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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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## America's Secret Weapon Of Defense Both Now And Forever

What is America's secret weapon of defense? Is it some cunning device designed to surprise and annihilate the enemy? Is it the morale of the citizens of this continent? Or is it that intangible power, which no one in all the world has even been able to gauge the full extent of its productive capacity — American industry?

The secret weapon of defense, we believe, is an individual and national dependence upon God. Down through the ages this scripture has ever been true: "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people. . . The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Proverbs 14:34 and Psalms 9:17).

Any national movement, of course, must begin with individuals. And the Word of God overflows with gracious invitations to the individual for times such as these. "Come unto Me," says the Lord Jesus, "all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. . . Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me" (Matthew 11:28 and Revelation 3:20).

Only because of the grace of our God can such words as these be spoken. Not only have we willingly rebelled against God — our very nature is estranged from Him. But now, because God Himself has suffered for our sins in the person of His Son, an invitation of divine blessing is extended to you. It is a wonderful reality to enter into the favor and blessing of God through Christ Jesus. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

God has a defense program which applies only to those who are trusting  
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## Not Ashamed Of Gospel

In China, an ignominious form of punishment is to fasten upon the criminal a heavy plank in which a hole has been cut to admit the head. Upon this plank a description of the crime is printed in large letters. The offender is turned into the street to wander in the presence of a jeering, hooting mob. Recently in one of the villages a man was seen walking slowly up and down the street bearing  
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## "THE HARVEST

IS PAST,

THE SUMMER

IS ENDED

AND WE

ARE NOT SAVED"

—Jer. 8:20.

(Signed) Every Unsaved Sinner

## When A Sinner Became A Saint Through The Lord's Table

By H. A. Ironside

A dear Japanese who attended some of our meetings in Sacramento, California, was troubled about his soul, but it seemed impossible to bring him to Christ because of his love for money. He would say, "If I accept this Jesus as my Saviour, I do not see how I can make money."

So we told him he would have to make the choice of being rich on earth and poor in eternity, or poor on earth and rich in eternity. When I use the pronoun "we," I refer to a Japanese evangelist who was associated with me at the time, and through whom I met this man. A year went by, I returned to the city of Sacramento for meetings, and one night was preaching the gospel on the street corner. In the audience I saw this little Japanese. There was an expression of concern on his face that stirred my heart. At the close of the meeting he stepped up and shook my hand and said, "I so glad to see you again."

I said, "And so am I glad to see you. Have you accepted Christ as your Saviour yet?"

Tears filled his eyes and he said, "No; I fight against Him. I cannot give up. If I accept Him, I cannot make money. Do you have some meetings here where you are speaking?"

I said, "Yes," and told him where the meetings were being held.

He said, "Do you have a meeting on Sunday where you eat the bread and drink the wine showing how Jesus died?"

I said, "Yes, next Sunday morning."

"I come," he said.

So on the Sunday morning we had gathered together to participate in the Lord's Supper, and as the meeting commenced this Japanese came  
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## Sin's Burden Gone

There was a wild cowboy working on the plains of Texas. He had a Christian mother in England, but her prayers seemed all in vain for Hal was far away from God, and professed to be an infidel. He would amuse his comrades in sin by the camp fires at night giving infidel lectures.

One day he picked up a torn newspaper, and noticed the report of a  
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## CATHOLICISM IN SOUTH AMERICA

"The Bible," says the Church of Rome, "is the Word of God and the basis of all true religion; but she denies it to the people, and if you try to circulate it, she will burn it publicly. The Trinity is burlesqued. One of the favorite pictures we meet up and down Brazil is a representation of an old man in the top corner of the picture, an old, white-haired, long-bearded man. He is God the Father. Below Him is a small figure of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the foreground, twice the size of the other two, is the figure of a woman, the Virgin Mary. That is their idea of the Trinity. And remember, the great bulk of these people cannot read. What they know of doctrine they hear from the lips of priests or gather from such pictures as that. Can you imagine anything more blasphemous as a representation of the Almighty than that poor, miserable old man in that picture? Such is the Trinity the Church of Rome holds out! Christ is dethroned by the Virgin Mary; she is called the Queen of Heaven, and Redeemer of the World, the Mother of God. The Cross and the Blood are supplanted by priestly absolution and by purgatory. And their worship, what is it? One-third of it goes to the Virgin Mary. Another third of it goes to those bits of bread or biscuit which they think that the priest has made into the very person of Jesus Christ. There is no idolatry in all the world so awful, so blasphemous, as that worship of bits of bread. And the  
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## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "THE BRAZEN SERPENT."

