

LOST FOR WANT OF A WORD.

"Lost for want of a word!
 Fallen among thieves and dying,
 Priest and Levite passing
 The place where he was lying;
 He is too faint to call,
 Too far off to be heard;
 There are those beside life's highway
 Lost for want of a word.
 "Lost for want of a word!
 A word that you might have spoken;
 Who knows what eyes may be dim
 Or what hearts may be aching and
 broken.
 Go scatter beside all waters,
 Nor sicken at hope deferred,
 Let never a soul by thy dumbness
 Be lost for want of a word."

LESSON IN CHRONOLOGY.

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This lecture (in outline here given) was delivered at the Cleveland (O.) Training School December, 1904. It is published here as a chapter in our series on Prophecy. Chronos (gk) "Time;" logos "science." Chronology: The science of Time.

1. Every Period of Time in the Prophets is an Astronomic Cycle of consummate use. A Chronos: a "Time" is 360 years. Times—plural—is twice 360, 720 years; a half time is 180 years. Seven (7) times is 2,520 years—half of that is 3½ times—"midst of a week" is 1,260 years, or 42 months (42x30). "Time, times and a half time" is 3½ times, is 1,260 years.

2. This Seven Times, Chronos, 7x 360—2,520 is the least common multiple of the ten digits. That is, multiply the factors of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 together and this number—2,520—is the smallest number that will result from it. Hence it is a cycle of great value and frequent use in Chronology, Prophecy, Astronomy and History.

3. This cycle, 2,520 years, is 140 Eclipse Cycles of 18 years each. The eclipses of the sun run in "terms" of 18 years.

4. This cycle, 2,520 years, is 168 Hebrew Solar Cycles of 15 years each: 168x15=2,520. This fact is the basis of Moses' Almanac. The Old Testament times and seasons are based upon a solilunar calendar of astronomical accuracy. The "higher critics," so called, generally and commonly ignorant of Astronomy Chronology so true History, are blind and dumb to all this. Moses and the Prophets and the Great Pyramid agree with the best and deepest researches of Astronomy; the Bible is a book of marvelous and accurate astronomical indorsements of its absolute accuracy in dates, times and seasons. It challenges the honesty of the infidels who occupy our pulpits today.

5. This cycle, 2,520 years, is 360 Antediluvian Sunday Cycles of 7 years each. This fact confounds Sabbatarianism, who seek to tinker and fudge with God's great seven-day clock.

6. This cycle, 2,520 years, is 90 modern solar cycles of 28 years each; 90x28=2,520 years. Look up any standard Astronomy.

7. This cycle, 2,520 years, is 132 Lunan (Metonic) Cycles of 19 years and 12 over, "epact" in which 77 Lunar years equal 75 solar years. Look up the definitions of Metonic Cycle in any good astronomy or cyclopaedia. This cycle of disastrous judgment has visited the Presidents of the United States. Harrison came into office in 1840, and died; Lincoln in 1860, and died; Garfield in 1880, and died. I attended the inauguration of McKinley in 1900 and said to some then present: "He will die in office." The time had run out and he died in office. Now watch for the day of evil omens in 1920. As to McKinley's death, "at the end of the year" 5900 A. M., i. e. 1901, in September, moaning "Nearer, my God to Thee," on the great "day of Atonement," murdered by a saloon an-

archist, see chapter in this series for details.

8. This cycle, 2,520 years, is frequently referred to in Scripture. The year of Creation: The year of Exodus: The year of Daniel: The year of Christ. These are great events in prophecy and history! Each one of these 4 events commence with a common team of eclipses. Note the deep meaning of this fact. We expect to point out some problems of the Great God and His dealings with men in these chapters. We shall offer some nuts for the higher critics to crack which will break all their teeth.

