

UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES.

Why He Opened His Eyes First in a Stable and Not in a Palace.

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A despatch from Chicago says: Rev. Frank De Witt Talmage preached from the following text: Luke II, 12, "Lying in a manger."

How then is an average crib? I suppose, "you answer," about four feet long and two feet wide. It is as large perhaps as an average manger at the end of a horse's stall, at which the four-legged animals munch their oats and hay after a long, tireless day's work. Yes, my friend, you are right. Your definition is so completely right that in this sermon I am going to preach about a famous manger, which was once used for a cradle; I am going to talk about a stone manger, hewn out of the solid rock, in which nearly 2,000 years ago was laid a newborn babe. About this manger the wise men from the east and the shepherds from the surrounding hills gathered, and over it the angels sang the first lullaby in the chant of the Christmas song. This manger was the manger of Bethlehem of Judaea. It was the first earthly resting place of the Divine Child, who was the son of Mary the Virgin and was also the only begotten Son of the Father-God.

The manger Christ was given as a human example for sinful man to follow this side of the grave. He came to prove that by the grace of God it is possible for a human being to overcome sin. Christ was born just as we are, one of our brethren of our flesh. He was tempted just as we are tempted. Therefore we must continually, by the Holy Spirit's power, strive to be like him or else we can be none of his.

THE BIRTH OF A PRINCE.

The manger Christ emphasizes the fact that infinite results which may affect all the heavens and the earth—results which will startle the most circumstances of the universe, as well as the great center can sometimes be directly traced to seemingly infinitesimal causes. When a prince or a princess, the child of a great king, is about to be born, especially if the prospective infant is to be the heir to the throne, a member of the cabinet awaits the arrival in one of the anterooms of the royal palace. The attendants are detailed to immediately telephone forth the news of the prince's birth from the gaping mouths of the great black cannon. The messengers have their steeds saddled and bridled, ready to speed away to announce the arrival to the different public officials. The telegraph wires thrill with joy as soon as the expectant message is sent to the farthest parts of the royal domains. But no such joyful and national expectancy greeted the earthly birth of the Son of God. No messenger that night carried the news up to the Jerusalem palace of Bloody Herod the Great. No retinue of foreign ambassadors stood near to offer their congratulations to an earthly king. Jesus' birth from a worldly standpoint was an insignificant event. He was born in a stable. He was born in a Bethlehem manger. Mary the Virgin in the most solemn hour of a woman's life had no bed upon which to lie, no pillow, unless that pillow was the rough coat of her noble though humble husband or a pile of straw pushed under her head by a sympathetic stableman; no female attendant, unless that woman attendant was the kind hearted hostess's wife, who had come in to aid her troubled labor. So our second birth may have been a seemingly insignificant event. But if we thereafter only make a right use of our lives, the spiritual influence will affect all time and eternity. The news of our spiritual birth will be heralded all round the heavenly kingdom. It will set again the angels to chanting a new song. Our second birth will not only be heralded around heaven, but in the great judgment day when all nations shall be gathered before the throne of the Father, who will summon forth Jesus, who was born in Bethlehem of Judaea, our atoning Saviour to be our divine advocate.

SOME INSIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

The manger Christ teaches that even in the darkest days of an earthly Christian's life he is never out of sight of an omnipotent Father's protecting care. As he climbed the rocky heights which he climbed the little village of Bethlehem and walk along the deserted streets in the midnight hour of the first Christmas day and see the little light of a stableman's lantern

newborn monarch of the ages with a heavenly song. They sang so loud that the shepherds upon the hillsides fell down in a swoon. And so on in the darkest days of our lives, when we feel that we are forsaken by God and man, God's angels are watching us, God's eyes are seeing us, God's ear is hearing us. God's protecting love is all around us. We are no more forsaken by God than the manger of Bethlehem was eternally forsaken on the night that Jesus was born.

THE GOD WHO LOVES.

