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"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

"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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## A Pacific Coast Pastor Presents Thoughts On "The Mood Of The Mob"

By REV. JOHN F. MacARTHUR  
Read Matt. 7:13

The world today is in a moulding process. We are being pressed into grooves. The world is mob conscious. Individuality is being supplanted by crowd psychology. More and more we do as the mob does, regardless of the kind of influence by which the mob is swayed.

The people assent. They no longer think. Leadership does the thinking, stimulates the desire of the crowd by high-pressure propaganda. The people take their statements for granted. Modern dictators well understand the principle of creating and controlling the mass mind.

The newspaper advertisements and the styles capitalize on this mob psychology. In the mad rush toward universality of ideas and modes of living, individuality and personal conviction is sacrificed. "Everybody's doing it" is the slogan that even Christians use to justify their worldly ways. We must participate in order to be in the swim. Yet all history teaches that the majority has nearly always been on the side of unrighteousness.

Many professing Christians today are accommodating themselves absolutely to the mood of the multitude, without a thought of the will of God.

In these days of radio communication popular opinion may change over night. Political leaders are as fickle as the wind. There are few who have deep-seated and unchanging motivations. The mob is easily swayed in any direction by radio  
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## "It Won't Be Long Now"

That which the monkey said about his tail when he backed into the lawn-mower is certainly true concerning J. Frank Norris. "It won't be long now" until Frank Norris' bubble will be completely bursted.

All over the country, men of good reputation and men known for their veracity, are breaking with him simply because he is not to be trusted.

Several weeks ago, when R. E. White won the \$25,000 slander suit from Frank Norris, a well-known southern editor wrote me, "It looks like the beginning of the end for Norris." I believe that it is the end.

Poor old Frank. He is now sixty-three years old. He is dishonored by those who have been his friends in the past, and he stands today without a single trusted friend. What a pity he should come to such an end! For the past fifteen years, since the editor has known him, his has been a trail of broken friendships and as-  
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## ONE MORE YEAR TO LIVE

"If I had one more year to live,  
Just one more year of time to give,  
To love and lift and help and bless,  
The better things of life to stress;  
One year to work, to play, to smile,  
To brighten earth a little while;  
One year to sing my Savior's praise,  
To fill with kindly deeds my days;  
One year to strive for a reward  
When called to stand before my Lord,  
I think that I would live each day  
As if it were my last and pray  
Each night at set of sun  
His blessing on the things I'd done:  
Each night in peace I'd fall asleep,  
Trusting Him my soul to keep,  
Some day anon from lands afar  
The call shall come to cross the bar,  
And over all else I must be  
Prepared to meet eternity.

So if I have a year to live,  
Or just a day in which to give  
A cheering word, a helping hand,  
A heart that tries to understand  
A fellow creature when in need,  
It matters not to me indeed;  
I'll try to live each day He sends  
To serve my gracious Master's ends,  
And when at last I see His face,  
A sinner ransomed by His grace,  
I hope He will greet me with a smile,  
And count my life on earth worth while."

Author unknown.

## LUTHER PEAK MAKES CONFESSION

The following, headline and all, was copied from a recent issue of "The Baptist Beacon" edited by Luther Peak. We quote the entire article verbatim.

### SENSATIONALISM

As far as I'm concerned, I'm through with it. I mean I am sick of the froth and the foam of the high pressure, movie-titled something called a 'sermon' dished out from many a present day pulpit, especially Fundamentalist pulpits. You see, it all fits in with a sort of psychology that seized the country before I can remember, and therefore if I have been

somewhat affected by it, I am not to be wholly and totally blamed. The stock in trade of what I am talking about is made up of cheap tabernacles, cowboy "evangelists" with loud red shirts and drug store complexions, wild, hair raising subjects that are calculated to raise the very dead and the slickest of all the stock in trade has to do with the money raising activities. The specialists in this field can empty the pockets of a church or a group of churches with greater success than any cider mill ever extracted juice from an apple.

I'm through because I have seen the emptiness and the shallowness of it. I  
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## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "What the Seasons Can Teach Us"

"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."—Genesis 8:22.

Our text takes us back to the time of the flood. For one year and ten days the waters of the deluge had overflowed the earth. At the time of our text, the waters had just gone down. When the door of the ark was opened, God brought Noah and his family forth into a new world—a world that had been freed from sin by the judgment of the flood.

