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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa.8:20).

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The Dispute About The Book Of Jonah

During all centuries of the past the Book of Jonah has been scoffed, mocked, and ridiculed more than any book of the Bible. Modest and skeptics have declared boldly that it was a complete impossibility. Many nominal Christians have thought of it as a "fish story."

A Salvation Army lassie entered a street car and sat down beside a skeptic. The latter, thinking that he would provoke mirth at the expense of the former said, "How do you know that the book of Jonah is true?" The girl replied "I don't know, but when I get to Heaven, I expect to ask Jonah, and then I'll know." "But," rejoined the skeptic, "suppose Jonah isn't in Heaven, what then?" "Well then, you may ask him," the girl replied.

Despite all jokes, this book is historically, scientifically, and religiously true.

The skeptic first denies the personality of Jonah. This is comparatively an easy thing to do—provided it can be proved. We believe that George Washington and Abraham Lincoln lived because they are historical characters. And in the

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To Pray For Pope

FRANKFORT, Feb. 14 (AP)—Kentuckians have been asked by Gov. A. B. Chandler to join him in five minutes of silent prayer beginning at 12:35 p. m. (EST) Wednesday for Pope Pius XI that "his soul may rest in peace."

Well, what do you think of that! Our Catholic friends refer to him as "Our Lord God the Pope." To us, this is sheer blasphemy, but to those who thus accept him, we ask "Why should it be necessary to pray for 'Our Lord God the Pope'?" If he be the "Lord God," then why petition any other God that he might "rest in peace"?

There are countless multitudes who believe that one has a second chance after he lives in this world. Regardless of how immoral and ungodly he has lived, they believe that he will have another opportunity whereby he might be made right with God. This would make that intermediate state, a great and successful reform school here the incorrigibles of earth

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GOD MOVES IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY

"God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of neverfailing skill,
He treasures up His bright designs,
And works His sov'reign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan His works in vain;
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain."

BIBLE QUESTIONS

1. What broken oath was punished by three years of famine and caused the death of the descendants of him who broke it?
2. Who lent her child to the Lord for life, and what interest did she receive on the loan?
3. What was the curse of Cain?
4. What is the first blessing mentioned in the Bible?
5. What shall never cease while the earth remaineth?
6. What six hundred men took refuge on a rock?
7. What hero married his half sister?
8. In what marriage did an old shoe play an important part?
9. What two pillars had human names?
10. What two kings sent an expedition after gold, how much did they get, and where was the mine?
11. Which of the tribes of Israel sprang from an Egyptian mother?
12. How many times did Noah send out the dove from the ark?

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The First Baptist Pulpit

Why Baptism Is Not Essential To Salvation

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation" — 11 Pet.1:20.

I thank the Lord for this text. It tells us how to understand and explain the Scriptures. It tells us that scripture must be interpreted in the light of Scripture. No text can be taken out of its setting and away from its context. No text is to be interpreted by itself but in the light of all the rest of the Bible. That is how every Doctrine is to be dealt with.

Particularly is that true with the doctrine of Baptism. There are those who believe that Baptism is essential to Salvation. A preacher thus believing said to me sometime ago, "Why, brother, if our

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A Report Of The Work of Will Jones

Realizing that many of the readers of this paper have through the years been interested in the missionary work of Elder Will Jones, who labors in the Amazon Valley of Brazil, we take great pleasure in sharing the following letter with our readers.

Ere quoting it, we offer this explanation: We desired information relative to Brother Jones' work to publish for the benefit of our readers, and since his work for the Master keeps him exceedingly busy Mrs. Gilpin wrote Mrs. Jones at Murray, Kentucky for the information. Mrs. Jones' ill health prevents her from being now in Brazil. Her son, G. B. Jones, a fine young soldier of the Cross responded as follows:

February 7, 1939

Dear Mrs. Gilpin:

My father went to Brazil in 1923. He felt called to the Amazon Valley after hearing an appeal made in the First Baptist Church here by Brother E A Nelson, who for forty years was a missionary in that country. He went to Brazil after appeals by the late H. B. Taylor led to the organization of the Amazon Valley Faith Mission.