The omnipotent God will not for one instant, even in the darkest days, turn a deaf ear to the pleading of the weakest and most helpless of all his children. He is the father of a baby boy of a distressed father and mother was very sick. When their little girl was about to be put to bed on the night of the crisis of the disease she came to her father. Then, in her sweet, girlish way, she said: "Papa, won't you pray to God to-night that baby brother might get well? I am only a wee little bit of a girl, and God might not be willing to hear me pray, but God would always have time to listen to you pray for your ailing baby." With that the sobbing father took his little girl into his arms as he said: "Oh, my darling, God will have time to hear you pray for your baby brother. If you will pray, my darling, for your little brother, though you are a little bit of a girl, God, if necessary, will turn to the angels and say: 'Angels, stop that singing. Stop that singing, right away. For you are a girl who is praying for my baby brother, and I want to listen.' And as the Christian father spoke to his little girl I say to you, in this Christmas sermon, no matter, O man or woman, how humbly helplessness you may be, no matter how dark your days, may seem to be, your cry will only call upon him for help. God will always ready to protect you with his love, even as his guardian angels and the stars of the east hovered over the manger on the night that Jesus was born.

A BOER ON THE LATE WAR.

WHAT MR. VILJOEN THINKS OF THE BRITISH ARMY.

Assistant Commandant-General Writes a Book on the Anglo-Boer War.

Graphic to the last degree are the pictures presented by the first of the Boer books on the war, "My Recollections of the Anglo-Boer War," by Assistant Commandant-General J. Viljoen, written in Dutch, just published in Amsterdam. From the news of the prince's birth from the gaping mouths of the great black cannon. The messengers have their steeds saddled and bridled, ready to speed away to announce the arrival to the different public officials. The telegraph wires thrill with joy as soon as the expectant message is sent to the farthest parts of the royal domains. But no such joyful and national expectancy greeted the earthly birth of the Son of God. No messenger that night carried the news up to the Jerusalem palace of Bloody Herod the Great. No retinue of foreign ambassadors stood near to offer their congratulations to an earthly king. Jesus' birth from a worldly standpoint was an insignificant event. He was born in a stable. He was born in a Bethlehem manger. Mary the Virgin in the most solemn hour of a woman's life had no bed upon which to lie, no pillow, unless that pillow was the rough coat of her noble though humble husband or a pile of straw pushed under her head by a sympathetic stableman; no female attendant, unless that woman attendant was the kind hearted hostess's wife, who had come in to aid her troubled labor. So our second birth may have been a seemingly insignificant event. But if we thereafter only make a right use of our lives, the spiritual influence will affect all time and eternity. The news of our spiritual birth will be heralded all round the heavenly kingdom. It will set again the angels to chanting a new song. Our second birth will not only be heralded around heaven, but in the great judgment day when all nations shall be gathered before the throne of the Father, who will summon forth Jesus, who was born in Bethlehem of Judaea, our atoning Saviour to be our divine advocate.

STAND ON ONE SIDE.

Some thirty fell out of the ranks. I gave each of them a pass good for the journey by rail to Johannesburg, which pass read as follows: "Pass — to Johannesburg, on account of cowardice, free at the expense of the government."

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To quench an open outbreak of mutiny, he was obliged to have a burgher stripped and "cause him to be given fifteen strokes with the sjambok." The English phrase most often heard in the hands of the Boers is "Hands up!"

AN AMUSING ANECDOTE.

A mounted Boer attendant of one of the Boer commandants was hard pressed by an English lancer, and cried to him: "Hands up!" The lancer, who had often heard the words spoken of the only words in the English language, took them for a kind of general phrase implying greeting and "confidentially."

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AN HOUR WITH UNCLE SAM.

HOW THE BUSY BANKER SPENDS THE DAY.

Some Interesting Features of Moment and Mirth Gathered From His Doing.

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OUR NORTHERN WILDERNESSES IN THE BARREN GROUNDS.

W. Tyrrell's Report on a Journey in an Unmapped Region.

The Canadian Department of the Interior has just published W. Tyrrell's report of his survey of the region between Great Slave Lake and Hudson's Bay, across the barren grounds. In this journey he covered an area of about 10,000 square miles to the north of Great Slave Lake, that had never before been mapped. He discovered a navigable river, hitherto unknown, that is navigable for 100 miles; and found the location of the Height of Land that separates the rivers flowing to the Arctic from those which run to the south.

It was a very notable journey, and from April to December, 1899, he made considerable hardships involving considerable work, but he was very man in the end, and he remains very few opportunities to carry out exploratory work in the north. The journey to Hudson's Bay by Tyrrell straight to Chesterfield Inlet, the long, narrow belt that penetrates far to the north. About one hundred miles from the coast he discovered the "most Passages" to the west coast of the Arctic. After sailing across Hudson Bay he pushed, believing that the land would certainly carry the Pacific Ocean. They discovered that the water was fresh, and finally they found that it was only a deep bay; so they went back.

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