For over a year there had been confusion. The seasons themselves had all been mixed by a perpetual down-pour of rain. Even the frame of nature itself seemed out of joint. For over a year her whole order had been suspended.

But now after this year's confusion and chaos, when Noah and his family came forth into this new world, God made a promise that there should be no more confusion of seasons, and no longer would day and night be mingled together.

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First of all, his text presents to us a warning. You will notice that it says, "While the earth remaineth." This implies that the earth will  
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## Another Fine Letter From Dickerson Telling of Joys In His Work In Brazil

Belem, Para, January 13, 1941

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Received your letter last Friday. Although it had been opened by the postal authorities, the check for the sum of \$210.57 was intact. Many thanks for it.

Certainly I sent a letter to you last month directly after receiving yours with the check of \$197.12. It is a source of disappointment to me that so many of my letters go astray. I have done quite a bit of writing for nothing except the gratification of certain stamp collectors. Because of the condition of world affairs, letters are undergoing close scrutiny, and this may account for some losses.

We are made glad to hear that all goes well with the work there, and that occasionally it pleases the Lord to save someone. We long to see such here. There is working for me now a preacher from a neighboring state. His training and methods are very shallow. Under his direction, two have made professions of faith. However, frankly, I have no thought that they are genuine. Of course, I hope that they are.

Our attendance has increased since he began working. Last Wednesday, we had thirty-two present besides me and my family. Then, on the Tuesday before, at the other preaching point, there surely were as many as seventy-five people. Though no one has manifested any signs of salvation yet, we are reaching many people with the gospel of the grace of our Lord.

It seems to me that it was in the letter I sent which you did not receive that I stated I could already  
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## Weddings For January

Though we have only had eight weddings during the month of January, to each of these we extend our sincere best wishes for many years of happiness and wedded bliss.

Helton M. Vaughan, 21, laborer, and Gertrude Clinton, 35, Charleston, West Virginia.

Wellman Rivers, 21, Solvay worker, and Eileen Hunt, 21, South Point, Ohio.

Richard Middendorf, 21, glass worker, and Betty Rockwell, 21, Columbus, Ohio.

John Sanks, 21, U. S. Army, and Anna Lee Thompson, 21, Huntington, West Virginia.

Eugene Herbert, 22, accountant, and Margaret Turner, 21, Detroit, Michigan.

Arnold Schaeffer, 25, laundryman, and Ruth Burtoft, 28, Chillicothe, Ohio.

John Koenig, 22, N. Y. A., and Louise Murfin, 21, Otway, Ohio.

Stanley Kremin, 21, N. Y. A., and Alice June Penn, 21, Otway, Ohio.



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### OUR RECENT REVIVAL

From January 2 through January 17, the First Baptist Church of Russell had as its visiting speaker Brother D. B. Eastep of Covington, Kentucky. The meeting was characterized with much illness on the part of the membership of our church, and perhaps was attended by smaller crowds than any meeting which we have ever had. Yet, withal, it was one of the best meetings we have ever had. While the greater proportion of our church was sick from time to time during the meeting, those who did get to attend were loud in their praise of the ministry and the faithfulness of Brother Eastep in declaring the whole council of God.

Personally, the editor was more than pleased with the meeting. It was a joy to be associated with Brother Eastep, and we thank God for the fine messages which he brought. We doubt seriously if there is any pastor evangelist anywhere who will do a church and pastor more good than Brother Eastep. He only leaves his flock for four meetings a year, and any church which is able to secure him for one of these meetings may consider itself fortunate.

May God's richest blessings rest upon Brother Eastep and upon his church. We truly thank God for his ministry with us.

### A WAR-LIKE CHURCH

A bishop was invited to dinner. During the meal he was astonished to hear the little daughter of the house state that a person must be brave these days to go to church. "Why do you say that?" said the bishop. "Oh," said the little child, "I heard Papa telling Mamma that last Sunday there was a big gun in the pulpit, the choir murdered the anthem, and the organist drowned the choir."

### THE BAPTIST BEACON

Several of our subscribers get each week "The Baptist Beacon", sent to them on a free basis. Many of our readers ask why it is that this paper comes to them free. The answer is obvious.

Every contributor who makes any contribution at all to our mission work is listed from time to time in our mission reports. The editor of "The Baptist Beacon" copies these names and puts them on his mailing list. We certainly have no objection, and in fact, if he would like for us to do so, we would be glad to send him our entire mailing list.

