

CHARLES T. RUSSELL.

Sunday, December 19.—Paster Rus sell spoke today from the above text Brooklyn Tabernacle was crowded with an attentive audience, as usual. We report the discourse, as follows: Only those who come to an advanced degree of knowledge of God's Word can realize how Divine judgments are all good—all blessed. Under the inunderstanding aright the teachings of the Scriptures, supposing that they taught eternal torme for the great majority of our race, we feared God, rather than loved him. We dared not malicious, devilish, yet we were unable to see it in any other light; hence the general perplexity of Christendom, and the general alienation of heart, and many intelligent minds driven to infidelity, and the dislike to think about God and his supposedly terrible pur-poses respecting our race and the general awe respecting the Bible and the fear of its misunderstood teachings.

But now in the dawning of the New ing as never before; one passage illuminating another, our fear gives place to reverential love and filial awe. We begin to understand that the forment doctrines which we received are whol ly foreign to the Divine character. which, on the contrary, is distinctly marked by Wisdom, Justice. Mercy and Love toward all. We find ourselves now in agreement with the Scriptural declaration that God's judgments are "righteous altogether," and we delight in them. Instead of a judgment of eternal torment as a penalty for sin, we find a judgment or sentence of death. We agree to the rightcouspess of that verdict or judgment. God had the right to demand of his creature the obedience he was able to render. He had a perfect right to dethe blessing of life eternal on the terms of obedience. Seeing this, how rejoiced we are to note the Divine Mercy in the Plan of Redemption for the sinner and his offspring through the sacrifice of Christ! As a result we have good hope in his judgments; for him who once judged us worthy of death has with equal Justice redeemed us and granted us the opportunity of eternal life through the resurrec-

Judgment against our race that, instead of the death penalty coming instantly upon Adam and Eve, it came gradually, that through the processes of gradual dying they might the better fulness of sin"-to the intent that, when granted the new trial secured by the merit of Christ's sacrifice, they might profit by it the more. The same principles apply to all of Adam's posterity. The whole creation groaneth and trasons of God" (Romans viii, 22, 19). They are waiting for the establishment of Christ's Millennial Kingdom under which they shall have a full opportu nity of coming to a knowledge of the

This is God's provision for the world in general. What God did for the littie nation of Israel during the Jewish Spiritual Israel since Pentecost, in this Gospel Age, are matters separate and apart entirely from his general dealing with the world of mankind. The natural and the spiritual Seed of Abraham are exceptions to the rule, They have been granted special privileges and blessings not granted to the world in general-natural Israel under the Law Covenant and spiritual Istael under the Abrahamic Covenant. From These shortly, in association with the Redeemer, will constitute the Kingdom of God. The overcomers of spiritual Israel, becoming the Bride of Christ by resurrection "change" to the beavhis glory and constitute the Klagdom class in the highest sense. The over-comers of natural Israel, resurrected to the perfection of earthly nature, will constitute the earthly phase of the Millennial Kingdom. Mankind may see and have intercourse with these, but will not see nor have direct intercourse with the glorified Christ, Head and Body—the King of Glory.

God Will Judge His People.

So far as the world is concerned, it has been under the one general sentence of Divine Justice. "Aying thou shalt die." But so far as natural and spiritual Israel are concerned, they have been dealt with as freed from the original sentence and on trial for life or death afresh under God's judgments or disciplines. Thus it it written. "Jehovah will judge his people." Not all under these judgments have under stood them—not all were in the condition of heart to receive their instructions. "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will show them his Covenant" (Psaim xxv. 14). Thus, during the Jewish Age, Iersal often lapsed into more or less of dark ness and idolatry and failed to see their special privileges and relationship to God under their Covenaud. But a mongst them were the few faithful by the fact that our ford will be, bot

PEOPLE'S PULPIT.

Blessed Judgments.

"With My Soul Have I Desired Thee In the Night; Yes, With My Spirit Within Me, Will I Soult Thee Early; For When Thy Judgments Are Abroad In the Early, the Inhabitance of the World Will Learn Rights eso" (lesith xxvi, 9).

who with the eye of falth discerned the righteousness of God's dealing with them. Of these were the proph-sts who released the Divine dealings and rewards and purishments, that they were true and righteous altogeth-er and merelful in the automate. er and merciful in the entreme.

