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### **THE RAINBOW ROUND THE THRONE** By Elbert Dodd

"And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne in sight like unto an emerald." Revelation 4:3

"And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth." Genesis 9:16

God created man and placed him upon this beautiful earth. Man was happy and living in contentment and peace when he was tempted by a talking serpent. Man surrendered to this suggestion from the serpent and fell into sin, but God loves His creation and when man sinned God devised a plan of restoration; but man turned it down and then followed many years of drifting from God until finally in Genesis 6:5-8 we read: "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually, And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping things, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."

The flood was God's judgment on mankind for their sins and it was an awful judgment. The fountains of the deep were broken up, the windows of heaven were opened, and the water came down upon the earth for 40 days and nights until every hill and every mountain was covered with water; and not one living thing was left upon the earth except Noah, his sons and the animals that were permitted to go into the ark. After many days of rain and this great flood being upon the earth, God remembered Noah and his family and the animals in the ark, and He set a rainbow in the

clouds and made a covenant with Noah. This rainbow was a type of His mercy, and through His mercy mankind through Noah was delivered and given another chance.

Then God gave the law to man to guide him to God, along with the sacrificial offerings that man was to make because of his sins. Again man drifted away from God. For many, many centuries man continued to drift until after the prophets and after God's many warnings, man was so deep in sin that for 400 years before Jesus came no prophet stood out and none heard from God in heaven; but God remembered His creation again and with a rainbow of promise He sent Jesus into the world. Jesus lived among men for 33 years and then hung on the cross. As God had hung the rainbow in the heaven, Jesus hung on the cross. It was a covenant of mankind granting unto him a deliverance again, and God kept His covenant and His promise. Just as Noah and his sons and the animals came forth from the ark, so Jesus came forth from the dead and was resurrected and the promise was given, "As I live ye shall live also."

Then came Pentecost with its wondrous times of salvation, and mankind turned to God by the teeming thousands, but after a little while man began to drift again. Before this drift there was a promise from Jesus that "if I go away I will come again," and the promise of His coming is another rainbow that God hung in the heavens, a promise and a hope for all humanity. Jesus is coming back to this world again as surely as He came the first time. God always keeps His promise. He kept His promise with mankind about not destroying the world with another flood: He kept His promise with mankind about sending Jesus into the world. He was born in a manger, born of a virgin, lived among men, performed miracles, died on the cross, arose from the dead. God kept His promise. He has promised, "If I go away I will come again," and so the rainbow hangs in the heavens today for humanity. The hope of the world is for Jesus Christ to come back to this world the second time. The millennium will not be ushered in by the church, will not be ushered in by any human being; but it will be ushered in by the coming of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the King of kings, the Lord of lords. Praise His holy name! This rainbow around the throne is a sign that all promises have been kept and God has brought mankind to complete redemption. For God has made unto us wisdom which is conviction, righteousness which is regeneration, sanctification which is holiness, and redemption which is glorification -- the final redemption of God's people. God's final promise to His people that He would fully restore them, and this rainbow around the throne is God's way of telling His people that at last the battles are all over and His promises have been kept and all of His children are safe out of the storm forever more. This rainbow round the throne tells us that God the Father, and God the Son now are in Heaven with their own where there is no more sin, no more drifting from God, no more broken homes, no more heartaches, no more sorrows; but peace, contentment, happiness, joy and home forever more. Thank God for the rainbow of promise! Thank God for the rainbow about the throne!

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EDITORIAL  
By Spencer Johnson

INCENTIVES TO HOLINESS

Holiness is the objective in the entire program of redemption. God made the race holy when he created Adam and Eve "in his own image" (Gen. 1:27). In His foreknowledge he knew that man would lose that "Image" by the tragic act of sin and He made provision in Jesus Christ, before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." (Eph. 1:3-4) This being true it follows that the purpose and objective of every commandment, of every promise, and of every provision for us on Calvary is to bring us back to holiness. Christ did not die on the cross merely to save man from hell. He died to save him from all sin, and make him holy; and only thus can he escape hell and have the fitness for Heaven.

Nothing short of holiness can satisfy the longings of the human heart. The lack of holiness accounts for all the unhappiness, discontent and unrest in the world, Man without holiness is like Ponce De Leon who sought all his life for the fountain of youth but never found it. Multitudes have sought to satisfy this hunger within by worldly pleasures, riches, honor and fame, but all to no avail; no one has ever found anything that can satisfy the deep longings of the soul except the blessing of holiness. Holiness is to man's soul what light is to the eye, air to the lungs and food to the stomach. Holiness is man's original, natural condition as God created him; and without it man is forever unsatisfied. David declared, "I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness" (Ps. 17:15). Holiness should be sought because it alone can satisfy every longing of the heart both in this world and in the world to come,

Another incentive to holiness is the fact that it is the essential preparation and fitness for heaven. God's word says, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." (Heb. 12:14) Holiness is all-inclusive. In the fullest sense it takes in repentance, faith, regeneration, consecration, and purity of heart and life. This takes in the doctrinal, the experiential and ethical aspects of Christianity -- with holiness as the goal of it all. He who stops short of holiness in his preparation for heaven stops too soon.

God has commanded us to be holy. "Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." (I Peter 1:16) God has called us to be holy. "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit." (I Thess. 4:7-8) God has chosen us to be holy. "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." (Eph. 1:4) The purpose of God's chastisement is to bring us to holiness. "For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness." (Heb. 12:10) Christ died just as much to make us holy as He did to save us from our transgressions. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." (Heb. 13: 12) "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Eph. 5:25-27)

John Wesley wrote: "You can never speak too strongly or explicitly upon the head of Christian perfection. If you speak only faintly and indirectly, none will be offended, and none profited. But if you speak out, although some will probably be angry, yet others will soon find the power of God unto salvation." (p. 254, Vol. 7, Works.) "Indeed, this I always observe, wherever a

work of sanctification breaks out, the whole work of God prospers. Some are convinced of sin, others justified, and all stirred up to greater earnestness for salvation." (Journal, Aug. 1775)

What greater incentives could one want to seek holiness than the fact that God, our heavenly Father, is holy; and Christ, our Saviour, is holy; and the Holy Ghost, our Comforter, is holy; and our Bible is a holy Bible and it declares that Christ died to make us holy and Heaven is a holy place? All the redeemed around the throne of God are holy. Angels and Seraphims are holy!

