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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

In thy presence is fulness of joy—at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.—Ps. 17:11.

"Life eternal! Heaven rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead;
Join, O man, the deathless voices;
Child of God, lift up thy head."

To the material senses, life appears to be a development for a period of time, and then a gradual decline. If the material senses were the only source of information as to existence, the future would indeed be a dark outlook. However, citations from the Bible show that God made man like Himself; and in the book of Malachi we read, "I am the Lord, I change not." In order to possess and retain life and strength, we must learn to know God as Spirit and man as spiritual.—Christian Science Monitor.

LOBBYING EXPENSIVE TO OIL MEN

In the anti-trust oil suits brought by Attorney General Allred he caused to be read into the record that lobbying against the bill to divorce service stations from the major oil companies were expensive to the oil men. This came about through certain correspondence during the consideration of the divorce bill before the legislature. The bill died in committee room, this correspondence disclosed, and one of the letters stated it "cost considerable money."

But if Allred is successful in the suits now pending, to keep the legislature from passing the bill which would have compelled the major companies to relinquish service stations, it will prove it was a waste of money, for this is one of the main points in the attorney general's suit. And it is a point most clearly showing the major companies to be acting in violation of the anti-trust laws. The state has a conspicuous precedent—that of the packers handed down by the federal supreme court in December, 1930. The supreme court, in this decision, denied the packers the right to engage in retail meat trade. If it is unlawful for packers to sell meat at retail, even a layman can see no reason to permit the major oil companies to operate retail gas and oil service stations.

So far, Allred is making progress in his huge suit against the major companies, and many believe he will get a judgment on some of the issues raised, the most conspicuous in violation of the anti-trust laws is the operation of retail service stations.

But in securing the defeat of the bill against operation of service stations, the major companies did not rely wholly on their hired lobbyists and "retainer" representatives in the legislature. Circular letters were sent to all filling station operators for the major companies urging them to wire their representatives in the house and senate to vote against the bill, and the service station operators were urged to see their friends and flood the mail with letters, and to send telegrams to the legislators urging them to vote against the bill. Also major companies urged their employees to work against the pipe line bill pending in the legislature at the time. Much work was done, and the bills died in the committee room.

So, for the time being, the major companies were permitted to continue in the retail business, something the supreme court said the packers could not do, but if Allred wins out they will have to quit selling gasoline and oil at retail, and depend on their wholesale market for their products. In that event their expensive lobby will have only delayed their divorce.

PURITY OF CISCO WATER ESSENTIAL

One of the most important acts that the city commission can perform is to keep Cisco water supply free from contamination. This can only be determined by frequent analyses, a regulation required by the state and federal health departments. For several years these analyses have been made by Helman Rosenthal, a Dallas chemist, recognized by state and national health authorities. Mr. Rosenthal's work has been accepted by the national government for many years, and the federal authorities have never questioned his reports. Recently the city commission decided to dispense with Mr. Rosenthal's services, as his charges were \$50 per month, when this work is done by the state health department free of cost for the analyses.

But oftentimes the free services prove more expensive ultimately. This was found to be true in a former administration. Then the health department did the work, but each report showed greater bacteria contamination than the previous report, and each report was accompanied by a recommendation that the city install a certain style of chlorinator, manufactured by one factory in particular, whose

cost was \$1,500. The city authorities then consulted Mr. Rosenthal after the federal health department had condemned the water supply of Cisco, based on the state health analyses. Samples were sent to both Mr. Rosenthal and state department, selected from the same place. Rosenthal's reports showed no more bacteria than was allowed under the health regulations, while the state continued to show slightly more contamination than previous reports. Each of the state reports insisted on installing the \$1,500 chlorinator. When matters reached a stage that something had to be done, Mr. Rosenthal was summoned to Cisco and agreed to give his personal attention to Cisco water, to visit Cisco once each month, and oftener if required, for \$75 per month. He was employed, but later reduced this sum to \$50 per month, after contracting with several other neighboring cities in a like capacity.

While these arrangements were in course of formation the state department sent one of its water experts to Cisco to demand that something be done. However, when shown the report of Mr. Rosenthal, and its acceptance by the federal health department, the state expert was knocked clear off his feet. Then he admitted that the state department had some of the University students of chemistry to make the analyses.

When Rosenthal arrived in Cisco he was told about the advice of the state department to install the \$1,500 chlorinator. He recommended that the city build its own chlorinator, which he stated would cost about \$35. This was done, but at a cost of \$17.50. So, the first year the city saved the sum of \$882.50 over that which the state service would have cost had the city officials followed the advice sent out by the state health department to install the chlorinator those officials recommended. Yet, the service was free.

