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**"Take heed ye be not deceived"**

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## At the Table of The Lord

### “... THAT WALK BEFORE THEE WITH ALL THEIR HEARTS”

We have recently read of Noah, of his trust in God, of his faithfulness in building the ark, of his diligence in warning the people of his time of a coming judgment, and that only through faith in God was there the hope of escape from that judgment, indeed the hope of escape from death. We are all very familiar with Noah's circumstances; yet, may it not help us to stop and contemplate for a moment what there was in Noah's spirit that so pleased God. If we can discern this, perhaps we can be helped to please Him more fully, can have the hope of escape from death.

First of all, we know that Noah was a “just man and perfect in his generation,” as we read in Geneses 6:9, and further we are told that Noah “walked with God.” Let us pause here a moment. How could Noah walk with God, for we know that no mortal can look upon God and live, yet the record is clear. How could it be? Perhaps an example or two will help to illustrate how it is possible to “walk with God.”

In Genesis 24, we read of Abraham's servant who was sent to the house of Nahor, Abraham's brother, to find a wife for Isaac from his own kindred, not of the nations round about Caanan. Abraham's words were, as we read in verse 40:

“... The Lord, *before whom I walk*, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way . . .”

“*Before whom I walk.*” Did not Abraham recognize that he walked in the sight of God, that God knew all that he did? Abraham sought to walk in a way pleasing to God, praying for His blessing. Could this not be the mind of Noah as well so that it could be said of him that he walked with God, really walked *before* God, aware of God's eyes upon him, striving to conform to God's way, not his own?

In I Kings 8:23, we find the words of Solomon as he dedicated the house of God:

“. . . Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart.”

The heart must be totally involved in those who seek to walk before God so that He will keep covenant and mercy. How important, then, brethren and sisters, that *our* heart is sincere, deeply committed to Him, circumcised, the flesh cut off, as we too strive to walk before God, to walk with God as did our brother Noah. We think, perhaps, only of Noah and Enoch as those who walked with God, but if we can perceive that it involves placing our lives totally before Him, completely subject and willing, are there not many who have, in fact, walked with God, because their heart was involved in love for Him?

In Hezekiah's time when the Passover was kept anew after many years, there were some who couldn't keep it in the first month as ordained by God because they were not cleansed. Yet, on this occasion, they were permitted to keep it in the *second* month as Hezekiah prayed for them, II Chron. 30:18-20:

“. . . The good Lord pardon every one That *prepareth his heart to seek God*, the Lord God of his fathers . . . and *the Lord hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.*”

Is our heart prepared to seek God, brethren and sisters? If we can do so, we too can be helped, be healed be strengthened to walk before Him.

Further, in Leviticus 26:12, God spoke to His people of the blessings they would know if they obeyed His voice:

“. . . I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.”

God's presence was very tangible to our brethren and sisters in the wilderness. In their midst was the tabernacle; overhead by day was the pillar of cloud and by night the pillar of fire to give evidence of His presence. As long as they were subject to Him, kept His word, God promised that He would walk with them. But, we read in verse 21, His warning:

“. . . if ye *walk contrary* unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven more plagues upon you according to your sins.”

In spite of His presence, so obvious to all His people there in the wilderness, they walked contrary to His will and so obviously could not walk with God. There are only two ways we can walk brethren and sisters: with God as Noah or contrary to Him as those left outside the ark and, therefore, lost. It is, however, not easy to do, for it involves walking contrary to all that our flesh demands; it requires a readiness and a constancy to deny self.

### “TEACH ME THY WAYS O LORD”

David was one who struggled to walk with God, and, in his need, sought help as we read in Psalm 86:11:

“Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.”

Again, the heart is involved as David prayed, “unite my heart” — join my heart to thee so I may fear thy name. It is only as we *know* His way, that we can walk in it, that we can have our heart joined to Him. David cried out “Teach me thy way O Lord.” His spirit can be a help to us as we, too, strive to know His ways. We need to be taught them again and again, for naturally, we lose them; indeed, His ways are against our own ways. So we must constantly, with David, ask for His instruction, plead for His correction, examine our own plans and methods, for hearts can deceive. We can dissipate our failures away, can divert our minds away from lessons by finding failure in others. This is the flesh and all our brethren of old recognized it as did David. Let us strive to recognize it as well.

