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Heathenizing Our Churches At Christmas Time

In this article it is not our purpose to deal with prophecy as it relates to the future, but rather to bring into use the words and warnings of the prophets of God that ought to be of special significance to us at this particular time.

We often look back into the history of Israel and marvel that they so readily took unto themselves the practices. Things are carried on in our churches that have no Scripture warrant, and bear no Christian significance. Often the whole observance is utterly heathen in its symbolism and meaning. We cite an instance or two as cases in point.

Easter

An Easter observance has become almost universal among the churches. Yet it would be difficult for churches to participate in anything more heathenish than Easter. The very name is derived from a pagan goddess (Eostre). The symbols widely used — eggs and rabbits, are ancient sex symbols, having to do symbolically with fertility. The day set aside the Bible resurrection day — the first day of every week, thus cancelling 51 resurrection days a year in favor of one — and that one paganized! Strange that churches should so completely fall for simon-pure paganism.

Hallowe'en

A Tampa church held a Hallowe'en carnival a few weeks ago,
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Morbus Sabbaticus

"Morbus Sabbaticus" (Sunday sickness) is a disease peculiar to church goers. The attack comes on suddenly every Sunday; no symptoms are felt on Saturday night; the patient sleeps well, eats a hearty breakfast, but about church time the attack comes on and continues till all services are over for the morning. Then the patient feels easy and eats a hearty dinner. In the afternoon he feels much better and is able to take a walk, or drive, or talk politics; but about church time he gets another attack and stays at home. He retires early, sleeps well, and
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LORD, SPEAK TO ME

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children, lost and lone.

Oh, teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

Oh, give thine own sweet rest to me,
That I may speak with soothing power
A word in season, as from Thee,
To weary ones in needful hour.

Oh, use me Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when and where;
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

—Havergal

TEN RULES FOR MAKING A GOOD MINISTER

1. The right kind of church member (a real Christian) will attend services regularly.
2. The right kind of a church member (a real Christian) will be reverent in God's house.
3. A good church member will join heartily in prayers, singing, and responsive reading.
4. A good church member will not be in a hurry to leave. He will welcome strangers and be friendly.
5. The Christian church member will tell others what a good minister he has (and only that).
6. A good member will give his pastor a word of encouragement whenever the opportunity affords itself.
7. The consecrated church member will speak only well of the sermon when he gets home.
8. The spiritually alive church member will always be working to win others to Christ and the church.
9. The loyal-to-Christ church member will support his pastor and his church financially, and consider it a God-given privilege so to do.
10. The Spirit-filled church member will pray for his own pastor every day, that God may make him a better minister.

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The First Baptist Pulpit

"The Bread Of Life"

"I am that bread of life." (John 6:48)

When Marie Antionette went on her marriage journey through the city of Paris, all the poor and sick and infirm were kept out of the way that nothing unpleasant might mar that occasion. In contrast, when Jesus moved toward the cross during the three years of His ministry, all of the outcasts of Syria's peasantry gathered in the highways that they might get within reach of his loving heart.

Thus, this chapter from whence our text comes, tells us how the multitude thronged Him. When He was surrounded by them, in loving compassion, He fed five thousand men besides women and children, miraculously. Then, in order that He might get away from them for a season with the Father, he miraculously walked upon the water and crossed over the Sea of Galilee. When the people learned that He had gone to the other side of the sea, they follow-

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Story Of What Two Pennies Did In China

The dates and some of the names that I would like to call have gone from me. But while I am still on earth I want the following story to have a wider hearing, and to keep it going, perhaps, after I am gone.

It was about 1898 when Miss Julia McKinzie went from the First Church of Owensboro, Ky., as a missionary to China. Dr. Fred D. Hale was her pastor. His preaching, and especially his fight on the nefarious liquor business, had stirred all Owensboro. Many came to hear him out of curiosity. Among these curiosity-seekers was Miss Julia. Here is her story, as nearly as I can recall it, as she told it to me:

She went first out of curiosity, then out of a real interest in his message. After a short time she joined the First Church and became interested in the work there, especially in missions.

