

QUESTIONS

FOR

EIGHT WEEKS' CONSIDERATION.

ADDRESSED TO

THE CHURCH OF GOD.

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1830. P. H. E. I.

1. MONDAY *Morning*, Sept. On the study of those parts of Scripture, which are not directly the truths through which we obtain a knowledge of justification.
2. ———— *Evening*. On the restoration of the Jews, including the subject of the covenants.

3. TUESDAY *Morning*. Proofs if the 1000 years before
4. the coming of our Lord—what the believer's expecta-
5. tion as to death—what as to the coming?
6. ———— *Evening*. Present and future distinction be-
7. tween Jews and Christians—what (as far as we can see) awaits both for the consummation?

8. WEDNESDAY. What are the present position and duties
9. of the children of God? How can they best show their distinction from the world?

If time, on Trinity.

1831. P. H. E. I.

10. MONDAY *Evening*, October 3. The gifts of the Spirit to be considered.
11. TUESDAY. The intention of the end being first in the ordering of the Lord's decrees, then the intention of the means. What has the Lord declared to be the end of creation and redemption? How does each dispensation further the means and answer the end? In this view, are Christ's people now in their right position? (including, Is it present duty to resist or endure corrupt institutions)?
12. 13. 14. 15. 16. WEDNESDAY. Proof if 1260 days mean days or years, connected with which, the sketch of Daniel and Revelation, whether it be literal or symbolical?
17. 18. 19. 20. 21. THURSDAY. Last great and terrible conflict at the coming of Christ. Who the power that heads it? Against whom? Signs by which this power to be known? Proof whether saints to suffer in it?
22. 23. 24. FRIDAY. What to be the state of the world and state of the Church at coming of Christ? What cause to think from Scripture that these are or are not the last days? This to include whether Ezekiel's temple is to be before or after the Millennium.
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25. MONDAY Evening, Sept. 24. An examination into the quotations given in the New Testament from the Old Testament, with their connexion and explanation.

Mat. 1:23	— Isa. 7:14	Joh.10:34	— Ps. 82: 6
2:15	— Hos. 11: 1	19:37	— Zec.12:10
18	— Jer. 31:15	Acts 2:17	— { Isa. 44: 3
11:10-14	— Mal. 3:1.&4:5		{ Joel 2:28
? Heb. 2: 6	} — Ps. 8: 2,4	15:16	— Amo. 9:11,12
Mat. 21:16			{ Hos. 2:23
24:15	— Dan. 9:27	Ro. 9:25	— { Deu.32:43
27: 9	— Zec. 11:12,13	1 Co. 9: 9	} — Deu.25: 4
Eph. 4: 8	— Ps. 68:18	1 Ti. 5:18	
Heb. 2:13	— Isa. 8:18	1Co.15:55	— Hos.13:14
8: 8	— Jer. 31:31,34	Gal. 4:27	— Isa. 54: 1
10:16	— 31:33	2 Pet.3:13	— { 65:17
Luk. 1:73,&c.	— Gen.22:16		{ 66:22

26. TUESDAY. The prophetical character of each book in the Bible, including the three feasts of the Jews; the blessings of the Jews; the blessings pronounced on Jacob's sons; the Parables in the Gospels; and the Epistles to the seven churches in the Revelations?

27. WEDNESDAY. Should we expect a personal Antichrist; if so, to whom will he be revealed? Are there to be one or two great evil powers in the world

28. at that time? Is there any uniform sense for the

"saints" in the prophetic New Testament Scripture?

30. By what covenant did the Jews, and shall the Jews, hold the land?

31. THURSDAY. An inquiry into, and a connexion between, Daniel and the Revelations.

32. FRIDAY. What light does Scripture throw on present

33. events and their moral character? What is next to

34. be looked for and expected? Is there a prospect of a revival of Apostolic Churches before the

35. coming of Christ? What the duties arising out of

36. present events? To what time and class of people do 2 Tim. iii; 1 Tim. iv; Jude; Mat. xxiv. 23, 24; and 2 Peter iii. refer?

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37. MONDAY, Sept. 23. What the nature of the covenant

38. of the land and what the everlasting covenant? Are they identical or diverse?