In Matthew 4, we have read of the Lord Jesus, One who in all ways walked with God, never failing. We read of His temptation; His flesh was there with Him, struggling to lead Him in its own way. Jesus had just received the Holy Spirit as He was baptized of John. He knew He had power to do anything and was tempted to use that power for His own purpose. But, no, He remained subject to His Father; He walked with God. What was His strength, enabling Him to so deny Himself, to walk in God's way? "It is written," were His words used to conquer desire. As a result of His victory over these temptations, we read, "angels came and ministered unto him," further sustaining Him to walk with God. God provided the necessary help for Him. If Jesus, with all His strength, needed help, what of ourselves brethren and sisters? Do not we need help in our struggle to walk in a way pleasing to God, and He does provide it in many ways, for example, through those who are His messengers, those who struggled to walk with God, such as Noah, as David?

#### "JUDGE ME O GOD"

Perhaps the mind of David can help us again at this point, Psalm 26:1-3:

"Judge me, O Lord; for I have walked in mine integrity:  
I have trusted also in the Lord . . . for thy loving kindness  
is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth."

Loving kindness — something we often fail to recognize and value, as God works with us. His hand upon us, no matter in what capacity, *is* loving-kindness. Sorrow, pain, remorse, along with joy and hope, are the sure effects of His loving-kindness. It is only as, like David, like Noah, we can perceive this loving-kindness, that the necessary help can be found to walk with Him.

Let us, then, go back to Noah as he worked on the ark. In Heb. 11:7, we read of his faith:

"By faith, Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet . . . *prepared an ark* to the saving of his house . . ."

“Prepared an ark.” What a lot is covered in these three words. It took Noah a long time to prepare that ark; it exposed him to ridicule and scorn — “Why are you building an ark in the midst of dry land?” This preparing gave Noah the opportunity to witness to God’s word, to His coming judgment upon the world because it was so evil. He worked and witnessed, we believe, a hundred and twenty years, as Heb. 11:7 tells us:

“ . . . by the which he condemned the world . . . ”

And, still for the 120 years of witnessing and building, there was no flood, no judgment from God. It took great faith and enduring under on the part of Noah, great trust in the word of God that a flood *was* to come.

God’s instruction to Noah concerning the ark were very specific, nothing was left to Noah’s imagination or design. As we read in Gen. 6:14, even the type of wood to be used was specified by God.

“Make thee an ark of gopher wood . . . ”

When we look the word up, we find that it may have been cypress wood, a wood especially used to withstand the effect of water, wood still used today to make water tanks. The next instruction given to Noah was to “pitch it within and without with pitch” — a natural thing to do to help make the ark waterproof. But, let’s stop a moment and listen to the word for pitch as Noah heard it in the Hebrew language: KAPHAR, meaning “to cover,” “to make atonement,” “to reconcile,” “to cleanse.” It is a word used all through the Law, for example, Lev. 20:

“ . . . and the priest shall make an *atonement* for them, and it shall be forgiven them.”

Also, in Lev. 17:11:

“ . . . I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an *atonement* for the soul.”

As Noah and his sons built that ark, would not God’s purpose in the life of His Son be seen — the means of atonement, of covering, of keeping out the water as they “pitched it within and without” in

accordance with God's direction. Can we, then, discern God's grace as clearly as Noah did as he built the ark? We are told that "... Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." (Gen. 6:8) We, too, brethren and sisters, if we are faithful, if we can strive to walk with God, may find the grace of that covering, that atonement that God has had in His purpose from the beginning, the gift of His Son, as a covering for His people.

Finally, the waters came and all life outside the ark perished. None would hear. All laughed Noah to scorn, mocked this man of God as he labored to prepare the ark and witnessed to the evil in the world for those many years.

Perhaps, as it rained day after day, many remembered, too late, Noah's warning. Perhaps some may have built rafts, boats, or even tried to copy the ark, trying to deny God's word, God's judgment.

One by one the counterfeit arks or rafts built by men would succumb to the devastating flood. One by one all outside the ark perished. Only in the ark was there covering, atonement. Only through *the Ark*, the blood of the covenant could there be found escape from death.

In the world today, there are many false arks, many say this is the way of salvation, the truth; but how false is the claim! How useless to seek such false security, for when the judgment of God does come, only those who are walking with God, are in *the Ark*, can hope to find atonement and so be delivered from the ordained judgment of God.

As Noah and his family filed into the ark, how grateful they would feel for the provision of such safety, trusting in God's promise of deliverance! Gen. 7:7, tells us:

"... Noah went ... into the ark ..."

and verse 10:

"And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth."

