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EDITOR GILPIN THREATENED WITH SUIT FOR LIBEL

Finest Letter To Date From Dickersons Received This Week; Work Progressing

Belem, Para, Sept. 11, 1940.
Dear Brother Gilpin: Received your letter and the check for \$164.58. Many thanks. Rather, I should have said, I received the letters. I refer to those you had received from Brother Hallum's daughter. Their boat was at first scheduled to dock today, but today's paper says it won't arrive until the 14th. Certainly it would be late this time!
It is superfluous for me to say we enjoyed your letter. Rejoiced in the new church at Coalgrove. Rejoiced in the lesson the Lord gave you in the matter of the tents. We are a hard-headed bunch aren't we? Over and over I see how difficult it is to act on the truth of Romans 8:28.

Do trust that the last week of the tent meeting was attended by better weather, more people, and many saved. Wish I could have dropped in on you. Such a short time since I tried to preach there in that same spot.

Brother Gilpin, I do not know how to speak of the radio and refrigerator, I am persuaded are almost in our possession, gifts from my friends in Russell. I never can say or write a thing as I would desire to do. If you can picture a family, though happy in the Lord's will for their lives, yet away from home and country, loved ones and friends, in a land where they have not one human friend, and even already with some enemies, in a land of another language, with the children
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Some Good Books Cheap

Within the last few days we have been able to locate several good books which we can sell very reasonably. We list the following:

- "How Christ Came To Church" by A. J. Gordon, 25 cents.
- "Jesus Is Coming" by W. E. B., 35 cents.
- "With Christ After the Lost" by Scarbrough \$1.00.
- "Ben Hur" by Wallace, 35 cents.
- "All About the Bible" by Collett, \$1.35.
- "The Four-Fold State" by Thomas Boston, \$1.25.
- "Israel, My Glory" by Wilkinson, \$1.00.

It is almost impossible to procure a copy of either of the last two. Every preacher ought to own both of them as well as the balance of the books listed above.

Be sure to send in your order at once if you want any of these books, for they will not remain long at this price.

At any time you want any book, remember that we can save you money on it.

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From far away Honolulu, Hawaii, Elder E. K. Begley, who is a missionary in Hawaii, writes: "I like your paper. It sounds like old-time Missionary Baptist doctrine to me."

Brother W. M. Nevins is planning to get out a second and cheaper edition of "Alien Baptism and the Baptists." He desires to dispose of all the first edition which is cloth bound before printing the new one. To do so, he is offering to sell the remaining volumes of the cloth bound edition at fifty cents per volume. Undoubtedly the book was not only reasonable but "cheap" at a dollar, and now at fifty cents, it is practically a gift. We urge everyone of our readers to order a copy of this book and thus learn why Baptists insist upon doing their own

baptizing without alien assistance or interference.

Pastor E. A. Spencer of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Monticello, Kentucky, has spent the last few months in an active ministry in New England. Originally, his home was in New England, and he says, "Conditions are indeed getting worse and worse." In a personal letter he tells how that these church groups are substituting worldly attractions for the power of the Holy Spirit, and they are bold in advertising their carnality by such captions as "Beano tonight; \$50 prize." Another one, "Carnival to lift the church debt." Still another one, "Bazaar in church basement." He says that Unitarians and Trinitar-
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FINE VISIT WITH CONFERENCE---LEXINGTON, KY.

The editor was happy to visit with the Central Kentucky Baptist Pastors' and Laymans' Conference in its September meeting, which was held at the Great Crossings Church in Scott County on Tuesday, September 17. It was our joy to preach the sermon appearing in this issue of the paper to the conference, and now at their request we print it herewith.

This was the fourth time the editor has had the honor of preaching to these brethren, having discussed "The Security of the Saved," "Election," "Spiritual Adultery," and now this message on "Angels."

At the fellowship hour, the conference was entertained by Pastor Cecil Erwin of the Great Crossings Baptist Church. It was not a luncheon, but rather almost a full course dinner. After the fellowship hour, Brother Magruder led in the round-

table discussion on the message the editor had previously delivered. It was a lively session, and one which will be long remembered in view of the kind words and Christian hospitality extended us.

