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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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## W. T. Pelphrey Writes About N. T. Overseers

Our heart has been greatly impressed with the thought of a text found in Acts 20. The text is verse 28 of that chapter. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

This word of instruction is addressed to the Ephesian elders or bishops, but is written for all time and is profitable to all bishops or overseers of churches today.

This text first of all declares that God makes men to become overseers of local flocks or churches. If God has not placed a preacher over the flock he is trying to pastor, his work is doomed to failure. If God has placed him there he should never consider leaving until he is definitely led of the Holy Spirit to do so. But when he is so led, he ought to leave the field immediately and never in any way use his influence thereafter to direct the policies of the church nor the thinking of its members. After God leads a preacher away from a church, that preacher is no longer responsible before God for the conduct of the church or its members. Much harm has been done to both church and pastor by the return of former pastors to conduct funerals, revivals or even just to visit among their very intimate friends of their former pastorate (No pastor ought to have members with whom he is more intimate than he is with all). No such return should

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## Modern Philosophy

1. If the Lord blesses you with material things, call it "good luck".
2. If you don't like the preacher, starve him out.
3. If a Scripture seems unreasonable, call it myth or allegory.
4. If the government is breaking down, blame the Jews.
5. If there's difficulty in the church, stay away.
6. If "making a living" interferes with serving the Lord, slight the Lord.

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## THE MASTER OF MY BOAT

Joseph Addison Richards

"I owned a little boat a while ago  
And sailed a Morning Sea without a fear,  
And whither any breeze might fairly blow  
I'd steer the little craft afar or near.

Mine was the boat, and mine the air,  
And mine the sea, not mine, a care.

My boat became my place of nightly toil,  
I sailed at sunset to the fishing ground.  
At morn the boat was freighted with the spoil  
That my all-conquering work and skill had found.

Mine was the boat, and mine the net,  
And mine the skill, and power to get.

One day there passed along the silent shore,  
While I my net was casting in the sea,  
A Man, who spoke as never man before;  
I followed Him—new life began in me.

Mine was the boat, but His the voice,  
And His the call, yet mine, the choice.

Once from His boat He taught the curious throng,  
Then bade me let down nets out in the Sea;  
I murmured, but obeyed, nor was it long  
Before the catch amazed and humbled me.

His was the boat, and His the skill,  
And His the catch, and His, my will."

—The Pilot.

## BIBLE QUESTIONS

1. What swift runner was killed with the handle of a spear?
2. What crippled child was cared for by a king, and why?
3. What king had an income in gold of over nineteen million dollars a year?
4. Who rewarded with death the slayer of his worst enemy?
5. What is the first curse in the Bible?
6. What psalm was probably sung as the ark of God was brought through the mighty gates of an old fortress?
7. Whose army was defeated by two hundred and thirty-two men?
8. On what man was a curse laid that in his family there should always be a leper, a cripple, a pauper, one with an incurable disease, or one who died a violent death?
9. What king and what architect had the same name?
10. When was the wood of a cart burned in honor of its load?
11. What tree cost Adam, Eden, and what tree cost him his life?
12. Who called himself the music of his enemies?

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## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "The Head Or The Tail"

"And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail. But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee. The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very

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## Radio Contract Signed By Rus- sell Baptists

A new radio contract between radio station W. C. M. I. and the First Baptist Church, of Russell, Kentucky has been entered into, whereby the editor will broadcast two messages on Sunday instead of one.

For many months we have been broadcasting each Sunday evening a Gospel message and on Sunday morning, we have been conducting a hymn program. According to our new plans we will continue our Sunday evening broadcast as usual and will also broadcast our morning sermon, beginning at 9:30 o'clock.

How happy we are today, for the way in which God has lead us! To Him be all the praise! A few weeks ago things looked exceedingly dark for us financially. Coal strikes, men out of work, and no pay days brought us face to face with God, in a glorious way. In it all we can see His guiding hand, and we praise Him for His ways, which so often are hard to understand.

We do not mean to leave the impression that we have all the money needed to carry on our broadcast for the entire year of our new contract. However, we believe that He will provide the balance.

The cost per week will be \$22.69 for these two Sunday broadcasts. Our radio fund today stands as follows:

Amt. previously reported	\$220.65
Anonymous	4.25
C. L. Bandy,	
Russell, Kentucky	1.00
Mrs. E. E. Collins,	

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## World's Fair 'Satan'

Except for the 700-foot Trylon, Soviet Russia's 259-foot column of red marble, topped by a 79-foot stainless-steel statue of a brawny worker, towers over all structures at the New York World's Fair. Last week its height became the object of an unofficial Catholic boycott.

The Rev. Dr. Edward Lodge Curran, president of the International Catholic Truth Society, predicted before 10,000 listeners at Freeport, Long Island, that a full-fledged boycott would result. State Sen.

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