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God Wants You

A sixteen year old girl was a chronic invalid, but her mother was a pleasure loving woman who could not endure the idea of being much with her shut-in daughter. While the mother was traveling abroad in Italy, she remembered the coming birthday of her daughter, and sent her a rare and wonderful Italian vase. The trained nurse brought it to the girl saying that her mother had sent it so carefully that it came right on her birthday. After looking at its beauty for a moment, the girl turned to the nurse and said: "Take it away, take it away. O mother, mother, do not send me anything more; no books, no flowers, no vases, no pictures. Send me no more. I want you, you!" Don't give Christ things—only things. / HE WANTS YOU. "Son, daughter give me thy heart." That daughter wanted her mother. She wanted her presence, her companionship, her love. Christ wants you first of all. Teach dis-

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ways been interested in the Ama-
zon Valley Mission field, and the
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have in supporting the work of
this needy field. "Lay not up for
yourselves treasures upon earth,
where moth and rust doth corrupt,
and where thieves break through
and steal: But lay up for your-
selves treasures in heaven, where
neither moth nor rust doth cor-
rupt, and where thieves do not
break through nor steal." (Mt. 6:19,
20) When you stand before Him,
you'll wish that some of your
money had been sent to this noble
man of God to aid in his work.
and your offering tomorrow;
not n about it today.

A MISSIONARY NEEDED

In the letter published elsewhere
relative to the work of Will Jones
in Brazil, you will find this state-
ment, "Ever since 1930 my father
has been praying for at least one
American missionary to come to
Brazil to labor with him. He feels
this need sharply, since trained
native workers are few."

The editor did not know that
this was Brother Jones' prayer,
but it has been our prayer ever
since Brother Jones visited with
us on his last furlough. He has
been in ill-health for several
months. His age will soon begin
to lessen his service. Within a
few brief years at least, a little
mound of Brazilian grass shall
mark the resting place of the body
of Will Jones.

What then? Someone else must
carry on, the work he has begun.
God knows who that one is today.
It perhaps is some reader of these
lines. May God grant that some-
one today may hear the voice of
the Lord say, "Whom shall I send
and who will go for us?" (Is. 6:8)
In the quietude of prayer, may
he answer, "Here am I; send me."

The editor is ready to make this
personal appeal: If God shall lead
someone to Brazil, we will per-
sonally attempt to raise funds for
passage and salary. However, if
you are a spiritual "pantie-waist"
who believes in modernism, union-
ism, feminism, and Arminianism,
you need not apply. God isn't call-
ing you to Brazil. I am sure He
is calling you all right, but to re-
pentance and faith in Jesus as
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WHY BAPTISM IS NOT ESSENTIAL TO SALVATION

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Blessed Master had not been baptized He would have gone to Hell surely." In the light of this statement, since Christ of necessity (so this preacher said) must be baptized, then, of course, every person in this world must be baptized in order to be saved. Any man with one eye and half sense ought to know better.

I believe that Baptism is essential, but it is not essential to life. My hands and my feet are essential for that for which they were appointed. A bird's wings are essential, but not to life. A horse's hoofs are essential but not to life; so, with Baptism; it is essential for that for which it was appointed of the Lord, but it is not essential for Salvation.

There are some reasons why Baptism is not essential to Salvation.

I

The Plan of Salvation in all the Bible is one plan — faith in the death of Jesus Christ. "He that believeth not shall be damned" (Mk. 16:16). "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18). "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36). "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life" (John 6:47). "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified" (Gal. 2:16). "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:8-10).

II

The model case of Abraham likewise shows that Baptism is not essential to Salvation. Abraham is the one model which God uses in the Bible whereby He illustrates Salvation. In this model case, Abraham is saved apart from Baptism. "What shall we say then that Abraham, our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. For what saith the scripture? 'Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Now to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, saying, blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead" (Rom. 4:1-7, 22-24).

III

The only direct question as to how one may be saved is given in Acts 16:30, "What must I do to be saved?" The answer is found in the next verse. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). In this instance there is no Baptism. The Philippian jailor was not baptized until much later as we read in Verse 33, "And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway" (Acts 16:33).

IV

The Bible declares that we are saved by the Gospel. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16).

Baptism is no part of the Gospel. "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel" (1 Cor. 1:17).

Then, by all the laws of Logic, Baptism is not essential to Salvation.

V

In the Book of Romans, Baptism is described as a burial. "Therefore, we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4).

We bury a man because he is dead and not in order to kill him. We do not bury a live sinner in Baptism. We wait until the Spirit of God kills him to sin.

