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*“Lo!
He Comes”*

Thoughts from Hope...

THE IMMUTABLE LAW OF GOD • CHRIST OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS • THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH
THE THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES • THE NON-IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL • THE SANCTUARY

Greetings, Friends!

As Autumn settles in, I am so thankful for the beauty of the leaves and the glorious crispness of the air. God truly loves His earth-born children to continue to preserve beauty in this sin-sick world that is waxing “old like a garment” (Isa. 51:6). We are blessed to see His love written all over His created works.

Jesus’ parting promise, “Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world,” sounds down the ages to our time, and inspires us with hope. He so longs to share with us the home He has been preparing, yet He waits. He waits while there is hope of one more human being making the choice for Him. He waits while His people learn to follow Him “whithersoever He goeth” (Rev. 14:4). He waits in patient love for His children to make a permanent decision for Him.

I wonder—am I part of the problem? Am I one of the roadblocks delaying my Lord’s coming? Have I submitted my all to Him? Have I done my part to help others prepare for His return? He has graciously given me freedom to choose—am I choosing Him?

After many time-sensitive prophecies, Jesus said, speaking of His return, “But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father” (Mark 13:32). Jesus waits for us—His people—to be ready to meet Him. He is “not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). His merciful invitation lingers, with the hope that His sacrifice will be bestowed “in vain” (1 Cor. 15:10).

As you read this issue of *HOPE for you*, may you be inspired by the amazing love of God for you. May you realize that He would have left heaven, come to earth, lived, died, rose—prepared heaven and come again if you were the only one who had chosen to take advantage His merciful invitation. May your heart be warmed by God’s amazing gift, and may you look forward with great anticipation to His promised return in the clouds of heaven!

Blessings, *The Hope International Team*

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Nothing less than the death of Christ
could make His love efficacious for us.
It is only because of His death that we can look with
joy to His second coming.
His sacrifice is the center of our hope.
Upon this we must fix our faith.

—E. G. White

A Joy-Inspiring Hope

by E. G. White

One of the most solemn and yet most glorious truths revealed in the Bible is that of Christ's second coming to complete the great work of redemption. To God's pilgrim people, so long left to sojourn in "the region and shadow of death," a precious, joy-inspiring hope is given in the promise of His appearing, who is "the resurrection and the life," to "bring home again His banished." The doctrine of the second advent is the very keynote of the Sacred Scriptures. From the day when the first pair turned their sorrowing steps from Eden, the children of faith have waited the coming of the Promised One to break the destroyer's power and bring them again to the lost Paradise.

Holy men of old looked forward to the advent of the Messiah in glory, as the consummation of their hope. Enoch, only the seventh in descent from them that dwelt in Eden, he who for three centuries on earth walked with his God, was permitted to behold from afar the coming of the Deliverer. "Behold," he declared, "the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute

judgment upon all." Jude 14, 15. The patriarch Job in the night of his affliction exclaimed with unshaken trust: "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: . . . in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another." Job 19:25-27.

The coming of Christ to usher in the reign of righteousness has inspired the most sublime and impassioned utterances of the sacred writers. The poets and prophets of the Bible have dwelt upon it in words glowing with celestial fire. The psalmist sang of the power and majesty of Israel's King: "Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence. . . . He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people." Psalm 50:2-4. "Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad . . . before the Lord: for He cometh, for He cometh to judge the earth: He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His truth." Psalm 96:11-13.

Said the prophet Isaiah: "Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead." "Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise." "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of His people shall He take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." Isaiah 26:19; 25:8, 9.

And Habakkuk, rapt in holy vision, beheld His appearing. "God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of His praise. And His brightness was as the light." . . . "Thou wentest forth for the salvation of Thy people, even for salvation with Thine anointed." Habakkuk 3:3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13.

When the Saviour was about to be separated from His disciples, He

comforted them in their sorrow with the assurance that He would come again: "Let not your heart be troubled. . . . In My Father's house are many mansions. . . . I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself." John 14:1-3. "The Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him." "Then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: and before Him shall be gathered all nations." Matthew 25:31, 32.

The angels who lingered upon Olivet after Christ's ascension repeated to the disciples the promise of His return: "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Acts 1:11. And the apostle Paul, speaking by the Spirit of Inspiration, testified: "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God." 1 Thessalonians 4:16. Says the prophet of Patmos: "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him." Revelation 1:7.

About His coming cluster the glories of that "restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began." Acts 3:21. Then the long-continued rule of evil shall be broken; "the kingdoms of this world" will become "the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever." Revelation 11:15. "The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together." "The Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations." He shall be "for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of His people." Isaiah 40:5; 61:11; Isaiah 28:5.

It is then that the peaceful and long-desired kingdom of the Messiah shall be established under the whole heaven. "The Lord shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord." "The glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon." "Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called My Delight, and thy land Beulah." "As the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee." Isaiah 51:3; 35:2; 62:4, 5, margin.

The coming of the Lord has been in all ages the hope of His true followers. The Saviour's parting promise upon Olivet, that He would come again, lighted up the future for His disciples, filling their hearts with joy and hope that sorrow could not quench nor trials dim. Amid

suffering and persecution, the "appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" was the "blessed hope." When the Thessalonian Christians were filled with grief as they buried their loved ones, who had hoped to live to witness the coming of the Lord, Paul, their teacher, pointed them to the resurrection, to take place at the Saviour's advent. Then the dead in Christ should rise, and together with the living be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. "And so," he said, "shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18.

On rocky Patmos the beloved disciple hears the promise, "Surely I come quickly," and his longing response voices the prayer of the church in all her pilgrimage, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Revelation 22:20. ...

A Need for Reform

When the Saviour pointed out to His followers the signs of His return, He foretold the state of backsliding that would exist just prior to His second advent. There would be, as in the days of Noah, the activity and stir of worldly business and pleasure seeking—buying, selling, planting, building, marrying, and giving in marriage—with forgetfulness of God and the future life. For those living at this time, Christ's admonition is: "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares." "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:34, 36.

The condition of the church at this time is pointed out in the Saviour's words in the Revelation: "Thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead." And to those who refuse to arouse from their careless security, the solemn warning is addressed: "If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." Revelation 3:1, 3. ...

"It shall come to pass at that time," saith the Lord, "that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will He do evil." Zephaniah 1:12. "I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible." Isaiah 13:11. "Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them;" "their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation." Zephaniah 1:18, 13.

The prophet Jeremiah, looking forward to this fearful time, exclaimed: "I am pained at my very heart. . . . I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. Destruction upon destruction is cried." Jeremiah 4:19, 20.

"That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of the trumpet and alarm." Zephaniah 1:15, 16. "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, . . . to lay the land desolate: and He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it." Isaiah 13:9. . . .

To prepare a people to stand in the day of God, a great work of reform was to be accomplished. God saw that many of His professed people were not building for eternity, and in His mercy He was about to send a message of warning to arouse them from their stupor and lead them to make ready for the coming of the Lord.

This warning is brought to view in Revelation 14. Here is a threefold message represented as proclaimed by heavenly beings and immediately followed by the coming of the Son of man to reap "the harvest of the earth." The first of these warnings announces the approaching judgment. The prophet beheld an angel flying "in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Revelation 14:6, 7.

This message is declared to be a part of "the everlasting gospel." The work of preaching the gospel has not been committed to angels, but has been entrusted to men. Holy angels have been employed in directing this work, they have in charge the great movements for the salvation of men; but the actual proclamation of the gospel is performed by the servants of Christ upon the earth. . . .