One Sunday morning as she was going to church she noticed that she had dropped one of her kid gloves. She turned back, but failed to find it. Then she soliloquized somewhat as follows: What was I doing with those gloves? My hands are not cold, neither soiled, since I work in an office? O yes, I know it is fashionable for young ladies of my class to wear them. I do not need them. Why not add the six dollars I usually pay yearly for three pairs to my offering for missions?

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Fair Weather Christians

Many Christians stay away from church because it rains or snows, because it is too warm or too cold. Is this the kind of Christians the Lord wants us to be?

Let me plant in your heart some searching questions on church attendance:

Does God's Word of command on church attendance change with the weather?

Does the need of your soul for spiritual food and fellowship change with the weather?

Does Satan stop his work of deceiving souls and crippling Christians every time the weather changes?

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This Week

On account of death in the
editor's home (his mother's
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and broken ribs, our paper
is some what abbreviated.

We will greet you as usual
next week (D. V.)

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FAIR WEATHER CHRISTIANS

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Are men in any less need of the
Gospel or in less danger of going
to hell when the weather changes?

Does God promise they will live
until cool weather or warmer
weather?

Are we setting a good example
in not going to church in the most
unpleasant weather?

Do you throw up your job just
because the weather is a little un-
pleasant?

Where do those go and what do
they do who claim that it is too

warm or too cool for church at-
tendance?

If you have been a fair weather
Christian, let me urge you for the
glory of Christ to be an all weath-
er Christian.

—The Baptist Voice

STORY OF WHAT TWO PENNIES DID IN CHINA

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At the close of the service she
told Pastor Hale of her purpose
so to do. To her great surprise
he exclaimed, "Why, Miss Julia,
that is a dangerous thing for you
to do." She was not only surpris-
ed, but shocked. Asking him for
his point of view, he said, "Why
if you have come to the place
where it is in your heart to do
this it won't be long before you
give yourself to mission work on
the foreign field."

He was correct. Shortly she
volunteered to go out to China if
the First Church would support
her. This they were glad to do.
Her last Sunday in Kentucky be-
fore leaving for her work was
spent in Louisville. Brother Hale
told her he would like for her to
attend at least one service at the
McFerran Memorial (now Fourth
Avenue) Baptist Church, and one
at the Twenty-second and Walnut
(now Twenty-third and Broadway)
Baptist Church, as he had been
pastor of both. She came to the
Twenty-second and Walnut Church
at the morning service.

At the close of the Sunday
School, Superintendent H. H. Mc-
Culloch presented her to the school,
and, if memory serves me right
gave her the offering of the morn-
ing for her work. Modestly she
acknowledged the honor done her.
She went out to China, and the
year that she came home for a
rest the Southern Baptist Conven-
tion met in Chattanooga.

Dr. R. J. Willingham of blessed

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"THE BREAD OF LIFE"

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ed Him., and there He preached to them His great sermon concerning "the Bread of life," concluding His message with the words of our text, "I am that bread of life." (Jn. 6:48)

I

It has always been rather interesting to me as to why Jesus called Himself the "bread of life." I am sure, among other reasons, that it was because bread is a necessary food. Some foods are luxuries, but not so with bread. You cannot dispense with it. There are some foods that you can more or less get along without. However, this is not true of bread. How correct is the analogy here, for as you cannot dispense with bread for the body, you certainly cannot dispense with the "bread of life" for your soul. May we learn this truth well: You cannot get along without Jesus. Listen: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (Jn. 14:6) "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

Again, Jesus called Himself the "bread of life" because bread is food to all. Some people can't eat sweets; others can't eat that which is sour. Still others are unable to eat meats, but everybody eats bread. The physical body may be able to retain its energy for a while, but not for long without a certain amount of bread in the diet. It is the food of the rich and the poor. It is the food of high-born and low-born. It is one food which is food to all. Surely all must realize that Christ as the "bread of life", is food to meet the needs of all. He is able to feed all classes—rich and poor, cultured and ignorant, learned and unlearned, old and young, refined and boorish;—regardless of condition, Jesus, as the "bread of life"; is suitable for all. What decided contrasts there are in life. Some are all poetic, while others are very prosaic. Some are quite musical, with others it is merely a noise. Yet, regardless of the conditions of life, Christ is able to feed all.

