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The Chosen People.

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"Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.—ISA. xli: 8, 9.

Salutation.

"We go to salute the children of the King."
—II Kings, x: 13.

MY DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS :

Now, when to us the most important part of the year is at hand, I desire to express my earnest prayer to God, who raised up His only begotten Son from the dead, that Christ, who is the fountain of natural, spiritual, and eternal life, may, "according to the working of His mighty power," which was declared by His resurrection, quicken us anew; that "we should walk in newness of life," that we all should begin to live, not to self, but unto God, "knowing this, that our old man is crucified." Amen!

As the tide of Easter now fills my heart and my thoughts, I am meditating upon the inspired words of brother Paul, concerning our being planted together in the likeness of His death, and also in the likeness of His resurrection. A dear Christian visited our meetings this month and said: "There was a time when I felt a great prejudice towards the Jews, God's chosen people; but since I nailed that old man down to the cross, all partiality and prejudice have been fastened there to that tree, and I rose with Christ, my Saviour, to walk in newness of life."

It is a matter of great thankfulness to God that there are now, in these latter days, many of His dear children who begin to manifest their life in the Lord Jesus by putting away prejudice against the Jews. History may repeat itself in another Esau, who sold his birthright for a dish of pottage, or in a Judas, who betrayed His Master; but who would impute evil to the apostles because a Judas was among them? Yet, today, people do greatly misjudge the Jewish race because of some of them. "Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment," John 7: 24.

THE PAST MONTH.

The month that has passed has proved to be a season of refreshing. Both missions were well attended, and the word of God was preached to many. I am especially thankful to our Heavenly Father for one meeting held at 17 Ewen Street on a Satur-

day evening, for on that occasion the power of the Holy Spirit was working mightily in the hearts of all that were in the meeting. The account of that blessed service is given in this number on page 7-8, which I hope will be read with great interest and prayer to God, who alone can break on their slumbers and bring them one by one to the feet of Jesus.

The attention the Jewish brethren pay to the preaching of the Cross is something wonderful. Christian friends who visit the meetings and look into the intelligent faces of the audience are surprised at the great eagerness of the people to hear about the Lord Jesus. Although many of them have been suffering greatly, both from hunger and cold in these critical times, yet they have not neglected the meetings.

CHILDREN'S WORK.

The work among the children in Brownsville has been blessed by the Lord. God sent workers into the field of harvest and we are a happy company, working together with one accord to spread the Gospel of Christ among these dear children of Israel. It is very encouraging to see little tots sitting so quietly, without the least noise, and listening to the wonderful story of their Messiah, Jesus. Thus, the seed is sown into these tender little hearts, who, when they grow up with the Gospel in them, will not depart from it.

FINANCES.

I am most thankful to our Heavenly Father, who has raised up a faithful friend who has always paid the rent for 17 Ewen Street. It has pleased her to do so, and the name of the Lord Jesus has been proclaimed to many. Surely, the God of Abraham will bless His faithful handmaid for her noble efforts. The other expenses needed in that great work have been met partly by a few dear friends, who sent willingly offerings for the work; but there is a deficit of over a hundred dollars. Pray, dear friends, for the peace of Jerusalem, and also for this mission! Yours very truly in Him,

LEOPOLD COHN,
340 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn.

"Hearken unto me, ye stout hearted that are far from righteousness. I bring them near my righteousness. It shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry. I will place salvation in Zion for Israel, my glory."—Isaiah xli: 12, 13.

We have not published in this issue the article entitled, "Questions by the Jews and Replies," not because we have nothing on hand, for in one meeting for inquirers held in Ewen Street, on a Wednesday evening, there would be sufficient to fill up a whole number. But we think that the dialogue (on the last two pages) which was so much blessed in our meeting to the Jews, ought to be read by the readers of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE.

Announcement.

Mr. Leopold Cohn is at liberty on Sundays, and will gladly speak wherever invited on the following subjects :

Jewish Mission Work.
The Passover.
The Tabernacle.
The Second Coming of Christ.
The Christian's Duty to the Jews.
Jewish Manners and Customs.
No collections will be taken.

