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Greatest FEAST in Centuries!

About 2,800 of God's people—the largest number in many hundreds of years—heard dynamic, inspired messages from God's servants during the wonderful Feast of Tabernacles. Especially for you brethren of the Church who were unable to attend, we bring you this report of those eight joyous days!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

GOD'S OWN PEOPLE—from over forty states and two foreign nations—gathered together on our tabernacle grounds near Gladewater, Texas, in the largest and most successful Feast of Tabernacles in many centuries!

"Most wonderful feast yet!"—was a common remark, filled with enthusiasm, heard among the brethren on the last great day.

Solid Spiritual Food

What an amazing difference between God's Feast of Tabernacles and most "conventions" and "tent-camp meetings" held in the world. Instead of the pseudo-spiritual "sanctimoniousness" or the noisy, showy chaos of a convention, our own tabernacle grounds were filled with people who were in *real earnest!* God's people! They were there because they realized *their very Creator*, the RULER of the entire universe, had commanded it.

They were there *hungering and thirsting* for knowledge—for answers to their many questions—for the very word of God! May God be praised for His many blessings He poured out on us at the Feast!

Mr. Armstrong welcomed the huge crowd on the eve of the first Holy Day, Wednesday, October 9th.

As is usually his custom, he asked those from the various states to rise as he called the name of each state. It wasn't until he reached some of the smaller

New England states that no one rose. *Over forty states* were represented!

Several brethren from *Canada* were present, and finally, Mr. Armstrong asked our member from England, Mr. James Wells, to come to the platform to be introduced to the brethren. It was a joy to realize James Wells, now a student at Ambassador, was the representative of *another* group of God's true people, who were meeting together in the Feast of Tabernacles in another part of the world—London, England.

James was a member of that Church, under the guidance of Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, our minister in London, until he came to America as a student of the college.

Finally, Mr. Armstrong told the members part of the *purpose* in meeting together in the east Texas woods, away from the world, for the Festival. God tells His servants to proclaim these Festivals "*in their seasons*," and, for that reason, the great PURPOSE of the Feast—and the deep spiritual significance *behind* it—was a central theme pervading every service.

Thursday, October 10th, marked the first Holy Day during the eight days. An all-day service was held, with 2½ hours recess between preaching services for the physical feasting and fellowship at the noon meal.

Driving, inspired, dynamic messages were given each day during the entire Feast. Messages in which it was *plainly*

evident that Almighty God was speaking to us!

Even older members, some of whom had attended the Festivals for many years, said they heard *new truth*, they *learned*, and grew in a deeper fuller understanding of the word of God! *From time to time the subject of these sermons will appear in the pages of The Good News.*

Every single year, Almighty God is opening up new light to His servants—His true Church will always GO FORWARD—GROWING as God adds knowledge. Unlike the worldly organizations of men, who still preach the false doctrines of their ancestors and their human traditions, the true Body of Jesus Christ GROWS in new truth—in grace and knowledge!

A Real "Harvest" Evident

During one of the preaching services, all those who were attending the Feast for the first time were asked to raise their hands. A veritable "sea" of hands went up! It was amazing to see HOW MANY God is adding to His Church yearly! There were literally *hundreds* of newly-begotten "babes" in Christ—new Church members, who were attending their very FIRST Feast of Tabernacles. In addition, 29 persons were *baptized while at the Feast*. To see the *number* God is adding to His Church, to realize every single ONE of them has dozens of questions to be asked, problems to be

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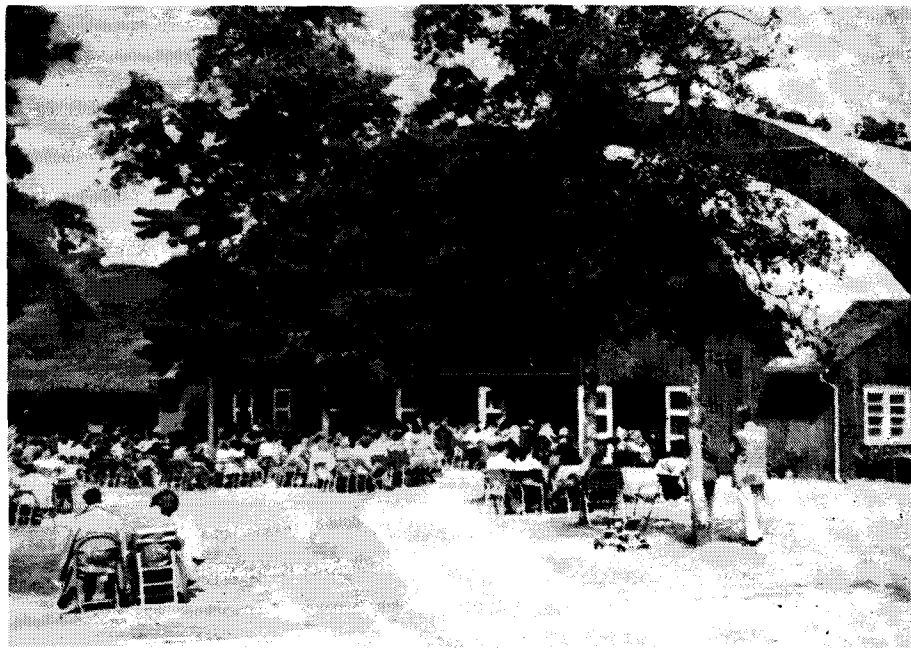
solved, illustrates more clearly than ever Jesus' statement that "the harvest is plenteous, and the laborers few."

Brethren! When you begin to realize how much YOU would like to spend several hours each week with one of God's true Ministers in consultation, in asking questions, in Bible Study, surely you must realize that there are THOUSANDS of others who desperately need the same thing! For this reason PRAY—*pray without ceasing*—for God to send men He can use—men who have had the vanity of human nature CRUSHED out of them, who are sincerely DEDICATED to the purpose of God, whose very *lives* are GIVEN to Him—so these men may be trained, even as Jesus trained His disciples, to HELP CARRY THIS BURDEN. God's Church is GROWING by leaps and bounds! But the Church *membership* is growing at a MUCH faster rate than the number of ministers we have to serve and nourish it! PRAY for these students who are NOW at Ambassador College. *They really need your prayers!* I know we all rejoice each Feast when we see and hear, from the pulpit, the real *fruit* Ambassador College is bearing for the work of God—but think of how much fruit it must continue to bear if we are ever to finish this great work!

YOU can be instrumental in determining HOW MANY young men God will convict, converting them into changed, consecrated men whose lives can be used in service to Him. You can do so by your prayers! Don't ever forget it!

God Not Author of Confusion

From the moment each person drove off the highway onto the drive leading to the tabernacle grounds, the perma-



A view of the main entrance to the Tabernacle during one of the morning services. Hundreds are seen here seated on the lawns outside the Tabernacle because there was no room for them inside. They heard the sermons by loud-speaker.

nency and organization of the facilities God has given us was evident. Registration of each member attending the Festival was handled this year with greater speed and efficiency than ever before.

The basic reason for the order, the well-organized smoothness which was evident everywhere, was the wonderful help and assistance given by the Deacons of the Church and their assistants.

