

Are You Having A Hard Time? Don't Worry! Read John 16:2,3, Prov. 18:10.

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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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Gen. MacArthur

Recently it was a joy to publish that General MacArthur had read the Bible through six times before he graduated from West Point. How we would that all of our generals as well as all other men in high places including especially our legislative bodies at Washington, were readers of the Word of God!

However, it has been with genuine disappointment that we have also read of the false comfort and groundless assurance that General MacArthur gave concerning the loss of lives at Bataan. In his messages to those who had lost loved ones in the battle, he said,

"To the weeping mothers of its dead, I can only say that the sacrifice and halo of Jesus of Nazareth has descended upon their sons and that God will take them unto Himself."

What beautiful words of comfort — if they were only true. Yet they are false and the comfort they promise is but an unsatisfying mirage.

It is deeply regretted that General MacArthur after his extensive Bible reading has so completely missed the truth of God's way as (Continued on page four)

Making God's Word Practical

Read Luke Chapters 1-12

1. Find a verse which shows how Jesus grew physically, mentally, socially and spiritually.
2. "When the devil tempts me, I'll answer him as Jesus did," said teen-age Billie. Jesus answered
3. "You've got to have some people who won't like you if you stand for anything in this world," said Mr. D. Was he right?
4. "There is really no reason why I should have to attend church regularly," said Mrs. F. "A person has a right to some pleasure in life, and Sunday is the only day I have to go places."
5. "I would really like to attend Bible College," said a young man, "But my parents object to my leaving them, and I feel it is my duty to stay with them, since they are old." What would Jesus say?
6. There is a story that has come to be a classic in literature. Can you find it?
7. "Cleanliness is next to godliness" was the motto of a certain man who was careful about his appearance, but who lived wickedly. Can you find a similar case in this Gospel?
8. In a certain family there was constantly trouble over the church. The father wanted the mother to stay home with him on Sunday mornings; the children wanted the father to attend the men's classes; the father objected to the mother going to the committee meetings, etc. Is there anything surprising about this?

ANSWERS

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| 1. 2:25 | 5. 9:60 |
| 2. 4:4,8,12 | 6. 10:30-37 |
| 3. 6:26 | 7. 11:39,40 |
| 4. 9:23,24 | 8. 12:51-53 |

How God Controls The World With Divine Power

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There are four distinct views of the happenings of this world four theories of how things come to pass in the world. There is the view that things come to pass by a fixed law called the law of nature. Those who hold this view are rationalists, and refuse to believe anything that cannot be explained on natural grounds. Their so-called faith is the result of looking through a microscope or examining a test tube. Consistent with their view they deny the miraculous. Then there is the view that things happen by a sort of chance. According to this theory there is nothing certain; one thing is as likely to happen as another. (Continued on page four)

Witchcraft

In the early days in New England they believed in witchcraft. We think it strange that they should have accused poor, innocent women of bewitching children.

One of the ways they had of testing whether women were witches or not was to throw them bound into the river. If they sank, they were innocent; but if they floated, they were guilty. Many were burned at the stake before the silly superstition was stopped. "Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them." — Leviticus 19:31. In one of the Western states, in (Continued on page two)

Slander -- A Dangerous Weapon

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No Christian worker can take up the sword of slander and escape the consequences. "All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." So spoke Jesus and history has repeatedly borne testimony to the truthfulness of His warning.

Men who have slandered others have either been ruined by slander themselves or judged by God with death. And it makes no difference whatever, be it borne in mind, whether the slander is true or false — the result is the same. Judgment is God's prerogative not man's. His word is "Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm." The statements made may be absolutely true, but since no mere man is capable of judging, God's servants are accountable to Him and to Him alone. And woe betide the man who dares

to set himself up as a judge and publicly slanders his fellow workers! God will not let it pass.

I could tell of more than one guilty of the sin of slander who has been judged by death, and in some cases, sudden death. "For they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." Drastic measures may be used. "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own Master he standeth or falleth. But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at naught thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Let us not therefore judge one another any more."

Oh, that we might make that our life resolution! In the face of the words of our Lord how can we do otherwise? For the things of which we accuse others, in all pro-

bability, we ourselves are guilty and more so though we know it not. Only recently a Christian worker publicly accused one of God's servants, and everyone who has ever worked with him knows that he himself is guilty of the very same thing. What he accuses in others, he excuses in himself.

"Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam, that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then (Continued on page two)

Some Baptists Handle The Word Deceitfully

"We have exactly the same authority for education as we have for evangelization. They are delivered in the same commandment and bound up in the same Kingdom — obligation and pressed upon the soul of Christianity by the same divine authority. In this commission of Christ, education and evangelism are beautifully united in the bonds of most holy matrimony" — Lee R. Scarborough, in Education Board Bulletin. (Published in 1920).

Some of the brethren have said so often that they talk like they actually believe it. How the president of a theological seminary can get off as bungling a piece of exegesis as that and then expect anybody to have much respect for his interpretations of the Bible (Continued on page four)

Baptist Weakness

The big reason why Southern Baptists are falling down on the denominational program today is because they are not on the right track. When Baptists are Biblical they are invincible. When they get away from the Bible like Samson they are as weak as other men. Samson lost power when he got away from the Bible. The Bible way is God's way. God's way is always successful and prosperous. Baptists always fail as they depart from the Bible. The chief departure of Southern Baptists from the Bible is that they have substituted Enlistment and Education for Evangelism and Indocination. (Continued on page two)

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"The Heart"

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh." (Ezek. 36:26).

I have been very much interested for the last several months in reading the experiments by Mr. Lindburg and Dr. Carroll. That is beloved, the experiments that they have been making relative to the artificial heart that they have developed. For a long time, as you may know, before that Mr. Lindburg became associated with Dr. Carroll, the doctor himself had

been experimenting on keeping alive certain organs of the body after they had been severed from the body. They have built a proper fusion pump that is germ free, which has enabled them to keep alive the heart, the ovaries, the pancreas, and other organs of the body for a period of as much as thirty days time after these organs have been separated from the

normal functions of the body. How it is done, I don't profess to know.

I was interested just a few days ago in picking up an English paper that comes to my desk, to read how the English press says that Colonel Lindburg has been contemplating having Dr. Carroll take out his old heart and put in a new one. Of course, beloved, that (Continued on page three)

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SLANDER

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shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."

Remember this, my friend: he who slanders is working with the devil. Satan is a slanderer. He is constantly accusing us before God. Revelation 12:10 describes him as

"the accuser of our brethren." That is his biggest job and his most destructive work. Oh, my brother, are you doing the devil's work? Are you letting him use you as one of his slanderers? God help you! What carnality! Oh, what a tragedy! God's child, but the devil's agent. God's servants working for the devil. A slanderer, an accuser in the pay of the enemy. What a disgraceful state of affairs! Once more I warn you: "All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword."

"I would rather play with the forked lightning," says Dr. A. B. Simpson, "or take in my hands living wires with their fiery currents, than speak a reckless word against any servant of Christ, or idly repeat the slanderous darts which thousands of Christians are hurling on others, to the hurt of their own souls and bodies."

You may wonder, perhaps, why your sickness is not healed, your spirit filled with joy of the Holy Ghost, or your life blessed and prosperous. It may be that some dart which you have flung with angry voice, or in an idle hour of thoughtless gossip, is pursuing you on its way, as it describes the circle which always brings back to the source from which it came every shaft of bitterness, and every idle and evil word.

"Let us remember that when we persecute or hurt the children of God, we are but persecuting Him and hurting ourselves far more."

"The tongue," quotes another, "is an unruly member that no man can tame. It is set on fire of hell—it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." Truer words were never written. The whole course of human history and individual experience has proved this true. One of the greatest evils that afflict Christian Circles today is that of gossiping and tale bearing. You find it everywhere you go. It is rife in the business world, in office and factory; its evil influence has permeated every strata of society, from the palace to the slum, and it rears its ugly head in the Church, as many Christians have known from painful experience. The tongue of the gossip has destroyed empires and has cast down many mighty men. Ruined lives, blighted homes, broken hearts, and sundered friendships have been caused by the tale bearer and the chatter of idle tongues. Coleridge sings in a sad but truthful refrain:

"Alas, they have been friends in youth,
But whispering tongues can poison truth."

Yes, the Apostle knew whereof he spoke when he characterized the idle tongue that retails gossip and second hand stories as being set on fire of hell. My brethren, these things should not be. Were it possible to see the terrible effects on some lives of the repeating of a piece of gossip, most Christian people, we believe, would rather cut out their tongues than give utterance to "detraction's idle tale."

Too late we sometimes learn harm has been wrought by giving too ready an ear to rumor and too ready a tongue to pass it on. "Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth," the Apostle also wrote. Regarding the tongue, Jean Blewett in her own expressive way writes:

"The man who with the breath lent him by heaven
Speaks words that soil the
whiteless of a life
Is but a murderer, for death is given
As surely by the tongue as
by the knife."

