ELECTION AND NON-ELECTION VIEWED FROM A NEW STANDPOINT

Pastor Russell on God's Times and



Fall River, Mass., Feb. 26. - Pastor Russell preached twice here today. He had fine audiences and excellent attention. We quote one of his instructive discourses from the text, "I pray

t for those whom Thou hast given me' (John xvii, 9). He said:

When, years ago, I believed that an ternity of torture awaited all who do not accept God's "call" of the present time, I-had great difficulty with this text. I asked, Is it possible that our Redeemer was selectively unjust in his dealings with our race? Can it be true that the Heavenly Father merely calls and draws a predestinated few to himself min to everlasting bliss? Can it be true, as our catechisms recite, that God and Jesus "passed by" the great mass of mankind without drawing them, without calling them, without giving, them the hearing ear, without opening the eyes of their understanding? Can it be that all these blind and deaf, unsought, undrawn. uncalled and unprayed for by th Savior are going down to eternal torment? My heart answered, No! But my brain was confused by the errors the misinterpretations of the Bible. which I had received.

John Wesley's "Free Grace." Trained in the Doctrine of Election and Predestination I, like hosts of others, felt somehow that Brother Wesley's teaching of Free Grace was more poble, more God-like, than Brother Calvin's teaching respecting Election and Predestination.

Nevertheless, when I reasoned on the subject I said. Can I think of the simpliscient God preparing a great place of sufficient size to hold the entire human_family_and_outfitted_with_every devilish appliance for their torture, and yet being ignorant of the conditions under which they would be born? Can I think that he did not know that we would be born in sin and shapen in iniquity? Can I think that he did not know of the present reign of Satan, Sin and Death and that it would last for six thousand years and injuriously affect our entire race?

Brother-Wesley's theory of God's Love and good intentions-of his endeavor to save everybody-seems inconsistent when contrasted with his teaching that only a saintly few reach eternal bliss and that the thousands of millions must spend eternity in torture. Thus I was once confused, as millions are still confused today, in respect to the Divine Character as exemplified in the Divine plan of the ages. So far as I can see, Brother Calvin had a wise and powerful God such as I could admire and reverence, if he had only been kind and loving instead of diabolical. And Brother Wesley had a kind and loving God such as I could admire and worship, if he had only had the wisdom and power of Calvin's theory.

Se long as we have such confusion in our minds faith and hope and love and trust shake, upon the foundations of our reason. We recognize that we know nothing of the future of ourselves; that we are wholly dependent upon Divine Revelation. But we cannot expect that our Creator would give us a Revelation which to sanctifled minds would appear Satanic in stead of Divine. We must remember that our Creator invites us to reason, saying, "Come, let us reason together; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow." Surely a right understanding of the Divine Revelation, the Bible, should be a reason;

able one to a sanctified mind. Hearken to the Word of the Lord Their fear toward me is not of me, but is taught by the precepts of men (Isalah xxix, 13.)

Hearken again: . "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my methods higher than your methods and my plans higher than your plans" (Isaiah ly, 9). And so we find, my dear friends - God's Word is true. His-Character is glorious. Only the mist and companionship and kingly joys of and smoke of the "dark ages" have their Master. confused-things for us and mystified matters and darkened the eyes of our

Predestination of the Bible. Now as the six thousand years have passed and we have entered upon the Sabbatic Seventh Thousand we are beginning to realize that it marks New Dispensation that the night passed; that the dayn is upon us. Th wonderful inventions of our day alon earthly lines are in full harmony with the clear light now shining upon God's Word, making its dark places bright and its rough places smooth and enabling us to remove the stumbling stones from the "pathway of the just, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day " Sats

Now we can see why Jesus did not pray for the world. It was because the world was not in any danger of a flery hell. More than that, it was because God's time for dealing with the world had not yet come. The world, however, is to be dealt with by the great Redeemer. After He shall have

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set up His Kingdom in power and great glory; after He shall have bound Satan for a thousand years that be might-deceive the people no more, the glorious Savior, Messiah, will cause a general enlightenment of mankind and a full opportunity for all, rich and poor, great and small, to rise up from dust and ashes and the grave to the

full perfection of human nature." The Sun of Rightequaness will arise with healing in his beams, blessing mankind, healing their diseases, mental, moral and physical, and causing the knowledge of the Lord to fill the whole earth. No longer will any need to say to his neighbor or his brother, "Know thou sthe Lord, for all shall know Him, from the least to the greatest." And only the wilfully wicked and disobedient will be cut offfrom life in the Second Death-not torture; but, as St. Paul declares, They shall be punished with everlasting destruction."

