

PEOPLE'S PULPIT...



Sermon by
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OUT OF THE
BELLY OF HELL
CRIED I

"I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the Lord, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I" (Jonah ii, 2.)

On the Mediterranean Sea, April 17.—We are not far from the place where poor Jonah long ago had his sad experience in his attempt to run away from the Divine commission to the Ninevites. We are nearing Jaffa, the port from which he sailed, then called Joppa. Some, intent on disproving as much as possible of the Bible, have attempted to make light of Jonah's experiences, claiming that there was no fish in the world of such capacity as could swallow a man entirely. We are to remember, however, that the Scriptures do not say that it was an ordinary whale that swallowed Jonah, but rather they specifically declare that God "specially prepared" a great fish for the occasion. Nor is this all. We have our Lord's own testimony to the truthfulness of the matter, and whoever denies either his truthfulness or his intelligence is thereby denying also his Messiahship and repudiating him as a Savior, because neither a falsifier nor a dupe could possibly be recognized as the great Redeemer and Savior, the Son of God, the Messiah.

Additionally our Lord informs us that the Jonah incident was in the nature of a type, especially designed of God to foreshadow the fact that Jesus himself would be dead for parts of three days and arise from the dead on the third day, even as Jonah was buried alive for parts of three days and on the third day the great fish vomited him upon dry land. There is nothing difficult about the narrative to one who has proper faith in God. To those who have not faith, nothing connected with Divine revelation is reasonable, commendable or satisfactory. Let us maintain our stand with those who hold fast to, and hold forth for others, the Word of Life.

The Belly of Hell Described.

But what have "the belly of hell" and the poor soul crying from it to do with the story of Jonah? And how does the story associate itself with our journey today over the Mediterranean Deep? Jonah was the man who was in the belly of hell and whose cry unto the Lord from there constitutes our text. When a boy I heard this text, and my imagination conjured up what hell would be like, and especially what the belly of hell, or what I supposed the middle part of it, would be like. I had the opportunity of looking into blast furnaces through what is called the glory-hole or peep-hole. There I noted that the center of the fire was at white heat, I tried to imagine people in such a condition in the very middle or belly of hell. I could not imagine how they could survive such an experience a single moment, let alone for all eternity. I sought theological expositions of the matter and learned that some theologians of the fiery pit, admitting the destructive effect of fire, claimed that God would specially vitalize all the poor creatures consigned to this torment, so that they would never die, but would keep on suffering forever and forever and for ever, unutterable tortures. I found that other theologians explained that those consigned to such a fiery ordeal would gradually become adapted to it and assume an asbestos-like shell which would measurably protect them from the fire. But these theologians went on to explain that, wishing them to suffer horrible tortures, God would seal off the asbestos shell, causing them to suffer still more excruciatingly every time the operation was performed. As a child I tried to imagine that this was the just desert of sinners, and that the Heavenly Father was really kind and loving—that he did not give them worse, though I could not think of anything worse that they could suffer.

"When I was a child, I speak as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things" (1 Corinthians xiii, 11). I asked for the proof that our God is as unsympathetic as any devil could be. My mind rejected as irrational the whole proposition. I said: The God whom I shall worship must be a greater being than myself—greater than any human being, not only in power to execute his will, but also in wisdom to make a wise arrangement for his creatures, and also perfect in justice to do to them as he would have them do to him, if he were the creature and they the God. He must also be perfect in love, the noblest feature of any character. I said to myself, Such must be the God who was the Creator of our race, for he has produced in humanity certain degrees of these various qualities and he could not give to man what he does not himself possess, nor can we suppose that he would create man with more justice, wisdom, love and power than he himself possesses. To that great God I bowed my heart and mind and every power that I possess. To him I still

for this privilege of service, and for the still larger opportunity afforded me through the columns of some of the principal newspapers of the United States.

My sermons are handled by a Syndicate, and I am advised that now they appear in nearly five hundred newspapers, aggregating a circulation of six million copies, or, according to newspaper count, thirty million readers. All of these dear people of every denomination who do any thinking at all, I am sure have had similar difficulties to those which I experienced—difficulties in appreciating how our Heavenly Father could be a good Father, a good God, a loving Creator and yet provide for his human creatures such terrible destinies as all the creeds of the "dark ages" set forth. There is not a thinking Christian in the world who does not need the correct understanding of the Bible in order to be able to stand in the evil day that is upon us. All need to give heed to St. Paul's words, "Take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand" (Ephesians vi, 13). Our day is a blessed one in respect to its wonderful opportunities and privileges, but it is an evil one in the sense of being a time of great trial and testing of faith to Christendom.