VI

The Apostle Paul declares that we are not saved by works of righteousness, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regenera-

tion, and renewing of the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5).

However, Jesus said that Baptism was a work of righteousness, "And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him" (Mt. 3:15).

In the light of this syllogism, how then could one believe in Salvation by Baptism

VII

When Paul wrote to the Church at Corinth, he thanked God for the fact that he had baptized very few. "I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius" (1 Cor. 1:14).

If Baptism were essential for Salvation then Paul thanked God that he refused to perform one of the things that were necessary whereby sinners might be saved. Surely no one in sound mind could believe this in the light of the missionary and evangelistic zeal of the Apostle!

VIII

In Ephesians we read that every saved person is the workmanship of Christ, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:10).

This could not be true, though, if Baptism were essential to Salvation for under those conditions we would be the workmanship of Baptism rather than of Christ.

IX

If Baptism is essential to Salvation, then all the Old Testament Fathers are lost since none of them were baptized. However, the Scriptures declare that many of them are saved. Read the list of worthies who are spoken of as redeemed in the Eleventh Chapter of Hebrews. "And I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the Kingdom of Heaven" (Mt. 8:11). "And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints" (Rev. 15:3).

X

During our Saviour's personal ministry, all sins were remitted without Baptism. "When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee" (Mark 2:5). "Thou gavest me no kiss; but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet, my head with oil thou didst not anoint; but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much; but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. And He said unto her, thy sins are forgiven. And they that sat at meat with Him began to say within themselves, who is this that forgiveth sins also? And He said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee, go in peace" (Luke 7:45-50). "And Jesus said unto him, receive thy sight, thy faith hath saved thee" (Luke 18:42).

If sins were remitted then apart from Baptism, there is no reason to believe that there is a change in the Plan of Salvation today.

XI

If Baptism is essential to Salvation, then Jesus Christ never saved anyone, since He never baptized anyone. "Though Jesus Himself baptized not, but his disciples" (John 4:2).

XII

If Baptism is necessary for Salvation, then Salvation is a matter of works: works on the part of both the preacher and the believer, yet over and over again God forbids works in the realm of Salvation. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8,9). "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began" (II Tim. 1:9).

XIII

When Paul was converted and sent out by the Lord as a Missionary a special commission was given him. This special commission shows that Baptism was not essential for Salvation. "But rise, and stand upon thy feet; for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me" (Acts 26: 16-18).

XIV

The general commission which was given to the churches by Jesus Christ, shows that there are three steps for each church to follow; (first) make disciples, (second) baptize disciples, (third) teach disciples. "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is

given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Mt. 28:18-29.)

XV

Every recorded instance of Baptism in the New Testament follows the order which Jesus Christ gave in this commission. Then let twentieth century preachers who would dare to change the commission and the order thereto, beware lest they send souls to a first century hell.

It is the testimony of the prophets that believing secures the remission of sins. "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:43).

If it is believing that does this then it is not Baptism. Which will you believe, the prophets or man?

XVI

At least one man in the days of Jesus went to Heaven without baptism—the thief on the Cross. "And one of the malefactors, which were hanged railed on him, saying, if thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:39-43).

XVII

If He saved one then without Baptism, surely He can save all today without Baptism.

In I John 1:7 we read, "And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." If the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin, then there are no sins left for Baptism to cleanse us from. Therefore, Baptism is not essential to Salvation.

XVIII

The Jews were saved in Egypt on the night of the Passover. Compare Exodus 12. Three days later they were baptized in the Red Sea. "And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea" (I Cor. 10:2).

This clearly illustrates the difference between Salvation and Baptism so that instead of Baptism being essential to Salvation, the converse is true, Salvation is essential to scriptural Baptism.

XIX

It was the practice of the early church to baptize only believers. "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" (Acts 10:47). "And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us, whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and abide there. And she constrained us" (Acts 16: 14, 15). "And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized" (Acts 18:8).

This example of the early church then shows unmistakably that Baptism is no part of Salvation.

XX

If Baptism is essential to Salvation, then each time a believer sins he should be rebaptized. God's people do sin. "The thought of foolishness is sin" (Prov. 24:9). "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us" (I John 1:8, 10).

In view of this fact, then, one must be baptized daily to be assured of Salvation, if baptism had aught to do with salvation. How utterly foolish!