In the third place, Jesus called Himself the "bread of life" because bread is a daily food. Some foods we eat only occasionally, we would not care for them every day. We tire of them if served too often. Some foods we only eat when they are in season, but not so with bread, for bread is a daily food. As the "bread of life" surely Jesus is to be fed upon daily. Many Christians make a grievous error here, in that they fail to read their Bible, pray; and feed on Him daily. Yet beloved, as bread is a food which we use for our bodies daily, so do we need the Lord Jesus Christ daily. Because many forsake Him and fail to make much of their daily opportunities of feasting upon Him, is the reason for so much spiritual feebleness among so many Christians today.

Furthermore, Jesus called Himself the "bread of life" because bread is a satisfying food. It is interesting how quickly we tire of other articles of diet, but not so with bread. Some foods we may enjoy today, but we will not want them again for weeks. Yet, bread satisfies us every day. Surely each of you can see that Jesus correctly fulfills this picture, as the only one who can satisfy the soul. I remember years ago reading of a missionary who preached three days in China concerning Jesus. A Chinaman came to the missionary and asked, "Why is it that every time you preach, you preach about Jesus?" Wisely, the missionary replied, "What did you have for breakfast?" The answer was, "Rice." "What did you have yesterday?" Again he answered, "Rice." "What did you have the day before?" The answer remained unchanged. "What did your fathers and forefathers eat throughout all their generations?" The answer came back, "Rice." Then the missionary said, "Why is it that you and all your people day by day throughout all the years have eaten nothing but rice?" Quickly, the Chinaman answered, "It satisfies." "Well," said the missionary; "that's the reason why I preach Jesus—He satisfies."

There is still another reason why that Jesus called Himself the "bread of life", and this grows out of the process through which the bread passes before it becomes food. First of all, the grain must be sown on the ground. Then it is covered over with the earth and left to sprout. After a while, when it is grown, it must be cut down. Later it is subjected to the thrashing process. Then it is ground in the mill, and sifted and ultimately subjected to the fiery process of the oven. Such, beloved, were the experiences of Jesus as the "bread of life." He was bruised for our iniquities; He was subjected to the fierce fires of God's holy wrath. "It pleased the Lord to bruise Him." (Isa. 53:10) And all this in order that He might become for us the "bread of life."

II

Since it is interesting to notice why that Jesus called Himself the "bread of life", it should likewise be of interest to learn how the "bread of life" can be ours. Jesus' audience thought that there was something that they must do. Hence, they asked a question:

"What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?" (Jn. 6:28) How true of every sinner who has been awakened in his sinful estate, for all feel that there is something which they must do. Listen to the Philippian jailer: "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30) Hear the rich young ruler: "Good master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (Lk. 18:18) Listen to the Jews at Pentecost who have been aroused from their spiritual lethargy through the preaching of the Apostle Paul: "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37) This, beloved, is the reaction of every sinner when the Spirit of God awakens him to his spiritual condition. He wants to do something that he might be saved. He desires to do something whereby he may placate the wrath of God. Thus it was with Jesus' audience. They thought there was something that they would have to do, so they asked the question; "What shall we do that we might work the works of God?" (Jn. 6:28)

Jesus showed them that there was nothing which they could do but receive Himself by faith as their Saviour, for we read that in answer to their question, He said, "This is the work of God: that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." (Jn. 6:29) In these words, He declared that they were not saved by their works, but by the finished work of God. He actually said that it wasn't a question of works, but only work, and that the only work which a sinner could do, was the work of faith. At a later date, He even declared that this faith was God-given. "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) It is, beloved, that He actually said that there was nothing which a sinner could do but receive the Lord Jesus Christ.