(Read Numbers 21:5-9; John 3:14, 15)

Our Scripture takes us back to a day long gone by when the children of Israel were travelling from Egypt to Canaan. Continually they complained and murmured against Moses, their human leader, and against the providential dealings of God. As a punishment for their sin of murmuring, God sent fiery serpents among them so that many of them died through the plague of serpents. Eventually, through the intercession of Moses, God told them to make a serpent of brass which should be the means of healing the people. This story, beginning with their complainings and continuing through their healings by the brazen serpent, including all their experiences with the serpents, is most instructive and illustrative concerning the plan of salvation.

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Now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. (Heb. 9:26-28.)

## MRS. MARY THORNE



A little over a year ago, Sister Thorne slipped away to be with her Lord after several months of illness.

Through the years, she had been one of the editor's most loyal friends and was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Russell. She came to us from the Campbellites. I shall never forget the night she made her profession of faith. I had preached that evening concerning the cross, and she, along with four others, professed her allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ, and was baptized.

Through the years it was a joy to be her pastor. Many were the times that we talked and prayed together.

When I preached her funeral a little over a year ago and then journeyed with the bereaved family to Beckley, West Virginia, for the burial, I intended then to express through the columns of this paper my deep appreciation for her who had gone to be with her Lord.

In some manner, we overlooked this item, and today it is a joy as a memorial to her and in memory of her, to recall not only personally, but through this paper, her sincerity and her zeal for the Lord in the things she believed to be right. It was truly refreshing to the soul to be a pastor to Sister Thorne.

Even as I face the uncertainty of the days that stretch out before us, I think of Sister Thorne and others who have gone on before.

"I know not what the future hath Of marvel or surprise; Assured alone that life and death His mercy under-lies.

And so beside the silent sea I wait the muffled oar No harm from Him can come today, On ocean or on shore."

## CATHOLICISM IN SOUTH AMERICA

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other third goes to images. The Holy Spirit is the image of a dove which the people kiss, together with images of saints, pictures and things of that kind. None of their worship goes to the God who made them and loves them, and who gave His Son to redeem them. I want you to have pity for these people, blinded and darkened, and shut out from the kingdom by a system that calls itself a Christian system." — The Neglected Continent.

Wouldn't you like to have a part

in sending the Gospel to this needy field? We invite your prayers and your financial support in behalf of our mission work there!

## NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL

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upon his neck this badge of shame. The curious crowds that pushed forward to learn his crime were silent through astonishment. Instead of reading upon the board the record of broken law, they saw sentences like this: "God is love." "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." This man was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. Longing to share with his countrymen the good news of salvation, he chose to wear the criminal's collar that the thronging crowds might thus read a message from the true God.—Sel.

## SEND IN YOUR RENEWAL

During the summer months (June, July, and August), we were very irregular getting out this paper. It wasn't our fault, but our irregularity resulted from our printer's labor problems. Now we thank God that we are caught up with our paper, and are mailing it out on time.

However, during these summer months, our renewals have been very slow, resulting, of course, from the irregularity of our paper. We urge every reader today to send in your renewal, and may we make a suggestion that while you are at it, subscribe for some one else as well, or else make a gift to the ongoing of this paper.

Our expenses are always heavy, and especially since we have taken over "The Biblical Echo." Our financial burdens are heavy each week. Pray for us, and do what you can in our behalf financially. Remember it is the gifts of our friends which carries forward the paper from week to week. Every letter we receive calls forth our thanksgiving and praise to God for His goodness in raising up friends to support the truth of this paper.

## WOMAN

The gladness of her gladness when she's glad! And the sadness of her sadness when she's sad! But the gladness of her gladness And the sadness of her sadness Ain't a marker to her madness when she's mad.

—Grit Story Section, Aug. 14, 1910.

## ATTENTION SUBSCRIBERS

How dear to our hearts is the steady subscriber, Who pays in advance of the birth of each year; Who lays down the money and does it quite gladly, And casts 'round the office a halo of cheer.

