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**"AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD"
"KNIT TOGETHER IN LOVE"**

This past week we have reviewed the words of our Brother Paul, written to his brethren in Colosse. Paul had never met these brethren, yet in the bond of love he wrote to them, revealing his closeness of heart and spirit:

"For I would that ye know what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;
That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;
In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

Colossians 2:1-3.

Paul was in conflict or in agony, as the word means, urgently desiring to see them face to face, to personally share the joy of fellowship, "that their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love". "Knit together" implies being made one, thus intimately joined. The thought of a knitted piece of clothing illustrates how by this process a useful and comforting garment is created. The word is also used as compact by Paul, in writing to the brethren in Ephesus:

"But speaking the truth in love, (we) may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:
From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase to the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

Ephesians 4:15-16.

The body of Christ is now being knit together under God by that which every part contributes to make it one. David perceived

this figure as he wrote in a Psalm of Ascent, as if going up to Jerusalem:

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together.

Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD."

Psalm 122:1-4.

This word "compact" also means coupled. In the pattern of the tabernacle given to Moses, God instructed concerning its curtains:

"The five curtains shall be coupled together one to another; and other five curtains shall be coupled one to another.

And thou shalt make fifty taches (fastenings) of gold, and couple the curtains together with the taches: and it shall be one tabernacle."

Exodus 26:3,6.

God's dwelling place with Israel was figuratively made one, coupled or made compact, a unit, jointed in true fellowship. The figure of oneness is the same, whether it be Paul's speaking of a body knit together in love, or David writing of Jerusalem being compact together, or the divine instruction concerning the coupling together of the parts of His house. All through His word is found the principle of a people united in true fellowship, knit together in a unity which points forward to the perfected body of Christ. How is it to become so? Paul makes a clear point as we have recently read. It is by "being knit together in love". Love builds the bond which promotes and cements brethren and sisters to God and thus to each other in that unity of mind and spirit which can be found only in Christ. First of all, there is God's love in providing His Word, and then His Son Jesus Christ as a means of atonement, separating to Himself His people. Also there is Jesus' love for His Father and for His brethren. Through it He obeyed, endured the cross, despised

the shame, and is now at God's right hand pleading for all His people. Without this victory over His flesh, there would be no hope for any of mankind being joined to His body, His house, His Zion. Even now there is no such hope for ourselves, Brethren and Sisters, unless we tangibly and from our hearts reflect that love so graciously poured out.

It is neither easy nor natural for us to be knit together in love, for we are flesh, we are all different. Through sin we alienate ourselves from God and from one another, if we allow any other object or effort to become paramount over this love, or even to appear that way. Our love must be single toward our Father and toward our Elder Brother, and thus toward each brother and sister, so becoming divinely knit together. It is yielding to the Spirit which can achieve the oneness. Paul made this clear as he wrote of Jesus and His work of love, that victory over His flesh:

"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."

Colossians 2:9.

In Jesus dwelt all the fulness or perfection of God. Yet He came "bodily", in the flesh, knowing all the painful temptations of that nature. He conquered these, an agonizing warfare, only through obedience and in love for God. He embodied the mystery of godliness revealed by Paul:

"... great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh (bodily), justified in the Spirit ("It is finished"), seen of angels (messengers, apostles), preached unto the Gentiles (including you and me), believed on in the world (by a few), received up into glory."

I Timothy 3:16.

He was the personification of God's likeness, manifested to join a people unto His Father, a people called to be:

"... complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:"

Colossians 2:10.

“Complete” is related to the fulness of that Godhead which dwelt in Jesus. Through trying to be like Him, we then have hope of becoming perfect or complete with Him when He returns to accomplish God’s purpose in this earth. Can we hope to achieve such a glorious future? Paul believed so and tells of our need to be:

“. . . circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

And you, being dead in your sins and the circumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;”

Colossians 2:11-13.

Made alive again or quickened - a new man through baptism into Christ and through His love! We were dead, we were uncircumcised; now we are spiritually circumcised with Him, joined, and throughout our lives learning and growing more closely knit together in love, coupled in fellowship with God and one another. What an indescribable blessing! So few are privileged to know it. Yet, it can so easily be lost, as Paul warns:

“Let no man beguile you of your reward. . . vainly puffed up. . .

