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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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C. W. D. Pictures Catholicism And Brazil As He Views Both Day By Day

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Dear Brother Gilpin: Brother Hal-lum and family were with us two weeks. We enjoyed the fellowship very much. It was the first real fel-lowship we have had since we came here. I mean, of course, fellowship "in" the Lord with our brethren.

The Hallums embarked on Satur-day night of the 28th. On Monday, the 30th, we let the freezing unit in the refrigerator defrost, as it was needing it, and since then it won't produce cold. The motor functions perfectly. A local man said the "gas" as he called it, had escaped. I suppose it is ammonia. They sent me no instructions with either wash-ing machine or refrigerator. Also, they sent an aerial for the radio that was built for a Zenith, and which has no means of plugging in on a Philco '41. A five-year guaran-tee came with the refrigerator, and the man here would do nothing to-ward ascertaining the trouble, be-cause he said if he did, I would for-feit my guarantee, which is true. I have written the G. & S. Radio Cor-poration and asked for advice. If the ammonia has escaped, I am sure it is because of some jar the machine suffered in transit, for as I inform-ed you, it came uncrated. To date, we have heard no word from the Corporation as to what to do.

We have been having services in the basement here. Have held six to date. Am at present having two each week, but it is difficult to get the people here. They come once, and hardly ever come again. That is the greatest puzzle of all. Although nearly everything I say is contrary to Catholic doctrine, yet they do not realize it, and I have yet to refer to

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Two Mission Gifts

Two men were walking on the wharfs in New York. Said one to the other, "You seem to be in a very happy mood."

"I am," was the answer. Then he continued: "Do you see that vessel dropping out into the North River? Well, I have on that vessel ten thousand dollars' worth of equip-ment for a hospital in China. I made that gift at the instance of a mis-sionary friend; and I came down to see the vessel off."

"Well, that is very interesting," answered the other. "I also have a gift on that ship. My only daughter is on that vessel, going to China as a foreign missionary."

The rich man who had given the ten thousand dollars, exclaimed, "My God, man; I haven't given any-thing, have I?"—Windows and Wings.

It would be well for each of us to remember this when making our gifts to missions.

THOU, GOD, SEEST ME!

By MARGARET CAVE ESHAM, Petersville, Ky.

God knows my heart; yea He knows, when sore oppressed, I come to Him in humble faith; And coming—I am blest.

He gives me much; more Than I need or ask of Him; His hand doth lead me ever on E'en though my way is dim.

He keeps me too, in Him; though tried and often faint,

I rest upon His precious word And utter no complaint.

I wait for Him. Too Long it seems He has delayed His coming. Yet in all the time I will not be dismayed.

He will come back. I Know that this is sure to be; And will receive His own at last; To dwell with Him eternally.

WISDOM FROM A WATERMELON

By WM. JENNINGS BRYAN

"I was passing through Columbus, Ohio, some years ago," says William J. Bryan, "and stopped to eat in the restaurant in the depot. My atten-tion was called to a slice of water-melon, and I ordered it and ate it. I was so pleased with the melon that I asked the waiter to dry some of the seeds that I might take them home and plant them in my garden. That night a thought came into my mind—I would use that watermelon as an illustration. So, the next morning when I reached Chicago, I had enough seeds weighed to find out that it would take about five thous-and watermelon seeds to weigh a pound, and I estimated that the watermelon weighed about forty pounds. Then I applied mathematics to the watermelon. A few weeks be-fore, someone, I know not who, had planted a little seed in the ground. Under the influence of sunshine and shower that little watermelon seed had taken off its coat and gone to work; it had gathered from some-where two hundred thousand times its own weight, and forced that enormous weight, through a tiny stem and built a watermelon. On the outside it had put a covering of green, within that a rind of white and within that a core of red, and then it had scattered through the red, little seeds, each one capable of doing the same work over again.

What architect drew the plan? Where did that little watermelon seed get its tremendous strength? Where did it find its flavoring ex-tract and its coloring matter? How did it build a watermelon? Until you can explain a watermelon, do not be too sure that you can set limits to the power of the Almighty, or tell just what He would do, or how He would do it. The most learn-ed man in the world cannot explain a watermelon, but the most ignorant man can eat a watermelon and en-joy it. God has given us the things that we need, and He has given us the knowledge necessary to use those things, and the truth that He has revealed to us is infinitely more important for our welfare than it would be to understand the myster-ies that He has seen fit to conceal from us.

