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AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE--John viii:32.

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## AN APPEAL TO REINSTATE IN ALL THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS THE AUTHORIZED VERSION OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE

AS A UNIFORM CODE OF GOOD MORALS FOR THE SCHOOL, STATE AND NATION IN AMERICA

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### Article XII

#### The Divine Plan

"I am God, and there is none else. There is none like me; declaring the end from the beginning." Isaiah 46:10.

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end." Rev. 22:13.

The study of history becomes very interesting to the mind that regards all events occurring in the world as embraced in the eternal counsels of God. In the inspired narrative of the prophet, Daniel, there is foretold the history of four successive kingdoms, or World Empires—those of Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome.

The rise and fall of these successive world powers prepared the world for the coming and crucifixion of Christ, the world's risen Redeemer.

#### The Jews

The Jews, who in the days of David and Solomon, were the happiest and most prosperous people on earth, were attacked, defeated and carried into captivity to Babylon as a divine punishment for the sin of idolatry. So effective was the punishment that to this day, after the lapse of 2,500 years, the nation, though scattered to the four corners of the earth, has never since sunk into idolatry; and through the succession of the four above named kingdoms, the way was providentially prepared for the peaceful coming of Jesus, the Messiah. Also through the Greek and Latin languages, the way was prepared for the early and rapid spread of the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ to the remotest parts of the earth.

#### Key to All History

Our Lord Jesus gave to the world the key to all history when he said: "I beheld Satan, as lightning fall from heaven! Behold, I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all power of the enemy." "Rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:17.

Jesus said this when the seventy disciples returned and said, "Lord, even the devils (evil spirits) are subject to us in thy name."

At the time of their rebellion, Satan and his angels were cast out of heaven never to return.

Jesus Used the Scriptures to Resist the Devil

When Jesus began his ministry Satan, by three forms of deceptive temptation, tried to cause his fall. Jesus honored the Scriptures and successfully resisted each quotation by quoting an appropriate passage. Mt. 4:1-11.

Paul at Ephesus found the devil and his angels in the hearts of the men, and called them principalities, powers and high places.

"Brethren, be strong in the Lord, and stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not with flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Eph. 6:10-12.)

When Paul stood a prisoner before Agrippa, he told him how that, when he was a persecutor of the Christians, Jesus by His word and Spirit had called him from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that he might be a witness of these things. (Acts 26:16-18.)

Satan, the prince of this

world, occupies the throne in the heart of every one that is an idolater. Enlightenment of the conscience or the mind by the Word of God causes him to fall from that throne.

When Satan was an angel of light it was pride that caused his fall. "Pride goeth before a fall." Wherever there is pride, there is danger. Christ foresaw that through the preaching and teaching of the Scriptures, the knowledge of God would fly like lightning through the world, and the kingdom of Satan would ultimately be destroyed.

When the Word of Jesus that he saw "Satan fall from heaven," is read between the lines of current events, it means that God is on His throne in heaven and is administering justice and judgment on earth.

We are living in the midst of a great conflict, or controversy. Satan, the prince of this world, is being judged. The conflict is between Satan and Christ, the World's Crucified Redeemer. The field of conflict is the throne in every human heart and the rulership of every nation. Truth and error, light and darkness have met on a mighty battlefield. Passing events are hastening and forecasting the time when the Red Dragon of Revelation shall be cast aside. (Rev. 12:3.)

#### Divine Judgments

History records unmistakable manifestations of divine judgment on the battlefield at Waterloo, Yorktown, Gettysburg and in France in 1918.

In 1920 through the united cooperation of the church and sober-minded women of the land, under the leadership in Congress of Richard P. Hobson and Rep. Volstead, there was enacted the 18th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage throughout the United States and all its dependencies. That was a great achievement of the nation through the Church of God. It imposed a sensible, prudent and legal restraint upon the sensual appetites of the dissipated; and protected schools, churches and home districts from the debasing intrusion of the demoralizing and corrupting liquor saloon.