Mr. Don Billingsley, Deacon in the Church at Pasadena, together with Mr. Roy Hammer and Mr. Buck Hammer, Deacons of the Gladewater Church, led a group of the Deacons from many other local congregations, together with many volunteer assistants, in assigning men to certain key positions to *help* God's people in any way possible.

This well-planned program resulted in neatness, order, lack of confusion—and a general efficiency that has never before been achieved at the Feast. Parking was orderly; men were assigned to help guide traffic; the camping area was much neater, and in order; meal-time was much more pleasant and enjoyable, with food

The Orchestra of Ambassador College under the direction of Mrs. Lucy Martin giving a recital at the Feast of Tabernacles.



served much more quickly, and efficient clean-up crews helping after the meals.

At the close of the Feast, Mr. Billingsley, the other Deacons and their assistants asked that a letter of appreciation be read from the pulpit, expressing their thanks for the willing cooperation from everyone in making the eight days so successful! And yet—surely all of you brethren who attended will join me in thanking Mr. Billingsley, and all the others who so tirelessly helped, for giving of their time to help all of *us* so much! May God bless each one who labored in this way!

Colorful Music Events

The Ambassador Chorale, under the direction of Mr. Leon Ettinger, appeared before the conclave in many different services, to sing the inspiring hymns and anthems that contributed so much to the enjoyment of the Feast.

The Chorale was heard in concert Sunday night, October 13th, when they sang many varieties of songs, which had been included in the annual Spring Concert at the college.

Hearing the chorale, in addition to the numerous special songs given at the services, really added a great deal. A student "fun" show was presented by the Ambassador students as well. These events, coupled with the nearness of the skating rink, formerly owned by Mr. Hammer, and the beauty of the Texas woods, provided plenty of entertainment and diversion during the eight days.

Mr. Herman Hoeh and Dr. C. Paul
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Why AMERICA Is Cursed!

Here is the startling significance of the Book of Deuteronomy for us today.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

AMERICA has strayed so far away from her God that she does not realize what blessings could be hers if she served Him, and what doom is soon to strike because she rejects Him, while professing to worship Him!

The nation today does not know that serving and *obeying* the ways of God is THE WAY, and the *only* way, that leads to increasing and perpetual prosperity, peace, and happiness.

America does not know that God's Laws are for *our good, our protection*. America's false shepherds teach the people that God's Laws are bad for us. Therefore these false preachers have led the nation into unhappiness, discontent, suffering, and headed it into chaos and toward DOOM!

The Great Apostasy

America does not know, because her false preachers of organized religion have not told her, that God made a SECOND COVENANT with our own national people Israel (the Jewish people we all understand are from Judah; the American and British are racial ISRAEL) just prior to entrance into Palestine back in the days of Moses, 40 years AFTER, and *in addition to*, the Covenant made with them at Mt. Sinai. And because we are breaking this covenant today, we are DOOMING our nation to DESTRUCTION!

Forty years after the making of the Old Covenant, just before Israel entered Palestine—just before Moses' death—God Almighty made a Second Covenant with our forefathers, *the terms of which are being carried out on our people today*.

At that time, God said of our people: "O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments *always*, THAT IT MIGHT BE WELL WITH THEM AND WITH THEIR CHILDREN FOREVER!" (Deut. 5:29).

Then God commanded Moses to send the people to their tents, while Moses alone stood before God . . . "and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them. . . . Ye shall walk in all the ways which the Eternal God hath commanded you, *that ye may live, and that it may be well with you*" (Deut. 5:31-33).

"Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the Eternal your God commanded to

teach you, that ye might do them" (chapter 6:1).

Thru the remainder of the Book of Deuteronomy are written the commandments and statutes and ways which would produce national and individual BLESSINGS, if followed, and national and individual CURSES if neglected, ignored, or disobeyed.

These are the ways of Moses which the original true Christian Church, in the days of the twelve apostles and of the apostle Paul, observed so carefully, as long as authentic New Testament history continues. After some 30 years of New Testament history, the record of the New Testament Church is almost a blank for almost a hundred years. When, at last, rays of historic light give us glimpses into the activities of the Church, we find a Church *vastly changed*.

A Second Covenant

As the Gentiles came into the Church, especially in the second, third, and fourth generations, they brought with them their pagan customs, ways, and beliefs. Thus paganism began mixing into Christianity. Soon the pagans professing Christianity greatly outnumbered those who held fast to the original TRUTH of Jesus Christ, of the apostles, and of Paul.

By 148 A.D., for example, only the churches of Asia Minor, raised up by Paul, continued to keep the Passover. All others, pagan dominated, had substituted the pagan spring festival in honor of the goddess Easter. By 198 A.D., only two churches publicly kept the Passover, and a hundred years later this and the other true New Testament Church practices were forbidden by law, and prevented by the state police!

And it is from *this* paganized apostasy that today's so-called "Christianity," of organized religion has degenerated. People born into today's perverted world, reared in churches *professing* to be true New Testament churches, ignorant of what happened in those early years, suppose, erroneously, that the churches of this day are the true churches of Jesus Christ! But PROPHECY says that long before our day they would turn away their ears from the TRUTH, and be turned to FABLES! This has happened.

Our land is filled with *false preachers*, today, just as Jesus foretold. Many of them, themselves, are deceived—yes, many sincere, but *deceived*!

So our people today do not know

that the nation is suffering, and facing DOOM, because it is living in flagrant violation of a *Second Covenant* which God made with our people forty years after the covenant at Sinai!

It fills most of the Book of Deuteronomy. First, as recorded in Deut. 6:3-5: "Hear, therefore, O Israel (today America, Britain, etc.) and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily. . . . Hear, O Israel: The Eternal thy God is one Eternal. And thou shalt love the Eternal thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."

That is the *first* and the most important precept, which America breaks today. No one will claim that our people as a nation loves the true God quite that much!

Space here does not, of course, permit quoting all the words of this Law and this Second Covenant, *still in force and effect today!* It fills most of the Book of Deuteronomy. Read it yourself. But we shall hit the high-spots, and quote a number of outstanding points.

"Beware, lest thou forget the Eternal. . . . Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you" (6:12, 14). America doesn't realize it or admit it, but AMERICA—AND BRITAIN, TOO—HAVE FORGOTTEN ISRAEL'S GOD!

America is deceived and doesn't know it. She is embracing a religion falsely called "Christianity" which in true fact embodies the essential beliefs, philosophies, customs, and ways of the religions of the pagan gods of Moses' day!

Regarding other races and nationalities, "Thou shalt make no covenant with them . . . neither shalt thou make marriages with them" (Deut. 7:2-3). America made herself the ally of godless, heathen Russia. America is falling victim today to the Communist propaganda of MIXING THE RACES, contrary to God's commands! God Himself scattered the races at the tower of Babel. God decreed they shall remain *segregated* until the end of this world, and the coming of Christ.

Communism stands for amalgamation of the races, until there will be but one race again. They disseminate this propaganda among the Negroes of America. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has fallen under this delusion, and other public leaders have started a trend in America which makes segregation, which GOD COMMANDS, appear to be sinful and evil,

and which makes a mixing of races, which GOD CONDEMNS, appear to be Christian and good! This has nothing to do with race superiority or racial *discrimination*. God condemns racial discrimination, but *commands* racial segregation. There's a vast difference! Today people confuse the two as tho they were the same!