"So with Christianity; if you ask me if I can understand everything in the Bible, I answer: No, I under-stand some things that I did not un-derstand ten years ago, and if I live ten years longer, I hope some things will be clear that are now obscure. But there is something more im-portant than understanding every-thing in the Bible—it is this: if we will only try to live up to the things that we DO understand we will not have time to worry about the things that we DO NOT understand."—Selected.

The First Baptist Pulpit

"WHEN GOD LAUGHS!"

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord; and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision." (Ps. 2:1-4.)

I want to begin my message tonight by quoting a little poem which I read this past week:

"His sermon had the usual heads And subdivisions fine; The language was as delicate And gracious as a vine; It had a proper opening, 'Twas polished as a whole It had but one supreme defect— IT FAILED TO REACH THE SOUL."

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"The Manner of Christ's Return", Discussed By Eastep In Third Article

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, 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 1:9-11.

The words of the above text give us a basis for the remarks contain-ed in this brief paper. There are five things which can be said of Christ's departure from this earth at His ascension. These five things will also characterize His return. Let us notice them:

1. He went away in the presence of His own. In our mind we can see Christ the morning of the day of His ascension as He leads this little, godly band of followers through the east gate of the city of Jerusalem, across the little valley, then up the slopes of the Mount of Olives until they all arrive at the top. Evidently this little band was expecting a time of fellowship with their risen Lord and a message of cheer from His blessed lips. No doubt it was a dis-appointment to them, but soon they saw Him ascend. But He had a pur-pose in ascending at that place and on that day. It was that they might be witnesses to His going to the Father. Some day He will come again, and it will be "in like man-ner"—in the presence of His own.

2. He went away without the world knowing anything about it. Therefore, the world did not know it. And we doubt if the world cared.

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Japan And Christianity

Kagawa, arrested a few weeks ago, has made a complete submis-sion to the Japanese authorities, and retires from all active testimony for Jesus Christ in Japan. This was what might have been expected from one who was so vacillating in his stand and from one who was so very unsteady in his theology. He announced that he would retire to a small island and give the rest of his life to the care of tuberculosis compatriots. The Christian Century reports that Bishop Yoshimune Abe goes consistently to the (demon) shrines for worship. "When I stand in front of the shrine at Ise," said the Bishop, and it is to be remem-bered that the shrine at Ise is that to the sun-goddess from whom the emperor is supposed to have sprung, "I feel differently from the way I feel at any other place. I feel a great sense of peace, of inexpressible sa-credness, of oneness with the An-

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C. W. D. PICTURES CATHOLICISM AND BRAZIL AS HE VIEWS BOTH DAY BY DAY

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the Catholic organization by name, so that can't be the trouble. Just plain indifference, I suppose.

The last service, Sunday night, we had eighteen Catholics here. One of them said he was a Baptist, but I am well informed that he is nothing but a lost man. Maybe if we had some sort of music it would help, but we can keep working, praying, and preaching. The Lord will work in His own time. These people will promise to come with all readiness, but if a hundred promise during the day, you may that same night have five present. They are the most able and shameless liars I ever saw. I honestly believe they lie for the pleasure of it. Poor people, they think they are going to Heaven after a certain period in purgatory. What a religion of hell is Roman Catholicism!

I gave Brother Hallum one of your tracts in Portuguese. He said he would rather have one in English if you wanted him to make a Spanish translation. I have only one in English, and it is well worn.

Many thanks for the check for last month of \$208.42. I managed to cash it for a trifle more than usual—\$1.00 on the \$100.00.

Brother Gilpin, why don't you carry your tract in your paper in installments? I am sure it would be a blessing to some who do not know all the facts on the subject.

Your sermon on "Spiritual Adultery" was fine. Of course, heretics wouldn't like it. My experience has been that nobody fights salvation by grace more than Methodists. Yet, many Baptists think the Methodist doctrines are not so bad. Their baptismal remission theory, and sacramental grace (as I guess they would call it), and baptism of infants—they inherited directly from the Catholics. Wonder if they ever read Gal. 1:8, 9?

That statement of the brother connected with the machine in Kentucky relative to the worth of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER was fine, and was true I feel sure. The people sound in the faith are waxing bolder and bolder. Thank God for that.