39. TUESDAY. Is the visible Church founded on the basis of the Jewish? What the nature of the ministry

40. and ordinances of the former? The promises to either 41. or both conditional?

42. WEDNESDAY. What analogy between the termination

43. of the present and the last dispensation? Mystic

44. Babylon what? The call out of her a divine call at a set period, or a continuous call?

45. THURSDAY. The connexion of the present with the
46. future dispensation? Do the same Scriptures admit of application to both?

47. FRIDAY. What has been the different character of
48. Satan's temptations in different ages? What now?
49. What likely to be? Is our conduct to be regulated
50. accordingly?

1834. E. P. D. I.

51. MONDAY, Sept. 15. Can the Church account for her present state, *i. e.* that instead of unbelievers being mixed up with the children of God, these last are found as individuals among bodies of professing Christians, and joined in communion not as the people of God, but upon other and different grounds?

52. TUESDAY. Of what future events have we predictions in the Book of Psalms?

53. WEDNESDAY. When was this world given up to Satan
54. the God of this world? Where has God's dwelling-
55. place been in it since? Was the dispensation of the Priesthood of Christ, in its graces, gifts, and hope of future glory, as proposed to the early Christian

Church, at its foundation among the Jews, identical with that possessed by the Gentile Christian Church after the rejection of Israel?

56. THURSDAY. What is the result to which a comparison of the 2nd, 7th, and 8th chapters of Daniel, with the 13th and 17th of Revelations leads, as to the scheme of Satan's working, and his future plans?

57. FRIDAY. What does Scripture say will be the first movement of Christ towards the earth — what the apostasy and consequent rejection of the professing

58. Church? How far are ministers of the Word responsible for not proclaiming His speedy coming, or not warning of the Judgments to precede it?

1835. E. P. D. I.

59. MONDAY, Sept. 7. What will be the history of the remnant after the return of the Jews? What will be the measure of the renovation of the earth in the Millennium?

60. TUESDAY. Does the Scripture (Eph. ii. 6) mean that our present position is on the Father's throne?

62. Where and what will be the fulfilment of verse 7? If

63. this is our position, what separation from the world, and death of the flesh would faithfulness to it involve?

64. Is life in the Believer in proportion to death; or death in proportion to life?

65 WEDNESDAY. Does each dispensation end in apostasy only — or is the dispensation revived in a remnant, the rejection of which consummates the apos-

66. tasy? What is the distinction intended in 1 Cor. xii.

67. 4, 5, 6? Are these three necessary to manifest

68. Christ's Church? What place in our subjection to

Christ's commands, are ministrations ordained of Him

69. to hold? Is the promise of the Comforter included

in diversities of gifts, or diversities of operations?

70. THURSDAY. What characteristics of the closing scene of this dispensation can we discern in the historical

71. parts of Scripture? What types of the future glory

of Israel in the sacrifices and feasts?

72. FRIDAY. Can we discover Satan's designs in the Church at large, from a study of our own hearts, or

in our own hearts from his workings in the Church,

or both from his attempts against Christ; the prophecies concerning the Antichrist, and the cries of the

oppressed under him.

73. What is the cause of the Church's sorrow? Can she

74. be in a right state if not sorrowful? What will end

75. her sorrowful days?

1836. S. G. D. I.

76. MONDAY, *Evening*. Sept. 5. Watchman what of the night?
 77. Is there any thing going on in the Church which calls
 78. for observation? How far have we advanced into the
 79. 24th or 25th of Matthew? Have we entered on the
 80. perilous times? Any sign of the morning?
81. TUESDAY. What contrast and what resemblance may
 be observed in design, workings, and end, between
 82. the Dispensations revealed in Scripture? How many
 83. may there be? Is there any distinction intended be-
 84. tween Jacob's and Moses' blessing on Israel? Any
 85. between "*Thy Maker is thy Husband*" to the Jew, and
 86. "the Bride the Lamb's wife?" Any between the Spirit
 breathed on the Apostles after the resurrection, and the
 Spirit sent down after the Ascension? Any between
 judgment on the world at the coming of Christ, and
 the judgment of the wicked dead?
87. WEDNESDAY. Is Scripture ever quoted in the New
 Testament as accommodation rather than fulfilment;
 88. or, if fulfilment, is such ever partial? When is
 Scripture to be taken spiritually, when literally?
 89. What is the purport of the Sermon on the Mount?
 90. How are we to understand the Lord's Prayer, and such
 passages as, "Resist not evil," "Swear not at all," &c.
 91. Did any of the Saints in the New Testament hold
 92. places forbidden by the spirit of the Gospel? Does
 93. change of circumstance alter commands? What is the

various import of the Lord's titles "Son of God," "Son of Abraham," "Son of David," "Son of Man?"