9. Daniel uses the term "Time," a chronos of 20 cycles of 18 years each, i. e., 360 years.

The cycle, 2,520 years, covers 3 famous cycles, one of 7 years, multiplied by another of 20 and another of 18, as defined above; 315 years, equals 1,260—4, equals 2,520—8; a cycle more accurate than the metonic cycle; frequently used in Scripture.

10. 1,260 years; Daniel's "Time Times and a half;" "42 months," in the ecliptic (less than one-half a degree.) Revelation is a cycle in which the sun and the Moon return to the same point.

11. The cycle of 1,040 years is a solar, lunar, diurnal period in which the Sun and the Moon return to the same point in the ecliptic.

12. The cycle of 2,300 years (see Daniel, 8:15) is a cycle in which the Sun and Moon return to the same point in the ecliptic.

12. 1290. This is a cycle see Daniel again) epact 30 years. 1,335. This is a cycle (see Daniel again, Chapter 12) epact 75 years; 1,260 plus epact 30 equals 1,290; 1,260 plus epact 45 plus 30 equals 75 equals 1,335. This epact gives us the difference in lunar and solar time.

14. This cycle, 3,996—¼ which is the period from Adam the first to Jesus (the second Adam) is a remarkable period of value to students of the Bible It—3,996—is 6 times 666, or 222x18 (18 is an eclipse cycle) see above. This team of eclipses revolved every 18 years, and rolled around 222 times from Adam to Jesus of Nazareth,

15. Six is an "evil number." It belongs to sin and Satan, and not to God or man. (There are 666 years in the number of the Beast, Rev. 13.) In 3,996 are 6 of these 666 year periods; the number of the Beast, "which is the number of a man." From 60 B. C. to 606 A. D. equals 666 years. This is the period of the "fourth Kingdom" of Daniel's vision. The Empire of Caesar More anon.

16. Jesus was born at the winter solstice (December 25) of 3,996 (plus one-quarter year) Anno Mundi (3997). This is proved by Central solar eclipse No. 1, which was followed by total lunar eclipse No. 8, Janu. 18-19, 3998 A. M. Recorded by Josephus, 17-5-3.

This is the Bone of our Contention. This is the crisis of our subject. Here we stand and defy "higher criticism" and infidelity of every shade and hue.

17. This cycle, 525, is a consummate period of value. It is (35x15) 35 cycles of the soli-lunar calendar of Old Testament usage, used by Moses and the Prophets; 70 years is a "generation," 35 a "half generation;" "three score and ten;" one and a half is 105, and 5 of these 105 year cycles equals the 525 year cycle which reaches exactly from Gabriel's visit to Daniel to the same angel's visit to Mary, the Virgin, announcing the birth of the Messiah! Is there no meaning in these stupendous facts, oh ye cavillers and critics of God's Holy Book?

18. The cycle 651 is the period of the revolution of the magnetic pole. It is also a famous eclipse cycle. In it occur 2,520 eclipses. Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem in A. M. 3416; add this cycle and we reach 4067 A. M. i. e., A. D. 69. Titus burns the Temple! "The selfsame day it came to pass!"

19. The cycle of 25,827 years is called

by astronomers the "Magnum Annum," the great year, the period of the procession of the equinoxes. It is nearly the period of 70 times ("a generation") the 365¼ days in a year!

20. Jerusalem's Temple was burnt A. D. 69. Add 1,260 and 666, two famous cycles as above, and we get 1,995, the "end of the age," or 6 days from Adam, 1 each day 1,000 years.

Again, 637 B. C. plus 666 equals 29 A. D.! Jesus died! !

Again, 637 A. D. plus 1,260 equals 1,897 A. D. But 637 is the rising sun of the Turk, who troubled Israel. What is 1897 A. D.? but the setting sun of the Turk, who is being troubled by Anglo-Israel bayonets, mortgages and missionaries!

POWER FROM ON HIGH.