In the words of Bishop Foster of the Methodist Church, speaking of the Bible: "Holiness breathes in prophecy, thunders in the law, murmurs in the narrative, whispers in the promises, supplicates in the prayers, sparkles in the poetry, speaks in the types, glows in the imagery, voices in the language, and burns in the spirit of the whole scheme from its Alpha to Omega, from its beginning to its end. Holiness! Holiness needed! Holiness required! Holiness offered! Holiness attainable! Holiness a present duty, a present privilege, a present enjoyment, is the progress and completeness of its wondrous theme! It is the truth glowing all over, welling all through revelation; the glorious truth which sparkles, and whispers and sings and shouts in all its history and biography and poetry and prophecy and precept and promise and prayer; the great central truth of the system. The wonder is that all do not see; that any rise up to question a truth so conspicuous, so glorious, so full of comfort."

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## I DREAMED I WALKED HEAVEN'S AVENUE

By James D. Martin

I had a dream the other night  
As I very often do;  
I dreamed I was gaily walking  
Down Heaven's avenue.

Many flowers were blooming,  
Their beauty was beyond compare;  
The sweetest music I ever heard,  
Floated softly through the air.

The mansions on both, sides of the street  
Were magnificent to behold,  
The streets were wide and spacious  
And made with purest gold.

I was really having a wonderful time  
As I walked on down the street;  
I saw many familiar faces  
Among those I began to meet.

I saw the prophets I'd read about

That lived through the Bible years;  
Their smiling faces were happy and bright--  
God wiped away their tears.

I saw Moses, the Hebrew Children,  
Daniel, David, and Paul;  
Samuel, Elias, Elijah;  
And others both great and small.

In the midst of all this happiness  
And peace and joy without end,  
I knew that someone was missing,  
And I thought of you, sinner friend.

I looked all over heaven,  
Through valley, and on highest ground,  
But nowhere in all of this beautiful place  
Could one sinful person be found.

I then asked of the Savior,  
"Have you seen this friend of mine?"  
"He turned his back on me," He replied.  
"Therefore he was left behind."

Sinners, let this be a warning:  
Life here will soon be o'er.  
Give your heart to this Savior  
And meet Him on that Golden Shore.

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## THE FOLLY OF FAILING TO SEEK HOLINESS

Luke 9:62, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

One of the greatest tricks of the Devil is to get new converts to fail to seek after the Holy Ghost or to look back to the old life. Only the sanctified individual will be enabled to stand the temptations of the enemy as he tries to get us to turn back. We must not turn back. The time is short and truly the words, "What we do we must do quickly" seem to impress us with more force today than ever before. Why? because the signs of the times are pointing to the end of this age. On the radio this morning I heard the report that the world situation is worse today than a year ago. It will not get better but only worse. It is only a matter of a short time until God says, "It is enough."

The first folly of failure to seek Holiness is that the Devil will get us to **LOOK BACK TO OUR FORMER LIFE**. In the old life we had a kind of unhindered pursuit of pleasure. In this

pleasure mad age we are in danger, if unsanctified, of looking back to that seeming satisfaction of a life of pleasure. The trouble here is that when we look back to the pleasures of sin we get our eyes off of Jesus. In Luke 9:23 we are told to deny ourselves and take up our cross daily and follow Jesus. The cross to the unsanctified is a burden and heavy load and if one is not careful the Devil will get us to look back to our life of pleasure. Holiness will kill the pleasure seeking spirit of our carnal heart.

Then we can look back and think how we had no seeming obligation of how we lived in a sinful state. The Devil will get us to think that we have no moral responsibility to those around us if we're unsaved and if we went back we wouldn't be accountable for the souls around us. This is the Devil's lie. Even Cain was responsible for Abel even though Cain was not saved. Also we can look back and think of the persecution we would be free from and the temptation would subside, etc. This may be true but the devil doesn't tell you about the remorse and misery of the sinful life, and the conviction of the Holy Ghost that will make your soul heavy. Neither does he tell you the Scripture that says, "The soul that sinneth it shall die."

In looking back we may be made to see the time that we could be using to better self if we didn't have to pray, read our Bibles, and attend the means of grace. In all reality these things do not hinder the bettering of ourselves but they are the greatest asset a man or woman can have. Prayer and Bible reading before the tasks of the day will give us preparation and wisdom and enable us to develop a solid Christian character. Martin Luther spent an extra hour a day in prayer when he knew that he had an extra heavy schedule for his day. He did this to gird his soul with strength to do all things for the Glory of God.

In all let us say that in looking back to the former life the vision is purely from the Devil, in coordination with his offspring, the carnal heart. This looking back vision is extremely short-sighted. All we can see is those things which are brought to our attention by the carnal heart. The Devil doesn't show you the broken vows, broken hearts, and broken homes that are the by-product of the backslider. Most of all the Devil doesn't show you the final end of the backslider as a broken soul in a Devil's hell. It is folly to look back to the former life. If the Devil tries to get you to look back and fail to get sanctified, don't you listen to him but plead the Blood of Jesus to deliver your soul from the inward bent to backsliding and the proneness to wander.

