



Home Church Herald

"...To the church in thy house:" Philemon 1:2 "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalms 133:1

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Dear Reader: It has been some months since we published the last issue of this newsletter. Events in our world have been transpiring so fast that they are taking us all by surprise. The time of our probation can last but a little longer. What we do to get ready for Jesus to come must be done quickly. We trust this newsletter will be a blessing to you, and that your time in reading it will be well spent. ~

Worship in Spirit and Truth

by David Sims

God has always made a difference between the worship of different individuals and groups. From the time of righteous Abel and and the unacceptable worship of Cain God has made this distinction. At various times God has declared "...your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me." (Jeremiah 6:20) We need a reformation in our worship. We need to know what constitutes acceptable worship and unacceptable worship.

There is, however, a movement in Catholicism for worship renewal known as a Liturgical Renewal Movement. That does not answer the need, but rather further increases the need. Cardinal Ratzinger, before becoming pope, in his book "the Spirit of the Liturgy", speaks of forms, rites, positioning, gestures, art, music, architecture, the calendar, and of course the Eucharist. The Eucharist is central to the liturgy, as Catholicism teaches there must be a sacrifice as part of the worship service as there was in the Jewish temple services. He downplays the "Word-centered worship" of Christians and Muslims as being a non-sacrificial worship.

Ought Christians to be seeking to emulate the worship of the Jews? No! You say, "Didn't God initiate the Jewish ceremonies connected with the temple and its worship? Certainly, He did. However, this "...was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;" (Hebrews 9:9) "For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law." (Hebrews 7:12) This is talking about the change from the priesthood



of Aaron to the priesthood of Christ and how it necessitated a change in the law. Of Christ the Scriptures tell us "... needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself." (Hebrews 7:27) Neither does he need to offer sacrifices every day. "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;" (Hebrews 10:12)

But it is a false religion that has sought to bring Christ's priesthood and sanctuary down to this earth. It has instituted a human priesthood in the place of Christ, and blasphemously claims the

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power to create God by saying a few words over the Eucharist at every worship service. This continual sacrifice denies the true sacrifice of Christ.

Messianic Judaism and One World Religion

In her efforts to bring Protestants back to the “mother church”, she must move them from their “Word-centered worship” to one that aligns with Catholic sacrifice-centered worship. The plan has been to introduce it in steps, the first being the introduction of messianic Judaism. The mind is then more prepared to receive Catholicism, an outgrowth of Judaism, with its sacrifices, symbols, holy days, and all its rites. An emphasis is laid upon the calendar of holy days, as it is in Judaism; for it is a logical progression from observing the Passover to observing Easter to observing Sunday. Realize of course that God himself set up the Jewish holy days, but those of the catholic church have not been so sanctified. This is the outgrowth of the same element Paul had to deal with in his day. Practically everywhere he went he was opposed by the Judaizers (Acts 15:1).

It is not holy things, places, or days that have saving virtue. “...the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. ... But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:21-24) Salvation is not in observing ceremonies. “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” (John 17:3)

Consider the following thought-provoking paragraphs from the pen of inspiration.

“...The principle that man can save himself by his own works lay at the foundation of every heathen religion; it had now become the principle of the Jewish religion. Satan had implanted this principle. Wherever it is held, men have no barrier against sin.

“The people whom God had called to be the pillar and ground of the truth had become representatives of Satan. They were doing the work that he desired them to do, taking a course to misrepresent the character of God, and cause the world to look upon Him as a

tyrant. The very priests who ministered in the temple had lost sight of the significance of the service they performed. They had ceased to look beyond the symbol to the thing signified. In presenting the sacrificial offerings they were as actors in a play. The ordinances which God Himself had appointed were made the means of blinding the mind and hardening the heart. God could do no more for man through these channels. The whole system must be swept away.” (Desire of Ages 35, 36) ~

Announcements!

Live Church Services!

You are invited to attend our teleconference worship services. We have two weekly services. They are on Friday, 5 p.m. PST, and Sabbath at 11 a.m. PST. There is a link to a global time zone converter on our website, as well as the information on how to participate. For your convenience the information is printed here as well. Call 218-936-7999 and follow directions to enter the access code, which is 755896. **We are now video broadcasting** our worship services as well. The information on how to watch them live is on our website.

