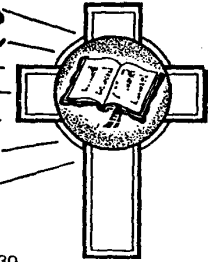




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"The entrance of Thy words
giveth light . . ." Ps. 119: 130

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... THREE MEALS A DAY

In a war plant there was a worker who was exceedingly foul-mouthed. He was intelligent and ought to have been able to use a better vocabulary, but he seemed to delight in profanity. Beside him worked a Christian.

One day the profane worker happened to say to the Christian: "*Tomorrow I am going to church.*" "*What,*" replied the Christian in surprise, "*you go to church? What do you go to church for?*" "*Of course I go to church,*" answered the other; "*I go every week. I go for the nourishment of my soul.*"

The Christian allowed his neighbor to walk away a few steps, and then called after him, "*Say, do you eat only one meal a week?*"

The foul-mouthed worker was puzzled by this remark, and later the Christian explained it.

How many people are there who neglect their souls all week, not only neglect, but damage their souls with sin, and then try to nourish their souls once a week with some supposedly magic ritual? Will one meal a week save them? Or do they not need three meals a day?

No religious form or ritual will avail the man whose mouth remains foul. No ceremony will bring us to God so long as we continue to love our sin. God demands clean hands and a pure heart; and these are obtained only through the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the God of Heaven and earth, the God of Abraham, the Father of Jesus Christ our Lord, grant us a hatred of filth, a love of righteousness,

and everlasting salvation in Christ the Saviour.

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thought: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."
Isaiah 55:7.

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A CRAP GAME

Several sailors were shooting craps. One man began to roll the bones and they came seven. *Lucky.* He shot them again, they came seven. *Remarkable.* He picked them up and rolled them out a third time and they came seven. *Suspicious.*

The other sailors, not being too dumb, concluded that there was something inside the dice to



When the Prime Minister of England stands at the bar of the House of Commons and cries: "A message from the King!" the message takes first place in the proceedings of the House. So must it be with the message of the King of Kings to the soul of man. This message must have first place because it is of first rank.

God's great spokesman the Apostle Paul delivered the Divine message in these terms on one occasion: "But now God commandeth all men everywhere to repent: because He hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man (God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ) whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised him from the dead" (Acts 17:30, 31)

Men are bidden to receive Christ as their Saviour by repenting of their sins and trusting in the Son of God as their Sinbearer and only hope for forgiveness and Heaven. Men are warned that if they will not have Christ as Saviour they must have Him as their Judge at the last great day.

Let men everywhere hear and heed the message of the King!

account for the constantly recurring sevens.

The sailors began to swear. And this was not unusual for sailors often swear. So do soldiers. So do civilians. In addition they are sometimes obscene, and sometimes they steal. In fact, all people without exception do what is wrong. All people commit sins.

And if a man is not too dumb,

he will conclude that there is something inside to account for the constant evil. Where do lies, profanity, obscenity come from if not from inside?

This is what Jesus said: "*Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are things which defile a man.*" (Matthew 15:19).

Men are born with a tendency

to sin. And they will never be fit to come into God's presence unless they are cleansed of their sin from the inside out.

We look at Heaven and long to enter in, but there no evil thing may find a home; and yet I hear a voice that bids me come. A new heart is needed, and God graciously provides such a heart to His own. Here is His promise: "*A new heart also will I give you . . .*" (Ezekiel 36:26).

We may come to God in prayer, or we may come to God in death, only through Jesus Christ whose blood cleanses us from all sin.

Let us admit the plain fact of our great sinfulness before God, who seeth the heart, and let us own Christ as our Lord and Master, and trust Him for our salvation from sin.

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