You know Luther Peak, the editor of "The Baptist Beacon", and Louis Entzminger are Norris' two closest

henchmen. Some time ago, Entzminger wrote Norris a letter in which he said,

"As to Luther Peak's paper—who cares anything about a little paper with a few hundred circulation, trying to throw mud on a good man?"

### ELDER C. W. DICKERSON



This is a splendid picture of the man of God whom many of our readers are helping to support in Brazil. His address is:

Elder C. W. Dickerson  
Caixa Postal No. 392  
Belem, Para  
Brazil, South America

Write him a letter, for he would be happy to hear from you. However, don't forget: Send all your contributions to us and we will forward them to him. Under no condition send money through the mail to Brazil now.

### TWO APPRECIATED LETTERS

Dear Mr. Gilpin:

I have been getting your very inspirational paper, "The Baptist Examiner", for the last two or three months. Words are inadequate to express to you the worth of its contents to my spiritual life. I hope I shall be able to walk a little closer to God from having read it.

I, being a student nurse here at Baptist Memorial Hospital, cannot attend many of the church services, though I would like so much to attend. Therefore, I enjoy your paper so much.

You will find enclosed a small gift which will, in part, express to you my sincere gratitude to you and your wonderful work.

Sincerely,

A Student Nurse,  
Baptist Memorial Hos-  
pital, Memphis, Tenn.

The following is from an out-  
standing editor and Baptist pastor:

"Your exposure of J. Frank Norris was great. And your closing cry, 'How long, O Lord, how long?' has been in my heart for years about our whole religious condition. What a general disgrace that such a character as J. F. N. can fool and mislead thousands for years and years. I suppose you saw his self-righteous, supercilious dodge in the January 17 issue of his paper in which he gives a false reason for not naming you and your paper—false in being half-true. If he could find one iota on which to attack you, he would turn

heaven and earth upside down, if possible, to ruin you. One of the blackest scoundrels I ever knew. He did me the dirtiest trick I ever suffered. Was Norris' "Man Friday" for a while. This scoundrel used to boast of beating the law while hunting, by having his children carry one of the gamebags, and keep at a safe distance so that the game warden would be deceived. There is no more love of principle in some of that crew than in an ordinary sneak-thief. You are rendering an invaluable service in exposing such hypocrisy and rascality. Heaven sustain and bless you. I am hoping great things of you."

### MISSION REPORTS

#### Radio Fund

Amount previously reported	\$ 76.95
Edward Milligan, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Clyde Nance, Lesage, W. Va.	.50
Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Oney, Worthington, Ky.	10.00
A South Point, Ohio Friend	.50
Olla Wilson, Collinwood, Tenn.	1.25
David Powell, Sciotoville, Ohio	2.00
Dorcas Bible Class, Russell, Ky.	1.00
G. S. Ruley, La Frank, W. Va.	2.50
Mrs. W. A. Sutton, Russell, Ky.	.50
Mrs. Stambaugh, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Mrs. Jim Melvin, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Mary Jo Ball, Russell, Ky.	1.00
W. H. Pifer, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Della Chaffin, East Lynn, W. Va.	2.00
William Milligan, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Spurlock, Huntington, W. Va.	2.42
A Russell Friend	1.00
J. H. Lowe, Raceland, Ky.	1.00
Anonymously	1.00
Hazel F. Hutchinson, Crum, W. Va.	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rhodes, Belle, W. Va.	7.00
Coalgrove Baptist Church, Coalgrove, Ohio	2.33
Audra Lester, Fort Gay, W. Va.	1.00
Paul Rece, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Total	\$122.95

After paying our bill for December, this leaves us \$37.65 to apply against our bill for January (\$72.14). In other words, this means that we need \$34.49 with which to pay the balance due WCMI for the month of January.