And not holding (fast) the Head, from which all the body of joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.”

Colossians 2:18-19.

There are many temptations which can seduce us from that love of God so necessary for the knitting together of His people. It goes back to the beginning when Eve was beguiled by advantages which the serpent held out, and thereby mankind lost God’s blessing of being “very good”. Paul’s fear for his brethren was:

“... lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through

his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."

II Corinthians 11:3.

"Simplicity" - the word implies single, not involved nor complex, but in one purpose, in one truth leading to a oneness of mind and spirit, the "simplicity that is in Christ", consummated when in victory He cried out: "It is finished."

Paul continues his letter to the Colossian brethren, reminding them what is required if they would become more perfectly knit together:

"... seek those things which are above. . . .

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

Colossians 3:1-3.

Those buried with Christ in the waters of baptism must in a real way become dead to the world's ambitions and means. They then rise new men and women now walking in hope that:

"When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

Colossians 3:4.

To "appear" - the word is also used as - shine forth. That is our hope - to shine forth with Him, reflecting His glory which is the glory of God. This is possible only as there is a knitting together, a fellowshiping, as we make a willing and genuine effort to become more closely bound as children of light, His light. To that end Paul instructs:

"Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth..."

Colossians 3:5.

"Members" in this case imply those inclinations in the body which, being earthy, do not glorify God. These cares and desires of

the old man, which we have buried in Christ's death, must be kept buried, not allowed to revive, let alone flourish. What are these hateful attributes to which our flesh may lead us, unless we are very deliberate to avoid over-reaching in our desires? Paul enumerates them for us in Verses 5-9. They are characteristics which cannot lead to a state of being knit together; rather, they destroy the bonds of love.

But let us reach for better fruits - those for which the "elect of God" are laboring in love (Verses 12-14) - mercies, kindness, humbleness, forbearing and forgiving. These are fruits of the Spirit, not of the flesh. Paul then adds:

"And above all these things put on charity (love) which is the bond of perfectness."

Colossians 3:14.

Love is the bond which cements together those who seek to offer their living to the Almighty. This love which is of God was in David's heart as he sought to glorify his God, crying out:

"... bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar."

Psalm 118:27.

This word "cords" is the same as "wreathen chains" (Exodus 28:22-25) which bound the breastplate, containing Israel's names, over the heart of the high priest as he officiated in the tabernacle:

"And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually."

Exodus 28:29.

Our High Priest, Jesus, now has His brethren's names bound over His heart with cords of love as He mediates for all who belong to Him. This work is what makes possible their being bound in love into the completeness of the one body, to be united with the faithful

of all ages unto Jesus as His bride when He returns. To that end Paul speaks:

“... Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom;”
Colossians 3:15-16.

If this word does indeed dwell in our hearts richly, abundantly, fully, we can be truly close to Him even now, allowing His peace to rule in our hearts, looking to that perfect peace which will prevail between God and His children as He has promised. Again Paul encourages us:

“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.”
Colossians 3:23-24.

Let us remember, Brethren and Sisters, that all we do is known to our Father, who searches each heart and is able to perceive all that is there. We need to think carefully about this. Does He perceive a heart which singlemindedly sets its affection on Him? Are we doing all we can to be knit together in love, close to Him and thus to each other? Are we determined and sustained in the hope of one day being joined together in perfection for eternity? Have we truly, even now, set our affection on things above?

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"I WILL NEVER BREAK MY COVENANT WITH YOU"

In Judges God's long suffering and kindness is seen as He dealt with a people called out to be His, and who in turn were to respond in obedience and appreciation for this care. The Scriptures record Israel's failure on many occasions but likewise show that when they cried out for deliverance, God was quick to help by providing leadership to deliver from the oppression of the surrounding nations. This assuring message came to them:

"...I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you."

Judges 2:1.

God never broke that covenant, but Israel often did by disobeying His word and failing to value His care.

It is no accident that God's word from the beginning focused upon obedience, for as the Creator He knows what man is like and in mercy provides the forgiveness of a Father's love when man fails and shows repentance:

"Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them."

Psalm 103:13-14, 17-18.