The second folly of failure to seek Holiness is that the Devil will get us to **BE SATISFIED WITH OUR SPIRITUAL CONDITION.**

The Bible tells us of two men who built houses. One had his house upon the sand and the other upon a rock. The difference was not on the outside. No doubt both houses were good houses and very attractive from all outward appearances and likewise even before we get sanctified we will live as clean an outward life as possible. The trouble with the man that built his house on the sand is that he failed to have it anchored to something substantial. The storms and floods didn't bother the house on the rock. This is a type of the Holiness of heart experience. "When the enemy comes in as a flood the Spirit of the Lord shall raise up a standard against him." What is this standard? A heart that is founded upon the rock and has none of the shifting sands of carnality in its foundation. The foolish man had a nice house but it could not withstand the storm and flood. No doubt the man said that "we've never had a flood here, or that the winds never get very strong

here." He probably had some concern for a few storms but after making it through a few times he became satisfied that the house would stand indefinitely.

Some folks are good at keeping the Old Man down. They have had the Old Man on board so long that they think they know just how he is going to respond and then they say I am ready for him. "Let him that standeth take heed lest he fall." Jest like the man whose house was built on the sand this worked all right, but one day the extraordinary happened and the tempest got too great and the house fell. The person who prides himself in being able to keep the Old Man down better take the warning of Solomon: "Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.

Then there are the folks who are seeking after the Blessing and continually report that they are gaining ground and getting closer to the blessing all the time. Now none of this crowd would like to be called a Calvinist but this is a Calvinist spirit. They don't believe in the growth theory but they practice it, Remember the Jews? It wasn't a long journey from the Red Sea to Jordan but it took them over forty years to get there. Why? Because they were like a lot of folk today. They are always feeling they are getting closer when in reality they are just like the Jews. They go in circles and every time they come around the back side they think that they are getting closer when really they are treading the same ground they were the last time they "gained ground." According to mathematics if I divide a number in half each time I can never come to the place of zero no matter how small a fraction I get. Some people are like this in seeking Holiness -satisfied in getting a little closer but yet failing to get the victory. People in this state of confusion can sit back in time of mighty conviction and folks seeking at the altar and be seemingly unconcerned. The reason is that they are on the reverse side of the little circle the Devil has them going in.

The individual that is satisfied with his condition will, as time goes on, learn all the ropes of the Holiness talk and ways and get to the place that they think they have been around the ranks so long they are capable of giving others advice while they do not in their own life what they instruct others to do. Dear Lord, help us to realize the folly of failing to get sanctified Holy.

Lastly, let us notice that God says, "THEY ARE NOT FIT FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD."

This crowd is not fit for Christian service. They are not the kind of folks that can be depended upon, as their spiritual temperature is constantly going up and down. They are unable to get a hold of God for their own soul and much less able to help others into the victory.

They are not only no good for Christian service but also are not fit for Christian witness. Their testimony is not always clear and steady. They are moody, and unpredictable, and hard to understand. Others have to be careful that they do not offend them. What a curse to the testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They undo the claims of the Gospel by failing to get the holy heart experience which is the minimum of Christian living. Instead of the world looking upon them and seeing a consistent life in whom they can have confidence, they must of needs eye them with wonder and perplexity, knowing that what the preacher preaches is not what is lived in this one who professes to be a Holiness Person.

God brings a scathing denunciation to this class of professors in Revelation 3:15-16. He said I would that ye were either cold or hot, but because ye are neither cold or hot but are lukewarm I will spue you out of my mouth. My friend, what is your spiritual condition? Are you filled with the Holy Ghost. Is that looking back spirit gone and is that self satisfied spirit gone or are you wandering in the wilderness besieged by the doubts, fears, and confusion of a carnal heart?

If you have your hand to the plough then plough on and don't stop until every bit of carnality is plowed up and the Holy Ghost can inundate your soul with his Spirit. Remember Lot's wife! -- Rev. Richard H. Lauson, Jr.

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## WHAT MAN CAN DO WITH HIS CONSCIENCE

By Glen Stout

### Part II

Sometime in life God, the Holy Ghost, touches the conscience of every man, thereby awakening the soul. At such a time man should prepare to meet God. Jesus Christ lightens every man that cometh into the world. This awakening is preceded many times by calls to prayer by someone or groups of praying people. If one fails to heed his warning, he may smother the warning due to someone else. God's mercy is inexplicable but his last warning to man is not always fully detected until it is too late.

Men don't have to experience poison before they know it will kill. If they experience it, that knowledge is too late. This fact should be a good reason why men should never try some things on their conscience. If you are born a duck and your instinct leads you to water, you are prepared for it. You will not get wet. If you are born a chicken, you had better follow your instinct to the haystack to scratch and not try the pond.

God's great effort in warning is to awaken man's conscience. His method of warning will vary to fit every man's case. The hand writing on the wall was for the king. The ass saw the angel and squeezed the rider's limb. The wine men saw the star. Joseph's dream was timely; Peter heard the cock crow and Paul saw the great light. What men do with their warning and awakenings can well determine their destiny.

With a warning and an awakening there comes an emotional stir which is healthy. Here, however, the evil one brings the substitutes with hook and line to catch his prey. Emotion is not wrong, but everyone must be aware of the enemy that lives on emotion, It is perilous to the conscience for in it the whole being can be unbalanced and led astray. The trick of the devil is to get man to worship emotion rather than to worship God in one's emotions with a clean conscience.

The enemy that works in emotion has all kinds of cults. Religious cults are on every hand. They start their foundation as close to the real as they dare. The "acceptors," "the tonguers," "the healing machiners," "the world-wide revivalers," "the individual radio parasites," "the universal

church propagators" are using the arm of emotion to get their false doctrines to the souls and conscience of men. It is a fact that many souls are being caught in the tide. Some people are allowing their conscience to be so battered, bruised and torn that they are beyond the state of repair. Not because God is not able to deliver, but because their conscience is ruined. They will believe a lie and be damned because they will not believe the truth. This condition is not to come, it is here and it will have its influence upon this generation and the ones to come.

Every choice, action, decision neglect or trend that men sanction will have its effect on what they are becoming. What men sanction they soon will be doing.

