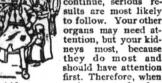
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CONFESSING THE SON OF GOD.

Matthew 16:13-28.-July 17.

"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." UR Master, wisely and with becoming modesty, hesitated to declare his own greatness. He allowed his actions to speak and to tell to his disciples that he proceeded and came forth from God, and that in the performing of miracles, and particularly in his teachings, he was the finger of God and his mouth-piece. John the Baptist was sent to be his special fore-runner. It was he that declared that Jesus was "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." It was he that declareth that the Master was so much greater than himself that he was not worthy to stoop down and

loose the Master's sandals. But after John had borne him witness, testifying. "This is he," and had declared that he saw the holy Spirit descending upon Jesus like a dove, and that this was a sign given him whereby he might know his Messiahship, then came the time for the Master to bring the matter pointedly to the attention of his followers. John had been cast into prison and later had been beheaded. John's prophetic testimony was fulfilled, when he said of Jesus, "He must in-crease, but I must decrease." The mission of Jesus and his Apostles became more prominent every day, and those who had formerly talked about John were now asking respecting Jesus, whether he was a prophet sent of God, or whether he was the Messiah. Do the rulers indeed know whether this is the Messiah or not? Surely "no man could do the miracles which he doeth unless God be with him" in some special manner.

Our Lord first inquired respecting the general opinion of the people concerning himself. He did this, not because of his own ignorance, but that he might draw out the thoughts of his disciples. They replied that some thought he was John the Baptist; others supposed he was one of the prophets. The ideas of the heathen were gradually making inroads upon the Jews. The doctrine of reincarnation, wholly unscriptural, is suggested in these answers. All the answers, of course, were wrong, for the prophets were all dead and could not reappear until the resurrection. Then our Lord pointedly put the question to his chosen followers: "Who do ye say that I am?" The courageous St. Peter promptly answered as spokesman for the whole company, "Thou art the Christ [Messlah], the Son of the living God." This was the very answer designed to be brought forth. It was the truth, but our Lord hesitated to present it, because it would better come from the disciples themselves and then have his endorsement. His answer to St. Peter was, "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my

Father which is in heaven." It was not that St. Peter had experienced a special vision or revelation, but such a great spiritual fact as was then under consideration, at that time could be appreciated only by those who were specially favored of the Father. Indeed, it is evident that the same principle still operates, for we read, "No man can come unto me, except the Father which sent me draw him." Our primary drawing and calling is of the Father up to the time when we accept his grace in Christ and make our consecration to do his will and receive the spirit of adoption into his family as God's children; we are then put into the school of Christ to learn of him. Let us learn the lesson that the special blessings always come, not only from believing in Christ, but also from confessing to and before others.

According to the Greek, our Lord replied to Peter. "Thou art a stone, and upon this rock will I build my Church." The rock upon which the Church is built is this confession which St. Peter made. St. Peter himself was not the rock, but he was one of the living stones built by faith upon the rock of truth. It was this same Apostle who so beautifully explained the whole matter, as-suring us that all consecrated believers are "living stones" in the temple of God, whose foundation and cap stone is Christ, in whom we are builded together through the operation of the holy Spirit.—I Peter 2:4-7. The expression, "Upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of

hell [hades] shall not prevail against it," is one that is much misunderstood. The gates of hell are not gates to some place of torture, nor gates to purga-tory. They are, in the Greek, "gates of hades," and hades signifies a state or condition of death. The passage might well be translated, "The gates of the grave shall not prevail against it." That is to say, Christ Jesus invites the Church to die with him, to share in his sacrifice, in his death, and while, apparently, the gates of hades have prevailed against the Church, against God's gram. people, for more than eighteen centuries, nevertheless, we have the assurance that they shall not forever prevail. The Master's assurance is that by his death he has become Lord of all and has the keys of death and hades. He has the right to open hades, the tomb, and to call forth all who have gone down into it. He assures us that he will do this, as he says, "All that are in their graves shall hear the voice of the Son of man and shall come forth."

Nevertheless, for all these centuries it has required faith to believe that, by dying with Christ, his followers shall yet live with him-that sharing with him in his death they shall yet share with him in his resurrection to the glory, honor and immortality of the Divine nature. So, then, our Lord's words mean that there will be a resurrection from the grave, and since the Church is to be "a kind of firstfruits unto God of his creatures" (James 1:18; Revelation 14:4), her resurrection means, indirectly, this result, the uplifting of mankind, the opening of the grave to every member of the human family.