At the time of Christ's first advent the priests and scribes of the Holy City, to whom were entrusted the oracles of God, might have discerned the signs of the times and proclaimed the coming of the Promised One. The prophecy of Micah designated His birthplace; Daniel specified the time of His advent. Micah 5:2; Daniel 9:25. God committed these prophecies to the Jewish leaders; they were without excuse if they did not know and declare to the people that the Messiah's coming was at hand. Their ignorance was the result of sinful neglect. . . .

Such is the sure result of neglect to appreciate and improve the light and privileges which God bestows. Unless the church will follow on in His opening providence, accepting every ray of light, performing every duty which may be revealed, religion will inevitably degenerate into the observance of forms, and the spirit of vital godliness will disappear. This truth has been repeatedly illustrated in the history of the church. God requires of His people works of faith and obedience corresponding to the blessings and privileges bestowed. Obedience requires a sacrifice and involves a cross; and this is why so many of the professed followers of Christ refuse to receive the light from heaven, and, like the Jews of old, know not the time of their visitation. Luke 19:44.

—Taken from *The Great Controversy*, pp. 299-316

“A Little While”

A little while, our fightings shall be over;
A little while, our tears be wiped away;
A little while, the presence of Jehovah
Shall turn our darkness into Heaven's bright day.

A little while, the fears that oft surround us
Shall to the memories of the past belong;
A little while, the love that sought and found us
Shall change our weeping into Heaven's glad song.

A little while! His presence goes before us,
A fire by night, a shadowy cloud by day;
His banner, love-inscribed, is floating o'er us;
His arm almighty is our strength and stay.

A little while! 'Tis ever drawing nearer—
The brighter dawning of that glorious day,
Blest Savior, make our spirits' vision clearer,
And guide, oh, guide us in the shining way.

A little while! Oh, blessed expectation!
For strength to run with patience, Lord, we cry;
Our hearts up-leap in fond anticipation.
Our union with the Bridegroom draweth nigh.

—*Selected*

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- Soothes irritations, hydrates the skin, and relieves itching and the effects of stings and burns. In the ancient world, olive oil was seen as a soothing and pain-relieving ointment, even straight out of the bottle. It was used to soothe painful joints and muscles, and to hasten skin recovery!
- Olive oil is extremely safe and gentle, delicate enough for even a baby's sensitive skin!
- Olive oil contains phytosterols, which are quite similar to cortical steroids, the products commonly used to reduce inflammation. Likewise, these phytosterols are natural anti-inflammatories, which is why olive oil applied topically, can help inflamed, painful skin feel better.

100% Natural Beeswax

Beeswax is known to lock in moisture, strengthen cells, and protect the skin from damaging environmental factors. Beeswax effectively softens the skin and creates a long-lasting protective coating against the elements. It is also a naturally nourishing moisturizer. Beeswax's anti-inflammatory, antibacterial, anti-allergenic, and germicidal antioxidant properties make it beneficial for skin regeneration and wound repair.

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First Aid

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Dangers Of Steroid Creams

Steroid cream is a commonly prescribed preparation for problematic skin. Anyone with long-term skin problems knows how quickly it reduces inflammation and speeds the healing process. What they may NOT know is that steroids block the immune system, which is something people living in this killer-bacteria and virus-filled world cannot afford.

Steroid cream is fat soluble, and every time you apply it, it goes straight into the body and temporarily reduces the functioning of your immune system. Using steroids on chronic skin conditions means using them on an ongoing basis. That means a chronically impaired immune system!

Calendula Cream & Soap can be used whenever the skin needs help repairing. A sunburn, itchy rash, or an abrasion achieved falling off a bike are all helped with the use of **Calendula Cream & Soap**. It has so many uses it should be a staple in the medicine chest. When disaster strikes, reach for **Calendula Cream & Soap**!

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Your Skin

by Dr. Kaye Olson, ND

This month, we are taking a look at your skin. As we enter the winter months, when skin often needs extra attention, we want you to be ready! Here are some facts about skin that you may not know:

- It's your body's largest organ!
- The normal person has 21 square feet of skin and about 300 million skin cells.
- Your skin weighs approximately 8 pounds with more than 11 miles of blood vessels.
- The main purposes of the skin are to regulate body temperature, produce Vitamin D, and protect the body.
- The skin sheds approximately 40,000 dead skin cells every minute, so by the age of 70 the average person will have lost about 105 pounds of skin!
- Skin renews itself every 28 days.
- The skin contains 45 miles of nerves.
- Skin expands in thickness from approximately 1 mm in babies to 2 mm in adults.

The skin is actually able to absorb vital nutrients, an average of 60 percent of the substances applied to the skin are eventually absorbed into the bloodstream. Unfortunately, along with the good things absorbed by our skin, it also absorbs toxins from the air, water, and other sources. To our horror, many toxins are present in the products we use to groom our skin. These products may be doing us more harm than good!

The chemicals in common soaps and washes can disrupt hormones, promote allergies, lead to reproductive issues, and put you at greater risk for the development of unhealthy cell growth. Here is a list of some of the ingredients in soap which have been found to be toxic:

1) **Triclosan** is a pesticide that has antibacterial properties. It is often found in soaps because it helps to get rid of potentially dangerous bacteria that have built up on your skin during the day. Unfortunately, it is this antibacterial action that makes triclosan one of the worst contributors to the growing problem of antibiotic resistance.

Another important reason to avoid triclosan is that it is what's called an endocrine disruptor. Endocrine disruptors may cause potentially dangerous fluctuations in your hormone levels,



and triclosan has been proven to have a particularly strong influence on the female hormone estrogen. The hormonal changes caused by triclosan can dramatically increase the likelihood of developing serious health concerns.

2) **Dioxane** is a synthetic derivative of coconut; due to this fact, some people mistakenly assume that it must be a natural ingredient in personal care products. However, it is actually a harmful chemical that is toxic to the brain, liver, and kidneys.

3) **Sodium Laurel Sulfate** (SLS) is one of the most common toxic soap ingredients added to soaps and shower gels. When SLS bonds with other common soap ingredients, it becomes particularly dangerous. One of the reasons SLS is so dangerous is that it permeates your skin very easily, and also makes your skin more permeable to all the other chemicals mentioned on this list. Further, tests show that SLS causes skin irritation, leads to organ toxicity, promotes hormonal disruptions, and increases your susceptibility to mood disorders.

4) **Diethanolamine** (or DEA) is absorbed extremely easily through your skin, and it combines with the nitrate preservatives commonly added to soaps to create NDEA, which is a potent toxin and it is most strongly linked to the development of kidney and liver illness.

5) **Formaldehyde** is commonly found in soaps, and so are chemicals that release formaldehyde. It weakens the immune system, leading to a reduced resistance to illness, and it may also cause respiratory disorders, chronic fatigue, frequent headaches, and an irregular heartbeat.

6) **Parabens** (such as methylparaben and propylparaben) are preservatives that are commonly added to bars of soap. Scientific studies have repeatedly shown that being exposed to parabens boosts a woman's risk of developing unhealthy breast cell growth because parabens mimic the action of the hormone estrogen.

7) **Fragrance** is added to most bars of soap in order to make them more enjoyable to use. However, printing 'fragrance' on a soap label can be extremely misleading, as this often means that up to thousands of different chemicals have been added in order to create the special smell of the soap. Fragrance ingredients can increase your risk of developing a wide range of medical problems, including chronic dizziness, nausea, rashes, sadness, respiratory distress, and severe headaches.

8) **PEG-6** is another one of these extremely common toxic soap ingredients, and it contains toxic impurities that can cause a wide range of dangerous conditions.