Mr. Cohn can also be engaged for a mid-week evening.

The "Dialogue" on page 7-8 will be printed on separate small pages. It will be a very useful little tract, and will be distributed among english reading Jews. Any friend desiring to do so can have them on application to L. Cohn, 340 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn.

Thus saith the Lord of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.

And I am very sore displeased with the heathen *that are* at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

Therefore thus saith the Lord; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the Lord of hosts.—*Zech.* 1: 14-15.

We are very thankful to Our Heavenly Father for various gifts of clothing from friends. These articles were distributed and the recipients were truly grateful.

A package containing three pairs of fine woolen stockings was received from an unknown friend, we desire to express our gratitude here for this useful gift.

On the evening of March 13th, Mr. W. J. Mosier, Pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Brooklyn, addressed the Williamsburg audience. From the account given of Zaccheus, Mr. Mosier pointed out many lessons of helpfulness. We thank our brother for coming to us with these words.

Brother Butler Packard, our dear friend spoke one evening. Taking as his subject the fig tree. He gave us a very scriptural talk. His help was highly appreciated.

BROWNSVILLE JEWISH MISSION.

530 Rockaway Ave. cor. Sutter.

SERVICES.

Saturday, 2:30 P. M. Preaching in Jewish
Thursday, 3 P. M. Girls' Sewing School
Thursday, 7:30 P. M. Praise Service
Tuesday, 3:30 P. M. Boys' Club

WILLIAMSBURG: 17 EWEN STREET.

SERVICES.

Wednesday, 7:30 P. M. Inquirer's Meeting
Friday, " " Preaching in Jewish
Saturday, " " Preaching in Jewish
L. COHN, Missionary.

Invitation.

We cordially invite all Christian friends who desire to come to these meetings and see with their own eyes how near the "time to favor Zion" must be.

Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the Lord shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.—*Zech.* 1: 17.

Incidents in The Work.

A LITTLE GIRL'S THOUGHT ABOUT JESUS.

While calling in one home we found a little girl and her mother who were willing to listen to the story of Jesus. As we turned the conversation to Him the mother said, "You Christians call Jesus, God, and we know there is no other God besides our God." We replied, "No, there is no other God, but you know God dwelt in Jesus our Messiah, just as the Jews pray before putting on the Phylacteries saying: 'In the name of the Unity of the Holy and Blessed One and His Shechinah' the latter being interpreted His Dwelling Place, and this is no other than Jesus the Messiah."

She said, "We know God dwelt in the temple in Jerusalem, but why did he leave that magnificent temple and dwell in a human body?" "Because God wanted to reveal himself to man, the temple could not speak but God could speak through Jesus the Messiah and reveal His mind to us, therefore He was called The Word of God. Just as we speak our words to reveal to another our thoughts or our mind, so God through Jesus could come into communion with human beings and make Himself known to them. We have now most intimate union with Him." The little girl said, "Yes, mamma, it is just the same as when we lived in Chester Street, far away from the Jews and when some one needed you as a nurse they had to suffer until you could get to them. So you moved here to Belmont Ave. because you said you would live near to those who needed your help. So God removed from the temple and took rooms in Jesus body to be nearer to us when we need His help."

A Member of Christ's Body.

One Saturday afternoon at Brownsville, the text was taken from Eph. 5:30 "For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bone."

After the service one of the believers came up and said: "As you were speaking I was trying to think what member of His body can I be. Am I an arm? Am I His Heart? Am I an ear?" It came to me, no, I am the eyes of Christ, for I have read how Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Lu. 19:41; and I cannot help weeping when I walk these streets and see the great destitution of His people and their great spiritual blindness. The tears drop down often as I think of this."

A Shower of Blessings.

The Jewish Feast of Esther (Purim) commenced on Wednesday evening, March 17th. According to one of the Talmudic laws concerning this feast, it is a service to God to indulge eagerly in intoxicating liquor on that day, thereby expressing joy over their deliverance from Haman's thoughts. On account of this over indulgence, we feared somewhat to hold our usual Wednesday night Question Meeting, but realizing it to be the Lord's work we felt it our duty to go on with the service no matter what might happen.

