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Does The Bible Teach Eternal Security?

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1. It teaches that believers have eternal life and shall never perish. "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand." (John 10:28) Read also John 11:26.

2. It teaches that the one thing needful shall not be taken away from those who have chosen it. "But one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part which shall not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:42)

3. It teaches that those who come to Christ shall in no wise be cast out. "And this is the will of him that sent me; that every one which seeth the Son and believeth on him may have everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:40)

4. It teaches that those who believe on Jesus shall not be condemned and never shall die. "Is passed from death unto life." (John 5:24) See also John 3:18.

5. It teaches that the good work begun in the believer, shall be performed (or finished) unto the day of Jesus Christ. (Phil. 1:6)

6. It teaches that believers are sealed by the Holy Spirit unto the day of redemption or resurrection. Eph. 4:30. And this seal is an earnest or guarantee of our inheritance. 2 Cor. 5:5; Eph. 1:13, 14.

7. It teaches that Christians who sin shall be chastened of the Lord, but not condemned with the world. I Cor. 5:5; I Cor 11:32.

8. It teaches that believers have eternal redemption through the blood of Christ. Heb. 9:12.

9. It teaches that Christ has perfected forever those who are sanctified or cleansed by His blood. Heb. 10:10, 12-14.

10. It teaches that all who believe on the Son shall be raised up at

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FAITH

The great, gray, angry ocean spun and swirled
The high waves pitched the vessel to and fro
Upon her deck the captain's young son stood
And marveled at the tempest raging so.

A sailor spied him and to cheer him cried
"I say lad, are you frightened by the storm?"
"Oh no, no, sir," the trusting child replied;
"I have no fear, my father's at the helm."

Oh why can't we with simple loving trust
When life and all its tumult rages 'round
Forget the cares and toils that oppress
And trust our Heavenly Father at the helm.

—Dorothy Wollin, Grayson, Ky.

Age 16

A Lumberman's Experience In Serving God

"I am a firm believer in prayer," remarked an influential business man one day, when I called at his office to solicit his membership in our Gideon Organization.

"If you have the time," he added, "I should like to relate an incident which occurred in my own life a number of years ago."

Assuring him that I was in no hurry, he then told me this remarkable story:

"At the time this took place I was in the lumber business and my partner and I held large tracts of valuable timber land.

"We had a customer for one of the tracts, which we were quite anxious to sell.

"He was a man of considerable wealth, who lived in a far distant state.

"His secretary had written us that he would be in our office on a certain day, and we hoped to close a deal with him involving hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"To our disappointment, instead of

coming, he wired that his plans had been so completely disarranged, it might be several weeks before he could see us; but as he was still as much interested as ever, he trusted we would do nothing until he arrived.

"As my family had never visited California I made up my mind that we would take a trip to the Pacific Coast while I was waiting for this deal to go through, for I was greatly in need of a complete rest.

"We had scarcely become settled in Los Angeles, when I received a telegram from my partner. Our prospective customer would meet with us the early part of the following week.

"Of course, he had no idea that I was then in California, hundreds of miles from my office.

"This was before the day of aeroplanes; so I hurriedly consulted a time-table and learned that by taking a certain fast train, which made direct

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What The Bible Says About God's Election

Eld. BOYCE TAYLOR

1. Election is God's act, John 15:16; Mark 13:20; Jas. 2:5; Luke 18:7; I Thess. 1:4; Eph. 1:4.

2. Election is an act of sovereign grace, Rom. 11:5-7, 9:14-15.

3. Election took place before the foundation of the world, Eph. 1:4.

4. Election was from the beginning, II Thes. 2:13. This beginning is explained by John 1:1 and Gen. 1:1.

5. In Rom. 9:11 election is said to be before the birth of Esau and Jacob.

6. The elect are sure of salvation, Matt. 24:31; Rom. 11:2; 8:29-30.

7. Only a remnant are elected, Rom. 11:5.

8. Election was unto salvation, II Thess. 2:13; I Pet. 1:2. Election took place in eternity; salvation takes place when men hear and believe the gospel. The call of Rom. 8:29-30 is the effectual call.

9. Election includes preaching the gospel as a means of saving the elect, I Cor. 1:21. "Pleased" is the verb of the same root as the noun in "God's good pleasure." II Tim. 2:10; Rom. 8:29-30; II Thess. 2:13-14. God elected the means as well as the individuals.