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Bimilarly during this Gospel Age
Ohristendom as a whole has not been
in the condition of heart to hear, to understand, to appreciate, the judgments
of the Lord. But some have been "Isruelites indeed" who possessed the secret of the Lord and who were able to rejoice in his judgments—his righteons dealings. They realised by faith God's love for them. "The Father himself loveth you" (John zvi, 27). By faith they appropriated the Apostie's assur-ance that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans vill, 23). God's Judgments In the World.

We have seen that God's judgments in the past have been merely with these who shall constitute the Seed through whom, according to the promise, "all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis xxviii, 14). We now note the fact that our text does not relate to either of these, for their judgments could be discerned only by the eye of faith. Our text refers to the world's judgments during the Milwill be abroad in the earth-not mere ly confined to one nation or specially called class, but will include every member of Adam's race. And while be administered by The Christ, of which our glorified Redeemer shall be the Head, and his "members," when glorified, shall be the Body - the Church. The judgments of the Lord havoe and dismay to mankind in gen eral, but the very reverse-relief, as sistance to all who come into line with the righteous arrangements of that judgments of that Millennial Day of a thousand years will be severe—even to destruction—only egainst the wilifully, the deliberately rebellious, after they shall have been brought to a clear ap-preciation of right and wrong, good and evil, and their penalties, life and

Mark the statement of the Prophet David when prophetically referring to the Millennial Age; he points out that the judgments of that time will be a cause of gladness. He says:

At the presence of Jehovah,
BECAUSE HE COMETH TO JUDGE
THE EARTH.
O give thanks unto Jehovah, for he is

good;
For his mercy endureth forever."
—I Chronicles xvi, 31-34.

A Millennial Judgment Day. Mark the words of St. Paul respect ing what God has in reservation for the world. He says God "hath appointed a day [the thousand-year day of Christl in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained" (Acts

In this work ordained for our Lord he is to have associates—the "elect" Church, his "members," of whom the Apostle writes, saying, "Know ye not that the saints shall judge the world? (I Corinthians vi. 2.) And the Aucient Worthies enumerated by St. Paul (Hebrews Ix. 38-40) will also be judges, but on the earthly plane as represents tives of the beavenly Kingdom. As it at the beginning" (Isaiah 1. 28).

at the beginning" (Isaiah I. 26).

Our All-Wise Creator, who has thus made provision, both for the heavenly and the earthly judges of the world in the election from Israel and the election of the Gospel Age, has thus demonstrated to the few who understand "the secret of the Lord" "the mystery" hidden from ages and dispensations past. It is evident that there will be no disappointment, no failure, in respect to God's great oathbound Covenant made with Abraham —"In thy Seed shall all the families

the Messianic Psain (seventy see declared that the "principle of life" The Messianic Psaim (seventy second) finds its application to that glorious Millennial epoch. Thus we read, "Give the King thy judgments O God, and thy rightecusness unto the Hing's Son. He shall judge thy people with rightecusness and thy poor with judge that the hind legs of a living trightecusness and thy poor with judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy and shall break in pieces the oppressor. * • * He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass, as showers that water

ness."

the least to the greatest of them. Every

hree shall bow and every tongue con-fess to the glory of God (Romans ziv.

11). When every good deed shall receive promptly and manifestly its reward and

every evil deed shall receive prompt ly its punishment, the world will speed

tly learn to avoid the punishments and

to win the rewards by obedience to the laws of the Kingdom.

The Scape of Our Text-

Those who now are able to "sing in

The People Will Learn Rightsous-As already shown, God's dealings in which are its way clear through the the past have been with the world only stomach wall, and caused a fatal peri-As already shown, God's dealings in

tence with all that that involves of the stomach, which manifests itself by mental, moral and physical degeneracy—dying. All of God's special indigestion and dyspepaia, Stuart's ments have been with those who were justified to special relationship through faith. If we were to judge of the number who will be blessed during the Millennium by the "little flock" of natural largel and the "little flock Israel and the "little flock" of spiritual Israel, saved under God's judgments conditions arising as will cause per-

membrane of the stomach. and to prove the faith, as well as the tables, cereals, eac. They digest althe fall, have such a faith as permits butternous and starchy foods equally them to grasp the glorious features of well. Whenever the stomach is in a the present call. Consequently, "few?" well. Whenever the stomach is in a weakened condition, and so lacking in there will be who will find the great reward now offered (Matthew vil. 12).

