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WORDS OF LIFE

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Scripture Reading: Job, 38: 1-7. Text: Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Job, 38: 4

In a great many instances, if you ask a person "what is religion", you will either get a hazy and insufficient answer, or else he will answer, "Religion is life". For religion, if so be that it is not in vain, is life eternal. And because each of us sin against God, and because each of us fail to accomplish God's purposes for us, religion, for us in this world, becomes simply and primarily our return to God.

Which of us is he who does not live at the ragged edge of the loss of his soul? Job was a just man,

and a good, and generous, and devout. But did these things protect him from catastrophe? We know the answers. The robber nation of the desert, Sabians, stole his oxen and his asses. Fire from heaven (lightening?) killed his sheep. A windstorm destroyed his loved ones. And he was tempted to curse (blame) God. Nor does Job stand alone. You spend years building a business, then a depression for which you are in no way to blame comes along; and your business is wiped away. Or your loved ones are riding along in a car, and someone with an insane yen for speed comes along head on, and they are no more. And we too are tempted to ask "Why believe in God?"—and throw away our souls. Nor is that all. Job was sore beset when his body became a mass of boils. How could he either work

or worship? It added to the already too-great tension to turn against God. Why should a man believe in God if God fails to be a good Santa Claus, giving us every stick of candy, and every cozy corner? And to make it worse,—his friends! ((See Job, chapters 4, 8, and 11)) Each of his friends tell him in their own way that all his suffering is for his own sins. It is like the "friends" of today, telling a man, when he is in difficulty that he is probably incompetent, or a "sucker" or a round peg in a square hole: which things may or may not be correct. Yes, at the best, our sins keep us skirting along the ragged edge of spiritual death: then in addition to this, these insidious temptations beset us,—to lose faith in God, and also in self as a child of God.

And where is God all this time? He is right where he is supposed to be, making our salvation straight before us,—but leaving us to choose and to act. When the Sabians stole Job's livestock, when the depression or the auto wreck overshadows your family, God is calling on you to grow! He is calling on you to trust Him for the dead. He is calling on you to rise up and live by faith in Him, and action built on faith, which action is faith. And what of the many "friends" who advised Job, and some of whom are ready to offer us the same advice? There again God is present. These friends often are earnestly seeking to help, and if we like Job turn completely to God, we find that God is right there; and that He wants us to keep our chins up, and work with Him, and be His witness both to these and to all others.

In Job's troubles, and in ours, there is hope for us. For these things pin-point for us the gulf between loss of the soul, and salvation of the soul. The great temptation that Job had was the temptation to mentally turn against God; and in so doing to seek for himself a path of happiness. And in the catastrophes and ills that beset our lives, our great temptation is to lose faith in God. In this story of Job it is pin-pointed dramatically for us that turning from God would have been for Job, as for us, the loss of the soul eternal. But, Job did not turn. Instead, Job answered, "though He slay me, yet will I trust Him" (Job 13: 15). He saved his soul. He never lost sight of God, nor lose sight of his 100 per cent dependence on God. The saving, or the loss, of the soul, is the product of that simple an equation.

"Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth"? If man could only remember that truth as Job remembered it! Man at best is only a tenant, and on probation as well. It is God who created. It is God who gives. And when, in God's world, catastrophe, and false highway signs (conservations and advice) beset our way, it is because the voice of God is calling on us to awaken from our childlike cradles of slumber, and take upon ourselves the responsibilities and acts of life.

What a contrast there is between Christ on Calvary, and his own parable of the false stewards! (See St. Matt. 21: 28-41) Christ on Calvary was witnessing,— "though he slay me, yet will I trust in him; and behold heaven opens before me". The false stewards are witnessing,— "Why worry about the Lord,—we will do what we think is right,—and the inheritance will be ours on our own terms."

And another thing. There is no need for Job to be the only person in heaven, nor will he so be. You and I, each in his own path, can always refrain from doing what WE think is right, and go to the Bible, read and follow, and do what GOD lays down as right. You and I, each in his own path, need never say, "Life is hopeless." Instead we can each say, "God being my helper, and helping me through His established channels, I will succeed in this and in other things." And each of us can say, each in own way, not,— "I, or my parents, or circumstances gave me what I have and am: but, God has been generous to me, and to Him I render all thanks".