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Verse 16 tells us:

“ . . . and the Lord shut him in.”

What a blessing it was to be shut into the Ark by the God of Israel, protected from the devastation outside by the pitch “within and without,” protected under the care of the Almighty God.

After the flood, at God’s command, Noah came out of the ark and his first act was to build an altar and offer thereon burnt offerings. We read, Gen. 8:21:

“And the Lord smelled a sweet savour . . . .”

Noah understood God’s purpose to be accomplished in His Son and was quick to acknowledge by sacrifice that it was only as God provided a covering, an Ark, that he had been preserved from death in God’s judgment.

Cannot the faith of Noah be a help to us today, as we seek deliverance? Noah was sure where his salvation would be found. He could not walk with the world no matter what the pull. He spent his life, his whole strength, striving to walk with God. Are we, brethren and sisters?

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**CHRISTENDOM — AND OTHERS — ASTRAY**

**The Spirit of the Law the Spirit of Christ.**

**“This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood.”** (2) (1 John 5:6) (concluded)

In Eden Christ was seen in the shed *blood* of the animal slain to provide acceptable coverings to Adam and Eve.

Leaving Eden, or rather the record of what happened there, we find Christ again prefigured in the offerings of Adam and Eve's younger son, Abel.

“And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord.

And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

But unto Cain and to his offering, he had not respect.”

(Gen. 4:3-5)

The offering of Abel showed his true faith in Christ as the ‘first-born’, the only one among all the human race to be redeemed by God; and then through Him those like Abel who became part of him. Cain's offering denied this important truth. In bringing just the ‘fruit of the ground’, and not being discerning that only the ‘first-fruit’ would be acceptable, he is the prototype of Christendom and the ‘others’ that God will accept any in the day of Christ's return. Belonging to the One Body will not be a criterion, they say; but some from the Baptists (according to a **Dawn** member) and other sects may be redeemed and granted entrance into the Kingdom.

**The time of Noah**

After the overwhelming flood which washed the whole world free of defilement, Noah on leaving the Ark, made offerings unto the Lord of every ‘clean beast and clean fowl’.

Details are not recorded of how these offerings were made upon the 'altar'; nor need they be, seeing the whole of the Word is expressive of God's will. Doubtless the instructions of God given later to Moses, would be known to and followed by Noah. The 'blood' would be preserved in or under the altar, showing that Christ in those far-off days was acknowledged as the only Redeemer — who, it will be seen, came by 'blood', telling all that without the shedding of blood (which, of course meant death) there can be no remission of sins, no salvation.

The truth that Jesus came by *water* is vividly demonstrated in the time of Noah. Out of the world's population, which must have numbered many, only eight souls were saved in the Ark made according to the instructions of God.

The ark was a type of Christ. The saving by the water from a wicked and corrupt world illustrates the present ordinance of baptism: an essential in delivering from the present evil world. Notwithstanding, what Christendom and now the 'others' say to the contrary. The falsity of their position is exposed by holy writ, through Peter:

“When once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few (how few indeed!) that is, eight souls were saved by water.

The like figure whereunto even *baptism* doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

(1 Peter 3:21)

Just as the waters of the flood carried over those in the ark from one age to the next; so in the mercy of God *baptism* affords the same wonderful blessing if the faith is kept, in taking a people from the present evil age to the undefiled earth of the Kingdom.

### The time of Abraham

Christ was clearly depicted in the promises — as *the “seed”*; the one who would “possess the gate of his enemies”, the inheritor of all the earth. To Abraham was also shown that the “*seed*”, the Christ came by “blood”.

When Abraham was commanded to offer up his son, Isaac, the child of promise, upon Mount Moriah, Abraham believed God, and that God was able to raise up Isaac from the dead if he should be slain, which was clearly seen, as the Apostle says:

“Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.” (Heb. 11:19)

As Abraham was about to offer Isaac, the knife raised for the purpose, the Angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven . . .

“Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him; for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.” (Genesis 22:11-12)

Abraham had told his enquiring son:

“God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering.” (Genesis 22:8)

No situation could be more poignant. Abraham knew what was required of him in offering up his only son. The enquiry from the ‘lad’ must have wrung Abraham’s heart.

At the crucial moment, at the right time God did provide. There as Abraham looked behind him was a “ram caught in a thicket”. This was taken and slain, the *blood* foretelling of the death of Christ and the shedding of His blood. Abraham knew this as he called the name of the place ‘Jehovah-jireh’ — “The Lord will see” or provide — (margin).