The permanent value of wealth in life is the destiny of man. What a man is, is the measure of his wealth. What a man's will, knowledge and conscience decide, abides. Then only as a man is loyal to his conscience, truthful with his knowledge and harmonious with God with his will can he obtain the unsearchable riches of wealth that can never be told. Precious, yes more precious than gold. The man with the wealth of clear conscience owns the mercy seat and spends the grace received for the ticket to the marriage supper of the lamb. Such a man will live so that he will fear death, but never will carry the fear of the judgment.

I saw a man who had left part of his breakfast on his face. The egg was left in the wrong place and the man's face was disfigured. The egg left on the face was not really a part of the man. For one to have the nature to mimic can be useful, but a copy cat is just "misplaced egg on the face." For a preacher to try to hop like Spencer Johnson, scream at certain points, patterning Brother Dodd or blow up his gills like J. E. Ray, puts him in the realm of a copy cat, a preacher with egg on his face. The individual that tends to copy and not be himself will blight his conscience as well as the conscience of others. Copy cats and their supporters will have the privilege of leaving lots of cat fur along the path they trod.

What a man is will become read when his judgment is under attack. To weather such a storm one must choose to be humble and to bear willingly the brunt of such a load.

If it is a man's job to be a missionary, the board that accepts the woman for the position, destroys the conscience of the man for the job. Furthermore, the man or woman that gets in a "toot" and makes a mess of marriage will batter and bruise their conscience so that their influence will be hindered in everything they try.

The individual that is liberal making vows and in the same measure breaking them will more than likely keep it up. The lady that promises God to quit injuring the body by wearing high spike heels and never testifying to it will no doubt put the shoes back on in a short time.

I heard a woman testify sometime ago about a man who was down at the altar seeking sanctified. At every special service this man was a seeker. At this special Service he had claimed to have gotten saved a day or two before and was now seeking to be sanctified. He was praying away, asking the Lord to sanctify, fill him with the spirit. A good lady who was in earnest prayer, raised her head and prayed, "Lord, don't do it. He leaks." The man who does not thoroughly fix the leaks will always leak.

The first six months of a baby's life requires very special care. The infant should get a good start on regular feeding as well as good regular baths. His health during these early months of life has great influence on the future of his life. So it is with the spiritual babies that are born in a revival meeting. As the mother should be on hand in the home during the infancy of her child, so the pastor must be on hand after a revival meeting. If a vacation can be taken, or a trip to visit the kinfolks or an evangelistic meeting held for another pastor, it should be done at least when the babies are mature enough to be out of the pastor's care. What do you think of a mother who will run from the responsibility of her babe in the crib? Perhaps you say, "No love for her own." If that is well said, what can be said of the minister who holds meetings for other pastors or takes his vacation at this juncture in his responsibility?

The formation of the stability of the conscience is laid in the careful teaching prior to the conversion and the few months thereafter. So it can be said here lies the field where many fistulas leaks are formed in the conscience.

Not all responsibility is on the ministry, however, for man has the privilege to believe what he wishes. Satan is out to tangle and twist the truth that he may mar the conscience of any that become his prey. The responsibility of the ministry is not lessened because of this fact. What a man does with the truth or falsehood is his choice and that choice makes man's destiny apparent.

There is the true and the false interpretation of the scripture. There are all sorts of literature on the subject. There are many false and true propagators. The fact still remains that if a man will mind the checks and receive the Holy Ghost, the Holy Ghost will guide His servant into all truth. Then on contrary, I would also have you bear in mind that so many deeds in life breed the nature of the bear into the conscience. Many people have rejected their opportunity, while in the state of awareness and now their conscience is in the sleeping stage. The winter season is on and there could be no more awakening until the judgment.

Jesus said that man was the salt of the earth. If the conscience is ruined, the salt has lost its savour. Wherewith shall it be seasoned? When a man rebels and numbs the conscience his opportunity of getting safely home to heaven is slim. We know that the prodigal made it back but Saul and Judas did not. What a man sows that will he also reap. Beware of the deeds that put your conscience to sleep never to awaken until it is too late. Oh, the cries and the gnawing of the awakened conscience in hell! The rich man awakened and looked and could see afar, but could not open the gate of hope ajar.

We are living in the last days. The sun has set in the west. We dare not neglect to do our best. The happenings of the age are turning the last page. Time to prepare is running out, soon the watch will close. We dare not let our belief dwindle to a "suppose." So while we are on this side--the crucial hour can be so short -- dare to be a Daniel, dare to be a Holy man, dare to be kind and true. Dare to follow the Bible the whole way through. Dare to be right! Dare to be true!

We have a work that no other man can do. Do it so bravely, so kindly, so well, angels will hasten the news to tell. Dare to be right, dare to be true. Other men's failures won't conquer you, if you're standing with clear conscience, the hope and the faith, always obeying Jesus, and never slacking pace.

If you expect to miss the pit of fire, you must stay out of the muck and the mire. If you want a home with riches untold, take care and keep the commandments of the fold. When you see the Son of God coming in the sky, He'll have your contract delivered in the twinkling of an eye. The pearly gates to you will open wide, the Son of God has the place for you to abide.

In hell sinful men will groan and moan, because it is too late to roll away the stone. Some will promise, plead and pray, only to receive the answer, "You are here to stay."

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## THE LORD'S DAY

By H. A. Erdmann

On a recent Sunday morning radio broadcast a certain minister made the following announcement: "Everybody ought to go to church today and worship the Lord, for this is HIS day," with special emphasis on "His." From that announcement one might infer that the other six days of the week do not belong to the Lord, and therefore one may worship the devil, self, or anything else on those six days, but on this day, which has been so erroneously misnamed "The Lord's Day," one should worship the Lord.

This, and all other such errors are the result of misnaming Sunday "The Lord's Day." But someone says, "the Bible calls Sunday "The Lord's Day." But we ask: who told you that? Where does the Bible refer to Sunday as "The Lord's Day?" The only place in the Bible where the expression, "The Lord's Day" is used is in Revelation 1:10, where the Apostle John says that he was "in the Spirit on the Lord's day." But there is no hint anywhere in connection with this statement to infer that he had reference to Sunday.