In response to this care, He demanded a proving of their obedience, and so used the surrounding nations to try them, first warning of the danger an alliance with them would bring:

"And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before

thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:

Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; . . . For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people until himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth."

Deuteronomy 7:2-3,4,6.

Here was a privilege not given to any other nation, but only to the few to be known as His peculiar treasure. Why were they of all people chosen?"

"The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:

But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt."

Deuteronomy 7:7-8.

God's love was extended not because of their righteousness but because He had in mercy made a covenant with their fathers. He asked for obedience but when failure came, was ready to mend and heal the breach made if contrition was displayed. He had told them to destroy the inhabiting nations but instead, Israel embraced their sons and daughters in marriage and consequently as prophesied, they continued to be a thorn of proving among them. Why did He carry on the work with a disobedient people?:

" . . . when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the LORD their God.

But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I am the LORD."

Leviticus 26:44-45.

His care remained for those who would turn from their failures and return to His precepts. His care did not extend to Egypt, against whom he poured out plagues and death in the Red Sea. He was not a Father to the Hittites, Amorites or the Canaanites, but only to that small nation whom He had called out to be His special people - the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

He had established His covenant with their forefathers because of their faith and trust. Jacob's example of righteous determination is remembered as he wrestled all night with God's messenger, unwilling to let him go without a blessing:

"... And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said Jacob.

And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed."

Genesis 32:26-28.

He was given the name Israel, meaning to prevail in strength as a prince with God, and was granted God's covenant of love and care. Jacob's thigh was touched by the angel, causing him to halt or limp the rest of his life - a constant reminder of his flesh's weakness and the need to seek God's strength and guidance throughout his living.

Those desiring through Christ to be grafted into the Covenant of hope given to Israel can rest assured that He will not break His promise toward those who truly seek Him.

God looked for spirits in Israel who could be touched and humbled, and though at times they failed, when true repentance

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was evident, He was quick to forgive and renew His love. This same love is shown today as He continues the work of calling out a people to be His - a blessing not given to all the world, but to only a few who in gratitude for His care, endeavor to daily war with the man of flesh within.

M.C.S.

"BABYLON"

Iraq recently announced that it will revive a cultural festival in the ruins of ancient Babylon, which it hopes will be an international event.

The plan is something of a gesture of defiance against its enemies, for, says Iraq, "The Babylon festival will underline that the torch of life will not be extinguished no matter how hard the enemies like Zionists and their agents try to stop the march." "This festival - - - is a defiance - - - of the forces of evil and conspiracy against our country."

In history Nebuchadnezzar (605 BC to 562 BC), the king of Babylon, restored Babylon over 2,500 years ago after it was sacked in 689 BC by Sennacherib, king of Assyria, to punish rebellious Babylonians. Later he captured Jerusalem and forced the Jewish nation into exile. The present Iraqi leader seems to think he is a successor to Nebuchadnezzar, he has had his name stamped into millions of bricks (a procedure adopted by Nebuchadnezzar), and these have been used for a massive reconstruction of Babylon which is situated about 60 miles south of Baghdad. On top of huge artificial mounds with terraced trees and flowers, which imitate the Ancient Hanging Gardens of Babylon, he has built palaces and recreation centres. There are artificial lakes fed by water from the River Euphrates, with parks and modern restaurants and cafes.

It is a campaign to rally the Iraqi people to a continuing support of their leader. A hoarding decorating entrances to the ancient city proclaims "From Nebuchadnezzar to Saddam Hussein, Babylon rises again." In song and verse this Arab leader is being compared to Nebuchadnezzar who in ancient times, by force of arms, had an empire which included Syria, Jordan, parts of Iran, Lebanon, as well as Palestine. Nebuchadnezzar broke down Jerusalem and destroyed the Jewish temple, making the Jews his slaves. This latter day event of a modern Nebuchadnezzar therefore, is a sign, for in such circumstances a desire to repeat what Nebuchadnezzar did of old to Jewish people is discernible. It will come to nought, as the scriptures make clear; but in the meantime it is a witness to the irrevocable working out of the purpose of the Most High with this earth at this time of the end.