You know I am making a real use of my Catholic Bible. Twice recently I have been in need of showing these Catholics that what I preach is in their own Bible. They know nothing of the Bible—the average person I mean. Of course, the lower class do not know of Adam and Eve, the flood, Moses and the Ten Commandments, much less salvation by grace. It is difficult to preach to people so ignorant. Some of our Catholic sympathizers should bear in mind, where possible, the Bible is kept from the people by the priests. They know they have a system of doctrines that will not bear the light of God's Word. So to use by Catholic Bible is proof I am not attempting to deceive.

I am enclosing a picture made eight days ago of a Catholic woman doing penance publicly in fulfillment of a promise to an IMAGE. And, oh, my brother, how difficult to get them interested in salvation as a gift! However, we are still trying. The Sunday night of their great procession we had no one at all to our services.

We are enjoying good health. Hope you all are. Thank God for His mercies. May God bless you all. By grace.—C. W. Dickerson.

"WHEN GOD LAUGHS!"

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How sadly true of much of our modern preaching. It just fails to reach the soul. In this church, we believe that God's Word is still powerful to save. We believe that the gospel is still "the power of God unto salvation." It is because we want to reach the soul that we thus preach, and especially is that true as I bring to you this message tonight.

I

This Psalm presents a description of the hatred of human nature against God. Let me read those first few verses again: "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us." (Ps. 2:1-3). In their vanity, unsaved men set themselves up against God in an attempt to break asunder God's authority and power.

This is the same message we have in the New Testament. It is clearly expressed in Romans 8:7. Listen: "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." The early Christians realized the hatred of human nature against the God of heaven and His followers. Listen: "The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together. For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done." (Acts 4:26-28.)

As a simple illustration, look at Russia with its millions of atheistic Godless people. The government itself has attempted to turn everyone into a Godless atheist. Even their salute is that of a clenched fist shaken in the face of God. Some time ago I saw a cartoon depicting a Russian workman climbing a ladder supposedly into the skies. On his face was an angry scowl. He had in his hand a hammer and a sickle. In the clouds were figures supposed to represent God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Underneath this cartoon was the caption, "Now that we have finished with the earthly czars, we will tackle the heavenly ones." The thought conveyed by the cartoon was that since Russia was no longer under the rulership of earthly rulers, that they would also abolish even the thought of God.

While that has taken place in far away Russia, may we say that the same spirit of opposition to God and to the things of God is abroad in the land, and is at work everywhere. Even in America we have the same type of opposition to God on a lesser scale. There are atheists in the schools and sitting in the seats of learning all over the country. One of them said sometime ago that there was no more saving virtue to the blood of Jesus Christ than there was to the blood of a dog. In another of these supposedly Christian schools in a class of hymnology, when the class was discussing various hymns which we sing in our services, someone brought up the hymn: "There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Immanuel's veins; And sinners, plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains."

The teacher of that class in a supposedly Christian institution, said that the song was not fit to be sung in a slaughter house, and referred to the blood atonement as a slaughter house religion.

What is true of many of our seats of learning, is likewise true with many of our churches, for we have hundreds of churches that are pastored by men who are arch modernists, and who do not believe the Word of God. They speak of Jesus as a good man, but do not consider Him God's Son. They talk about salvation by character and orate much about one being saved by his own righteous deeds, but ignoring completely the blood atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ. I heard one of these modernist preachers say sometime ago that the only passport to heaven and its bliss was character and character alone. This is surely an attempt on the part of man to set himself up against God. It is the same spirit of the godless atheists of Russia; it is the spirit described in the Psalm which speaks of people setting themselves up against God and taking counsel against Him in order to break His power and authority from over them.

The same spirit of defying God likewise pervades our church members. Church members live lives of sin. It is indeed difficult on the part of the average church member to tell any difference between his life and the life of a man of the world. The average church member not only lives carelessly, but contributes carelessly as well. There is just no place for God in his life and when any thought of God arises that might be contrary to his present living, he is ready to rise up in opposition against the Almighty. Truly this Psalm presents a description of the hatred of human nature against God.

II

This Psalm also shows God's reaction to man's defiance. Listen to it: "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision." (Psa. 2:4). How God must laugh at the defiance of men. How He must laugh at the hatred of human nature against Him. How God must laugh at the attempts of the rulers of Russia to rule God out of existence. How He must laugh at the University professors and the modernist preachers who have no place for Him in their life and teaching. How He must laugh at the average church member whose life is lived so much in opposition to God. Yes, our text shows that God laughs at man's defiance.

