

# “PAY-DAY—SOME DAY”

With Other Sketches From Life and Messages From The Word

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## CHAPTER TEN

### SATAN PAYS WELL TOO!

Satan pays well too. Those who serve him will get full pay here—and hereafter. While Christians are happy in “the service of the King” and with triumphant joy sing, “It pays to serve Jesus, it pays every day, it pays every step of the way,” those who are under the dominion of Satan and the power of darkness have found him to be a hard taskmaster. Strange as it may seem, many of his subjects serve him more faithfully and are more obedient to his Satanic influence than many Christians are to Christ.

Never have I heard of one person who has regretted turning from Satan and coming under the leadership of Jesus Christ, but in most testimonies we have heard the remark, “I wish I had come sooner.” Why? Simply for the reason that they would have been spared some of life’s sad memories and heartaches.

I once heard a well-known preacher say that he would gladly have his right arm taken off at the elbow if by so doing he could undo some of the deeds of sin while unsaved, and still this man was saved while a very young man.

Those who live for Christ here are enjoying a bit of heaven already and living on His precious promises, learning to cast their cares on Him who careth for us, and discovering that **“My God shall supply all your need, according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus,”** and that whatever may befall us, **“We know that all things work together for good to them that love God.”**

When we say good-bye to this world we shall be forever with the Lord and throughout the endless ages sing the song of the redeemed.

In contrast to this happy condition, we have the heartaches, despair and sadness, without comfort, for those who are ruled by Satan. We don’t question that there are seasons of worldly happiness and sinful pleasures that give momentary thrills, but the end is the same—at its very best, life is dreary without Jesus—and the pay envelope is full of despair and heartaches and the road leads to the blackness of an endless night where there is only bitter agony and remorse. This is the pay-envelope Satan hands you— your final pay-day has come.

The following illustration fits in here as no other story would. I heard it years ago from the lips of that famous preacher, Gust F. Johnson, better known in his younger days as “Texas Johnson.” The story made an indelible impression on me and recently I checked up on the story and am told that it is correct.

Down in Texas, were two families living on opposite sides of the road who became bitter enemies. One of them planned on “getting even” and one day while his neighbor took his family to town hurriedly sowed weed-seeds in his garden and parts of his good land. This so-called “Johnson grass” was a weed that could not be plowed away or burned, but had to be plucked out by hand.

Now the farmer was elated at the thought that he “gave it to him hard,” and he did. The following year his hatred had satisfaction in watching this poor farmer work overtime fighting the weeds that threatened to destroy his good land. But, “it is a long road that has no turning,” and as time went on the children grew up, and in the course of time one of the farmer’s boys married the other farmer’s daughter. One day the son-in-law said to his wife: “Your father is too old now to work his farm. Let us invite him to stay with us.” And he came. Then his son-in-law said to him, “Dad, we do not want you to do heavy farm work anymore. You are too old to walk behind a plow. We want you to take it a bit easier. You just spend your time picking those pesky weeds out of the garden and the land.”

So the father with the stooped shoulders and bent back from years of hard work had to spend his remaining years picking out the weeds he had planted years before, and each day be reminded that “**What a man sows, that shall he also reap.**”

Yes, there is “Pay-Day—Some Day” for the obedient servants of the Lord, and also for those who serve Satan.

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