This was the teaching of the Apostle Paul to the Philippian jailer, for we hear Paul and Silas answer his question by saying, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:31)

Thus, both Jesus and Paul would teach us that it is our business to depend upon the finished work of the Son of God. Your own doings, even if they were such as you wished them to be could never save you. Your prayers, your tears, your sorrowings for sin, your alms-giving, your church going, your efforts at holiness of life—these are nothing more than your own efforts in the realm of salvation. God in His Word has already declared, "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified." (Rom. 3:20)

I would say, beloved, that there is absolutely nothing that a sinner can do within himself whereby he may be saved. It is true that God declares, "Ye must be born again." (Jn. 3:7) Yet, beloved, that new birth is God's work. A man cannot give birth to himself in the natural life, and neither can a sinner born himself again spiritually. Long years ago, the prophet of God taught us truly concerning salvation when he said, "Salvation is of the Lord." (Jonah 2:9) I tell you, beloved, the only thing that you can do in the realm of salvation, is to furnish the sinner which God saves.

I trust that I make myself clear in this respect. Salvation is a free gift received from God in response to a God-given faith exercised by man. That it is a free gift, the following Scriptures declare: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 6:23) "Verily, verily, I say unto you; He that heareth my word; and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life; and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." (Jn. 5:24)

I remember a number of years ago reading of a man who was robbed. In order to gain time and to effect their escape, the robbers made the man cling to a rope. They told him that he was hanging over a cliff, and that when he turned loose, he would fall to his death. Believing them, he clung desperately to the rope for what seemed hours, and finally when he could hold to the rope no longer, he turned loose and fell—just two feet to the ground beneath him. It was merely the plan of the robbers to gain time for their escape. What you need to do, beloved, is to turn loose everything that you are holding on to, and rely fully on the Lord Jesus Christ. I imagine that someone will say, "I am trying to do that very thing." Well, beloved, quit trying and go to trusting.

Over in the hills of West Virginia, a miner said to a preacher, "I cannot believe that God will forgive my sins if I just turn to Him, it's too cheap." The preacher asked him how it was that he got out of the mine each day when he went there to work. The miner said that he came out by way of the cage. The preacher asked him if it cost anything, and he replied that he paid nothing. Then said the preacher, "Were you not afraid to trust yourself in that cage? Wasn't it too cheap?" Then the miner said, "It was cheap for me, but it cost the company a lot of money to sink that shaft." By this answer he convicted himself, and he came to see the blessed truth that while salvation costs us nothing, it was the infinite price of the blood of God's Son that we have a way of escape effected for us today. As good old Isaac Watts said

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"THE BREAD OF LIFE"

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"Not all the outward forms of earth,
Nor rites that God has given
Nor will of man; nor blood nor birth;
Can raise a soul to heaven.

The sovereign will of God alone
Prepares the heirs of grace
Born in the image of His Son,
A new peculiar race.

The Spirit, like some heavenly wind
Blows on the sons of flesh;
Renews the spirit of the mind,
And forms the man afresh."

III

If it has been interesting to you to notice why Jesus called Himself the "bread of life", and how the "bread of life" can be ours, it should also be interesting to note in this same sermon that God promises never to cast out one who partakes of the "bread of life." How marvelously did Jesus present this truth in these verses. Listen to them: "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." (Jn. 6:37) Ponder Jesus' words: "I will in no wise cast out." Listen to the 40th verse of this same chapter: "And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him; may have everlasting life." Notice again that He declares that the one who believes on Him has everlasting life. Listen to His words in the 47th to 50th verses: "Verily, verily, I say unto you; He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man eat thereof; and not die." How I do rejoice that Jesus will never expell a sinner whom He has received, and that whenever one partakes of the "bread of life", God will never cast him off.