The giving of the "keys" of the Kingdom to St. Peter has no reference to locks and bars of heaven, over which St. Peter is the custodian. The Church in the present time is the Kingdom of Heaven in its preparatory or embryotic state, and St. Peter was privileged to do the opening work to the Gospel Church. He opened the door to the Jews at Pentecost, when, as the mouthpiece of the Lord, he proclaimed the meaning of the Pentecostal blessing and the hopes then open to every Jew coming, individually into membership in Christ. He used the second "key" to open the same kingdom privileges to the Gentiles, in that when the due time came for Cornelius, the first Gentile convert, to be received, St. Peter did the work. By preaching to Cornelius the Gospel and by baptizing him into Christ he threw open the door to the Gentiles,



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Break, Break, Break! "Your new maid uses broken English, doesn't she?" "Mostly broken china."-Cleveland

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A Grewsome Jest.

She-"They say her husband was driven to his grave." He-"Well, he couldn't very well alk."-Boston Transcript.

For Conservation.

script.

Housewife-"Are you willing to chop some wood for your dinner? Plodding Pete-"Sorry, mum, but am a Pinchot man."-Boston Tran-

Her Instructions. Conductor-"Ticket, please!" Passenger-"Certainly, sir. Here the key of my trunk, which is in the baggage car. In the pocket of my second best dress is my mileage book."-Harper's Bazar.

Non Sequiter.

Innis-"Do I love her? Why, man, can't sleep nights for thinking about ner." Owens-"That's not proof positive.

get the same effect from my tailor's bills .- Boston Transcript.





"During our stay in Egypt we visited the Pyramids. They are covered ith hieroglyphics.

Wasn't you afraid of get-"Lor'! ting some on you?"-New York Tele-

Her Flat.

Mrs. Noobride--- "Yes, dear, I was married last month. I'd like you to call on me and see the pretty flat I have.

Miss Jellus-"I've seen him, my lear."-The Sacred Heart Review.

A Lick and a Flick.

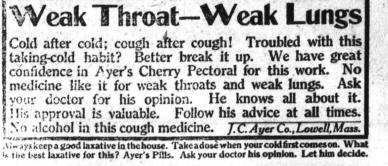
Mr. Hubb-"The intelligence office manager told me that our new girl was once an actress." Mrs. Hubb---"I believe it. She dusts the furniture exactly as the sou-

brette does it on the stage."-Boston

Transcript. The Bargain Instinct.

Lady (who has been shopping) ---When does the next train leave for Oshkosh?"

Trainman-"Two-fifty, madam." Lady (absent-mindedly)---"Make



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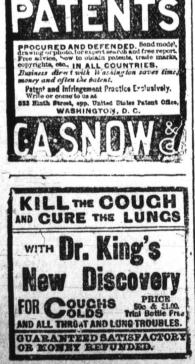
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our Lord foretold in the words of this lesson

St. Peter's commission that whatever things he should bind on earth should be bound in heaven and what things he should loose on earth should be loosed in heaven, is the same that was given to the other Apostles. (See Matthew 18:18.) It does not mean, of course, that the Lord has turned matters over to St. Peter and made him Lord of heaven and earth, nor that any or all of the Apostles were so honored. It simply means this: God purposes to use his Apostles and to so hold up their hands, in all their affairs, that the whole Church may have confidence in them, and may recognize their teachings as of God. If they declared that certain of the commandments under the Jewish law were not binding upon Christians, we must know that their statements were true, and that, similarly, in heaven, the release or change is recognized. And if they bound certain doctrines and teachings, we must know that those are bound and firmly established in heaven. In other words, we must recognize the Apostles as God's inherent mouthpieces

The time for proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah did not come until after his death and resurrection. Indeed his Messiahship properly dates from his resurrection. He desired his disciples to recognize him properly, and he explained to them about his approaching death and resurrection, but he did not wish them to proclaim this to the world until the due time. St. Peter. perhaps elated with the Lord's commendation of his previous speech, undertook now the role of teacher to the one whom he had just acknowledged as the Messiah. In this he erred. It was in sympathy that he urged that the Master should not think of any steps which lead to suffering and death, but should rather of prosperity and earthly favor, yet our Lord's reproof was pointed. He said: You are my adversary, Peter, when you thus speak to me. You will thus endeavor to dissuade me from doing my Father's will, to hinder me from drinking the cup which my Father has poured for me; your counsel is that common to the world and not of God.