Partial Inspiration—the Trouble of 1885 (continued)
R. Roberts on 'What the Apostles Thought'

"Introducing the testimony of the apostles, it is not with the idea that the testimony of Christ needs any confirmation, but because the matter in hand is of such vital moment as to make every support valuable, and because Christ has placed the authority of the apostles on an equal footing with his own in saying, "It is not ye that speak but the Spirit of your Father that speaketh in you." "He that heareth you heareth me."

Their teaching on the subject runs in exactly the same channel as Christ's. The fact of a thing being written in the Scriptures was with them an end of all doubt. "Then remembered they that these things were written of him." (John 12:16). "His disciples remembered that it was written of him, the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." (John 2:17) "When they had fulfilled all that was written of him, and they took him down from the tree." (Acts 13:29). Paul defined his faith by the standard of what was written. "I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things that are written in the law and in the prophets." (Acts 24:14). His letters are full of allusions to what is written in support of what he himself says. Nearly 40 times does he say "AS IT IS WRITTEN" - his quotations ranging throughout Moses, the prophets, and the psalms. We give a specimen in each section: MOSES: "As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations" (Rom.4:17). THE PROPHETS: "As it is written, Out of Zion shall come the deliverer" (Romans 11:26). THE PSALMS: "As it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles and sing unto thy name" (Rom.15:9).

These allusions to what is written in the Old Testament, recognises its authoritative, and therefore, its divine, character as a whole, for if it were not divine, it would not be authoritative. What they do thus for it, as a whole, they do for its parts. This follows: but as in the case of Christ so in the case of the apostles: they not only endorse the Old Testament as a whole: they speak of its parts in a way that expressly asserts for them a divine character. Peter, interpreting to a Jewish audience the recent opposition of the Jewish people to Christ, says: "Those things which God before had

shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled" (Acts 3:18).

Zacharias, filled with the Holy Spirit, said, of the birth of Christ: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for --- he hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began" (Luke 1:69-70). "The mystery --- now made manifest, and BY THE SCRIPTURES OF THE PROPHETS according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith." (Rom.16:26). "Being witnessed by the law and the prophets, (Rom.3:21). "Well SPAKE THE HOLY SPIRIT by the prophets." (Acts 28:25). "Persuaded them concerning Jesus both out of the law of Moses and out of the prophets. (Acts 28:23). "We are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets." (Eph.2:20) "God spake unto the fathers by the prophets." (Heb.1:1). "The prophets spoke in the name of the Lord." (Jas.5:10). "As he hath declared to his servants the prophets." (Rev.10:7)."

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"A BIBLE CLASS"
"WHO IS BLIND AS HE THAT IS PERFECT"
Isaiah 42:19

God's word through the prophet Isaiah came to the children of Israel, reminding of His holy precepts and warning of divine punishment upon those who turned their back upon this gift:

"Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law.

Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart."

Isaiah 42:24-25.

His fury and retribution came for a purpose - to make this wayward people aware of their failings, yet they "laid it not to heart", for within a short time because of their sinfulness, they were sold into captivity. Yet, with mercy and longsuffering the Almighty sent this sharp warning to open their eyes to the laxity into which they had slid:

"Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the LORD's servant?"

Isaiah 42:19.

The thought of being blind and deaf is often used in the Scriptures to describe those who will not spiritually see or hear His instruction. Worse yet in the Spirit's eyes are those who in complacency feel they are perfect, in need of nothing. Not realizing their faults and the urgent need of His correction surely they will perish without hope.

This reminds of Jesus' warning to the Laodiceans who also

thought themselves without fault and to whom He spoke in vision through His apostle John:

"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:"

Revelation 3:15-17.

They were rich and satisfied with their situation in life. The flesh's deception had covered their eyes to their spiritual failings, making them unable to recognize their perilous condition. The Spirit's message came through John to shake them from their complacency, to warn of their unrighteous walk, just as the Lord Jesus in speaking to His disciples warned of the Pharisees perishing state:

"Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

Let them (Pharisees) alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."

Matthew 15:13-14.

Unwilling to live by the spirit of truth as taught by the Law and Prophets they had not only blinded themselves and the people to its mercy, but refused to recognize the salvation possible in their midst in the Lord Jesus Christ who rebuked them saying:

"For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also?

Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth."

John 9:39-41.

Their sin remained because they knew what was required but did nothing to rectify themselves with God. Without repentance they were hearers only of the word.