At Hope for Health, we have been aware of the dangers of these toxins for many years, which is why we have always offered 100% all natural skin care products for you and your family. Our ingredients are clearly marked on every label and NOTHING else is added! Each product is handmade to accommodate our strict standards!

On pages 8, 11, and 29 of this issue you will find detailed information regarding three of our top skin care products: Comfort Cream & Soap, Calendula Cream & Soap and Swedish Bitters Salve & Soap. Our soap is available in several forms (bar, liquid, body wash) and with several different essential oils added. *Check them out on our website or on pages 54 & 55 of our current catalog.*

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Did You Know?

- Traditionally, comfrey was known as “knit bone” and “bruisewort” for its ability to help hasten recovery of broken bones, sprains, strains, and bruises. In addition to helping the bones, it can also reduce the occurrence and severity of scar tissue.
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As Lightning from the East

by F. A. Barnes

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” John 14:1-3.

The Second Coming of Christ is the “blessed hope” of the Church—the long expected return of our Savior to take us home. The facts surrounding His return, however, have been misunderstood by many, bringing confusion and discord among the saints. Let us study carefully what the Bible tells us about this most glorious event, for confusion on this doctrine has resulted in confusion on other doctrines as well. Jesus warned, “Take heed that no man deceive you” (Mat. 24:4). When such a warning is given, know assuredly that deceptions will come.

He Will Come In the Clouds

“And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a **cloud received Him out of their sight**. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, **shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.**” Acts 1:9-11.

“Behold, He cometh with **clouds**; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen.” Revelation 1:7.

“Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” 1 Thessalonians 4:17.

These are not just literal clouds in the heavens, but clouds of angels. “Both the Greeks and Latins frequently use the term cloud, to express a great number of persons or things.” (*Adam Clarke’s Commentary*). *Webster’s 1828 Dictionary* has as one definition for *cloud*: “A great multitude; a vast collection.” Psalm 104:3 says that God “maketh the clouds His chariot,” and in Psalm 68:17 we learn: “The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels.”

“And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his **saints**.” Jude 14. (The Greek word for *saints* is *hagios*, meaning “holy ones.” In this case it refers to the angels, as we shall see.)

“For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His **angels**; and then He shall reward every man according to his works.” Matthew 16:27.



“And He shall send His **angels** with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” Matthew 24:31.

“When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and **all the holy angels** with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of his glory.” Matthew 25:31.

“Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of Him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the **holy angels**.” Mark 8:38.

“And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His **mighty angels**.” 2 Thessalonians 1:7.

His Coming Will Be Bright

“For as the **lightning** cometh out of the east, and **shineth** even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” Matthew 24:27.

“Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a **fire** shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about Him.” Psalm 50:3.

“And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the **brightness** of His coming.” 2 Thessalonians 2:8.

His Coming Will Be Loud

“For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a **shout**, with the **voice** of the archangel, and with the **trump** of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.” 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last **trump**: for the **trumpet shall sound**, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” 1 Corinthians 15:52.

“And He shall send His angels with a **great sound of a trumpet**, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” Matthew 24:31.

“The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall He **thunder** upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and He shall give strength unto His king, and exalt the horn of His anointed.” 1 Samuel 2:10.

“Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with **thunder**, and with earthquake, and **great noise**, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.” Isaiah 29:6.

It Will Be No Secret

Undoubtedly, you have heard of the so-called “secret rapture” of the Church, leaving the unbelieving world wondering what happened to the Christians who have mysteriously vanished. Yes, Jesus will come as a thief in the night, but this is no secret rapture. “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.” 2 Peter 3:10.

As we have clearly seen from the Scriptures, the Lord’s return will not be in secret. When Christ rends the eastern skies, it will be bright, loud, and visible to every eye. This being the case, the question naturally arises about the origin of the “secret rapture” theory. Why do so many believe in it today?

During the Sixteenth Century, at the height of the Reformation, nearly all the reformers were identifying the office of the pope as the Antichrist. Among these were Martin Luther, Philip Melancthon, Ulric Zwingle, John Calvin, John Knox, Menno Simons, William Tyndale, etc. As a result, the Roman Catholic Church was losing members by the tens of thousands. All of Europe was being enlightened by the study of the Scriptures and the gross errors of Catholicism were being exposed. The Dark Ages were giving way to the light of the gospel.

Faced with this dilemma, the pope called for a general council, known as the Council of Trent, to strategize ways to counteract the Reformation. The Jesuits were assigned the task of getting the pope off the hook by finding a different interpretation from the Bible about the Antichrist.

Francisco Ribera (1537-1591) met the challenge by tearing the seventieth week of Daniel's prophecy (Daniel 9:24-27) from the first sixty-nine and thrusting it off into the distant future. He then applied the things the Messiah would do to the Antichrist. It was Jesus who caused the sacrifices to cease by offering Himself once and for all. Jesus confirmed the covenant with Israel (Mat. 10:5, 6). It was Jesus that decreed that Jerusalem would be left desolate (Mat. 23:38, Luke 13:35). Ribera invented a single Antichrist who would make a covenant with Israel, but then would stop the sacrifices and desolate Jerusalem.

Ribera then applied the 1260 year prophecies of both Daniel and Revelation to literal days, or 3 1/2 years, at the latter half of the seventieth week. Most students of prophecy had recognized these 1260 days to represent years. The Papacy reigned from 538 A.D. to 1798 when it received its deadly wound at the hands of the armies of Napoleon—exactly 1260 years.

Writer Leroy Froom states:

“Ribera assigned the first few chapters of the Apocalypse to ancient Rome, in John's own time; the rest he restricted to a literal three and a half years' reign of an infidel Antichrist, who would bitterly oppose and blaspheme the saints just before the second advent. He taught that Antichrist would be a single individual, who would rebuild the temple in Jerusalem, abolish the Christian religion, deny Christ, be received by the Jews, pretend to be God, and conquer the world—and all in this brief space of three and one half literal years!” *Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers*, Bk. 2, p. 489.

“None of the Wicked Shall Understand”

The irony of the Protestant world accepting this futurist interpretation is that Daniel 12:9-10 warns: “... Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and **none of the wicked shall understand**; but the wise shall understand.” And yet, this Jesuit interpretation of Daniel came only eight short years after one of the most diabolical massacres in history.

“The Massacre of Saint Bartholomew, instigated by the Jesuits, took place in 1572, and Ribera published his theory in or about 1580, so that the blood-stains had scarcely disappeared from the streets of Paris, and in the sight of God the hands of the Jesuits were still deep-dyed with the innocent blood of the Protestants of France, when they gave their theory to the world.” (McDougall, *Rapture of the Saints*, p. 4.)

If God tells us that “none of the wicked” would understand the prophecies of Daniel, how is it that such a large proportion of the Protestant world has accepted this interpretation of the Jesuits? Have we lost the true history of the Dark Ages and the Reformation?

It should be noted that Ribera's theory made little headway among Protestants until around the turn of the Twentieth Century. To briefly sum up that history, futurism was accepted by John Darby of the Plymouth Brethren who added his dispensational ideas, which eventually found their way into such centers of learning as the Moody Bible Institute (after the death of Moody),

the Dallas Theological Seminary, and many Christian schools throughout Christendom. Cyrus Scofield incorporated these theories into the Scofield Reference Bible, Hal Lindsey used them in his best-selling book, *The Late Great Planet Earth*, and the popular *Left Behind* series by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins is built upon the same. The latter is a fictional series that has been made into movies as well. Perhaps we should say that the theology is as fictional as the characters and the story. We do not wish to condemn the writers, for they were probably very sincere in their efforts, but the errors thus promoted could be devastating to many.