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Waldensian Center Report



Surrounded by six-to-seven thousand foot mountains, Big Valley, itself at 4,200 feet, is the location for 4 small towns, including Lookout, California, with a population of 367. Lookout, home of the Modoc Indians in early days, is where Waldensian Center's most recent term from July to October was held, at the Sims' 42 acre property. Legendary Mt. Shasta looming in the air at 14,179 feet, Mt. Lassen with its steam and sulfur vents, 129-foot Burney falls where much of

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The Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven

by Richard Stratton

Jesus, addressing his disciples, asked, “Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?” (Matthew 16:13-19) Various answers were given until Jesus, becoming more pointed, asked, “But whom say *ye* that I am?” Peter, always ready to speak his mind, blurted, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” It is interesting to contemplate the reply that Jesus then made. “Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father, which is in heaven.” Jesus was saying that this response of Peter’s was a divine revelation, that it was the solemn truth. Filled with the spirit of inspiration, Jesus declared, “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” What an encouraging thought that must have been for Peter. And then Jesus, in a noble gesture, gave Peter this gift, “I will give unto thee *the keys of the kingdom of heaven*: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

Jesus Speaks Again of These Keys

“And when I (John) saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he (Jesus) laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, “Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and death...” (Revelation 1:17,18). So in giving the keys to Peter, He was not giving him the original, but simply a duplicate. Jesus still had the keys Himself long after He gave them to Peter.

What Are These Keys?

I hope your curiosity has been aroused to find the answer in the Scriptures as to what gift Jesus had given to Peter, which Peter was to give to all others. The answer is to be found in these next few words as Jesus spoke to the multitude, “Woe unto you lawyers! For ye have taken away the *key of knowledge*: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.” (Luke 11:52) What Christ gave unto Peter in giving him the keys of the kingdom of heaven, was the key of knowl-

edge--knowledge of Himself, the Son of God. Later Jesus said, “This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou has sent.” (John 17:3)

Source of the Key of Knowledge

“Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.” (Proverbs 4:1, 2, 7) “(Christ) is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.” (1Corinthians 1:30) When we have received these keys, then whatsoever we bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever we loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. We are to be teachers of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**. ~

Waldensian Center Report -Continued

the 100 million gallons of water per day flows out of the rock, and Lava Beds with its 700-plus lava caves, are just a few of the witnesses God has placed in our northeast corner of California. Written testimony was added to the list of witnesses when we distributed literature and sold books door to door. We studied the best methods of doing literature work and other forms of Gospel work. We learned how to mark our Bible effectively, how to study and how to remember where to find things in the Bible. We learned to prepare and present Bible studies, and rather than the students listening to merely pre-digested studies on different points, the students were given the task to study subjects themselves, and then prepare Bible studies themselves. The studies were discussed, analyzed and re-worked. Health science subjects included: hydrotherapy, natural remedies, and a brief anatomy and physiology course. In past sessions we learned how to harvest and thresh grain by hand, but this time we got some practice using a combine. We worked on a greenhouse structure, testing, preparing and irrigating the soil. We learned about food preservation by drying, canning, vacuum packing, and using oxygen absorbers. Most importantly, studies, work, and the varied activities all afforded opportunity for us to develop our characters and thus be better fitted for serving our heavenly Father.~

Marriage, a Symbol of Heaven

by Glenys Walkom and Jenny Granger

God designs that the families of earth shall be a symbol of the family in heaven. Christian homes, established and conducted in accordance with God's plan, are among His most effective agencies for the formation of Christian character and for the advancement of His work.

In Genesis 1:27 we read: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." Adam and Eve resembled God in physical form, as well as mental and social makeup. We can also find a number of similarities in the relationships between Adam and Eve and between the Father and the Son. Notice a few of these similarities.

The Father and Son	Adam and Eve
The Son came from the Father. (John 8:42)	Eve came forth from Adam. (Genesis 2:21-23)
Christ is a companion who could appreciate the Father's purposes. (Proverbs 8:22-31)	Eve was a help, meet or fit to be a companion to Adam. (Genesis 2:20-24)
The Father is the head of Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:3)	The man is the head of the woman. (1 Corinthians 11:3)
Christ received the Father's Name. (Hebrews 1:4)	Eve received Adam's name. (Genesis 5:2)
Christ is one with the Father. (John 5:18)	Eve was one with Adam. (Genesis 2:24)
The Father made all things through Christ. (Ephesians 3:9)	The whole human race came from Adam, through Eve. (Genesis 4:1; 5:3)

The relationship between of Christ and the Church serves as an example to husbands and wives as well.