#### Brazilian Missions

Amount previously reported	\$ 44.10
Edward Milligan, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Clyde Nance, Lesage, W. Va.	.50
A South Point, Ohio Friend	.50
Anonymously	5.00
Olla Wilson, Collinwood, Tenn.	1.25
David Powell, Sciotoville, Ohio	2.00
William B. Goff, Plymouth, N. C.	5.00
Dorcas Bible Class, Russell, Ky.	1.00
G. S. Ruley, La Frank, W. Va.	2.50
Mrs. W. A. Sutton, Russell, Ky.	.50
Mrs. Jim Melvin, Russell, Ky.	1.00
B. H. Mansfield, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Mary Jo Ball, Russell, Ky.	1.00
W. H. Pifer, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Mrs. Lycan's Jr. Girls' Class, Russell, Ky.	5.00
Cherryville Baptist Church, Louisia, Ky.	1.50
Della Chaffin, East Lynn, W. Va.	2.00
Just-Our-Club, Russell, Ky.	1.00
William Milligan, Russell, Ky.	.50
Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Spurlock, Huntington, W. Va.	2.42
W. B. Curnutte, Louisia, Ky.	1.00
J. W. Schmidt, Boron, Calif.	5.00
Petersville, Ky., Friends	5.00
J. H. Lowe, Raceland, Ky.	1.00
Hazel F. Hutchinson, Crum, W. Va.	2.00
Coalgrove Baptist Church, Coalgrove, Ohio	3.34
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	44.86
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	10.00
W. H. Morrison, Big Chifty, Ky.	1.00
Audra Lester, Fort Gay, W. Va.	1.00
Paul Rece, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Total	\$153.97

Where the vanguard fight today,  
the rear guard should camp tomorrow. This is the glory of going on.

A man may begin by following the devil afar off, but the devil soon makes it easy for him to catch up.

In borrowing trouble, a man needs no security, but the interest rates are very high.

### "WHAT THE SEASONS CAN TEACH US"

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not always remain. That which is implied here, is specifically taught in all the balance of God's Book.

There is a day coming when this earth shall be destroyed. In giving His great sermon on the second coming, Jesus Himself said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." (Mt. 24:35). You will notice that He said that the earth shall pass away. He does not say probably, nor maybe, nor perhaps; but rather, it "shall pass away." The apostle Paul, in emphasizing the value of things eternal, declared that the things of this earth are but temporal. "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." (2 Cor. 4:18). That includes this earth; it is just temporal, which means that some day it shall be destroyed.

Then in the second letter which the Apostle Peter wrote, he declared likewise that the earth would not always remain. "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?" (2 Pet. 3:10-12).

Thus, from the words of Jesus, as well as the statements of Paul and Peter, who spoke by inspiration, we find that this old earth will not always remain. Some day it shall be destroyed. What a warning then it presents to us. Since this earth shall not always remain, then each of us as God's redeemed, need to be careful that we do not live for this world. In view of the fact that it shall be destroyed, then we need to set our affections on the things of God, which shall never be destroyed.

"All things that are on earth shall wholly pass away  
Except the love of God which shall live  
and last for aye.  
The forms of men shall be as they had  
not been;  
The blasted groves shall love their fresh  
and tender green;  
The birds of the thicket shall end their  
pleasant song,  
And the nightingale shall cease to chant  
the evening long.  
The kine of the pasture shall feel the  
dart that kills,  
And all the fair white flocks shall perish  
from the hills.  
The goat and antlered stag, the wolf and  
the fox,  
The wild boar of the wood, and the  
chamois of the rocks,  
And the strong and fearless bear, in the  
dust shall lie;  
And the dolphin of the sea, and the  
mighty whale, shall die,  
And realms shall be dissolved and em-  
pires be no more,  
And they shall bow to death, who ruled  
from shore to shore;  
And the great globe itself (so the holy  
writings tell),  
With the rolling firmament, where the  
starry armies dwell,  
Shall melt with fervent heat—they shall  
all pass away,  
Except the love of God which shall live  
and last for aye."

### II

Not only does our text present a warning—it likewise gives a promise. Listen: "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not



cease." Here then is a promise that as long as this earth remains that the order of nature shall never again be suspended nor thrown out of joint. Seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall never cease.

Quite often we meet with those who ask if the Bible does not teach that the seasons will be so confused before the coming of Christ that we will not be able to tell the time of year except by the budding of the trees. Just how this bit of "Chimney-corner" philosophy ever came into existence, I do not know. For years we have been asked this question again and again. Not only is it true that this is not to be found in the Bible, but the very opposite is taught in God's Book, as our text will indicate. Instead of being again a confusion of seasons as there was at the time of the flood, we have a promise that the seasons of nature shall never again be disturbed.

What a blessed promise is this, and the beauty of it is that this promise has been kept through the ages. For over forty centuries since this promise was given, it remains intact. The seasons of more than four millenniums have come and gone without the promise of this text ever being broken. We still have seedtime and harvest, summer and winter just as the text prophesied. It has never failed. What a blessed promise!

