

Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MACENZIE

The letter from our Lord Jesus Christ to the saints at Pergamos (The Revelation 2:12-17) (continued).

In addition to those who held the doctrine of Balaam (verse 14), there were some in Pergamos who held (Greek: "held fast") the "doctrine of the Nicolaitanes." It was written of Ephesus that they hated the deeds of the Nicolaitanes (verse 6), but not the Nicolaitanes themselves. But what in Ephesus was deeds, had become in Pergamos an accepted doctrine. Who were the Nicolaitanes? Their name comes from two Greek words, "inkao" to conquer, and "laos" people. Dr. Scofield in his reference Bible tells us they held to the notion of a priestly order setting itself up as superior to the common lay members of the church. Such a notion is, of course, foreign to the spirit of the Gospel (see I Peter 5:2-3; Matthew 20:25-28; Mark 10:44).

Nor is it only the dictatorial minister who is guilty of this heresy. Laymen who seek to force their wills on congregations are only too numerous. The layman who was asked if he belonged to such a church, and answered, "I most certainly do not! That church belongs to me," has numerous counterparts. Also, denominations are beginning to display alarming Nicolaitane tendencies. The notion that loyalty to some denominational program is synonymous with loyalty to the Lord, and failure to support some denominational program is disloyalty to the Lord is a damnable teaching straight from the pit. Our Lord's message to the church at Pergamos is "Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth" (verse 16). In effect, Jesus says, "If you do not deal with these rascals I will."

One of the greatest hindrances to true revival, and a mighty work of the Holy Spirit in us and through us, is this false tolerance that thinks it's a Christian virtue to get along with everyone, including the devil himself. Beware of those who counsel, "Don't raise a fuss. It isn't dignified." Our Lord Jesus never allowed Himself to be intimidated, and it is a sin when we tolerate what God condemns; when we look the other way instead of dealing with open sin. The essence of Baalism is that we can have it both ways—that we can serve the Lord and Satan at the same time. But the Word of God is explicit: "What concord hath Christ with Belial?" "Come out from among them and be ye separate." We are commanded, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." (I John 2:15-16). Paste those two verses on the front of your television set; inscribe them on the title page of every questionable book and magazine in your home; quote them before entering the movie.

We sing "content to let the world go by;" "all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to Thy blood;" "For Thee all the follies of sin I resign." It's high time we either changed our hymns or our lives!

(to be continued next week)

VFW MEETING

William H. Coffield, Jr. Post No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet Tuesday night, January 5, at 8 o'clock. Commander John Bass urges a large attendance.

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State's Pig Crop Up Four Per Cent

North Carolina's 1959 fall pig crop (pigs saved June 1-December 1) is estimated at 1,008,000 pigs, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. This is 4 percent above the 972,000 pigs saved during the fall of 1958, and 31 percent above the 1948-57 average fall crop. The increase in the fall crop resulted from a 5 percent increase in the number of sows farrowing. There was a slight decrease in pigs saved per litter.

in 1959 compared with those saved in 1958.

The combined spring and fall pig crops for 1959 are estimated at 2,613,000 head, about 365,000 head larger than in 1958. The spring pig crop at 1,605,000 was 26 percent above the 1958 spring pig crop, and this substantial gain was due to a 22 percent increase in sows farrowed and a slight increase in number of pigs saved per litter.

Men never wish ardently for what they only wish for from reason. —La Rochefoucauld.

Lunch Room Menu

Menus at the John A. Holmes High School lunch room for the week of January 4-8 will be as follows:

Monday: Beef vegetable soup, pimento and peanut butter sandwiches, crackers, pineapple cake, butter and milk.

Tuesday: Pork patties with rice and gravy, string beans, biscuits, apple sauce, butter and milk.

Wednesday: Corn beef with potatoes and gravy, succotash, cookies, cheese biscuits and milk.

Thursday: Fish sticks, corn bread, fruit jelly, cole slaw, cornfield peas, butter and milk. Friday: Grilled lunch meat, garden peas, buttered potatoes, apple pie and milk.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The thought that acknowledgment of one, infinite God, and obedience to His commands, is essential for the spiritualization and salvation of mankind, will be brought out at Christian Science services Sunday.

The Lesson-Sermon is entitled "God". The Golden Text is from Deuteronomy (10:12, 13):

"And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, to keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good."

From "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy the following will be read (228:25-27): "There is no power apart from God. Omnipotence has all-power, and to acknowledge any other power is to dishonor God."

PROPERTY MUST BE LISTED IN JANUARY

Notice Is Hereby Given

That the List Takers for Chowan County will sit at the following places at the times named, at which places and in which month all property owners and taxpayers are required to return to the List Takers for taxation for the year 1959 all the Real Estate, Personal Property, etc., which each one shall own on the first day of January, 1960, or shall be required to give in then. All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years are to list their polls during the same time. Return of property and giving in of polls are required under penalties imposed by law.

FIRST TOWNSHIP

Listers: Mrs. James Byrum

Jeanne S. O'Neal

Every Day Second Floor Court House

THIRD TOWNSHIP

Lister: T. D. Berryman

Every Saturday.....Lloyd Briggs' Store

January 9, 16, 23, 30

January 7, 21, 28.....H. R. Peele's Store

January 14.....Spivey's Store, Ryland

SECOND TOWNSHIP

Lister: Henry Bunch

January 4, 11, 18, 25.....E. R. Bunch's Store

January 7.....Earl Smith's Store

January 14.....W. L. Miller's Store

January 21.....Evans' Store, Cross Roads

January 28.....C. C. Nixon's Store

At Home All Other Days During January

FOURTH TOWNSHIP

Lister: Ward Hoskins

Every Wednesday and Saturday

January 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30 at Harry Perry's Store. At Home Other Days.

Blanks upon which a verified statement of property is to be made by each taxpayer can be had of the List Takers. Fill these blanks and see to it that statements are free from error, thereby obviating much trouble. Only females and non-resident of Townships and persons physically unable to attend and file their lists can appoint agents to list property.

EXAMINE YOUR LIST BEFORE SIGNING

REPORT YOUR 1959 CROP ACREAGE THROUGH TAX LISTER DURING JANUARY, 1960

Your local Tax Lister is required to make the records but Farm Owners or Tenants must furnish the facts. Therefore, call your List Taker's attention to these records and be prepared to furnish the following information: (1) Acreage for each crop harvested during calendar year 1959. (2) Number of cows, sows, and hens on farm January, 1960. (3) Number of people living on farm January, 1960. All of the above information furnished will be considered as confidential and will not be used in any manner that is detrimental to the farmers concerned. It is not used for tax purposes.

Have Your Farm Report Ready For Your Tax Lister

After February 2nd A 10% Penalty Will Be Imposed For Failure To List

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