A SLIGHT DISTURBANCE.

All went well until a man slightly under the influence of liquor arose and asked a question which provoked many present to laughter, he was politely asked to take his seat and remain quiet, but this he did not seem inclined to do, finally, however, he started to leave the room, at the same time calling on the others to come out with him, some out of blind sympathy followed him, others again remaining, thus showing their good feeling for Christ. We concluded to have no more questions but devote the remainder of the time in preaching Christ to those present. We urged them to come to the Lord Jesus Christ for without Him they could do nothing, for it is He that teaches the pure word of God and not the traditions of men.

We then said: "Since you did not move from your seats we see you have a regard for the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ which we preach, why do you not heed it, why not stand up and publicly confess Christ."

POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Presently a young man arose and said: "Brethren I cannot conceal it any longer, I want to say now with my lips that Jesus Christ is our Messiah and my Saviour, do with me as you please I will always say the same thing."

Another one said: "I fully agree with the brother, that Jesus is the Messiah."

A third said: "Mr. Cohn, I believe all of us who did not follow that man that went out agree with you that Jesus is the true Messiah."

Is a Woman a Person?

Frequently when we visit the different families we find the husbands absent from home, we then engage in a conversation with the wives regarding the Lord Jesus Christ. Most of them are very ignorant of the Scriptures, and we invite them to come to our meetings. In response to this invitation they will oftentimes say, "Is a wife a person, too,"

(meaning, is a wife to be counted equal with her husband). One can hardly believe that in America the most civilized country on the globe, and a Christian country, there should be such ignorance and spiritual destitution as there is among the Jewesses, not only are they ignorant of their Messiah Jesus, but they also have no knowledge that such a book as the New Testament ever existed, and furthermore they do not know whether they themselves are counted as human beings.

According to the Talmudic precepts, women are not to study the word of God, and are excluded from public worship. It requires ten persons to constitute (a minyon) that is a quorum for the conduct of religious worship. If there are nine men, there are certain rites which cannot be observed until the tenth person is secured. But not a thousand women can make up for that one person. Hence women visit the Synagogue very seldom, and when they do they have a separate place in a gallery, scarcely seen by the men, and are not counted as worshipers.

OUR AUDIENCE ONLY MEN.

We frequently hear Christians visiting our missions, remark, with some surprise, "Why you have no women in the meeting." They find a crowd of men listening to the Gospel and very often not one Jewess. The poor Jewish women are robbed of their right, and placed in a subordinate rank imposed upon them by traditions. The Deborah, Hannah and Huldah, were Jewesses and it must be remembered were among the inspired messengers of God. It was a Jewess who gave birth to the Lord Jesus Christ, also Jewesses who gave birth to Peter, Paul, James, John, etc. It was the Jewesses who erected the strong pillar of the Church of Jesus Christ, and now when they are blind as regards Christ their Messiah ought we not to do everything possible to give them the Gospel which would enlighten them and bring them to the Saviour of mankind.

It seems that the Prophet in Isaiah, 53d Chap. 18th Verse, when he bemoaningly exclaimed, "There is none to guide her among all the sons whom she has brought forth, neither is there any that taketh her by the hand of all the sons that she hath brought up," had their present condition in view.

A CHRISTIAN LADY NEEDED.

From what we have said above, ought to be sufficient to show that a worker among the Jewish women is very much needed, a man cannot do it very well, but a devoted

Christian lady could be used by the Lord to a larger extent than we can imagine, by visiting and holding meetings for them.

A JEW'S IDEA ABOUT CHRISTIAN WOMEN.