Let us reason a bit. I say: "that white house on the hill is the home of Mr. Smith." Or I might say: "That white house on the hill is Mr. Smith's home. Is there any difference in the meaning of the two statements? NONE whatever.

Then why is there a difference in meaning of the two expressions, "The Day of the Lord," and "The Lord's Day?" Do they not mean exactly the same thing? Are they not the same as "The home of Mr. Smith," and "Mr. Smith's home"?

In Isaiah 2:12; 13:6; Joel 1:5; Zechariah 14:1; Jeremiah 46:10; Ezekiel 30:3; Malachi 4:5, and in many other places in both the Old Testament and the New Testament the expression, "The day of the Lord" is used, but no one would say that any of them refer to Sunday, or mean Sunday. Then why should "The Lord's Day" mean Sunday, since "Lord's Day" and "Day of the Lord" mean the same thing?

It is never said that the disciples, or any other early Christians met together for worship on "The Lord's Day," but always on "The first day of the week." On our calendar "The first day of the week" is Sunday. If Sunday is "The Lord's Day" then why does it not say that the disciples met for worship on "the Lord's Day?"

There is no hint in what the Apostle writes that Sunday was in any way in consideration. The Apostle John was caught away in Spirit, was lifted across the centuries, and was set down amidst the judgment scenes. He actually saw and heard what he records in Revelation. He was carried away across the centuries and witnessed the end scenes.

The "Day of the Lord," or "The Lord's Day," is when He will come into His own and will assume absolute rule, and will then judge all the world; the peoples of every age and of every nation, and will consign Satan to his eternal doom. Satan does not want people to think of the judgment, for thinking of the judgment would cause many to turn from him and seek the Lord. He is doing everything that he can to keep people's minds directed into other channels and away from the judgment, which is sure to come.

It was a master stroke for Satan when he persuaded someone to say that "The Lord's Day" means Sunday, and does not mean the Judgment Day at all. Some good people, ministers and laymen, innocently took up the refrain and began to refer to Sunday as "The Lord's Day." And thus, by one great sweep, right in the beginning of the Book of Revelation Satan managed to turn people's minds away from the very judgments that the Apostle there describes, and leaves the inference that John only had a bit of Sunday ecstasy in his worship.

We are aware that people and preachers do not refer to Sunday as "The Lord's Day" with the intention of turning people's minds away from thinking of the judgment. But the expression, "The Lord's Day," sounded good, and perhaps even pious, and therefore it is being used, though innocently, to help to carry out a hidden design of Satan. We are God's people, and, as God's people, we need to make sinners and careless professors of salvation more conscious, if possible, of a coming judgment instead of detracting from it.

REMEMBER: according to all rules of language, there is no difference in meaning of the two statements, "The Lord's Day," and "The Day of the Lord" -- "The home of Mr. Smith" and "Mr. Smith's home."

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**WHERE THERE IS NO VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH**

By Billie Holstein

(Prov. 29:18)

[See Graphics\hdm1708.jpg for a picture of Billie Holstein in India standing beside a Rickshaw, beneath which is the following text: "Will it be a Rickshaw or a Jeep? Sister Billie is happy in either as she is in God's will. The jeep would speed things up. Pray for a Jeep."]

The Lord has been burning this message on my heart for a LOST INDIA filled with all kinds Of religions, castes and creeds, but who are daily and hourly seeking peace. One meets it daily as you see them streaming to the mountains in the summer time on their pilgrimage to the mouth of the Ganges river. For every pilgrim Hindu does not feel that his life is complete without

having made this trip, though his feet may be bleeding and his body tired and hungry and clothed only with rags. He feels that if he can just dip in the refreshing waters of the Ganges that he will die happy and peaceful. But the sad, sad fact is that after he has reached this sacred spot to all Hindus, he is often seen coming away with a look of disappointment and despair on his face.

Why? Because there is only one place that the human soul can plunge into and find peace, and that is that Fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins, and sinners can plunge beneath that flood and lose all their guilty stains. There is no water on earth that can set the souls of men free. But the precious blood of Jesus Christ our Lord can. Down through these thirty-three years since I first came to India I have seen souls by the millions, as it were, traveling this pilgrimage highway to the Ganges river. One time I saw 300,000 bathing in its waters in one day. We were there with our Gospel pickup and were preaching the precious Gospel of Jesus Christ, and as we preached about 10,000 gathered near the pickup, for the public speaker system was hooked up to the car battery. They could hear the singing and preaching, I asked them, had they all bathed in Mother Ganges, and they shook their heads, yes. Then I asked them if they had found salvation or peace in their souls from their sins. They sadly shook their heads, no. We sold 600 gospels of John in Hindu that day and gave out the three thousand free tracts we had in the pickup. Little boys ten and twelve years old from the orphanage and all the Christian workers with we missionaries were out in that crowd. I received such a VISION that day of the LOST of India! I went home but could not sleep. It seemed that I could hear the SOBBING OF A THOUSAND MILLION SOULS on their way to ETERNITY walking in DARKNESS AND DESPAIR with so few to preach the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ to them.

The Sobbing of a Thousand Million Souls -- Have you heard the SOBBING of a thousand million SOULS SUBMERGED IN DARKEST HEATHEN NIGHT? vainly groping for the way that leads them to hope and peace? They plead and wait for the Gospel Light.

A thousand million SOULS are dying, a THOUSAND MILLION SOULS for whom the Saviour died. Can you still deny their plea, can you longer idle be, while a THOUSAND MILLION SOULS ARE DYING? HAVE YOU HEARD THE SOBBING OF A THOUSAND MILLION SOULS by superstition's chains enslaved? Can you longer be INDIFFERENT to their SAD estate? Through Jesus' precious blood they can all be saved. CAN YOU HEAR THE SOBBING OF A THOUSAND MILLION SOULS who seek relief of heart in vain? Let them have the blessed Gospel that can FREEDOM give and rend the chains of sin in twain.