Why We Have Diseases

"If ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them . . . thou shalt be blessed above all people . . . and the Eternal will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt upon thee" (Deut. 7:12, 14-15).

"Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong. . . . There shall no man be able to stand before you: for the Eternal your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all . . . Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; a blessing if ye obey . . . a curse if ye will not obey . . . but turn aside out of THE WAY which I command you this day" (Deut. 11:8, 25-28).

"Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man *whatsoever is right in his own eyes*" (Deut. 12:8). America violates that command above all. By teaching that sin is doing what is contrary to your own conscience, the preachers lure the people *away* from the laws and commands and ways of God, and teach them to do **WHAT IS RIGHT IN THEIR OWN EYES**. This, which God condemns, is made to appear to be righteousness, and Christian. But by condemning the laws of God, they make God's true ways appear to be evil! This is America's RELIGION today! **AND AMERICA IS UNDER A DIVINE CURSE!**

"Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing" (Deut. 14:3). Then follows the list of the clean and unclean meats. The list is also given in Lev. 11. Yes, this, too, was one of the *conditions* to good health, national peace, prosperity, and individual happiness and joy. But the preachers tell you that's all done away. They tell you to eat pork, ham, bacon, oysters, clams, crab, and all the other foul, filthy, unclean animals. And GOD'S LAW, which is inexorable, takes its toll! The people are sickly and diseased, restless, discontented, full of fears and worries, unhappy and suffering, and now facing national captivity in war! The assurances of the false prophets *can't prevent the CURSES* hitting our people for disobedience!

Also in the laws of this covenant are the commands on TITHING. The *first* tenth of every person's income belongs to God, not to the individual, and is to

be paid to God's minister. Under the Old Covenant priesthood (Sinai) the tithes were paid to the Levites, then God's ministers. Under the New Covenant, the Priesthood being changed to the spiritual ministry of Jesus Christ, a *change* (not an abolishing) is made in the tithing law, so that today everyone is directed to pay God's tithe to the truly called ministers of Jesus Christ (Heb. 7). But in Deut. 14:22-27, is written instruction for a *second* tithe, that is, a second tenth of income, to provide expense money for God's true people to attend God's festivals—the Passover and Pentecost in the Spring, and the Feast of Tabernacles in the Fall—at whatever place GOD shall designate. Not one American out of a hundred thousand has ever so much as *heard* of this second tithe, today! Those who practice it are greatly blessed.

But the nation is under a divine CURSE!

Then there is yet a third tithe, once every three years, to be given to the widows and orphans as God's insurance program.

Other Laws Add Blessings

"At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release. . . . Every creditor that lendeth unto his neighbor shall release it; he shall not exact it of his neighbor, or of his brother, because it is the Eternal's release" (Deut. 15: 1-2). Yes, these ways which God commanded seem rather *strange*, don't they? People don't *dream* of the blessings they lose because they ignore them!

"Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover unto the Eternal thy God. . . . Seven days (following Passover) shalt thou eat unleavened bread . . . seven weeks (thereafter) shalt thou number unto thee . . . and thou shalt keep *the feast of weeks* (Pentecost) . . . and thou shalt REJOICE before the Eternal thy God . . . thou shalt observe the feast of Tabernacles seven days . . . and thou shalt REJOICE in thy festival" (Deut. 16:1, 3, 9-11, 13-14). People today don't even know what the month "Abib" is. It is God's first month of the year, but it is not the same as the pagan January. It begins in the spring, when new life is budding forth in nature. But the nation has deserted God's calendar, and accepted the pagan calendar. The people look on God's holy days as "Jewish holidays," have forsaken them which God enjoined FOREVER, and taken up, instead, with the pagan holidays.

But AMERICANS ARE UNDER A CURSE, AND NOW HEADING RAPIDLY INTO NATIONAL DESTRUCTION!

Next, chapter 18, comes instruction against fortune-telling, astrology, scances. Yet America and England are full of that today. In chapter 22:5, women are

commanded not to wear clothing which pertains to men. But it's the *STYLE* to disobey God. In chapter 23:19, "you must never exact interest upon a loan from a fellow-Israelite (a fellow American or Britisher today). . . . From a foreigner you may exact interest." In chapter 24:14 is a command against employers underpaying employes, or holding back their wages, and in 25:13, a command for giving full measure, honest weight—a full money's worth in any transaction.

What Is Prophesied to Befall Us!

Go thru this entire Book of instruction, BINDING ACCORDING TO ITS SPIRIT AND INTENT ON US TODAY, and you'll see our people do *exactly the opposite* in every case!

Once we see these things thru the mind of God, the sins and ways and customs of our people today are shocking—APPALLING! That's how they appear to God. Our people are insolent, stiff-necked, rebellious, going their OWN way, and like dumb sheep going to the slaughter.

Finally, chapter 28, "*IF only* you will listen carefully to what the Eternal your God orders, mindful to carry out all His commands which I enjoin upon you this day (40 years after Mt. Sinai covenant), then the Eternal your God will lift you *high above all the nations of the earth*, and all these blessings shall come upon you. You shall be blessed . . . foes who attack you the Eternal will rout before you; they may assail you all together, but they shall fly before you in all directions. The Eternal will command you to be blessed in your barn and in every enterprise to which you put your hand. . . . *IF* you obey the orders of the Eternal your God *and live His life*, so that when all nations on earth see you are owned by the Eternal, they may stand in awe of you. The Eternal will make you OVERFLOW WITH PROSPERITY. . . .

"*BUT* if you will not listen to the voice of the Eternal God . . . then shall all these CURSES come upon you and overtake you.

"All these curses shall come upon you and pursue you . . . till you are destroyed . . . these curses shall be a mark and portent *upon you and your descendants FOR ALL TIME*. . . . He will put an *iron yoke* upon your neck till you are destroyed." (Compare with Isa. 47:1-6, speaking of the DAUGHTER of ancient Babylon—the European Fascists of *today* putting a yoke on America's neck; and Jer. 30:7-8, where that yoke is finally broken and removed by Christ at His second coming.) "The Eternal will bring on you a nation from the far ends of the earth, swooping like a vulture. . . ."

"The Eternal will inflict on you and
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We Saw the NEW GERMANY!

This past summer three of our graduate students saw Germany firsthand. They paid for their entire trip in order to acquire this necessary experience. They viewed the Dachau crematorium and blood ditch—but let them tell you what they witnessed in this article!

by Robert C. Boraker

WE LEFT Germany two months ago. Instead of rubble, starvation, and poverty, we saw a new and modern nation surpassing all other European countries in shipping, industry and commerce.

Germany makes more steel than Britain and builds twice as many houses as France. Germany's currency is stable. Prices are steady and production is increasing.

Yes, a country whose cities were practically obliterated, is again back on its feet. Once more Germany holds the balance of power in Europe!

The question is, *What will Germany do with that power?*

We found the answer this past summer!

An Eyewitness Report

Three of us who graduated this last June from Ambassador College—Bernell Michel, Kemmer Pfund and I—spent two months in Germany travelling over two thousand miles. We saw Germany's major cities, the Ruhr and Saar industrial areas, and nationalistic Bavaria. Since we studied German in Ambassador College, we were able to converse with the people in their native tongue.