We eagerly desire to do something in order to reach these women, and often earnestly pray to God. We decided to preach to our people both in Brownsville and Williamsburg, and by the help of God show them plainly from Deut. 31st Chap. and 12th verse, "Gather the people together, men, women and children, that they may hear, and that they may learn and fear the Lord your God and observe all the words of this law," that God commands women as well as men to know His word. Then we referred to the New Testament which exactly agrees with the Old in considering women as rational beings and candidates for everlasting life, we also told them about the Christian women who study and know the Bible and worship God through the Lord Jesus. At the close of the service a man came forward and said: "I have been several times to the Christian church you told me, and I have always found that there were more women in the audience present than men." This is entirely opposite to our Synagogue services, where there are men only, the reason for this I think is because, I read in the New Testament that the Christian women showed their great love for Jesus by visiting the sepulchre on the first day when it was yet dark, while the men were too slothful to rise so early. Then Jesus must have blessed the Christian women more than He did the men, and so they are blessed even unto this day, and come and worship God in much larger numbers than do the Christian men.

Jews Singing Gospel Hymns.

BY G. C. SALTER.

Picture to yourself a large number of Jews gathered in the Ewen Street Mission and singing with all the earnestness and interest of a Christian congregation the hymn "At the Cross, at the Cross, where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart rolled away, It was there, by faith, I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day." This is not an unusual sight in the Friday and Saturday evening meetings. We have in our congregation some very fine singers, one young man in particular, whose voice can be heard above all the others. He always takes a seat in the front row of chairs, and is perfectly happy while singing out of the Gospel hymn book. The singing is both novel and pleasing to the Jews, for they

never have congregational singing in their Synagogues, and when a hymn is asked for by some one present, it is really a most beautiful sight to see and hear the way in which they join in and sing it.

Many in the congregation cannot understand one word of English, and yet they are so interested and desirous of learning to sing that they try to imitate those who understand the words and music. Oftimes a man will be noticed holding his book upside down and singing something in his own tongue to the air of the music. At a recent meeting, held on a Saturday evening, there were so many requests for different selections in the Gospel hymn book that the meeting kept open half an hour over the usual time for closing.

A Very Happy Day.

During the past month, the children of the sewing school have worked very faithfully to complete the pieces upon which they were sewing. Several of the girls expressed the desire that they might have what they had made before Easter, or as it is to them, the Passover celebration, so it was thought advisable to set aside all work for one afternoon and give the children a pleasant time and distribute the pieces of work. The afternoon of April 8th was appointed, and we had a goodly gathering. Friends from several different churches were with us, besides the regular attendants of the sewing school.

After the singing of a hymn by the school, and an opening prayer, we heard from the Jewish girls, several of whom recited poetical selections. One girl rendered a piano solo very commendably, much to the enjoyment of all. A number of our visiting friends also sang and recited. It was a very pleasing program, given to as appreciative an audience as could be found in Brooklyn.

Mr. Whitaker, pastor of the Bushwick Ave. Baptist Church then addressed the children. He said he would like to tell the girls of a little Jewish boy, who, seeing a number of people going across the country, did as most boys would do—followed them—and soon became one of the company. When the people had reached a place at quite a distance from their homes, the boy noticed a man step from a boat that had just come across the water. As the man spoke, he listened, and became so interested that he stayed, regardless of meal time. At last, he heard some one saying that Jesus, who had been speaking, wanted provision,

and was asking where enough could be procured to feed so many. Now this boy was an unselfish boy, and if Jesus wanted the food he had, which was probably just enough to make a good lunch for one boy, he was willing to give it to him. So Jesus took it and broke it, then, thanking His Heavenly Father for it, he gave it to His disciples, and they kept giving it to the people until all had plenty, and there was a great deal left over. Suppose this boy had been selfish and had wanted his lunch just for himself, every thing would have been very different, would it not?

And you see, children, how Jesus can use a little boy. He used to take children up in His arms and bless them, and if a little boy gives himself to Jesus, with all he has, he will use him just as much as he will use a man like Mr. Cohn or myself. He will be a partner with the boy and work with him. This day we are told there were five thousand men, besides women and children. You see, the women and children were not counted at all, but Jesus cares for little children; He *loves* them.

Probably some boy went home that night, and as he came in, his mother, expecting him to be tired and hungry, was surprised to hear him say he had eaten all he wanted out there in the wilderness. And then I can imagine he told his mother all about how the Lord took what the boy had given Him and fed the multitude with it. Perhaps some strong man, returning home, told his wife she need not prepare him any food, as he had had plenty; and then he rehearsed to her the incident of the miracle. So, many who were not there at all, heard what Jesus had done.

