

him, "How can you stand it?" His reply was, "As long as American women want to be prettier than God made them, I will continue to earn big dividends."

If this craze was confined to the devil's children, we could make that madness the distinguishing mark between the saved and the lost, but, sad to say, even high professors of religion in this way, show that they are "a friend of the world" at the fearful cost of thus becoming "the enemy of God" as shown in James 4:4.

At God's Bible school, in 1929, I recall the almost angelic beauty of character in the faces of the girl students who assigned us to our rooms.

Child of God: "Is any more evidence needed to enable you to answer the question at the head of this article?"—Frank G. Shafer.

#### HOW TO BE SAVED

By Rev. I. F. Kierstead

Scripture: "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19, 10.

Reader, do you know that all men are lost by nature? Lost to what? To fellowship with God. What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? I. Cor. 6, 14, "How can two walk together except they be agreed?" Do you agree with God? If not, you are lost to fellowship with Him.

Then many are lost to Heaven. How can we hope to get to Heaven without any preparation for that Holy place. "There shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie." Rev. 21, 27. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Math. 5, 8. Does God mean what he says there? Surely! Then only the pure in heart can enter Heaven.

Many are lost to the image of God. "So God created man in His own image." Gen. 1, 27. But that image was lost through the fall. Can it be restored? Yes! By what means? Evolution? No! Through Christ. "We all beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord are changed into the same image from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord." II. Corinthians 3, 18. Not by works of righteousness which we have done but according to His mercy He saved us by the washing of regeneration and the renewal of the Holy Spirit. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16, 3. What from? Sin! "He came to save His people from their sins." Math. 1, 21.

Note.—We are glad to have this article written by one late brother, Rev. I. F. Keirstead. It was found recently among his papers and sent to us by his good wife. We trust the Lord will make it a blessing to our readers. "He being dead, yet speaketh."—Editor.

#### THE HOW OF SALVATION

An evangelist told of a champion chess player's criticism upon the celebrated painting called "The Lost Game," in which a boy played a game of chess with the Devil. The champion said the boy had not lost the game, and to prove it, sat down and won the game from the same combination of men on the chess-board as in the painting. He won the game in two moves. He pointed to the moral. The Devil thinks the game of life is lost. But in two moves on our part—Repentance and Faith—Christ wins. Will you make the two moves and let Him win in your case?

#### CONDEMNATION

True and False

(E. E. Shelhamer)

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." (Rom. 8:1).

God in a righteous sense condemns all that does not measure up to Divine requirements. Jesus Christ is the Divine standard for all things, to all men, for all time. To be free from guilt and condemnation is our blessed privilege; yet, how few could say that they have gone through the past week or month without getting under condemnation for a moment! Is this standard too high? Not if God helps me! This means:

I. Freedom from all guilt of the PAST; where nothing can rise up and look me in the face and say, "You know you did wrong and it has never been made right."

II. Freedom from all inward smitings of the PRESENT; where no sin or habit now beclouds my sky, but through grace I have complete victory on every line.

III. Freedom from FEAR OF JUDGMENT; where I can look with calm repose in two directions—back to the cradle and see the precious blood covering it all; then forward to the judgment and see a clean, white path, giving "boldness" to come into the immediate presence of God. Say, friend, do you through Christ insist on this freedom?

But Satan tries to counterfeit everything that is of God. Notice a few of his manifestations.

Weirdness. When one is under pressure from him, there is an uneasiness, a mysterious creepiness, an uncanny vagueness that brings uncertainty as to your standing with God. You cannot tell the reason why, yet you wonder what you have done to bring about this confusion and "heaviness through manifold temptations."

Darkness. Satan's favorite time for devilry is night. Men love darkness rather than light." Spiritism does its main work at night, and most of the mediums are immoral women. Job speaks of being "scared with dreams". Sometimes God uses dreams and visions to influence men. Then Satan takes advantage of this to attack conscientious souls in the night. He is the "prince of darkness." "Pestilence walketh in darkness." He will condemn you for the past and frighten you concerning the "future". At such times it is well to keep calm and "not cast away your confidence", but "plead the Blood and demand proof" if you have grieved God or others. If positive proof is lacking, hold your ground and "resist him steadfast in the faith." Make no hasty "decision."

Hopelessness. Satan's accusations are without hope; not so when God reproves or condemns. He always shows a way out, by repentance, restitution and faith. Satan's great trick is to rob one of hope, then suggest, "Give it up!" "End it all!" Oh, beloved, have you been harassed, tantalized and tormented, because, perhaps you failed God, and did not do the best thing? Investigate and see if you "intentionally" sinned. It so, humble yourself in proportion to the offence, and a gracious God will again recognize and own you as His obedient child.

If your telephone is out of fix, a lineman is sent out, who possibly discovers that a tree or something has severed connection. After a little repair, it is easy to again get a message through. In like manner, see if aught has gotten between you and God's smiling face. He cannot and will not cast you off until you "deliberately trifle with light" and back down from God-given con-

victions. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish." (2 Peter 3:9).

#### A LATE REPENTANCE

By Rev. A. J. McKinney

Years ago I was called to pray with a dying woman, the widow of a minister. Her cries (almost wailing) were, "Thouse who are called ought to go; oh, tell those who are called to go; they ought to go!" and these declarations were made over and over, again and again. I did not understand the import of such distressing wails. Weeks after the funeral I was informed that the woman had through years and decades opposed her husband preaching and had refused to go with him in his travels and labors; she had always been a handicap, crippling his usefulness and embarrassing his work. It was said that at times she would consent to go, and after an interval she would again refuse. The matter of her sorrow in her dying hour was a belated vision of what it meant to refuse consent and co-operation with her minister husband, and this was the pang of her last days in the article of death, which is so full of consolation to God's obedient children.

In memory I can hear those woeful cries yet, and though not understood at the time, they are now in full definition. The family of some called man contests his employment, saying he might grow rich in some other pursuit and, succeeding in beguiling him from the ministry, are found in the end in circumstances of poverty and distress above anything suffered in the days of his itinerant labors. It would be well to look down the years to the ending of life and judge whether it will pay to deter husband and father in his heaven-called task.—Free Methodist.

#### THIS IS FAITH

To live one's best today, believing that God will give us strength for the responsibilities of tomorrow when they come.

To use one's best judgment in each emergency, refusing thereafter to reproach one's self for not having used better judgment.

To invest all one has on the side of right, confiding in God that the investment shall be eternally safe.

To meet each rising sun with the knowledge that no temptation will be more than we can meet, if we walk with Christ at our side.

To do the duty that I now see clearly, trusting that each new duty will be clear when I come to it—this is faith.—Sel.

#### "AND THERE SHALL BE FAMINES"

The Archbishop of Canterbury submitted the following report concerning Russia to the English House of Lords: "The number who died of hunger was nearer 6,000,000 than 3,000,000. In one town 40,000 out of a population of 240,000 died; in another four per cent died out of 40,000 inhabitants. There were places where people were living on cats and dogs and where horse-flesh was a luxury. There were places where the advent of mice in spring was regarded as a providential source of food. He had photographs, the authenticity of which it was impossible to doubt, of corpses lying in the streets and other bodies simply waiting on the pavement for death, while the people of the town were passing by as if there was almost nothing particular to notice."—Pentecostal Evangel.