Long years ago, Pharaoh made an attempt to destroy Israel. All the boy babies of Israel were cast into the Nile River at his command. Yet, a faithful husband and wife of Israel made an attempt to save their baby by hiding him in the bullrushes where he was later found by Pharaoh's daughter, who carried little Moses to her home, adopting him as her child. Later, this Moses became Israel's deliverer from Egypt, and finally overthrew Pharaoh at the Red Sea. How God must have laughed at Pharaoh's attempt to destroy Israel, when at the same time, Pharaoh's own daughter was rearing and educating in Pharaoh's court the man who later became Israel's deliverer and Pharaoh's destroyer. How God must have laughed at Pharaoh.

Recently there has come an account of an incident growing out of

the German persecution of the Jews, which illustrates this truth. A German officer sent his wife to a Roman Catholic maternity hospital in Berlin. After she had been settled in the hospital, she noted the crucifix which she asked to have removed from the wall. The Sister in charge said, "No, I cannot remove it." "But," said the woman, "do you know who I am?" The Sister replied, "I cannot help who you are. This is a private hospital, and the crucifix shall not be removed." The next morning the German officer entered the hospital and demanded that the crucifix be removed. In reply, the Sister walked over and stood in front of it, and refused to have it removed. Non-plussed, the officer promised the prospective mother that it would be removed, because she insisted that she did not want her expected son to look upon "that little Jesus, a Jew." The officer-husband went to the head doctor of the hospital, and angrily demanded that the crucifix be removed. He said, "We are hoping for a son, and I do not want my son ever to look upon that little Jesus, a Jew." He was an officer of high-rank in the army and had himself taken an active part in the Jewish purge, and had stood with Hitler and the regime of the government in its opposition to the Jews. Even while this husband was making his demand, the telephone rang, and the doctor answered it. After a brief conversation, he turned to the officer and said, "You have your wish, sir. Your son will never see the image of Jesus the Jew. I have just been informed by this telephone message that a son is born to you, and that he was born blind." How God must have laughed at the defiance of this German officer. How God must have held up the hatred of this father in derision.

This has been God's method of dealing through the ages. The Philistines once succeeded in capturing the ark of the Israelites, which ark was a symbol of God's presence. Thinking that it was because their god was more powerful than the God of the Jews, they brought the ark, which was symbolic of God's presence, to the city of Ashdod, and put it into the house of Dagon, their chief god. The next morning they found Dagon had fallen from his pedestal upon his face before the ark of the Lord. When he was placed in his position again, they found the next morning that the head of Dagon and the palms of his hands were broken off, and that only the stump of Dagon was left, for he had fallen upon his face again before the ark of the Lord. How God must have laughed at these heathen people in their confusion as they were compelled to pick up their god and glue his head and his hands back to his stump again. Oh, I tell you whenever men rise up with the hatred of their human nature to oppose God, how God must laugh at them in their defiance.

Over in Spain, prior to the Civil War, were two monuments. On one these words were to be found: "Diocletian, for having extended the Roman Empire in the east and the west, and for having extinguished the name of Christians, who brought the Republic to ruin." On the other monument were these words: "Diocletian, for having everywhere abolished the superstition of Christ, for having extended the worship of the gods." How God must have laughed at Diocletian and his folly, erecting

these monuments to himself, thinking that he had destroyed Christianity, and had revived the worship of idols. How God must have laughed at him in his puny defiance of a sovereign God. He even went so far in his hatred of Christianity and the Bible, that he thought he had completely succeeded, and he had a medal struck in his own honor declaring that the Bible was destroyed and that the worship of the gods was restored. In view of the fact that the Bible today is printed in more than a thousand languages and dialects, how God must have laughed at Diocletian for his efforts.

Another Roman Emperor who hated Christianity and despised Christians, was Julian, the apostate. He was known as "the apostate" because he hated the things of God. Defying the Son of God, he pointed his dagger to the heavens and screamed his defiance from the depths of a heart which hated Divinity. This he did in days of prosperity. Yet, there came a time when he was mortally wounded in battle. Ere he died, he gathered in his hands his own clotted blood that had flowed from the wounds of his body, and said, "Thou hast conquered, O Galilean." How God must have laughed at Julian's defiance, knowing what his end must be.