A SURPRISE.

A great surprise to the children was the serving of refreshments, which had very generously been provided by the friends and the teachers.

Next came the distribution of sewing work. Quite a number of parcels were given to the glad recipients, and their joy was full at the thought of taking home the garments they had made to show their parents and to wear.

We feel it in our hearts to thank God for this very happy day; for the kind friends who helped us, and for the teachers, who give themselves to come every week, not counting the sacrifice they make. This is but another manifestation of His love, of which He gives us so many evidences.

“O, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.”

The Girls' Sewing School.

The Thursday afternoon gatherings at Brownsville have been very happy meetings. We want to raise our voices in praise to our Heavenly Father for the many blessings He has showered upon us during the past weeks. He has sent us an able corp of teachers for the children in the sewing school — all volunteers. We thank Him for these dear friends, and rejoice to have them as fellow-workers. We have had quite a number of visitors, who cheered us by their presence, and have given evidence of their sincere interest in the work of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ among the Jews.

Meetings were held for the girls each Thursday, except on March 18th. That day, being the feast of Purim, no meeting was held.

It has been a great joy to us just to be present among these happy, busy children, as they sewed so interestedly. The hum of conversation has often changed to songs of praise as the children worked away.

Handkerchiefs were hemmed, patchwork overhanded, and outlined work done, all to the sweet accompaniment of Gospel hymns. It was indeed pleasant to the eye and to the ear. The children linger long after they have been dismissed, and are loath to go even when their teachers leave for home, often following them to the cars and calling out good-bye. O, how we yearn over these children. May they soon learn to know and love the Lord Jesus, who so loves them, and may they, in the years to come, be used of Him in blessing their own people.

ONE OF OUR VISITORS.

Thursday, March 11th, Mr. A. D. Matthews visited the school and in the closing exercises he talked about some of the children whom he had known who were now grown to be good and useful men and women, because when young they had given their hearts to Jesus. Referring to the Scripture lesson which had been read, of the announcement made by the angel to the shepherds, who kept watch over their flock by night, he said: "Children, I would like to tell you one habit the sheep have. You know what sheep are. Well, if sheep go down to a stream to drink, they will not go to a place where the water is rushing swiftly along, but they will seek out a place where some curve in the shore forms a cove, where the water is perfectly tranquil, as in a pool; here they delight to be. This is what the Psalmist referred to when he said, 'He leadeth me beside the *still* waters.'" "

The Sewing School is always opened with

prayer, and the closing exercises consist of a Scripture lesson, read and explained, and questions asked of the children to see if they have clearly understood what has been read to them. This is what gives us such joy in the work that we have here, the blessed privilege of holding up Jesus and telling of His love. We count it great joy to speak forth His name to these dear girls.

ANOTHER VISITOR.

Mr. H. A. Beach of Washington, D. C., called on us March 4th, and desired to be shown both Missions. We started for 17 Ewen Street, and had the pleasure of showing the Mission Room and the neighborhood to Mr. Beach. After seeing the Jewish section of Williamsburg, we boarded a Canarsie car and rode to 530 Rockaway Ave. It was Thursday afternoon, but the children had not yet gathered, so we walked along the streets of Brownsville. We met now and again, children, and men who would stop us and desired to talk with us. Several times we had to leave the brother to converse with those who desired to speak with us. We showed him the vacant lots where, before we took the room we now occupy, we preached to an audience of two Jews, several chickens and some goats.

By the time we returned from our walk the children at the sewing school were awaiting us. The session was opened by singing, "Alas and did my Saviour bleed." Prayer was offered and the children then took up their work. At the close the Scripture was read and explained, and Mr. Beach kindly addressed the children. At the close of his remarks asking the children if they loved Jesus. "Yes sir," was the response from many, but the question was repeated with the expressed desire that all could say "Yes sir," to that question. This time nearly all replied in the affirmative and the few who did not hid their faces in their aprons.

The Needs of the Work.

