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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Isa. 8:20).

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Making God's Word Practical

1. "Will we know each other in the next life?" asked a young woman whose father had died. Find a verse which gives light on this question.

2. Mr. D. had a certain weakness which kept getting him into trouble. But he excused himself for sinning and went right ahead. Find the verse Jesus gave to people like that.

3. "Marriage is just an experiment," said John B. one day. "You may have to have several wives before you find the right one." What did Jesus have to say about this matter?

4. "Why doesn't our church have a carnival, with games of chance and the church down the street?" asked young Bob of his mother. Find the verse which Bob should read.

5. "When you're dead, you're dead," boldly stated the town infidel. "There isn't any life after death." Show how Jesus corrected this mistake.

6. "It isn't right for that family to give so much to the church," insisted Deacon D. They really can't afford it." Would Jesus take the last person had?

7. "There is no second coming of Christ," said Preacher A. "You are judged immediately when you die, and go either to Hell or Heaven." Was this preacher right?

8. "You may partake of the bread, but not the cup," said a certain man whose church had this rule. Was this true in Jesus' day?

9. "Missions were for a day long gone by. We don't need to evangelize the world today," insisted a certain gentleman. Who was right, this man or Jesus?

ANSWERS: 1. (9:4); 2. (9:43-48); 3. (10:2-12); 4. (11:17); 5. (12:24-27); 6. (12:43); 7. (13:26,27,34); 8. (14:23); 9. (16:15).

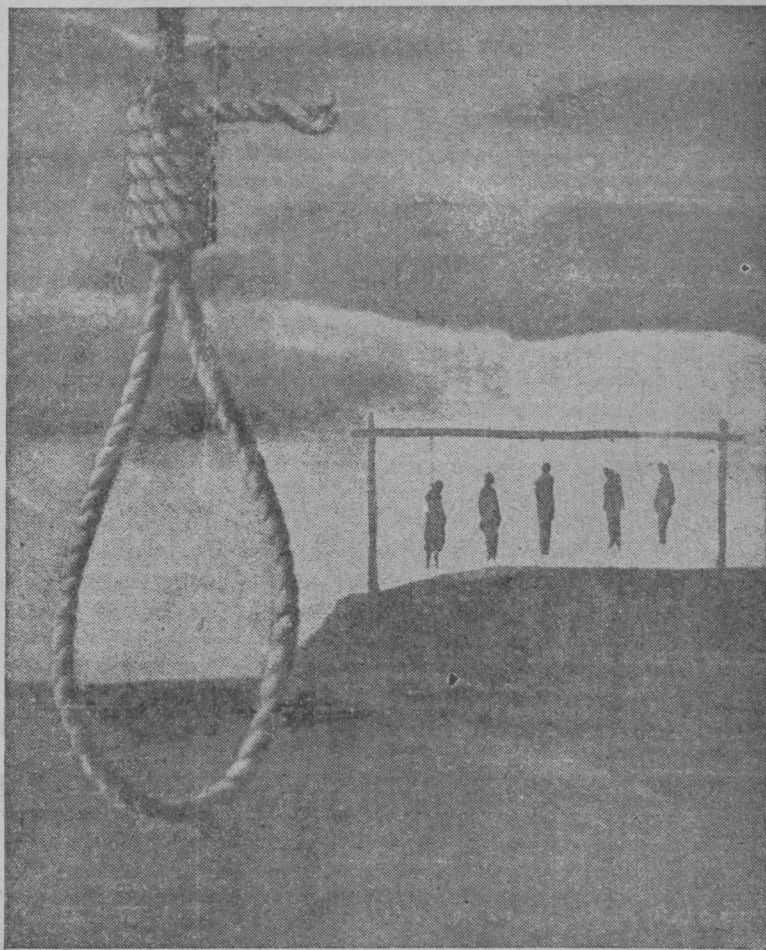
Try This For Size

Oddly enough, this type of collar fits all kinds of people Czechs and Poles, Frenchmen and Norwegians, Russians and Greeks. It fits women as well as men, the old as snugly as the young, the strong as firmly as the weak. It is designed especially for conquered people ... and reserved for those among the conquered who dare to stick their necks out. Who presume they have the right to read or circulate forbidden newspapers and magazines, to listen to forbidden radio programs. Who get themselves accused ... on no matter how little evidence ... of spying or interfering or getting in the way.

Now, in the newspapers and magazines we so freely read, we see pictures of strange people ... foreign people ... hanging from such nooses. Still and silent their arms by their sides, their heads slightly askew as if they did not completely comprehend what had happened.

We have escaped it ... so far. So far, these hangings have happened only to far away people. Have you ever seriously thought that someday you might be the mute subject for such photographs?

You can be ...
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Rickenbacker Prayed In Trouble

One of the most moving and interesting things I have read in the past few days is the story released December 20, in the American newspapers by Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, famous flying ace of the first World War, now a flying lieutenant Colonel in this war. He still prefers to be called Captain. With seven other men Captains Rickenbacker floated for 21 days on rubber rafts in the South Atlantic after their plane came down in the water, lost and out of gas. One man died of starvation and of poison after drinking seawater. The eight men had oranges as their only food for eight days. Finally in desperation they prayed for food and God answered their prayer miraculously. A sea gull landed on Captain Rickenbacker's shoulder which they ate, and used for bait to catch fish.

