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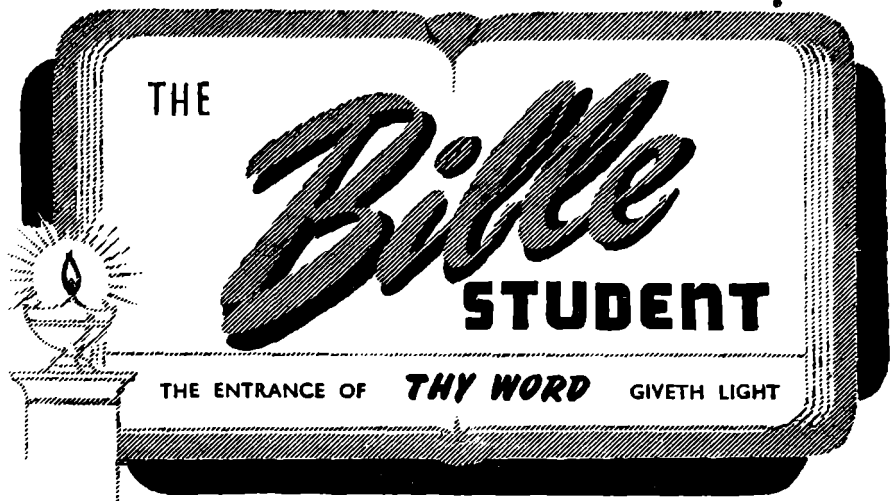
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those who can be called 'My brethren'. The sun will soon shine and then 'the Kingdom' will be 'the Lord's'. He then will be the 'Ruler over the nations'. He who was 'cut off and had nothing' shall then 'see His seed' which shall 'serve Him'; 'it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation'.

Thus are linked together 'the *sufferings* of Christ and the *glories* that shall follow'.

The child of God today should not be looking to earth's horizon for the rising of the sun. His eye should be lifted heavenward, whence is shining the 'Morning Star' and from whence will come the 'Saviour'. (Phil. 3:20). In this dispensation God is 'calling out' a heavenly people, but later He will take steps to vindicate His Son on earth, and that in the very city where He was crucified.

## WITNESS TO THE WORD

By THE LATE DR H. A. IRONSIDE

It was Wesley who said: 'Be a man of one book and that book the Bible.' Many years ago these words were impressed upon my youthful heart and mind. I had been converted only a short time when I ran across them in my reading. At once I determined that by the grace of God I would make that my life motto, as far as literature was concerned. Knowing well what an omnivorous reader Wesley himself was, I knew that he did not mean to debar all other writings, but that his thought was that the servant of God should ever regard the Bible as the central sun around which the entire literary universe revolved. And this I conscientiously set out to do.

Now as I look back over a period of fifty years since that night, I thank God from the depths of my heart for Wesley's advice and for the Holy Spirit's manner of emphasizing those words to my soul at the time. The Bible has been to me throughout the years the one outstanding Book to which I have ever turned for spiritual food, for comfort, for instruction, for edification and for inspiration. It may help some of my younger brethren if I say that I have been a methodical Bible reader all my life. Long ago I started reading the Book through at least once every year, and I still observe this old-fashioned custom. Besides this, of course,

many hours weekly are devoted to special study on particular themes.

I have found that the habit of Bible reading can be cultivated as definitely as can any other practice. To start a day without the usual time over the Word would put everything out of joint. The Bible becomes as necessary as daily food, and one would no more think of neglecting this spiritual nourishment, after becoming accustomed to it, than he would forget to partake of natural sustenance.

I have read a few hundred books twice, a more limited number three times, very few four times, and perhaps eight or ten oftener than that, but they all pall upon me eventually. How different it is with God's Holy Word! Every time I read it, it seems more fresh and wonderful. New beauties are disclosed; mysteries are revealed in a way never previously realized; truths shine forth more brilliantly.

Amazement gives place to worship as the Spirit of God opens up these marvellous distinctions of the divine revelation. The Bible is indeed a spiritual kaleidoscope never showing exactly the same picture twice.

When I look over my library and see the vast number of works written about the Bible or in an attempt to explain its precious pages, I realize afresh what a remarkable volume this is that has stirred the souls of some of the greatest minds of this and past ages in an effort to elucidate its marvels and apply its precepts to the needs of men. And I am impressed by the fact that reading books about the Bible can never take the place of reading the Bible itself. There is all the difference here that there is between studying a cookery book and enjoying the chef's finished product.

To my younger brethren I earnestly commend Wesley's advice. Do not be afraid of being called narrow or old-fashioned because you revere the Bible as the Word of God and seek to feed your soul upon the truth unfolded in its precious pages. On the other hand, do not allow yourself to be contracted in your study by the fear of learning too much from other books, for after all it is not the knowledge of this world that is foolishness with God, but rather its wisdom or philosophy. But do not permit any other books to displace this Book of books. Let your Bible be pre-eminent in your reading and your study. Remember that 'all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for

doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works' (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

In this verse notice the four things for which the Bible is designed of God. First, it is *profitable for doctrine*. Many go to the Bible to prove some preconceived notion, but according to this passage, all doctrine should be drawn from the Book itself.

Secondly, it is *profitable for reproof*; that is, it shows us where we are wrong, both as to doctrine and behaviour. It is all-important to let the Bible sit in judgment on our thoughts and ways, and not to take the attitude of the Modernists who attempt to sit in judgment upon its holy utterances.

Following this, it is *profitable for correction* for it not only exposes the error of our ways, but it shows us the path of life.

Lastly, it is *profitable for instruction* in righteousness, marking out for us the good way in which we may walk and find rest for our souls.

What a matchless treasure God has committed to us in giving us this blessed Book of life and preserving it throughout the centuries! Personally, I shall never be able to praise Him enough for giving me to see the importance of 'seeking it as hid treasure.'

## SEVEN OLD TESTAMENT FEASTS

### A TYPOLOGICAL STUDY OF LEVITICUS 23\*

By THE EDITOR

#### Introductory

In spite of the objections held by many modernist teachers to the study of typology, it still holds a strong appeal for all who desire to understand the real spiritual application of the Old Testament, or at least those portions of it which provide the necessary material for such study. The objections are understandable perhaps when it is realized how few are taught to consider the Old Testa-

\* The Editor's book on this subject has been out of print some years, but the subject is of perennial interest to Bible Students. This fact has induced us to put through in serial form these studies in the hope they will prove helpful to all who are keen on the study of the Types. Books on the Feasts are rare.