"America is too big for Germany," said the German-speaking sailor on our ship, looking at New York's skyscrapers as the ship pulled away from the dock. A simple statement, but the tone of his voice implied that America is "too big" for Germany NOW, but . . . Upon reaching Germany itself, we wondered if this isn't the hidden thought and motive of the German people as a whole.

In order to compete with America, Germany is rapidly rebuilding. There is no doubting that fact. We saw new roads, apartment buildings, and department stores—fantastically modern and comparable to any found in the U.S. We saw them in the small towns as well as the large cities. Such a building program cannot be found in any other European nation!

At the rate she is building, Germany will fast become the most MODERN nation on earth. We had to observe the

streets with keen eyes in order to see bombed-wrecked buildings and craters where a building once stood.

And yet—

Germany is NOT SATISFIED with her position as a world power!

The Same Germany?

We enjoyed our trip through Germany because the people were generally friendly and hospitable, rarely hostile. Germany appears to be a peaceful nation. But, wasn't Germany also a "peaceful nation" before World War II?

A well-known photographer and lecturer said recently, "When I returned to Germany after 35 years, I was surprised to find Germany the same as it was then. The atmosphere, and people remain the SAME!"

Did you grasp the meaning of that?

The German people have not changed! They have not been democratized or denazified. They remain the same GREEDY and proud people they were fifteen and thirty-five years ago!

And what is the German's attitude toward Americans? Because of our wealth, they are envious and jealous. Even though they are better off than they were during the war, they still want MORE. They want more than Americans. GERMANY IS STRIVING TO BECOME GREATER THAN AMERICA!

A Competitive Spirit

The Germans of today do not appear much different from Americans. Their customs, though still typically German, are becoming Americanized. The Germans, however, have one human characteristic—a fault in all people, but especially in the Germans—which is—the Germans abhor defeat!

Whether individually or nationally, Germans admitted to us that they cannot suffer to lose. We noticed this especially in playing sports. Being a small nation, Germany feels inferior. The people, individually, confessed that they feel inferior. To arise above this inferiority, the concept of the master race is developed.

Germany was defeated in the last war

—a terrific blow to her national PRIDE. Germany is turning this defeat and total ruin into victory by rebuilding her power until she is again ON TOP! The German looks at the wealthy United States and, with envy and jealousy, puts forth every effort to create a modern and greater Germany with unrivaled luxuries and prosperity.

In essence, Germany is COMPETING with the U.S.! It is a commercial competition destined to result in America's "Waterloo."

One Man Wields Power

As a sovereign power, the nation of Germany is taking a greater part in international affairs. With a stable currency, a producing industry, and an outwardly democratic form of government, Germany again has economic and political POWER to wield. As usual, this power is wielded by one man—Konrad Adenauer.

The Germans look on Mr. Adenauer as the man who brought them prosperity. Fearing that a change in political leaders would alter this, the Germans re-elected him and the Christian Democratic party in the September elections for another five-year term. Many Germans expressed to us the fear that their leader would not live through his term. Without him, where will Germany turn?

"Adenauer," says Charles Thayer (author of the book *The Unquiet Germans*), "has been the most popular political figure in Germany, partly, no doubt, because he fulfills the traditional German dream of a strong man with a will of his own. Though he is generally depicted as a Fascist beast and worse by the Communist press, his devotion to the cause of Europe has made him a favorite among Western statesmen" (p. 125, italics ours).

Chancellor Adenauer is a devout Catholic. That is why he said in 1949, "I want to see a united Europe." Since Mr. Adenauer is quite old, it is unlikely that he will see the fruition of his dreams. However, he certainly is a stepping stone in the path leading toward

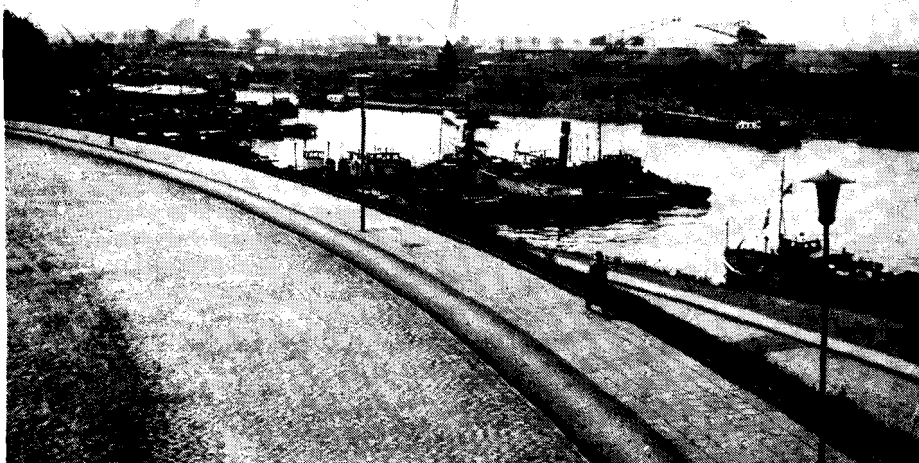
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A partial view of the Krupp's "Royal Institute" in Essen. It is a modern brick building which extends for several blocks.



Here is another view of Germany's industry. This is a canal branching from the Rhine. Along the edge of this canal are loading docks, wharves and factories—all crowded together in this small area.



We didn't see much bomb damage remaining in Germany, but here is one bombed-wrecked building in Munich. Although three fourths of Munich was destroyed, only a very few buildings such as this one can be seen today.

This picture was taken at the entrance to the Ruhr area in Germany as the sign indicates. The sign is on a bridge crossing the Rhine River which serves as an important waterway for coal barges such as you see in this picture.

Not only are the canals and river crowded, but the rail yards as well. This rail yard is in the heart of the Ruhr. Notice that the rail cars are smaller than those seen in the U.S.

a united, German-dominated Europe!

The Change in Outward Behavior

The country's remarkable recovery has brought a change in German behavior. Nazism, and all it stood for, fades into the past as new foreign ideas are accepted. We found Western and American influence permeating industry, public relations and even music—jazz and "rock 'n' roll" being a craze among German youth.

But, is there also a *change* in the German attitude toward *military service*?

The new German army is supposedly being molded on a democratic pattern without the pitfalls leading toward "prussianism." Already, however, it is being discovered that American recruiting methods just don't work with German soldiers.

Just as the democratic school system in postwar Germany came to naught, just as decartilization failed and the dismantling program backfired, so will the German army return with its goose-stepping drills and chauvinistic methods.

Although there is some change in German outward behavior, their *character* remains distressingly **THE SAME!**

The question, then, is—Can this new army be trusted? "*Only time will provide the answer,*" says the September *Reader's Digest* (p. 68). But by *that* time, **IT WILL BE TOO LATE!**

The German Youth

Since it is the younger generation who will become tomorrow's nation, we sought to learn what they think about the future? We were constantly among German youth while travelling in Germany.



The barracks of Dachau are being used today to house refugees from the east. These refugees are not pleased with their present environment. The sign at the entrance proclaims their protest with, "WIR WOLLEN RAUS aus den KZ. BARACKEN in menschenwürdige Wohnungen zu preisen, die wir bezahlen können." Translated, the sign says, "We want to get out of these concentration barracks and into decent homes that we can call our own and be able to pay for!"