It was rather interesting to ask the congregation as to how many had ever heard a sermon on the subject of "Angels," and only three responded in the affirmative. When we asked how many preachers had ever preached on it, we found that only Brother Davis and Brother Brandenburg had ever attempted it.

Brother Cecil Erwin made the best appeal for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER that we have ever heard presented. We cannot express our appreciation too highly for the kind remarks he made relative to it. Others likewise, privately and publicly voiced their approval of our
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Sermon On "Spiritual Adultery" Sets The Hair And Blisters Heretics

In the issue of September 14, the doctrinal sermon preached by the editor at Greenup Association in its recent session, was reproduced in full. Quite varied has been the response to this sermon as it has appeared in the columns of this paper. Two of our subscribers, (one a Holy Roller preacher) have asked that their names be dropped from our mailing list. Another called us over the telephone and threatened to shoot the editor on sight, but did not give his name. Another threatened us with a suit for libel. This last one says concerning the sermon:

"This is libel in its rankest form, and it had better be retracted, or I shall turn it over to a lawyer to handle it. In fact, I am being strongly urged to do that very thing without giving you this opportunity. See that an entirely satisfactory retraction is made in this next issue, or you will answer to the court for these slanderous lies."

Yes, the old world is round and funny, and these comments convince us that it is getting rounder and funnier every day. In contrast, many have been the pleasing comments which we have received relative to this message. One of the outstanding Baptists of the state said, "The best money that is being spent for missions in Kentucky today is the money that is being spent to publish THE BAPTIST EXAMINER."
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A Gift We Appreciate

Brother Gordon Hurlbutt of Point Clear, Ala., made our heart glad this past week by sending the editor a copy of "Windows and Wings," a book of 352 pages of illustrations and inspiration. Of course, we have not yet had time to read it fully, but from all indications, it contains a number of stirring narratives, marvelous experiences, startling coincidences, striking analogies, and inspiring poems. There are 835 illustrations in the book which have been contributed by some of the outstanding Christian leaders of the world.

We deeply appreciate this gift from Brother Hurlbutt. It is not only our desire to thus express our appreciation, but we would like to insist upon those of our readers—preachers, Sunday school teachers, lecturers, and other speakers purchasing a copy of this book at three dollars per copy. The editor feels sure that it would be a good investment for any Christian worker.

There is no greater mistake than to suppose that Christians can impress the world by agreeing with it.

The First Baptist Pulpit

"ANGELS"

"But ye are come unto Mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels."—Hebrews 12:22.

From Genesis to Revelation the angels of God are prominently mentioned. There are 108 references to them in the Old Testament, and 165 references to them in the New Testament, or in all, there are 273 references to angels in the Word of God.

The Sadducees of Jesus' day did not believe in things supernatural. While they denied the resurrection and other things supernatural, they also denied the existence of angels. Modernism, which is nothing more or less than Sadduceism, also denies the existence of angels. Over against the denials of the Sadducees of the first century, or the denials of the modern Sadducees of the twentieth century, I put but one witness—namely, the Lord Jesus Christ. Hear Him: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man." (John 1:51.) In His kingdom parables, the Lord Jesus also referred to the angels. In giving His inter-
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Paul Rece, Russell, Ky.....	1.00
Just-Our-Club, Russell, Ky.....	1.00
F. W. Patton, Russell, Ky.....	1.00
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MANY THANKS FOR THESE KIND WORDS

Butler, Ky., Aug. 14, 1940.

Dear Brother Gilpin: Enclosed find \$1.00 for my subscription to the "EXAMINER." I note that the price per yearly subscription is 50c and as for the other 50c the previous issues of the paper you have sent me have meant far more to me than that amount of money could possibly have meant used in any other way.

I like the paper so much, that I'm sure you have a permanent subscriber in me. Many thanks for making me acquainted with all its good messages thus far, and I pray its blessings unto thousands of others who may have opportunity to receive its messages from time to time.

And I am, as always of yore,
Yours sincerely,—D. P. DeHart.