Charles IX of France defied God, and treated the Huguenots with cruelty and treachery, enticing them into the city of Paris where they were slaughtered by the thousands; more than 70,000 dying in a few hours' time. Even the Pope of Rome ordered a special thanksgiving service to be held to commemorate the cruel deed which Charles IX had perpetrated. So elated was Charles IX with his defiance of God, that riding along the road a few days later, where hundreds of Huguenots were hanging, he said, "The smell of rotting Protestants is pleasant." Yet, notice this same enemy of God and God's people when he came to die. His agonies were so great at death that the blood actually flowed through the pores of his skin. How God must have laughed at him for his defiance, knowing what his later end would be.

More than three hundred years ago, the king of Spain equipped a huge fleet and dispatched it against England, to chastise that heretical land and crush her Protestantism. The fleet, according to a chronicler of that day, was the best furnished with men and all manner of provision, of any that the ocean had ever seen, and was given the arrogant name of "Invincible Armada." It consisted of 180 ships, with 19,290 soldiers, 8,350 mariners, 2,080 galley slaves, and 2,630 heavy guns. On it came with lofty turrets, like castles, in front like a half moon, the wings thereof spreading for seven miles, sailing very slowly, though with full sails, the winds being as it were tired of carrying them, and the ocean groaning under the weight thereof. Trusting in their strength, the Spainards reckoned on certain victory; but there were two factors of which they had taken no account. One was the valor of the English seamen, who met them with their little fleet. The other, and by far the greater, the scorn of Him who sat in the heavens. He blew upon them and they were scattered. He sent forth a mighty wind into the sea and drove them along the channel and up into the cold North Sea. Many of the proud galleons were wrecked on the shore they had

come to conquer, and of all that vast Armada, only fifty-three returned home to Spain, with but a poor remnant of broken dispirited men to tell how He that is enthroned in the heavens had laughed and mocked at them. How God must have laughed at the attempts of Catholic Spain to destroy the truth which was beginning to burst into flame in England. How God must have laughed at the destruction of this great Armada.

Napoleon Bonaparte was one of the mightiest generals that ever went forth to battle. He fought the Austrians for five consecutive days without taking off his boots or closing his eyes in sleep. He came to be the first captain of the world, and the earth trembled under his conquering tread. He boasted that the lives of a million men were nothing to him. When he proposed to invade Russia and subdue that land, 125 years ago, the Russian Ambassador said: "Man proposes, but God disposes." "I would have you know," thundered the arrogant and self-confident warrior, "that I am he that proposes, and I am he that disposes." Napoleon, accordingly, set out at the head of the greatest army that had been marshalled up to that time. It looked as though it would be a march of triumph. As he neared the capital of Russia, snowflakes began to flurry, and they fell until they lay four feet deep. The cold became so intense that 20,000 of Napoleon's horses froze to death in one night. Even the men themselves died by the hundreds from freezing as they lay down-around their campfires at night. A monument was erected on the route of his passing, with the following inscription on one side: "Napoleon Bonaparte passed this way in 1812 with 45,000 men." On the other side was this inscription: "Napoleon Bonaparte passed this way in 1812 with 9,000 men." All God needed to discomfit that haughty blasphemer was the snowflakes. In his "Les Miserables," Victor Hugo paints a graphic picture of the battle of Waterloo. At the close of it, he inquires if it were possible for Napoleon to have won the battle, and he answers with an emphatic "No." Then he inquires: "Because of Wellington?" "No." "Because of Blucher?" "No. Napoleon went down in defeat because he defied God." How God must have laughed at Napoleon when he told the Russian Ambassador, "I am he that proposes, and I am he that disposes."

I often think of the modern nations of today, and especially of Germany. The Kaiser said, "I will have a place in the sun." He tried to produce a substitute for the sun, so he started a fire that set the world ablaze. Practically all my audience remembers the result. He did not get a place in the sun, but rather, Germany withered and sank in nothingness among the nations. Hitler today is doing the same thing. He is defying the moral order of things and beings. Goering, perhaps his chiefest lieutenant, said, "If we have not clothes, we can fight in bathing suits; and if we have not soap, we can fight with dirty hands." In essence, Germany is throwing down the gauntlet to God and saying, "We will do without Him." How God must be laughing today at the Kaiser now in exile in Holland, and how He must be laughing today at Hitler in his puny attempts to destroy the Jews and all the evidences of religion from the the land of Germany.