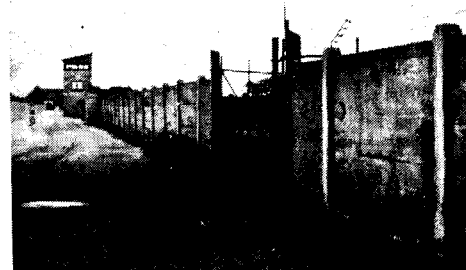
We spent about two months in Germany, and almost every night in the German Youth Hostels. Here we talked with many young Germans.

One German lad asked us if we knew the names of our American war planes. We could only name a few. He, however, not only knew the names of the German airplanes used in World War II, but *also* the American planes as well! We asked him why this was important to know. *He couldn't answer!*

The German teen-agers, nevertheless, behave and act much like those in America, Britain and France. The German youth is in a craze over American "rock 'n' roll" as well as jazz and bebop. They are beginning to wear blue jeans instead of the traditional "lederhosen." Coca-Cola is becoming their favorite drink and American movies their entertainment. At the same time, *crime* and juvenile delinquency are on the *increase*. They blame the Americans, of course.

All these are signs of frustration. The young German is *uneasy* and *unsure* about his country's future. He has little faith in its outcome. *Making money* is his main goal and he stares at American wealth with *jealous envy*.

Although the future looks dim, many German youth still cling to the dream of a *unified Europe*. Their only worry, now that Hitler is gone, is—who will now be Europe's Fuehrer? One in four youngsters, according to the opinion polls, is opposed to the present democratic system and one in three believes in a *dictatorship*. "More than half of them believe that National Socialism was a good idea but badly executed" writes

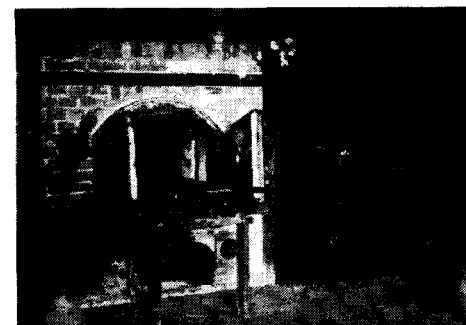


This is what the Dachau concentration camp looks like today. Here you see the outer wall with barbed wire and a sentry tower in the background on the left.



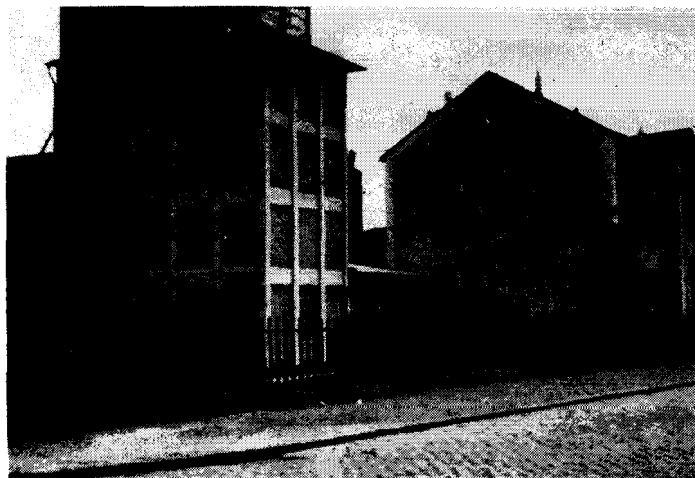
A German guard stands on duty at the entrance of the Dachau crematorium. The German sign on the wall reads "KREMATORIUM."

Here you see one of the cremating ovens of the "new" Dachau crematorium. This crematorium was built after the old one was found inadequate. Notice the tray used for placing the body in the oven. The fir branches in the vases serve as memorial tributes. In the basement, 4,000 ash urns were found.

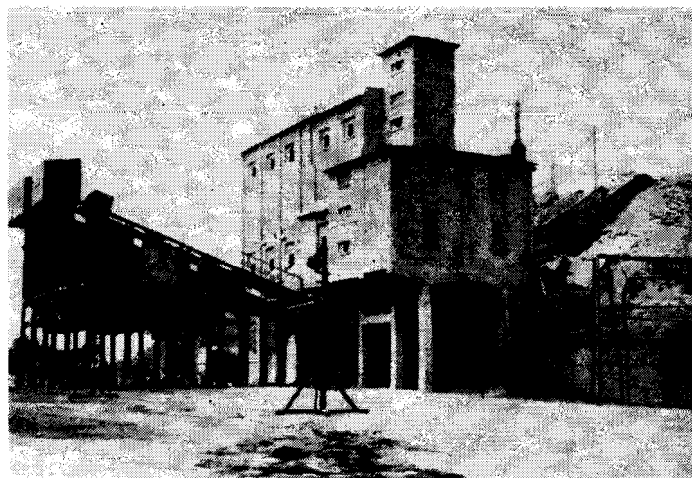


These are the cremating ovens in the "old" crematorium building. The crematorium served as a disposal of some 70,000 people who lost their lives because they were not good "Nazis."





After rubble had been cleared from the bombed areas, new buildings such as these were quickly constructed. The "modern" architecture, such as you see here, is typical of what is seen throughout today's Germany.



A cement factory which is operating long hours to produce building material for the vast amount of new apartment buildings and other construction being erected in the NEW Germany.

Thayer in *Unquiet Germans*, p. 69.

After seeing the behavior of German youth and reading such statistics, is it any wonder that Germany will not remain democratic!

The Nazis Return to Power

While in the Ruhr area, we visited the parents of one of our London church members. We talked to them in their one-room apartment where they were forced to live because nothing better could be obtained.

This couple told us about living conditions in Germany. "*The Nazis are back in power*," the man said to us. "Without having been a Nazi, a man is unable to obtain a good job." Because this man had lived in Holland before the war and had worked in England, he was unable to obtain a good job. Consequently, he was barely able to make ends meet.

Because of high taxation, many other Germans are finding it difficult to earn a living. Although one coal miner was earning two dollars an hour, most of it was paid in taxes. Numerous Germans are *not satisfied* with such a standard of living. They want higher wages with fewer working hours and lower taxes as well. The German working people are now beginning to make these demands.

What Next?

With all the advancement and progress made as a new nation, Germany is still *unstable*. Many observers believe conditions will *revert* to the *past* in the face of a serious *economic depression*. All is well as long as two forces—Konrad Adenauer and a booming economy—exist. But Mr. Adenauer is an old man and there are signs of the boom coming to an end, at least in the automotive industry.

As long as prosperity exists, the German way of life will not change. As history clearly shows, however, a fall in the economy always means an alteration in the political course of the nation! Not only will Germany be affected, but the *rest of Europe* as well. What will happen to Germany, will equally apply to all of Europe.

An economic problem in Germany—the economic heart of Europe—will affect all of Europe and force a *unification* to prevent collapse. The *danger to America* will then become most ACUTE. From time to time Germans are already asking themselves why they must stagnate in their small and meaningless geographical area.

The Bible prophesies that this united European power will *attack* and DESTROY America and Britain! You have read of these prophecies in the pages of The PLAIN TRUTH. And what will be this nation's *fate*?

We Visited Dachau for the Answer!

We visited the Dachau concentration camp used in the last war. It was shocking!