We need the rent for the mission room at 17 Ewen Street, which is \$30 monthly. A janitor is also needed for this same mission.

We are much in need of fellow-workers—a man to work among the men and a lady to work among the women; a piano or organ for the Brownsville room; tracts, Bibles, old and new, in Hebrew or Jargon; texts for the walls in Hebrew. We need a *building* in Brownsville; the present one is far too small; material for the sewing school, and anything that would help the poor; clothing (not torn), groceries or means to procure such articles.

Mary Convinced.

As we are always praying God for the conversion of Israel, the Lord taught us, by his Holy Spirit, to set forth in the form of a dialogue the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Jews.

On a Saturday evening, during the past month, we invited the Rev. C. S. Marquardt, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of this city, to come to our Ewen Street Mission and act as an inquirer for eternal life. In the form of questions and answers the Gospel was set forth most beautifully.

It was feared during the discussion that some trouble might arise on account of attacking the Jewish Religion, (for the Jews are very superstitious) but we are glad to say that not the slightest disturbance occurred; men all over the room were bending forward in their seats so as not to lose one word of the conversation which was being carried on.

At the close of this very interesting and instructive service, a large number of Jews came forward and shook pastor Marquardt by the hand. One man said, "I see now that if we want atonement for our sins we have no other way but Jesus." Another said, "I always thought that we Jews were doing as God told us, but now I see we are doing as man tells us." Many other such expressions came to us.

It seems as if every one present that evening must have been fully convinced that Jesus Christ was his Messiah. We hope and pray that this may be true.

Dialogue

between Rev. C. S. Marquardt, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Brooklyn and L. COHN,

which was delivered in the presence of a large Hebrew audience in the mission room, 17 Ewen Street, on a Saturday evening, during the month of March, 1897.

Mr. Marquardt—In reading the word of God I find there is a glorious future for all those who are in the right way, but I cannot comprehend what I am to do in order to be assured of the future happiness that awaits God's children. Will you please instruct me?

Mr. Cohn—The Jewish religion is one that assures you of the future, for it is written, "All Israel have a part in the world to come."

Mr. M.—In reading the Bible I do not even recollect seeing that quotation. Will you please tell me where it is written?

Mr. C.—O, this is an extract from the Talmud. Our wise men wrote that and all we Jews repeat it every Saturday of the summer (called Ethics).

Mr. M.—Sir, I wish to hear only from the Bible, and nothing from the Talmud, unless it quotes something taken directly from God's word; otherwise, I can not believe it.

Mr. C.—But our wise men did not invent this out of their heads, for they found it in the Bible. It is written in Isaiah, 60th chapter and 21st verse, "Thy people also shall be all righteous, they shall inherit the land for ever."

Mr. M.—That verse was spoken about the Jews as regards to their future, when they will all be converted and become righteous; or if it means now, why are they not in the land as quoted in the verse. Do you not see that there is nothing in this religion? Tell me, please, how I am to escape hell and obtain everlasting life.

Mr. C.—The Talmud says that Abraham watches at the gate of hell and prevents any one who has been circumcised from entering therein; so if you become circumcised, you will be taken from the gate of hell by Abraham and placed in paradise.

Mr. M.—It is a hard thing to do, but I would rather do it if I believed it to be true, for the sake of entering paradise. I read however, in Deut., 10th chapter and 16th verse, the following: "Circumcise, therefore, the foreskin of your heart," and again in the 30th chapter and the 6th verse, "And the Lord, thy God, will circumcise thy heart." Again in Jeremiah, 4th chapter, 4th verse, "Circumcise your heart, ye men of Judah," and in Jeremiah, 9th chapter, 25th and 26th verses, "Behold—I will punish all—circumcised with the uncircumcised—and all these nations are uncircumcised and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart." Now, you see, if one is not circumcised in the heart, circumcision of the flesh availeth nothing, and Abraham could not deliver us from hell. What you just quoted from the Talmud are precepts of men. It is written in the 146th Psalm, and the 3d verse, "Put not your trust in Princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help," and again in Isaiah, 29th chapter, and the 3d verse, "Their fear toward me is taught by the precepts of men." Please tell me, if you can, what I must do to be sure of eternal life.

