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Lights on the Lesson

By REV. BERNARD O. BYRD, D. D.

LIGHT NO. 1.--In the midst of all Jewish suppression, one of the things which kept them hopeful, was the promise from God to send a ruler, that he might re-possess and extend the kingdom of Israel.

LIGHT NO. 2.--That the folks might be assured of His coming, God gave his prophecy of the coming Messiah through many prophets, and in every age. Ezekiel's writings seemed to revive the waning hopes of any Jews. Daniel presents prophetic proof and reveals dates of the coming Messiah and his workings. Zechariah reflects relief from mourning etc.

Editorial Reflections

By REV. S. A. PLEASANTS, D. D.

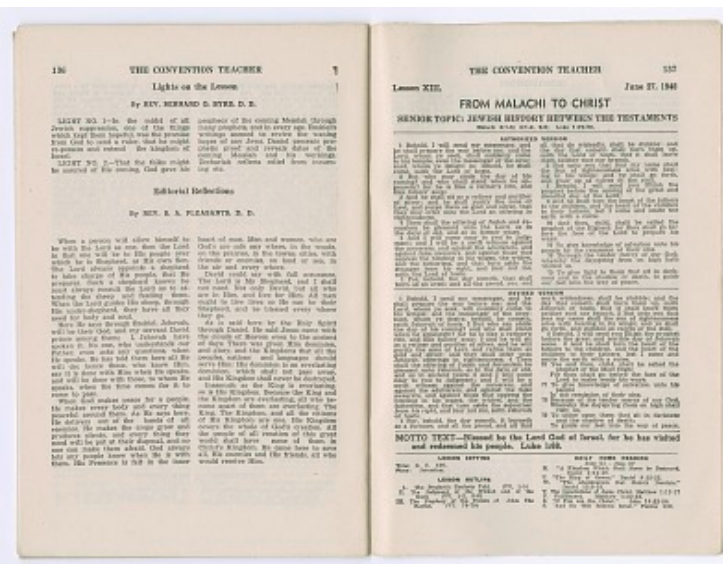
When a person will allow himself to be with the Lord as one, then the Lord in that one will be to His people over which he is Shepherd, as His own Son. The Lord always appoints a shepherd to take charge of His people, that He prepares. Such a shepherd knows he must always consult the Lord as to attending the sheep and feeding them. When the Lord guides His sheep, through His under-shepherd, they have all they need for body and soul.

Here He says through Ezekiel, Jehovah, will be their God, and my servant David prince among them; I, Jehovah have spoken it. No one, who understands our Father, even asks any questions, when He speaks. He has told them here all He will do; hence those, who know Him, say it is done with Him when He speaks, and will be done with those, to whom He speaks, when the time comes for it to come to pass.

When God makes peace for a people, He makes every body and every thing peaceful around them. As He says here. He delivers out of the hands of all enemies. He makes the crops grow and produces plenty, and every thing they need will be put at their disposal, and no one can make them afraid. God always lets any people know when He is with them. His Presence is felt in the inner heart of man. Men and women, who are God's are safe any where, in the woods, on the prairies, in the towns, cities, with friends or enemies, on land or sea, in the air and every where.

David could say with full assurance, The Lord is My Shepherd, and I shall not need. Not only David, but all who are in Him, and live for Him. All men ought to live lives so He can be their Shepherd, and be blessed every where they go.

As is said here by the Holy Spirit through Daniel. He said Jesus came with the clouds of Heaven even to the ancient of days. There was given Him dominion, and glory, and the Kingdoms that all the peoples, nations and languages should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His Kingdom shall never be destroyed.



Inasmuch as the King is everlasting, so is His Kingdom. Because the King and the Kingdom are everlasting, all who become apart of them are everlasting. The King, The Kingdom, and all the citizens of His Kingdom are one. His Kingdom covers the whole of God's creation. All the people of all creation of this great world shall have some of them in Christ's Kingdom. He came here to save all, His enemies and His friends, all who would receive Him.

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Lesson XIII.
June 27, 1948

FROM MALACHI TO CHRIST

SENIOR TOPIC: JEWISH HISTORY BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS
Malachi 3:1-5; 4:1-2, 5-6; Luke 1:76-79.
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AUTHORIZED VERSION

1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

5 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts.

1 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:

6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

76 And though, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways:

77 To give knowledge of salvation unto the people by the remission of their sins,

78 Through the tender mercy of our God, whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet the way of peace.
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REVISED VERSION

1 Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant, whom ye desire, behold, he cometh, saith Jehovah of hosts. 2 But who can abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: 3 and he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, and refine them as to gold and silver; and they shall offer unto Jehovah offerings in righteousness. 4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto Jehovah, as in the days of old, and as in ancient years. 5 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against the false swearers and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the sojourner from his right, and fear not me, saith Jehovah of hosts.

1 For, behold, the day cometh, it burneth as a furnace; and all the proud, and all that work wickedness, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith Jehovah of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in its wings; and ye shall go forth, and gambol as calves of the stall.

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of Jehovah come. 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers; lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

76 Yea and thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Most High: For thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to make ready his ways;

77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people

In the remission of their sins,

78 Because of the tender mercy of our God,
Whereby the dayspring from on high shall visit us,

79 To shine upon them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death;
To guide our feet into the way of peace.
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MOTTO TEXT--Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and
redeemed his people. Luke 1:68.
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LESSON SETTING

Time: B. C. 400.
Place: Jerusalem.

LESSON OUTLINE

- I. The Prophet's Comforts Told. (VV. 1-5)
- II. The Judgment of the Wicked and of the Good. (VV. 1-2, 5-6)
- III. The Prophecy of the Future of John The Baptist. (VV. 76-79)

DAILY HOME READING

June 21 - June 27
M. "A Kingdom Which Shall Never be Destroyed." Daniel 2:44-49
T. "The King of Greece." Daniel 8:15-22.
W. "The Abomination that Maketh Desolate." Daniel 12:5-13.
T. The Generations of Jesus Christ, Matthew 1:12-17
F. Fulfillment. Matthew 1:22-25.
S. "If You are the Christ." John 10:22-30.
S. "And He Will Redeem Israel." Psalms 130.

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