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We live in a universe of power. The potential forces of Abraham's day are utilized today in the realm of pleasure, industry, and war. Then, a man reckoned his power according to the strength of his arm, or at most, the additional strength of his horse. The days of real toil were long ago. Goods were manufactured, weapons were made effective, and distances were traversed according to the physical strength exercised. Even the great blocks of the pyramids were placed there by human power. But man has increased his strength today not by physical development, but by harnessing exterior forces. The development of science testifies to human intelligence, but much more to the unlimited power God has placed in natural laws. A hand pulls a throttle and the factory with its thousand machines becomes a hive of industry. Intelligence directs the power and marvellous are the results. The lightning express train, with its load of human freight, flying through the valley, dashing across rivers, and driving under mountains, speaks of power. The mighty steamships keeps to its course in spite of winds or waves, because within her there is tremendous power. Chemists have been able to combine materials which when ignited generate gases so antagonistic to each other that they hurl an immense projectile sixteen miles. Today men are flying through the air faster than the swiftest bird. Man becomes indeed the conquerer of the world by utilizing exterior forces.

The God of nature is also the God of grace. Power in one realm is as great as in the other. We get our word dynamite from the greek word dunamis—Paul called the gospel the dynamite of God. The same Christ who made the worlds and wrapped up in them all their forces, came also to redeem man from sin. He unlocked the greatest power known to the race, the power of God unto the Salvation of the soul. He intended his disciples to be receptacles of his power. To them He said "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Let us notice what this power is to the individual. 1st, It is power to be. Character with God is of pre-eminent importance, "Better is he that ruleth his own spirit than he that taketh a city." History tells of artists who painted the grandest pictures; poets whose muse captured the hearts of a nation; soldiers who led armies that conquered kingdoms; Statesmen who moulded parliaments at their will; Ecclesiastical dignitaries who governed the councils of the church; Preachers who swayed the feelings of the popular throng; yet according to the Bible standard many of these were weak men. They could lead others but failed to conquer themselves. Alexander, Napoleon, Marlborough, Grant, Geogrey, Burns and Byron, were at best but strong, weak men—strong in natural abilities but weak in moral power. Ambition, pride, appetite, envy, lust, or jealousy blighted their lives. The baptism with

the Holy Ghost makes a man Lord of himself. He is able to conquer himself because he has let God conquer him. The carnal self is crucified that the true selfhood may find its proper expression. When Saul of Tarsus died, Paul the flaming apostle came forth. Not till the moral and spiritual nature is unified by the baptism of the Holy Ghost can one cease being their own worst enemy. They have an enemy within that will betray them. Dr. Carradine tells how he had preached a sermon at a camp meeting that brought many to the altar. He heard the people saying: "He is a prince in Israel." He hastened home to tell his wife of his success; but sad to say the prince in Israel got mad at the teatable when one of the children upset the milk pitcher. Not till he received the pentecostal blessing did he realize what the highest spiritual power meant, for it gave him victory over himself.

This blessing cured Peter of cowardice; John of bigotry; Thomas of doubting. Peter did not say they were baptized for service but that their hearts had been "purified by faith;" And not till people want to be pure within rather than happy or prominent in Christian work will they receive the blessing.

2nd. It is power to see. Carnity is blind. It could see no good in Jesus, and nailed him to the cross. While it remained in the hearts of the disciples they saw Jesus chiefly as a temporal ruler, but Pentecost clarified their vision. In its light they could fully understand Calvary.