It is true that Jesus will whip him for his sins, and that Jesus will punish him here in this life for what he has done that is wrong. His life may even be forfeited and he may die prematurely because of his sins, yet his soul will never be cast out, and he can never be lost again after he has once been found, and he can never be unsaved after he has once been saved. Just as it is impossible for a child to be unborn after it has been born, so it is impossible for one to be unborn spiritually after having been born of the spirit of God.

Look at the experience of Simon Peter. There is no question but what he was a saved man, but in an emergency, he denied the Lord and cursed vehemently. His sin brought much sorrow to him. Yet, beloved, God did not cast him off. You hear Peter declare himself that he and all others who are saved, are "Kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time." (1 Pet. 1:5) Surely beloved, if Simon Peter were not cast out, then no Christian need ever worry lest he be lost after having been saved.

This doctrine of the security of the saved is one of the great teachings of the Word of God. It is found from Genesis to Revelation. Listen to these Scriptures: "His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgements; If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail." (Psa. 89:29-33) "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:38,39) "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." (Jn. 10:28,29)

IV

Perhaps the most interesting truth which this sermon which Jesus preached concerning Himself as the "bread of life" presents, is that for one to partake of the "bread of life", he must be drawn by the Holy Spirit. In this very sermon, Jesus declared: "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father; cometh unto me." (Jn. 6:44,45) I wonder, beloved, if you grasp this truth, Jesus declares that no one can come to Him unless he be

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HEATHENIZING OUR CHURCHES AT CHRISTMAS TIME

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at which they had "spooks", fortune tellers, and all that sort of thing. Yet God's penalty in Old Testament times for "divination" or fortune telling was death. Strange that today a church should burlesque a thing that has the very curse of God upon it. Besides this the whole Hallowe'en business is a conglomeration of superstition, witchcraft, and utter heathenism. A brief study of Hallowe'en as to its origin and customs will convince anyone of the truth of this.

Christmas Trees

Much that is connected with Christmas observance is pure paganism. Time is not afforded to enable us to discuss the many pagan features that decorate the Christmas season, so we mention only one — the Christmas tree. Many a church features a huge Christmas tree each year and has a big celebration beneath its

boughs. We think just here if a pastor who objected to having a Christmas tree in the house of God, and when it seemed that such was going to be placed there despite his protest, he threatened to resign rather than to preach in front of a heathen emblem. It is enough to summarize what happened with the statement that the church willingly exchanged their pastor for the Christmas tree, for they let him resign.

Where let us ask, did the Christmas tree originate? In this connection the words of a recent writer who has gone deeply into research on this question, are instructive. He says:

"Yule-tide, or the feast of the
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drawn of God. He cannot come to Jesus unless God works within his life. Man can't say within himself that he is going to turn over a new leaf and live differently, and really do it without God. If he comes to Christ, he must be drawn of God. Later on in the same sermon, Jesus said; "No man can come unto me; except it were given unto him of my Father." (Jn. 6:65)

It isn't the choir, nor the preacher; but the Spirit of God that quickens. I attended a church service recently where that members of the church, supposedly saved folk, who were interested in their unsaved friends, went around over the house of God during the invitation song persuading their friends to leave the pew where they were standing, and make profession of faith. I tell you beloved, that is not God's plan; that is travesty in the name of religion. That's not soul winning, it's soul damning. It's the getting of church members and the adding of names to the church roll, but it isn't leading lost souls to Jesus Christ. Such a person going to an unsaved one who may, or may not be, under conviction — such a one who does so, is taking the place of the Holy Spirit; and God has already said, "It is the spirit that quickeneth." (John 6:63)

May I repeat it, beloved, that I might make myself clear: For a man to partake of the "bread of life", he has to be drawn by the Holy Spirit. No man can come to God just when he desires, he must be drawn of God, and without the drawing power of God, he will never be saved.