Thinking minds are rejecting the doctrine of eternal torment my disposition was to abandon the Bible also, because I believed that the Bible was the foundation of the irrational theory which had pictured God to my mind as a demon of the worst imaginable type. But, thank God, dear friends, the Lord heard my prayer for light, for knowledge respecting himself. After I had made a search of heathen creeds, as well as those of Christendom, and had found them all illogical, unreasonable, unsatisfactory, I turned to the Bible again, saying, "Perhaps I have not done the Bible justice; perhaps I have unconsciously attributed to the Bible the teachings of the creeds. Perhaps I have read it through colored spectacles. Praying to God for guidance I took up Bible study in a very different way from previously. I began to study the Bible as I should have done at first—without reference to any of the creeds. I began to let God teach me. I ceased to say, 'It reads, "thus," but it must mean otherwise. It says, "So and so," but cannot mean that, but the reverse. In other words I ceased to try to teach God and endeavored to be taught of God through His Word, guided by His holy Spirit."

International Bible Studies.

That was thirty-eight years ago. Under the Lord's blessing I found the Key to the interpretation of the Scriptures—not because of ability, but, I believe, because it is now due time for the Bible to be understood—in the closing of this Gospel Age and the dawning of the Millennial Day. Having found the Key and used it myself I have spent my best endeavors since to put the Key into the hands of God's consecrated people the world over. I have nothing to boast of, dear friends, but have much to be glad for. First, I am glad on my own account with a joy unspeakable, that now I know my Heavenly Father and can have confidence in him and can have love for him, as never before. I am thankful that, to some extent, I have been enabled to convey similar joys, similar blessings, to others of his dear people of all denominations in all parts of the world. The Lord has gradually enlarged my opportunities year by year, I am not building a sect—not making a new denomination—not found of a Church! We have had too much of that sort of thing already. Not only have we Wesley's Church and Calvin's Church, etc., etc., but it has become the custom for each minister to be spoken of as the proprietor of the Church; as, for instance, The Reverend Dr. A. G. Church. It has become a custom, too, for the preachers to speak of the people as "My people," "My Church." This is all wrong. I wish to have neither part nor lot in it. I have no Church, and wish for none. There is but the one Church—the Church of Christ—the Church of the Living God—"the Church of the First-Borns, whose names are written in heaven." That Church includes in its membership every true saint of God who trusts in the merit of Christ and seeks to walk in his footsteps. Whatever earthly systems such may be identified with are without Divine authorization. Their standing in God's sight is merely because of their identification with Christ as "members of his Body."

In God's providence I was led to publish six volumes of "Studies in the Scriptures," or Bible Keys. These were taken up by the Bible and Tract Society, and published at cost price, to enable all of God's people everywhere to procure them. They are now published in ten of the most prominent languages. The first Volume, "The Plan of the Ages," has passed the three million mark. I have received not one cent of royalty. My life is a very simple one. My expenses are small. I accept no salary and take up no collections. Voluntary donations from those who have been blessed by my labors supply my needs and the surplus goes to the Bible and Tract Society for the general forwarding of its work—"The Promulgation of Christian Knowledge."

Each earnest Christian who obtains the assistance of these Bible Keys and enters into the treasures of God's Word and becomes rich himself in spiritual knowledge and in joy and peace of heart is glad to call the attention of others to these Bible Keys. Thus the international classes of Bible Students of all denominations in all parts of the world are springing up and a blessed light, we believe, is going forth from these, assistful to all who love righteousness and hate iniquity. Although I am the regular Pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle congregation, there are several assistants and I am privileged to speak to thinking Christians of various parts of the world, especially in the United States. Only the Lord knows how I thank him

OHIO FUEL

To Increase Capital Stock
Next Month

(Columbus Journal)

It is stated at the general offices of the Ohio Fuel Supply Company that the proposed increase in the capital stock of the company from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000, which will be voted upon by the stockholders at meeting to be held here next month, has no immediate significance, as it is not probable that any of this new stock will be issued for some time to come.

The company now has \$1,000,000 of unissued stock in reserve, but it was deemed best by the board of directors to be prepared for the issue of stock if the occasion should arise, and so the new increase was decided upon. The earnings of the company are showing large increases, and it is possible that some new contracts which would require new main construction may be taken, and if so, additional money will be required.

Reports from the Ohio Fuel Oil Company for the month of March show good increases in production of the wells for that month. Development work is going on a heavy scale, and by the middle of the summer it is expected that the production of the company will be largely increased, as the wells are being drilled in well-prov'd territory.

NOTES

Of General Interest From
The Gas Field

(Utica Herald)

More leasing is being done in the Perryton and Fallsburg vicinity.

The Helsey Co. well on the Deeds farm southeast of Granville is a dry hole.

Sollinger No. 2 of the Ohio Fuel, on the south shore of Buckeye lake, came in with three million volume.

The Jacob Bline well northwest of Chatham came in light and was shot and shut in at $\frac{1}{2}$ million. Columbus Natural Gas Co.