A parishoner of a brother pastor, who had received the blessing, called his pastor up on the telephone and said: "Brother I have a new Bible," I see holiness on every page. No college or seminary education, apart from the Holy Ghost can make a man a true interpreter of the word. Many a preacher with ordinary abilities and limited education but baptized with the Holy Ghost; far surpasses the cultured machine made preacher who knows not the power of God. I recently met a young preacher who had graduated in London and Boston and is now taking his doctor's degree in Cornell. He is a young man of splendid intellect, ability and personality. He knows the ancient languages, intimately, but he does not know the language of Canaan. He does not believe in epochal experiences that save a man through and through. His hobby is evolution—struggling and getting no where. Man rising higher by developing inherent powers. He is about as foolish as the man who refuses to ride on the express train preferring to walk even though the ticket has been provided. Many who in the realm of mechanics cease trusting in their own strength and lay hold on exterior forces, are not wise enough in the realm of grace to act on the same principal. Carnality blinds. If shepherds were as anxious for a baptism of the Holy Ghost as they are for a Baptism of Boston culture the poor starving sheep would be getting more food.

3rd. It enables us to do; To do what God would have us do. It links us on to onimpotence and we can say: "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me." It may not mean that I can make a watch, run an engine, or direct a government, for that is not my work. But I can do what God wants me to do in the sphere in which He has placed me. It enables us to do little things with a great motive, and motive counts with God. Many a prayer, sermon and gift that is big in the eyes of men is small in His sight. The Holy Spirit takes what we have and uses it to the best advantage, and the more knowledge, culture, tact and personal charm one possesses the larger their responsibility and the greater the work God intends them to do.

But God can use humble folk. He can take a worm and thresh a moun-

tain, if He can get the kink out of the worm. Amanda Smith a humble wash erwoman, sought to be sanctified. She did not ask to be happy or useful but to be Holy. God sanctified her. Soon she left the washtub to preach the Gospel of full Salvation around the world before great ecclesiastic and noble people, as well as to the poor and ignorant. She has built orphanages and schools and converted thousands. God has used her because she let Him have His way. There is many a girl or boy in a humble rural home, with apparently little chance for education, whom God would lift up into influence and power if they would let Him have His way. Alas so few are willing to pay the price for spiritual power. They are not willing to die in order that they might have "the life more abundant," and become weak in order that they might be made strong. Child of God the promise is to you "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

YOUTHFUL CONVERSIONS.

"They that seek me early shall find me." This is equivalent to saying that those who fail to seek early are apt not to seek at all.

Of one thousand converted Sabbath School scholars in the United States, Great Britain and Canada, the United Presbyterian found that:

One hundred and twenty-eight scholars were converted at the age of from 8 to 12 years.

Three hundred and ninety-two scholars were converted at the age of from 13 to 16 years.

Three hundred and twenty-two scholars were converted at the age of from 17 to 20 years.

One hundred and eighteen scholars were converted at the age of from 21 to 24 years.

Forty scholars were converted at the age of from 25 to 60 years.

Fifty-two per cent were converted by the age of 16.

Eighty-four per cent by the age of 20.

Ninety-six per cent by the age of 24. Four per cent at older ages.

The longer conversion is postponed the more likely it is never to occur. Procrastination is a deceiver. Neglect hardens the heart. Confirmation in non-religious ways is likely to continue to the grave.—Selected.

A Quaker is said to have thus addressed John Wesley: "Friend Wesley, I have had a dream concerning thee. I thought I saw thee surrounded with a large flock of sheep which thou didst not know how to feed. I enclose a note for one hundred pounds to help thee feed them. How many Christian friends have beautiful dreams about helping the cause of Scriptural holiness, but how few remember their dreams and act as the Quaker did."

Enthusiasm does not mean commotion, but it does mean activity. It has been defined "love on fire." It comes from within, not from without. It is an artesian-well energy, springing up and refreshing all the faculties of mind, body and soul. It keeps all the machinery of life active, but it must be oiled by love.—Sel.

There are 11,089 chapters in the Bible—three tell us from whence we came, 11,063 tell us whither we are going and seek to prepare us for the great beyond.

"But how is one to be saved from worry? The same way he is saved from sickness—by taking the preventive. The remedy for worry is the reception of the abiding Comforter.

Noble thoughts make noble arts! a soul occupied with great ideas best performs the smallest duties; the divinest views of life penetrate into the meanest emergencies.—Farrar.