XXI

The argument of analogy proves that Baptism is not essential to Salvation. I might baptize an ink bottle hundreds of times but the presence of water on the outside would only show how black the inside really is. Every man is as dead spiritually as any ink bottle. "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins" (Eph. 2:1).

Baptizing a dead sinner only shows by his subsequent life how black his heart really is.

XXII

By His example, Jesus separated Conversion and Baptism, "When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that JESUS MADE and baptized more disciples than John" (John 4:1).

He made disciples and afterwards baptized them. May we seek to follow His example.

XXIII

The Scriptures declare that both Jew and Gentile are saved by

faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. "Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?" (Acts 11:17). "And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith" (Acts 15:9).

Then this leaves no room whereby Baptism might have any part in Salvation.

XXIV

Baptism cannot represent both a birth and a burial. "Therefore, we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we

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also should walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). This verse declares that it represents a burial; therefore, it cannot be the new birth or even the means of the new birth.

XXV

The statement of the Apostle John clinches the argument once for all. "Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love" (I John 4:7, 8).

No sensible person would be willing to baptize a man before he professed to love the Lord. If he loves the Lord he is saved. Therefore, Baptism is not essential to Salvation. Baptism professes a change which has already taken place and pledges allegiance to the Master. It does not procure that change, but simply indicates that it has already taken place.

Years ago a new-comer from the East, settled in Texas, called on a nearby neighbor, who was an old settler. A peculiar dipper attracted the newcomer. He asked where it came from and expressed a desire to secure one for himself. The old settler told him it was a gourd and that it grew in abundance on the rear garden fence. He gave the visitor one of beautiful shape, with the following instructions: "Cut the gourd, take out the seed, soak in water several days, and then you will have a dipper as good as mine." The new-comer took the gourd, tied a rock around it, and sank it in the little stream that flowed hard by his house. When he removed it days later from the water, instead of a useful dipper, he had a decomposed gourd. He called again on his neighbor and said, "How about this? The gourd you gave me was no good. When I took it out of the water, it was decaying and offensive and I had to throw it away." The old settler inquired as to the process he had used, and when told, he replied,

"Oh, you did not follow my directions. I said to first cut the gourd and take out the seed, before you placed it in the water. Unless you do this, the water will do no good, but rather harm." So with baptism. Unless the heart has been cut by contrition and cleansed by repentance and faith, baptism will do no good, but rather harm. . . .

Some have a Saviour waist-deep in water; we preach one who was crucified on the Cross. Therefore, we do not sing,

"There is a fountain filled with water,
Drawn from the city's main;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains."

BUT

"There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's Veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains."

A REPORT OF THE
WORK OF WILL JONES

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Father was in Brazil six months before he could even begin to testify and preached his first sermon ten months after his arrival and this resulted in the first conversion under his ministry there.

The first church established under his ministry was organized in the city of Alemquer, a city of some five thousand souls, and which had never before had any Gospel work done there. That church now has a full time pastor.

Besides this first church to be organized there have been five other churches established under my father's ministry. All except one in places where there had never before been penetrated by Baptists, and that one was in a destitute section of a city of 250,000 population.

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(According to the latest account that I have) the churches that have been organized through my father's work, have six preaching points besides their regular church work, these are mostly in the homes of members living in needy sections. My father lately reported that there are two congregations under his care that he expects to organize into churches this year if the Lord wills.

Each one of the churches I have mentioned above, has a Sunday School, and one of the churches conducts two. Also there are Sunday Schools being carried on in the two congregations I mentioned—a total of nine.

The only kind of training schools carried on by my father have been weekly training classes for the training of church workers, both men and women. He has tried to have at least one each year in each church.

Due to the fact that Brazilian womanhood is still very far behind times, it has been impossible to have women's work in but two of the churches. In these two churches they are organized into service groups that do their work in testifying to other women in their homes. These groups have been very successful in reaching women whose prejudice would never have let them enter a Baptist church.

My father has never, except for short periods, given himself to pastoral work. He tries to give his entire time to missionary work alone and for the past ten years has averaged four sermons a week.

There will be more mission stations opened as soon as my father's health (which I shall speak of later) permits, and of course when funds are available for at least one more native worker.

The average salary of a native Baptist preacher is about \$250.00 per year. This means of course living as other natives do.