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Atheists Like Beasts

Mr. Robert Owen, an atheist, once visited a gentleman who was a Christian. In walking out to the gentleman's family graveyard, Owen was addressing him, said, "There is no advantage I have over Christians. I am not afraid to die. Most of some of my business were settled. I should be perfectly willing to die at any moment." "Well," said his companion, "you say you have no fear of death—have you any hope in death?" After a short pause, he replied, "No!" Then the gentleman, pointing to an ox, standing near, replied, "You are on a level with that beast." (Continued on page four)

The Scriptural Attitude Of A Church Toward It's Pastor

There is a wide need of a Scriptural understanding of the sacred relationship between pastor and people in the churches today. This understanding would do much to bring about increased and needed blessings. Hardly a day passes that we do not hear of the misunderstanding and heartaches of pastors. There should be a searching of the Bible on this subject with an open mind and heart to obey its commands. Some day we must face it at the Judgment Seat of Christ. How solemn that thought! We write these words in love for God's people, both pastors and people. We speak from God's Word—we speak from experience.

The New Testament plainly states that the office of the pastor is ordained of God: "and he gave some ... pastors" (Ephesians 4:11). Note that it is Christ Who gives these pastors. To whom does He give them? Evidently to local



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churches.

Now, let us ask some questions and then answer them according to Scripture.

1. HOW CAN A CHURCH KNOW HOW TO SELECT A PASTOR?

1. Surely NOT by some board of bishops nor by some ecclesiastical machine. All such organizations are man-made, unscriptural. These organizations grew up in the early centuries of the Christian era and without God's approval.

2. A church should let the Holy Ghost lead it in the selection of a pastor, because a pastor should be placed in charge of a church by the Holy Ghost.

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased" (Continued on page four)

Ten Reasons For Baptist Colporter

1. Jesus was a Baptist colporter. He went "throughout every city and village" sowing them down with gospel seed. Lu. 8:1-3. Jesus did His work thoroughly.

2. Because every one of the 12 apostles was a house to house visitor and a distributor of gospel seed. None too big to go from house to house doing that kind of work. A. T. Robertson translated shewing the glad tidings, "gospelizing" — private talking as well as public preaching.

3. Because the 70 were all sowers of the good seed of the Word Lu. 10:1-2.

4. Because Paul was a colporter and a house to house visitor, scattering the Word. Acts 19:10, 20:20. He left copies of the decrees of the Jerusalem Council in every city where He went, sowing down each city and village and county district with distinctive (Continued on page two)

A Dirty Story

It was the lunch hour. Five of us guys, in fact, all except Tom, were in a huddle telling some of the funniest dirty stories. We had some great times, — boy, did we laugh, — the dirtier the story, the more we laughed.

Well, on this day I am telling you about, we ran out of stories just as Tom walked by.

"Hey, Tom," I says, "know a good story — a good dirty one?"

At that everybody laughs, for they know Tom is a Christian. He says these stories make him feel bad. He never will listen. Great guy though, for he's no hypocrite.

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The First Baptist Pulpit

"How We Can Win The War"

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust." — Psalm 91:1,2.

There is only one right way to do anything. All other ways are wrong. There is only one right way to solve a problem in mathematics; all other ways are wrong. The same is true in medicine. There is a right way and all other ways are wrong. I likewise in chemistry and in all other activities

of life, there is a right way and all other ways are wrong.

The same is true as regards to this war. There is only one way to win it, and that is the right way, or God's way. All other ways are wrong.

WHY SHOULD GOD BLESS AMERICA

All over the land in schools, churches, and in public gatherings of every nature is being sung, "God Bless America." Recently in a public gathering of unusual importance while a noted soloist thus sang, there was flashed upon a screen, pictures of great herds of cattle, flocks of sheep, and scenes (Continued on page three)

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ANOTHER WOMAN OUT OF PLACE

Of recent date a friend sent us the bulletin of the First Baptist Church of Paducah, Kentucky, pastored by Brother A. Warren Huyck.

This particular bulletin was quite interesting except in that it announced the schedule of Mrs. Grace Sloan Overton whom pastor Huyck appeared to be sponsoring as she spoke before his church, the Methodists, the Lions, the Rotarians, and school and college groups.

From the announcement, we are led to believe that she filled the pulpit in the First Baptist Church of Paducah for the Sunday evening service, speaking at that time on the subject, "Who Is A Good Human Being." Regardless of what she spoke on, she was certainly out of her place. Perhaps I should not say she filled the pulpit, but rather, I should say she usurped authority in speaking on that particular occasion. Let everyone go back and read I Cor. 14:34-38 and I Tim. 2:11-15.

THE SCRIPTURAL ATTITUDE OF A CHURCH

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a message of the above title by Elder D. B. Eastep, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Covington, Kentucky. This is an excellent treatise on a very much neglected phase of the Word of God. Brother Eastep has given considerable time and thought to this particular article.

It is published in tract form and if additional copies of it are desired, you may secure the same by addressing Brother Eastep at the Kentucky Bible Depot, Latonia Station, Covington, Kentucky. The price of this tract is five cents each or twelve copies for fifty cents or a hundred copies for three dollars. Don't fail to help Brother Eastep give this tract the very widest of circulation.

HOW RICKENBACKER PRAYED WHEN IN TROUBLE

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After Rickenbacker told his story in a press conference in Washington, the Chicago Tribune reporter wrote: "Rickenbacker's eyes were filled with tears at times when he described the epic of air and sea. His voice took on a fervor seldom found in a pulpit as he recounted the reactions of men looking death in the face."

These soldiers, about to die on the lonely wastes of the South Pacific ocean, prayed and God sent food and then water, and then deliverance! They were in trouble; they prayed; and God heard!

Here is the story in Captain Rickenbacker's words, as reported

by the Chicago Tribune Press Service.

