

DEAD AWAIT SECOND COMING OF THE LORD

"No Man Has Ascended Up to Heaven but Son of Man."

Pastor Russell Shows From Scripture That the Thief on the Cross Did Not Reach Paradise at Death, as Many Erroneously Believe—Pastor on Atlantic on Way to Conventions in Britain.



July 21.—Pastor Russell is on his way to attend General Conventions of Bible Students to be held in Europe. He will be absent from America about two months, speaking twice a day in many of the principal cities. His text for today was: "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 also."—John xiv, 16.

The error of supposing that men are alive when they are dead lies close to the foundation of every theological error the world over. We have all erred in taking the guess of Plato instead of the Word of God, and we can get rid of our difficulties and theological entanglements only by retracing our steps.

The Bible alone, of all religious books, teaches that a dead man is *dead*, and knows *nothing*, and that his only hope is in the Divine arrangement through Christ, by a resurrection of the dead—"both of the just and of the unjust."—Acts xxiv, 15.

"No Man Hath Ascended to Heaven."

Here note our text. In it the Master says not a word about our going to Him at death, but quite to the contrary—that He would come again and receive us unto Himself. And are we not told that this will be an instantaneous change? Is it not styled an awakening from the sleep of death?

But, says one, does not the second coming of Christ take place whenever His holy ones die? Does He not immediately come to receive them unto Himself?

Surely only a very lame theory could seek to bolster itself up by such a per version of the Scriptures. If Christ were to come every time one of His saintly ones die, would it not mean *many coming instead of merely a second coming?* And even if His faithful were very few indeed, would it not seem that this would keep the Redeemer busy coming and departing every few minutes?

Harken again to Jesus' words, "No man hath ascended up to heaven." (John iii, 13.) Only the Son of Man had ever been in heaven. He has ascended up where He was before, with additional glory and honor.

The Case of the Dying Thief.

But, says some one, did not the dying thief go with Jesus to Paradise the very day in which they both died? No, we have made a stupid blunder and misinterpretation of our Redeemer's dying words to the thief. The wrong thought being in our minds we misinterpreted in harmony therewith. And our interpretation has done an immense amount of harm. Thousands of people have been encouraged to continue a life of sin, trusting that with their dying breath they may have the opportunity of saying, "God be merciful to me," and then be immediately ushered into glory, honor and immortality.

Let us see what Jesus really said. Note the circumstances. Jesus hung between two thieves; one of better heart than the other honestly admitted his own guilt and that of his comrade. We paraphrase His words, "Lord, I have defended you against an unjust attack. Remember this poor thief if you ever have an opportunity to do a kindness to me in return. I heard you before Pilate say that you have a Kingdom, but not of this Age; some heavenly Kingdom I therefore presume. My request is, 'Remember me when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom.'"

To this Jesus replied, "Verily, verily (or, so be it, so be it, as you have asked)—Verily I say unto thee this day"—this dark day, in which it would appear that I have not a friend in Heaven or on earth—this dark day in which I am crucified as a malefactor, a falsifier and a blasphemer—"I say unto thee this day, Thou shalt be with Me in Paradise."

Paradise has not yet come. Messiah's Kingdom has not yet been established; and it must come first before Paradise Lost can be restored and the whole earth be made God's glorious footstool, as He has promised. But when the time shall come, when the Kingdom shall be established, when Paradise conditions shall be introduced, the resurrection of that thief will be in order, "for all that are in their graves shall hear the voice of the Son of Man and come forth."—John v, 28. 29. R. V.

But Jesus arose from *sheol*, from *hades*, from the tomb, from the state of death, on the third day. He had not been to Paradise, for Paradise was not yet in existence. He had not been to heaven, for He had been dead. Let us hear His own words to Mary on the morning of His resurrection: "I have not yet ascended * * * to My Father, and your Father, to My God, and your God." (John xx, 17.) Could anything be plainer, simpler, more harmonious?

A MILE OF PARADE GLORIES

The Gay, Glittering, Spectacular Pageant of the Hagenbeck-Wallace Shows Coming Soon.

The new feature street parade which has been the talk of the circus world and the delight of the public who have witnessed this wonderful moving morning carnival of the Hagenbeck-Wallace shows, which exhibit here Saturday, August 10th, has been proclaimed the most pompous and striking innovation in pageantry of offerings. It is a regally mastodonic and rich display. There are to be seen characters representing princes, potentates and notables, displaying ostentatious and lavish display of priceless jewels and costumes. Elephants, camels, dromedaries, zebras, sacred cattle, zebras and ponies draped in the richest housings of cloth of gold and silver will be driven and ridden by natives of their respective countries. Magnificent new tableau cars will bear nobles and their retinue of retainers, proudly riding on superb horses whose coats can scarcely be distinguished beneath their richly embroidered coverings. This blending together of rich vestments, this clanging of swords and jingling of trinkets, these plumes, lances and other paraphernalia present a most brilliant spectacle. All of the men, women and children connected with the great Hagenbeck-Wallace shows take some part in the parade and the four hundred of the world's finest horses will be in the line caparisoned with a richness that will be a revelation. Scores of tableau cars, dens, lairs, tanks, musical vehicles, fashionable park traps, carts, chariots and floats will scintillate with brilliancy. There will be the greatest liberality displayed in the free exhibition of the animals and beasts, nearly every cage being opened except in a few instances where climatic conditions are prohibitory. Numerous bands of musicians and a colony of clowns will add to the gayety of the nations. The entire pageant will be characterized by exclusiveness, novelty and brilliancy and expensiveness of feature which separates it from all others and marks it as the grandest exhibition of the kind ever conceived or presented. This wonderful street parade will start promptly at 10 o'clock in the morning. The afternoon performance will begin at 2 o'clock and the night performance at 8 o'clock. The doors will be opened one hour earlier for inspection of the menagerie and oriental exposition. Excursion trains will be run into the city on all lines of transportation.

