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Words of Life

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A NEW AND SURE COVENANT
"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord. I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." Heb. 10: 16-18.

In and through the transforming power of Jesus Christ the new and sure covenant is affected. The old covenant was the Law. It was mostly outward and ritual. It was to be taken and obeyed through the knowledge it afforded. Man, in his own strength, was not able to keep the old covenant. Because of this weakness manifested in man God effected the new and sure covenant. This was done through the work of Jesus Christ here in the world.

I. A New And Sure Covenant Must Be Personal.

The office of priesthood in the old covenant came to an end in Christ. The priests went into the holy of holies once a year for all the sins of the people. When Jesus Christ died on the cross the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. This meant that ever individual had access to the holy of holies in Christ. This made the new covenant personal. No one can be quite sure about a thing that is not personal. One can be sure about his own personal salvation. If men ever knew the Lord God it must be on the personal basis. The idea of going to a mediator, or priest, other than Jesus Christ is fooling one's own heart and trifling with God's eternal word. Man will never know God apart from Jesus Christ and experiencing him personally in his heart.

II. A New And Sure Covenant Must Be Inward.

Oratories, which we would have to furnish. Your senator is going to introduce a bill asking for this money, in cooperation with the Agriculture Department. Everyone keep your fingers crossed; no one is going to look with favor on a money bill this late in the Session.

MILBURNIE—A group of senators invited the whole Senate to a barbecued chicken dinner at Milburnie on Wednesday night. This lovely spot some seven miles from Raleigh is most inviting and everyone had a big time.

VISITORS—H. A. Mattox was in town this week for a school meeting. He and I visited Mr. Cameron Lee, Assistant Director of the Highway Department, to discuss some road projects in Cherokee County. I also reminded Mr. Lee of the new work on U. S. 64 and 19. He said that the plane would be available shortly and that they were planning to make aerial surveys of these projects this summer. Mr. Mattox also attended the meeting with the Commissioner of Agriculture regarding the diagnostic laboratory. H. A. has certainly given of his time and money in promoting Better School Movement. You all know that he was a member of the School Study Commission and has talked to civic groups and parents teacher associations, etc. all over North Carolina in support of this cause. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for this fine service.

We are looking to June 13 as the adjournment date. Sure hope we don't go over it.
Regards to everyone,
Frank Forsyth

The new covenant was not to be on tablets of stone as the first, but to be on the fleshly tablets of the heart. The Lord himself must put the law of God in the heart and mind. This means that the necessary obedience is from within. Man can do right because of the new nature that is divine being in him. The individual who does not know God in his heart will not care about doing right. The individual that knows his desire is righteous because God lives in his heart will want to do right. He can be sure about the longings of his heart when he knows the Lord in the new birth. This experience takes place within the inward man.

III. A New And Sure Covenant Must Be Spiritual.
If God lives in the individual life he must be in Spirit. God is Spirit and desires to be worshipped in Spirit and in truth. The soul of man has a capacity for spirits. He may possess evil spirits or God's Spirit. This is made clear in Jesus casting out the evil spirits. The more evil spirits that live in a man the more evil he becomes in and take his abode in the place once occupied by the evil spirits. This makes the new covenant spiritual. The most sure things of life are the spiritual. When a man has the spirit of love, truth, righteousness, Godliness and holiness he can be sure about the nature of his heart and the surety of the spiritual.

IV. A New And Sure Covenant Must Be Universal.

Here is where much difficulty arises with many people. They confuse the church and the Kingdom. Some people assume that the church and the Kingdom of God are one and the same thing. The Bible does not teach such. The Kingdom of God is the universal, invisible reign of God in the redeemed heart. A man can be born again and never see a church so far as membership is concerned. Every man in all time in all the earth can know Christ and be a participant in the new covenant that is based upon the promises of God. This is because of the universal application of the new covenant. It is sure covenant when everyone can participate in it regardless of his location or social standing. When an individual does know Christ the thing that he desires to do is follow his Lord in baptism and church membership if he has not been misled.