"There was no rain until the eighth night. We saw nothing in the way of searching planes or ships. The boy (Bartek) in my boat had a Bible in the pocket of his jumper and on the second day out we organized prayer meetings in the morning and in the evening.

"Frankly and humbly we prayed for our deliverance.

"After the oranges were gone, there showed up terrific pangs of hunger. Then we prayed for food. We happened to have two little fish lines but no bait.

"If it wasn't for the fact that I had seven witnesses, I wouldn't dare to tell this fantastic story.

"One hour after the prayer meeting, a seagull landed on my shoulder. You can imagine my nervousness as I reached around to get it. But I caught it and we wrung its neck. We feathered it and stripped its innards, which we used for bait.

"Captain Cherry caught a little mackerel and I caught a speckled seabass, which we divided up equally. It was delicious. Everybody got an equal share."

After one of the soldiers died the survivors had a general time of confession of sin. Captain Rickenbacker says:

"I tell you," he said, "I know things about these men's lives that no one else in the world knows. They confessed all their commissions and omissions — all their sins. It's a good thing I didn't get started on mine, or I'd be talking yet."

Captain Rickenbacker frankly reported that they would have all been dead in forty-eight hours but for the miraculous answer to prayer. In his radio broadcast he frankly gave God the glory for his preservation, as he did in his story to newsmen.

The following points are deeply impressive, in Captain Rickenbacker's account of how they prayed and were answered. First, one of the boys had a Bible and they read the Bible and prayed, beginning the second day out. They were not simply praying to some Being, they were praying to the God of the Bible. It seems likely that they depended on some of the sweet promises in that precious book. Second, there was real sincerity in the prayer. Captain Rickenbacker says, "Frankly and humbly we prayed for our deliverance." Third, their prayers were definite. They prayed for deliverance, and "then we prayed for food," said Captain Rickenbacker. Fourth, their prayers were answered very definitely. They drifted eight days, and then prayed, and one hour after they had prayed for food a seagull landed on Captain Rickenbacker's shoulder. They had bait to catch fish. Fifth, there seemed to be a genuine attitude of penitence and repentance as these men confessed their sins to one another before God.

Oh, let this simply be a reminder to all of us that God is a God who answers prayer when we are in trouble. He says, "And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee and thou shalt glorify me." (Psalm 50:15). He says, "Is any afflicted? let him pray." (Jas. 5:13). And how many times thru the Bible is God held up as a refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, as Psalm 46:1 calls Him! How many times did the Christians of Bible times praise the Lord for answer and deliverance when they called in the time of distress and trouble and affliction, and were delivered! Does one read this who has any burden, any sorrow, any trouble, any distress? Then call upon the Lord! If you are in trouble, then

pray.

— Reprinted from "The Sword Of The Lord," edited by John R. Rice, Wheaton, Ill.

TEN REASONS

(Continued from page one)

Baptist doctrines. Acts 16:4. Paul's colportage literature included the Baptist gospel and holy living. Acts 15:23-30.

5. Godly women supported colportage work done by the Lord Jesus and the 12. Lu. 8:1-3. The 12 were students in Jesus' Bible School. The Baptist Examiner needs many more women helpers.

6. Because wherever colportage work has died unionism and modernism have thrived and grown.

7. Because wherever Baptists have substituted the unscriptural methods of enlistment for Scriptural methods of colportage work missions have died or are dying.

8. Because from the days of Christ and His apostles until now wherever Baptists have emphasized and magnified colportage work they have grown in every way. Here is a recent example in Brazil. John Mein gives this report of his last ten years work in Alagoas, Brazil:

In 1920 we found five churches, one of which was dissolved in 1924. Of these only two had places of worship. Today there are 43 churches, with 19 preaching places. Nine of these churches have houses of worship.

Compare with that the five biggest associations in Kentucky, where they have spent tens of thousands of dollars on enlistment work at big salaries. Elkhorn, Bracken, Greenup, Enterprise and Three-Forks Associations have been paying big salaries and doing enlistment work and no colportage work for 30 years and many of them are smaller in numbers, of both churches and members, than they were 30 years ago. The greatest need of Kentucky Baptists is a colporter in every county in Kentucky.

9. Because Baptists are dying at the roots everywhere that they have cut out district or association missions. Sec. J. B. Lawrence virtually admitted that at the Murray Institute back about 1930.

10. Because it is just as true today as it was in Hosea's day that God's "people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Hos. 4:6. That does not mean lack of education, but lack of knowledge of the Bible. The very best way to increase and multiply Bible knowledge is through colportage work; which means sowing the country down with Bibles and Testaments and good books and tracts. The Baptist Examiner is headquarters for colportage supplies. Missions are dying at the roots because wherever they have had their way the centralized machines, both state and south-wide, have killed district missions and colportage work.

A DIRTY STORY

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Say, you can imagine my surprise when Tom stops and says, "Sure, Bill, I'll tell you a story; but it's so dirty I don't think you fellows will like it. What do you say?"

Honestly, I wished Tom hadn't said that, for I had always secretly looked up to him; the other guys didn't say a word, so I comes out quick-like with "Shoot the filth, Tom."

"Well," says Tom, "there was a guy who worked at this store who was a dirty son of a the devil. You fellows know him.

"He was bad for drink. Many

nights he got so drunk, he lay unconscious in his filth and vomit. One night he almost killed a man in a fight he did not remember. Twice he wrecked his car. Once he even struck his mother in his drunken rage. He was a dirty guy.

"When he was drunk he was also bad for women. Some nights he lay in a brothel until they got all his money. His body became diseased from his sin. In his lust, he deceived an innocent girl, gradually broke down her resistance, and at last she set her feet on a path of sin which she never departed. Then he kicked her out. He was a dirty guy."