The concept of a secret rapture before the appearance of Antichrist tends to lull the Christian world into an uncaring attitude about that “man of sin” and “the mark of the beast.” Rather than being something to be seriously on guard about, those subjects are merely seen as interesting reading and pertaining only to the unbelievers who are “left behind.” Often the sentiment is expressed: “I need not worry about the mark of the beast, for I will be raptured out before then.” But what saith the Scriptures?

“That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.” 2 Thess. 2:2, 3.

Another danger is the false hope of a “second chance” to find salvation after the rapture. How many will postpone surrendering to Christ, vainly believing they will have another opportunity during the so-called “seven years of tribulation”?

Jesus will soon finish His work in the heavenly sanctuary and His decree will be: “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him

be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be” (Revelation 22:11, 12). Every character will be fixed and every fate sealed. There will be no second chance.

In Summary

We have seen that the Lord’s return will be bright, loud, and visible. What a glorious event that will be! We have seen that the futurist theory, along with the secret rapture before the Antichrist appears, is just a face-saving device of the Jesuits in an attempt to free the office of the pope from the notorious stigma of Antichrist. We have seen that “none of the wicked shall understand” the prophecies of Daniel. Fortunately, the prophecy states that “the wise shall understand” (Daniel 12:10). The wise will apply themselves to the study of Scripture and will discern the prophecies of Daniel, Revelation, and all other prophets who spoke of Christ’s return.

Dear reader, be among the wise. Do not allow yourself to be taken in the Jesuit snare. “For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. **For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.** For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.” Matthew 24:24-28.

(Taken from the booklet, *As Lightning from the East.*)

Words from God

The Second Coming

1. What promise did Christ make concerning His coming?

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” John 14:1-3.

2. Following the signs of His coming, what did Christ say would take place?

“And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” Luke 21:27.

3. Will the world be prepared to meet Him?

“And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” Matt. 24:30. “Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him.” Rev. 1:7.

4. Why will many not be prepared for this event?

“But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delays his coming; and shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looks not for him. And in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Matt. 24:48-51.

5. What will the world be doing when Christ comes?

“But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the Flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the Flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” Verses 37-39. “Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out

of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.” Luke 17:28-30.

NOTE.-The idea is, not that it is wrong in itself to eat, drink, marry, buy, sell, plant, or build, but that men’s minds will be so taken up with these things that they will give little or no thought to the future life, and make no plans or preparation to meet Jesus when He comes.

6. Who is it that blinds men to the gospel of Christ?

“In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.” 2 Cor. 4:4.

NOTES.-“To my mind this precious doctrine—for such I must call it—of the return of the Lord to this earth is taught in the New Testament as clearly as any other doctrine in it; yet I was in the church fifteen or sixteen years before I ever heard a sermon on it. There is hardly any church that does not make a great deal of baptism; but in all of Paul’s epistles I believe baptism is spoken of only thirteen times, while it speaks about the return of our Lord fifty times; and yet the church has had very little to say about it. Now I can see a reason for this. The devil does not want us to see this truth; for nothing would wake up the church so much. The moment a man takes hold of the truth that Jesus Christ is coming back again to receive His followers to Himself, this world loses its hold on him. Gas stocks, and water stocks, and stocks in banks and railroads are of very much consequence to him then. His heart is free, and he looks for the blessed appearing of his Lord, who, at His coming, will take him into His blessed kingdom.” -“*The Second Coming of Christ*,” by D. L. Moody, pages 6, 7.

“ ‘This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven,’ is the parting promise of Jesus to His disciples, communicated through the two men in white apparel, as a cloud received Him out of their sight. When after more than fifty years in glory He breaks the silence and speaks once more in the Revelation which He gave to His servant John, the post-ascension gospel which He sends opens with, ‘Behold, He comes with clouds,’ and closes with, ‘Surely I come quickly.’ Considering the solemn emphasis thus laid upon this doctrine, and considering the great prominence given to it throughout the teaching of our Lord and of His apostles, how was it that for the first five years of my pastoral life it had absolutely no place in my preaching? Undoubtedly, the reason lay in the lack of early instruction. Of all the sermons heard from childhood on, I do not remember listening to a single one upon this subject.” -“*How Christ Came to Church*,” by A. J. Gordon, D.D., pages 44, 45.

7. At His ascension, what assurance was given of Christ's return?

"And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, You men of Galilee, why stand you gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven." Acts 1:10,11.

8. How ancient is this doctrine of Christ's coming?

"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all." Jude 14,15.

NOTE.-Seeking to cast reflection upon modern believers in the advent doctrine, a man in Hungary not long ago remarked to a colporteur of this faith that he had heard that the first Adventist preacher is still living. "Yes," replied the colporteur, "the first Adventist preacher is still living, yet the Adventist faith is thousands of years old. The Bible says that Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, preached the coming of Christ in glory and power, and Enoch is still living. He was translated to heaven without seeing death, and will never die."

9. What was Job's confidence concerning Christ's coming?

"For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: . . . whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me." Job 19:25-27.

10. How does David speak of Christ's coming?

"Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about Him." Ps. 50:3. "For He cometh, for He cometh to judge the earth: He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His truth." Ps. 96:13.

11. How does Paul give expression to this hope?

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." Phil. 3:20. "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ!" Titus 2:13.

12. What is Peter's testimony regarding it?

"For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye-witnesses of His majesty." 2 Peter 1:16.

13. When are the saints to be like Jesus?

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." 1 Jn. 3:2.

14. What scriptures show that Christ's coming will be a time of reward?

"For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works." Matt. 16:27. "And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Rev. 22:12.

15. To whom is salvation promised at Christ's appearing?

"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Heb. 9:28.

16. What influence has this hope upon the life?

"We know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." 1 John 3:2,3.

17. To whom does Paul say a crown of righteousness is promised?

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." 2 Tim. 4:6-8.

18. What will the waiting ones say when Jesus comes?

"And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." Isa. 25:9.

19. Has the exact time of Christ's coming been revealed?

"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only." Matt. 24:36.

20. In view of this fact, what does Christ tell us to do?

"Watch therefore: for you know not what hour your Lord does come." Matthew 24:42.

NOTE.-"In the Scriptures, the constant note, the continually recurring exhortation, is to be prepared for the Lord's coming."—Dean Alford. "The proper attitude of a Christian is to be always looking for his Lord's return."—D. L. Moody.

21. What warning has Christ given that we might not be taken by surprise by this great event?

"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch you therefore, and pray always, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:34-36.

22. What Christian grace are we exhorted to exercise in our expectant longing for this event?

"Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be you also patient; establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draws nigh." James 5:7, 8

Words for Life

Don't Lose Jesus!

by Dan Olsen

It was that time of year again—the time when Israelites from all over Palestine made the journey to Jerusalem. They came to remember the amazing deliverance God had wrought for them as a people when He brought them out from the bondage of slavery in Egypt.

God, through Moses and Aaron, had tried to work with Pharaoh to free the slaves just by asking. Pharaoh said, “No.” As calamity after calamity befell the Egyptian people and their lands, Pharaoh was again given the opportunity to free the Israelites. Each time, while he made promises, he revoked his orders as soon as the plague was removed.

Finally, God brought the ultimate plague—the death of every living firstborn, of the animals and the people, including Pharaoh’s firstborn son. However, God made a way of escape for all who were willing to follow His instruction.

Moses told the Jews to get ready for the last plague. He told them to spread the blood of a lamb around the outside of their doorposts of their houses. When the angel of death passed through the land and saw the blood on the doorpost, he would pass-over that house and spare all that were in that house.