Paul the apostle admonishes, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;" "So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his

wife loveth himself." (Ephesians 5:25, 28) The Lord has constituted the husband the head of the wife, to be her protector, the house-band, binding the members of the family together, even as Christ is the head of the church and the Saviour of the mystical body.

As Christians, we are all to submit to the will of God; but Christ's example of total submission to His Father is particularly to be represented in the marriage by the wife. "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing." (Ephesians 5:22-24) The wife, by submitting to her husband, establishes his authority and leadership in the home. "The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do..." (John 5:19-20)

God made from man a woman, to be a companion and help, meet (or fit) for him, to be one with him, to cheer, encourage, and bless him. And he in his turn is to be her strong helper.

Both "must have the Spirit of God, or they can never have harmony in the home. The wife, if she has the spirit of Christ, will be careful of her words and control her spirit. She will be submissive, and yet will not feel that she is a bonds slave, but a companion to her husband. If the husband is a servant of God, he will not lord it over his wife; he will not be arbitrary and exacting. We cannot cherish home affection with too much care; for the home, if the Spirit of the Lord dwells there, is a type of heaven. . . . If one errs, the other will exercise Christlike forbearance and not draw coldly away.

"Neither the husband nor the wife should attempt to exercise over the other an arbitrary control. Do not try to compel each other to yield to your wishes. You cannot do this and retain each other's love. Be kind, patient, and forbearing, considerate, and courteous. By the grace of God you can succeed in making each other happy, as in your marriage vow you promised to do." (Adventist Home, p. 118) ~



Youth's Corner - In the Days of thy Youth

"That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace." Psalms 144:12

Up by the rippling waters of Lake Nyasa, Africa, was a little village that had not heard the gospel. One day, a pastor came to the village and invited them to hear the "words of life". Every heart was stirred with curiosity, for who was not interested in life? Hadn't that enemy death come to their village all too many times? They would come to hear what this strange pastor had to say!

Little boys and little girls, mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers came to listen. They were hearing many strange things. Night after night they came. They heard about Jesus, they heard about the book of life and the book of death, they heard about the new Jerusalem and the new earth. Finally the call came one evening to give up their sinful heathen practices and accept Jesus. Many pressed forward determined to give their lives to Jesus and give up all, that that their names might be written in the Lamb's book of life.

There was one old woman who hung back, and when urged to give her life to Jesus, she only shook her old woolly head. Yes, she believed, and she did want her name in the book of life – but, but not yet, "Not just yet".

"I have in my hut in the village many pots of mowa fermenting. Soon it will be ready for my friends to drink. I tasted it only today, and it is the best beer I have ever made. You say beer drinkers cannot have their names written in that book you are telling about. I will go home and have my beer dance. I will not waste this good beer I have made. I will never make any more. Then I will come back when it is all gone and have my name put in that book of life."

Pleadings were to no avail. She just shook her head and went back to her hut. The next day she worked stirring her pots of beer. That day her friends were to come and drink her last brew. What thoughts scurried in her old head as she prepared for her beer dance, no one will ever know. At dusk, even as she was stirring, stirring, stirring her beverage of hell and her lips muttering hearty approval, there was a yellow flash from the bushes, a wailing scream, and the

crunching of bones, then silence. Her friends dared not go to her rescue.

One of my favorite authors once wrote:

"Life is mysterious and sacred. It is the manifestation of God Himself, the source of all life. Precious are its opportunities, and earnestly should they be improved. Once lost, they are gone forever.

"He desires that we shall constantly be growing in holiness, in happiness, in usefulness. All have capabilities which they must be taught to regard as sacred endowments, to appreciate as the Lord's gifts, and rightly to employ. He desires the youth to cultivate every power of their being, and to bring every faculty into active exercise. He desires them to enjoy all that is useful and precious in this life, to be good and to do good, laying up a heavenly treasure for the future life." (The Faith I Live By 167)

Dear reader, God says "Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee." (Jeremiah 31:3) We are

each precious in His sight, though so unworthy. To think that God, the Almighty God, would give His dearly beloved Son to die for you and me, and that Jesus was willing to lay down His life for us, is beyond comprehension. He admonishes us "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;" (Ecclesiastes 12:1) We only have one life to live on this earth, and the moments that pass we will never be able to recoup. What are we doing with them? Are we doing something useful and really worth while? Are we laying up treasure in heaven?