The prison barracks now house refugees from the east. The *crematorium* is now a memorial. We saw the *blood ditch*, into which blood of victims of the firing squads flowed, and the graves of ashes—one grave containing the cremated ashes of 20,000!

The buildings at Dachau have been reconditioned and the cremating ovens remain open for all to see—as if they were waiting to be *stoked again* with NEW BODIES!

Will the ovens of Dachau be *used AGAIN*—this time to cremate the bodies of helpless *captives*? Scripture answers "YES!"

Only GOD can protect you!

Why AMERICA Is Cursed!

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your descendants [our people today] amazing plagues, severe plagues and prolonged, diseases sore and prolonged; He will bring back upon you the diseases of Egypt [cancer, heart-failure, T.B., etc.]. . . . You shall enjoy no ease . . . the Eternal will give you an anxious mind . . . a spirit that languishes away; your life shall be lived in suspense, you shall be afraid [fear and worry] by night and by day, unable to have any confidence in life . . ." (Deut. 28:1 to the 29th chapter).

"SUCH WERE THE TERMS OF THE COMPACT which the Eternal ordered Moses to draw up with the Israelites in the land of Moab, *in addition to* the Compact which He had made with them at Horeb" (Deut. 29:1).

There it is!

Because Abraham did obey God, and keep His commandments, God *stood bound* to bring all these blessings upon our people. In Lev. 26 you will read how, thru Moses, God promises these blessings for Israel of that day *IF* they would follow His orders and live His WAY. But if they rebelled and refused, then they were to be driven into national captivity, and the promised blessings withheld 2520 years (seven times). That happened. The 2520 years expired shortly after 1800 A.D.

ALL THESE GREAT NATIONAL BLESSINGS CAME TO BRITAIN AND AMERICA, beginning 1803 A.D. We have been privileged to enjoy them, not because we have kept God's ways, but because Abraham did (Gen. 26:5). But now God

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Which Old Testament LAWS *should we keep today?*

Again we find it necessary to publish the basic principles explaining which laws are still in force. Here is how you can know which laws in the Old Testament were changed or abolished, and which we are commanded to observe today!

by Herman L. Hoeh

LETTERS from new members often ask us, "How can I know the difference between the added ceremonial laws and the spiritual laws which we are to observe today?"

This question is absolutely BASIC.

Everyone of you needs to understand in detail the answer to this question. Your Christian growth—your very character—depends on your knowledge of this question.

The entire Bible was written to illustrate the lives of individuals who have kept the spiritual laws God set in motion. We need to study their example.

New Testament Teaching

Notice, first of all, the New Testament teaching.

Jesus—the living Head of our Church—told the disciples: "Whoso therefore shall break one of these *least* commandments, and shall teach men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoso shall DO and TEACH them, the same shall be called *great* in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:19).

How important it is that we—the disciples of Jesus today—become familiar with the least commandments—that we live by *every word of God*.

Bible Is Final AUTHORITY

God's Church differs from all others in that it takes the Bible as ABSOLUTE and FINAL AUTHORITY.

No one can gain entrance into God's Kingdom unless that individual first recognizes the authority and rule of God.

We are not to argue with God or use human reason to evade the plain commands of Scripture. God is Supreme Lawgiver. He knows what is best for us. He has perfect wisdom and understanding. We can place our confidence in Him and rely on His judgment which He committed to writing for us—in the Bible.

The tendency is to use human reason to side-step what seems of lesser importance to us. It is so very easy for us to say: "I don't see why God would want us to keep this. It seems so impractical in this modern age. Now here is the way I see it."

This attitude is exactly what makes other churches carnal and worldly—of the devil. They use their human reason instead of accepting the Bible as *final AUTHORITY*.

Some of you brethren have been negligent in your study of God's laws. You have forgotten the admonition: "Lay up these My words in your heart and in your soul. . . . And ye shall teach them [to] your children, talking of them, when you sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deut. 11:18-19).

This is for us today!

It does us good, however, when so

many of you ask us questions about the Way that God reveals you should live. We know that when you write us you are in earnest to understand the laws of God. So let us all open our minds and come to a new understanding of pure, true Christianity.

Ten Commandments Binding at Creation

God's Church recognizes the eternal binding authority of the Ten Commandments. David was inspired to say: "All His commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness" (Ps. 110:7-8). Jesus didn't abolish the Ten Commandments. "Think not," He said, "that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I came not to destroy, but to fulfill."

We must follow His example today and *fulfill* the law. We must believe the prophets, too—and obey God as they commanded us.

The Ten Commandments constitute the *basic spiritual law* which regulates human life. It is "holy, just and good," said Paul in Romans 7:12 and 14.

First, remember that God's basic spiritual laws existed from the beginning. When speaking of divorce, Jesus said that "*from the beginning* it was not so" (Matt. 19:8). It was a sin *at the beginning* of this present creation to commit adultery!

The world strayed so far from the

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has fulfilled His promise to Abraham.

And now, from here, America is to be blessed, or cursed ACCORDING TO HER OWN DEEDS. And America today is breaking every order of God's compact, and already beginning to suffer EVERY CURSE listed as a penalty. *GOD SAVE AMERICA!* God help America to *wake up, and come to her senses!*

AMERICA TODAY STANDS *DOOMED!*

How YOU Personally May Escape

The destruction will come from the place we least expect. Not Russia, but from Germany, and a united Europe—

the Europe we are helping today.

If you hear ministers DENYING this coming doom, assuring the people of PEACE, telling them to do that which is right in their own eyes, and that God's commands are done away, just read Jer. 23:16-17, 31-32, and Ezek. 34:1-10, and I John 2:4.

God help this nation to UNDERSTAND.

But *you*—you, personally, whose eyes God has opened—if *you* will remain true to God, forsaking your own way and the ways and customs of the people, repenting, and seeking God thru Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, giving your very SELF to HIM, dedicating your life

to Him, and to live by every word of the Bible—YOU CAN DELIVER YOUR OWN SOUL FROM THE TRIBULATIONS AND THE PLAGUES TO COME!

Christ died to deliver you from the curse of the law! He paid the penalty of your sins in your stead. Now you can receive the *blessings* of the law if you continue in obedience!

"WATCH ye therefore"—yes, WATCH world events fulfill prophecy—"and PRAY ALWAYS, that ye may be accounted worthy to *escape all these things* that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36). So warned, and *promised*, Jesus Christ!

truth that, by the days of Moses, God had to reveal His law anew to the Israelites. Israel had lost a knowledge of God's ways while in Egyptian bondage. Let us notice, however, that God was merely revealing the laws which were already in force. The old covenant did *not* establish the spiritual laws.

In Exodus 16:28 we read that the Eternal, when speaking about Israel to Moses, said: "How long do you refuse to keep my commandments and my laws?"

Israel could not refuse what did not exist!

Now turn to Exodus 18:16. Moses told his father-in-law that when the people have a dispute, "I make them know the statutes of God and his laws."

Other Laws Based on Ten Commandments

Notice! *Here are the statutes and laws of God existing BEFORE the old covenant.* As they existed before the old covenant, they could not be abolished when it ceased to exist. The old covenant could not destroy what it did not bring into force. The old covenant was merely an AGREEMENT to keep these laws which were already in force!

Notice how the statutes and laws of God magnify the Ten Commandments: God forbids us to eat unclean meats. To lust after what He forbids is to covet. One of the Ten Commandments says: "Thou shalt NOT covet."