### The time of Moses

It would seem that the Law given by Moses was only an elaboration of a law which had been in operation from the beginning; with such modifications in the ordinances as were fitting when Israel went into the Land. In this connection it is worth noting that the book of Deuteronomy is not just a repetition of the Law as given previously,

as is generally supposed the name 'Deuteronomy' means, but a scrutinising look at the record will show that this book had a special and supplementary purpose:

"Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments which the Lord your God, commanded to teach you, *that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it.*"

(Deut. 6:1)

### "By water"

When Israel came out of Egypt they passed through the waters of the Red Sea. This had a special significance. Paul explains this:

"Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

"And were all *baptised* unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea."

(1 Cor. 10:1-2)

Here is a remarkable testimony. Baptism so long before Christ was a witness to His coming, '*by water*'. The brethren at the time would know the powerful meaning of their experience to be cleansed from the evil of Egypt, and become part of the One Body in Moses, who was a wonderful type of Christ.

Later, at Rephidim, thirst afflicted the congregation, for "there was no water for the people to drink." Where could water in sufficient abundance be found in the arid wilderness? Moses was told to go to Horeb, the mount of God, to smite the rock, "and there shall come water out of it." This was a striking miracle. Water in the desert from the rock. Again, this was not to supply only natural needs, but to teach a valuable and needed lesson. The Apostle Paul helps to let us see what this lesson was for the brethren of old, and also for ourselves:

"And (they) did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ."

(1 Cor. 10:4)

The water which came from the Rock must have been sufficient to form a flowing river. It was this which followed Israel in their wanderings. Obviously, the Rock itself would not move; and even if it had it would have served no purpose.

Here was, that Christ came 'by water'. The brethren of old would know this valuable truth, and appreciate it as they drank of the refreshing liquid.

**“By blood”**

When Israel met God on the mount, and a covenant was made, this was later ratified by the 'blood' of the animals offered upon the altar. For a complete understanding it is necessary to combine both the Old and New Testament records.

“And half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.”  
“And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, *All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient.*  
And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made concerning all these words.”

(Exod. 24:6-8)

Then to complete the details the record in the New Testament adds:

“For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, *with water*, . . . and sprinkled both the book and all the people.”

(Heb. 9:19)

All were united in the *blood* and *water*, which spake of Christ. Both the altar (which represented Christ) the book, and the people were sanctified by the covenant, which related them to God and the coming of His Son.

Were we to go through the remainder of the Old Testament, the law was upheld when Israel were faithful, and showed that Jesus came by *water* and *blood*; simple symbols to impress the means by which they could be sanctified in the coming Redeemer.

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Christendom have no use for these important considerations. Christendom is undoubtedly astray. What of the 'others' who have followed Christendom in looking upon the Law as effete, and no longer the Spirit of Christ to help in the present dispensation?

(Christendom Astray *article to be continued*)

## **“The Signs of His Coming and of the end of the World”**

**“And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: GO YE NOT therefore AFTER THEM.”**

(Luke 21:8)

**“Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.**

**For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive THE VERY ELECT. BEHOLD I HAVE TOLD YOU BEFORE.”**

(Matthew 24:23-25)

What a dreadful situation prevails, both for young and old. Sympathy is particularly provoked for perplexed young minds whose elders have never given a clear lead, which it was their responsibility to so do. Violence among the young may be lamented, but it is the result of the folly and lack of control by their forebears.

The decline in moral standards is the outcome. Feed the young with violence, and the result will be strife. Train the young soldier who may formerly have been a placid individual and he will become a killer.

How pathetically tiny was the following item culled recently from an obscure place at the bottom of the front page of a national newspaper:

### **“Film Violence”**

**“The Home Office Research Unit is to see whether there is any link between violence on the cinema screen and the behaviour of young people.”**

No condemnation of such a media can be detected in those brief words. Rather a watering down can be discerned in the phrase “to see WHETHER there is ANY LINK” between the portrayed

violence and the actual. How different from the incisive condition which will prevail when present things are swept away:

“ . . . He shall judge among the nations, and shall  
REBUKE many people . . . nation shall not lift up  
sword against nation, neither shall they learn war  
(or violence on the screen) any more.”

