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Subject: Nations Are Judged-God Rewards and Punishes Them on Earth-God's Judgments Likened to the Swift Sweep of a Razor.

(Copyright 1903,1 WASHINGTON, D. C.-Dr. Talmage, in his journey westward through Europe, has recently visited scenes of thrilling historic events. He sends this sermon, in which he shows that nations are judged in this world, and that God rewards them for their virtues and punishes them for their crimes. The text is Isaiah vii. 20, "In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired, namely, by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria."
The Bible is the oldest book ever writ-

ten. There are no similitudes in Ossian or the Hiad or the Odyssey so daring. Its emagery sometimes seems on the verge of the reckless, but only seems sc. The fact is that God would startle and arouse and propel men and nations. A tame and limping similitude would fail to accomplish the object. While there are times when He employs in the Bible the gentle dew, and the morning cloud, and the dove and the daybreak in the presentation of truth, we oiten find the iron chariot, the lightning, the earthquake, the spray, the sword and in my text the razor. This keen bladed instrument has advanced in usefulness with the ages. In Bible times and lands the heard remained uncut save in the seasons of mourning and humiliation, but the razor was always a suggestive symbol. David said of Doeg, his antagonist, "Thy tongue is a sharp razor working deceitfully"—that is, it pretends to clear the face, but is really used for

deadly incision.

In this striking text this aveapon of the toilet appears under the following cirgumstances: Judea needed to have some of its prosperities cut off, and God sends against it three Assyrian kings—first Sennacherib, then Ezarhaddon and afterward Nebuchadñezzar. These three sharp invasions that cut down the glory of Judea are compared to so many sweeps of the razor across the face of the land. And these devastations were called a hired razor because God took the kings of Assyria, with whom He had no sympathy, to do the work, and paid them in palaces and spoils and annexations. These kings were hired to execute the divine behests. And now the text, which on its first read-And now the text, which on its first read-ing may have seemed trivial or inapt, is tharged with momentous import, "In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor

that is hired, namely, by them beyond the river, by the ling of Assyria."

Well, if God's judgments are razors, we had better be careful how we use them on other people. In careful sheath these domestic weapons are put away, where no one by accident may touch them and where the hands of children may not reach them. Such instruments must be carefully handled or not handled at all But how recklessly some people wield the judgment of God! If a man meets with business misfortune, how many there are ready to cry out: "That is a judgment of God upon him because he was unscrupulous or arrogant or over-reaching or mis-erly. I thought he would get cut down! What a clean sweep of everything! His city house and country house gone. His stables emptied of all the fine bays and Take LAIATIVE BROWN QUINING TABLETS. All drugglets refund the meney if it fails to cure.

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and all that he prided himself on tumbled into demolition. Good for him!" Stop, my brother. Don't sling around too freely the judgments of God, for they are razors. Some of the most wicked business men succeed, and they live and die in prosperity, and some of the most honest and

perity, and some of the most honest and conscientious are driven into bankruptcy. Perhaps the unsuccessful man's manner was unfortunate and he was not really as proud as he looked to be. Some of those who carry their heads erect and look imperial are humble as a child, while many a man in seedy coat and slouch hat and unblackened shoes is as proud as Lucifer. You cannot tell by a man's look. Per-haps he was not unscrupulous in business. for there are two sides to every story, and everybody that accomplishes anything for himself or others gets industriously lied about. Perhaps his business mistortune was not a punishment, but the fatherly discipline to prepare him for heaven, and God may love him far more than He loves you, who can pay dollar for dollar and are put down in the commercial catalogue as "Al." Whom the Lord leveth He gives "A1." Whom- the Lord loveth He gives \$400,000 and lets die on embroidered pillows? No; whom the Lord loveth He thasteneth. Better keep your hand off the Lord's razors lest they cut and wound people that do not deserve it. If you want to shave off some of the bristling pride of your own heart, do so, but be rery careful how you put the sharp edge on others. How I do dislike the behavior into the best are good as a medicine, then Ayer's Sarsaparilla is good. If not, we are humbugs eyes, so small that it takes a microscope to find it, gives them more trouble than the beam which obscures their own optics. hearts, and then go to work on men sprawled out at full length under disaster, cutting mercilessly. They begin by soft expressions of sympathy and pity, and half praise and lather the victim all over

Apressions of sympathy and pity, and half praise and lather the victim all over before they put on the sharp edge.