10. All the elect will believe, Acts 13:48; John 6:37. Faith and coming to Christ are the same act of the soul.

11. Election guarantees the salvation of some, Rom. 10:20; John 15:16. Election guarantees that Christ's work was not in vain. Left to themselves, all men would reject Christ.

12. The gospel is to be preached to all, Matt. 28:18-20; Mk 16:15. Matt. 20:16 and 22:14 refer to the external and general call of the gospel and to the effectual special call. Only the elect have the effectual call. Election makes sure that some will hear; otherwise all would reject the gospel.

13. Every New Testament writer

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Wanted---A Worker

God never goes to the lazy nor idle when He needs men for His service. When God wants a worker, He calls a worker. When He has a work to be done He goes to those who are already at work. When God wants a great servant, He calls a busy man. Scripture and history attest this truth.

MOSES was busy with his flocks at Horeb.

GIDEON was busy thrashing wheat by the press.

SAUL was busy searching for his father's lost beasts.

DAVID was busy caring for his father's sheep.

ELISHA was busy ploughing with 12 yoke of oxen.

AMOS was busy following the flock.

NEHEMIAH was busy bearing the

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"THE FIRST SAYING OF THE SAVIOUR ON THE CROSS"

"Then said Jesus, Father forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

The awfullest, most brutal deed of all times, has just been done,—Jesus has been killed. One of His friends, Simon Peter, has denied Him with a curse, saying, "I know him not." Another of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, has betrayed Him. All of His apostles have fled away in cowardise.

Six mock trials have been held. His accusers have found no fault in Him. Nevertheless, his foes have clamored for His death, and the Roman Governor has granted their request. Thus, the "friend of sinners" goes unrewarded, unappreciated, misunderstood, ill-treated, condemned, and sentenced to a cruel and shameful death. It wasn't even an ordinary death that He was sentenced to, but one of shame and suffering.

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An Unusual Wedding

The divorce evil continues in our land one marriage out of six turns to divorce, but one to ninety in England, and one to 161 in Canada. Some thing needs to be done about it. The following story is in point:

A bride in Nashville, Tenn., carried a beautiful Bible bound in white leather instead of the usual bouquet of flowers. From the white-ribbon bookmark hung a tiny corsage of flowers. This Bible was the symbol of the beginning of a Christian home. Their lives were joined together around the precious Book. And, according to Eld. Sibley Burnett who tells the story, this young couple is conducting their home life around the Bible and the Christian ideal for every home. Young people, here is a story worthy of imitation.

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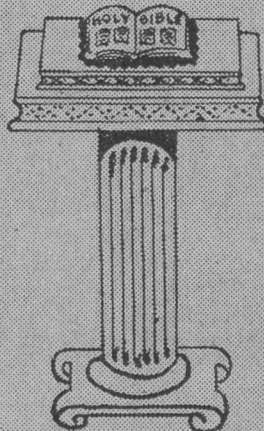
In spite of these many gifts, subscriptions, and financial help, we owe today about \$50. on these addressing plates and \$57 on an old postage bill.

Our God will supply! Remember us in prayer.

Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward.

For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Heb. 10:35-37.



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There have been others to whom we have had the joy of teaching the Bible too, whose addresses we do not have and still others whose pictures we do not have. We are glad though to present these nice fine consecrated Christian lads.

They just don't come any better than these whose pictures are above. When the editor is in Heaven, he'll still be preaching in proxy through these whom he has had a part in teaching the Bible.

God has made great able preachers of each of these. It is our prayer daily that He will continue to bless and widen their ministry. It is a distinct joy to receive good reports of the ministry of each of them through mutual friends recently. Already they are a tremendous asset to the churches of the Lord Jesus. We are sure each will make "full proof of thy ministry."

"THE FIRST SAYING OF THE SAVIOUR ON THE CROSS"

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If you journey with me to Calvary you can see Him nailed to the cross. Spikes pierced His hands and feet. What suffering and torture this must have brought to His flesh. Then when completely fastened, the cross was dropped into the hole prepared in the ground for it. What agony this itself must have brought to His already tortured flesh. Yet, not a word escapes His lips. After a while His pallid lips are seen to move. Surely we must wonder what He is about to say as we strain every fiber of our being to catch the words that fall from His blessed lips. We wonder, "Is He crying for pity? Is He cursing His enemies?" Well rightly could He have pronounced a curse upon them. With justice could He have uttered malediction, or even swept them bodily into Hell. Yet instead of crying for pity for Himself, and instead of cursing His enemies, we find Him praying for them, as the words of our text say, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Lk. 23:34)