This is as God designs it, because he is selecting a special chass. But the arrangements made for manking in generally miserable.

Such symptoms, can, however, be

of the present time shall fee away. The cousness with healing in his beams (The Christ in glory to enlighten the world), will mean that knowledge will particle of food being completely dibe granted the world—facts, evidences, tion, and fiatulence and heaviness in proofs. The world will not be required stomach after eating, relieved and to "walk by faith and not by sight." cured. Purchase a box from your liott Dexter has proved so far to be as are the "elect" of this present time. druggist today, price 50 cents. Also a completely successful venture, acas are the "elect" of this present time. druggist today, price 50 cents. Also a completely successful venture, ac-instead of the eye of fatth of the pres- send us your name and address for cording to the clippings from newsent time will be the eye of understand-ing (knowledge), then. Instead of the secret of the Lord being kept from the world, all of his gracious purposes will then stand fully revealed. "The knowl-150 Stuart Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) edge of the glory of God shall fill the whole earth as the waters cover the great deep" (Habakkuk ii, 14). As a re-Shreveport, La., Jan. 10-As the result of a collision in the freight suit none shall need to say unto his yards, here at midnight between a switch engine and Texas & Pacific passenger rain No. 53, three persons the Lord for all shall know him, from were killed and one man injured.

AMUSEMENTS

PLORENCE DAVIS.

Will be Seen Here Thursday in a new

The Prophet in our text personifies
The Christ, Jens the Mand and the Church his Bodr. Note the statement,
"With my soul have I desired thee in the state my soul have I desired thee in the state my soul have I desired thee in the state my soul have I desired thee in the state my soul have I desired thee in the state my soul have I desired thee in the state my soul have only for centuries. The "mercing" is at hand, but not yet fully dome. During the past several years with splendid success, is now touring under the direction of A. G. Delamater, who has provided his newly acquired star with a comedy vehicle entitled, "Are you A Suffragette," in which Miss Davis is said to have exceptional opportunities for the exercise of her fine talents.

Mr. Delamater, it will be remembered, was largely responsible for the good fortunes attending F. C. Whitney's attractions, he having been engaged for many years in an executive capacity with madame Schuman-Heink, Lula Glaser, Mme. Blauvelt and other noted stars under the Whitney management.

In having secured for Miss Davis Florence Davis, a most estimable little five year old girl, the child of a actress, more especially belonging to friend who has died in poverty. It is a most welcome visitor to the through babyhood, girlhood and wo-southland, a section of the country manhood that form the narrative and past several years with splendid success, is now touring under the direction of A. G. Delamater, who has Dexter comes to the Academy Friday provided his newly acquired star night in The Brince Uhap."

In having secured for Miss David Those who now are able to "sing in the night" because of their appreciation of the Flvine Plan are prophetically declared to "sing the sons of Moses, the servant of God and the sons of the Lamb, eaving, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord took hangery just and true are thy ward, thou King of sinus. Who small not fisse thee, O Lord, and gioriff thy manie? for thee only art holy; for all nations shall come and worship before the characters of the season's offering, which it is needless to say will be presented the rightscoal declinate. Corretation of the rightscoal declinate. Corretation of the rightscoal declinate. The correct is the country of the manifestation of the rightscoal declinate. The correct is the country of the cou 'Are You A Suffragette" Mr. Dela-

bound and that the wild beasts of vice and degeneracy will all be brought into subjection. Thus "nothing shall hart nor destroy in all God's holy Ringdom." "And an highway shall be there, and it shall be called. The way of holiness" (Isalah xi. 9; xxxx, 8).

eaten away the mucuous membrane lining of the stomach, and in some in-

weakened condition, and so lacking in tone, that in furnishes an insufficient

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