(Isaiah 2:4)

Universal peace will rule out any indulging in scenes of violence and glorification of war upon television screens. It is the lack of out and out condemnation of wrong and lack of action to deal with wrong which is a basic reason for present moral decay.

This same watering down is seen in religion. Tell a man that ‘religious-wise’ he does not NEED to be so particular, and he will become careless. So as Christ predicted, there has been the uprise of “false Christs” and “false prophets”, quite capable of showing “great signs and wonders”. Saying also “the time (of His coming) draweth near.” In one way or another their ‘watering down’ of what God requires has made them popular to the natural mind. This half-hearted religious course has led to “strong delusion” through deviation from simple truth, and because the human mind is disposed to feel a need for something to worship, many sects and societies have arisen supported by those who “have a need for religion”.

It is amazing what people can be led into believing. Fifty years ago a sect arose calling itself “The Order of the Star of the East”, it was led by a Hindu whose name was Krishnamurti. Funds must have flowed in for the society had a £20,000 amphitheatre built with seating for two thousand people. This overlooked Sydney Harbour, Australia. Christ would soon return to earth in human form, said the leader of the Order of the Star, moreover He would walk across the Pacific Ocean to that very amphitheatre. After about four years of such preaching, Christ did not arrive of course, and so the group dissolved. Half-hearted worship is seen in this example to have led to a terribly vain and costly delusion which a simple understanding of the Truth, through whole-hearted inclination to God, would have quickly dispelled.



Some eighty years before this event, one, William Miller arose. He said he had been studying the book of Revelation and the prophecy of Daniel, and observing that there had been shooting stars in 1833, and haloes around the sun and a comet visible in 1843, the day of doom was fast approaching. The New York Herald published Miller's prophecy that the world would be destroyed by fire on April 3rd 1843. On that day thousands of people assembled on the tops of the hills of New England awaiting the end of the world. Later others dressed in shrouds waited in cemeteries. In one village a simpleton blew a large horn and the Millerites shouted 'Hallelujah, the time has come!'

The time of course had not come, nor did it come on his revised date of July 7th or later on his further revised date of March 21st 1844. He had made a miscalculation, he said, for the date of Armageddon would be October 22nd. There were a hundred thousand adherents of this movement, all deceived, some suffering financially because they had sold up their possessions. It was even reported that some had committed suicide, believing thereby, that they would be the first in the queue through the gate of Heaven. When Armageddon did not materialise, the followers of this man broke up. But there are Adventists today whose derivation goes back to such an individual.

A simple understanding of the Truth would have delivered from such false notions. But the point is, that these were events which Christ predicted would arise. In present times there is a proliferation of false prophets and false Christs are preached. Some say, He is already in the earth, not visible of course, but actively fighting against "the Devil". Jesus warned against such doctrine:

"Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not."

(Matthew 24:26)

Yet there is a vast throng who believe that He has returned 'in secret', hidden as yet from His followers. A simple understanding of the Truth would deliver from such a false conception, but the hundreds of thousands who believe it are not delivered because of some flaw which prevents their minds from being whole-heartedly inclined to the word of God, thereby fulfilling the prophecy of Jesus to their condemnation.

Not very long ago, as the reader may recall, there was an attempt upon the life of the present United States President. The young woman who made the attempt was the follower of a dreadful deceiver, who taught hatred and violence, on the pretext of being a stalwart for a free society, and a purer environment. The deceiver has been in prison for some time now, but his "brotherhood" continues; his followers believing his imprisonment is part of a "grand design". One of them has gone so far as to say that he had told them" . . . he would go underground and then rise again some day, like Christ." It is maintained that his incarceration is just "a forced period underground". His clan now spend their time preparing themselves for the day of his release, "the day he rises".

Again recently, there has been what is called a crusade, with extensive advertising. Special emphasis was placed upon "Divine Healing", and the sick requested to go to the church service early, for the leader would "anoint the sick with oil and lay hands upon each one, then quietly and reverently pray." What the oil was for, and was supposed to do was anyone's guess; but what is apparent is the taking of figures of scripture and putting upon them a literal interpretation for the present. Such "an adding" is not to the glory of God, even as the earlier examples of fanaticism mentioned. But what is so significant along with such an outward display, as also seen in the much advertised photograph of this "powerful minister", was the announcement of Bible prophecy, with the questions "Will Russia invade Israel?" and "What will happen in Britain when Jesus Christ returns?"

The words of Jesus' warning are clear. "Take HEED that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near; go ye not after them."