If you haven't given yourself completely to Jesus, please don't put it off like the poor woman in our story, for we don't know what may happen tomorrow, next week, or even a minute from now. ~

Elyssa Sims



Health Corner

Dangers of Meat Eating

by Raquel Akens

When I share with most people that I am a vegan, they almost always share a concern that I may not be getting enough proteins, minerals, and vitamins, but especially my proteins. What most people don't realize is that the average person gets more than double the protein they actually need, because of their intake of meat and dairy products. This would not be a problem if the abundance of animal protein found in meat and dairy did not have any ill effects on the body.

A high animal-based protein diet causes the body to lose calcium from the bones through the urine, causing osteoporosis and putting a strain on the kidneys. People are losing more calcium than what they take in when eating meat and dairy products. Furthermore, calcium is absorbed more readily and in greater amounts from vegetables than from meat and dairy. This is because vegetables have less phosphorus, which attaches to calcium and causes it to pass right through the body. And this is not the only effect of a high protein diet.

T. Colin Campbell, one of the authors of *The China Study** (who also helped discover dioxin, a highly toxic chemical, which was found in the herbicide Agent Orange), describes in his book an experiment done in India. There were two groups of rats. Both groups were given the same amount of aflatoxin, which is a mold toxin that can be found in peanuts and corn and is considered the strongest carcinogen ever found. One of the groups had a diet consisting of 20% protein, which is about how much protein the average westerner consumes, while the other group had a diet of 5% protein. Surprisingly, all the rats in the group with a diet of 20% protein had liver cancer, but all the rats in the other group had no cancer, even though both groups were given the same amount of aflatoxin.

In his own research and laboratory work, he discovered that it didn't matter how much more aflatoxin was added. As long as there was a low protein diet, no cancer availed. He stated in his book, "In fact, dietary protein proved to be so powerful in its

effect that we could turn on and turn off cancer growth simply by changing the level consumed." (Page 6, *The China Study*) He also noticed that there was a significant difference between proteins found in plants and those found in animals and animal products. Casein, which makes up 87% of protein in cow's milk, induced cancer the most. Proteins from plants, like soy, did not induce cancer, no matter the amount.

It appears that the issue is not whether one is getting enough protein, but where the protein is coming from. In Colin Campbell's study, he saw that people in China who had a plant based diet did not suffer from the chronic diseases that rich people had, whose diet included meat and dairy. Meat eating has contributed to the increasing cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes, Crohn's disease, arthritis and others. Some examples of the diseases animals can communicate to humans are: hoof and mouth disease and tuberculosis from raw milk, and probably the most commonly known, mad cow disease, also known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).

The infamous mad cow disease is caused by abnormal proteins, which are called prions. These proteins can enter the cell and change the normal proteins into prions. Researchers found something they never knew when studying prions. They found that proteins by themselves can cause an infectious disease in the body without the aid of any parasite, virus, or bacteria. They also found how havoc can be caused in the body when prions are being assembled in the cell with various amino acids, because they fold into a different, incorrect pattern than the normal proteins in the cell. In the brain this results in its perforation causing it to look like a sponge.

It was generally thought by researchers that prions were some type of malformation that happened every so often in nature. But in 1974 Dr. Richard Lacey and Dr. Stanley Prusiner set up electron microscopes to study prions. And they discovered that prions were passing into the chromosomes and therefore being passed down from offspring to offspring though the DNA. This means that they are also passed down through blood. How many farm



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animals are infected? It is very hard, if not impossible, to tell, but as early as the 1970's the U.S. was feeding infected sheep to cattle, and all cattle are not checked for the disease. Only 100 cows per 100,000 are tested. And cattle are still being fed dead cattle and dead cats and dogs from the city, because the FDA regulations are not being enforced.