Even the athiests and the infidels believe this text. When winter comes, they expect that spring shall likewise follow. They, like Christians, look forward to the day when the grass shall again be green. They expect the frozen brooks to leap into liberty, and they look forward to the time when the leaf and the flower shall be upon the trees. When the sun goes down at night behind the western horizon, they expect it to rise in the morning. I say then that this is one promise that all the unbelievers, the athiests, the agnostics, and the infidels believe.

What a blessed promise it is. I need not fear the black midnight, for God will again kindle the light of day. The down-pour of rain need never alarm me, for the waters shall not overflow the earth. The intensity of the cold of winter may sting my body, yet I need not be alarmed, for it shall not last forever—it shall be followed by the warmth of summer.

This then is the promise of the text, and since God has fulfilled this promise for approximately 4300 years we ought to believe all of His promises. Since He has kept this one, surely He will keep all the balance of them. Since He has kept this promise to the earth, surely He must keep His word to His own children.

Will you note with me some of His promises. Perhaps the greatest of all is this one: "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." (Psa. 84:11). Surely He will keep this promise to us since He has kept His promise relative to the seasons.

Or listen again: "Ah, Lord God! there is nothing too hard for thee." (Jer. 32:17). What a promise to the child of God in days of difficulty.

Or listen again: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Be still, and know that I am God." (Psa. 46:1, 10). This is a blessed promise to the child of God in distress and trouble.

Hear the Psalmist again as he speaks: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Yea, though I

walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me." (Psa. 23:1, 4). Here is His promise to the child of God at the hour of death. Certainly since He has kept His promise to the earth, He must keep these promises to His children.

May the sinner pause with us this morning to remember His promise: "For the wages of sin is death." (Rom. 6:23). This is His promise of spiritual death to come at the end of a life of sin.

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezek. 18:4). This is another promise which the sinner needs to heed ere he plunges into sin.

Perhaps there is some one listening to this broadcast who has never learned the danger nor the trouble nor the disgrace that comes through indulgence in intoxicating drinks. Listen: "Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." (Prov. 23:29-32). This is God's promise relative to drinking.

Then let the sinner listen to God's promise of everlasting salvation: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." (Jn. 6:47). This then is His promise as to salvation.

He also promises everlasting salvation. "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." (Jn. 6:37).

These Scriptures are but a few of the many promises which God hath given us within His Word. Better than thirty thousand of these promises are found within the Bible, and it is our contention that since God has kept His word concerning the seasons for better than four thousand years, that He will continue to keep the promises which He hath made to us within His Word.

### III

Further, our text not only presents to us a warning and a promise, but it likewise presents a revelation. It reveals the helplessness of man, and the sovereignty of God.

God has decreed that the seasons shall not be changed. Our text is God's decree concerning seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night. In these details, man is absolutely helpless. He cannot lift his finger to change the seasons in any respect.

Perhaps you don't like the weather we are having now. Or maybe you would like to have a change of seasons. Maybe you would like to have night instead of day. Perhaps you would like to have harvest instead of seedtime. Well, let me make you a suggestion! Suppose you write the president about the weather. Or, suppose you write your representative and ask him to present a bill to congress requesting a change of seasons. How pitifully absurd!

This text is the greatest revelation in all the Bible of the puniness, the helplessness, and the littleness of man; and at the same time, it reveals the bigness, the almightiness, and the sovereignty of God.

Yet, this is not the only Scripture in the Bible which makes the same revelation. Listen: "The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and

the clouds are the dust of his feet. He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth. The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein. Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him." (Nahum 1:3-6).

Listen again: "Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering. All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity. It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth." (Isa. 40:10, 15-17, 22, 25, 26).

### IV

In addition to the warning, the promise, and the revelation presented by this text, we also draw from it some analogies. You will notice that no one state continues. First it is seed-time, and later on, harvest. There is cold and likewise heat. There is day and it is followed by night. Neither of these continues. All of these changes continually come and go.

What an analogy this presents to us, for that which is true of the frame of nature, is true of our churches, our Sunday Schools, our preaching, and our mission work. A church may be glowing like an oven today, and tomorrow it may be cold and indifferent. A Sunday School may be but poorly attended today, and in a few weeks it may be crowded with those interested in learning the Scriptures. This is true regarding our evangelistic and mission work. All of it cannot be harvest. There must be seedtime as well. What a blessing it is that winter does not last forever, but a greater blessing than that is this truth that the cold of winter which settles upon churches may give rise to warmth of summer.