I

All that Jesus can do now is pray. No longer can His hands minister to the sick. No longer can His feet carry Him to aid others. No longer may He instruct His disciples, and now that there is nothing else that He can do, He occupies Himself in prayer. I wonder, if, in our invisible audience there may not be some saint whose hands or whose feet once ministered to others, yet now that one is bed-ridden and no longer can he be of service as in days gone by. Now perhaps that one may feel that he is no longer of value or service or usefulness. Let not such a one despair, for when Jesus could do nothing else, He spent His time talking with the Father praying for others.

Many years ago D. L. Moody visited in London, in the beginning of his world-wide ministry. He was unknown there, and in the morning service, preached in a church which was frigid and cold and spiritually lifeless. He preached for the same church in the evening, but noticed in the meantime that the atmosphere had changed. A large crowd stood at the close of the service signifying their desire to be saved. The next day when he arrived in Dublin, he found a telegram inviting him to come back to the same church and conduct a meeting since the whole city had been stirred. As a result of his return to London, hundreds were saved. Would you know the difference between the morning and evening services of that day? Well, an invalid lady who could not attend the church services, had prayed a long time for a revival, and when her sister returned from the morning service and told her of the meeting, the invalid spent the afternoon praying for the lost and for spiritual power in the church. Oh, what a difference it does make to pray.

Now then all that Jesus can do is pray, and so He betakes Himself to the Father in prayer. If there is nothing else that you can do, may God grant that you shall do as the Master did.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

For by it the elders obtained a good report. Heb. 11:1-2.

II

The first saying of the Saviour on the cross, indicates to us that no one is beyond the reach of prayer. In this prayer, He was praying for His murderers. In the same chapter, we read that one of them was saved. "Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man." (Vs. 47)

How this should encourage us to pray. Do you know some one who may be the chief of sinners? Do you have a wayward child? Do you have some uninterested friend? Is there some blatant infidel of your acquaintance who seemingly is beyond the help of God? Is there some one ensnared by false teachings that you know? If so, then pray, for the conversion of this centurion so soon after Jesus' prayer would teach us that no one is beyond the reach of prayer.

I often think of Hudson Taylor as a skeptic before he was saved. He picked up a tract one afternoon and went out to the barn to read it. Eighty miles away his mother went to her room to pray for him at that same hour. She spent the afternoon in prayer; he spent the afternoon reading this tract. The result was that he was saved that very day.

Over in the Maine woods, some Christian folk decided that they would pray for the most hardened sinner in the lumber camp, when things looked exceedingly dark for them spiritually. This man was saved in a few weeks, and joined these others, and together they began praying for the next hardest man. Later on he was saved, and he too joined with the first group in prayer for other hardened sinners. In the course of two years' time, dozens of the most hardened lumber-jacks came to know the Lord as Saviour. I tell you, no one is beyond the reach of prayer.

III

This first saying of the Saviour on the cross fulfills Old Testament prophecy. "Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." (Isa. 53:12) This Old Testament prophecy thus reveals that Jesus was to make intercession for transgressors. Here on the cross we find Him doing so. This was one of the many events prophesied in the Old Testament relative to Jesus which was fulfilled by Him in the days of His flesh.

What assurance this brings us relative to the Bible. Since the Bible was fulfilled in this respect, then it will be fulfilled in every word. Listen: "And be sure your sin will find you out." (Num. 32:23) Since Jesus fulfilled this Old Testament prophecy, then you may be certain that He will keep His promise relative to this statement of Scripture. Listen again: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." (Gal. 6:7, 8) Or be warned again: "Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished." (Prov. 11:21) Or let the Scripture warn you again: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." (Psa. 9:17) Since the Lord Jesus, by His life fulfilled the prophecy of the Old Testament, then you can be certain that He is going to

fulfill the Scripture in every respect.

IV

This first saying of the Saviour on the cross is a beautiful example of His own teaching. Christ did not personally forgive His enemies, He prayed the Father to do so. This is in accord with all His teachings, for throughout His ministry He taught His disciples the proper attitude toward their enemies. Listen to Him in His sermon on the mount: "Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." (Matt. 5:24) Or hear Him again as He would instruct us in the realm of forgiveness: "Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him." (Lk. 17:3,4) And so, without malice in His heart, He prayed for the Father's forgiveness in behalf of His enemies. Just as He taught His disciples in life, even today without malice in our hearts, we need to pray for our enemies that they might be saved.