We see, then, that our Lord's reason for-not-praying for the world was that He knew the Father's Plan that the world was not to be dealt with during this Age, but during the next, the Kingdom Age. - The Master prayed for His own, for the class which He has been selecting during the past nine teen hundred years. These-are-variously called "the elect." the "disciples," "His followers," "members of His Body," a "Royal Priesthood," the "Bride," "the Lamb's Wife," the "little flock," to whom it is the Father's good pleasure to give the King-

- Elect to Bless Non-elect.

Seeing, then, that there is a difference between God's provision for the world, to be dispensed in the next Age. and his provision for the Church to be given now, we ask. What is the difference between these? The answer is that the world's salvation is to be to human nature and an earthly Paradise world-wide while the elect-class is a special one called of God, chosen in Christ and faithful in adversity and, by the Lord's grace, is to have a heav-

enly nature, like unto that of the angels, but superior. Theirs is a "heavenly calling," a "high calling." They are to be like their Lord and Redeemer and Head and Bridegroom, Jesus, in His glorified state, "far above angels and principalities and powers, and every name that is named."

Is this an arbitrary election? Does God arbitrarily draw and call one above another? Yes. He thus selected-the Jewish nation to be His peculiar nation-not, however, to the detriment or injury of other nations. He thus called Isaac instead of Ishmael, and Jacob instead of Esau to be the progenitors of His chosen nation Israel, whom He foreknew as a people and predestinated to a certain service. But this selection worked no injury to either Ishmael or Esau. Similarly during this-Gospel Age God chooses from the world a certain class and grants them the hearing ear and the seeing eye, and He passes by others and gives them not this special favor. This, however, is not to be to the disadvantage of the others-non-elect. unchosen, uncalled.

According to His Purpose.

St. Paul speaks of the Church as 'called according to His purpose." He even-tells us what the purpose is, namely, that in Ages to come He might show forth the exceeding riches of His grace in His loving kindness toward us in Christ Jesus (Ephesians ii, 7). Toward this specially called class God will to all eternity manifest special favor. But we are not to suppose that there is no reason for this selection and favor. There is a reason It is because of certain intrinsic qualities or characteristics possessed by this class which God is now selecting. They will all be "saints." They will all love the Lord'more than they love houses or lands, parents or children, self or any creature. They will all possess the fruits and graces of the Holy Spirit.

_Indeed,_this-is-God's-particular-predestination. St. Paul tells us that He foreknew that He would provide His only-begotten Son to be the Savior of mankind and the Head over the Church, and He foreknew that He would have a Church, a Royal Priesthood under the great High Priest, as members of His Body. God foreknew also the kind of a Message He would send forth-and that it would be at tractive only to a certain class possessed of a love for righteousness. These only would hear His call. These only would have the eyes of their understanding specially opened, because these alone would accept of His assur ances and make a full consecration to His service. Such He would beget of His Holy Spirit, and such, in due time, -would-be-born of the Spirit in the resurrection and enter into the fellowship

It is of this special class that the Apostle declares, "Whom God did foreknow, these He also did predesti--nato-to-be-conformed-to-the-likeness-(image) of His Son" (Romans vill, 20), That is to say, God's predestination was not only that Ho would have a Church, but, additionally, that the that Church-should bo-that each one would-become Christaliko, Surely this is a good predestination, with which no one could find fault. Whether we shall gain a place with the "elect" on the heavenly plane, or a place with the non-elect world in restitution to sharers of His glory and Kingdom earthly nature, we cannot do otherwise than recognize the justice of God' in so deciding, that none but the saint-ly copies of them Lord, could be mem-

heirs with Him in His Kingdom. "True and righteous are Thy ways, Lord God Almighty!" "Who shall not come and worship before Thee, when Thy rightcous acts are made manifest?" Truly it is written of this and destroying those who wou great King of glory, Head and Mem-

bers of the elect Church and joint-

bers, Bridegroom and Bride, "Unto Him every knee shall bow and every tongue confess to the glory of God."

"Ask of Me and I Will Give." Although our Lord did-not pray for the world. He will yet pruy for them and His prayer will be answered. The promise reads, "Ask of Me and I will give Thee the heathen for an inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession" (Psaim il. 8). Jesus did not make this request on the night of His crucifixion because it was not the Pather's time to answer that prayer. Appropriately He waited. few days previous for an operation to and while gathering the "elect" from every nation, people, kindred and tongue, the Scriptures declare that He is seated at the Father's right hand of glory expecting or waiting for the time to come when the Kingdom under the whole heavens shall be delivered to Him by the Father. This will be in St. Luke's Episcopal church, and had done at the end of this Gosnel Age, when the saintly Body of Christ shall sympathy to the bereaved husband. have been completed. Then "He shall take unto himself His great power and reign."