Another striking analogy grows out of the truth of our text, for since no one state continues in nature, then are we likewise reminded that this is true of our mortal life. We have our prosperity and our adversity. There are times when we have a bank account, and times when all evidences of financial security are gone. There are times when our pockets are bulging with money, and times when those same pockets are suffering from "empty-itis."

This is why it is, to use an old adage, we ought to "Make hay while the sun shine," for winter will surely come. I believe in John Wesley's motto: "Make all the money you can; give all the money you can; and save all the money you can."

How we thank God that the

seasons do not remain the same. Even spring itself would be such dreary weather if there were nothing else but spring. I may be speaking to some one today who is prospering. Then make much of your prosperity today, for tomorrow you may have suffered adversity. I may speak to some one today who is in the depths of financial distress. May you take courage, for tomorrow may be a day of prosperity for you.

There is a further analogy which is presented by the thought of this text. Since the seasons come and go, so does our physical health ebb and flow. Do you remember the spiritual song which the colored folk sing sometimes: "Trouble don't last always." During the years of my pastorate here in Russell, we have had much sickness in our home. Our children have been sick, Mrs. Gilpin has been sick, and I, myself, have been sick; and yet, we have likewise had many seasons when all of us enjoyed the best of God's blessings by way of physical health. Are you sick today? Then remember that the seasons change, and perhaps there may be a change for you, and you too shall soon be well. Are you enjoying good health today? Then beware; make the best of your opportunities now in the service of God, for when tomorrow comes, you may be unable to stir, and it may be that you will be unable to serve God. What a comfort then to those who are sick, and what a warning to those who are well, is presented in this analogy of our text.

### V

Yet, there is more in this text. We have found a warning; we have found a promise; we have found a revelation; we have found some analogies; now may we find Christ in it too.

I have always said that there is no text in the Bible but what if one were willing to search in it, he would be able to find Christ there. They tell me that every rope belonging to the English navy has a scarlet thread running throughout its length, woven into it in the center. Well, this is true concerning Christ. You can find Him in any text from Genesis to Revelation. Throughout the length, and breadth, and the entirety of the Bible, Jesus Christ may be found.

I have been told that every town in England has in it a road which leads to London. Certainly, every text in the Bible has in it a road which leads to Christ; and this text concerning the seasons is no exception. It will lead us directly to Jesus.

Listen: "Thus said the Lord; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers." (Jer. 33:20, 21). What a Scripture this is! God, speaking through Jeremiah, would remind us of the covenant which He made with day and night. This text in Jeremiah is directly linked with our text in Genesis. The cold, the heat, the day, the night, the summer, the winter, the seedtime, and harvest confirms the covenant with Christ. If day and night might be destroyed then the promises of Christ might fail. Yet, as long as God keeps His covenant with the seasons—this same covenant which He has kept for 4300 years—as long as He keeps this covenant, then He will keep His



covenant with us concerning the Lord Jesus.

Surely this is a blessed truth to us who are in Christ Jesus, for each one who is in Christ has the assurance that his salvation is just as secure as the seasons, and that as long as God keeps His covenant with the seasons, God will keep His covenant with us concerning His Son. I have no fear of going to hell today. I need not worry lest I lost my salvation. I need not be alarmed whether I may hold out faithful to the end. God made a covenant with Christ concerning my salvation, and He will keep that covenant as long as He keeps His promise concerning the seasons.

## VI

What then should be our reaction to this text? Surely it ought to produce not only rejoicing, but joy unspeakable. It should kindle within us not only gratefulness, but thankfulness and everlasting thanksgiving. Since God is back of day and night, seedtime and harvest, summer and winter, cold and heat, then it is only mine to trust. Since He has decreed that these things shall be, then it is mine to accept that which He declares within His Word. Listen: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Rom. 8:28). Or hear Paul again: "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (I Thess. 5:18). This does not mean that we are just to thank God for the good that comes to us; it means that we are to thank Him for everything that comes into our lives—blessings and cursings, victories and defeats.

Yes, everything comes from Him. He is sovereign, and we are helpless; He is creator, and we are just the creature; He is almighty, and we are so puny. As the poet has said:

"When the weather is wet,  
We must not fret;  
When the weather is warm,  
We must not storm;  
When the weather is cold,  
We must not scold;  
But be thankful together  
Whatever the weather."

In faith then may we look up to Him today and cry out as did one long ago, "I believe, Lord, help thou mine unbelief."