Similarly, the followers of Jesus sometimes need to resist their friends, who thus offer counsel contrary to Divine will and word and providence. These should not be encouraged nor their advicesfollowed. They need correc tion from their fellow disciples, as did St. Peter.

The words of Peter furnished the Master an opportunity for calling the attention of his followers to the terms of discipleship. Not only must the Master himself suffer, but all of his followers likewise. This course was provided for every one, and whoever would fee from it would lose the eternal life hoped for. Whoever would take up his cross and follow the Master to death would thereby make sure of his share in eternal life on the heavenly plane. His disciples had already pledged their earthly lives, and for them to withhold them for worldly advantage, would mean that they would lose their souls, their lives. This is not true of the world in general, but merely of the Church, called to be of the elect, Royal Priesthood.

He then assured them of his, second coming, when he would come in the glory of the Father and with his angels (messengers)-not again as a munas a sacrifice. At the time of his second coming he would reward every one of his followers according to the faithfulness of each. He concluded this reference to the coming Kingdom by the assurance that some of them would have an ocular demonstration of his coming power and glory before they, would die. This we will consider in our next study.

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Bound to Stand.

"We expect to have every track in the country put out of business," said the reformer.

"I suppose you will," answered the New York man, "except the hundredmile course between Washington and Warrentown."-Washington Star.

A Quicker Way.

"I'd like to pay my respects to the

feller made by William Couper finished and sent to be cast. king." "I can arrange for an audience in The funeral of Bishop McVickar was held at Providence, R. I., five of about three weeks," explained the his colleagues officiating at the ser-American minister. vice.

"How long would it take you to get him on the telephone?"-Louis

McCarthy was boasting of the prominence of his family in bygone ages. "But there were no McCar-thys in Noah's Ark," said O'Brien. "No," said McCarthy, "our family

was very exclusive in those days and had yachts of their own."-From Norman E. Mack's National Monthly,

The Handwriting.

In administering the oath to the newly appointed Chief Magistrates, in New York City, Mayor Gaynor urged them to put the professional bonds-men out of business. "If you look about you," said the ominous acquaintance, "you will see the handwriting on the wall."

"The handwriting on the wall doesn't worry me," replied Senator Sorghum, "so long as they don't go rummaging into my private memoranda."---Washington Star.

How It Happened.

"How does it happen." said the young woman in the library, "that Lord Byron is the only poet you read?'

"Well," replied Mr. Lobrow, once won a bunch of money on a horse by that name, and I thought it was up to me to get acquainted with my mascot."--- Washington Star.

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NEWSY GLEANINGS.

The Fourth was observed in all the large European capitals.

Great anti-clerical demonstrations were made in Madrid and other Spanish cities.

The first Dental Hygiene Conference and Exhibit was held in New York City.

At the International Railway Con-gress at Berne fifteen hundred delegates were present.

The steamers Venus and San Jacin-to were repulsed in an attempt to recapture Pearl Lagoon, Nicaragua.

Advices from Washington are that the United States would take action to end speedily the war in Nicaragua. Reports from various cities showed a decreased number of casualties, due to a "safe and sane" celebration of to a "safe the Fourth.

With State troops in readiness to prevent a combat, the Kaufman-Langford prize fight in San Francisco was postponed.

Elections for Deputies to the Pan-aman National Assembly passed quietly, there being no opposition to the government candidates.

Knives and pistols were freely used at primaries of the Zayista faction in Cuba, to choose delegates to make terms with the Miguelistas.

Over three thousand Americans at-tended the Independence Day recep-tion given by Ambassador and Mrs. Reid at Dorchester House, London.

The Russian government has decid-ed to communicate to the United States and other powers the Russ Japanese convention regarding Manchuria.

New York State Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss declared his pur-D. C. pose to lay the facts of the late Presi-dent Sheldon's misconduct of the Phenix Insurance Company before the District Attonney District Attorney,

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George Turner argued seven days for the United States in the Newfoundland fisheries case at The Hague.

J. P. Stuart complained of inade quate protection given by the Italian Government to American missionville Courier-Journal. aries. Had Yachts of Their Own.