He never says, "Stop it, I cannot afford it, I'm getting more magazines now than

I read;"

But always says, "Send it, our people all like it, In fact, we all think it a help and a need."

How welcome his check when it reaches our sanctum,

How it makes our pulse throb, how it makes our heart dance!

We outwardly thank him, we inwardly bless him—

The steady subscriber who pays in advance.

—From The Harvester — May, 1937.

## APPRECIATED COMMENTS

"Needless to say, THE BAPTIST EXAMINER has been one of the most welcome visitors in my home for the past year. I get much good from the weekly sermon."

Troy N. Jones  
Kingsport, Tenn.

"Please renew my subscription to your wonderful paper for two years. This is one of the best papers I have ever read."

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"I have been a reader of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER for about a year, and I can assure you it is one of the greatest papers that I have ever seen. Your sermon in the issue of July 19, raised my spirit so high that I cannot resist shouting because of the glory of God in my soul."

E. J. Wright  
Ashland, Kentucky

I have just received my first four copies of the Baptist Examiner I have read each copy and like it very much and feel that it is serving in a great way.

Personally I feel that the Sermon Or Ten Reasons Why Hitler Can't Be The Antichrist is worth many times the price.

Yours very truly,  
O. C. Cooper,  
First Baptist Church,  
Greenfield, Tenn.

## WE ADOPT A NEW FAMILY

With the August issue of 1941, "The Biblical Echo," an independent Baptist monthly, ceased publication in its seventh year, and transferred all of its mailing list and other assets to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

Therefore, we have adopted the subscribers and readers of "The Biblical Echo" into THE BAPTIST EXAMINER family.

This is the sixth copy of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER which these new readers have received, and it is our sincere prayer that each of them shall appreciate THE BAPTIST EXAMINER fully as much as they must have appreciated "The Biblical Echo." Each of these subscribers will lose nothing by the transfer, since THE BAPTIST EXAMINER will fill out all unexpired subscriptions of "The Biblical Echo," — and then several extra copies thrown in for good measure (DV).

It was truly a moment of regret to us when the editor of "The Biblical

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## "THE BRAZEN SERPENT."

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## I

First of all, I would want you to see that the people had been bitten by the serpents. This is what the Scripture itself declares: "And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died." (Num. 21:6). What a scene it was — a never to be forgotten scene. Serpents crawling on the ground, in and out of the tents. Everywhere one looked, there were serpents to be seen. Whether asleep or awake, retiring or arising, one was confronted with the menace of serpents. Not only were the people confronted with the serpents, but they were actually bitten by the serpents so that in great numbers they died.

This is likewise true of the human family, for all of Adam's race has been bitten by the old serpent — the Devil of Hell, and he has placed the poison of sin within the moral blood of each of us. Dozens of Scriptures reveal the fact that within the moral and spiritual blood, there resides the poison of sin. Listen to David's testimony: "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Psa. 51:5).

Or hear the testimony of Solomon: "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not." (Eccl. 7:20). If you will read the experience of Jeremiah you will find that he likewise declares that we have all been bitten by Satan and that each of us are sinners. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." (Jer. 17:9). In like measure, the Apostle Paul admits the same truth: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23).

## II

It is most interesting to notice that the God who sent the serpents among the people, likewise provided a remedy for the serpent bitten people. God told Moses to make a serpent exactly like those crawling on the ground, in form, shape, size, color, and outward appearance. The only difference was that the one which Moses made was not to be poisonous. When it was placed upon the pole in the sight of all Israel, so far as its outward appearance was concerned, it was exactly like those crawling on the ground. Yet, there was one essential difference, it was not poisonous.

This is a precise symbol of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is exactly like all men, yet sinless. To all outward appearance there was no difference in the three who were crucified at Calvary. Jesus and the two thieves resembled one another outwardly. Yet there was a tremendous difference between Jesus and all the world, for Jesus is sinless. Listen to these scriptures that you might see Jesus as the sinless Lamb of God: "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). "For he hath made him who knew no sin, to be sin for us." (II Cor. 5:21). "For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens." (Heb. 7:26).

A well known household product is advertised by its manufacturers as 99.44 per cent pure. This is not true of Jesus, for He exceeds this — He is purity itself. He is exactly like all men except in that He is absolutely sinless before God.