Nothing is more needed in this world today than the manifestation of the Spirit of Christ, that will scorn to speak evil of another when no good purpose can possibly be accomplished. The flower of Christian character will never bloom in an atmosphere of slander and detraction.

Brethren, where are we heading? What is to be the outcome of it all? Fifty years from now our work will all be done, for many of us much sooner. The future life will then be ours. What will it mean, I wonder, as we stand together at the Judgment Seat of Christ? How ashamed some of us will be. Will we not be sorry we did not leave the judging of one another to the appointed day? For many whom we condemned on earth will be lauded at the "Bema," and many whom we approved on earth will be condemned then. God help us to live, think, act and speak in the light of eternity!

Then, instead of getting our eyes on man and judging him, watching for either his virtues or his faults, we will keep our eyes fixed on the Christ who indwells him, and see no man, save Jesus only.

These are days of great uncertainty and suffering. Christians are faced with grave problems. Christians are being persecuted. In such times, what folly for us to divide our forces and weaken the Gospel message by circulating gossip and slander. Is it not better to pour our souls out to God in prayer for each other.

When one suffers, all feel the effect. Therefore, let us be kind and sympathetic to every child of God with whom we have relationship.

WITCHCRAFT

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Olden days, the people were also very superstitious. At a certain country home, a child was very sick. They had tried every remedy and finally someone suggested that the child was bewitched. So they took a black chicken and placed it in a huge iron kettle, alive, on the fire. Then they waited for the witch. They believed that the first person who entered the house while the poor chicken was in the pot, was the guilty one.

Now it happened that the roads were very bad, and a stranger, passing by the house in his carriage, stuck in the mud. Thinking to secure aid, he went to the door and knocked. Immediately he was seized, and beaten severely be-

fore he had time to explain.

They tell us strange tales of the pioneer days both East and West.

There was an old woman who was certain that her corner cupboard was bewitched. She said that every time she placed a bag of cookies in it they tumbled into toads.

Ye laugh at such silly notions; but there are people living all around us who believe foolish things.

Some folks say that a baby's fingernails should never be trimmed with scissors before it is a year old. The mother should bite its nails; otherwise, when it grows up, it will be a robber.

Many people are worried when a black cat crosses their path or think it bad luck when they walk under a ladder. It would be unfortunate to walk under a ladder, if the ladder fell on you.

And how foolish people are about the number thirteen! If Friday happen to fall on the thirteenth, they are afraid to leave home or to transact business for fear something terrible will happen to them.

Many hotels do not even have rooms numbered thirteen, because no one wants to occupy them, and in some tall buildings there is no thirteenth floor, for the same reason.

Not long ago, one of the largest railroads did away with all thirteens on their trains and stations to quiet the fears of superstitious people.

Did you ever stop to think that the United States of America began with thirteen states, and that our flag has thirteen stripes? I'm surprised that some crank hasn't suggested that we change the flag for that reason.

What foolish nonsense all of this is. We can understand that people might think that way before Jesus came. But when He came, He banished all superstition. Christian people should not be superstitious. The Bible says that we should not resort to witchcraft. People who read their Bibles, and follow Jesus will not believe such foolishness. Superstition is of the devil.

Nothing happens by luck or chance to the Christian. God guides and directs His own. — The Presbyterian.

BAPTIST WEAKNESS

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Our Commission commands us to disciple or evangelize and then baptize and teach, which means indoctrinate the evangelized. Right there is the secret of our failure. Enlistment magnifies money. The Commission magnifies the gospel and Baptist doctrine. Education magnifies teaching worldly wisdom and love: the Bible magnifies teaching the Word of Christ and all His commandments. We have departed from our orders and every departure from the Bible orders given Baptists by their Lord spells disaster to Baptists. Evangelism and indoctrination are the Baptist orders. Enlistment and education are the language of Ashdod. The only remedy is to fire all the enlistment men and take education and hospitals out of the Budget. Get back to the Bible and obey our Divine orders and Baptists will prosper all the world around.

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BELIEVERS

First: The Holy Spirit is the Seal of a Finished Transaction. Ephes. 1:13; 1:7.

We get a receipt when we pay our bills. I can recall when bills over a certain sum bore a seal. The Holy Spirit Himself is the

I Should Like To Know...

1. Do people in heaven know what is happening on earth?

I think so. Heb. 12:1.