But there is another story. Forget about the chlorinator, that would evidently paid some official a nice commission, as only one make of chlorinator would answer the purpose, despite the fact that there are many devices manufactured to purify city water, and some of them are sold as low as \$350. Then, another saving the city made in not following the advice of the state department was in the cost of operating the chlorinator. It required a certain sand found only on the gulf coast, and its transportation, coupled with the cost of operating the state-recommended chlorinator, would have approximated the purchase price of the device during its first year of operation.

The other view of the picture is the danger of allowing the water to become contaminated, as it was admitted that the analyses were made by University students, and therefore unreliable. If they made mistakes in finding excessive bacteria, isn't it just as reasonable to suppose a like mistake would be made in not discovering disease germs that might be in the water until Cisco would be in the throes of an epidemic? If such a condition should arise this free service will prove very costly ultimately in dollars and cents as well as human lives that might be the price of false economy.

Better be careful, Messrs. Commissioners. Do some investigating before accepting a free service. It will be too late when typhoid takes its toll of human lives. Observation has demonstrated that free service generally proves the most expensive. Better know that you are safe, even if the cost does seem slightly excessive.

When Senator Bailey Spoke On Bimetallism in Dallas, 1907, He Voiced a Prophecy

(Speech delivered by the late Senator Joseph Weldon Bailey on the occasion of the legislative banquet, held at the Oriental Hotel in Dallas, Oct. 19, 1907, and transcribed from shorthand notes made by the Rev. W. W. Stegner, Dallas, Texas, who was a student at the Metropolitan Business College at the time. Gov. Thomas M. Campbell and Senator Charles A. Culberson had both spoken, and Senator Bailey responded to the toast, "The Vindication of Our Issue of 1896.")

"Now, Mr. Toastmaster and Gentlemen: I have discharged another duty to Texas, and I am going to discharge another, and it is an agreeable duty, to the Democratic party. It is a disposition given to all men to rejoice in the vindication of their theory or in the justification of their position, and surely no body of men ever had a better cause for self-congratulation than the Democrats of the United States have over the complete and perfect vindication of their contention for bimetallism in 1896. (Cheers.)

More Basic Money

"You will remember that our demand then was for more basic money. We said that with more basic money there would come an elevation of prices and there would come prosperity to the times. We got that basic money, not, indeed, by opening the mints to the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver both, as we proposed, but we secured the additional basic money by the discovery of new mines and the improvement of old processes of production, until almost before that great debate had closed the world was producing more gold alone than it was producing of both gold and silver when we demanded the use of both. I call the world to witness that with this increase in basic money we did get an elevation of prices, and there did come prosperity to the times. Our political opponents said we did not need more money. They affirmed that what we needed was better credit, and not more money; and yet, after men had gone into South Africa and discovered the splendid gold mines of that continent, and after the genius of

American engineers had devised new methods for extracting ores from old mines, the Republicans wrapped their cloaks around them and claimed credit for what Almighty God had given the earth (Cheers)

A Prophecy

"There is not a man who sits within the sound of my voice tonight who does not know that the world has fared better by having more money, and if any man doubts it, hear my prophecy: The time will come, I pray God He may delay it a long time, but the time will come when the failing production of these mines will again make the world feel the pinch of a money famine, and when that time comes and our failing mines reduce the production of money metals, mark my words, there will come again as there has come in every part of the world following a diminution of the production of the precious metals, there will come a fall of prices and a stagnation of all kinds of business, and then when the world witnesses that again, we will have a new, another and a stronger vindication of the paramount issue of 1896. (Cheers.)

"When they asked us to abandon the silver issue after the campaign of 1896, I said I was willing to leave it until new conditions should revive it, but I will never consent to say that the Democratic party was wrong when it demanded the free and unlimited coinage of gold

and silver both, because with the lights before us it required them both to constitute the world a sufficient metallic money. As long as the mines will produce gold enough I would rather have one metal than two, because there are not ratios to adjust, nor parties to maintain, but it is infinitely better for the human race that Congress should vex itself with the fixation of rates and the maintenance of parties than it is that the American people should be permitted to suffer for the article of money. Let us go into the campaign of 1908 with this slogan on our lips 'Give the people less taxes to pay and more money with which to pay them.' (Cheers.)

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Surplus of Cotton Differs From That of Any Other Crop

Hon. J. F. Cunningham, of Abilene, who is ever watchful and exerting his influence in the interest of the farmers of the South, contributes another article this week in behalf of the farmer. This story has to do with the constitutionality of the cotton proration law in which Judge Cunningham defends the right of the states to limit cotton production by reason of the fact that cotton, if properly housed, never deteriorates, as is the case with fruits, vegetables and even grain.