In ten years of an active, energetic, pastoral life, many have become offended at this preacher through what he has said, written, or done. I can't say that it doesn't make any difference to me, for it does make a difference. I would rather have the friendship of a yellow hound dog than to have his enmity. Yet, if I must choose between offending my Master and offending you, I must preach the Word of God as I understand it since I am to be accountable to Him. Accordingly, there are possibly many tonight who may even be listening to this program who would not dare come to the house of God here in our church, and who would tell you that they were not my friends but my enemies. May I remind such a one that as Jesus prayed for His enemies that they might be forgiven, so my prayer to God in behalf of those my enemies is that they too might be forgiven.

V

This first saying of the Saviour on the cross pictures the blindness of the human heart. Jesus Himself said, "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do." His enemies were ignorant of the enormity of their crime. They knew not that it was the Lord of glory. There were many reasons why they should have known Him. The Old Testament predictions should have been enough. His teachings and His manner of life should have been sufficient to have convinced them that He was from Heaven. The people themselves said, "Never man spake like this man." (Jn. 7:46) Even God the Father put His stamp of approval upon Him when He received baptism at the hands of a Baptist preacher, John the Baptist. Listen: "And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matt. 3:17) In view of the Old Testament predictions, His marvelous teachings, His manner of life, the people's estimate, and the Father's appraisal Him, His enemies should have known that it was the Lord from Heaven. Yet, they were ignorant of the deed which they had committed.

This only shows the blindness of their hearts. Men today are just as blind. Men reject, resist, spurn, steel their hearts, close their ears, and shut their eyes against Christ. I even preached sometime ago, on the subject "Why I Don't Want To Go To Hell", and after the service, one lost

man said to another, "I want to go to Hell because I want to see what it is like." The fact that you resist Him shows how blind you are. If you knew the joy of being a Christian, you would fly to Him at once. The very fact that in this first saying of the Saviour on the cross, He prayed for His enemies in their ignorance, indicates to us the blindness of human hearts today.

VI

This first saying of the Saviour on the cross pictures man's need. Man's primary need is not good resolutions, nor high ideals, nor church membership, but rather it is forgiveness. Listen: "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not (Acts 13:38,39) "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." (Col. 1:14) When the Apostle Peter and the other disciples were threatened in the early days just following Jesus' ascension, Peter waxed bold and declared concerning Jesus: "Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins." (Acts 5:31)

I tell you our text shows us man's need — forgiveness. How we thank God that there can be forgiveness through the Lord Jesus Himself.

VII

This first saying of the Saviour on the cross gives to us a glorious picture of the love of God. The rulers hated him, the soldiers mocked Him with vinegar; He was even blasphemed and nailed upon by the thieves who were crucified with Him. Listen: "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us." (Lk. 23:39) In His wrath, He might justly have slain them, or He might have pronounced a curse upon them. Instead, His answer was this prayer — the words of the text, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Lk. 23:34) This shows the triumph of the redeeming blood. "Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." (I Cor. 13:4,7) When some one does us wrong, we usually seek to get revenge, yet not so with Jesus. Another decided contrast between man and God is that we love and pray for our friends, yet in the case of Jesus, He loved and prayed for His enemies.

I heard a man in Chicago say one day at a Bible Conference that the greatest illustration of God's love was that of a mother sacrificing for her child. Yet, that mother may forget her child, we are thus taught in the Scriptures. Listen: "Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee." (Isa. 49:15)

John 3:16, — "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," — never means as much as when we see Christ on the cross and hear Him praying.

"There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea,
There's a kindness in His justice,
Which is more than liberty."

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
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And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind."

49:15) I heard another say later that the beauties of nature were the greatest illustration of God's love, and proceeding, he drew a picture of a beautiful sunset. Yet even while he may have been talking, the skies might have become over-cast, the lightning flash through the Heavens, and the thunders peal in the skies. And then where would that illustration of God's love be? Even as marvelous as the love of sweethearts, this does not picture God's love, for sweethearts may quarrel and part. Therefore, the only real picture of God's love is:

"There is a green hill far away
Without a city wall;
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all."

1900 years ago the Lord Jesus prayed this prayer. It was for your forgiveness. May God grant that this prayer may be answered tonight in your life. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and it is done now.