2. Is there anything in Acts 2:42 and 46 to show that they used the temple for eating?

No. The eating in verse 42 was the Lord's Supper. The eating in verse 46 was from the house to house in their homes. In John 2:14-17 and Matt. 21:12, once at the beginning of the Master's ministry and the other time at the end thereof, He shows very conclusively His pronounced and outstanding opposition to the desecration of His Father's house by any kind of eating and drinking and worldly business. Rom. 14:17 emphasizes the same truth. See revised version.

3. Define the three questions in I Cor. 11:22.

Paul answers them himself. The eating he refers to was turning the Lord's table into a gluttonous feast as verse 21 clearly shows. He clearly shows that all eating and drinking, except the Lord's Supper, ought to be in private homes. He clearly intimates that all other eating in God's house is treating the church of the Lord with contempt and is shameful desecration of God's house and a gratuitous insult to the Lord's poor. He also plainly says that no word of praise will ever be given to any who makes God's house a house of feasting instead of a house of prayer.

4. In I Cor. 11:34 why should any hungry man eat at home?

Because home is the place to eat to satisfy hunger. The only eating that should be done in God's house is a memorial supper where honoring our Lord, not gratifying self, is the sole purpose in eating.

5. Is there anything in the Bible that permits us to use our church building, or any part of it, for socials and banquets?

I do not think so. I think if the Master were to come into any Baptist social gathering in God's house, when a social and banquet were going on, that with His eyes of fire (John 2:15 and Rev. 1:14), He would wither them and drive them out of His house.

6. What kind of bread should be used in the Lord's Supper?

Unleavened bread, the same kind that was used in the passover. The Master used that kind the night He instituted the Lord's Supper. Any Old Testament passage that tells about the kind of bread used in the passover, will describe the kind used in the Lord's Supper.

7. What kind of wine should be used?

Fermented wine. That was the kind used in the passover. That

seal that the full price of our redemption has been paid. The price paid for the full redemption of the believer was Christ's precious blood. I Peter 1:18,19.

Second: The Holy Spirit bears Witness to Present Possession. I Cor. 6:19,20; II Peter 2:19. "Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit." "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price." The Holy Spirit indwells every saved person; the Corinthians were living far below their high calling, but Paul did not say they therefore lost the Spirit, but he urges the saints because of the indwelling Spirit to glorify God in their bodies. We may and also do grieve the Spirit, but He does not leave us — He is the Spirit of grace.

Third: The Holy Spirit is the Pledge of Continued Preservation. II Cor. 1:21. "And hath anointed

was the kind the Master used when He instituted it. The wine used at Corinth was the kind that made some of them drunk. The only wine that symbolizes the sinless body of Christ is fermented wine, that by fermentation had all the corruption of nature taken out of it.

8. Why should Baptists move their membership when they move?

Because the Master said to do it. In Matt. 5:13-16 the Master makes it exceedingly clear and plain that a Baptist ought to place his light on the candlestick where he lives. If he lives one place and then his light does not shine anywhere. It does not shine where his membership is for he is there to let it shine. It does not shine where he lives because he has not got it on the candlestick there. So his light does not shine anywhere. I have been living with Russell 14 years. As I have watched Baptists, who moved from Russell and did not bring their membership these 14 years, I have observed three results of Baptists not moving their membership when they do their house-hold goods. They either had lots of sickness and affliction; or the children went to the bad; or they lost their property and had financial troubles.

9. Was the church dead before Pentecost?

I think so; though the Bible does not say so. "One is your head, Mas'ar; all ye are brethren." The Master He was their head. Can church have a live head and be a dead body? They had every thing before Pentecost that has to do with the giving of life.

10. Where do Baptists get authority for holding Christmas and Easter services?

From the traditions of the man Catholic Church and daughters, the Episcopal and the Presbyterian churches, the Methodist and Campbellite and Congregational churches.

11. Do children and idiots have to be regenerated before they get into heaven?

Not tell, as the gospel is addressed to accountable beings.

12. Is it fornication in any sense for a child of God to belong to a man made church?

Yes! Jas. 4:4 throws light upon that question.

13. Will Baptists be rewarded for money spent through lodge dues?

No.

14. Where do Baptist preachers get the phrase "The Church of Christ?"

From the Campbellites or universal invisible church-ites.

us in God." The priest, Ex. 31:33; the prophet, I Kings, 19:11; and the king, I Sam. 10:1. He is anointed. Nothing would prevent David getting to the throne. God was the Lord's anointed. Christ served David and Christ presided over the church.