Let us be careful how we shoot at others, lest we take down the wrong one, remembering the servant of King William Rufus who shot at a deer, but the arrow glanced against a tree and killed the king. Instead of going out with shafts to pierce and razors to cut, we had better imitate the friend of Richard Coeur de Lion. Richard, in the war of the Crusades, was captured and imprisoned, but none of his friends knew where, so his loyal friend went around the land from stronghold to stronghold and sang at each window a smatch of a song that Richard Coeur de Lion had taught him in other days. And one day coming before a jail where he suspected his king might be incarcerated, he sang two lines of song and immediately King Richard responded from his cell with the other two lines, and so his whereabouts were discovered, and a successful movement was at once made for his liberation. So let us go up and down the world with the music of kind words and sympathetic hearts, serenading the unfortunate and trying to get out of trouble men who had noble natures, but by unforeseen circumstances have been incarcerated, thus liberating kings. More hymn-book and less razor.

Especially ought we to be apologetic and merciful toward those who while they have great faults have also great virtues. Some people are barren of virtues; no

and they do not miss by the thousandth part of an inch the right direction. Pco-ple talk as though things in this world were at loose ends. Cholera sweeps across were at loose ends. Cholera sweeps across Marseilles and Madrid and Palermo, and we watch anxiously. Will the epidemic sweep Europe and America? People say: "That will entirely depend on whether the inoculation is a successful experiment; that will depend entirely on quarantine regulation; that will depend on the early or late annearance of frost; that epidemic is pitched into the world, and it goes blundering across the continents, and it is all guesswork and all appalling perhaps." I think perhaps that God had something to do with it and that His morey may have do with it and that His morey may have in some way protected us, that He may have done as much for us as the quarantine and the health officers. It was right and a necessity that all caution should be used, but there have come enough macaroni from Italy and enough grapes from the south of France and enough rags from tatterdermalions and hidden in these articles of transportation enough choleraic germs to have left by this time all the cities mourning in the cemeteries. I thank all the doctors and quarantines, but more than all and first of all and last of all and all the time I thank God. In all the 6000 years of the world's existence there has not one thing merely "happened God is not an anarchist, but a King,

When little Tad, the son of President Lincoln, died, all America sympathized with the sorrow in the White House. He used to rush into the room where the Cabinet was in session and while the most eminent men of the land were discussing the questions of national existence. But the child had no care about those ques-tions. No. God the Father and God the Son and God the Holy Ghost are in per petual session in regard to this world and kindred worlds. Shall you, His child, rush in to criticise or arraign or condemn the divine government? No. The cab-inet of the eternal three can govern and will govern in the wisest and best way, and there never will be a mistake and, like razor skillfully swung, shall cut that which ought to be avoided. Precision to the very hairbreadth. Earthly timepieces may go out of order and strike wrong, saying it is 1 o'clock when it is 2 or 2 when it is 3. God's clock is always right, and when it is 1 it strikes 1, and when it is 12 it strikes 12, and the second

and is as accurate as the minute hand. Further, my text tells us that God day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired." With one sharp sweep He went across Judea, and down went its pride and its power. In 1861 God shaved the American nation. We had allowed to grow Sabbath desecration and oppression and blasphemy and fraud and impurity and all sorts of turnitude. The South had its sins and the North had its sins and the East its sins and the West its sins. We had been warned again and again, and we did not heed. At length the sword of war cut from the St. Lawrence to the Guli and from Atlantic sea. oard to Pacific sea-board. The pride of the land, not the cowards, but the heroes, on both sides went down. And that which we took for the sword of war was the Lord razor. In 1862 again it went across the land; in 1863 again: in 1864 again. Then the sharp instrument was incased and put away.