In closing, may I say that eating is an intensely personal act. It is something that no one else can do for me. Many things are done by proxy. Yet, beloved; there is no such thing as eating by proxy. So it is relative to the "bread of life". No one can believe on Jesus Christ for you. You cannot be saved by proxy. Nothing but personal faith in the Son of God will save.

The Word of God tells us that there are two results which came from eating. Through eating that which was forbidden in Eden, Adam and Eve died. Through eating the "bread of life", we live. Therefore, may I urge you now to partake of the "bread of life", to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and live forever.

HEATHENIZING OUR CHURCHES AT CHRISTMAS TIME

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birth of the sun-god Tammuz, was known as the "Feast of Bacchus" — and designate as December twenty-fifth. It was a drunken, licentious festival, at which virtue and chastity were abandoned." (The writer cites Daniel 5:1-4 as a celebration of this kind.) Then he continues—

"The eve before the twenty-fifth was known as 'Mother Night'. At sunset lighted candles were placed in the windows of the dwellings and on the altars of the temples. In Egypt the palm tree (Baal-Tamar), and in Rome the fir tree (Baal-Berith), were cut down, erected in both homes and temples, and decorated for worship." Then he cites Jeremiah 10:1-5 to show that the heathen worshippers of that day had their "Christmas tree," and that God sternly warned against such. Suppose we turn to Jeremiah, and take a look at it. this passage from the book of Jeremiah's Description of the Christmas Tree

Jer. 10:3 reads like this: "For

the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth the tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers that it move not."

There we have it! Cut out of the forest—decorated with silver and gold, (tinsel and electric lights in this modern day), and fastened with nails "that it move not."

But what's the harm of that?

The answer is, it is harm to adopt something that was used in the worship of strange gods. That is somewhat like the act of Nadab and Abihu in offering strange fire before the Lord. (Read Levit. 10:1; Numbers 3:4; and 26:61). Here is what the Lord says about such — and his words were spoken in direct connection with the "Christmas tree."

Jeremiah 10:2: "LEARN NOT THE WAY OF THE HEATHEN." A Word From Personal Experience

The writer of these lines quit dabbling in elaborate Christmas ceremonials some years ago. There is no harm in remembering the birth of Christ at any season of the year. Therefore at the same

time of year when there is more said about it than at other times, we urge people to remember the Lord's work and worship with unusual faithfulness, and to support his cause with unusual gifts. But Christmas decorations, trees, pageants, plays, and all such, we let alone. Many a pastor will admit that Christmas activities in the church around the Christmas season, generally if not always, halts conversions, and halts giving — especially missionary giving. As a rule, where churches go in for Christmas celebration good and strong, it takes at least a month for the church to get back to normal in soul-winning, in church attendance, and in church financial support. Since we quit this Christmas "blow out" business, we have noted the following improvements:

1. Conversions around Christmas time, just the same as at other times.

2. No reaction in the form of a slump following Christmas, but attendance that is just as good as before.

3. No slump in giving to the support of the church and missions. And we even make sure that "Santa Claus" doesn't get the Lord's money at Christmas time.

We believe that in the light of the teachings of God's Word, we ought to be very careful not to fall into heathen ways. Also, we

believe that God will honor the church and the pastor in refusing to conform to the world and its heathenish way of doing.

—Roy Mason

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MORBUS SABBATICUS

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wakes up on Monday morning refreshed and able to go to work, and does not have any more symptoms of the disease until next Sunday.

As a remedy we suggest the following: the ingredients—will, push, energy, determination, respect for God's Day, respect for God's House, and respect for God's Book. Stir well; add a little love just to make it sweet. Repeat the dose every three minutes until church-time, unless relief comes sooner. If the day is stormy, an external application of overshoes, raincoats, and umbrellas will be beneficial.