Would you see men scorning and despising God today? Then listen to the preacher who declares that one may be saved by works, or by the city's water works. Listen to that one who declares that a believer may live above sin. Listen to that one who declares that one may be saved today and yet lost tomorrow indirect derision of God who says: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." (Jn. 6:47). Would you see men in defiance of God? Then listen to that one who declares that by joining a church and being baptized you can be saved. All this is just modern defiance of God. It is man's hatred rising up in opposition against God. How God must laugh at these Arminian preachers who talk about salvation by works, ignoring the fact that from beginning to end the Bible declares that we are saved fully and only by the blood of Jesus Christ. Listen to these Scriptures: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8). "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." (Col. 1:14). "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." (I Pet. 1:18, 19). "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (I Jn. 1:7). Surely if our text in the very outset presents a description of the hatred of human nature against God, it likewise shows God's reaction to man's defiance.

III

Yet the Psalmist does not close without a gracious invitation from God, for after describing man's hatred against God, and God's reaction to that defiance; the Psalmist gives a gracious invitation on behalf of God, when he says: "Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him." (Psa. 2:12). Though men defy Him, in His grace and mercy He invites them to kiss the Son. This of course, is the only way that men may be reconciled to God. Listen: "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). "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (Jn. 14:6).

A kiss indicates reconciliation, for the father kissed the prodigal son when he returned. A kiss indicates love and gratitude, for Mary Magdalene kissed the Saviour's feet because of his gracious deeds in her behalf. A kiss indicates homage and allegiance. Therefore, God graciously invites those who are defying Him to kiss the Son—to be reconciled to Him, and in loving gratitude to thus swear their allegiance to Him. Therefore, as I bring this message to a close, I declare to those of you who are in opposition to God and who are defying God, that you must either kiss the Son or perish. May you heed these closing Scriptures: "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Lu. 13:3). "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." (Jn. 1:12).

MORE OF FRANK NORRIS' HERESY

For a number of years the editor has observed J. Frank Norris of Detroit and Fort Worth, as editor, radio speaker, pastor, superintendent of missions, and pulpit orator.

Many are the times that the editor has been blessed under his ministry. We only wish we could say that his ministry has always been a blessing. Yet, to do so, would be to handle the truth as carelessly as Mr. Norris himself handles it.

Sometime ago a preacher was taking an offering for missions. When he had spoken five minutes, a man in the house made up his mind that he would give twenty-five dollars. The preacher continued five minutes longer, and the fellow, in his mind, cut his offering down to twenty dollars. The preacher continued ten minutes longer, and the offering was reduced to five dollars. Finally, after forty-five minutes of pulpit labor on the part of the preacher, when they passed the collection plate, the man who had intended putting in twenty-five dollars, stole two dollars out of the basket. Somehow, our fellowship, friendship, and respect for Mr. Norris has dwindled in about the same manner.

Because of libelous statements published in his paper, he recently lost a law suit to Elder R. E. White of San Antonio, for \$25,000. A month later he published in his paper an article written by Louis Entzminger, who in reality is nothing more or less than Norris' man Friday—he published an article in which he said:

"It has been circulated that many suits were brought against the church and pastor and judgments collected.

To this hour not one cent of any judgment has ever been collected against either pastor or church, and not one judgment has ever been affirmed by the courts, and there is no prospect that any will be. How disappointing to the enemies of the church!"

As I read this I am reminded of the oily tongue of the serpent when he first made his appearance in the Garden of Eden.

Then in "The Fundamentalist" (Mr. Norris' paper) under date of October 25, 1940, he gives a picture of the altar used in both of his churches, which is nothing more or less than a mourner's bench. He even gives the dimensions of it. I have seen these in use in meetings conducted by Mr. Norris, and when he raises his high tenor voice to sing, "Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy," you have a pretty good Holy Roller meeting in progress. All you need in such a meeting as that is just a little fire and brimstone, and you would have hell itself, for you certainly have the weeping and wailing. This is just another sample of his heresy.

A few days ago another southern editor wrote us concerning White's victory in the \$25,000 law suit. He said, "It looks like the beginning of the end for Norris." We shall see. We ask our readers to keep their eyes on Mr. "Mourner's Bench" Norris, who, a month after he loses a law suit for \$25,000, boasts that "Not one judgment has ever been affirmed by the courts."

The biggest piece of work a Christian can do is to find his friend and introduce him to Jesus Christ.

The man who is trying to fight the devil in his own strength is the man who is in greatest danger.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Every year the First Baptist Church of Russell looks forward in an especial way to its annual Thanksgiving service. Great crowds of our own local people as well as ministers and laymen from all over this tri-state area, attend this service. We are making our plans this year trusting that it will be the biggest service we have ever had yet.