SERMON ON "SPIRITUAL ADULTERY" SETS THE HAIR AND BLISTERS HERTICS

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It is doing more to make Baptists than anything else that is being done."

In this connection, we append the following letters which cause us to thank God and take courage:

Vanceburg, Ky., Sept. 16, 1940.

My dear Brother in Christ: This afternoon, our pastor, Nelson Webb, handed me a copy of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, which contained your "Doctrinal Sermon," which was delivered at the Baptist Association on the 29th day of August, last. To say the least, I regret that I was not present that I might have heard the sermon delivered.

I want to commend you on your uncompromising stand for the truth and for the fearless stand that you take. We need more men that are not afraid to preach the Word as God would have us preach it. Yours truly, D. G. Diamond, Attorney-at-Law.

Ashland, Ky., Sept. 20, 1940.

Dear Brother Gilpin: I have read your sermon, "Spiritual Adultery" with thanksgiving. It is about the best from your

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FINEST LETTER TO DATE FROM DICKERSON RECEIVED THIS WEEK SHOWS WORK IS PROGRESSING

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staying for days at a time in the house with not the best of health (though able to carry on, thank God), where it is hot weather all the time, day and night—if you can picture that, then, like a bombshell exploding, they receive news of a refrigerator in which they know they'll be able to have cool drinks and fresh fruits, etc., and a radio by which to visit their native land and hear a speech they understand, with maybe a sermon occasionally in the mother tongue, something they haven't had for more than a year—if you can picture that, then you can understand some of our appreciation. It required at least two days to get our feet back on earth, and it will be repeated with interest when the things arrive. We are simply overjoyed. We cannot begin to thank you all as we feel that we should, and as we wish we could. We will try and pray for you, and sometimes God hears us as we pray. How good He is to us! We can never be worthy of so much goodness, but we hope to live in such a way as to show our appreciation.

Wish I could have been at Louisa with you. You surely had a warm session I feel sure. Maybe that will do them good. If Baptists had preached the Truth as they should have in the past fifty years, we would not have lots of things we do have today.

How you could carry on a tent meeting, attend an Associational meeting, entertain missionaries, and take care of purchasing articles for another missionary, to say nothing of editing a paper each week, is beyond me until I remember that "we can do all things through him that strengthens us."

One of my tracts was delivered to me yesterday, and the manuscript of another this morning. Therefore, as quickly as possible, I will be sending you one of those. I am enclosing an article I have written. Hope someone will be blessed in reading it.

You remember, I am sure, that I mentioned a professor in the Seminary at Rio de Janeiro who visited me not so long ago and spoke so favorably of your tract? He sent me word since he returned to Rio that upon his return there he found that the young preachers in the Seminary were discussing the very doctrine you treat in the tract. He stated that he loaned them his copy and they read it and liked it immensely. Now who can determine the good that may be accomplished by helping to indoctrinate a group of young preachers. I could perhaps have preached here in Belem a lifetime and those fellows would never have heard of me.

Here I really have something new. I have a Catholic who is to distribute tracts for me free of charge. He is a pharmacist. Has attended the Holy Roller church here a lot. He has lost faith in Catholicism, and has two Bibles. He told me the Catholics only had ten percent of the Truth. He made that statement before another Catholic, who happens to be the best friend, or the nearest to a friend that I have in Belem. This pharmacist gives away Testaments to his customers. I asked him if he cared to use some of my tracts. He said he would be glad to do so. He is a man who seems to want the Truth. May God

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ians are now finding a happy fellowship and a growing tolerance for unionism, which, of course, means a compromise of the Bible. Women preachers and women evangelists are increasing in great numbers. Surely with the power of the social gospel like this, it behooves us to heed the words of the Apostle Paul, "Preach the Word."

Brother G. S. Ruley of LaFrank, West Virginia, says, "I think THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is the best paper of its kind anywhere. One Baptist here would not read it for a while, but he is now reading it and passing it on to others."