In 1933, the repeal of the 18th Amendment was effected by the politicians in the two political parties, for the avowed purpose of raising revenue for the government and suppressing bootleggers. Since the moral restraint of prohibition has been removed, the flood gates of vice and crime and of general political corruption have been thrown open. Crime has been increasing and the public press of the country is full of remedial suggestions. The good suggestions relate, some to agriculture, others to courts, schools and government. Some are excellent in the forum of discussion and halls of legislation; but they do not stress the fundamental cause of crime, the lack of Bible knowledge in the public schools for ignorant aliens and dependent, destitute families in cities; or the need of daily moral instruction in the Bible, the divine standard of good morals, in all prisons and houses of correction.

This appeal is, therefore, made to all readers to cooperate with other Bible readers in voicing an appeal to national and State legislators, to town coun-

cils, and other public officials to definitely reinstate the Authorized English Bible as the divine standard of good morals in every public school in the land that every native born American may have early knowledge of the living and true God whose name is Jehovah, and become good and upright citizens of the Republic.

Also to cooperate in having the Bible not merely kissed on the day of the President's inauguration, but to be formally designated as the standard of good morals in business, education, courts of justice and public government in America, and in official dealing with all nations.

#### The Challenge of Elijah Jehovah or Baal!

"How long halt ye between two opinions?"

"If the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, ther: follow him!"

#### Present Need of the World

The present need of the world has been forcibly expressed by the late C. H. Mead in the following appealing lines:

"O God, give us men—determined, brave and strong, Who stand for right, and dare to smite the wrong; Wholehearted men—unselfish, fearless, bold— Whose love of truth outweighs the greed of gold; Devoted men, who think, pray and plan How best to serve and help their fellowman! O God, give us Men! Give us Men!"

#### WHITE RIVER PRESBYTERIAL CONVENTION AND SCHOOL OF METHODS

The forty-sixth annual meeting of the White River Presbyterian Convention and School of Methods convened at Allen Chapel Presbyterian church, Pine Bluff, Ark., with Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Boyd, August 14-18, 1935.

The meeting opened Wednesday, August 14, at 8:30 P. M., with Mrs. Brooks, of Monticello, Ark., presiding in a consecration service. Rev. T. C. Boyd, pastor of Allen Chapel Presbyterian church, led the opening prayer.

At the close of the brief consecration service a local program was rendered with Mrs. T. C. Boyd as mistress of ceremonies, and Mrs. W. E. Houston, pianist. Timely and descriptive addresses of welcome were presented by the following:

Rev. T. Rae, pastor of Allen Temple Methodist church, represented the Ministerial Alliance of this city, in greetings of welcome.

Miss Lucile Carver, of Stout Memorial C. M. E. church.

Mrs. Lowe, of St. John A. M. E. church.

Miss Willie M. Franklin, of Cherry Street A. M. E. Zion church.

Mrs. Dorothy Lambert, of Ward Chapel A. M. E. church; Prof. O. W. Fields, of Allen Chapel Presbyterian church, emphasized the development and growth of the Sunday school, politically, economically, socially and spiritually, concluding with greetings of welcome.

Rev. W. E. Houston, of Camden, Ark., gave a beautiful response to the addresses of welcome.

The next on the program was the instruction to the faculty and delegates concerning the daily program by Dean C. N. Shropshire.

#### Classes

The interest manifested in the class room work both by the delegates and the local group was very inspiring. Class work began daily at 8:30 A. M., ending at 11:10 A. M. The Adult and Young People's Bible class was conducted by Drs. Carroll and Christmas. Much interest was shown. Rev. N. B. Byum had charge of the class in Sabbath School Management; Mrs.

Brooks, Young People's Societies; Mrs. Georgirene C. Boyd, Vacation Bible School Methods; Mrs. W. E. Houston, Children's Work; Rev. G. E. Caesar, The Presbyterian Church. The assembly period was conducted each day by Dr. W. H. Carroll with interesting facts informing us on "The Work of the Presbyterian Church." Much information and interest radiated from each teacher in the subject presented. Two of the persons listed among the faculty also attended the Summer Conference (Synodical School of Methods) which convened at Valliant, Okla., namely: Rev. G. E. Caesar and Mrs. Georgirene C. Boyd. The latter conducted a large and very interesting class of young people in Vacation Church School Methods at the Summer Conference. Mrs. Boyd also willingly assisted in the music and in other activities, making her sphere of service radiate in new surroundings.