What a fearful plague! What a sad state of affairs that Pharaoh’s unwillingness had brought upon the land of Egypt. We know the story—how the Angel of Death did pass through, and all those who had not chosen the protection of blood on their doorpost lost their firstborn child. The shock of loss reached even to Pharaoh’s palace, and the children of Israel took their belongings and left the grief-stricken land.

The celebration of the Passover each year was to help all remember the great deliverance that God had wrought for His

people. “The Lord had commanded that the Passover should be yearly kept. ‘It shall come to pass,’ He said, ‘when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? that ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the Lord’s passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when He smote the Egyptians.’” Thus from generation to generation the story of this wonderful deliverance was to be repeated.” (Desire of Ages, pg. 76).

Fast-forward hundreds of years. The Passover service had, in many ways, become a mere formality. It was a yearly service that all Israelites, twelve and older, were expected to attend. Mary and Joseph had brought their twelve-year-old son Jesus with them for the first time.

Mary and Joseph had taught Jesus about the Passover. Jesus, for the first time in His young life, came to witness the event. For the first time He sees the spotless bleeding victim being sacrificed for the sins of the people. Here the very One who delivered these people from the bondage of Egypt hundreds of years before, is watching and learning for the first time what the Passover service meant. Day by day He saw its meaning more clearly.

At twelve years old, He is beginning to see the extent of His mission. His mother had told Him from a very young age that He was the Messiah. He was the one to save the world from the destruction of sin. But it was not until this first visit to the Passover feast that Jesus began to understand who He was and what was His mission. Can you imagine, being twelve years old and realizing that You are the One who is going to be the Lamb given to save all people from sin? You are the Son of God. You are the Messiah. The Savior of the entire world!



As the Passover feast was nearing its end, the people were preparing for their trip back home. However, Jesus was more interested in what all this meant. He spent most of His time in the school of the prophets listening to and asking questions to the Rabbis. They were amazed that this young boy, who was not taught by them in their schools, knew the scriptures better than they did. God was doing everything He could to bring light to these men. To get them to see the real reason God sent His Son. The Son of God was sitting right in front of them, but their pride kept them from seeing who He was.

While Jesus was in the temple, his parents broke camp and started the long journey home. They assumed that Jesus was somewhere in the caravan with others who were headed the same direction. That evening, they looked for Jesus, expecting His help with setting up camp. No Jesus! As they searched throughout the camp, they became more and more frantic. I can imagine that sleep did not come to the anxious parents that night!

The next day they made their way back towards Jerusalem. When they reached the city, they found Jesus talking to the priests and rabbis in the temple. While relief flooded their hearts, they also had a bit of parental frustration, "Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing," (Luke 2:48) his mother remonstrated with Him.

Jesus answered kindly, "How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Luke 2:49

As kind and important as Jesus' earthly parents were, He had found a higher mission in those days of revelation. His heavenly Father had work for Him to do.

As I think about this story, I remember all the times I inwardly chastised Mary and Joseph for losing Jesus. They "supposed" Jesus was with them, but they didn't confirm their supposition. How would they have left Jerusalem without checking thoroughly? Yet, I wonder if I'm being too hard on them. I wonder how easy it is for me to lose Jesus.

We can't afford to be away from our Lord for one second or one minute or hour of any given day, or we take the chance of losing Him. It is vital for our well-being that we don't let anything get between us and our Saviour. Nor our spouse, sibling, children, our quest for making money, or our desire for leisure time—nothing should be allowed to come between us and Jesus.

We need to look constantly to Jesus, realizing that it is His power, which does the work. While we are laboring for the salvation of the lost, we must also take time for meditation, for prayer, and for the study of the Word of God.

The devil is constantly looking for a chance to trip us up in some way or another. It is in his best interest if we will lose Jesus. In fact, if we suppose, as did Mary and Joseph, that Jesus is still with us, but we chose to banish Him from our thoughts, we give Satan an open invitation to tempt us and cause us to fall.

Sometimes, as I am going through my day, I find myself thinking about something unnecessary, unkind, or unChristian. I wonder to myself, "Where in the world did that come from?" I know now that it is from the devil. He suggests thoughts to get us off course. The devil will do everything he can to get us to let go of Jesus—to lose Him. We cannot allow him to win the battle.

Thankfully, the devil has no choice but to flee when we call on Jesus. One thing that has helped me when I am tempted to think or do things that I know aren't pleasing to God is to sing. If I start a song in my mind, or out loud, I have found that Satan's temptation to evil thoughts can be more easily pushed out. Sometimes I will say the name of Jesus out loud, and rejoice that Jesus can take away the thoughts and the desires to think or act in a way that would cause me to lose Jesus.

Just as Mary and Joseph, who loved Jesus dearly, could have avoided three days of agony and anxious searching, so we can avoid the anxiety of losing our connection with Jesus by simply making sure He is with us before we go about our activities and routines.

Jesus does not leave us; it is us that choose to leave Him. Simply supposing that we have not lost Him will not make it true. Mary "supposed" that Jesus was in the company, but He wasn't.

How can we be certain that we haven't lost Jesus? The beloved apostle John tells us how we can know. In 1 John 1:7, he writes, "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

I think that most people in this world today believe that all good people will go to heaven regardless of their religious beliefs. Unfortunately, that is a supposition that is inaccurate. The Bible says that there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved but the name of Jesus. Many may be lost while supposing themselves to be saved because they have not chosen to keep Jesus and His truth as the priority in their lives.

We want to be sure that we have not lost Jesus. We want to know that He is guiding and directing our steps so that we can be a light of His love and goodness to those around us. We don't want to live on the supposition that all is fine, only to realize too late that we do not have a firm connection to our Saviour.

I encourage you to investigate, investigate, and make sure that Jesus is right by your side. When you wake up in the morning, thank Him for another day. While we all have busy lives, we must remember that there is nothing more important than to spend time with Jesus. Remember, He is waiting—waiting for that moment when you come to Him. He stands at the door and knocks and can't wait for the time He gets to spend with us.

Just like when a child has been gone away at school and comes home for a visit. As their parent, you can't wait to see them and spend some time with them. You want to hear all about what's going on in their lives. So it is with Jesus. He looks forward to every day with us. He can't wait for us to take the time to spend with Him. He wants to hear everything that is happening in our lives. He is the one Friend that will listen any hour of the day or night, and He will tell no one else the confidences you pour out to Him.

Don't just "suppose" that Jesus is there like Mary and Joseph did. Make sure to take the time to know for certain that He is there. Spend the time with Him every day. He loves each of us as if there were no other people on the earth. Don't lose Jesus. Make Him your constant and forever Friend!

Teaching Young Children About Their Frontal Lobe

Our frontal lobe is such a crucial part of our brain that can enhance character development and increase our emotional intelligence. This region of our brain is responsible for some very important things such as moral reasoning, critical thinking, planning for the future, decision making, impulse control, and the will. Essentially, the frontal lobe houses our very character. It develops slowly in children, amps up its growth during the teenage years, but does not fully mature until around a person's late 20s to 30s.

Who wouldn't want their children to have optimal functioning in this area? Knowing that young children don't have this part of their brain fully functioning yet can help us understand why they fly off the handle when their sock "isn't doing well" as my 3 1/2 year old would say when she is trying to put a sock on that is stuck on one of her toes and isn't budging. While we have to meet children where their frontal lobe development is at, I believe it is never too early to teach them about this area of their brain and its importance. Some professionals might say that teaching this brain anatomy could even help children to understand their 'reactive tendencies' and potentially reduce some outbursts by cueing them to slow down before they react.