One would think that our national symbol of the eagle might sometimes suggest another cagle, that which ancient Rome carried. In the talons of that eagle were clutched at one time Britain, France, Spain, Italy. Dalmatia, Rhaetia, Noricum, Pannonia, Moesia, Dacia, Thrace, Macedonia, Greece, Asia Minor, Syria, Phoenicia, Palestine, Egypt and all northern Africa and all the islands of the Mediterranean—indeed all the world that was worth having; 120,000,000 of people under the wings of that one eagle! Where is she now? Ask Gibbon, the historian, in his types poors, the "Theiling and Fall of

his prose poem, the "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." Ask her gigantic ruins, bemoaning their sadness through the ages, the screech owl at windows out of which worldwide conquerers looked. Ask the day of judgment, when her crowned debauchees, Commodus and Per-tinax and Caligula and Diocletian, shall answer for their infamy. As man and as nations let us repent and have our trust in a pardoning God rather than depend on former successes for immunity. Out of thirteen of the greatest battles of the world Napoleon had lost but one before

Waterloo. Pride and destruction often rode in the same saddle.

But notice once more and more than all in my text that God is so kind and loving that when it is necessary for Him. to cut He has to go to others for the sharp edged weapon. "In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired." God is love. God is pity. God is heip. God is shelter. God is rescue. There are no sharp edges about Him, no thrusting points, no instruments of laceration. If you want balm for wounds, He has that. If you want divine salve for eyesight. He has that. But if there is sharp and cutting work to do which requires a razor, that He hires. God has nothing about Him that hurts save when dire necessity demands, and then He has to go clear off to some one else to get the instrument. This divine clemency will be no novelty to those who have pondered to cut He has to go to others for the sharp edged weapon. "In the same day no novelty to those who have pondered the Calvarean massacre, where God submerged Himself in human tears and crim-soned Himself from punctured arteries and let the terrestrial and infernal worlds maul Him until the chandeliers of the sky had to be turned out because the uni-verse could not endure the outrage. Illus-trious for love He must have been to take all that as our substitute, paying out of His own heart the price of our admission

at the gates of heaven.

King Henry II. of England crowned his son as king, and on the day of coronation put on a servant's garb and waited, be, the king, at the \*\*n's table, to the astonshment of all the princes. But we know of a more wondrous scene, the King of of a more wondrous scene, the King of heaven and earth offering to put on you, His child, the crown of life and in the form of a servant waiting on you with blessing. Extol that love, all painting, all sculpture, all r asic, all architecture, all worship! In Dresdenian gallery let Raphael hold Him up as a child, and in Antwerp cathedral let Rubens hand Him down from the cross as a martyr and Handel make all his oratorio vibrate around del make all his oratorio vibrate around that one chord-"He was wounded for our that one chord—"He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities." But not until all the redeemed get home and from the countenances in all the galleries of the ransomed shall be revealed the wonders of redempton shall either man or scraph or archangel know the height and depth and breath of the love of God.

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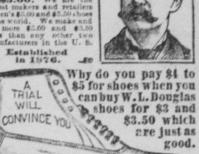
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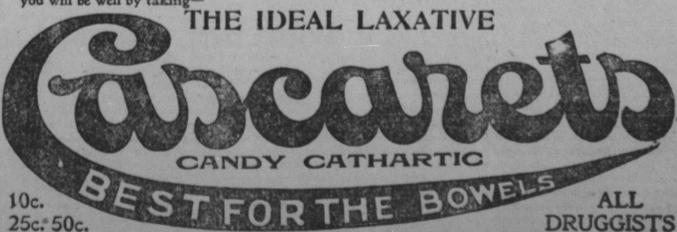
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