Fourth: The Holy Spirit is Power for Gradual Transformation. II Cor. 3:18. We are changed by the Spirit of the Lord. See also Gal. 3:3; II Cor. 1:22; 8:13.

Fifth: The Holy Spirit is Earnest of Glorious Immortality. Ephes. 1:14. "The earnest of inheritance." Ephes. 4:30. "We wait unto the day of redemption." Thank God we shall one day have glorified bodies.

Sixth: The Holy Spirit is for Successful Service. Acts 1:8 R. V. "Ye shall receive power." (Continued on page four)

THE HEART"

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an impossibility. At least thus it is an impossibility for Dr. Carroll or for any other doctor to cut out his old heart and put in a new one.

While this is an impossibility, we can do something more wonderful than that, for God can take an old heart of stone that is in one of us, and can give us a heart of flesh instead. I don't believe that Dr. Carroll and Mr. Ashland will ever be able to take a natural heart and put in an artificial one, but I have a heart that can do something greater than that. I have a God, beloved, who can give to every lost sinner a new heart. That's what my text is all about. God says, "I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh;" (Ezek. 36:26) and my brother, every man that is out of Jesus Christ needs just such an operation performed on him through the power of the Word of God.

I
This leads me to say to you tonight, that there is something wrong with man's heart. If you turn in this Bible, you can find it expressed not once, but over and over again, that man's heart naturally is wrong before God. Listen: "Therefore the heart of sons of men is fully set in to do evil." (Eccl. 8:11). Man's hearts are not set to love God; they are not tuned to God; they are not set to serve, honor, and love God; but the heart of the natural man is set to do evil — there is something wrong with the hearts of men. Listen again: "For man's imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth." (Gen. 8:21). I say to you then tonight, beloved, that every unsaved man's heart is evil even from his youth, and there's something wrong with his heart.

I read you again: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." (Jer. 17:9). I have often told you from this text, the word "desperately" — "incurably." That is to say, the heart of man is not only deceitful above all things, but from the point of view, his heart is incurably wicked. And, my brother, that isn't the only Scripture that tells us about the heart of man. Listen: "The whole head is evil, and the whole heart faint." (Ps. 53:1). Oh, my brother, there's something wrong with man's heart. You may not admit it — you may not be willing to agree to it, but there's something wrong with man's heart. Listen to Mark's description of the heart: "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man." (Mk. 7:21-23). I tell you, beloved, there's something wrong with man. When you turn the spiritual x-ray on man, you find within his heart evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, wickedness, pride, lasciviousness, blasphemy, and foolishness — when you find these in a man's heart, there's something badly wrong.

Listen again: "He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias written, This people honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me." (Mk. 7:6) There are many people in this world who honor God with their lips, but their hearts are far from Him. There was a young man recently who accompanied a couple from

Columbus, Ohio, whom I married, who seemingly on the surface was very religious. After I had married this couple, he became very talkative on the question of spiritual things. I had a suspicion that it was all from the lips and was not from the heart, and after I had listened to him a few minutes time, I said, "But, my brother, have you ever been saved yourself? Have you ever had a definite experience of grace? Have you ever been redeemed? Are you a child of God?" And this man who had been honoring God with his lips confessed to me that he had never had anything that could be called a personal experience by way of salvation. He was honoring God with his lips, but his heart was far removed from God.

Yes, I wonder tonight how many hundreds and thousands of people there are who honor God with their lips, but their hearts are far from Him. I say to you, my brother, there's something wrong with man's heart. Listen to this Scripture: "Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart." (Eph. 4:18).

Don't you see my contention from these few Scriptures I have read, which might be multiplied possibly tenfold? Don't you see that God says there is something wrong with you on the inside? I think the first question that was ever asked me when I became pastor here in Russell was a question that appertained to this very thought. A man came to me and said, "Brother Gilpin, I heard a discussion this past week. One man said that a man is a thief who steals because he is already a thief in his heart. What do you think about it? Does he steal because he is already a thief, or is he a thief because he steals?"

I said, "My brother, it doesn't take a wise man to answer that, God has already answered it. A man steals because he is a thief on the inside." What you behold on the outside of a man's life is just exactly what God sees on the inside. That is hidden from your eyes, and you can't see it. I say to you then, there's something wrong — something badly wrong so far as the heart of man is concerned.