Notice also that God's law made provision for *judgments* to be established over the centuries. (See Numbers 27:11 for example.) The judgments are binding *decisions* based on God's previously revealed law. The Church of God today from time to time may issue judgments—as in the case of "make-up."

But when did the carnal ceremonies and sacrifices of the Levitical priesthood begin? And how can we distinguish them from the statutes and laws that existed *prior* to the old covenant?

When Did Sacrificial Laws Begin?

When God brought Israel to the foot of Mt. Sinai, He gave the Ten Commandments to them. He allowed Moses to declare all the statutes and judgments to Israel (Exodus, chapters 20-24). These statutes and judgments **MAGNIFY** the Ten Commandments.

Now notice carefully. There is only one sacrifice mentioned in the book of the law—the *passover* sacrifice (Exodus 23:18). God called it "MY sacrifice." Next, turn to Jeremiah 7:22-23. Listen to what the Eternal inspired Jeremiah to write: "For in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, I DID NOT SPEAK . . . OR COMMAND them concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices. But this COMMAND I GAVE THEM: 'Obey

my voice . . . and walk in ALL THE WAY THAT I COMMAND YOU, that it may be well with you.'"

God did not command these sacrifices to be offered originally. This explains why none of those temporary sacrifices were perpetuated by different symbols in the New Testament Church. **ONLY THE PASSOVER IS PRESERVED BY DIFFERENT SYMBOLS TODAY**—because it began *before* the old covenant was made. (See its institution in Exodus 12 before the Israelites left Egypt.)

The very fact that Jesus substituted unleavened bread and wine for the passover lamb only, and not for the temporary offerings, is absolute proof that the ceremonial old testament offerings are not binding today!—but that the passover *is* binding!

Paul says (Gal. 3:19) these temporary rituals and sacrifices were "added because of transgression"—because God's spiritual law was being broken—*until* Christ should come. They foreshadowed the sacrifices of Christ and were a "reminder of sin" to teach the people the need of the Messiah who would pay the penalty of human transgression (Hebrews 10:3).

Notice that these temporary laws did *not* define sin. They were reminders of sin. *God's spiritual laws define sin.* The laws which define sin—which explain what sin is—these laws we are to keep today.

Sacrifices FOREVER?

Consider for a moment the New Testament instructions about sacrifices.

Today we have *spiritual* offerings and sacrifices: "Ye . . . are being built unto a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ," wrote Peter. (See I Peter 2:5 and 9.) We are to "present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well-pleasing to God, your spiritual service" (Romans 12:1).

It is a *spiritual principle* to offer oneself in living obedience—to sacrifice the self—to God. God Almighty is worthy to receive such service from us.

The principle of offering sacrifices existed before Moses. Christ volunteered to offer Himself *from the beginning* to pay for the sins of mankind. In the period from Moses to Christ the practice of giving offerings was reduced to a physical plane. The children of Israel were a physical, carnal people without the promise of the Holy Spirit. They could not offer themselves in spiritual obedience to God (Deut. 29:4), so they performed ritualistic washings and offered animals and other physical types instead.

They also *needed to be reminded* of Jesus' sacrifice, so God gave them physical types in the "law of Moses," "until

the seed should come." But remember, the *spiritual sacrifices*—of which those in the law of Moses were merely temporary types—are still to be offered up by us today!

"But," many ask, "weren't the Levitical sacrifices ordained *forever*?"

Yes, the Bible does say that the Levitical priesthood and its sacrifices were to be perpetual or forever. But let us understand the real significance of the Hebrew word translated "forever." It means *continuous, so long as the factors involved exist.*

Notice three scriptures where this meaning is made plain. Men could be the slaves of a master *forever*—meaning till the death of one of the parties. (See Exodus 21:6; Lev. 25:46; Deut. 15:17.)

What are the factors which may limit the offering of sacrifices? One, the *need* of a physical, human priesthood. Two, the *need* for sacrifices.

Now consider the following:

What is the purpose of a priesthood? To offer sacrifices and to act on behalf of men in relation to God (Hebrews 5:1 and 8:3). But how long do offerings as reminders of sin need to be made? Paul tells us: "Now where remission of [sins] is, *there is no more offering for sin*" (Hebrews 10:18).

To offer sacrifices as reminders of sins already paid for by Jesus, who gave His life in full payment for all sins, is needless.

Moreover, **SINCE THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS ALSO BEEN MADE AVAILABLE, PHYSICAL OFFERINGS AND VARIOUS WASHINGS WHICH ARE TYPES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED. HENCE THE PHYSICAL LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD IS NO LONGER NECESSARY**—the old testament washings and offerings are no longer binding. The factors involved in the law of Moses ceased to exist.

God ALONE Changes Laws

Perhaps we have failed to realize that God **ALONE** has the right to add and change or alter carnal or fleshly laws.

The carnal laws were subject to change because they were only types of the promised seed, Christ, who should take upon Himself the sins of the world. When the circumstances were altered, the obligation to practice the carnal laws ceased.

But what about the spiritual laws?

GOD WILL NOT ALTER HIS SPIRITUAL LAWS. The spiritual laws describe the very character of God. They enable us to know what God is like. Since the character of God remains *unchanging*—"I change not, saith the Eternal" (Mal. 3:6) and "Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8)—the spiritual laws could not change.

Now let us notice where we can find exactly what constituted the temporary laws. Turn with me to Hebrews 9:9-10.

Carnal Laws Distinguished from Others

In these two verses we read of the material gifts and sacrifices which included "ONLY meats and drinks and diverse washings—carnal ordinances, imposed until the time of reformation."

Notice that the temporary laws did not pertain to murder or theft or sabbath-breaking, but were ONLY those ordinances regulating meat and drink offerings and different washings or ablutions of the unclean. *These external washings were a type of the Holy Spirit cleaning us up within.*

ANY OTHER LAWS NOT INCLUDED IN HEBREWS 9:10 WERE NOT PART OF THE RITUALS ADDED BECAUSE OF SIN!

Remember this point!

It will help you to know which rites in the old testament were added to the statutes and judgments already in existence.

What Is the Law of Moses?

Some people are easily confused by the trick statement that the Ten Commandments are the law of Moses. They turn to Luke 2:22-24 in which the ceremonies of the "law of Moses" are also called part of the "law of the Lord."

Why is the "law of Moses" also called the "law of the Lord"?

Because all law comes from God! Moses is not the lawmaker! He merely told the people the laws that God set in motion (John 1:17).

The law of Moses is NEVER called the Ten Commandments. It comprises only statutes and judgments which God gave him to communicate to the people. The difference between the law of Moses and the Ten Commandments is that God spoke the ten words, but Moses delivered the statutes and judgments.

Now, let us recall that when Moses first delivered the statutes and judgments, *the law of Moses had no sacrifices connected with it.* Jeremiah said so! (Jer. 7:22).

The law of Moses was originally the civil law, based on the principles of the Ten Commandments. These civil statutes and judgments are right and good (Psalm 119:7,8).

But after the close of the old covenant (Ex. 24), the Levitical priesthood was established and the laws regulating offerings were added (Exodus 28:1). (Prior to this time offerings were voluntary and young men were priests—Exodus 24:5.)