In our beautiful America we as a holiness movement generally speaking have LOST our VISION of MILLIONS OF SOBBING HEATHEN SOULS who lie in darkness. So many of our Holiness colleges where once the burden for the LOST HEATHEN was the theme of the religious education have now given away to the Modern BRAIN-WASHING methods and have done away with the OLD PREACHERS OF THE CROSS. So today the majority of Holiness churches are nothing less than a BRAIN-WASHED MODERN WORLDLY CHURCH where the ministers are so affected with the modern bug and the theme "There is no HARM in this and that," until no standards of old time Bible religion is held up any more.

For years as I have come to America to represent the LOST HEATHEN my heart has been sadly disappointed in the HOLINESS CHURCHES. But, I praise God that while I was in America in 1960 I found the HOLY people of the BIBLE MISSIONARY CHURCH. In them I found the kind of preaching, the kind of praying, and the kind of living and SHOUTING that I found back there in 1921 when I was saved and sanctified. I loved these people so much and was so hungry to be with such fine, holy people, that I joined them and became one of the despised holy people. I have enjoyed fellowship with them.

I praise God for the B.M.C. I feel perfectly at home with them. When the officials tell you anything, they will stand back of it. They won't try to wiggle out of it later. Praise God! And while I am still living by faith and not financially supported by them; still I am so happy that they took a FAITH MISSIONARY in who loved this way. Glory to God! I do trust that some day the blessed Holy Ghost will lead them, (or rather make it possible for them) to accept the work here in India as their Mission Station. I have had many cut their support since I took such a firm stand on the "HELL-A-VISION." And most people who look at their TV programs soon lose the VISION OF LOST SOULS. (Whether theirs or their neighbor's; how can anyone own one or view one and keep a VISION?--F. M. Sec.) "Where there is no VISION THE PEOPLE PERISH."

The caste system, the poverty, and the ignorance of the people here keep them bound. They are hungry for salvation, but they have their heathen religion. It is not an easy matter to get them to change. But MILLIONS HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED BY THE POWER OF CHRIST. God has given us some SOULS here that are now preaching the Gospel because we obeyed the Lord and came to India. In these days we need more missionaries, more preachers and more Bible women to help us carry the blessed Gospel to the LOST. We have VILLAGES all about us that have never heard about Jesus. There are ONE AND A HALF MILLION people in Rae Bareli District, most of them without Christ. There had been no other active missionary work here for over 25 years before we came. We are an isolated district; we have no other missionaries or white people within 51 miles of us. 24,000 die every 24 hours from India's shores. Most of them fill CHRISTLESS GRAVES.

We will meet them at the JUDGMENT. You may ask us what is the greatest need? We answer you, JESUS, HE IS THE ANSWER. "For whosoever shall CALL upon the LORD shall be SAVED. How then shall they CALL on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? And how shall they HEAR WITHOUT A PREACHER? and HOW shall they PREACH except they be SENT?" (Rom. 10:13-15) One of the last commands of our Lord was, "TO GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL AND he that BELIEVETH and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be DAMNED." DO YOU HAVE A VISION OF THE SOBBING MILLIONS OF SOULS IN INDIA? HAVE YOU PRAYED FOR INDIA TODAY? YOU WILL MEET THEM AT THE JUDGMENT! WHAT WILL YOUR ANSWER BE???

Yours for Christ and lost India, Billie Holstein

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I TALKED WITH A MUSLIM TODAY

By James A. Todd, British Guyana

This morning a gentleman came to my house to do a little job for the public service company. I stood with him while he made the connection, and we had opportunity to talk a little. As he picked up his tools, he began to ask me questions. He asked so many questions on so many different phases of my life before I left my native United States, and also after arriving here in the Colony of British Guyana! Hardly could I answer one question before he asked another. The several popular religions of this colony came under discussion, usually introduced by his asking, "What do you think of . . .?"

After a time, he remarked about the Catholic teachings, of which he knew something, but in a vein which made me think he was not a Catholic. Similarly, the Hindu religion was passed over. Then I tried to get the conversation away from the basis of "What do you think about . . ." and onto that of reality of Christian living. I said, "From something you said a little while ago; I judge that you are not a Catholic." "No," he replied, "I am not a Catholic."

"I also gather from your remarks that you are not a follower of Hinduism."

To which he answered, "No, I am not a Hindu."

"Then I presume that you are either a Christian or a Muslim." I said.

"That's right. I am either a Christian or a Muslim," he rejoined.

"Do you mind saying whether you are a Christian or a Muslim?" "Not at all. I am a Muslim." This conversation had been based upon the fact that he believes in the one true God, and that He is the creator and judge of the universe. Apropos to this, he asked me whether I am an American, Canadian, or Englishman. He wanted to know about my work here -- was I interested in industry, commerce, etc. When I told him that I am an Evangelical Missionary, he said he was not really surprised to hear it, for he had been passing my house many times in his work, and had in fact noticed my children playing, especially my little girl who dresses with modesty -- and my whole family in town, on the streets, in the shops. He said he had heard others comment on certain differences they observe between us and some other Americans. He expressed it as "Not so flashy, not such show-offs as some others."