## "IT WON'T BE LONG NOW"

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sociations, growing out of his unwillingness or his inability to tell the truth. J. B. Gambrell, W. B. Riley, Harold Stratheran, Sam Morris, John Rice, Lee Rector, R. T. Ketcham, and a hundred others whom we might mention, would have once sworn by him; but now all have repudiated him, and the end is not yet. Even Entzminger, his closest associate, has admitted again and again that Norris is an inordinate liar. My prophecy is that he will yet be the most dishonored and repudiated of all Baptist ministers since the days of Judas Iscariot.

Poor old J. Frank! Deep down in my heart I feel sorry for him. Surely he reminds us of Samson captured by the Philistines and grinding in their mills. Personally, we expect to pray that God will give him space to repent, and that his last day on earth may be as blessed as the last day of Samson. May God pity him!

The Holy Spirit wants the minister to be the overseer of the church. Some churches want him to be their hired man.

## A PACIFIC COAST PASTOR PRESENTS THOUGHTS ON "THE MOOD OF THE MOB"

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oratory. The mob may love a man today and hate him tomorrow; pat him on the back today—stab him tomorrow. It will cry hosanna on Sunday and crucify a man on Friday.

If the crowd hates you today as a Christian, remember the words of Him who was nailed to a cross by that same hate: "Blessed are ye when men shall hate you and when they shall separate you from their company and shall reproach you and cast out your name as evil for the son of Man's sake . . . Rejoice ye in that day and leap for joy, for behold your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner did their fathers unto the prophets." (Lk. 6:22-23).

Mr. Christian—if you are the world's "good fellow," you'd better find out why! True followers of Christ are of necessity a separated people. "The world hath hated them because they are not of the world," said our Lord. Those who stand with Christ are bound to be in the minority. That is the price of knowing HIM, "whom to know aright is life eternal."

Mark the fact that the mass mind today is utterly stupid. It is selfish to the core. Its textbook is customs and creeds. It revels in the cheap and the ordinary. Its books are the movies. Its pleasure is the sensual. Its literature is the newspaper and magazine pulp. It feeds on radio sensationalism. It craves the tinsel, the tawdry and the low. It thrives on the crash and bang of jazz and swing. It relishes the stimulus of its own Saint Vitus dance. It travels at terrific pace—going no place.

It loves the darkness of night because its deeds are evil. It attempts to gain the world by throwing away its own soul.

Any Christian who stops to think should know that no truly great men are the product of this mob spirit. The world's greatness is measured by authority and lordliness. Divine greatness is a meek and gentle influence. It is felt in the loneliness of the back side of the desert. True leadership and real genius is seldom born in the rushing metropolis but in the wilderness experience or in the mount alone with Christ.

The crowd is without conscience. It is controlled by human passion. There is no telling where it will lead. It will commit a lynching when the few would not do it. Under the sway of a rabble-rouser, individual minds go. A peaceable gathering becomes a pack of wolves. This is the mood of the mob more and more in our day.

Oh, that we might warn Christians today that the world's "morality" today is but the morality of the mob mind, based on the notion that what the majority does is right. It has no code other than animal instinct. It is totally irresponsible. It abhors personal religion. It will not take Christ in any real sense. It has no place for prayer. Meditation is impossible. It offers no heart satisfaction. The mass mind carries no weight with God. It is BABYLON—confusion—anti-Christ!

I plead with you to "come out from among them and be separate." "Enter ye in at the strait gate." Dare to be a Daniel and stand out alone if need be against the ungod-

## LUTHER PEAK MAKES CONFESSION

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have seen whole congregations, large ones too, gathered on this basis and by such preaching, fade away like mist before the noon day sun. I have seen the wrecked faith of many left in the wake of such evangelistic tornadoes.

And so brethren, as far as I'm concerned, I am doing my dead level best to build a church on the Old Book, sanely and sensibly interpreted. There shall be no frills to my ministry unless they just happen to be in the nature of the case. No effort shall be made to put them there. I propose to dig deep into the precious Word, and to give my people a square spiritual meal every time they come. Spurgeon said, "If I preach in the pulpit without my pants pressed, people who do not press their trousers will come and join my church" which is another way of saying that the kind of church that a man builds, depends upon the kind of a message he gives them from the pulpit.