Beginning with the next issue of this paper, we expect to carry a series of articles on the "Second Coming" which have been prepared by Elder D. B. Eastep of the Calvary Baptist Church of Covington, Kentucky. These articles are: "Christ Is Coming Again," "The Purpose of Christ's Coming," "The Manner of Christ's Coming," and "The Signs of Christ's Coming." We are sure our readers will appreciate these articles on this vital theme by Brother Eastep.

The next meeting of the Pastors' Conference of Greenup Association will be held with the First Baptist Church of Russell on Thursday, October 17. We are hoping to have Brother George Ragland speak on the subject, "The Place and Work of a Woman in a New Testament Church." Elder Nelson Webb will lead the round-table discussion after the fellowship hour. The session begins at five p. m. and is followed

help me to give it to him. One of my neighbors (the friend already mentioned), spent seven years in a priest's school. I have witnessed to him, but he is shy, yet very friendly. On the other side of this house is a large family (in-laws) of Jews. I have given them two copies of Matthew's Gospel, and if anything, they are friendlier than ever. They all know that I am a missionary. I do not know if they will attend services here or not, but I aim to give them the opportunity soon.

The eighth day of October is the greatest day of the year with the Catholics. That is when they draw the image through the streets. The whole affair lasts two weeks. In view of this fact, I feel it would be unwise to start services now. I intend to wait until that it over—then the main effort. May God give us victory!

During the feast I may be able to get some interesting pictures for you. I could have taken one the other day. It was in this wise: A group of boys twelve to fifteen, were cleaning the street in front of our house. One came and asked for something to eat. We gave him a piece of bread, a tract on "How To Be Saved," and a Gospel. That started a riot—the whole gang wanting a Gospel. A picture of them with their hands run through the iron front gate, and a title to the picture. "Begging For The Word," would have been appealing. But it would not have been true. They were merely wanting something that was being given away. They were not interested in what it was, but we were glad to give them one each. The Lord will work. Who knows what God can and will do here. The door appears to be wide open. We feel that the time is at hand to make the start.

Hope all are well. May our Heavenly Father bless, keep and use you. By grace.—C. W. Dickerson.

by a luncheon hour from six to seven (not in the church). We not only invite, but insist on all pastors and laymen who can to attend this conference.

Brother Ralph Webb who recently assisted us in our revival meeting, is now enjoying a belated honeymoon trip to New York City. Brother Ralph was married a few months ago, but was in school at the time, and has been busy preaching since, and has not been able to get away from home until now. Even to do so at this time, meant that he must leave a work which he would like to have done. However, Mrs. Webb insisted that he go along, and we wish for them not only a pleasant trip, but a happy, joyous marital experience.

Brother Sherman Woods has recently accepted the pastorate of the Stone Baptist Church (Enterprise Association). We pray God's richest blessings upon him. Sherman is one of the finest men we know of, and we congratulate the Stone church on securing him as pastor.

Brother M. L. Waldrop, Sr., of Lubbock, Texas, continues to send us subscriptions for our paper. He has been doing this for quite a while. We surely consider him a "fellow helper to the truth."

At the last session of the Pastors' Conference of Greenup Association, which was held at Fullerton church, Brother Sam Raborn preached on "Pastoral Co-operation In Evangelism." It was a great sermon, and a service not soon to be forgotten. The church at Fullerton entertained the visiting preachers (not in the church building) in a royal manner.

Brother W. T. Pelphrey, assisted by Bro. Sherman Woods has just closed a great revival meeting at Belfry, Kentucky, which resulted in seven conversions and one addition by letter, these coming into the Belfry church.

Brother R. E. Pinson of Ferguson, West Virginia, writes us that the old Zion Baptist Association, which is an association of United Baptists, has recently divided about half and half on the question of Sunday Schools. Sixteen churches voted to have them, and sixteen voted against. This is an interesting bit of information. We trust that all thirty-two of them shall see the truth and become progressive on the matter of teaching and studying God's Word.

Brother F. Rainwater of Faubush, Kentucky, wrote us an interesting letter concerning baptism in which he showed up sprinkling and infant baptism in a great way. He finishes his letter by saying, "I wonder when Methodist preachers will cease acting the fool?" We agree with our brother that sprinkling and infant baptism in the light of the Bible, are certainly not the acts of a wise man.