#### Games

Every afternoon at 3 o'clock a wholesome period of recreation and games was conducted by Rev. O. W. Hawkins on the beautiful campus surrounding the building. Much enthusiasm was shown on the part of the delegation and local group. Rev. Hawkins thrilled the young people with his athletic stunts.

#### Other Activities

Much comment was made on the soul-stirring manner in which Rev. A. A. Thompson conducted the devotional period each day. It was surely a period of worship.

Thursday evening under the blue canopy of the stars and a Western moon the entire delegation and a large group of local friends gathered on the campus for the social. Every one was young when it came to enjoyment. Rev. O. W. Hawkins and Mrs. Georgirene C. Boyd had charge of the evening's entertainment.

Friday night the young people gave a program of music and verse under the direction of Mrs. W. E. Houston and Mrs. G. C. Boyd. Much talent was shown among the young people.

Saturday noon marked the close of our Junior School of Methods which exhibited a fine spirit of Christian fellowship and cooperation.

Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Boyd, sisters of the family, members of the church and other churches of the city unflinchingly gave their service in the preparation of appetizing meals which were served three times daily in the cheerful dining room.

Another important feature was the vesper service, conducted by Drs. W. H. Carroll and R. J. Christmas each evening at sunset. Such service was quite inspiring.

Rev. C. N. Shropshire, our Sabbath School Missionary, is a steady, conscientious worker who has done much in a very unassuming way toward our success in blazing the way for a Junior School of Methods.

#### Election of Officers

The following officers were elected for next year:

President, Mrs. E. E. Brooks. Vice-President, Mr. T. Spencer.

Secretary, Miss Othell Williams.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Travestine Green.

Organist, Mrs. Leo Trotter.

Treasurer, Rev. C. N. Shropshire.

All departed feeling that the forty-sixth annual meeting of the White River Presbyterian Convention and Junior School of Methods was the best ever held in many respects.

#### THE REPORTER.

A man can not directly choose his circumstances, but he can choose his thoughts, and so indirectly, yet surely shape his circumstances.—James Lane Allen.

#### THE PRESBYTERY OF MCCLELLAND IN FALL SESSION

The Presbytery of McClelland convened with Mattoon Presbyterian church, Greenville, S. C., September 5, 1935. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Rev. J. H. Toatley, text, II Samuel, 23:15.

Ruling Elder A. P. Butler was unanimously elected Moderator and Elder C. W. Jones was made Temporary Clerk.

The Mayor of the city of Greenville, Mr. McMaulding, and Rev. W. R. Martin extended most cordial words of welcome to the Presbytery on behalf of the city and the Ministerial Alliance, respectively. Prof. R. W. Boulware and Rev. P. A. Flack fittingly responded to the words of welcome for the Presbytery.

The Rev. J. D. Taylor was granted permission to labor without the bounds of the Presbytery.

Revs. L. B. West, D. D., of the Presbytery of Catawba; W. S. Thompson, of the South Carolina M. E. Conference, and W. R. Martin, of the Piedmont Baptist Association, were granted seats as corresponding members of the Presbytery. Remarks of greetings and good will were made by Dr. L. B. West and the Rev. W. S. Thompson.

The chairmen of the committees on the Boards of the Church, Revs. C. W. Francis, D. T. Murray, L. E. Ginn and H. Y. Kennedy, made splendid reports of their respective Boards.

Mr. I. L. Pruitt was taken under the care of the Presbytery and recommended to the Board of Christian Education for aid to pursue his course of study for the ministry at Johnson C. Smith University. Messrs. L. A. Ellis, Cordell Kennedy, C. M. Young, Jr., Elliott McAdams and R. C. Johnson were recommended to the Board of Christian Education for aid to continue their courses of study at Smith.

Rev. J. H. Toatley was re-elected to the office of Stated Clerk for a period of five years.