V. A New And Sure Covenant Must Be Eternal.

Jermiah used God's natural order to prove the eternalness of the new covenant. We can see an element of treemalness in the mountains, rivers, day and night, seasons, and such. The new covenant is eternal because God affects it through the power of His Spirit. The spiritual is the eternal. It transcends the corporal and the temporal. Christ arose from the dead to make the new covenant eternal. He lives beyond death. He is eternal and His covenant must be eternal. Many have testified to the eternalness of the new covenant in their dying hour. Deacon Stephens gave a wonderful testimony when his life was being taken. Are you a participant in the new covenant? If so, you, to may testify to its eternalness and the world will take note that you have been with Jesus.

Gatling Gun Fails In Its Purpose

The machine gun, invented as a poison spray to destroy the germs of war, has proved to be food on which they thrive. So stated Dr. R. Gerald McMurtry, director of The Lincoln National Life Foundation in commenting on an unusual letter written in inventor Richard Gatling's own handwriting.

The letter owned by the Lincoln Museum was written by Gatling June 15, 1877, to Miss Lizzie Jarvis. In it he states, "It occurred to me that if I could invent a machine—a gun—which could by its rapidity of fire, enable one man to do as much battle duty as a hundred, that it would to a great extent, supersede the necessity of large armies, and consequently exposure to battle be greatly diminished."

"The march of history has certainly reversed Gatling's purpose," Dr. McMurtry said. "Gatling attempted to interest Louis Napoleon, the French Emperor, in his invention but he was not interested."

"This deadly implement, along with iron clad vessels, the self acting gun lock for naval cannons, observation balloons, naval howitzers with iron carriages, and rifled cannons, were among the military inventions of the Civil War," Dr. McMurtry added.

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From The Desk Of Senator Forsyth

TOBACCO—The bill to outlaw the use of maleic hydrazide in tobacco-growing was heatedly debated. The use of this chemical is to prevent the recurrence of suckers on the tobacco leaf. Some of the tobacco industry is of the opinion that overuse or misuse of MH 30, as it is commonly called, causes a decided deterioration in tobacco; growers were for the use of MH 30 because of the labor saved by so doing. The bill was killed in the Senate by a roll call vote of 34 to 14.

SOLICITORS—The bill to put solicitors on a full-time basis was also debated at length, the debate being by members of the Senate who are lawyers. Your senator thought that since this is primarily a lawyer's bill, they should, and do, know more about that situation.

APPROPRIATIONS—The Joint Subcommittee on Appropriations reported to the full Committee on Appropriations an increase over the last biennium budget of some \$69,000,000, of which \$13,000,000 plus would be turned over to the State Board of Education to be used for schools as they see fit. Roughly speaking, teachers should get an increase of about five per cent and state employees would get a wage increase of about one bracket, or about three per cent.

I feel that this is a go-forward budget and would be based on the adoption of a withheld tax plan. Even with the use of this so-called "windfall" money, however, there

will still be about a one million dollar deficit in the budget which will have to be made up in new taxes (all estimates of taxes from all sources projected for the next biennium have been considered.)

DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY—Your senator together with House members Charlie Crawford, Tom J. Hervert, Mrs. G. W. Cover, Leonard Lloyd and James M. Raby, met with Mr. L. Y. Ballentine, Commissioner of Agriculture, this week to discuss a new poultry and beef diagnostic laboratory to be located in the 33rd District.

As I mentioned before, I had previously contacted Commissioner Ballentine about this matter and his office, in cooperation with Dr. Colvard of State College, arranged for Dr. Craig and Dr. Rollins to go to our district and make a survey of the poultry and beef situation with the idea of establishing a diagnostic laboratory. Their findings were that poultry and beef require approximately two-thirds of a veterinarian's and technician's time, and with the tubular testing which is now being done in Georgia, a laboratory could be justified in our section. Commissioner Ballentine felt that this program would also give our people added assurances of the State's cooperation, and would perhaps stimulate the growth of the industry. The cost would be \$22,826 for the first year, and \$14,876 for 1960-61. This does not include rent for offices and lab-

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