Yes, Jesus is God's remedy for sin just like the brazen serpent was God's remedy for the snake bitten people. Let the Apostle Paul describe it: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Phil. 2:5-8). Oh, how much we need God's remedy. There is no other way of victory, and no way whereby we may be saved except through Him.

I once heard of a man who was raising rattle snakes for a hobby. He had raised them to the eleventh generation, feeding them on milk and chicken. He declared that the poison had been educated from them. One day he left the cage door open and his little lad playing around, wondered near and put his hand inside the cage. True to nature, the snake rattled, coiled, and sank its fangs into the child's arm. Though he had educated them for eleven generations, he could not educate the snake not to bite, for this was its nature. So it is with man, all have been bitten by Satan, and you can't educate the sinful nature out. The only way to get it removed, is by God's remedy, the Lord Jesus Christ.

## III

The brazen serpent after it was made, was to be lifted up. It wasn't enough for Moses to manufacture it, he had to lift it up on a pole in the sight of all Israel so that all might see it. So it was with Jesus, He had to be crucified, He had to be lifted up.

It is interesting to notice that this is prophesied throughout the Old Testament Scriptures. We will note just one of these prophecies wherein His crucifixion is described in detail at least 700 years before it came to pass. "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring? O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent. They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced

my hands and my feet. I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture." (Ps. 22:1, 2, 13-18).

Even Jesus said Himself that He had to be lifted up. In the beginning of His ministry, He spoke the words of our text: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so much the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (Jn. 3:14, 15). Along toward the middle of His ministry, He spoke again about being lifted up: "Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things." (Jn. 8:28). Then as He neared the end of His ministry, He mentioned the same again: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." (Jn. 12:32).

That which was prophesied in the Old Testament and which Jesus Himself personally declared must become a reality, actually took place. Eventually, just as the brazen serpent was lifted up before the eyes of the assembly of Israel, so the Lord Jesus Christ was lifted up to be crucified at Calvary. "And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull. They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. And sitting down they watched him there." (Matt. 27:33-36).

## IV

It has always been interesting to me to observe that which Israel was not to do relative to this brazen serpent. They were not told to pray to it. Neither do I tell a sinner that he is to pray if he is to be saved. There isn't a single Scripture in all the Bible which commands a sinner to pray in order to be saved. The only Scripture that would even resemble a sinner praying, is in Luke's Gospel, where the publican cried, "God be merciful to me a sinner."

Yet, in the sense of telling sinners to gather around the front of a church building and of mourning and weeping and praying until they are saved, there isn't a Scripture which could be applied in this manner. Undoubtedly, such a procedure is the greatest method in the world for deceiving sinners and to discourage and lead them astray. Don't forget that this story of the brazen serpent is a close parable to the plan of salvation. Since these folk were not to pray, then a sinner is not to pray either.

Neither were the bitten Israelites told to minister to others in order that they might be healed. Many unsaved people have in mind that if they do good works in behalf of others, that they shall themselves personally be saved. This is absolutely foreign to the Scriptures, for man is not saved by any good which he

does, nor by any ministry which he does to others. Even the best we do, looks like a filthy rag to God. "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." (Isa. 64:6).

In the New Testament we are expressly warned that all our works shall avail nothing. "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." (Gal. 2:16). "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the laws." (Rom. 3:28). In fact, we are told that those who come to the judgment depending upon their works, shall perish. "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." (Matt. 7:22, 23).

Furthermore, these bitten Jews were not told to make an offering. And today, beloved, there isn't anything the sinner does is an abomination to God. How then could he make an offering to Him that would be pleasing and acceptable? Instead of offering something to the Lord, he is freely invited to receive of the Lord. "Ho every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." (Isa. 55:1). "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). "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 6:23).

## V

If it be interesting to notice what these Jews were not to do, it is likewise of equal interest to notice what they were to do, in that they were exhorted to look upon the serpent. There was nothing more for them to do. They were merely to look to this serpent as a means of their forgiveness. How true this is of sinners today, for it is the look of faith to Calvary which saves sinners. "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." (Isa. 45:22).

"I've a message from the Lord, Hallelujah!"

The message unto you I'll give;  
'Tis recorded in His Word, Hallelujah!

It is only that you "look and live."