It is our custom to have services on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings preceding Thanksgiving, with visiting speakers on these occasions. Full plans relative to our Thanksgiving services will be published in the next issue of our paper. Needless to say, it is a season of rich experience for all those who attend.

We want just as big an offering as possible this year for our two Baptist orphans homes. Both money and produce is acceptable. If any of our readers would like to share in this offering, regardless of how far away you may live, please let us hear from you, and we will deeply appreciate whatever contribution you may make.

NO PAPER LAST WEEK

For the first time in 1940, it became necessary that we miss an issue of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER by omitting the issue of November 2.

This was necessitated for three reasons: First, the editor's secretary was out of town, and we did not have enough help to carry on all our work. In the second place, physically we felt worse last week than for the last several weeks. In the third place, the finances of our paper had run low, and in view of the fact that it is our custom to pay for this paper each week, we felt it expedient that this issue be omitted.

It is well that we did, for the first of this week our office was burglarized, and we lost approximately one hundred dollars in this manner. (Not a penny of mission money was lost as the editor, personally, replaced every penny that was taken.) In it all we are sure that God is leading and having His way, and we know that our readers will bear with us when occasionally it becomes necessary that we miss an issue of the paper.

RICHARD ECKLER

Mr. Richard Eckler, seventy years of age, an old friend of the editor, and one of the most loyal supporters of this paper, departed to be with the Lord from his home at Walton, Kentucky, on October 19.

Several years ago we became acquainted with Mr. Eckler when he was then a member of the Ludlow Baptist Church. Through the years that have passed, his friendship and fellowship has grown sweeter and sweeter.

Doctrinally, Brother Eckler was a Baptist from center to circumference. He told me on one occasion that T. T. Eaton once said that all that kept him from being a Baptist and a half was the fact that there was just one of him. Truly this was Mr. Eckler's doctrinal position, for he loved the Lord, he loved his Bible, and he loved his church.

In his passing, one of God's noblest men leaves this earth to be with the Lord. To his family we extend our sincere sympathy and prayers, and would urge each of them to always remember the Christian example of the father and head of the home, now living in the presence of the Lord.

PASTORS' AND LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

On October 17, the First Baptist Church of Russell was host to the Pastors' and Laymen's Conference of Greenup Association, at which time we enjoyed the speaking ministry of Elder William Nevins, of Lexington, Kentucky.

Brother Nevins' message on "The Place and Work of Women in a New Testament Church" was not only timely, but a splendid message. The editor would personally appraise it as the best sermon he has ever heard on that particular subject. Sometime soon we hope to print it in this paper.

Furthermore, not only was Brother Nevins' message of unusual interest, but the conference was attended with the largest crowd of both preachers, laymen, and women that has ever been present at any conference when the editor attended. It was a fine service from beginning to end, and one for which the saints of God should rejoice.

The next session of this conference will be held with the Raceland Baptist Church on Thursday evening, November 7.

MISSION REPORTS

Brazilian Missions

Amount previously reported	\$ 23.50
Elmer Caldwell, Russell, Ky.	2.50
W. H. Thomas, Huntington, W. Va.	2.50
R. E. Pinson, Ferguson, W. Va.	11.00
Frank Patton, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Philathea Class (1st Bap. Ch.), Russell, Ky.	2.50
Mrs. J. C. Woodard, Russell, Ky.	1.00
1924 Bible Class (1st Bap. Ch.), Russell, Ky.	5.00
J. H. Lowe, Raceland, Ky.	1.00
W. H. Pifer, Russell, Ky.	1.00
P. G. Goolsby, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Greenbottom Baptist Church, Lesage, W. Va.	2.33
Mr. and Mrs. Omar Burkhead, Chaplin, Ky.	25.00
Edgar McGlosson Ashland Ky.	1.00
Georgia Lycans, Wayne, W. Va.	2.50
Cherryville Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	1.36
Paul Reese, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Mrs. Sam Hood, Chaplin, Ky.	2.50
J. W. Schmidt, Boron, Cal.	3.00
Fred Wilson, Russell, Ky.	.50
Mrs. Hardiman, Russell, Ky.	.40
W. E. Fleck, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Anonymously	1.56
Mr. W. L. Hefner, Black Mountain, N. C.	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Howard North, Collinwood, Tenn.	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Millhollin, Muroc, Cal.	5.65
Lon Bellamy North Kenova, Ohio	2.25
B. H. Mansfield, Russell, Ky.	1.00
J. J. Hendricks, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Edward Milligan, Russell, Ky.	1.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	32.82
Total	\$141.87

This concludes our report for the month of October, and the check for \$141.87 has been mailed Brother Dickerson.