My father has never been connected with any kind of secular work since going to Brazil. He has given his entire time to his missionary work.

He has done no publication work except to translate English tracts into the Portuguese language for distribution. He has printed and given away many thousands of tracts and Scripture portions at his own expense.

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his work my father's work was criticized and in some cases fought by the Foreign Mission Board, because they were afraid of an independent Faith missionary. But in the last five years since seeing he is not a "Hardshell" as he was first accused of being, this has relented somewhat.

According to latest reports, father feels that if he had more funds at his disposal, he not only could travel from town to town more, but could engage more native workers to live in these places to open congregations and establish churches. For we must remember that in the state where he is working, (a state larger than Texas) there is a population of two million and only thirteen Baptist churches—seven organized before 1923, the others since.

The closest missionary of the Foreign Mission Board is in Manaoas, one thousand miles from my father.

My father has never been an anti convention man, although he does oppose some of their machine politics and practices. The churches working with him belong to the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

My mother's health is at present unimproved. She still has a very irregular heart, and is suffering from a colic. She plans to return with my father on his next trip, if the Lord is gracious enough to restore her health. Her return would not incur any extra expense except for passage which would be about \$200.

According to word from my father, the year 1938 was not what it should have been in a financial way. It was below previous years, and he was hindered somewhat by lack of sufficient funds, but the Lord cared for His own in such a way as to not permit need.

Father's eyes are better than they were when he left this country, but his physical condition is becoming so run down that he may be forced to return for a rest in this country this year.

Ever since 1930 my father has been praying for at least one American missionary to come to Brazil to labor with him. He feels this need sharply since trained workers are few.

The country of Brazil is in a very decadent condition, both morally and spiritually. The people are very poor and their social customs sometimes are horrible to think of. The Gospel of Christ can break these bonds of sin and raise these forty-five million people to the highest level. My father has never tried to preach any kind of a social gospel to these people, and has never tried through means to elevate them, but believes that when the Word of God is propagated and received, that moral and social conditions will rise to a higher level than any man made theories can hope to raise them to.

Father lives with his native workers when in towns where they are.

I have, with the little help which my mother could give me, written the best that I could about my father's work and needs. If my mother were not sick, and I had more time, I would have given you a more interesting letter.

I wish to express my appreciation the beautiful friendship that I enjoyed with you and Brother Gilpin and often pray for your work.

Mama will write as soon as her health shall permit.

Your brother in Christ,
G. B. Jones

And now, the editor most gladly adds this post-script. H. Boyce Taylor, perhaps the greatest preacher Kentucky Baptists ever produced, said of Brother Jones, "He is the safest, soundest, missionary on God-Almighty's footstool."

TO PRAY FOR POPE

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are reformed to permit them to enter Heaven.

But not so! God's Word makes it clear that there is no second chance and that death ends all probation. The next event after death is the judgment. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after his the judgement." (Heb. 9:27). Whichever way one falls in death is the way in which he will rise in the resurrection for judgment. "And if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be." (Ecc. 11:3).

In the days of His flesh, the Lord Jesus Christ told of two individuals who lived and died and who lived on after death. (Luke 16) When the rich man prayed out of torment, the following answer came to him: "And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence" (Luke 16:26). This one verse should end all hope of second chance, or an opportunity to be saved after death.

Furthermore, there is no Scriptural reason which would justify praying for the dead. From Genesis to Revelation not one word is given which would even hint that God would hear us when we pray for the dead. In fact, if we desire to keep the lost from Hell and lead them to salvation, we must do it while we are living in the body and while they are living in the body.

Above everything else, why should our Governor call upon the unsaved of the world to pray for the Pope or anyone else? Does he not know that a sinner cannot pray acceptably. "Now we know that God heareth not sinners." (Jn. 9:31). Does he not know that the only prayer a sinner can acceptably pray is "God be merciful to me a sinner." (Luke 18:13). When will men learn that the only one who can pray to be heard in Heaven is one whose sins are washed in the blood of the Lamb, and who is walking in obedience

to the commands of his own personal Redeemer. "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." (John 15:7).