I've a message full of love, Hallelujah!

A message, O my friend, for you;  
'Tis a message from above, Hallelujah!

Jesus said it, and I know 'tis true.

Life is offered unto you, Hallelujah!

Eternal life thy soul shall have,  
If you'll only look to Him, Hallelujah!

Look to Jesus, who alone can save.

I will tell you how I came, Hallelujah!

To Jesus when He made me whole:  
'Twas believing on His name, Hallelujah!

I trusted, and He saved my soul.



"Look and live," my brother, live, Look to Jesus now and live; 'Tis recorded in His Word, Hallelujah!

It is only that you "look and live."

In all the Scripture, all that the sinner is ever told to do to be saved is to repent of his sins and trust the Lord Jesus Christ to blot out those sins. "Repent ye, and believe the gospel." (Mark 1:15). "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (Jn. 3:18). "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." (Jn. 5:24). "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." (Jn. 6:47). In the book of Acts we have a distinct question as to how to be saved: "And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). Immediately the answer follows: "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:31). Thus, this Scripture in type tells us that as the children of Israel were to look to the serpent, so we are to look by faith unto the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### VI

Regardless of how far away they were, the Israelites were to look. It made no difference if a man were right at the foot of the pole or if he were at the out-most edge of the camp — the same duty devolved upon both, in that they were to look to the serpent. How remarkable it was that regardless of the distance and irrespective of how far away they might be all that was requested was to look.

This simple statement perhaps needs but little amplification and application. It doesn't make any difference how far one is from Jesus, all that is requested of him is that he is to look to the cross.

I may be speaking to some tonight who are rebellious sinners. There may be some drunkard listening to this broadcast who thinks that he has gotten so far that no one cares for him — that he is so far gone that there is no possibility of help for him. I may be speaking now to some girl in some dive of sin who thinks that since she is disgraced and dishonored, that there is no hope and that no one cares and that there is no way out of her present problem. May I say to that individual who feels himself or herself to be the farthest removed from God, that like as the children of Israel were to look to the brazen serpent regardless of how far away they were, so may you put your eyes on Jesus regardless of how far you are removed from Him.

#### VII

It is further most instructive that any one among the Israelites might look and be healed. There was no restriction. The Word went out that the brazen serpent was upon the pole and that any one who looked would receive deliverance.

What a wonderful Saviour we have

today. What a marvelous gospel we have to preach. No one can say he is too bad a sinner, no one can say that he feels he is not one of the elect. The invitation is broad and wide. "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." (Rev. 22:17). "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." (Jn. 6:37). I realize that only the elect of God shall be saved, and yet the invitation is to all. Just as there was no restriction among the bitten Israelites as to who might look and be healed, so today there is no restriction as to who may trust Jesus Christ and be saved. It is "whosoever will."

#### VIII

Perhaps the most interesting part of this entire story is that the children of Israel got deliverance the very moment they believed. "And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived." (Num. 21:9). There was no period of waiting, but instantly they were healed. How remarkable the analogy is in this respect, for the very moment one believes on Jesus Christ, he is saved. God doesn't put the sinner of probation, neither does the sinner receive salvation by installments, but the very moment he receives Jesus Christ, he becomes a child of God. Listen to these Scriptures: "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (Jn. 3:18). "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (Jn. 3:36). "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto life." (Jn. 5:24).

I do not tell you that if you will believe on Jesus you may be saved, or that I hope you will be saved; rather, I am happy that I can state out of my own experience, out of my observation of others, out of my study of God's Word, that as the Jews received instantaneous deliverance, so you can be instantly saved by receiving the Lord Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, may I say that the Israelites who refused to look at the brazen serpent, died deserving no pity. Suppose one were told that there was healing by looking, and yet he paid no attention to the message. Suppose he spurned the message and scorned the messenger. Suppose he made fun of, or mocked, or refused to listen to the announcement relative to the brazen serpent. Suppose he turned his back and purposefully looked in the other direction. Surely that one could deserve no pity. How true of the man without God. The sinner who rejects Jesus Christ today perishes and forfeits all claims to the sympathies of the universe. The gospel is offered him through the Lord Jesus Christ. Yet, if one refuses the Saviour, he deserves no

pity.