Radio Fund

Amount previously reported	\$ 76.86
Maude Nolte, New Orleans, La.	1.00
J. Green, Russell, Ky.	.50
W. H. Thomas, Huntington, W. Va.	2.50
R. E. Pinson, Ferguson, W. Va.	11.00
Mrs. Sheppard, Coal Grove, Ohio	1.00
John M. Davidson, Coal Grove, Ohio	1.00
R. C.ONEY, Worthington, Ky.	5.00
R. C. Bush, Coal Grove, Ohio	1.00
Mrs. Irwin Hall, Ironton, Ohio	1.00
Frank Patton, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Mrs. J. C. Woodard, Russell, Ky.	.50
Anonymously	3.50
J. H. Lowe, Raceland, Ky.	1.00
W. H. Pifer, Russell, Ky.	1.00
P. G. Goolsby, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Philathea Class (1st Bap. Ch.), Russell, Ky.	.50
Greenbottom Baptist Church, Lesage, W. Va.	2.35
Edgar McGlosson, Ashland, Ky.	2.00
Mrs. C. V. Back, Ft. Gay, W. Va.	1.00
Paul Reese, Russell, Ky.	1.00
J. W. Schmidt, Boron, Calif.	1.00
Fred Wilson, Russell, Ky.	.50
Mrs. Hardiman, Russell, Ky.	.40
W. E. Fleck, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Total	\$118.11

After paying our September bill, this means that we still have a deficit of \$41.34 for the month of October.

THE MANNER OF CHRIST'S RETURN

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The business men in Jerusalem were busy with their businesses, housewives were busy with their housework, the religious leaders were busy "frying their fish and grinding their axes" so to speak. His returning to the Father was nothing to that crowd; they didn't know and they didn't care. So when He returns the world will not know. Scripture tells us that He will come as a thief, but not as a thief to Christians. See First Thessalonians 5:1-5. This of course, speaks of the Rapture. At His Revelation the world will know and it will care.

3. *He went away personally.* This may seem a trite statement, but it is a statement which needs to be made and believed in certain quarters. It was, according to our text, "this same Jesus." His ascension was just as personal as His birth. His second coming will be just as personal as either. In John 14:3 He said, "I will come again." In I Thessalonians 4:16 we read from the pen of Paul, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven." Christ's coming for His own is such an important matter that He leaves it not to another, not even an angel, but HIMSELF shall come. He loves His own too much to commit such a task to anyone. He will return personally.

4. *He went away in a cloud.* If He went away in a cloud He will return in a cloud, for "in like manner" as they saw Him go, He will return. In Matthew it is recorded that He said, "and they shall see the Son of man coming in clouds" (24:30). We need not wonder, for clouds in Scripture are sometimes used as figures for the presence of God. When Christ was seen on the Mount of Transfiguration it is reported that God spake out of the cloud (Matthew 17:5). A cloud led the children of Israel through the waste, bowling wilderness on their way from Egypt to Canaan.

Often, in looking at a cloud in the sky, I think and say to myself, "Christ may be in that cloud." Some day there will appear a cloud in the sky, and in it will be the Lord Jesus.

5. *He went away unexpectedly.* His followers did not know He was going. It was a surprise to them. This is evidenced by the fact that they kept looking steadfastly into heaven. If there is one thing certain about Christ's return it is its uncertainty. Throughout the New Testament we are told that we are not to know the time of His return. And there is a reason—this uncertainty has a purifying and cleansing effect upon those who wait for His coming. This uncertainty is used of the Lord as an incentive to watchfulness by Christ, Paul, and others.

"Watch, therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."

"Watch, therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." (Matthew 24:42; 25:13). Many other such passages are in the Bible which teach that the manner of His return will be UNEXPECTEDLY.

JAPAN AND CHRISTIANITY

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cestor of my country and my own ancestors . . ." It is this apostate Methodist who has been selected by the Japanese authorities to head the "Genuine Japan Christian Church." All-Protestant sects in Japan are being merged in this new body, which now practically brings to an end all true witness to Christ by foreign missionaries in Japan. As Time summed it up, "The Japanese are suppressing Christianity with Oriental courtesy."—Revelation.