C. B. Stuart of Oldtown, Kentucky, has written us relative to the "rattlesnake" church of Harlan county. He suggests that in view of the fact that the rattlesnake season is soon to close on account of winter, that this church might resort to the use of strychnine in place of snake venom. He suggests that these preachers demonstrate their immunity with the ordinary use of strychnine by first taking a dose themselves, and after it has failed to act in the ordinary time, then administer it to the other members of the sect. Brother Stuart in this respect is right. If the handling of snakes is an evidence of apostolic succession, then surely all the other signs mentioned by Jesus in Mark 16 are just as applicable today as then.

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pretation of the parable of the tares, He said, "The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels." (Matt. 13:38). Then again, when He was brought to His arrest, He said to Simon Peter, "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?" (Matt. 26:53.)

These Scriptures are sufficient for me. Regardless of the denials of the Sadducees of the first century, or the Modernists of the twentieth century, we take the words of Jesus as a final criterion, and we declare unhesitatingly that we believe in the existence of angels as mentioned in the Scriptures.

I

Ere coming to this message in detail, there are a few preliminary remarks that I wish to make. First of all, the angels are a class of created beings, above the rank of man. Two Scriptures thus indicate this truth. "For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour." (Psa. 8:5.) "Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands." (Heb. 2:7.)

While in their original creation they were above the rank of man; man as a new creation of Christ, is above the rank of angels. Hence, I can say that I would rather be a sinner saved by grace than to be an unfallen angel, for as such I am higher in rank than the angels of God.

There are those who believe that when a child dies that that child becomes an angel. Furthermore, these also teach that when an adult believer dies he also becomes an angel. Not at all. Angels are a class of created beings, entirely distinct and dissimilar from man.

Another preliminary thought grows out of the question as to the time of their creation. In the Scriptures we have no definite answer as to when they were created. This we do know that they were in existence when the earth was created, for we read in Job 38:7, "When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" Therefore, the angels were in existence at the time of the creation of the earth, but we know not as to when before that time they came into existence.

Another preliminary remark grows out of the question as to the number of angels. The Scriptures would indicate that their number is very great. Our text which speaks of "an innumerable company of angels," literally means "myriads" of angels, which in turn would indicate that they are too great a number to be counted. Listen to these Scriptures that you might know that their number is very great: "A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him." (Dan. 7:10). "And I beheld and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands." (Rev. 5:11.)

On the night that Jesus was born, after the angel announced to the shepherds the birth of Jesus, we read, "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heaven-

ly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2:13, 14.) I say then that their number is very great, and that only God knows their number.

Still another preliminary remark is that the angels do not multiply. Listen: "For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. (Matthew 22:30.) They are sexless; they do not marry. Therefore, they were all created at one time.

II

There are some very definite lessons that we as believers can learn from the angels. First of all, they are reverent. Listen: "In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, 'Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts! the whole earth is full of his glory.'" (Isaiah 6:1-3.) What a picture this Scripture presents! Here the seraphim, which is one of the orders of celestial beings, stands about the throne of God. The word "seraphim" means "a burning one." They were so holy that they literally burned in their own holiness. Yet when these who were thus so holy that they burned in their own holiness came into the presence of God Himself, they cried one to another saying, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts."

When I remember how that Christian men and women come so carelessly and lightly into the house of God with things of the world on their minds, and when I recall how that when the sermon ends they begin at once to talk about the things of this world—then I am fully persuaded that it would be well for us to take a lesson from the angels, and to learn something of their sense of becoming reverence.

In the second place, we can learn from the angels that their's is a ministry of praise. Listen: "Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word." (Psa. 103:20.) "Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights. Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts." (Psa. 148:1, 2.) Oh how much we could learn from the angels in this respect! It is true that when the preacher is invited into the home, that all the family awaits the meal until thanksgiving can be expressed; or it is further true that at the Thanksgiving season we usually at least pause to praise our Creator and thank Him for what we have. However, day by day in the ordinary circumstances of life, very few of us praise Him for the blessings which we are constantly receiving from His bountiful hand. How strongly this behooves us to remember the ministry of the angels. Frankly, I believe that if we would praise God more, we would have more for which to praise Him.