One tangible way to introduce this concept is to explain "the hand model of the brain". Dr. Daniel Siegel, psychiatrist and researcher came up with this model and explains that "if we can see in front of us what's going on in the brain, then we can change

what the brain does." ¹ See "References" for a link to his YouTube video. (Disclaimer: Dr. Siegel is an evolutionist and while I highly respect his work and research, I believe there is a Creator of this universe who uniquely designed our brains and shaped us to be intelligent beings in His image; Gen 1: 26-27).

It is exciting to think that we can teach kids, even as young as three and a half, about how our emotions can try to override the frontal lobe, allowing us to "flip our lids". Showing them helps make sense of what goes on in their brains.

We can introduce the frontal lobe, explain how it is growing and maturing as they age and teach them ways we can strengthen it. It will get stronger the more we engage and take care of it by doing things such as eating healthfully, exercising, and listening to good classical music. We can begin to teach children that the frontal lobe is the part of the brain that helps us check our thoughts and decide whether or not what we are telling ourselves is true and accurate. It also can help calm us when we are about to "flip our lid".



TEN STEPS TO CALM THE EMOTIONS OF YOUR CHILD BY ENGAGING THE FRONTAL LOBE

1. If your child is too “wound up” encourage him or her to take a “break” or “cool down”. Be sure to avoid language like “time-out” if your child is used to “time-outs” as punishment. “Cool down” periods should be pleasant for the child, giving them permission to go to a calm and quiet place to engage in a soothing activity. Some children may not want this option because they want you to help them regulate their emotions.
2. Work at fixing the “emotional problem” first and look to connect with your child in this moment. State the emotion you observe but ask the child if you are correct. “Hunny, you seem so angry! Are you feeling frustrated about something?” Research shows that having the child simply name the emotion as they are experiencing it can soothe the nervous system because it engages the left lobe of the brain (*center of language and logic*) and may help the child to focus and calm themselves down.²
3. Ask questions and listen. Have the child explain their frustration or anger in the form of a story. You can ask questions like, “What happened right before you got upset?” “Then what happened?” “What did you do?” If you saw what happened, you can help the child tell the story of what took place which will validate their experience and further the calming.
4. Validate the child’s experience without judgment. “I can see why that would be frustrating. I would be upset too if that happened to me.” Help your child decide if they need space or need you to stay physically present. **There are times my child is WAY too tired and despite my efforts of working through steps 2-4 she is disagreeable and out of sorts. In these rare cases, I have to reinforce a short “cool down period”; asking her to first calm down, then come to me when she is ready to talk.*
5. Once the child is visibly more calm start problem-solving. “What could be different for next time?” “Is there something you did that didn’t make the situation better?” “How could you act differently next time?” Think of this conflict as an opportunity for connection. **Encourage forward thinking by having the child help you problem-solve for future situations.** **For very young children, it may be necessary to give them 2 polar versions the “right” vs. “wrong” way since they may not yet be able to cognitively discern solutions.*
6. If your child is still visibly upset, abandon step 5 and jump to step 1 OR get him or her moving. Have the child physically get up and move to improve circulation to their frontal lobe by running a lap or doing some jumping jacks.
7. Once you helped your child brainstorm and problem-solve for the future, you can now offer suggestions. Be direct in teaching them the appropriate behavior. In some circumstances, you can give them the words to use in another similar situation. For example: telling your 3 year old, “Next time he hits you, you can say ‘STOP PLEASE’ really loud; let’s practice.”
8. ‘Catch them being good’: **Your greatest tool is AFFIRMATION!** When you see your child engaging their frontal lobe in ways such as showing compassion to a sibling, taking a step back and not hitting the child that took the toy away, or naming a feeling, etc. **AFFIRM them for it and tell them specifically what they did well so they can associate a direct behavior with the affirmation.**³
9. Go easy on yourself. Witnessing your child break down is extremely difficult. Now is NOT the time to berate yourself for bad parenting or freeze and ignore your child while telling yourself “I don’t know what to do or how to handle this. I’m gonna mess my kid up.” Watch out for labeling yourself, your parenting, or your child.
10. Lastly, have fun finding activities that will strengthen frontal lobe growth in your children such as puzzle time, reading while asking them processing questions, and playing interactive therapeutic games.

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Words for the Young at Heart

A Strange Dream

He was a blacksmith, and a most wretchedly wicked man. He knew everything that was blatant and blasphemous in infidelity. He hated everything that was good, and loved everything that was bad. He studied to make himself an irritation to all who believed God, not even sparing his wife, who did the best she could in the patience and kingdom of Jesus. This man was given up as altogether beyond moral recovery and so indeed he seemed. Prayer was made as though he had no existence; churches

were opened and shut, but never with reference to him; the gospel was preached and mercy offered, but no one connected him with God's message to the world.

A few miles back in the country from the blacksmith's town there lived an old couple, Father and Mother Brown. They were close to ninety years of age. Theirs had been lives of conscious acceptance with God and of patient, unremitting devotedness





to Him; and they were waiting without fear for the coming of the Lord.

Very early one morning the old man awoke, terribly agitated, and began to call his wife: "Get up, wife! Get up."

"Why," she said, "what is the matter?"

He answered, "I want you to get breakfast ready as soon as you can; for I've got to go to town this morning."

"You go to town this morning!" she exclaimed. "Why you are out of your head. You can't go to town. You haven't any way of going, and I know you can't walk."

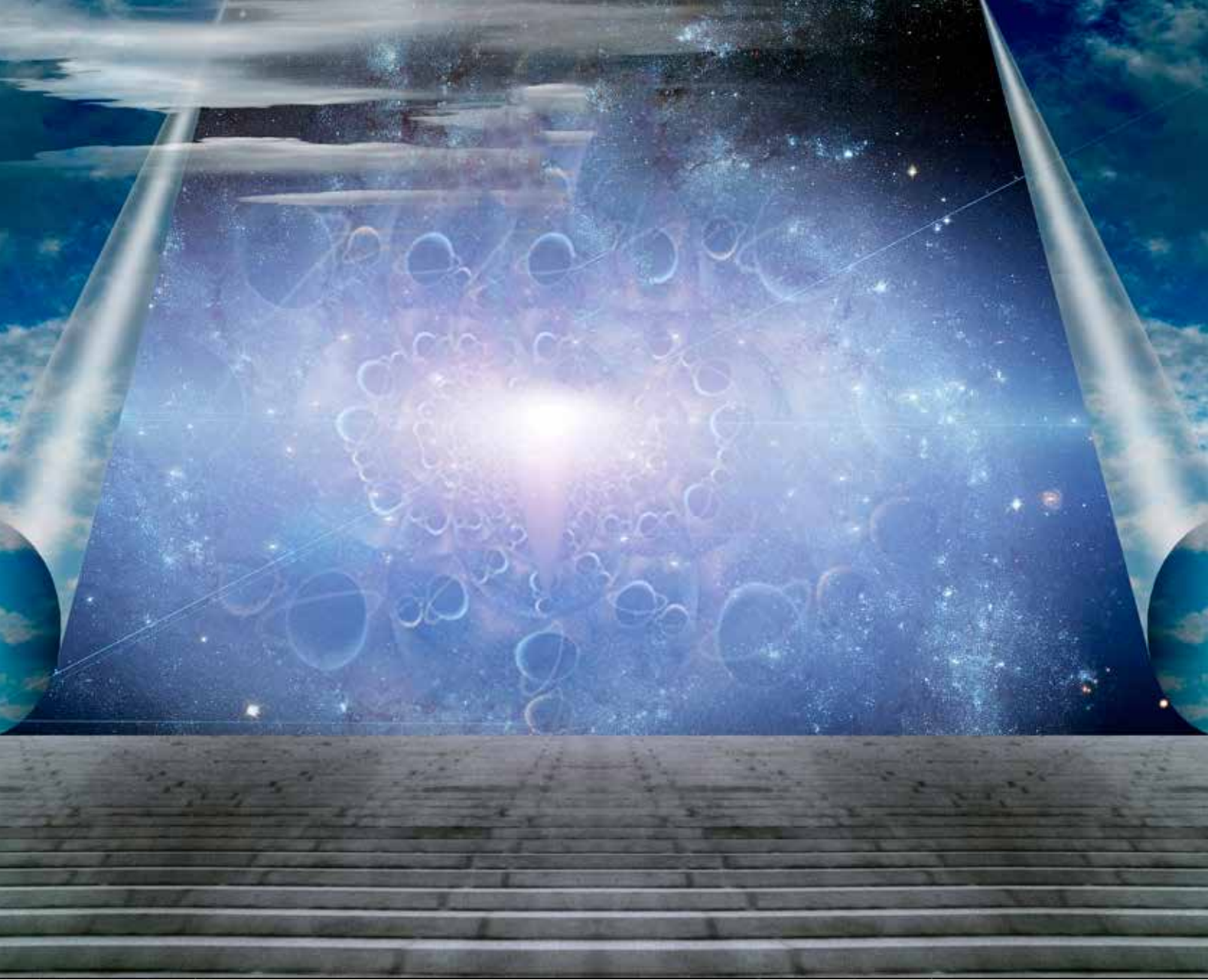
"Don't tell me what I can't do," the old man persisted. "I've got to go to town. I had a dream last night, and—well, I'll go and make the fire, then tell you about it."