As Tom told about this guy we all sat still. His eyes held us with their intensity. Then he continued, kind of soft-like, and a tear seemed to tremble in his eye.

"One night, this dirty so-and-so drifted by a street corner ... Some nice clean looking young people were singing so sweet and with such happy faces that he stopped and listened. It was an old song that he had heard his mother sing:

There is a fountain filled with blood

Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood

Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he
Wash all my sins away.

"The dirty so-and-so grunted and staggered on back of the building. There he fell, crouched in a corner, and cried like a baby.

"O, God," said he, "Oh, God forgive me and save me."

"And God did.

"Fellows, that dirty guy was me. It's the dirtiest story I know."

Nobody laughed or said a word. All the boys just walked away. When they left, I sneaked after Tom. He was back of the tool-house alone.

Well, to make a long story short, he told me how to be saved. He said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," and, "To as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."

So, I accepted Christ, and boy, am I ever glad I did!

— By Robert Wittly

BOOK REVIEW

WHOSE FATHER IS GOD? By Evangelist A. D. Muse. Published by the Harvester Printing Company, 2116 Elzey, Memphis, Tenn. 52 pages. Paper binding. No price printed.

This is undoubtedly one of the best books of sermons the editor has ever read. Brother Muse believes the gospel as recorded in God's Word and preaches it fearlessly. No man can read this book without a definite stirring of his soul and a conviction that the plan of salvation is certainly far different to that which is preached from the average pulpit.

The particular sermons in this book are —

The Perils of Religious Experiences.

Can An Unredeemed Sinner Pray?

The Mourner's Bench, or Altar in Evangelism.

Repentance — What Is It?

Whose Father Is God?

This is truly a good book. Every Christian ought to read it for his own devotional experience. Every preacher ought to read it as a help to him in his ministry. Certainly it is an excellent book to put into the hands of any who are unsaved.

FELLOW HELPERS TO THE TRUTH

We began 1942 with about thousand circulation. We began 1943 with approximately seven thousand circulation. growth in circulation comes through the help of those of our who believe the doctrines we set forth in this paper.

Now we are starting a year, and it is our desire that we shall have another definite increase in our circulation this year.

I do not think that it is too much to ask for three thousand subscribers during the year. I have written to about a hundred of our friends asking each of them to be responsible for twenty new subscribers. Preferably would be our desire that subscriptions be paid for by twenty-five to whom the will go, yet it may be that are among our friends who have the truth which we stand for who would like to send this to at least twenty-five of friends as a gift.

If a hundred of our would send us twenty-five subscriptions each immediately, we would have our circulation within five hundred of ten thousand. There are who might send in one or two subscriptions. In either event, urge upon you who believe in the message which this paper carries that you send at once as many subscriptions as possible.

Won't you thus become a low helper to the truth? and us to get off to a flying start this new year with a large number of new subscriptions.

WORK OF A COLPORTER

Colportage, in the old sense of the term, seems almost to have been abandoned by most churches. Those earnest, faithful, consecrated men of a former day who have all over the country in various kinds of vehicles accomplished a great deal of good by carrying good Gospel literature into the homes where it would never have gone otherwise.

The most common need in the homes of this country today is Biblical reading matter. The reason for this is that it is needed to the people. If some of the men who were sent out to visit city or country to visit homes would find many opportunities for placing good books in the homes where there are few or none, cause books are scarce in the homes, one that finds an opportunity will be often and read, probably by members of several families, and so good will be sown.

There is so much vile trash being broadcast over the air that something ought to be done to counteract its influence. The Day Adventists, Scientists, Holy Rollers, Socialists, Mormons, and their like are doing far more in proportion to their numbers than Christians are to put literature into the hands of the people generally. We think that the churches ought to do this work extensively, not for the purpose of making money in the sale of books, but as a most efficient means of preaching the Gospel. What does your church think of it? — Presbyterian, the South.

God would have no furnace there were no gold to smelt from the dross.

God is not only a present help in time of trouble, but a help in keeping us out of trouble.

HOW WE CAN WIN THE WAR

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about the oceans and the prairies.
asked then, and I ask now, "Why
should God bless America?"

though there are better than
100,000 population reported by
last census, only 68,000,000 pro-
any religion. Regardless of
genuineness or falsity of the pro-
only a little better than
even make any claim to be
genuine. Why Should God bless
America?

of this number, only 25 per
cent ever attend
church services.

on Sunday morn-
ing in America,
8 percent of
population
to church,
on Sunday
morning, it is less than 2 per cent.

even more alarming than this,
the past few years the rural
churches have died at the rate of
approximately 1,000 yearly. Why
should God bless America?

A recent Gallup poll in 7,600 av-
erage middle class homes reveal-

that 40 per cent didn't even
own a Bible. Imagine a home with
a Bible, yet four out of every
hundred out of every hundred,
hundred out of every thousand
homes in America are Bible-
less. While 60 per cent of the
own Bibles, in many of
the homes, the Bible is never
read, and in many of the homes
it is read, no attention is
given to it as far as conduct is
concerned. Why should God bless
America?

At least 65 per cent of the youth
in America are growing up with-
any knowledge of the Bible.
The "Ten Commandments," "The
Gospel of Matthew," and "The Twenty-
fourth Psalm" are meaningless to
the vast majority of America's
youth. Why should God bless
America?

Look at the crime wave all
over the land! A major crime is
committed every 22 seconds, or an
average of nearly three a minute.
A check is cashed every
50 seconds and one half minutes. In the
past 50 years, crime has increased
100 per cent. Why should God
bless America?