One of the attractions of this advertised "powerful ministry" was "Come and see it all for yourself . . . people already CLAIM to have been helped . . . if you enjoy a good sing — come! . . . enjoy \*\*\* (ex-opera singer) . . . Happiness awaits you at this friendly crusade . . ."

Flesh pleasing yes, friendly yes, but where is the voice of condemnation of the flesh in such a witness? How can there be

when there is so much pride evident!? What good are such works if they belong to the deception which Christ condemned in His warnings against such things?

At the time of writing another sect has gained notoriety. The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity. Its leader is a South Korean millionaire, currently living in New York. His followers believe him to be the new Messiah, through whom all religions and societies will be united, and over which he will rule.

A member of Parliament however has aptly described the Unification Church as one of a number of “bogus or bizarre bodies” currently operating in Britain and purporting to be religious cults. This new Messiah controls a six-million pound business in South Korea which includes even the manufacture of small arms, also there are large estates in the United States valued at nearly seven million pounds. The M.P. accused this “church” of fraudulent fund raising, dubious medical and psychological claims, “rather sinister” political connections and endangering the health of potential or actual recruits. He went on to say, “Its sophisticated brain-washing techniques, its efforts to split youngsters from their families and give up their worldly goods are equally a danger to health and are a matter of concern. The whole set-up constitutes a criminal conspiracy . . .”

Apparently some of the Unification Church followers at least, are expected to sleep four hours or less each night, being assured that this is the best cure for insomnia. It has been described as a brain-washing technique, in keeping people in a state of sleeplessness for long periods while at the same time preaching to them for many hours at a time.

The sect has literature in which the Chairman of the Federation for World Peace and Unification is described impressively as “a graduate in History from Christ’s College, Cambridge.” He is also said to be the editor of “Rising Tide” the federation’s newspaper. The organisation’s funds are said to come from the sale of literature, candles and donations. Some of the money, it is said, is sent out of the country, some used to run the sect’s various branches. Considerable amounts must be at its disposal because one property

owner alone handed over £800,000 in land and buildings when he became a member. One of its doctrines is disclosed as requiring that if you have done something wrong you have to pay for it.

It has some eloquent sounding titles:—

“The International Cultural Foundation.”

“The Unified Family.”

“The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity.”

“One World Crusade.”

“God’s Light Infantry.” etc.

As such societies and their magazines, some of considerable quality and convincing exposition multiply, may the mind of the reader reflect upon the warning of Jesus:—

“Take heed that ye be not deceived . . . ”

Only whole-hearted seeking for the will of God will deliver from such things, which Jesus said would even deceive the Elect, if that were possible.

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**EDEN, NEW YORK: Grange Hall, Church Street,**

Sundays: Breaking of Bread 11.30 a.m. Sunday School 1.30 p.m. Bible Class: Midweek; Forestville, Buffalo, Hamburg, and Orchard Park. Alternative Week: Revelation Study.

We are grateful for the greeting from the brethren and sisters assembled in fraternal gathering in Manchester, making us look forward with hope to the eternal gathering which will be allowed when Jesus returns.

Each member of His House is experiencing the working of His power to test, to prove, to chasten, to encourage in the way which, though difficult, can lead to His kingdom. May we find the strength to endure until that day.

J. A. De F.

**“PENTRIP”, Black Rock, Portmadoc.**

Breaking of Bread: Sundays, 11-30 a.m.  
Bible Class: Mid-Week.

We are pleased to report that we have had the pleasure of the company of Bro. and Sis. D. Lancaster on April 10th for a few days. The Sunday meeting being a great help to us — as also the daily readings together.

One of us was able to visit Manchester for the Fraternal Gathering for a few days — this also being a great source of strength at this time. All is appreciated as we realise more the difficulties in getting transport. We are thankful for all blessings and now look forward to more visitors to Wales during the next months.

per D.L.

**MANCHESTER: Ryecroft Hall Annexe, Audenshaw, Manchester.**

Sundays: Breaking of Bread: 11.30 a.m.  
Lecture on the first Sunday in the month at 3-30 p.m.

Many are the factors as the time for His appearing draws near, that when “the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?”

Both in the *house* and outside circumstances make this truth appear very vivid.

How important to try and help each other to hold fast, and preserve the Truth “once delivered to the saints’.

The lack of response to our appeals matters nothing. It is God who calls. We can only do our part as co-labourers with Him; and not try however zealously, to usurp His position.

W.V.B.