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| seats | heaven | angels |
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| holy | beasts | |

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 This is the very essence of true religion — personally living with a personal Savior, personally trusting a personal Redeemer, personally crying out to a personal Intercessor, and receiving personal answers from a Person who loves us, and who manifests himself to us. - *Spurgeon*

Pennies

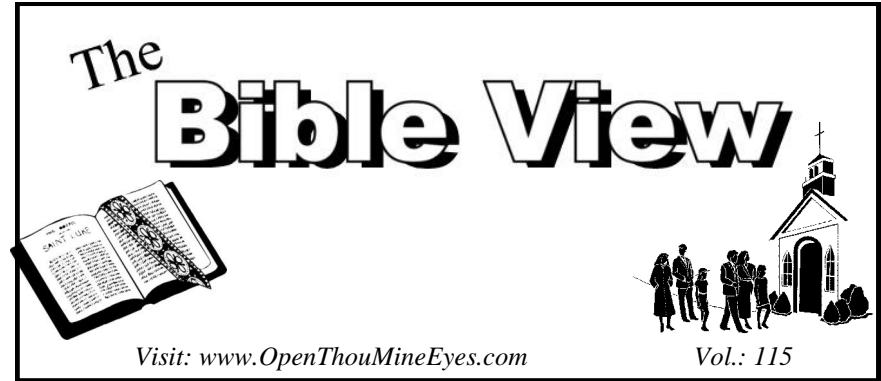
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and realized that I had been worrying and fretting in my mind about things I cannot change. I read the words, "In God We Trust," and had to

laugh. "Yes, God, I get the message."

It seems that I have been finding an inordinate number of pennies in the last few months, but then, pennies are plentiful; and, God is patient.

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Isaiah's Prophecies

By Bill Brinkworth

One of the many proofs that the Bible is God's word and not just a book is the many prophecies it foretells. Thousands of its prophecies have come true and have been verified by history. Unfilled prophecies are expected to be fulfilled shortly.

A prophecy is absolute proof that the Bible is God's Word. Only God can know the future. Those that claim to tell the future have been proven repeatedly to not be accurate in their guesses. God's word has always been accurate.

Of the many futuristic predictions within the Bible's pages over 1000 foretold the Christ, way before Jesus was even born. They told of the One who would come and bear the sins of man; so, through his death, people could have their iniquities forgiven and have a way to heaven. They all came true as Jesus Christ lived and died.

Although scripture is peppered with prophecies of His coming,
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Pennies

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Several years ago, a friend of mine and her husband were invited to spend the weekend at the husband's employer's home. My friend, Arlene, was nervous about the weekend. The boss was very wealthy, with a fine home on the waterway, and cars costing more than her house.

The first day and evening went well, and Arlene was delighted to have this rare glimpse into how the very wealthy live. The husband's employer was quite generous as a host, and took them to the finest restaurants. Arlene knew she would never have the opportunity to indulge in this kind of extravagance again, so was enjoying herself immensely.

As the three of them were about to enter an exclusive restaurant that evening, the boss was walking slightly ahead of Arlene and her husband. He stopped suddenly, looking down on the pavement for a long, silent moment.

Arlene wondered if she was supposed to pass him. There was
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there are many found in Isaiah 53. If you read it for yourself, you will find prophecies about Jesus' life and death 712 years before his birth. The over 40 predictions that all came true in chapter 52 include:

✍ Many would have unbelief: (vs.1) *"Who hath believed our report?"*

✍ Many would not understand: (vs.1) *"and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?"*

✍ The Christ came quietly, silently, and gently into the world. (vs. 2) *"For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant."*

✍ From an unimportant, unpopular family: (vs. 2) *"and as a root out of a dry ground."* Jesus' mother, being a virgin, was also 'dry ground'.

✍ Would not be unusual appearing or have uncommon beauty: (vs. 2) *"he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him."*

✍ He would be hated by some: (vs.3) *"He is despised and rejected of men."*

✍ He would not have an easy life: (vs.3) *"a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief."*

✍ Not many would care what happened to Him: (vs. 3) *"and we hid as it were our faces from him; and we esteemed him*

not.", Also: vs. 4

✍ He would die for our sins and take our sins upon Himself: (vs. 4) *"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:"*. Also in vs. 5, 6, 8, 10, 11.

✍ He would be beaten: (vs. 5) *"he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."*, (vs. 7) *"and he was afflicted."*

✍ Many would turn against Him: (vs. 7) *"He was oppressed,"*

✍ He would take the beatings and not cry out: (vs. 7) *"yet he opened not his mouth: ..."*

✍ He would go to prison: (vs. 8) *"He was taken from prison."*

✍ Men would judge Him: (vs. 8) *"and from judgment."*

✍ He would preach to the people of His time: *"and who shall declare his generation?"*

✍ He would be killed: (vs. 8) *"for he was cut off out of the land of the living."*

✍ He would die like the sinners he died for: (vs. 9) *"And he made his grave with the wicked,"*; Also: vs. 12.

✍ He would be buried with the rich: (vs.9) *"and with the rich in his death."*

✍ He would do no wrong: (vs. 9) *"because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth."*

✍ It would be God's will and way that the Saviour would die the way God allowed Him to die: (vs. 10) *"Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief."*

✍ His life would not end at His death: (vs. 9) *"he shall prolong his days."*

✍ God would be pleased with what the Saviour would do: (vs. 9) *"and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand"*. Also in vs. 11 & 12.

✍ He would pay for all mankind's sin with His death: (vs. 12) *"and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."*

Knowing the New Testament, especially its first four books, one will know that all the above prophecies came true many years after. How could that happen? Coincidence! Hardly. The only way they could have all come true is that the futuristic predictions were recorded by God in His perfect, preserved book! The Bible is not just another book!

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nothing on the ground except a single, darkened penny that someone had dropped, and a few cigarette butts. Still silent, the man reached down and picked up the penny.

He held it up and smiled, then put it in his pocket as if he had found a great treasure. How ab-

surd! What need did this man have for a single penny? Why would he even take the time to stop and pick it up?

Throughout dinner, the entire scene nagged at her. Finally, she could stand it no longer. She casually asked if the penny he had found had been of some value.

A smile crept across the man's face as he reached into his pocket and held the penny out for her to see.

"Look at it." He said. "Read what it says."

She read the words, "United States of America."

"No, not that; read further."

"One cent?"

"No, keep reading."

"In God we Trust?"

"Yes! And if I trust in God, the name of God is holy, even on a coin. Whenever I find a coin, I see that inscription. It is written on every single United States coin, but we never seem to notice it! God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him? Who am I to pass it by? When I see a coin, I pray. I stop to see if my trust IS in God at that moment. I pick the coin up as a response to God; that I do trust in Him. For a short time, at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me. Lucky for me, God is patient and pennies are plentiful!"

When I was out shopping today, I found a penny on the sidewalk. I stopped and picked it up,

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