I am glad that I have learned this, this early in my ministry. Let others have their tinsel, their novelties, their new inventions! I am quite content to preach constantly upon the doctrines of grace, the great eternal verities of God's Word, knowing full well the kind of a church such preaching will bring to light in Dallas.

The day of miracles is not past. For once, we agree with Luther Peak.

Brother Peak is a believer in the mourner's bench, and we really believe he has gotten on it.

We rejoice to see this article by Brother Peak. We look forward to seeing other articles of like nature sooner or later. We are really expecting to see him "spue" the whole mess of Fundamentalism overboard like every other honest thinking, serious minded, Christian believer has done in the past. In fact, I will venture a guess that within six months there will be an open break between him and Frank Norris.

Brother Peak is a good man. It is a shame he has had to get mixed up with the whole mess of Fundamentalism. Let all of our readers thank the Lord that he is seeing the truth and that he is swinging from sensationalism. Let all of our readers pray that as the days come and go the break which has begun between him and Frank Norris, may increase and grow.

I tell you, brethren, God is working. Don't forget to pray.

liness of the mob. "When in Rome, do as the Romans do" was no motto for Daniel. Daniel was not a mob-chaser. He did what GOD would have him do, whatever the cost.

God give us more Christians today like the three Hebrews who refused to identify themselves with the mob, though it meant being cast into a fiery furnace. They demonstrated that the approval of God is worth more than all the plaudits of the world.

The mob first called Paul a god, then pelted him with stones. How wonderful that the love of Christ constrained him to stand alone and witness in the power of the Spirit. That mob smashed the body of Stephen with bricks, yet his spirit went home glorifying his Master.

Do not forget that the mob which would lead you in your thinking and acting today is the same in spirit as that which cried "Release unto us Barabasi!" It is the mob that spits in the face of Christ, that cries "Away with Him—we will not have Him to rule over us!"

Christian, you cannot serve two masters. The church is at a standstill today because believers are not standing out from the crowd. They are dominated by the mood of the mob. Few care to risk the ridicule of the worldly. "Because ye are not

## ANOTHER FINE LETTER FROM DICKERSON TELLING OF JOYS IN HIS WORK IN BRAZIL

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have baptized three or four people. Possibly because I was a lost church member nine years, I may lean to an extreme on the opposite, but I certainly do not want to baptize (or rather immerse) any lost folk.

My preaching is to the effect that all men are sinners and are lost without Jesus Christ; and that He is not to be found in the water of baptism, nor the church, the prayers of priests, penitence, works for salvation, etc., but that He is received simply and totally by faith; and that once saved, we are saved forever. I also say that saved people are "born-again" people, and by the grace of God and the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, we live changed lives.

If this type of preaching is incorrect, I must not only unlearn the Bible, but my own experience as well. If it does not produce results in the good pleasure of my sovereign Lord and Master, then there will be no results, for I have no other message.

The Baptists here, many of them, are opposing me because I believe all the Bible. My course is one of minding my own business, treating everyone the best I can, and busy preaching and studying.

Glad to know that you and family and church are well. May the Lord's blessings continue. We are about as usual. My wife had an attack of articular rheumatism, but is about back to normal.

Was the meeting a success? Your letter informing us of it, arrived on the 9th. We tried to pray for the meeting through yesterday, feeling sure it closed then.

Please, in your intercession for us, remember to pray that the Lord will help me to know whether or not I should continue to employ this man whom I have mentioned. Really, at present, I am at a loss. Many things may be said on both sides of the question.

May success in the Lord's service happiness and joy be to you, your family, the church there, and to each pastor, church, and other individuals cooperating with us in this work, during this new year.

Your brother in the Lord,  
C. W. Dickerson

of the crowd," said Jesus, "I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." Are you willing to pay that price?

Only when we shut our ears to the crowd about us can we live to the God above us. If your all is in the hands of Christ, you'll not be looking over your shoulder to see what the mob is doing. There is no religion so dangerous as a half-way Christianity. I plead with you to be wholly for Christ, then you can be assured that He, with all His power, will be wholly for you. Crown Him Lord of all—or you do not crown Him at all!

I greatly appreciate your fearless fight against heresy and unscriptural practices. I especially appreciate your sermons on "Spiritual Adultery", "Sharing the Lamb", "Redemption Through the Blood", "Why I Am a Baptist", "The Christ of the Bible", and many others. I thank God for your firm stand against observance of Christmas, Easter, etc., as is the common practice of today in most churches.—Elder C. D. Barton, Bay Springs, Miss.