The prions, which lead to what is known as mad cow disease, are not only to be found in meat and meat products, but can be found in all animal and animal derived products. The list includes dairy, eggs, and anything that has gelatin, such as candy and vitamin pills. The list also includes certain "organic" soil amendments such as blood meal fertilizer and manure. These prions can also be in pet food. The possibility exists anywhere animal derivatives are used. Animal derivatives can be found in vaccines, pharmaceuticals, and glandular substances like melatonin, many supplements, and even some so-called "herbal supplements." Read labels carefully before you buy "vegetarian" products, for they may contain milk, butter, and eggs. This is no longer the time to eat meat, and one can see God's wisdom in wanting a clean and healthy diet for his people, that they may be fit for his service and ready to stand before their Lord.

During the typical Day of Atonement, the offerings taken to the sanctuary were never diseased, but were without blemish (Exodus 12:5), for it would have been dishonoring to God. Today we are in the anti-typical Day of Atonement, and we must not dishonor God by putting blemished and diseased foods into our bodies. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." (1 Corinthians 3:16-17)

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We are often reminded, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." (Matthew 9:37) The cause is in desperate need of missionar-



ies, ministers, Bible workers, canvassers, and medical missionaries. The times demand that these Gospel workers know how to support themselves in secular labor as well. This all demands a thorough

training in both the secular and spiritual lines.

The great commission includes everyone of us. God is calling you! He asks "...Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" (Isaiah 6:8) Are you wanting to respond, "Here I am, use me", but you need training? Do you need some direction to know where and how to begin?

Waldensian Center will provide just such a training.

"...ye are not your own? for ye are bought with a price..." Strength, time, intellect, are but lent treasures. They belong to God, and it should be our resolve to put them to the highest use.

"...The Lord has called us out from the world that we may be witnesses for his truth; and all through our ranks, young men and women should be trained for positions of usefulness and influence. They are privileged to become missionaries for God; but they cannot be mere novices in education and in their knowledge of the word of God, and do justice to the sacred work to which they are appointed. In every land the want of education among our workers is painfully apparent. We realize that education is not only necessary to the proper fulfillment of the duties of domestic life, but necessary for success in all branches of usefulness Whatever business parents might think suitable for their children,

whether they desire them to become manufacturers, agriculturists, mechanics, or to follow some professional calling, they would reap great advantages from the discipline of an education. . . . They need to be thoroughly furnished with the reasons of our faith, to understand the Scriptures for themselves. Through understanding the truths of the Bible, they will be better fitted to fill positions of trust. They will be fortified against the temptations that will beset them on the right hand and on the left. But if they are thoroughly instructed and consecrated, they may be called, as was Daniel, to fill important responsibilities. Daniel was a faithful statesman in the courts of Babylon; for he feared, loved, and trusted God; and in time of temptation and peril he was preserved by the power of God. We read that God gave Daniel wisdom, and endowed him with understanding.”

“Those who obtain a knowledge of God's will, and practice the teaching of his word, will be found faithful in whatever position of trust they may be placed. Consider this, parents, and place your children where they will be educated in the principles of truth, where every effort will be made to help them to maintain their consecration, if converted, or if unconverted, to influence them to become the children of God, and thus fit them to go forth to win others to the truth.”-- (Extracts from an article in the Bible Echo for Sept. 1, 1892. Christian Education, pp. 197, 98)

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Think on These Things

Choose Your Battles Carefully

by David Sims

Josiah, much loved by his subjects, had bent his youthful zeal and energy to the task of ridding the nation of idolatry and immorality. He restored the ill-repaired temple and re-instituted its services. In the year 609 B.C. Pharaoh Necho was marching past Judah on his way to Carchemish to fight against the king of Assyria. It was God's will to give the nations (including Egypt) into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar (Jeremiah 28:14), but Josiah, failing to seek the Lord's will, engaged Necho in battle and was slain. Great was the mourning for this Godly young king who died so needlessly.

There are many evils in our world calling for redress. The corruption that exists in governments and the attempts to usurp dictatorial powers over the souls and bodies of men arouses our sense of justice. Shall we take up banners and march down the street in front of the capital? “Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.” John 18:36. We are also

told, “Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;” Ephesians 2:19. If our citizenship then is in heaven and not on the earth, we have no business interfering with the political processes of earthly governments except concerning their collision with the law of our God. Our work is clearly specified: “...we are ambassadors for Christ...” 2 Corinthians 5:20. So let us then always be certain we are fighting only His battles. ~

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