The third lesson we can learn from the angels is the way in which they rejoice over repenting sinners. Listen: "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." (Luke 15:10.) Here's a text which declares that the angels

actually rejoice every time that even one sinner repents. The Bible does not say anything about the discovery of gold or diamonds causing the angels to rejoice, nor does it say that when we suddenly become rich with this world's goods that they rejoice; yet the one thing which sets heaven's chorus resounding and which causes the ether waves to be filled with the seraphic melody of the angels, is the conversion of one sinner.

This is much in contrast to men. I have noticed that men often rejoice in making reports of revivals they have held wherein a number of professions have been made, and yet often when only one or two souls were saved, not a word is said about the results. What a difference there is between man's rejoicing and the rejoicing of the angels, for all heaven is filled with their praise when even one sinner on earth repents and turns to God.

The fourth lesson we can learn from the angels is that they are very much interested in the doctrine of everlasting life, or eternal salvation. When the disciples had been put in prison for preaching, there was an angel who lead them out and then gave them a new commission. Listen: "But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, 'Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.'" (Acts 5:19, 20.) The word for "life" as used in this text, is the word that is translated "eternal life" or "everlasting life" many times in the Scriptures. The angel thus told these preachers to preach everlasting life.

My conviction, in the light of this experience, is that the Arminians who preach falling from grace, have not had the pleasure of associating with the angels. Surely any man who preaches that the saved can be lost after having been saved, has never heard the commission which the angel gave to these early preachers.

The Bible speaks much about everlasting life. The angels commissioned the preachers to preach it, and it is our conviction that the man who fails to do so, certainly knows but little of the Bible and positively is in ignorance relative to the angel's commission.

The fifth lesson which the Scriptures reveal relative to the angels is that they are interested in bringing God-called preachers and heaven-elected sinners together that those heaven-elected sinners might be saved. There are two good examples of this in the New Testament.

Phillip was holding a great revival in Samaria, but an angel of God told him to close that meeting and go toward Gaza, with the results well known to us today concerning the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch. Listen: "And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert." (Acts 8:26.) Philip was a God-called preacher, and the Ethiopian eunuch was a heaven-elected sinner. The angel saw to it that these were brought together.

Then in the experience of Cornelius we find that it was an angel that brought him and Simon Peter together which resulted in Cornelius' conversion. "He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto

him, Cornelius. And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter: He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do." (Acts 10:3-6.) Thus we learn that the angels are tremendously interested in bringing God's ministers to those who have been elected by God unto salvation that they might be saved.

In the sixth place, we learn that the angels go to church in order that they might learn. Listen to these Scriptures: "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles, the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purposes which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Eph. 3:8-11.) Or again: "For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels." (I Cor. 11:10.)

I wonder what they learn when they come to the church of which I am pastor? I wonder what they learn when they come to the church where you worship? How they must grieve over spiritual conditions today. Perhaps they say, "Why do preachers neglect to preach," or "why do they preach as though they were asleep," or "where is their zeal for Christ?" And doubtless when they attend a business meeting of the church and observe fellowship broken, they may say, "Why do the saints of God fuss?" Oh, that God would let us preach that the angels might learn something from our ministry!

What a marvelous revelation is this as to the work of angels in that they go to church to learn. I trust that each of us may ever recognize their presence when we thus preach, and so conduct the service in a way that would please the angels of God.

The seventh lesson we learn relative to the angels is that they will accompany Jesus in His second visible and glorious return. "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works." (Matthew 16:27.) It was the angels who stood beside the disciples as they watched Jesus ascend into heaven, and then told those depressed disciples that Jesus would return just as they had seen Him go. It is true that the angels do not know the time of Jesus' return, "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven." (Mark 13:32.) Yet, when that day comes that Jesus will return to this world, He will be accompanied by the angels of God in all their countless number.