For we were not there when God laid the foundations of the earth, and all the morning stars sang together. But God is even now planning for us to be the population on these foundations, and to join in the chorus, when that song swells into an anthem that becomes the joy of eternity.

Rollman's Views

Editor's Note—This is the twentieth in a series of articles by Heinz Rollman, Industrialist, Waynesville, N. C.

The greatest single thing that could happen to today's world since the birth of Christ would be this:

A unanimous declaration by the House and Senate—in other words, by the Congress of the United States—to the whole world of "A WORLD BILL OF RIGHTS" governing our relationship with every country under the sun.



Such a "WORLD BILL OF RIGHTS" un-animously, or almost un-animously, passed by the Congress which has been elected by you and me, would electrify the world more than 100 atomic bombs. It would give strength and it would give courage to the desperate. It would show our united love and understanding to the needy. It would pump life into the sick and the dying.

No Congressman serving in Washington, however, can ever pass such laws to have a "WORLD BILL OF RIGHTS" unless and until millions of Americans prove to their Congressmen that that is what they want.

I don't think I am a dreamer or an idealist if I say that if enough of us are willing to take an interest in government, and if enough of us are willing to fight, then in our lifetime and maybe sooner than we think, such a "WORLD BILL OF RIGHTS" will be entered by the Congress of the United States.

If on the Sunday before Congress enacts this "WORLD BILL OF RIGHTS" every preacher and every priest in every church in our beloved country, regardless of its denomination, preaches the same sermon for this "WORLD BILL OF RIGHTS", then this world will know within 24 hours that there is hope, love and understanding, and that the whole world will have walked, united together, one step closer to His Kingdom.

I am not, by any means, the inventor of this "WORLD BILL OF

GARDEN TIME

By M. E. GARDNER N. C. State College

Should you have a home fruit planting? Some say yes, while others say no. I prefer to leave it up to the individual or family group. It's easy to plan on paper, but reasonable care through the growing season is the big problem. The suggestions I am making are based on your willingness to carry out the jobs of pruning, mulching, fertilization and protection against the usual, and ever present insect and disease pests.

Here is a list of varieties from which you can make your selections.

Peaches: Dixiegem, Early-Red-Fre, Redhaven, Southland, Georgia Belle and Elberta or Red Globe. These are listed in their approximate order of ripening.

Apples: Lodi, Horse and Hollow Log are summer varieties. For later maturity, Richarded Delicious, Golden Delicious, Winesap or Stay-mared.

It has been invented a long, long time ago, when first the Bible and the ideas of the Bible were available to us. All I am trying to do is put together the moral value of the Bible, the high standards of comradeship of the American people, and the fantastic technological advancements made in the last 50 years. All I urge us to do is to continue into one nice, neat, compact package what we have. Let the world know that we not only mean our mountains, but ALL the mountains ALL over the world, when we sign "LET FREEDOM RING".

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Muscadine Grapes: Scuppernon (W), Hunt (B), Thomas (B) and Burgaw (B). All of the varieties, except Burgaw, are self unfruitful. Be sure to plant Burgaw with the other varieties for pollenization.

Strawberries: Albritton and Massey are satisfactory for the Piedmont and Coastal Plains and Tennessee Beauty for the mountains. Some of our mountain people like the everbearers. Red Rich and Superfiction are good everbearing types, along with some other varieties.

Dewberries: Carolina and Boysenberry. Dewberries do best on the lighter soil types. Figs: Celeste, Brown Turkey and Brunswick. Celeste and Brown Turkey are the most popular. Brunswick is the largest of the three. Fig plants are rather cold tender and will be killed back during some winters. However,

ON OUR STREET

By SALLY DAVIDSON

Lady, on our street today, lives in two states and four counties, Union and Town in Georgia, and Clay and Cherokee in N. C.

"Shootin' up the town". Young boy on bicycle, drawing toy pistol from hip pocket, popping it above his head.

Murphy's "Tennessee Ernie", with a bad "crick" in his neck. Do you know who he is? ? ?

Pretty girl, using reflection in store window, by which, to give her slip a "hitch".

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I have run out of space for this column so will continue with other fruit and nut varieties next time.

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