His wife followed him, the breakfast was prepared, and when the meal was over the old man started for town. It was a long and weary way for an old man to walk, but some strange strength was supplied him, and without stopping to rest he kept on. The village was reached. Through the main street he trudged, then to the narrow cross street, and made to the shop of "Wicked John," the blacksmith.

"Father Brown!" he exclaimed in great amazement; "what are you doing here, and so early in the morning?"

The old man answered: "That's just what I've come to tell you. Let's go inside, where I can sit down; for I am tired."

Together they went into the shop, and when seated the old man said: "John, I had a dream last night, and I've come to tell you about it. I dreamed that the hour I have thought about so much and



tried to keep ready for so long was come. And it was just like I thought it was going to be; for it was just as the Lord promised it should be. Beyond the hills and beyond the clouds we mounted through the starry skies. O, how the angels sang! I never heard anything like it in my life. On we swept, and on, till one of them said, ‘Look yonder, now; there is heaven!

“O, John, I can’t tell you how I felt when I was in sight of heaven; nor can I tell you what I saw when I looked. I don’t believe anyone could tell it. It was so peaceful, so beautiful, so pure, and so glorious! As we drew nearer, I saw the gates swinging open, and with even faster wing than we had come we swept through them into the city. Such a welcome! Welcome from

everybody; all so glad; every hill seemed robed in gladness; it was in the fragrance of the flowers, in the music of every harp, in the song of every tongue, in the grasp of every hand; gladness everywhere, because I had come. Why, they made over me like I was somebody, when I was only a poor sinner who was saved by Jesus’ blood. All my children were there—not one of them lost—my boy that you used to be with and play with so much when you went to school together, was there; and your old mother, who was in my classes when I went to school.

“Then, John, all at once it came to me that I had not seen you anywhere. I set out to look for you. I went into every street, looked everywhere, asked,

but could get no trace of you. I was distressed more than you can know; and I went to the Lord, my precious Savior and asked Him where you were. And O John, that you could have seen how sorry He was when He told me that you hadn't come! 'Not come!' I said. 'Why didn't John come?' And He wept, just as I supposed He often did when He was down here, and told me, 'Nobody ever asked John to come.' O, I fell at His feet. I bathed them with my tears. I laid my cheeks upon them, and I cried: 'Blessed Lord! Just let me out of here half an hour, and I'll go and ask him to come. I'll give him the invitation.' And right then and there I woke up. It was beginning

to get light in the east, and I was so glad that I was alive, so I could come and ask you to go to heaven; and now here I am, and I have told you my dream, and I want you to go."

With other words the old man urged the royal invitation, but the blacksmith stood as one petrified. He could not speak nor move. Father Brown got up, and, saying, "Goodbye, John; remember, you've got the invitation; remember you are asked to come," took his staff and started home.

The blacksmith seemed to come to himself, and, as one recovering from a magician's charm, he set out to pursue the labors of the day.

But everything went wrong—the bellows would not work right, the hammers would not strike right, the nails would not go in right, the horse would not stand right.

"O God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" he began to sob at last, and leaving the shop, he went home. He told his wife of Father Brown's visit.

"Blessed be God!" she said. "We will send the horse and buggy, and have him come back."

"Yes," he said; "for I mean to accept the invitation, and I want him to pray God to keep me true and steadfast to the end."

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Christ's Coming and Kingdom

—James White

Two conditions of the people of God are expressed in the Scriptures by the word kingdom: 1. God's arrangement in the future reward of those who shall be saved by grace. This we shall term the kingdom of glory. 2. God's arrangement to save men by grace. This we shall term the kingdom of grace. "Let us, therefore," says Paul, "come boldly unto the throne of grace." Heb.4:16. A throne of grace supposes a kingdom of grace.

KINGDOM OF GLORY

It will appear evident that the word kingdom in many cases refers to the future immortal kingdom, and cannot be applied to the means of grace. That the immortal kingdom was not set up at certain periods spoken of in the New Testament, will appear by referring to some of those Scripture expressions which apply to the future kingdom of glory. It was not set up when our Lord taught his disciples to pray, "Thy kingdom come." Matt.6:10. The prophets, Christ, and the apostles, all point the church forward to the coming and kingdom of Christ as the time of the consummation of her faith and hope, the end of her toils and sorrows, and the fullness of her joys. Hence, in the pattern prayer for the Christian church of all ages is the petition, "Thy kingdom come."

The mother of Zebedee's children understood the kingdom to be future when she desired our Lord to grant that her two sons might sit, "the one on the right hand, and the other on the left," in his kingdom. Matt.20:20,21.

Again, the kingdom was still future when our Lord ate the last passover with the twelve. He said to them, "I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come." Luke 22:18.

But did Christ set up the kingdom before his ascension to Heaven? Just before his ascension, the disciples inquired, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" It was not then set up.

When James wrote his epistle, the immortal kingdom was yet a matter of promise. He says: "Hearken, my beloved brethren, hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?" James 2:5.

Both Jesus and Paul associate the kingdom with the second advent. Jesus addresses those who are waiting for his coming and kingdom, thus: "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that, when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately." Luke 12:35,36. In this connection he comforts his people with these precious words: "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Verse 32. Paul solemnly charges Timothy: "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom." 2 Tim.4:1. The apostle also states that "we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." Acts 14:22. This address was made to those who were already Christians, yet they were not in the kingdom. The immortal kingdom is the reward to be given to all who march boldly on through tribulation here. And again he says, "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God." 1 Cor.15:50. This settles the question that there is a kingdom not to be enjoyed by the saints till they put on immortality, or till they enter the immortal state, which the apostle says, verse 52, is "at the last trump."

The miniature exhibition of the kingdom of God at the transfiguration is designed to show the nature of the kingdom, and when it will be set up. "For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of his Father, with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works. Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." Matt.16:27,28. "Till they see the kingdom of God." Luke 9:27.