Being flesh, none can say he is perfect, for the carnal man naturally shuns God's correction, preferring to comfortably believe that all is well. Yet without His hand to guide and His word to direct into right paths, there is no spiritual exercise, no growth towards the end He has promised to those who will truly see and hear. Those who are unwilling to change, feeling they are perfect, will not make the effort to develop the fruits of the spirit so pleasing to the Father, as Peter encouraging his brethren in this endeavor exhorted:

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins."

II Peter 1:5-9.

Where there is a lack of spiritual exercise, the flesh dominates, making one blind and deaf to God's voice of correction. David, sensitive to the dangers of his own flesh prayed:

"Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

Psalm 119-18.

How valuable is Isaiah's warning, for it is easy to grow complacent and content with one's lot, allowing self-deception to delude and make one blind and deaf to the spiritual correction necessary to remain in His care.

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Signs of His Coming and of the End of the World

"- - - ye have set at nought all my counsel - - -, hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord - - -. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices."

Proverbs 1:25-31.

In recent years the veracity of God's word has been greatly challenged. Men would rather listen to the theory of Darwin for which there is no tangible support whatsoever. It is, as it is said, "a theory", an imagination. Now there has emerged a suggestion which purports to show that Jesus was not born at Bethlehem; that He was an Essene teacher of religion; that He did not die upon the cross, but rather, at the crucifixion was drugged in a manner which feigned death, and was revived from a narcotic sleep by His disciples on the third day. What nonsense this is! The sad thing is that people believe these falsities, failing to appreciate the marvellous testimonies of the ancient scriptures which were fulfilled in the life of Christ.

A world so bereft of reverence for the Great Creator and His wonderful creation and purpose can never prosper. Its ignorance of true values is revealed by a multiplicity of devices that destroy and pollute.

How strikingly evident of the folly and ignorance which prevails was recent news that The United Kingdom is to persist in its policy of dumping radio-active waste at sea. European countries have been trying to get an agreement to curb such pollution, particularly in the north-east Atlantic. Britain will not go along with such a measure on the grounds that a dumping at sea could prove the best means of disposing large items of contamination, such as old nuclear power stations and decommissioned nuclear-powered submarines. The disposal on land, says Britain, would be more dangerous than dumping such things in the sea. The fact is that governments do not know what to do with such waste. Their clever technology has produced evil things which can bring about the self destruction of those who have devised them.

France is also resisting a ban on marine dumping of radioactive waste. France and Britain, of course, are owners of nuclear-powered submarines. Other countries that do not have this problem

want to cut all sources of pollutants entering the ocean, much of which is discharged, as industrial waste, into rivers that flow into the sea. Some of the most harmful contaminants can be listed as mercury, cadmium, lead, copper and zinc, left over from various industries processes. A measure of the extent of poisoning is that in Britain alone the government licences manufacturers and industries, to dump over one and three quarter billion tons of waste into rivers each year. It is known that there are also discharges that are not licenced.

But if this was suddenly completely stopped, what would be done with deadly waste materials? This is a measure of the dilemma faced by modern nations, who in worshipping science, so called, have lost their way.

How true is the scriptural indictment, “--- they eat of--- their own way - - -.” The sea has provided a harvest for mankind from earliest times; it could soon be a very contaminated harvest, if not already so. The scripture testifies to divine displeasure because of such things, which would not have occurred, had God’s counsel been heeded.

NEWS FROM THE ECCLESIAS

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Sundays: Breaking of Bread 11.30 a.m.
 Sunday School 1.45 p.m.
Bible Class: Midweek: Forestville and Hamburg
 Alternate Week: Revelation Study

We have seen the awesome power of God in the recent U.S. hurricanes, bringing death and destruction to wide areas. Thoughtful minds are caused to think of the judgments to come upon the whole earth when Jesus returns. We rejoice in the promise of escape from those judgments and in the hope of His kingdom in that day approaching.

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Sunday: Breaking of Bread 11 a.m.
Thursday: Bible Class 7.15 p.m.

It is a source of comfort and wonder to experience a continuing provision in many ways, enabling the work of truth to go on.

This is evidence of the sublime care and mindfulness of need of One who is near in accordance with the faithful promise which is given.