The Great Expectation Oil Co. has just declared its fifth 100 per cent dividend within 60 days. It has but one well, in the Bremen field, and it is producing 115 barrels of high grade oil per day.

The Columbus Natural Gas Co. has made a location on William Preston southwest of Utica, one on Charles F. Bell in McKean township, and No. 2 on Grace Kennedy. They are drilling on Jerome Pierpoint No. 3.

HERE'S A WAY

To See The Comet In Your
Own Home

Chicago, April 15.—Sleep can be gained and the sensitive nerves of the eye can be spared a strain by those who have been arising early the last few days in an effort to obtain a view of Halley's comet, if they follow the suggestion of Professor Edwin B. Frost, a noted astronomer.

"There is no use staying up to see the comet or of getting up either for that matter," explained Professor Frost in the Yerkes observatory at Williams Bay today.

"It cannot be seen with the naked eye."

"To satisfy anyone's curiosity let them get a small piece of ordinary cheesecloth and a small candle. Light the candle and look at the light with the cloth between it and the eyes."

"In that way you can get an exact representation of how the comet looks through the powerful telescope will have obtained."

Some scientific knowledge was gained by Prof. Frost today in his observations. The tail is still invisible.

Professor Frost declares the earth will not suffer any damage when it passes through the comet's tail May 18th.

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Society Notes

Fraternity

Entertains

The Phi Sigma Chi fraternity entertained Thursday evening at their rooms on West High street with a progressive whist party. Ten tables were filled throughout the evening. The rooms were beautifully decorated with gold and black pennants and streamers. The first prize was won by Miss Ethel McGugin and the second was won by Miss Mildred Platt. Music was furnished throughout the evening and refreshments were served to the twenty-one couples present. The event was a fitting opening for the new quarters which were occupied by the fraternity on the first of April.

Farmer-Henwood

Mr. Edwin S. Farmer and Miss Eva J. Henwood were married on Thursday evening, April 14th, at the Church of the Holy Spirit, in Gambier, in the presence of friends, by Rev. George F. Smythe. Mr. Farmer is a prominent citizen of Harrison township, and the bride is the daughter of Mr. Taylor Henwood, a widely known resident of Howard township.

DANVILLE'S MATCH FACTORY

(Danville Herald)

The telephone office at this place has had six hello girls to get married in the past three years. Wouldn't it be a good place for old maids.

Many sufferers from nasal catarrh say they get splendid results by using an atomizer. For their benefit we prepare Ely's Liquid Cream Balm. Except that it is liquid it is in all respects like the healing, helpful, pain-alleviating Cream Balm that the public has been familiar with for years. No cocaine nor other dangerous drug in it. The soothing spray is a remedy that relieves at once.

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One of England's Most Charming
Hostesses, Princess Victoria

Princess Victoria of England has been credited with having a "nose" for finding new ways to entertain society. The court circles are somewhat limited in what they can or cannot do, and it has remained for Princess Victoria to turn a pink tea into a "get up and hustle" afternoon. The summer season, according to court gossip, will show the charming princess at her best in a series of fox hunts that are to have real thrills at every watering station. The "water stations" are to be booths where the tired hunters can secure a refreshing drink. So far no plans have been made for refreshing the fox.

A Storekeeper Says:

"A lady came into my store lately and said:

"I have been using a New Perfection Oil Cook-Stove all winter in my apartment. I want one now for my summer home. I think these oil stoves are wonderful. If only women knew what a comfort they are, they would all have one. I spoke about my stove to a lot of my friends and they were astonished. They thought that there was smoke and smoke from an oil stove, and that it heated a room just like any other stove. I told them of my experience, and one after another they got one, and now, not one of them would give hers up for five times its cost."

The lady who said this had thought an oil stove was all right for quickly heating milk for a baby, or boiling a kettle of water, or to make coffee quickly in the morning, but she never dreamed of using it for difficult or heavy cooking. Now she knows.

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It has a Cabinet Top with a shelf for keeping plates and food hot. The nickel finish, with the bright blue of the chimneys, makes the stove ornamental and attractive. Made with 1, 2 and 3 burners; the 2 and 3-burner stoves can be had with or without Cabinet.

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HUMANE SOCIETY

Asks The Support Of The Citizens Of
The City And County

The Knox County branch of the Ohio Humane society should have the active, personal support of every citizen of the county, male or female. Especially every professed follower of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Not every one can take an active, personal part in the actual work of the society, but every one can by paying one dollar and become a member and thus give both moral and financial aid to the work, and both are needed. There should be a large membership in every township of the county and especially in the city. The active, or at least the moral and financial support of the men in the county is needed and any man may become a member by paying one dollar to any one of the officers of the society or to any of the active members.

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