Rev. H. Y. Kennedy, commissioner to the last General Assembly, gave an account of his stewardship at the Assembly. He was thanked for his fidelity and discharged.

Revs. D. T. Murray and C. W. Francis were nominated principal and alternate ministerial commissioners, and Ruling Elders A. P. Butler and E. T. Anderson were nominated principal and alternate lay commissioners to the next General Assembly.

Friday evening was given over to the Women's Presbyterial for a popular meeting. At 8 o'clock a splendid program was rendered by local talent and members of the Presbytery.

Short and pointed addresses were made by Drs. L. B. West and B. F. McDowell and Mrs. J. H. Toatley. The program was interspersed with fine selections of vocal music by Prof. Townsend, of Aiken, S. C.

#### Harbison College Day

The churches within the bounds of the Presbytery are reminded again of Harbison College Day. The Sunday prior to Thanksgiving Day has been set apart for observance of the above named day. Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Porter have already expressed their thanks and appreciation for what was done both by the churches and the Women's Presbyterial Societies. Let every church in the Presbytery cooperate with the request of the Presbytery. The Rev. D. T. Murray, chairman of the committee on Christian Education, again made the recommendation for observance of Harbison College Day. Dr. Porter and members of his faculty are at our services for Harbison Day. It would be a fine plan if Anderson, Abbeville and Due West

churches could so arrange their programs that Dr. Porter could touch each point in one day. Due West invites him to return for the occasion in November.

The Presbytery always delights to have our Field Representative, Dr. L. B. West. He mixes with the men in an unassuming manner and offers them sane suggestions on difficult matters which arise in the Presbytery.

The Presbytery values the presence of Dr. B. F. McDowell, the only one left of the three colored men in the Presbytery at the time of its organization. Dr. G. T. Dillard sleeps behind the vale of tears. His presence was missed at this meeting. Although he was a member of Fairfield Presbytery he seldom failed to put in his appearance at the meeting of McClelland Presbytery. A prince among preachers has fallen. Peace to his resting ashes.

The Moderator, Elder A. P. Butler, dispatched with grace and rapidity the business of the Presbytery. The docket was rather full, yet by 4:30 in the afternoon of Friday he sounded the gavel for report of the last item of business.

The Presbytery was well entertained by the members and friends of Mattoon Presbyterian church. The people of Greenville know how to entertain in fine, hospitable style, and this they did to the satisfaction of all concerned. The Committee on Resolutions of Thanks profusely expressed the appreciation of the Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet with Oak Grove Presbyterian church, Slighs, S. C., April next.

J. H. TOATLEY,

Stated Clerk.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, AUGUSTA, GA.

Christ Presbyterian church is in the midst of a campaign for funds to build an auditorium. As many of you know, we are now worshipping in the Sunday school room.

Since the death of the late Rev. J. R. Harris, who started the building program, nothing tangible has been done. Now we have started in earnest to raise our part in order to receive help from the Board. We are appealing to all Synods, Presbyteries, churches and individuals to help us.

You will lose nothing by contributing towards a building of a house for the worship of God.

We want to raise \$1,000 before January, 1936. Will you help us? We thank you. Acknowledgement of contributions will appear in the Africo.

Send money to Rev. H. F. Anderson, 1311 Gwinette St., or Dr. S. S. Johnson, 1420 Twiggs Street.

Signed: MRS. LILLIE B. HARRIS, Clerk of Session. 1237 Pin St.

#### NEW PRESIDENT OF TOUGALOO COLLEGE ASSUMES CHARGE

Tougaloo, Miss., Sept.—(By ANP)—Dr. Judson L. Cross, newly elected President of Tougaloo College, arrived here from his home in Boxbton, Mass., Tuesday, to assume his new position. He was for eight years New England Regional Secretary of the Congregational and Christian Commission on Missions, Home and Foreign, and was elected to the presidency of Tougaloo College at the summer meeting of the American Missionary Association to succeed Dr. William T. Holmes who retired at the end of the 1934-1935 scholastic term.

If the spirit of business adventure is killed, this country will cease to hold the foremost position in the world.—Andrew W. Mellon.