Hearing that I am a Christian Missionary, my conversant wanted to know wherein Christianity is different from the worship of Mohammed, since we both worship the same God. He had confessed that the Muslim may believe in Christ as a Prophet or as a great and enlightened teacher, but not as a Savior, the Son of God! Alas, his faith could not give him the great Christian doctrine of immortality! He was keenly interested when I talked to him about the resurrection of the dead to live somewhere forever! The appeal of such a blessed experience as a personal salvation which will prepare us for that resurrection was not without some response. I tried to sum up the differences between the Muslim and Christian views thus: "The basic difference, as I see it, is in our attitudes about the resurrection. It seems that your faith makes no real provision for eternity! Your people make the pilgrimage to the city of Mecca, to worship at the shrine where Mohammed was buried. We who are Christians do not care particularly where the tomb of Christ

is, for we do not worship at the tomb of a dead Christ -- we look up from anywhere and know that He is alive and that some day we shall be with Him where He is! He died on a cross for us, was buried and resurrected. He has promised His faithful followers that they, too, will be resurrected to live forever with Him."

"I am quite interested in that," he said, "And when I have a little time, I want to talk to you longer about life after death! I was reared a Muslim, and taught that you live once and then die, and that is the end of it all. When I was a boy that seemed good enough, for life stretched out before me. Recently, however, I was near to death, and my faith provided me no answer to my many questions about living after death." So saying, he finished gathering up his tools, and hurried to his waiting service truck. As we parted, he promised to come and hear me preach sometime soon, when I let him know that I will be preaching on the resurrection of the dead! I tried to get an opportunity to visit him in his home and talk to him about it but he said no, wait till he comes to hear me preach first. After that, who knows what may be? How sad! To build your entire hopes on a philosophy of life that can only end in death! To have a religion without a Savior! To believe that there is both God and Judge out there in the unknown future -- and yet not have the assurance that you are ready to meet Him! In short, to have all of the questions, but none of the answers!

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#### CHILDREN'S PAGE

By Mrs. Paul King,  
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#### MARSHA'S FATE

Earl, Gene, and Carl were sitting on the big heavy swing on the porch, going back and forth, back and forth.

"This is getting monotonous," said Earl. "Can't we think of something else .to do besides swinging?"

"Yes," Gene said, "something exciting."

"Like what, for instance?" asked Carl. "Mother said we were to stay here until she came from the hospital with Sandra. She's having the cast taken off her leg today, you know. So I'm staying right here, and you better too, Gene. Earl, you do as you please because you're not our brother but Gene and I will obey Mother, won't we, Gene?"

"I guess so," answered the younger boy, "I surely don't want to hurt Mother. She's a wonderful Mother! But I sure am hot too, sitting here on this swing."

"!Well, Mother will be home any minute now. She never does anything like this unless it's necessary," said Carl.

"Well, I'm going over to Billy's house. At least we'll not need to swing. We can watch TV if nothing else. Why, your folks don't even own a TV set," Earl said. Then he added, "Kinda' outdated, aren't you?"

Gene hung his head as though embarrassed. But Carl looked squarely into Earl's eyes, saying kindly but firmly, "Earl, don't ever call my folks outdated again. They're the best Mother and Father in the world. We're Christians and a very happy family. We don't have a TV set because we don't want any. We're having no part in the devil's trash nor searching his garbage cans for food. We have the Bible as our guide post and lamp and care nothing for the devil's filth and slime. That's about the extent of what TV watchers get: slop, dirt, and trash -- morally speaking."

"Well, I guess I'll be going then," said Earl, "It's too monotonous and uninteresting just to sit in a swing and swing. I like excitement and plenty of it!" the boy added as he ran across the lawn, through the four vacant lots, and on to Billy's house.

"Billy! Oh, Billy!" called Earl as he saw his friend in the back yard about to climb the big Weeping Willow tree, "Let's play. I was over to Gene and Carl's house but they're so unexciting -- no TV, no cowboys and Indians, no shooting, no killing, no nothing! Dull! "Ugh!" he said.

"What's the matter with cowboys and Indians?" asked Billy. "After all, it's just play!"

"I know that," said Earl, "but try to tell them that! Whew!," And he mopped his brow as he continued. "Bible, Bible, Bible! They always say 'The Bible says this is wrong, or that is wrong.' They say it's downright sinful and wicked to play you shoot and kill each other."

"Well," laughed Billy, "we'll show them what fun it is! We'll whoop and holler and have such a good time until they'll wish they were here with us instead of feeling it's wicked."

"But we need a few more players," said Earl. "It's so much more fun when there's a lot of us."

"Yes," agreed Billy. "I know what! You go get Marsha and I'll get Norma and Jackie and after a little while Roger said he'll be over."

"Oh! Good!" shouted Earl who was already on his way to get his sister, Marsha.

In a little while the six boys and girls were running across the vacant lots, screaming like Indians and riding their stick horses like cowboys, their guns shooting and calling out, "You're dead! I shot you," whereupon the supposedly shot individual would fall from the stick horse and lie like one dead. Billy was in hot pursuit of Marsha who was a brave Indian maiden, and Earl was formulating a plan for the capture of Roger who had been a bad criminal, when suddenly a shot rang out not an imaginary 'bang' but a real, live shot. Marsha staggered forward a step or two, then fell face forward to the ground, her life's blood oozing from a wound in the back. Immediately all the children surrounded her limp body frantically calling, "Oh, do something somebody! Do something!"

Just then Gene and Carl's Mother, hearing the shot from the kitchen window where she had begun her supper preparations and seeing the frantic children gathered around Marsha in the vacant lot, ran to them. Seeing Marsha, and the rifle in Billy's hands, she gathered Marsha into her arms and rushed with the bleeding girl to the nearest hospital.

"Will she live?" asked Gene at the supper table.

"What did the doctor say about her wound?" asked Carl.

"Dr. Wood said she'll live all right," Mother began, "but he also said Marsha will never walk again."

The boys each drew in a quick breath, then looked tenderly over at Sandra.

Carl spoke then, "Oh, Daddy and Mother, I thank you -- a thousand times I thank you -- for steering our feet in right paths. Suppose that would have been Sandra!" and a tear fell to his plate.

"I thought of all that, many times," said Mother. Then sighing deeply, she said, "Poor Marsha! Poor, poor Marsha! She'll be an invalid for life. The bullet hit a nerve and it's paralyzed her from her waist down."