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God, and was blessed with three more sons and two daughters. (1 Sam. 1:27-28; 2:20-21)

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- 7 Abraham. (Gen. 20:12)
- 8 The marriage of Boaz and Ruth. (Ruth 4:7-10)
- 9 The pillars Jachin and Boaz in the temple. (1 Kings 7:21)
- 10 Solomon and Hiram sent an expedition to the gold mines of Ophir which brought back 450 talents of gold, equivalent to 48,600 pounds, or over \$13,000,000. (2 Chron. 8-18)
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What others Think of this paper

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"If he earns your praise, bestow it, If he makes good, let him know it; Let the words of true encouragement be said.

Do not wait till life is over, And he's underneath the clover. For no matter how you shout it He won't really care about it; He can't hear the loving, Tender words you've said, And he cannot read his tombstone When he's dead."

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THE DISPUTE ABOUT THE BOOK OF JONAH

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same way, do we believe that Jonah was a real person. II Kings 14:25 is a reference to Jonah, the son of Amittai, which exactly corresponds to Jonah 1:1. Likewise Christ Jesus referred to Jonah in connection with His death. Mt. 12:39-41. It is not an easy thing for me to think of my Savior associating his death with a fictitious allegorical, phantasm, and of deluding others to a belief that Jonah was a reality!

"The Americana," although confessing that but little is known of the personality of Jonah, says that he was a real personage.

Dr. John R. Sampey says, if this is an allegory or parable, "Why then did the author fasten upon a true and worthy prophet of Jehovah, the stigma of rebellion and narrowness?"

The skeptic next denies that a man could exist three days and nights in the belly of the fish. This objection has been to the forefront since the rise of deism in the eighteenth century. "It is in vain to reply that this was no more wonderful than the raising of a man from the dead, or the turning of water into wine, or the increase of the five barley loaves and two small fishes, which were made to suffice for five thousand men, besides women and children, and to yield in addition twelve baskets filled with the fragments," (The New Biblical Guide, Vol. 7, Page 120), Shall small, shallow minded professors say that it is impossible for the mighty and omnipotent God to prepare a fish large enough to swallow one of like nature with them? No! Only the man who eliminates God doubts the actual swallowing and regurgitation of the prophet by the fish.

Notice also how this argument falls short on purely scientific grounds.

The New York World of April 12, 1896, reports the following story. The Star of the East was a whaling vessel. One day the men on board sighted a whale some miles off. They lowered two boats and attempted to kill the fish. In the course of the fight the whale hit one of the boats with his tail and overturned it. One of the men named William Bartley, landed in the Whale's mouth. For 40 hours

he was imprisoned there. When the whale was killed and he was released, the intense heat and gastric juice of the stomach of the whale had turned his hair white and his skin blue. For three weeks he was insane. After his recovery, in speaking of his imprisonment he said "that the intense heat seemed to him that he was on the inside of Hell." Does not this compare with Jonah's prayer to be delivered from Hell?

Also near the Samoa Islands a large sea fish came to the surface because his swim bladder had burst and there was no way by which he might descend. When killed it was estimated that he could easily swallow a piece of food six feet square.

Frank Bullen in "The Cruise of the Cachalot" tells of a dying whale vomiting up a piece of animal matter 8x6x6. In other words this whale threw out a mass two feet longer than a tall man and equal in breadth and width of the bodies of six very stout men rolled into one!

In Miami, Florida, in 1918 a mammoth fish was captured. It required two and one half days of hard fighting between four and five hundred bullets, and five harpoons driven bodily into the fish to capture it. This fish was forty-five feet long and weighed 30,000 pounds. A man could stand upright in its jaws. Scientists say that it was a deep sea fish and that from its soft bones it was thought to be young. What kind of a monster would it have been if it had attained the age of Methuselah?

Again the skeptic acquires that the conversion of the whole city of Nineveh, including the King is highly improbable, if not entirely impossible.

Again, God is eliminated from this syllogism. If this depended upon the preaching of Jonah, it might be an impossibility. But let us remember that God worked in the days of Jonah just as he works today. A message of repentance today that is shot through with

the Spirit of God always brings about confession of sin and repentance. Should we expect such a message to accomplish less in the days of Jonah?

This is a mistake which skeptics continually make. They attribute too much to man and forget about the power of God. They forget that all things are possible with God. If the worlds were created by Him is it too much to think that thru the preaching of His servant, a whole city should be brought to repentance? The answer is emphatically and unquestionably, no! In its entirety and totality the book of Jonah, is not so much of a problem of unbelief after all. Much that appears questionable on the surface, is really proven

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