Harold Nathan, first assistant
attorney general, says: "Nearly 400,000 Amer-
icans now living will be murder-
ed while nearly 300,000 now liv-
ing will commit murder." He fur-
ther declares that our murder
rate is four and one half times
that of Switzerland, 18 times that
of Scotland and 19 times that of
Great Britain. He also says that
the 100 major crimes are com-
mitted yearly and that major
crimes are increasing at the rate
of 25 a day. Why should God
bless America?

The Northwestern Insurance Co.
of Chicago says that gambling costs the peo-
ple of the United States seven
hundred million dollars yearly, or an aver-
age of \$53 per person. While we
are spending \$53 for gambling, we
are spending \$13.50 per capita for edu-
cation. Why should God bless A-

At the same time our liquor bill
costs us \$40 per person annually.
In the old days, there never was
more than 177,000 saloons. Today,
there are 437,000 legalized liquor stor-
es. In other words there is a li-
cense for every 267 persons
in the United States. Why should
God bless America?

In contrast with those 437,000
liquor stores, there are only 245,
churches. To particularize: In
Washington, D. C., there are 399
churches of all denominations, but
there are 1874 liquor joints. Why
should God bless America?

During the fiscal year of 1940-41,

there was consumed 1,852,057,700
gallons of liquor. During the per-
iod \$4,500,000,000 was spent by the
people of this country for legal
liquor. Seventy per cent of all ar-
rests were affected by liquor one
way or another. Why should God
bless America?

In the United States there are
one million drunkards. Sixty thou-
sand new ones are developed
yearly. 100,000 people are reject-
ed yearly by various life insuranc-
e companies because of alcoholic
indulgence. There are within our
country 1,325,000 bar-maids or
three times as many as there are
women attending college. Why
should God bless America?

Don't forget: REPEAL IS THE
SIN OF THIS PRESENT POLI-
TICAL ADMINISTRATION. And
remember God has said:

"Woe unto them that rise up
early in the morning, that they
may follow strong drink; that
continue until night, till wine
inflame them!

And the harp, and the viol,
the tabret, and pipe, and wine,
are in their feasts: but they re-
gard not the work of the Lord,
neither consider the opera-
tion of his hands.

Therefore my people are
gone into captivity, because
they have no knowledge: and
their honorable men are fami-
shed, and their multitude dried
up with thirst.

Therefore hell hath enlarged
herself, and opened her mouth
without measure: and their
glory, and their multitude, and
their pomp, and he that re-
joiceth, shall descend into it.

And the mean shall be brou-
ght down, and the mighty man
shall be humbled, and the eyes
of the lofty shall be humbled.

But the Lord of hosts shall
be exalted in judgment, and
God that is holy shall be san-
ctified in righteousness.

Woe unto them that are
mighty to drink wine, and men
of strength to mingle strong
drink:

Which justify the wicked for
reward, and take away the
righteousness of the righteous
from him!

Therefore, as the fire devour-
eth the stubble, and the flame
consumeth the chaff, so their
root shall be as rottenness, and
their blossoms shall go up as
dust: because they have cast
away the law of the Lord of
hosts, and despised the word
of the Holy One of Israel.

Therefore is the anger of the
Lord kindled against his peo-
ple, and he hath stretched forth
his hand against them, and
hath smitten them: and the hills
did tremble, and their carcasses
were torn in the midst of the
streets. For all this his anger
is not turned away, but his
hand is stretched out still."
(Isa. 5:11-16, 22-25).

"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 mix-
ed 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).

Viewing repeal in the light of
God's Word, I ask again, Why
should God bless America?

Today there are over 1,000,000
recorded cases of syphilis and the
doctors say that not even half of
them are reported. Around the
army camps and in civilian life
sexual promiscuity and immoral-

ity are the order of the day. Mo-
desty, virtue, and morality are sy-
nonyms of an age gone by. Why
should God bless America?

God has been given but exceed-
ingly small consideration by those
in authority in our nation. Cotton
has been plowed up, corn chopped
down, and the surplus of wheat
has been burned. Because the old
sow couldn't be taught methods
of birth control, her babies had to
be killed and wasted. Instead of
appointing an administrator of
conservation to conserve, can, pre-
serve, pickle, and lay by in store
the surplus, the government bro-
ught into existence the most was-
teful agency known to civilized
peoples — the W. P. A. Why
should God bless America?

On New Year's morning, 1941,
after I had preached the old year
out, and just as I was praying the
new year in, our president lifted
a glass of champagne to his lips
and drank a toast over the radio,
saying, "To these United States."
From the time he came into the
office of president, Mr. Roosevelt
never one time called on the peo-
ple of God to pray and thus aid
him in the problems of the de-
pression, and never until January,
1942, did he ask the people of this
nation to pray. Yet God says:

"Righteousness exalteth a na-
tion: but sin is a reproach to
any people." — Prov. 14:34.

Contrasting God's Word with
the attitude of our present gover-
nmental officials, I ask again, Why
should God bless America.

On What Basis Does God Promise To Bless Nations And Individuals

I said in the beginning of this
message that there was a right
way to win the war. That right
way is God's way. Listen:

"There shall not any man be
able to stand before thee all the
days of thy life: as I was with
Moses, so I will be with thee:
I will not fail thee, nor forsake
thee.

Be strong and of a good
courage: for unto this people
shalt thou divide for an inheri-
tance the land, which I swear
unto their fathers to give them.

Only be thou strong and very
courageous, that thou mayest

observe to do
according to all
the law, which
Moses my ser-
vant command-
ed thee: turn not
from it to the ri-
ght hand or to

the left, that thou mayest prosper
whithersoever thou goest."
— (Joshua 1:5-7).