"Earl wanted excitement," said Carl, "and he got it all right. Only his poor little sister is the victim of all this."

"What was Billy doing with a rifle?" asked Daddy. "And where did he get it?"

"It was his father's gun," answered Mother. "Billy was told never to get into his Daddy's guns but both parents work, you know, and Billy intended to play with the real rifle only until his Mother was due home, then put the pistol Earl was using and the rifle he was using back where he got them, but the rifle was loaded -- something neither Billy nor his father were aware of. Luckily, the pistol was empty or there might have been two tragedies instead of one. Billy told the policemen he was only playing and didn't mean to hurt anybody, that he was just playing like the stories he saw on the television screen of cowboys and Indians. Then I heard the one policeman say as he shook his head, 'When will our nation ever learn to keep such things off the screen?'"

"Children," Daddy said, looking at each of his three, "now you can really understand why Mother and I have been so careful and watchful over you and won't have a TV set. Your hearts too could be tempted to desire these wicked things. In the end sin always brings forth death. We're trying to steer your feet in holy and clean paths of righteousness."

"I know it Daddy, and we're glad," said Carl. "We love you and Mother for it. Don't we, Gene and Sandra?" he asked.

"We certainly do," said each of the children as they quickly got up from the table and lovingly kissed Mother and Daddy.

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## THE BREWER'S BIG HOSSES

Beer sales! Men and women, boys and girls, have their principles, their sense of right and wrong, their manhood's and womanhood's calls and duties, their morals, their graces, their all, crushed and trampled by the brewers' big bosses.

Radio, television, signboards, magazines, and newspapers all sing the praises of beers that "cheer," "exhilarate," and "create the life of the party." No hunting trip, vacation, or home party is complete without beer! Markets and eating-places must sell it! Who buys the alcoholic potion? ALCOHOL, the anesthetic, the opiate, the stealer of sense and equilibrium, the incapacitater, the highway scourge, the wrecker, the murderer, the curse and bane, the coffin-filler? Who buys the stuff? The deceived, the gullible, careless, the prayerless, the sinner; the one who wipes his mouth and tries to look innocent while he uses Cain's words after he had killed righteous Abel, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Who sells the stuff? The neighbor who runs the grocery market, the eating place, or others promoting intoxicants.

Who buys the stuff? My neighbor and wife, and drink it before the children young and older, and my neighbors get drunk on that alcoholic potion! Drunk? What is drunk? Ever put alcohol on an egg and see it turn white and cook? Exactly what happens to the beer-drinker's brain cells when alcohol gets into his stomach, his blood-stream, and to his brain! He gets beered up, his eyes bleared up, and his brain fogged. He's anesthetized, deenergized, sense-robbed, and in, capacitated, and let down. Let down from a lot to a lot: from sobriety to inebriation, from good sense to bad folly, from dependability to independability, from honor to dishonor, from self-control to its lack and loss, from someone you are happy to meet to someone you desire to shun (especially on the highway).

THE CONVEYANCE THE NEAREST LIKE THE FAMED HINDU JUGGERNAUT CAR OF INDIA, UNDER WHICH MEN AND WOMEN WERE CRUSHED TO DEATH IN SACRIFICE IS HAULED BY "THE BREWERS' BIG HOSSES!" --H. R. Bulman, Rt. 4, Box 316A, Medford, Oregon.

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## JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF GOD

Jesus Christ the Son of God  
Upon this earth one time did trod.  
He came to seek and to save the lost  
And counted not how great the cost.

To leave His heavenly home on high  
And for lost sinners came to die,

Is greater than our minds can fathom  
Of God the Father and our home in Heaven.

My Lord to Thee I give my heart  
If I can only bear in part  
The agonies which Thou didst bear  
And of the cross canst have a share.

If I can but this story give  
To others Lord that they might live,  
I'll bow upon unworthy knee  
And praise Thee through eternity.

You have no other hands or feet  
Of this vast multitude to greet;  
And many I fear have never heard  
Of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

--Mrs. L. B. Sites

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## TWELVE RULES FOR RAISING DELINQUENT CHILDREN

1. Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way he will grow up to believe the world owes him a living.

2. When he picks up bad words, laugh at him. This will make him think he's cute. It will also encourage him to pick up "cuter" phrases that will blow off the top of your head later.

3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is 21 and then let him "decide for himself."

4. Avoid use of the word "wrong." It may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later, when he is arrested for stealing a car, that society is against him and he is being persecuted.

5. Pick up everything he leaves lying around -- books, shoes, and clothes. Do everything for him so that he will be experienced in throwing all responsibility on others.

6. Let him read any printed matter he can get his hands on. Be careful that the silver-ware and drinking glasses are sterilized, but let his mind feast on garbage.

7. Quarrel frequently in the presence of your children. In this way they will not be too shocked when the home is broken up later.

8. Give a child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you had them?

9. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink, and comfort. See that every sensual desire is gratified. Denial may lead to harmful frustration.

10. Take his part against neighbors, teachers, policemen. They are prejudiced against your child.

11. When he gets into real trouble, apologize for yourself by saying, "I never could do anything for him."

12. Prepare for a life of grief. You will be likely to have it.

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#### TWELVE RULES FOR RAISING RESPONSIBLE CHILDREN

1. Begin with infancy to teach the child he cannot have everything he wants.

2. When he picks up bad words, correct him.

3. Give spiritual training early in life.

4. Make frequent use of the word "wrong" in correcting bad acts.

5. Make him pick up his own things and do as many other things for himself as he can.

6. Be careful what you let him read.

7. Keep the home atmosphere pleasant and warm.

8. Make him earn his spending money.

9. See that desires and cravings for food, drink and comfort are satisfied only in moderation.

10. Back him only when he's right and let him know you won't back him when he's wrong.

11. Accept your responsibility for his actions until he's of age to accept them himself.

12. Prepare for a life of satisfaction with your child. You are likely to have it.

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THE END