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"That I might know Him and the power of His resurrection." (Phil. 3, 10) is set forth by Saint Paul as the highest aim for his life and for ours also. We want that pearl of great price, we want Jesus for our very own. We should decide that "nothing shall separate us from the love of Christ." Come trials, temptations or anything else, we will never let up our hold on the bible, Christ and blessed eternal life. Would that every reader take this stand.

Albert Schroeder, living south of Denison, says that he has lived in this county many years, but that he has never before seen so many shocks of grain to the acre as this year. Peasights mighty good for old Iowa.

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Notice of Filing of Plat and Schedule.
Notice is hereby given that there is now on file for public inspection in the office of the city clerk a plat and schedule, marked "Plat A," of the following streets and parts of streets, to-wit:

That part of Benefit street from the center of the intersection of Benefit and Wall street to a line produced intersecting the center of the alley running east and west through block sixty-seven (67), thence due west to the bank of the Boyer river, all in Denison, Iowa, wherein sanitary sewer, constructed under a contract with William Fitch, dated the 19th day of December, 1911, has been completed.

Said plat and schedule shows the separate lots or parcels of ground or specified portions thereof, subject to assessment for such sanitary sewer, the names of the owners as far as practicable, and the amount to be assessed against each lot or parcel of ground, and against any railway or street railway.

Notice is further given that within twenty days after the first publication of this notice all objections to said plat and schedule or to the prior proceedings, on account of errors, irregularities, or inequalities, must be made in writing and filed with the city clerk; and the city council after the expiration of said twenty days at the first regular meeting held thereafter or at a special meeting called for that purpose, having heard such objections and made the necessary corrections, will then make the special assessment as shown in said plat and schedule as corrected and approved.

Dated this 15th day of July, 1912.
E. F. TUCKER,
29. City Clerk of Denison, Iowa.

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That part of Benefit street beginning at a point midway between Pine and Park streets and running west on Benefit street to a point of intersection with a line produced intersecting the center of Wall street;

That part of St. Louis street from the center of Benefit street to the center of West Prospect street;

That part of West Prospect street from the center of St. Louis street to a point ninety-five (95) feet west of the west line of Main street;

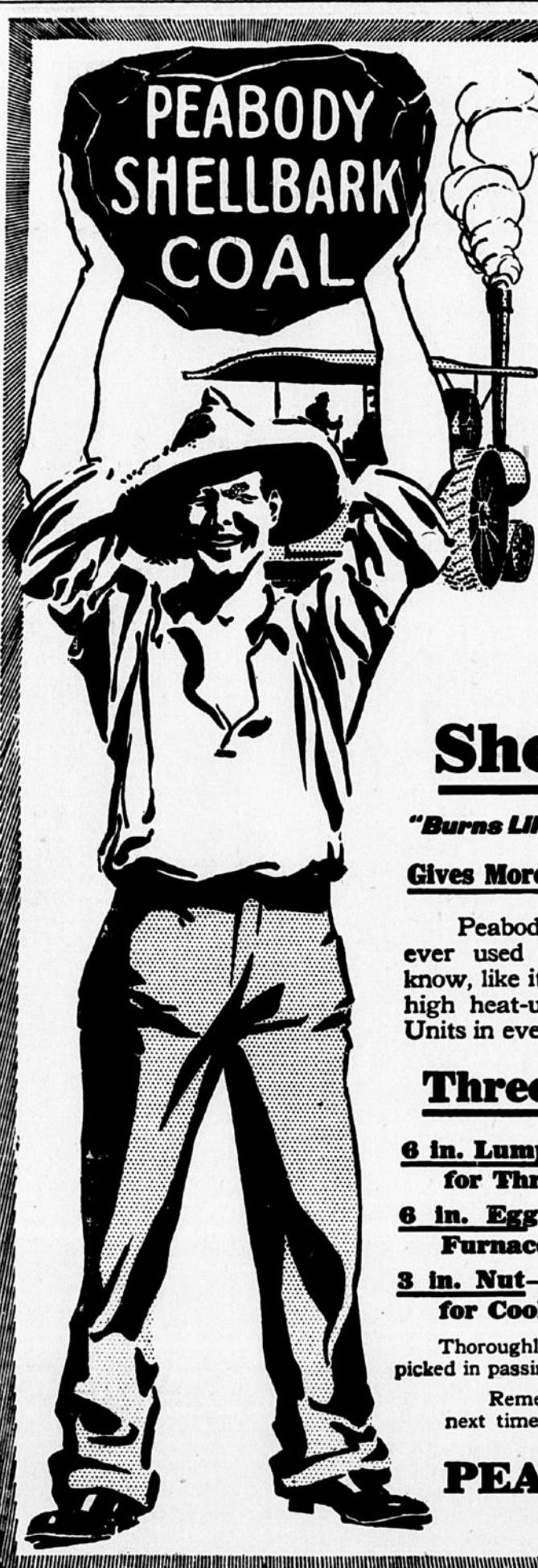
That part of Court street from the center of the intersection of Benefit and Court streets to the north line of Tremont street;

That part of Wall street from the center of the intersection of Benefit and Wall streets to the south lot line of lot twenty-four (24), block 69;

That part of Nassau street from the center of the intersection of Benefit and Nassau street to the center of the alley running east and west through block 69;

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That part of Chestnut street from the center of Howard street to a point



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