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## **OUTLINES OF SERMONS**

We have frequent calls for outlines of sermons on these glad tidings, by those in various places who desire to publicly make known the glories of our Father's plan.

To such we would say, we have now prepared suggestive outline notes for six sermons, explanatory of the "Chart of the ages." (This chart most of our readers have received as a supplement to July, '81 issue.) A copy of these notes will be mailed free, to those who are anxious to use them. You may order at once.

When you receive them, commence with the first, and with your chart placed in good position, thoroughly acquaint yourself with the first, and so with each of the succeeding ones in order, study much and thoroughly.

Then, when thoroughly conversant with them, lay aside your notes and give the discourses in your own language. Patient perseverance will enable you to place the plan before your hearers in a strong and convincing manner. Always bear in mind in study and presentation that "Order is heaven's first law."

The small charts (33 inches wide) will answer to begin with, and are well adapted to an audience of about a dozen. We will have larger charts for any who prove themselves capable of using them to advantage.

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## **A WORD TO ALL.**

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Your chart should hang in a much-used room; you should often run over it mentally, noting its various points, and thus be refreshed

with the hopes illustrated, and prepared to give a general presentation of its significance to interested friends; an explanation of Chart is in "Food," p. 105. Our American readers may all have them by ordering – they cannot be mailed to Europe.

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## **THE EMPHATIC DIAGLOTT.**

Had we not fortunately received more copies of this work than was announced in our last issue, many of your orders would have been unfilled. As it is, however, we have some yet on hand, of those but slightly damaged copies, which you may have at \$1.50 per copy. (Postage paid by us.)

We repeat, these books are so slightly damaged (in the fly leaves) that many would not discover it. They are in all other respects the regular \$4.00 books. We knew that many of you would need and want this valuable book; hence we purchased this entire lot. Order soon that you may the sooner have the benefit of this helper. Several may order together if they choose, but please order only for readers of the paper, at present. If any remain after our readers have been supplied, they will be offered to the public.

Any one purchasing one of these, may, if not satisfactory, return it in good order within seven days after receiving, and we will refund his money.

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## **ANOTHER HELP.**

Every one in studying the Bible should have a concordance. One of the best, recently published is "Young's Analytical Concordance." It can be had of book-sellers in all large towns. If any cannot thus obtain it, we can purchase it for you here. The wholesale price, bound in sheep \$3.80, in cloth \$3.00, by mail – postage prepaid. By express

50 cts. less. All who can afford it should have some kind of a concordance.

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### **EXTRACT FROM A LETTER.**

Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus, through God's will, to those saints who are in Ephesus, even to believers in Christ Jesus – favor to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be that God of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies by Christ, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we might be holy and blameless in his presence; having in love, previously marked us out for sonship through Christ Jesus for himself, according to the good pleasure of his will to the praise of his glorious beneficence, with which he graciously favored us in the beloved One. By whom, through his blood, we possess the redemption – the forgiveness of offences – according to the opulence of his favor, which he caused to overflow towards us, in all wisdom and intelligence, having made known to us the secret of his will, according to his own benevolent design which he previously purposed in Himself in regard to, an administration of the fullness of the appointed times, to re-unite all things under one head, even under the Anointed One; – the things in the heavens, and the things on the earth – under him; by whom also we obtained an inheritance, having been previously marked out according to a design of him who is operating all things agreeably to the counsel of his own will; in order that we might be for a praise of his glory – we who had a prior hope in the Anointed One." – Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (Chap. 1:1-12, Diaglott).

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### **TRIBULATION AND PEACE.**

Both are promised us: "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but in me ye may have peace," said Jesus. (John 16:33.) Do you have any tribulation? Yes? Then make sure that it does not arise from natural causes. Possibly you are being paid back in your own coin – possibly you deserve the tribulation which you receive. If so, be diligent to repent and reform. Let none of you suffer as an evil doer; yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed. "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you FALSELY, for my sake," said Jesus. "Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven." So then, if we suffer for the cause of Christ and His word, we should thank God and take courage, and remember that by the sharing in His sufferings, our future reward is secured. If we suffer with Him, we shall reign with Him, said Paul.

Sufferings in the present time, for the truth's sake, we are to reckon a part of our wages, and all who think they are running for the heavenly prize of our high calling, should look for these wages as a proof that they are so running as to obtain that prize. (1 Cor. 9:24.) Do you experience but little or none of the sufferings of Christ now? Do you begin to count the time of suffering over, and are you building your hopes on the fact that in times past you suffered a little for Christ's sake? That is a serious mistake; it is one of the devices of your adversary to put to sleep the saints of God, saying peace, peace, while we are yet in the enemy's country. It is the fatal error with which he has lulled the nominal church to sleep, from whose condition we have just escaped. Jesus and Paul ran and suffered to the very end of the race, and Jesus said that the disciple or follower is not above his Lord and teacher; that if they called the master the prince of devils, they would call the disciples devils. "Whosoever will live Godly shall suffer."

"Ne'er think the victory won,

Nor lay thine armor down:  
The work of faith will not be done  
Till thou obtain thy crown."

Then, beloved, if you do not suffer you have good cause for fear that you are not living up to your covenant – that you are not confessing Him and His word before men by word or act as you should do. If this is the case you are not overcoming the world, but are being overcome and silenced by the world. Of such, Jesus said: He that is ashamed of me and my words, in this adulterous and sinful generation, of Him will I be ashamed before my Father and before the holy angels. The present generation (church) is adulterous in that it is mixed up with and united to the world, while claiming to be betrothed to Christ. Under such circumstances it requires grace and strength to rebuke the Harlot mother or daughters, and to declare boldly for the true Bridegroom's rights and his words. But all who are thus ashamed of Him cannot be a part of His Bride. He is not ashamed of her. Yes, if faithful, you may expect it. "In the world ye shall have tribulation"; and you may expect it to come as it has always done – through the world's church – the nominal systems. Thus Jesus and the apostles and the early reformers all found it, and thus some of us find it to-day.

But it is not tribulation only, which we are to get, though that is all we expect of the world. No, Jesus says, in him we may have peace. We may have both the tribulation and the peace at the same time. We get a peace which so overbalances the tribulations, that we may say, we reckon the present afflictions and scorns of the world as light indeed, when weighed with the hopes of coming glory on which our peace is builded.

Do any of the faithful in tribulation for Christ's sake yet lack the peace? It is because you lack faith to lay hold of the promises – the exceeding great and precious promises made to those who take up

their cross and follow in His footsteps – suffering with him. To such we would say:

"Soul, then know thy full salvation;  
Rise o'er sin, and fear and care;  
Joy to find in every station  
Something still to do or bear.  
Think what spirit dwells within thee;  
Think what Father's smiles are thine;  
Think that Jesus died to win thee;  
Child of Heaven, cans't thou repine?"

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But if you have peace without the suffering, while all men speak well of you, BEWARE! That is the peace of a sleep in which one dreams that he is filled and crowned and awakes to find himself empty. That is the peace of a dead calm on the ocean:

"Blest be the sorrow, kind the storm,  
That drives us nearer home."

Unless you get your vessel into the winds, and be tossed about on a tempestuous sea, you may never reach the port for which you set out. Hence we say to some, Beware! to other, Take courage! and to all we repeat the words of Jesus: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

"Sure we must fight, if we would reign.  
Increase our courage, Lord;  
We'll bear the cross, endure the pain,  
Supported by thy word."

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