A great time of trouble will follow. The plowshare of sorrow will make ready the bearts of manking for the great blessings which Messiah will then be ready to bestow, because that and was born in Rochester 45 years ago. will-be-the-due-time. St. Paul-tells us that Messiah's reign will be a victorious one: "He must reign until He shall have put all enemies under His feet (in full subjection); the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." Then, after a thousand years, after having accomplished the purpose of the Father in the uplifting of all the willing and obedient of mankind toearthly perfection the great Prophet; Priest, Mediator and King of Glory will at the end of the thousand years' reign geliver up the Kingdom even to God we Father, that God may be all in all (I Corinthians xv; 28):

While Satan will be bound at the beginning of Messiah's reign and every form of unrighteousness will be rooted out, nevertheless the raising of man- of this vicinity, having been born in kind up out of sin and degradation to perfection will be a gradual work. As the regenerating influences operate in Hickey, being one of three children, of mankind, they will become more and more alive, less and less dead—until at the end of the Messianic reign Adamic death will be no more; it shall have been fully destroyed by the raising of mankind completely out of it; the last thize with the bereaved family in the enemy that shall be destroyed is death loss of companion and mother. Besides -Adamic death.

The Second Death will never be destroyed, but will be everlasting. It is not an enemy to God and His righteousness, but a valuable servant to destroy-everything wilfully and intelligently out of accord with the Divine Government—righteousness.

I Pray For Them.

All who are seeking to walk in the footsteps of Jesus; all who have taken up their cross to follow Him, may well rejoice in that feature of His prayer which says, I pratifier those whom Thou hast given Me that they may all be one, as Thou, Father, and I are one, that the world-may believe that Thou hast sent Me (John xvil, 20, 21). The oneness of God's people is not represented in the various sects and parties of the present time. It is represented in the fact that all the consecrated followers of the Redeemer are individually united to Him as the Head and united to each other-asmembers of His Body. "The Lord knoweth them that are His." By and by, by the power of the First Resurrection, all these shall be perfected on the spirit plane and constitute the Kingdom for which we pray, "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." As a result of that Kingdom's coming the world will all be brought to the point of believing in Jesus and will all have the opportunity of obtaining through Him the gift of God, eternal life.

Our Lord's solicitude was not merely for the Apostles and earliest members of the Church whom the Father gave Him in the special sense, as His personal companions and helpers in the founding of the Church; he prayed on, saying, Neither pray I for these alone, but for all those also who shall be Heve on Me through their Word. The Master's words outlined to us the Divine Program. And Jesus himself began to declare the Gospel and brought life and immortality to light. He commissioned His twelve Apostles, St. Paul taking the place of Judas, to speak in His Name and as His special mouthpieces. Whatever they would declare the binding on earth would be binding in the sight of God in Heaven. Whatever they would loose and declare to be non-essential on earth; we may know would be so by Divine decree (Matthew xvi, 19). In a word, Jesus, the Apostles and

the-Prophets-alone-are-to-be-considered the special guides and standard. bearers for the Church. We are to believe on Him through their word and not through the word of counsels or synods or presbyteries. Each individual of the Church has his personal responsibility. This is in harmony with our Lord's declaration; My sheep know My Voice and they follow Me; a stranger will they not follow, but will fleo from a stranger.' It behooves us terms or conditions of fellowship in | today to hearkon back to the words of Jesus as Ho personally uttered them and as Ho personally sent-them-to-us through His chosen twelve. --

> Soon the Master's prayer for His disciples will have fulfillment. They will be one with Him beyond the veil. Then will come the time when the world will believe. The knowledge of the Lord will fill the earth and all the the present_will_be_at an end. The Savior will not need to pray for the world then, but instead will exercise His power on their behalf, overthrowing evil and uplifting every good principle_and_all_who-love-righter

rupt the earth.



Mrs. M. J. Galusha

Many friends were shocked Thursday to hear that Mrs. Cora- May Simmons Galusha, wife of Martin J. Galusha, of West Church st., had passed away in St. Mary's hospital in Rochester.