Therefore the law of Moses *has more than one part!*

Notice God's definition of the original part of that law in Malachi 4:4: "Remember the law of my servant

Moses, the statutes and judgments that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel."

This law we are not to forget. We are to keep it!

BUT ADDED TO THIS LAW LATER WERE OTHER STATUTES REGULATING MATERIAL RITUALS, SUCH AS SACRIFICES, LIGHTING OF CANDLES, BURNING INCENSE, AND VARIOUS WASHINGS FOR THE UNCLEAN.

This almost unnoticed fact is what causes so much difficulty in understanding that the LAW OF MOSES WAS COMPOSED OF TWO DISTINCT PARTS: THE CIVIL AND THE RITUALISTIC!

Part of Law of Moses Still in Force!

Jesus said the two great commandments were love to God and love to neighbor. Do you know from where He quoted these laws?

Out of the book of the law!—the laws that Moses spoke to the people. Read it in Leviticus 19:18: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." And Deuteronomy 6:4: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."

In II John 5 and 6, God commands Christians to obey these two basic laws which He communicated to the people by Moses! In II Kings 23:25, Josiah is praised because he "turned to the Lord with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF MOSES!"

Notice how plain it is. The civil law of Moses expounds the Ten Commandments by revealing how the ten basic principles are to be applied. We are to *keep* this part of the law, not in the strictness of the letter, but according to its spirit and intent.

Added Part NO LONGER in Force

Then why do we read in Acts that Gentile converts do not have to observe the "law of Moses," except for four points? (Acts 15.) The answer is made plain in Acts 21:21.

The laws of Moses called in question involved "customs." Read it for yourself. The Jews were falsely accusing Paul, saying that he taught Jews living abroad "not to circumcise their children or observe the CUSTOMS!" (Acts 21:21.)

The controversy in the early Church did not involve the *civil* law of Moses. It involved only the *ceremonial* additions to the original *civil* law of Moses—only *customs*—ADDED ceremonies or rituals.

This is further proven by noticing the four points, included in the law added by Moses, which are binding on all Christians everywhere. We are not to eat blood, animals which are strangled, meats offered to idols or to practice fornication. These four points were origi-

nally part of the civil law of Moses.

They were also included *later* with the added ceremonies to regulate the typical sacrifices. The Gentiles are their sacrifices with the blood, often strangled their animals, and presented them to idols. They also committed fornication in their religious ceremonies. *To prevent these pagan customs being practised by Israel*, God included the four civil laws along with the rituals. (See Lev. 17:7 and 10; Numbers 25:1-3.)

When the ceremonies were declared no longer binding (in Acts 15), these four points had to be declared binding because some would have thought they were abolished along with the temporary rituals. But since these four points were part of the civil law before the addition of the rituals, they remained binding *after* the abolition of the physical sacrifices and washings!

How plain! *Only the ceremonial customs* of the law of Moses have passed away.

The *civil* law of Moses *which defined sin* was not called in question, was not involved.

The many civil laws regulating tithing, clean and unclean meats, the annual sabbaths, and many others are still for the New Testament Church because they explain what sin is. They were *not* part of the *ceremonial* law of Moses mentioned in Hebrews 9:10 and abolished in Acts 15. The civil principles of the law of Moses were a *separate* law and not part of the *added* "law of Moses" which is no longer in force.

Ministration of Death

Now let us consider the use of the death penalty in old testament times.

A common question often asked is this: Why do we not enforce the death penalty for sabbath-breakers or for any other violation of the Ten Commandments?

The answer to this question is found in Matthew 5. Let us turn to this important chapter again. Jesus was anticipating doubts in the minds of the disciples. He commences by saying He came to keep the law, not to destroy it. Then He proceeds to CHANGE the APPLICATION of the civil laws as they were given to ancient Israel. He magnifies them and makes them honorable. He raises them from narrow, national laws—given to a carnal nation to be administered according to the strict letter—to a spiritual plane regulating the whole of human society. Six times Jesus says: "You have heard it said in olden times. . . . But I say to you. . . ." and He then proceeds to expound the spiritual principles *underlying the civil laws of Moses.*

In particular, notice Matthew 5:38: "You have heard that it was said, 'An
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Here are three pictures of the audience taken during the Festival this year. Above is the overflow crowd of several hundred in the lounge room. They were able only to hear, but not see, the speakers. The upper right-hand picture is part of the main audience seated in the Tabernacle during one of the services. Nearly two thousand were seated in the Tabernacle in full view of the pulpit. Those still unable to find seats crowded at the north entrance of the Tabernacle as in the picture at the right. Brethren, we have completely outgrown this Tabernacle in five short years!

Greatest FEAST in Centuries

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Meredith, having recently returned from their trip to Africa, the Middle East and Europe, presented special slides of their trip. Mr. Hoeh spoke on the race problem in the United States, as viewed by the Negroes in Africa. His sermon will appear in *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

Mr. Armstrong asked Dr. Meredith to speak to the audience—for the very first time. Although Dr. Meredith is a fully ordained Evangelist, he is not a preacher. His ministry is perhaps one of the most IMPORTANT in the work of God for today, however! He writes and edits a major portion of the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course.

Throughout the Festival, there was a

spirit of love, of harmony, of peace among the people of God. Hundreds saw Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong for the first time. They heard Mr. Armstrong bring the major messages, and perhaps envisioned for the first time the great SCOPE of this tremendous work of God to which God has called all of us!

As the eight days drew to a close, I'm sure many felt sorrowful these days of wonderful fellowship and spiritual rejoicing couldn't continue! The hymn, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," was sung with perhaps more real depth of feeling than ever before on the final afternoon, October 17th.

Shortly after sunset, on Thursday,

some began to depart for their homes. Through the next morning, most had gone, taking with them the new knowledge and spiritual growth they had received, and their ears filled with the inspired messages they had heard.

Enjoyable as was this glorious eight days—the Kingdom of God, which this wonderful Festival only pictured, will be much MORE enjoyable! Let's never forget the sermons we heard! And for those brethren who couldn't come this past Feast—STRIVE to come next time!

You can't afford not to come! It will be the greatest experience of your life! God *COMMANDS* your presence at the Feast of Tabernacles!

Which Laws in Force?

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eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, do not resist one who is evil. But if any one strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. . . ."

Civil Law Restored to Perfection

JESUS RESTORED THESE SPIRITUAL LAWS as they were from the beginning. But why was Moses commanded to give them only in the letter to ancient Israel?

Ancient Israel was not like the Church of God today. It was a national church—a carnal nation organized into the congregation of Israel. They did not have the promise of the Holy Spirit; they were a nation of *this* world. Moses said that they did not even have the power or strength of will to keep what little he commanded them (Deut. 5:29).

And neither do human beings today! People don't want to obey the commandments. "The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God" (Rom. 8:7). Israel needed punishments for lawbreakers to keep

peace and security in the land. Therefore God allowed human judges to take His divine prerogatives and to execute punishments on their fellow men.

Jesus gave the civil law to Moses in the strict letter at Mount Sinai for a physical church. Fifteen centuries later Jesus restored the spirit of the law for the spiritual Church of God.

Jesus came to make it possible for us to be forgiven and to have the very nature of God acting in us. Therefore He restored the civil law to its original spiritual perfection.

(To be continued in future issue)