"Jesus, Thou art the sinner's friend
As such I look to Thee,
Now in the fulness of Thy love,
Oh, Lord, remember me."

WANTED — A WORKER

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PETER and ANDREW were busy casting a net into the sea. king's wine crop.

JAMES and JOHN were busy mending their nets.

MATTHEW was busy collecting customs.

SAUL was busy persecuting the friends of Jesus.

WILLIAM CAREY was busy mending and making shoes.

—Unknown

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

ABOUT GOD'S ELECTION

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teaches election. Matthew in 24:31; 20:16; 22:14; 11:27. Mark in 13:20. Luke in 18:7 and Acts 13:48. John in 15:16; 6:37. Paul in Rom. 9:15-17; 8:28-30; 11:5-7; II Tim. 2:10. James in 2:5. Peter in I Pet. 1:2. Jude in verse 4.

—Calvary Clarion

A LUMBERMAN'S EXPERIENCE

IN SERVING GOD

connection in Kansas City I could be home in time to keep the appointment and I so wired my office.

"Leaving my family in California, I caught my train and reached Kansas City only to learn that the express for my home town had left less than an hour before, and I could not get another until the following morning, which would be too late, for I would be leaving Kansas City at the very hour I was supposed to be in my office.

"This was the bitterest disappointment of my life, up to that time, for more than anything else in the world, my heart was set on disposing of that large tract of timber land.

"Although I was a born-again child I am ashamed to admit that I did not act any more like one than did Peter the night he denied his Lord with oaths and curses. (Math. 26:74).

"When I thought of how I had been cheated out of my California visit, which I had expected to enjoy to the utmost, and had gone to the expense and discomfort of hurrying home on what now appeared to be a wild goose chase, I was mad through and through and acted like a spoiled child who de-

served a good sound thrashing.

"There was nothing for me to do but to go to a hotel, which I did, and by the time my room was reached I had cooled off sufficiently to be thoroughly ashamed of myself; so I kneeled down on my bed, and asked God to forgive me for having made a baby of myself.

"I also told Him that in my rage I seemed to consider my presence at the business conference in my office, the following morning, absolutely essential, forgetting that He would be there as my Father, who would undertake for His own unworthy child.

"The trip home was without incident, but when I reached the hotel, about midnight, the clerk, whom I knew quite well, told me that I need not register, for the place was crowded to capacity, and he couldn't even give me a cot.

"He deeply regretted that I had not made a reservation, and so did I.

"My home at that time was away out in the country, several miles from the city, and with my family all away, I had no thought of going there at that time of night.

"While standing by the hotel desk, debating in my mind what I should do, a middle-aged man, dressed in the regulation garb of an oil field operator—a familiar costume in our oil town—came up to me and extended his hand. He knew who I was, but we had never met before.

He said he had overheard my conversation with the hotel clerk and hoped that he might help me out of my dilemma by sharing his room with me for the night. I soon learned that he had one of the finest rooms in the hotel, with two beds and a bath; so I was delighted to accept his gracious hospitality.

"Being travel-stained from my long train ride, I soon enjoyed the luxury of a nice, warm bath, and when ready for bed, I saw that my host had already retired and was even then, as I supposed, sound asleep.

"Kneeling by my bedside, as has been my custom every night before retiring as long as I can remember, I remained for some time in silent prayer.

"When finally in bed, my meditation was interrupted by a voice from across the room: 'What were you doing just now, down on your knees all that time?'

"I was praying,' I replied. 'To whom were you talking?' 'Why I was talking to God' 'Do you think that God hears lumbermen when they pray?' 'Yes, I'm quite sure that He hears this lumberman, anyway.'

"What makes you think so?' 'Because He has answered my prayers so many times in the past.'

"Would you mind telling me what you asked Him for just now?' 'Certainly not—I asked Him to take good care of every member of my family, and to be a Father to each of them, now separated from me by many hundreds of miles.

"I also asked Him to be my Senior Partner in the lumber business, and to help with a big deal, which He knows means much to me."

"And you really believe that He will do all that for you?'

"Yes, I'm sure He will, for He has promised—'Promised? Did you say "promised"? Where has He promised to help you?'

"In the Bible."

"And do you believe the Bible?'

"I certainly do, every word of it, from cover to cover."

"He was silent for some time af-

ter that and then finally asked: 'Have you any idea where I could buy a Bible in this town?'

"I mentioned the name of a book concern that handles Bibles, and he presently bade me good-night and said no more.