Mrs. Galusha went to the hospital a relieve a trouble of a few months standing. Mr. and Mrs. Galusha had resided

moved from Rochester to the place they purchased of Dr. H. C. Reeves on East Church st. Mrs. Galusha was active made many friends here who extend _She_leaves. a husband. and three

brothers, Eugene E. Simmons of Brooklyn, Albert Simmons of New York City and James Simmons of Los Angeles. She was the daughter of the late Martin and Orissa Whitehead Simmons, She was a cousin of Mrs. Luther Tallman of this village.

The funeral took place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of Mrs. F. E. Galusha at 32 Gorham st, Rochester. Interment at Penfield.

Mrs. James Murphy

Mrs. James Murphy died, early Friday morning at the family home just northeast of the village after an illness of sugar diabetes extending over the past ten years. Her death was rather nexpected at the time, as she had own no decided signs of passing away

Mrs. Murphy was a life long resident 835, consequently she was 56 years of age: She was a daughter of Andrew whom two are now remaining, Mrs. imothy Kennelly of Fairport and Mrs Susan Holleran of Syracuse.

he had many friends who will sympaner husband, she leaves three children, all residents of Fairpor Mrs. Frank Monihan, Joseph and John Murphy.

About 18 years ago, while Mrs. Murphy was going from her mother's home o the New York Central crossing on Main st. she was struck by a shifting engine and her right-arm was broken near the shoulder. For the rest of her days-she-did-not-have-the-full-use-o that arm, which seriously hindered her the performance of her home duties. The funeral, vesterday morning was argely attended. It was held at the hurch of the Assumption, Rev. J. L. odyre officiating, and interment was ade in St. Mary's cemetery.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Pursuant to an or-der of Selden S. Brown, Surrogate of the County of Monroe, notice is hereby given, accordagainst William Fellows late of the Town of Penfield, County of Monroe, State of New York, deceased, to present the same with the vouchers therefor, to the undersigned John B. Fellows, Penfield, N. Y., at his place for the transaction of usiness as such administrator at his residence on r before the First day of September 1911. Dated Feby. 24th, 1911. JOHN B. FELLOWS,

MACEDON CENTER.

Macedon Center, Feb. 25-Roy Alles

the new contest? The subject of the fore the meeting resulting in decided next meeting.

Mrs. John Alles returned from Jam-

estown the first of the week. Another pleasant social time was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. in Fairport about three years, having Michael Dillon Monday evening. About forty guests were present, and with Messrs Malcom and Johnson, of Walworth to furnish music, nimble feet tripped merry measure till the wee small hours of morning.

Mrs. Seymour Aldrich of West Walworth was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Rutter the first of the of the week.

Mrs. Stafford of Fairport spent Wednesday with Miss Iona Eldredge.

Mrs. Eliza Blaker has been spending the past week he the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Packard.

-William Greene, in company with his brother, Henry, of Farmington, is visiting the National capitol.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Furman were the guests of Albert Hurley and family Sunday.

Ocean Fish Co.

The Ocean Fish Co., 115 & 117 Front at. Rochester, N. Y., will pay the high-

WAYNEPORT.

Waynepyrt, Feb. 27-The death of isited friends in Hemlock the first of Mrs. Menzo Smith occurred at her home, Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, aged Grange meeting was unusually well 70 years. Mrs. Smith is survived by attended Saturday. Was it owing to her husband and four children, two sons, Beal and Walter of Macedon; two "Reciprocity Treaty" was brought be- daughters, Mrs. Percy Baker of Walworth and Mrs. Patsy Toole of Macenegative vote. A feast in charge of don. Also two sisters, Mrs. Samuel the gentlemen will be served at the Smith of Macedon and Mrs. Charles Allen of Manchester, Iowa, The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 1 oclock, Rev. Renfew of Farmington, officiating. Interment in Palmyra cemetery.

> Mrs. Frances Haney of Walworth spent Thursday in town.

> Miss Martha Cook of Lyons Falls, N. Y., returned home Saturday after spending two weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. E. DeWaters.

Wm. Hunter, who is a member of the navy, was home the past week on a furlough

Master Laurence DeWitt and Ernest Pilcher spent the past week at their

Suparensa, E. G. Glover's Miss Lizzie and Master Clay Wilson of Clifton Springs are spending a few

Mr. and Mrs. J. Green of Farmington spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray McLieod.

days with Anne Sibbett

Miss Rowena Briggs spent Saturday in Fairport.

Miss Clara Jacobs of Fairport spent Sunday the guest of her friend, Harvey McLeod.

The barge canal contractors have est cash price for live poultry. ordered eighty carloads of lumber,

Consignents of calves, sheep, lambs which they started unloading and drawand pigs solicited. Prompt remittance, ing this week. The lumber is to be used for sheet spiling, in the swamps.

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