Judge Cunningham is the father of our own Senator Oliver Cunningham, who is a candidate to succeed himself in the Texas senate from the 24th senatorial district. His article is as follows:

ABILENE, May 19.—I have been asked why the production of cotton alone should be limited by law. The answer is that the accumulation in surplus of cotton differs from that of all other agricultural products.

All fruits and vegetables consume their own surplus each year by rot and decay.

All grain products, such as wheat and oats, consume their own surplus in two years by mold, rust and weavils, rendering all held beyond two years unfit for bread, but may be used for stock feed.

But, cotton, when baled and kept dry, will last a quarter of a century without any appreciable deterioration in value.

Cotton is the only agricultural

product where the surplus can pile up from year to year for generations, and this is the reason why the present surplus of cotton has gradually accumulated until we now have on hand enough to supply the world's demand for more than one and a half years.

Surplus Destroys Market

This surplus has now reached such immense proportions that it destroys, in effect, the market price of all cotton.

It is apparent that the price of cotton can never rise unless the production in the future is limited by uniform laws throughout the Southern states. Voluntary action cannot do it.

The opponents of our cotton law are usually town dudes, self-constituted constitutional lawyers, and white-collared editors of daily newspapers, most of whom have never raised vegetables or fruits, or grown grains or cotton, and hence have little information in regard to agricultural products.

By joint action of the oil-producing states, Governor Sterling and others, have limited the production of oil until the price has risen from ten cents a barrel to one dollar a barrel, in the midst of the world-wide depression. It is the babble of babes for men to contend that the same laws, which raised the price of oil, cannot be applied to cotton. The men who claim this are either not informed or not sincere.

With constitutional provisions almost exactly the same the supreme court of the United States has held that the states have the power by law to limit the production of oil, and yet the self-constituted constitutional lawyers of Texas maintain that it is unconstitutional to limit the production of cotton.

There is no doubt of the constitutionality of the Texas cotton law, whenever all of the facts are fully presented to the supreme court of Texas, or of the United States.

All we lack is joint action by other states with Texas so as to make the measure effective.

This coming January the regular sessions of the legislatures of all the Southern States will be in session, at which time our farmers can and will obtain the passage of laws similar to that of Texas in enough of the Southern States to make the measure effective, after which the price of cotton should slowly rise. Without which certain disaster will overwhelm, not only the farmer, but every industry in the South, dependent on cotton.

The farmers of Texas, the governor of Texas, the commissioner of agriculture of Texas, and a majority of the senators and representatives of Texas, can be depended on to carry the measure to other states.

J. F. CUNNINGHAM

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Only a Third of Property In Texas Assessed on Tax Rolls, Says Tom F. Hunter

Tom F. Hunter, of Wichita Falls, candidate for governor before the Democratic primaries, spoke to a large and congenial audience in Eastland, May 9. A synopsis of his address came too late for last week's issue of the Citizen, so we are publishing it this week.

Prefacing his remarks with the statement that "we need a new tax system in Texas, one that will remove 70 percent of the taxes from real estate and placing it on the two-thirds of our wealth now escaping taxation," the speaker declared "there is assessed in Texas for taxes \$4,300,000,000 worth of wealth. Records at Washington show an hundred billion wealth in Texas. Now it would not be fair to say that 4.3 percent of the wealth in the state is paying all of the taxes, but it is true that less than one-third of the wealth is paying all of the ad valorem taxes.

"And 75 per cent of the assessed wealth is real estate. Real estate is carrying the burden in this state and it has carried it until it can no longer stand up under it. Of the other 25 per cent, half of it is upon livestock, furniture and fixtures that are a part of real estate.

"A piece of property is not worth more than it will produce, and when it won't produce a profit it isn't worth the price. When you buy your bank stock you ask how safe is your investment and what will the profits be. Ask yourself the same question about your real estate. If it is paying a profit these days it is doing better than mine.

"We must take the huge taxation load off of real estate and let it come back into its own when it will again be good collateral and there will be a market for it.

"We must place a sales tax upon substitutes produced in competition with products of the soil. If we had had an adequate sales tax last year upon the products of the soy bean and the coconut, cottonseed would have brought 100 per cent better price. We must have a tax levied upon the substitutes put out in competition with our dairies.

"It must be made a penal offense in Texas for any state official to receive pay from a corporation. Two thousand years ago the Savior said: 'No man can serve two masters,' and it is just as true now as when pronounced by Jesus of Nazareth.

"I am unalterably opposed to a state-wide road bond issue. You amend the constitution and take out of the hands of the people their inherent right to say when they shall or shall not be bonded, and place that authority in official Austin, and you most certainly commit your state to bankruptcy and your posterity to servitude.

"It is not right to charge real estate for the construction and maintenance of highways. Those who use the roads must pay for them. One cent of the present gasoline tax, if used for that purpose, would be sufficient to retire the road bonds of every county in Texas as they mature.