94. THURSDAY. What may be the typical history of Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, and Darius, in Daniel, bearing on the last days? Has the Church fallen in with Satan's designs, and in what way? Can this be traced through the Epistles to the seven Churches or elsewhere in Scripture? Can we reconcile how the time of Christ's coming will be a time of security, and yet a time of perplexity? Does the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Matthew, refer to the King of the North, or to the Antichrist? Which of these powers perish in the Holy Mountain (Dan. xi)? What is the shaking of the powers of the heavens?

101. FRIDAY. How do the faithful from an Apostasy differ in character and testimony from the opening of a Dispensation? What difference will there be in the sufferings and relief of the Jewish and Spiritual remnant? Did Christ experience the sufferings of both? Did Apostasy manifest itself against Him: did love fail in this time of suspicion? How is unity to be preserved consistently with faithfulness towards those whom we esteem as brethren, but believe to be in error?
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1838. G. H. C. E.

106. MONDAY *Evening*, June 4. How may brethren meet for profit? The value, to this end, of prayer in the Spirit, subduedness of mind, brotherly love, Christian forbearance?

108. TUESDAY *Morning*. THE HOLY SPIRIT. His person and character; His several operations, previous to the coming of Christ, during his presence on earth, after the Pentecost, and during the Millennium.

110. What the distinction between "being born of the

111. Spirit," and "baptized with the Spirit?" What is meant by His convincing "the world of sin, of

112. righteousness, and of judgment?" What severally by the "quickenings," "indwelling," "anointing," "seal-

113. ing," and "earnest" of the Spirit. Are all these the present possession of the Church?

114. WEDNESDAY. THE CHURCH. The distinctive character of the dispensation between the first and

115. second coming of Christ. Christian Priesthood;

116. Christian Ministry; how and to what extent is it to be

117. recognized? The authority of the Church, and where-

118. in lodged? Has she any, and what power of legisla-

119. tion? What Scripture authority for the distinction

120. between the true and professing Church? What is

120. the removal of the Candlestick? What is the Scripture testimony as to the state of the Church at the close of

122. the dispensation? What measure of the original

123. blessing of the dispensation may a faithful remnant
 124. hope to recover? Would such be warranted in applying to themselves Mal. iii. 6, 7. How may such most effectually witness for the Lord?

126. THURSDAY. PROPHECY. What do the Scriptures reveal as to the future prospects of the Jew and
 126. Gentile in the present dispensation? What is meant by ἡ οἰκουμένη ἡ μέλλουσα (the world to come)
 127. Heb. ii. 5.? What do the Scriptures declare concerning the Earth, the Nations, Jerusalem on earth, and
 128. "Jerusalem above," during the Millennium? What the extension and duration of Messiah's kingdom (Luke. i. 33. comp. with 1 Cor. xv. 24. and Rev. xx. 4, 6)? What is the character of the power ascribed to the Son (John v. 24—29, inclusive), and in what dispensations manifested?

130. FRIDAY. The means of attaining unto the mind of
 131. God? What the rule of life before and after the fall,
 132. and under the several dispensations? What to Believers now? The constitution of man as in 1 Thes. v. 23, body, soul, and spirit? What the inward man (Rom. vii.)? What the witness of the Spirit with our spirit (Rom. viii.)? Christian experience — What its place in the Christian life, its use and abuse? What
 137. is the extent of Satan's power, and how limited? Can
 138. we discover his working distinct from the working
 139. of the flesh? What is the distinctive character of
 140. "heresy?" What our conduct towards those in error,

- not wilfully, but through confusion of mind or defective teaching? The character and extent of the Believer's subjection to the "higher powers"—his duty
141. as to oaths, licenses, &c.? Is petition a right way of
142. remedy? The source of division among those who
143. love the Lord—What do we learn from the word as
144. to the means of union?

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