry was on the SABBATH, *also* the 10th day of the first month — and that year, again, the Passover came on a Wednesday!

Under Joshua these people were reminded — on entering the Promised Land — type of OUR entering God's Kingdom — NOT to "harden their hearts," as their forefathers had done, profaning God's Sabbath; which prevented that generation from ENTERING this "REST," the Promised Land!

New Testament COMMAND to Keep the SABBATH!

Later, in the days of King DAVID, during a SABBATH DAY service before the Congregation (Church) of Israel, he said: "TODAY" — and it was the SABBATH DAY — "if ye will hear His voice" — yes, those of King David's generation — "harden not *your* hearts, as at Meribah [margin], and as in the day of Massah in the wilderness" (Psalm 95:7-8).

Then, for OUR GENERATION, the very LAST generation preparing the way for CHRIST'S COMING, and for ENTRY INTO GOD'S KINGDOM, the Message of *the living Christ*, our High Priest, comes to US:

"Wherefore, as the HOLY SPIRIT SAYS, TODAY, if ye will hear His voice, harden not *your* hearts" — you

people of the PHILADELPHIA era of GOD'S CHURCH! — "as in the provocation . . . when your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years" (Heb. 3:7-9).

They rebelled AGAINST HIS SABBATH! (Exodus 16.) The Message of the *living Christ* to us continues:

"TAKE HEED, Brethren, lest there be in any of *you* an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from *the living GOD*. But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of *you* be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:7-13).

NOTICE, the word Today begins in your Bible with a CAPITAL "T." That is because it is speaking of the Holy SABBATH day. The *Moffatt* translation has it: "So long as the word *Today* is uttered." It is printed with a capital "T" and in italics for emphasis. It is put in quotes in the *RSV*. It means the SABBATH DAY! Protestant churches have been blinded to this. But this is a message for GOD'S CHURCH!

Verse 14: "For *we* are made partakers of CHRIST . . ." They, who hardened their hearts, were under Moses. We have God's Holy Spirit. They did not. We are *without excuse!*

Verse 15: ". . . while it is said, Today, if ye will hear His voice, . . ." and continuing to verse 19: "So we see that they could not enter in because of UNBELIEF." The Greek word for "unbelief" is "*apeitheia*," indicating obstinate and rebellious disbelief — disobedience — unbelief.

Now Chapter 4

Verse 1: "Let us therefore FEAR, lest a promise being left us of entering into His REST, . . ." meaning, for us, God's Kingdom, "any of YOU should seem to come short of it. For unto US was the Gospel preached, as well as unto them: . . ." THEY had the GOOD NEWS of God's PROMISE of entering into the Promised Land — the glory of all lands, flowing with milk and honey. THEY had physical and national promises for THEIR GOOD NEWS (Gospel). But, Brethren, WE have the glorious GOOD NEWS of entering ETERNAL LIFE in God's Kingdom! The NEW Covenant, for us, is established on FAR better PROMISES (Heb. 8:6).

Verse 3: "For WE which have believed do enter into *rest*, as He said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world." Here He speaks of the completion of the physical CREATION in SIX DAYS by WORK. The next verse shows plainly He is speaking of God's SABBATH REST after the "works were finished from the foundation of the world."

Verse 4: "For He spake in a certain place of the SEVENTH DAY on this wise, 'And God did rest *the seventh day* from all His works.'" This is quoted from Genesis 2:1-3). It refers directly back to the first WEEKLY SABBATH DAY, as the TYPE of the "REST" these two chapters are speaking of.

The Sabbath day was the TYPE of ancient ISRAEL'S "REST" by entering the Promised Land. It, *and that*, are types of OUR entering the KINGDOM OF GOD. And we enter the KINGDOM after the SIX MILLENNIAL DAYS — end of 6,000 years since Adam. The Millennium shall be a REST from sin for the whole mortal world — as well as for us who become IMMORTALS in God's Kingdom!

Verse 5: "And in this place *again* [again He spake of the Sabbath day], 'If they shall enter into my rest,' " — *again* quoting from Psalm 95 — David's SABBATH DAY Message *on* a weekly Sabbath!

Verse 6: "Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered NOT in because of unbelief:

Verse 7: "Again, He *limiteth* [points out, *specifies, sets apart*] a certain *day*, saying in David, 'TODAY after so long a time; as it is said, TODAY if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts.'" The CERTAIN DAY He limited, (Psalm 95), we have clearly shown, was that WEEKLY SABBATH DAY — the TYPE of this "REST" of our entering God's KINGDOM! If we despise and NEGLECT the one, we shall lose the OTHER, even as those Israelites did!

Did you notice? AGAIN and AGAIN the SABBATH command is REPEATED!

Verse 8: "For if Joshua [margin — this should NOT have been translated

"Jesus"] had given them rest, then would He not [or, God would not — see *RSV*] afterward have spoken of another day." It is a little surprising, to those who understand, but the Adam Clarke *Commentary* actually does properly explain this verse: "The Apostle shows that, although Joshua did bring the children of Israel into the Promised Land, yet this could not be the [finally] intended REST, because *long after* this time, the Holy Spirit, by David, speaks of this rest;" [The "rest" of Israel entering the Promised Land was the TYPE of the KINGDOM OF GOD — even as the SABBATH DAY rest is a TYPE of the KINGDOM!] Clarke concludes: "The Apostle, therefore, concludes,

"*Verse 9:* 'There remaineth, therefore, a REST [Greek: keeping of the 7th-day Sabbath] to the people of God.' Here the word 'rest' is translated from an altogether different Greek word, originally inspired, as Paul wrote it, in GREEK: '*Sabbatismos*,' which means, NOT the same as '*katapausis*' — but 'The keeping of a 7th-day SABBATH!'"

This is a plain, direct, New Testament COMMAND for God's Church to keep God's SABBATH!

IN THE PLAINEST OF LANGUAGE, rightly translated, THIS VERSE SAYS THE 7TH-DAY SABBATH REMAINS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE TODAY!

Verse 10: "For he that is entered into His [God's] rest, he also hath ceased from *his* own works, as God did from *His*." How did God cease from His works? Verse 4, quoted Genesis 2:1-3, shows it was BY RESTING ON THE WEEKLY SABBATH DAY.

Plainly, if WE enter the REST ahead for us — entering God's KINGDOM — we also DO cease from our 6-days' work, AS GOD DID, on the SABBATH DAY!

Verse 11: "Let us LABOR therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." Labor six days to enter the Sabbath Day rest, as a TYPE of laboring AGAINST SIN, to ENTER GOD'S KINGDOM.

If we are CARELESS, NEGLECTING the Sabbath, it may cost us our INHERITANCE IN GOD'S KINGDOM.

Let us STOP NEGLECTING God's Sabbath!