"Why are eggs six cents a dozen, cotton five cents a pound, and wheat 40 cents a bushel? Is there too much money in the country? Are our people half clad because there is too much clothing? One reason for the low price of our commodities is that the utilities are taking from Texas more than 70 millions of dollars annually in unfair profits, shipping it to the banks of the East, where the utilities are owned, instead of leaving it in circulation in Texas as a buying power for Texas people.

"Before I announced for governor more than 90 per cent of the

voting strength of Wichita county was in a Hunter club requesting that I enter the race. Since my announcement the farmers of Wichita county have organized a separate club and every farmer and every farm wife is a member of that club. More recently, Kent, my boyhood county, organized a club and every voter in the county is a signed member of it."

INCREASED OIL ACTIVITY SEEN IN CALLAHAN FIELD

The Baird Star reports one 50 barrel well as a recent new producer in Callahan, and manifest revival of activity in the oil industry in that county. The producer was brought in April 30 by Byram, Ungren & Frazier, on the I. N. Jackson ranch, striking the pay at 913 feet.

Other locations in this locality are: Kleiner & Warren have a location on the P. G. Hatchett ranch. Woodley Petroleum Co., are preparing to deepen 3 gas wells on the E. L. Finley. Woodley Petroleum Co., have made 5 locations on the P. G. Hatchett lease in Survey No. 20, Deaf & Dumb Asylum land. Hart Bros. & Perry, E. L. Finley Survey No. 72, are preparing to deepen a gas well. Drew Beams, on I. N. Jackson, 4C location. Union Oil Co., I. N. Jackson, location. Kimmel Bros., Berry Bros., drilling at 300 ft. H. B. Herry has made a location on the J. M. Radford land, near Chautauqua.

The Cross Plains Review reported renewed activity in the Cross Plains and Burkett oil fields.

F. A. "Cowboy" Lane has closed a contract to drill three wells in these fields.

Frank Stone, at one time an outstanding independent oil operator in the Cross Plains field, has returned to that field after an absence of some months and will begin drilling a well soon. It is said that where Stone sinks a drill, crude oil is discovered in paying quantities.

NEW CASES PENDING IN TWO DISTRICT COURTS

88th District Court—The Continental Supply Company vs. Cecil H. Lockhart, et al, debt and conversion.

91st District Court—James Shaw, Commissioner, vs. J. E. Gilbert, collect note and foreclosure. H. C. Reiner vs. Lake Cisco Amusement Co., et al, injunction, settled by agreement. Hiram Brimberry vs. J. S. Brimberry, et al, damages. T. Hunter Foley, et ux, vs. Continental Savings and Loan Association, note and foreclosure. L. B. Norvell vs. Roy Guffey, et al, collect note. Sarah Daughy Banks vs. Jessie Banks, have marriage annulled. Commercial State Bank, Ranger, vs. S. C. Barkley, collect note.

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Allen Dabney May Be Candidate for District Attorney

Friends of Hon. Allen Dabney are suggesting his name as a candidate for district attorney of Eastland county.

This may be an election year when the office will be seeking the man, as already several prominent people have been importuned to make the race for some of the offices. Now, there is a demand from the voters that Allen Dabney, than whom there is no barrister in the county better qualified, being drafted for the office of public prosecutor. The Citizen is not informed as to Mr. Dabney's decision in the matter, but should this demand reach that stage when he is convinced that he is the choice of a considerable number of the voters of the county, we know the man to be too patriotic and too loyal to his friends and the county wherein he resides, to turn a deaf ear to these importunities. That he will make a splendid prosecutor none there be who would say to the contrary. In no sense would he be a persecutor, but would be vigilant in prosecuting those guilty of violating the criminal statutes of the state. His are such broad views that he would not force those accused into a defense against a criminal charge where the evidence

was such that there was a strong probability of their innocence, or that there was a doubt of winning a conviction from the facts he would develop before the date of trial.

Should he be the prosecuting attorney he would elevate the dignity of the office, and establish it on such a high plane, that few could hope to raise the standard he would set, but his successors would be proud to take up the work where he would lay it down.

Should he consent to make the race it is admitted that he would be a formidable candidate, with every prospect of election.

The Citizen believes Mr. Dabney has enough personal friends in the county who would exert their influence in behalf of his candidacy to insure his election. He has been a citizen of this county "so long that the memory of man (the present generation) runneth not to the contrary."

It is understood there are other aspirants for this office but theirs is the policy of "still hunting," which rarely gained an office, as none of those who are supposed to be candidates for district attorney have announced their intentions through the county press, which today is the source of information upon which the voters rely. And none of those aspiring for the office were brought out by a popular demand as that which is behind the movement to induce Allen Dabney to get in the running.

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