From this Scripture, you can
see that God promises to bless and
prosper, only as we are obedient
to the commands of the Bible.

Listen again:

"Righteousness exalteth a
nation: but sin is a reproach
to any people." — Prov. 14:34.

We hear much these days of se-
cret weapons which the armies are
using. Well, this verse gives us A-
merica's secret weapon of defense.
In fact, both for defense and of-
fense, our greatest weapon is per-
sonal righteousness. It exalts both
individuals and nations.

Hear God's Word again:

"He that walketh righteously,
and speaketh uprightly, he that
despiseeth the gain of oppres-
sions; that shaketh his hands
from holding of bribes, that
stoppeth his ears from hearing
of blood, and shutteth his eyes
from seeing evil.

He shall dwell on high: his

place of defense shall be the
munitions of rocks." Isaiah 33:
15,16.

What a marvelous promise for
both individuals and nations to
consider in times of peril. In the
light of it we are assured that if
our walking, talking, and living
are pleasing to God, we can claim
His protection and enjoy the de-
fense He provides for us.

Listen also to the words of Je-
sus:

"Go ye therefore, and teach
all nations, baptizing them in
the name of 'The Father, and
of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit': teaching them to obser-
ve all things whatsoever I
have commanded you: and lo,
I am with you always even to
the end of the age." Mt. 28:
19,20.

Here is a promise of the pre-
sence and protection of Jesus.
Certainly the churches of America
have no right to even begin to at-
tempt to lay claim to it. We surely
have made a miserable failure to
evangelize all nations. If we had
paid our tithes to evangelize, chris-
tianize and convert, we wouldn't
have to spend 10 per cent of our
income now to defeat our non-chris-
tian enemies. If we had spent
even a small fraction of the time,
effort, and money which we are
now spending in war — if we had
spent this in peace-time to con-
vert the Japs, we wouldn't be
fighting the war in which we are
today engaged.

Hear God's Word again as to
how we can win the war:

"If my people, which are call-
ed by my name, shall humble
themselves, and pray, and seek
my face, and turn from their
wicked ways: then will I hear
from Heaven, and will forgive
their sin, and will heal their
land." — II Chron. 7:14.

Undoubtedly, America can win
the war. Victory is contingent up-
on those whom God calls "my
people." This promise is not to
the world at large but to saved
folk. If there could be a whole-
sale repentance and turning to
God on the part of His people,
then and then only, could we hope
for an immediate victory and ces-
sation of the war.

It is prehaps unnecessary to re-
call the prayers of our forefathers
led by Washington, who many
times implored Divine aid at Val-
ley Forge, and elsewhere, as the
ONLY way to victory.

How well we remember that
when Lt. Col. Tighman rode for
four days to carry the news of vic-
tory to Philadelphia and Congress
what that body did. And what did
they do? Did they stage a Victory
rally with whoopee and liquor and
abandon of morals? Did they call
for a birthday ball or a victory
dance? No, ten thousand times
NO! At an early hour Congress
assembled and with quick-beating
hearts heard the dispatch from
Washington as it was read to
them. Then they resolved to go
in a body to the Lutheran Church
at 2 P. M. to return thanks to Al-
mighty God for crowning the al-
lied armies of the United States
and France with success. What a
contrast between this and the con-
gress of the present administra-
tion that voted for the repeal of
the 18th amendment.

I say again that there is a right
way to win the war, and that that
right way is God's way. When
Joshua fought with the Gibeonites
at Gibeon against the five kings
of the Amorites, he prayed. Then
God said, "Fear them not." Josh.
10:8. In the battle which followed,
Joshua wrought a great victory
through God's help. Why God
even cast down hail-stones on the
enemy. We read "They were more
which died with hailstones than
they whom the children of Israel

slew with the sword." (Josh. 10:
11). Even the sun and the moon
stood still in that battle for Is-
rael's benefit. It is easy enough
for a nation to win a battle when
the God of that nation is 'the God
of Joshua and Israel.

There is another remarkable il-
lustration in the Bible, showing
God's power in battle. When the
northern kingdom of Israel with
its capital city of Samaria and He-
zekiah as king was besieged by
the Assyrians, everything appeared
hopeless. Though all nations and
gods had fallen before the Assyr-
ians, Hezekiah depended upon the
God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
He prayed. He left the matter,
though with in-
evitable odds a-
gainst him, in
God's hands, with
the result that
God smote 185,000
of the Assyrians
in a night's time.

But let the poet tell the story:

"The Assyrian came down like
the wolf on the fold,
And his cohorts were gleaming
in purple and gold,
And the sheen of their spears
was like stars on the sea,
When the blue wave rolls night-
ly on deep Galilee.

Like the leaves of the forest
when summer is green,
That host with their banners
at sunset was seen;
Like the leaves of the forest
when autumn has blown,
That host on the morrow lay
withered and strown.

For the angel of death spread
his wings on the blast
And breathed in the face of the
foe as he passed;
And the eyes of the sleepers
waxed dead and chill
And their hearts but once heav-
ed, and forever grew still.

And there lay the steed with
his nostril all wide
And through it there rolled
not the breath of his pride
And the foam of his gasping
lay white on the turf
And cold as the spray on the
rock-beating surf.

And there lay the rider distort-
ed and pale
With the dew on his brow and
the rust on his mail
And the tents were all silent,
the banners alone
The lances uplifted, the trum-
pet unblown.