Mr. C. (turning to the audience and looking somewhat puzzled).—What shall I answer? No reply. Well, friend, I think I can advise you now how you shall become

a righteous man. It is written in Deut., 6th chapter, 25th verse, "And it shall be our righteousness if we observe to do all these commandments." Well, you see, just do the commandments of God and you will be called a righteous man.

Mr. M.—That is so. I recollect that verse very well, and I would like to do so. Please tell me how many commandments there are for me to keep in order to be righteous.

Mr. C.—According to our wise men's statements, there are 613 commandments.

Mr. M. (with great surprise). Well, are all the Jews able to keep so many commandments? Do you think it possible for me to follow them out?

Mr. C.—It is impossible to do all the commandments, for it is written in Ecclesiastes, 7th chapter and 20th verse, "For there is not a just man upon earth that doeth good and sinneth not," and again in Proverbs, 20th chapter and 9th verse, "Who can say I have made my heart clean? I am pure from my sin." We Jews do what we can, that is all.

Mr. M.—If you do only what you can, and not all the commandments, then you cannot be righteous, for according to Deut., 6th chapter and 2d verse, which was just quoted, you must do all the commandments to be righteous. Then, again, I read in Deut., 27th chapter and 26th verse, "Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them." Now how can I escape that curse?

Mr. C. (appealing to the audience).—Now what shall I say. No reply. Well, we Jews are one body. If all the commandments cannot be kept individually, they must be fulfilled collectively. We all partake of one another's deeds, and thus the commandments are accomplished by us as a body. And if you want to become one of us you will partake of our righteousness. (Turning to the audience). "Is that the correct answer?" Reply—"Yes, sir!"

Mr. M.—How can these things be. Is it not written, "The Soul that sinneth it shall die."—Ezekiel, 18th Chap. 4th Verse. So you see this righteousness of one cannot help the other, and besides if the deeds pass from one to all the Jews as a body, then the sin of one is passed on to all as well, now what shall we do with the sin.

Mr. C.—It is written in Leviticus, 16th Chap. and 30th Verse: "For on that day shall the Priest make an atonement for you to cleanse you from all your sins before the Lord." So we have every year the Day of

Atonement, in which we fast and afflict our souls, and all our sins are forgiven on that day.

Mr. M.—I think sir, you have made a mistake. For it is written, "The Priest shall make atonement," and though I am not a Jew yet I read the bible, which tells me how the high Priest had to take the blood and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and then had to confess all the sins of Israel by laying his hands on the head of a live goat and putting all their transgressions on its head, thus making the atonement and not the day of affliction and fasting as you think. Now you have no high Priest and no sprinkling of blood, how then can you have atonement of your sins.

Mr. C.—Well friend we have some kind of blood on the Day of Atonement, nowadays we take a cock for a male and a hen for a female, and we say this is my substitute in using the head of the Cock in place of head of the Goat.

Mr. M.—You tell me this story about the Cock and a Hen, remember you cannot make a cock from a goat no more than you can make a goat from a cock. I do not know of any place in the Bible where it is written about a cock being a substitute for a man.

Mr. C.—(Turning again to the audience and giving evidence of being convinced). What shall I answer, do any of you know where it is written about the cock (all silent and amazed). Well friend it is not written in the Bible, but we do it because our fathers have done so, and our wise and holy men told us to do so.

Mr. M.—Well I cannot accept a religion which is of men and not of God. I can see now the truth of the force of the verse in Hosea, 38th Chap. 4th Verse, "For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a King, and without a Prince and without a sacrifice," and again in 2nd Chronicles. 15th Chap. and 3d Verse, "Now for a long season Israel has been without the true God and without a teaching Priest and without law." I thank you very much for this indirect instruction you have given me. I see now very plainly that I must cleave to the Lord Jesus Christ and him alone, whose blood cleanseth from all sin, for it is written in Isaiah, 53d Chap. and 6th Verse, "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." This is true because God says so and not man, and so I abide in the Lord Jesus Christ.