"I heard him leave the room the next morning very quietly, for fear of disturbing me, and I did not see him again for several months.

"When I reached my office, feeling in splendid trim after a good night's rest, I learned that the Lord had marvelously answered my prayer, for, like myself, our customer had been delayed, and had not yet arrived.

"When he came, the deal went through in record time, without a hitch, and both he and I were jubilant over our good fortune.

"As time went on, I had all but forgotten my benefactor, who so kindly shared his room with me, until, one day, I was informed that he wished very much to see me, for he had something important to tell me.

"Of course, I looked him up, but the man I found was by no means the uncouth, unshaven, shabbily dressed man I have been telling you about.

"A greater transformation one could scarcely imagine for this man was manicured and massaged, and expensively dressed in a tailor-made suit that was the very last word in style and good taste.

"I remarked about his apparent prosperity, and he replied, 'Yes, and I have you to thank for every red cent of it.'

"That night I shared my room with you, I was at the end of my rope, and did not know which way to turn.

"I had risked every penny I could rake and scrape on some oil land, and had lost, for the final payment was due the following day, and I could not raise another nickel, which simply meant that I was penniless, and even worse than penniless, for I was in debt.

"My wife died a number of years ago. She was a wonderful Christian, who believed in God and prayer, and the Bible, just as you do. We were happy together, and when God took her home, it made me bitter and resentful, and I grew to hate God.

"I never darkened a church door after her death, and neither did I open a Bible—in fact, I wouldn't sleep in a room if there was a Bible there.

"I didn't want anything to do with God Who would rob me of my wonderful wife, whom I loved more than anything else in all the world.

"But that night, while you were on your knees in my room, I did some tall old thinking.

"I knew that you were a very successful business man—the leading lumberman in this part of the country, and there you were down on your knees, talking to the very God that I hated so.

"And then, afterwards, when you told me that God was your Senior Partner in your lumber business, I couldn't help wishing that He were my oil Partner; so I bought a Bible at the bookstore you told me about, and when I was sure you had gone to your office, I returned to the room, and with that Bible open on the bed I kneeled down just as you had done the night before, and asked God to undertake for me, and be my Senior Partner, too.

"I told Him everything—that I was flat broke and unless He came to my rescue my name would be Dennis; and I asked Him to work

fast, for my option expired that very day.

"When I rose from my knees I felt like a different man, for something seemed to give me the assurance that God had heard my prayer and that He would answer the same way you told me He had answered for you so many times.

"I drove at once to the oil fields and there my heart sank clear down into my boots, for the first thing I saw was a strange man waiting for me and I thought he was there to collect the payment—which I was unable to raise; but I was all wrong. He was very friendly, and introduced himself as an agent, representing one of the largest and richest oil corporations in existence. As they owned all the land on either side of me, he said that they were very anxious to secure my holdings too, and had sent him to see if I would consider selling my option to them.

"In fact, he had in his pocket a certified check for five hundred thousand dollars, which was very soon transferred from his pocket to mine.

"If the company had known that I had less than one dollar to my name, it is extremely doubtful if they would have been so generous."

In concluding the narrative the erstwhile lumberman said: "I disposed of all my lumber interests shortly after that, and then served for some years as President of the First National Bank.

"In the meantime my oil friend moved away, and I lost all track of him.

"While in my office in the bank one day, a fine-appearing young man, with all the earmarks of culture and refinement came in and introduced himself.

"Then, brushing away a tear, he said: 'I buried my father last week. Just before he died, he called me to his bedside and told me how, one night, many years ago, you and he occupied the same room in a hotel—'After I am gone son,' he said, 'I want you to look up my old friend and tell him that I died happy, trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ as my own personal Saviour. Tell him that I know I am saved, and that I am going to meet my Maker unafraid; and son don't forget to tell him that I date my salvation from the night that he kneeled in silent prayer in my room.'

"And just to think," said the banker. 'I thought the world was coming to an end when I missed that train in Kansas City!'

"And if I hadn't missed it this story would never have been told, for there would have been no story to tell.

"And oh, how thankful I will be throughout eternity, that I was not a big coward that night but that I prayed in the open, instead of crawling into bed and praying in bed, just because I was in the room with a stranger."

The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him, Nahum 1:7.

—Kenyon Alexander Palmer

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the last day. John 6:40.

(Editor's Note: Nuf sed! Neither the Devil nor the Arminians can take a man out of God's Hand!)