And the widows of Ashur are
loud in their wail
And the idols are broken in the
temple of Baal;
And the might of the Gentile,
unsmote by the sword
Hath melted like snow at the
glance of the Lord."

I want to remind you that God
lives, and that the same God who
delivered Israel from the Assyrians
is able to work deliverance for us
today. How we do need Hezekiahs
who are willing to humble them-
selves and pray!

How The Germans Were Stopped 1918

On April 2, 1918, Congress pass-
ed a resolution saying:

"Resolved that it being a duty
peculiarly incumbent in a time
of war, humbly and devoutly
acknowledge our dependence on
an Almighty God, and to im-
plore His aid and protection."

Later President Wilson set apart
Decoration day in May, 1918, say-
ing:

"Now therefore I, Woodrow



Wilson ... do proclaim Thursday, the thirtieth day of May, a day already freighted with sacred and stimulating memories, a day of public humiliation, prayer, and fasting and do exhort my fellow citizens of all faiths and creeds to assemble on that day in their several places of worship and there, as well as in their homes to pray Almighty God that He may forgive our sins and shortcomings as a people and purify our hearts to see and love the truth, to accept and defend all things that are just and right, and to purpose only those righteous acts and judgments which are in conformity with His will."

From that time until the Armistice was signed, our armies fought a winning war.

Do you remember how Paris was saved in 1918? Before a religious encampment in Virginia, Len G. Broughton said:

"On the very night that all the world expected Paris to fall, I was in London, pastor of Spurgeon's old Tabernacle Baptist Church. Although no services had been announced for that night, I felt strangely impressed to get up, dress, and go to the church. When I got there the large auditorium was half filled, with hundreds of people, the most consecrated people of the church, there praying for the deliverance of Paris, France. Some were even prostrate upon their faces on the floor, praying God to spare and deliver Paris."

Immediately G. Campbell Morgan arose and said:

"At that very time I was pastor of Christ's Church, London, and on that identical night, after I had retired, I, too, felt strangely impressed to get up and dress, and go to the church. Although no service had been announced there, and it was far past the hour for a service, several hundred people were there, all praying earnestly for the deliverance of Paris."

Both Len Broughton and G. Campbell Morgan said that no one had invited anyone to either church. All the people at both services had said that they too, had received a peculiar and strange impression to get up and go to the church and pray. Probably many thousands in humble homes and elsewhere were directed by the Lord to pray. However the papers of the next day announced that the tide had turned.

Later the Germans stated that they saw angels blocking the way to Paris. Of course the critics and infidels and modernists say that the Germans saw low drifting clouds. Yet all thinking Christians know that the Germans are too cold blooded and realistic to listen to such a frivolous explanation.

I say, beloved, that the same God who lived then, lives today. His promises are as true and applicable today as in the days gone by. Listen:

"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Psalm 34:7.

In the light of this verse I declare that we can build a wall bomb proof and bullet proof around every one of our soldiers. What we need to do is for God's people to repent and turn from their sins. As we begin this New Year may God give us just such a revival turning to Him and as surely as God's Word is true we shall win the war in God's time and God's way and for God's glory.

May God bless you all.

TRY THIS FOR SIZE

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You may be ...

God grant that you shall not be! May we remember that there never will be peace, until the Prince of Peace — even Jesus comes again.

"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Isaiah 11:9. "Even so, come Lord Jesus!"

THE SCRIPTURAL ATTITUDE OF A CHURCH TOWARD ITS PASTOR

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with his own blood." (Acts 20:28). One may ask, How does the Holy Ghost do this?

First, a church should seek by prayer to learn the mind of God concerning the man that He has for it. We are told to pray concerning all things. Paul instructs us in Philippians 4:6.

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Surely no spiritually-minded church would think of trying to select a pastor before going to God in earnest prayer for His leadership.

Second, God gives the qualifications of a pastor in His Word (I Tim. 3:1-7). A church should look for these qualifications when seeking a pastor. (More will be said about this later).

Then, we believe that there should be an earnest and frank understanding between the prospective pastor and the seeking church. The writer has known of instances when a church would like to keep from a prospective pastor some existing conditions. He has also known of cases where churches have given a pastor the impression that he was coming before it with a view to a call when as a matter of fact the mind of the church was already made up. Sometimes churches do not want to commit themselves to a prospective pastor by giving him any definite assurance as to what he may expect on their part. We may also state that many times prospective pastors have been guilty of the very same things. Surely a church or a prospective pastor cannot expect the leadership of the Holy Ghost when deception is being practiced. This is what we mean when we say that there should be an honest and frank understanding between a prospective pastor and a seeking church.

II. HOW CAN A CHURCH KNOW WHOM TO SELECT AS ITS PASTOR AND WHAT SHOULD BE HIS QUALIFICATIONS?

1. A church should NOT use the standards of men. Here are some of them:

(1) He must be a good mixer. Some churches are more concerned that their pastor be able to talk with men than with God.

(2) He must be popular with the young people. The writer loves young people and has many in the church of which he is pastor, but he does not believe young people or old people for that matter, are to be given special preference. God pity the pastor, and church too, when the pastor caters to any class or clique. Some churches would rather their pastor know how to conduct a wiener roast than to know how to give the strong meat of the Word.

(3) Some worldly-minded churches set an age limit. One church in looking for a pastor agreed that its new pastor must be under forty

and have a Ph. D. degree.

(4) One church we know, in seeking a pastor, demanded that the new pastor must be more than six feet tall. They called one which met their requirements, but before the Lord delivered them, they felt as did the man who married a young lady. He said before he married her he loved her so well he could have eaten her, but after he lived with her awhile, he wished he had.