The eighth lesson we learn from the angel is that they serve and guard us daily. Of this we are assured by the apostle Paul: "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" (Heb. 1:14.) In what does their ministry consist? Seemingly from this Scripture, they

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serve and guard us, and minister to the saints of God in matters pertaining to our physical welfare.

Quite often I am asked if I believe in the theory of the guardian angel. My personal answer would be in the negative. I do not believe in the theory of the guardian angel, but I do believe in guardian angels, for I confidently believe that every child of God has a multitude of heavenly hosts at his disposal to thus look after his physical welfare daily, thus serving, guarding, and ministering to us day by day. Listen to these Scriptures: "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 18:10.) "And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel." Acts 12:15.)

The ninth blessed lesson we learn from the angels is that they are active in the departure of a believer out of this life. "And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried." (Lk. 16:22.) How many times we have stood beside the death bed of some child of God to hear him declare that the angels of God were all about the room and all over his bed. In my early days as a minister, I visited a noble young Christian man who was dying. He was truly a fine young soldier of the cross, and on the day of his death, he turned his face toward the window and then turned back to me and said, "Bro. Gilpin, the only thing between me and heaven is this lace curtain." And then he said with a smile of triumphant victory on his face, "Don't you see them?" And when I asked that concerning which he was speaking, he said that the room was filled with angels. His eyes were thus seeing what my natural eyes were failing to see.

Some of these days, unless Jesus comes, this old body will fall by the wayside. Then I presume that some of my friends will act as pallbearers and carry my body out to the grave; but long before they have lowered it into the ground, the angels will have acted as spiritual pallbearers and carried my spirit into the presence of God Himself.

The tenth great lesson which we learn from the angels is that they are tremendously interested in redemption. Peter, in referring to the gospel, says, "Which things the angels desire to look into." (I Pet. 1:12.)

But this is nothing new. The angels have always been interested in this world and its events. That is, they are interested in the preaching of the Gospel. Away back in eternity when this world was created, the angels of God clapped their hands and shouted for joy. "When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy." (Job. 38:7.) They watched with evident interest as God fashioned man out of dust. From that time, the angels above and the angels below; angels of love, and angels of woe, concentrated their attention on the problems of man's earthly and eternal life. Then with horror, they listened to the fatal conversation between the serpent and Eve. If the angels of God can weep, how they must have wept when sin came. They heard

the promise which God gave relative to redemption, when the Father banished Adam and Eve from Eden. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." (Gen. 3:15.)

From that time on the angels have been peculiarly interested in the doctrine of redemption. When the Ark of the Covenant was made, as a part of the furniture of the Tabernacle, figures of golden angels were carved as bending over the mercy seat and looking down where the blood falls, as if studying the meaning of the blood shedding. When Solomon's Temple was built, we read, "And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the Lord unto his place, unto the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubims. For the cherubims spread forth their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above." (I Kings 8:6, 7). When the temple was built in the wilderness, under Moses' direction, on the veil which separated the Holy of Holies from the outer Holy place, the figures of the cherubims were placed, as if investigating the shedding of the blood. "And he made a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; with cherubims made he it of cunning work." (Ex. 36:35).

When we come to the New Testament we find that they are tremendously interested in all of its events, beginning with the announcement of Jesus' birth. It was an angel who announced Jesus' coming to Mary. "And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus." (Luke 1:26-31).

It was the same angel that came to Joseph with a message announcing the birth of Jesus. "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." (Matt. 1:18-21). Was it not an angel who preached the first Gospel sermon of the New Testament when he said to the shepherds, "... Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke

2:10, 11). Did not all the heavenly host join in a great angelic chorus to sing the first Gospel hymn at Jesus' birth? "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2:13, 14).

An angel sat at the foot of Jesus' cradle and warned Joseph to take Jesus into Egypt for safety. "Behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him." (Matt. 2:13). The angel kept close watch over the cradle during their stay in Egypt, and it was an angel that led them when they left Egypt. "But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt: Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life." (Matt. 2:19, 20).

