

WHY JESUS REFUSED TO PRAY

ELECTION AND NON-ELECTION VIEWED FROM A NEW STANDPOINT

Pastor Russell on God's Times and Seasons



Fall River, Mass., Feb. 25.—Pastor Russell preached twice here today.

When, years ago, I believed that an eternity of torture awaited all who do not accept God's "call" of the present time, I had great difficulty with this text.

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 noble, 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 omniscient God preparing a great place of sufficient size to hold the entire human family and outfit it with every devilish appliance for their torture, and yet being ignorant of the conditions under which they would be born?"

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.

So 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.

Hearken to the Word of the Lord: Their year toward me is not of me, but is taught by the precepts of men (Isaiah 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 lv, 9).

Now we can see why Jesus did not pray for the world. It was because the world was not in any danger of a fiery hell.

set up His Kingdom in power and great glory; after He shall have bound Satan for a thousand years that he might deceive the people no more.

The Sun of Righteousness 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.

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.

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 heavenly nature, like unto that of the angels, but superior.

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.

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).

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.

It is of this special class that the Apostle declares, "Whom God did foreknow, these He also did predestinate to be conformed to the likeness (image) of His Son" (Romans viii, 29).

True and righteous are Thy ways, Lord God Almighty! "Who shall not come and worship before Thee, when Thy righteous acts are made manifest?" Truly it is written of this great King of glory, Head and Mem-

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

Although our Lord did not pray for the world, He will yet pray 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" (Psalm li, 8).

A great time of trouble will follow. The plowshare of sorrow will make ready the hearts of mankind for the great blessings which Messiah will then be ready to bestow, because that 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."

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 mankind out of sin and degradation to perfection will be a gradual work.

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.

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 pray for those whom Thou hast given Me that they may all be one, as Thou, Father, and I are one."

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 believe on Me through their Word."

Soon the Master's prayer for His disciples will have fulfillment. They will be one with Him beyond the veil, sharers of His glory and Kingdom. Then will come the time when the world will believe. The knowledge of the Lord will fill the earth and all the binding and stunning influences of the present will be at an end.

DEATHS

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 few days previous for an operation to relieve a trouble of a few months standing. Mr. and Mrs. Galusha had resided in Fairport about three years, having moved from Rochester to the place they purchased of Dr. H. C. Reeves on East Church st.

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.

Mrs. Murphy was a life long resident of this vicinity, having been born in 1835, consequently she was 66 years of age. She was a daughter of Andrew Hickey, being one of three children, of whom two are now remaining, Mrs. Timothy Kennelly of Fairport and Mrs. Susan Holleran of Syracuse.

She had many friends who will sympathize with the bereaved family in the loss of companion and mother. Besides her husband, she leaves three children, all residents of Fairport, Mrs. Frank Monihan, Joseph and John Murphy.

The funeral, yesterday morning was largely attended. It was held at the Church of the Assumption, Rev. J. L. Cody officiating, and interment was made in St. Mary's cemetery.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Pursuant to an order of Selden S. Brown, Surrogate of the County of Monroe, notice is hereby given, according to law to all persons having claims or demands against 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 business as such administrator at his residence on or before the first day of September 1911.

MACEDON CENTER.

Macedon Center, Feb. 25—Roy Alles visited friends in Hemlock the first of the week.

Grange meeting was unusually well attended Saturday. Was it owing to the new contest? The subject of the "Reciprocity Treaty" was brought before the meeting resulting in decided negative vote.

Mrs. John Alles returned from Jamestown the first of the week.

Another pleasant social time was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dillon Monday evening. About forty guests were present, and with Messrs Malcom and Johnson, of Walworth to furnish music, nimble feet tripped merrily 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 week.

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

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

The Ocean Fish Co., 115 & 117 Front st., Rochester, N. Y., will pay the highest cash price for live poultry. Consignments of calves, sheep, lambs and pigs solicited. Prompt remittance.

WAYNEPORT.

Wayneport, Feb. 27—The death of Mrs. Menzo Smith occurred at her home, Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, aged 70 years. Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband and four children, two sons, Beal and Walter of Macedon; two daughters, Mrs. Percy Baker of Walworth and Mrs. Patsy Toole of Macedon. Also two sisters, Mrs. Samuel Allen of Macedon and Mrs. Charles Smith of Manchester, Iowa. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. Renfrew 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 parents, E. G. Glover's.

Miss Lizzie and Master Clay Wilson of Clifton Springs are spending a few days with Anne Sibbett.

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

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

The barge canal contractors have ordered eighty carloads of lumber, which they started unloading and drawing this week. The lumber is to be used for sheet piling, in the swamps.

Wall Paper! Wall Paper! WE HAVE A LARGE STOCK COMING IN NOW TO SUPPLY OUR SPRING TRADE We still have some very attractive patterns and remnants of last season's stock to be closed out regardless of cost. H. J. ORAM

This Store Will Celebrate Its Fourth Anniversary on Saturday, March Fourth! This is an event which the good folk of Western New York have always been interested in. The Anniversary occasions here have been made attractive in countless ways—and the one of this year will not fall short of its predecessors in interest. We have just concluded a Merchandise Reorganization Sale that has practically rid us of all old stock; so that the Anniversary occasion will present practically all spic-span new merchandise. Of chief interest to you will be the Anniversary Sales in Every Department, Beginning Saturday Morning. Everything that will be offered in the Anniversary Sales on Saturday, will be at specially low prices—which is our method of showing appreciation for the splendid patronage that has come to the store in the year that is past. There will be unusually special bargains in Women's New Spring Suits and other Appareling; Millinery; Silks and Dress Goods; Laces, Trimmings and Embroideries; also in all sorts of home furnishings. We invite the public of Western and Central New York to come to Rochester particularly on this Saturday, to enjoy the advantages which this store offers you. DUFFY-McJINNERNEY COMPANY James P. Duffy—President Walter W. Powers—Vice President ROCHESTER NEW YORK