There are many other "qualifications" for a pastor which have been set by man, but the above will suffice to demonstrate our point. We wonder if Christ would have ever been able to pastor a church if these man-made requirements were demanded by all churches. Spurgeon and Moody would have been left out entirely. Churches deserve to be "sung" when they measure prospective pastors by the world's yard stick instead of by God's infallible Word.

2. A church should use God's standards as set forth in His Word. No church can go wrong who demands these qualifications.

"This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work."

"A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil."

"Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil." (I Timothy 3:1-7.)

Also, listen to the qualifications given in Titus 1:5-9:

"For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee;

"If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly."

"For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; but a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers."

III. WHAT SHOULD BE THE ATTITUDE OF A NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH TOWARD ITS PASTOR?

1. The church should OBEY its pastor. "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves," (Hebrews 13:17). The context clearly proves that this means the pastor.

A pastor by virtue of his office is a leader. If the people do not follow their pastor they have no leader. In Acts 20:28, we are told that the Holy Ghost made those elders "overseers." What did Paul mean when in I Timothy 3:4 he said, "How shall he take care of the church of God?" Was Peter just talking for fun when he said "taking the oversight thereof?" (I Peter 5:2). Again in I Timothy 5:17, Paul speaks of the "elders that RULE well."

The writer surely does not believe that a pastor should be a dictator. In fact, a dictator will not last long in any church. Peo-

ple, whether in nations or churches, have a way of getting rid of dictators but a pastor should be a LEADER. That infers that he should be followed. Where a pastor and people love each other, they will feel toward each other as a husband and wife should feel toward each other—when a husband loves his wife, it is a joy for the wife to reverence her husband. There MUST be some human leadership in a church, and if it is not vested in the pastor, we do not know where it is to be found.

2. The church should REMEMBER its pastor, "Remember them which have the rule over you." (Hebrews 13:7).

..(1) The pastor should be REMEMBERED in Prayer. It is a duty and a delight to pray for the pastor. He always needs the prayer of the people—even of the weakest member of the church. If your pastor's message the past Sunday did not help you and you feel he might have done better; if he has some mannerism that you do not like; if he does not part his hair on the right side or wear the kind of clothes he should, don't criticise him even in your mind—but TAKE IT TO THE LORD IN PRAYER. You might be surprised at the results if you have never tried this! If you pray in dead earnest, God will either change you, depending upon who needs the straightening.

(2) He should be remembered by respecting him. No member of the church should listen to talk about the pastor except in the presence of two or more witnesses. Suppose Brother A should say to Brother B, "Say, have you heard what they are telling about our pastor? Bzzzz! Bzzzz! Bzzzz!" Should Brother B listen to it? Never! He should say, "Well, Brother A, I am sorry that there is any talk going around about our pastor. I cannot believe anything wrong about him. If you have an honest accusation against him, I am willing to listen to it providing you call over Brother C and tell me in his presence. Maybe we ought to have one or two of the other brethren present, too. Then if our pastor is wrong, let us go to him in the spirit of Christ and perhaps we can help him." That is what Paul meant when he wrote by divine inspiration:

"Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses." (I Timothy 5:19).

If this Scripture were taken seriously by the churches of Christ, many a catastrophe could be avoided and many a pastor and church could be saved from ruin. Remember, I Timothy 5:19 is just as much the Word of God as is John 3:16: If you reject the one, you must reject the other. See also the following passages:

"Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation." (Philippians 2:29).

"And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves." (I Thess. 5:12-13).

(3) The pastor should be REMEMBERED by supporting him financially. Look at these passages of Scripture:

"Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?"

"Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also?"

"For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care of

oxen?

"Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? for our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope."

"If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?"

"If others be partakers of your power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ."

"Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple, and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?"

"Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." (I Corinthians 9:7-14).

Sometimes people forget that Galatians 6:6 is in the Bible:

"Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things."

They read 6:7 never realizing that verse 7 is the penalty attached for disobeying verse 6. The writer has witnessed the fulfillment of the threat of verse 7. He has seen enemies of the gospel try to starve the servant of God by withholding support, and turn he has seen the hand of God laid on the offender. God said: "I will reprove kings, saying: 'Thou art not mine anointed, and do my precepts no harm.'" (Psalm 105:14-15). It is extremely dangerous to attack a true preacher of Jesus Christ.

3. Christians should SPEAK to their pastors. "Salute all them that have rule over you, and the saints." (Hebrews 13:24). One might say, why everyone would do that. Are you sure? Just recently a godly pastor told me one of his parishoners tried to void him on the street. Another might say, Well the pastor should speak to us FIRST. We believe that most pastors are glad to do so, but God does not command YOU to do that. Are you going to argue with HIM about it? If so, the very thing that you deny God's Word is evidence that YOU are wrong.

In closing, we should like to give a personal testimony. Years ago misunderstandings arose in the church of which the writer has been pastor for almost sixteen years. He went to the Bible and asked God to show him the things:

First, what did God require of a New Testament pastor? When God showed him, he asked God to show him meet these requirements.

Second, he asked God to show him what He expected of the church in relation to its pastor, and then to give him grace to fearlessly, yet tenderly, tell them. He did that. Things changed, and so did the pastor, and so did the people. To God's glory we testify that for almost twelve years the writer has experienced a love for his people that he never before imagined. Modesty forbids speaking for our beloved people but they have shown great grace in loving their unworthy pastor. This relationship is as it should be, and possible for any church and pastor to attain if the Word of God is believed and followed.

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ATHEISTS LIKE BEASTS

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brute: he has fed till he is satisfied, and stands in the whisking off the flies, and neither hope nor fear."