Look again at the pole upon which the brazen serpent hung and then let this picture fade from your memory and may you see instead, the cross of Calvary with the Christ of the cross thereupon. The downward bar of that cross points the unrepentant and unregenerate to his doom. The upward bar points the redeemed to Heaven. The cross bar reminds us of the outstretched arms of Jesus who said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28). In view of this fact, I beg you now to decide, to receive, to accept, and no longer reject the Lord Jesus Christ. May you make Him your Saviour now.

#### AMERICA'S SECRET WEAPON OF DEFENSE BOTH NOW AND EVER

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in the precious blood of Christ. Such a one is exhorted to "put on the whole armor of God. . . For we wrestle. . . against the rulers of the darkness of this world. . . Stand therefore, having on the breastplate of righteousness: and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God" (Ephesians 6:11-17).

The secret of present and eternal blessing is found only in Christ. Is He your Lord and Saviour?

—Tract.

#### WHEN A SINNER BECAME A SAINT THROUGH THE LORD'S TABLE

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in and sat close up in the front. I was praying that God might speak to him, and as the meeting went on it was evident that he was greatly perturbed. Finally the people of God partook of the bread and the fruit of the vine, and this heathen Japanese sat and looked on. Just as the elements were replaced on the table, he rose and said, "I like to pray."

I thought, "My! I wish I had told him that he would not be expected to take part in the meeting!"

But he prayed like this: "O God, I all broke up. For one whole year I fight You. I fight You hard. Your Spirit break me all to pieces. O God, today I see Your people eating the bread, drinking the wine, tell how Jesus died for sinners like me. O God, You love me so You give Your Son to die for me. I cannot fight You any more. I give up, I take Him as My Saviour."

It did not spoil our meeting at all to have him take part with such a prayer. We realized that this simple ordinance had preached to him for, "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do preach the Lord's death till He come." At the close of the meeting we gathered about him to rejoice with him, and then he turned to me and said, "Jesus say before He go away, when you believe Him, you bury in water, show old life gone, new life begin. I like

bury."

"You want to be baptized?" I asked. "I will see you during the week and perhaps we can do it next Sunday."

Referring to the Japanese evangelist, he said, "A year ago he tell me Jesus Christ coming back again, so?"

"Yes," I said; "that is true."

"He coming soon?"

"He may."

"He not come before next Sunday?"

"Well, I couldn't say. He might come before then."

"Then I no like to wait till next Sunday, I like to show I no fight any more, I like be buried today."

I said, "Forgive me for trying to put it off; we will go down to the river this afternoon."

And so in the afternoon he came dressed in his best with the Japanese mayor, as we called the richest man in the Japanese settlement, and forty other Japanese merchants behind him. We preached the Word and he gave his testimony, and then he was buried in the waters of baptism.

The Lord's Supper, if given the place our Lord intended it to have, will constantly preach to the world, and will say more than any words of ours can say: "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do preach the Lord's death till He come." — Addresses on First Corinthians.

#### SIN'S BURDEN GONE

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sermon by Dr. Talmage, and his eyes fell on the text, "After this the judgment," and it spoke to his sleeping conscience. The truth came home to his soul, that infidelity was a lie, and that there was a God before Whom he must stand.

Hal's peace was broken in upon and gone forever. Thoroughly aroused to a sense of his danger, his life of sin appeared detestable. There was a small Testament in the office of a ranch owner, and this he borrowed and when out in the prairie he searched it eagerly to find out the way of salvation. At last the cowboy's eyes fell upon these glorious words of our text. "Him that cometh unto Me, I will in no wise cast out," and he laid hold of the words. And down he went on his knees, and, with hands clasped and eyes looking up to Heaven, he cried from the depths of his soul, "Lord Jesus, I come! You must not cast me out!" Cast him out! No, indeed. The sinner's Friend was waiting to receive him, and the infidel found the burden of sin gone. — British Evangelist.

#### WE ADOPT A NEW FAMILY

"Echo" announced by correspondence the cessation of their magazine, for I had gotten to look forward to its coming month by month. It was truly a paper that was true to the faith, and one that stood for all that was right and opposed to all that was wrong.

We regret to see it cease in its publication. We shall miss its monthly visits, and yet we rejoice to be able to send the message of truth through THE BAPTIST EXAMINER to all the readers of "The Biblical Echo."