It was an angel which strengthened Him in Gethsemane. Listen: "And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him." (Luke 22:43). When He came to the cross, the angels were all there. He Himself said that He might have had better than sixty thousand angels to fight in His defense. "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?" (Matt. 26:53).

The angels were all about the tomb of Jesus, and it was a shining angel who first announced His resurrection. "And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow; and for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." (Matt. 28:2-6). Even when Christ ascended, two angels spoke to the disciples saying, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11).

And ultimately in the consummation, the angels who have been interested in redemption all along, shall sing praise of the Redeemer. "And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands: Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory and blessing." (Rev. 5:11, 12).

"There is singing up in Heaven such as we have never known,
Where the angels sing the praises of the Lamb upon the throne,
Their sweet harps are ever tuneful and their voices always clear,
Oh, that we might be more like them while we serve the Master here!

Chorus.

But I hear another anthem blending voices clear and strong,
'Unto Him that hath redeemed us and hath brought us' is the song;
'We have come through tribulations to this land so fair and bright,
In the fountain freely flowing, He hath made our garments white.'

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paper. Perhaps the words by Bro. Baird of Owenton, Kentucky, will remain with us longest in view of the fact that he said that THE BAPTIST EXAMINER took the place of NEWS AND TRUTHS in his life, in that when he received it, he sat down and read it straight through and got a blessing from it.

It was surely a joy to have this visit with this conference, and on each of those who are members of it, we pray God's richest blessings to abide ever with them.

SERMON ON "SPIRITUAL ADULTERY" SETS THE HAIR AND BLISTERS HERETICS*(Continued from Page Two)*

ready pen. To the praise of God's grace, "we have some things that other churches do not have." Sincerely, W. K. Wood.

Catlettsburg, Ky., Sept. 20, 1940.

Dear Brother Gilpin: I beg the pardon of you, your hearers, and readers, for this delayed expression of appreciation and approval of your doctrinal sermon at the last session of the Greenup Association at Louisa, Kentucky. Had I written this just after the sermon, those who heard it or read it, if they see this, would have more clearly and fully in mind what you said, and would see better the appropriateness of what I now write.

As you were preaching, I had thoughts somewhat like these: "If we, as Baptists, do not hold distinctive doctrines, we are imposing on the world, and on our own membership for taking the time and spending the money we do, to do and teach what we do, and keep our beliefs before people in fields held by other workers."

If our doctrines are not distinctive, we have no right to exist. If they are not Biblical, we have no right to teach them. As I see it, it is a calamity that our people, as well as the world at large, are not better informed on our doctrines. The words of both the Old and New Testaments are as true today as when first given. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." (Hos. 4:6.) "Jesus said, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God." (Matt. 22:29.)

As I recall it, you did not state a single point that was not fully in accord with God's Word, though, of course, many who call themselves Baptists, and most of all those who are not Baptists, would not accept what you said. We need more persons with convictions such as you expressed, and with courage to express them.

If you see fit, you may publish such of this as you like. Yours for the Truth, W. C. Pierce.

And in conclusion, we rejoice that the devil thinks us worthy of persecution. We hereby serve notice to the devil, to all heretics, and to all enemies of the Truth that we are not retracting a single statement made in the sermon published under date of September 14. Instead, we challenge you to read this paper the next six months. Our Baptist emphasis, which is Bible Truth, will be hotter than a fire-cracker!

Then the angels stand and listen for they cannot join that song,
Like the sound of many waters, by that happy, blood-washed throng,
For they sing about great trials, battles fought and victories won,
And they praise their great Redeemer who hath said to them, 'Well done.'

Holy, holy, is what the angels sing,
And I expect to help them make the courts of heaven ring,
But when I sing redemption's story, they will fold their wings,
For angels never felt the joy that our salvation brings.

So, although I'm not an angel, yet I know that over there,
I will join a blessed chorus that the angels can not share;
I will sing about my Saviour who upon dark Calvary,
Freely pardoned my transgressions, died to set a sinner free.

Holy, holy, is what the angels sing,
And I expect to help them make the courts of heaven ring,
But when I sing redemption's story, they will fold their wings,
For angels never felt the joys that our salvation brings."