—Author Unknown.

STORY OF WHAT TWO PENNIES DID IN CHINA

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memory, was Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board at that time. He put on a meeting at one of the Presbyterian churches for returned and outgoing missionaries. At the close of this good meeting all of the returned and outgoing missionaries were asked to stand around the circular pulpit platform for a handshake. Being at that time the Western Secretary of the three boards, with an office in Kansas City, Mo., I was in the meeting. On shaking hands with Miss Julia she asked me to tarry as she had something to tell me.

She asked me if I remembered the Sunday morning at Twenty-second and Walnut Street Church before she went out. I told her we would never forget that. "Well," she said, "here is something that happened that morning that I think will be news to you. When Sunday School had been dismissed, and the people were going into the auditorium, a little girl pulled my skirt, and when I bent

down to know what she wanted, she said, 'Miss McKinzie, here are two pennies to buy a little heathen girl a Bible.' " The child did not speak plain, and Miss Julia had to ask her to repeat her words. This done, Miss Julia asked, "Whose little girl are you?" She answered, "Brother Hunt's."

The two pennies were put in a little brown envelope and marked as indicated. In China Miss Julia was the guest of a missionary home for some time. One morning just as she was ready to answer a call to breakfast, she happened to spy that little brown envelope in her steamer trunk, and she took it to her table with her and told the story thereof. The missionary frankly told her that could not be done, as they had no little girl who could read, and besides, two pennies would not buy a Bible. They suggested that with the two pennies she might buy the Gospel of John and give to a Chinese boy, as there were a few boys who could read. To this suggestion Miss Julia said, "No, indeed, the pennies were not given for a boy, but for a girl."

A little later Miss Julia started a girls' school. Thus while learning the language she could be doing good. There were nine of these little girls, and what do you think were their names? In that part of China little girls were not thought worth naming. So they were called by numbers, "One," or "Two," as the case might be. The smallest child was number "One." Miss Julia changed her name to "Precious Pearl." After a month or two she had them reading English. Then the two pennies were used to buy the Gospel of

John, which was given to Precious Pearl, and under Miss Julia's guidance she began reading it, and in the fourth chapter was converted. Then the other children were taken into the reading, and soon all nine had found Christ. It was not long before Precious Pearl came bringing a smaller sister who wanted to enter school. Miss Julia explained that the child looked smaller and younger than she really was, and in those parts for a bunch of hair just above children's heads were shaved, save each ear, and that was wrapped tightly about the ear.

Precious Pearl insisted that her sister understood and would make good. She told Miss Julia that she already loved Jesus and had her sing, "Jesus Loves Me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." Miss Julia said she found her truly converted.

Thus the two pennies had ten souls to their credit. Why not some gifted woman who loves children, at home and everywhere, lead our church children out of their money for sweetmeats to give say, \$50,000 a year for the saving of the children who live in darkness and the shadow of death! It can be done.

Several years later the Southern Baptist Convention was again meeting in Chattanooga, and on Sunday afternoon Dr. George W. Truett was to preach in the Covington hall. The place soon overflowed and a great sea of people were gathered on the outside. I was asked to go out and preach to them. In closing I told the story as above related.

Being told that Miss Julia, the

teacher of that school, was present, I asked her as to those ten little girls. Four, she said, were teaching in that school. Others had married and were rearing Christian families. Not one, as I recall, had failed to make good and to hold fast in the faith.

This teacher had with her a little Chinese girl whose dark hair had been allowed to grow and into her hands I put the two pennies I had used in telling the story, and others put money into her hands until she had to use a handkerchief to hold it. The missionary protested, but I said, "Let them give. You and she will make good use of it."

Think what it would mean for our mission work if only our children were taught to deny themselves and give their pennies for the millions of children who sit in darkness and the shadow of death!

—M. P. Hunt, Louisville, Ky.



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