This promise was shortly fulfilled on the mount. "And after six days, Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them; and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here. If thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold, a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." Matt.17:1-5. Notice the following points:

1. Jesus Christ appeared there in his own personal glory. His countenance shone like the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.
2. The glory of the Father was there. It was a "bright cloud" of the divine glory, out of which came the Father's voice.
3. Moses and Elias appeared; the one, the representative of those saints who shall be raised at Christ's coming, and clothed with glory; the other, Elias, the representative of those who will be alive and be changed at the appearing of Christ.
4. The use the apostles made of the scene. Peter was one of the witnesses; and in view of the importance of the kingdom of Christ, he, in his second epistle, has given believers of all coming ages instruction how they may insure an abundant entrance "into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ." "For we have not followed cunningly-devised fables when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye-witnesses of his majesty." This, he says, was "when we were with him in the holy mount." 2 Pet.1:16-18. This scene was a demonstration of Christ's second, personal, and glorious, coming, and shows that the kingdom will be immortal when set up, and that it will be set up at the period of the second advent, and resurrection of the just.

KINGDOM OF GRACE

It will also appear evident that in many instances the word kingdom applies to the means of grace, and can have no reference to the future kingdom. The word is so used in many of the parables of our Lord.

The parable of the wheat and the tares applies to the present imperfect state, when sinners may enjoy the means of grace, and not to the future state of glory. This

is evident. But the sowing mentioned in this parable did not commence at the first advent of the Son of God. The children of the kingdom, and the children of the wicked one, both appeared long before Jesus died for sinners. Abel and Cain represented the two classes. During the entire period from the time of these sons of Adam to the close of the day of grace, this parable has a clear and forcible application.

In this parable the word kingdom is used four times. Once it refers to the earth, which will be the territory of the immortal kingdom, and once it has a distinct reference to the future kingdom of glory when fully established in the earth. The word kingdom may refer both to the means of grace necessary to prepare men for the future life, and also to the future life itself. No doubt, in this parable both the kingdom of grace and the kingdom of glory are brought to view. They are very nearly related, the kingdom of grace reaching down very near to, and being preparatory to the enjoyment of, the kingdom of glory.

The parable of the mustard seed forcibly illustrates the kingdom of grace, embracing at first only our first parents immediately after the fall, and finally, in its grand results, embracing all the redeemed of every age, and from every land. "The kingdom of Heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field; which indeed is the least of all seeds; but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof." Matt.13:31,32.

The parable of the leaven hid in three measures of meal illustrates the work of grace in the believer's heart. "The kingdom of Heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened." Matt.13:33 This parable teaches entire sanctification of the mind and heart to God. The apostle expresses this sentiment when he says, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thess.5:23.

The parables of the treasure hid in the field, and of the pearl of great price, teach the value of salvation through Jesus Christ, and the sacrifices that should be cheerfully made to obtain it. "Again, the kingdom of Heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of Heaven is like unto a merchantman, seeking goodly pearls; who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it." Matt.13:44-46. ...

In Matthew 25, the kingdom of Heaven is likened to an Eastern marriage. This parable illustrates the action of the church just before, and not after, the second advent. "Then shall the kingdom of Heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom." In this connection our Lord points to a specific time, in which the work of divine grace upon the minds and hearts of believers would give them an experience that would be likened to an Eastern marriage.

The mental struggle in order to break away from the powers of darkness, and by faith receive the blessings of the kingdom of grace, is thus described by our Lord: "And from the days of John the Baptist, until now, the kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." Matt.11:12 See Luke 16:16.

The apostle speaks of the blessings of the kingdom of grace thus: "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and

peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." Rom.14:17. The connection shows that Paul applies the word kingdom to the present dispensation, and not to the future period of reward. ...

At the time of the second advent, and the establishment of the eternal kingdom, the people will doubtless be under as great deception relative to the nature of the coming and kingdom of Christ, as the Jews were relative to his mission at his first advent. Then he came as the humble teacher of the people, closing his mission with giving himself a sacrifice for sinners. The Jews rejected Jesus because he did not meet their vain expectations. Satan led them to look for the coming of Messiah with outward show, and grandeur, when he was to come in humility. And now that he is to appear the second time in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory, Satan has the delusion prepared for the people, that Christ comes at death, at conversion, or in the outpouring of the Spirit of God. Jesus anticipates the heresies of our

time, and says: "The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and ye shall not see it. And they shall say to you, See here! or, See there! go not after them, nor follow them. For as the lightning that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven; shine unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of Man be in his day." Luke 17:22-24.

But in order to enter the kingdom of glory, we must first be in the kingdom of grace, sharing all its privileges and blessings. The faithful John bears testimony: "I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ." Rev.1:9. John was in the kingdom of grace.

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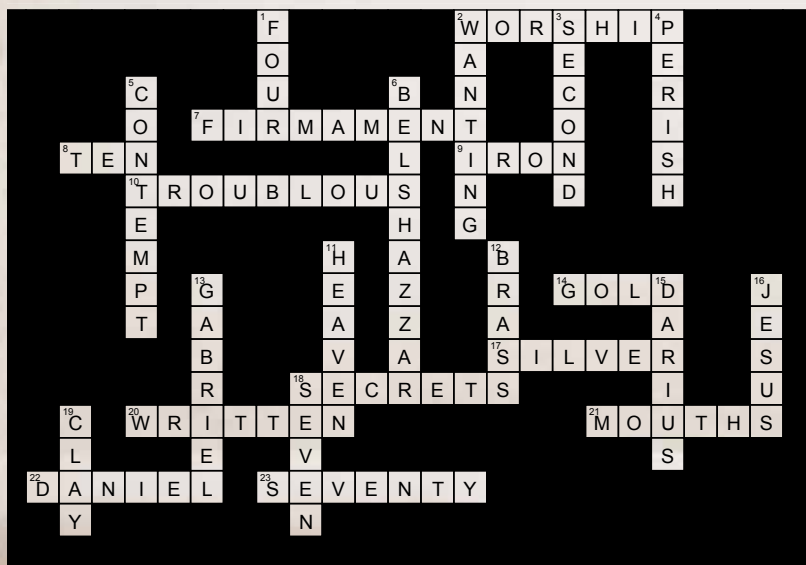
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TRUMPET
UNJUST
WAITING
WATCH

Answers to September 2019 Crossword Puzzle...



Across

2. The King made an image that all were to worship. [WORSHIP]
7. "Shall shine as the brightness of the firmament." [FIRMAMENT]
8. How many days were given to Daniel to prove his diet? [TEN]
9. What were the image's legs made of? [IRON]
10. The street shall be built again, and the wall, even in times. [TROUBLOUS]
14. What was the image's head made of? [GOLD]
17. What was the breast and arms made of? [SILVER]
18. There is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets. [SECRETS]
20. "Thy people shall be delivered, every one that is found in the book." [WRITTEN]
21. "My God hath sent an angel, and hath shut the lion's mouths." [MOUTHS]
22. Who purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself? [DANIEL]

Down

1. How many beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another? [FOUR]
2. "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." [WANTING]
3. During what year of his reign did Nebuchadnezzar dream dreams? [SECOND]
4. Daniel prayed that he and his fellows should not perish. [PERISH]
5. "Some to everlasting life and some to everlasting contempt." [CONTEMPT]
6. Who is the son of Nebuchadnezzar? [BELSHAZZAR]
11. The tree in the dream, it's height reached to heaven. [HEAVEN]
12. The thighs and belly of the image were made of brass. [BRASS]
13. Who came forth to give Daniel skill and understanding? [GABRIEL]
15. Who was the King of the Medes? [DARIUS]

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