I remember sometime ago in one of the papers that comes to my desk, I read of a mother who had lost an only daughter. She had a photograph painted of this daughter, and a few days later, she found that the painting was a failure, for great blotches had appeared upon the face. She took it back to the painter and had it done over. She did this, three, four, five times and every time the painting was done, there would be blotches standing out on the photograph. They found by investigation that there was on the inside of that paper, a chemical that kept oozing through and spoiling the outside of the picture. How like the hearts of men, for I don't care how you dress up the outside of your life — you can dress it up with church membership, baptism, reformation, with good ideas and with works of righteousness, but my brother, over and over again the old sin that is on the inside, creeps out and spoils and mars the professed beauty on the outside. There's something wrong with man's heart, and that wrong my brother, is sin.

II

That leads me to say to you in the second place, that only God can rectify that which is wrong. If it were on the outside, you could change it yourself. If what were wrong with you beloved were

on the outside, I might change it. I might baptize you; I might receive you into the fellowship of this church; or you might change it by changing your life; but, beloved, since what's wrong is on the inside, then man can't do anything about it — only God can change the heart. "Salvation is of the Lord." (Jonah 2:9). Salvation isn't of man, it's of God. Listen again: "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him." (Jn. 6:44). You talk about a man changing his life, or a preacher, or a church changing an individual's life — not at all; for Jesus said, "No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him." I tell you, beloved, only God can change the heart.

We sing here so often,
"Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see."

On what basis? The basis of amazing grace. Only God can change a man's heart. I thought of it this afternoon in this respect: Here's a tree — a great big tree — standing before us. If there's something wrong with the limbs of that tree, the tree itself may take care of the wrong. In other words if this tree has some disease on one of the limbs, that tree may have enough energy that it will automatically throw off the disease that is attacking the limb of that tree; but if what's wrong with that tree is on the inside — if it is the heart of the tree, it can't throw it off, and the disease will eventually kill it. If what's wrong with man were on the outside, you and I might be able to throw off that which is wrong, but since it's the heart that's wrong, only God can rectify that.

Now how does God go about changing the heart? Since heart of man is wrong, and since only God can change the heart; how does He go about doing it? Well, God first of all chooses preachers to preach His Word whereby the hearts of men shall be changed. Listen: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mk. 16:15). "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." (I Cor. 1:21). Beloved, how does God correct that which is wrong? I'll tell you: God reaches down and chooses preachers just like me and just like other men, and says, "You go and preach My Word that men's hearts may be changed." Oh, what a tremendous responsibility rests upon me! What a solemn obligation is mine. God hath placed me here in this pulpit for one purpose — that I should proclaim His Word and preach His truth, that He in turn might use that Word for the changing of the hearts of men.

My brother, when we preach His Word — the Word of God — it enters into the hearts of men and cuts them. It actually cuts that old heart to the quick. Listen: "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). When the Word of God was faithfully preached, it cut, it pricked, it gouged those individuals hearts and they cried, "What shall we do?"

But my brother, that is not the only time that we read in the Bible how that God's Word pricked men in their hearts. "When they heard that, they were cut to the heart." (Acts 5:33). This shows they were cut to the heart. I mean to say to you tonight that

your heart is all wrong naturally before God, and that heart needs to be changed, and only God can change it, and the means that He uses is that He chooses preachers to preach His Word, and when they preach it, it cuts to the very quick — it cuts the heart of the man that is unsaved. That's what we call conviction.

The Word of God not only cuts the heart, but this same Word that cuts men's hearts, brings men to a position of enlightenment. "The entrance of thy words giveth light." (Psa. 118:130). Will you believe me when I say that you would never know the light of God in your life if the Word of God did not cut your heart? It is the entrance of God's Word that gives light. I used to preach differently to what I do today. It used to be in preparing my messages that I would organize them in such a way that I would just go from step to step in such a manner that I would have then beautiful all the way through. I thought that the Lord was depending upon the preacher to get results, and then one day I read in this Bible how that the entrance of God's Word gives light, and I said from that day on, "I'll preach God's Word and depend upon it to enlighten the hearts of men." God has never promised to bless anything this preacher says, nor anything that any preacher says, but He has said, "My Word shall not return unto me void."

I know a preacher who says that you can't have a soul saved unless you tell sob stories in connection with your message. I had him to hold a revival meeting for us once and he said that you had to work on the emotions in order to bring a person to God. No so. The entrance of God's Word gives light. It isn't pathetic stories, it isn't sob stories; but my brother, if the light of God dawns on you, it dawns because the Word of God has entered into your heart and has cut you to conviction, and then in turn, enlightens your soul. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Rom. 10:17). I say to you tonight, there never will be a soul saved until that soul hears the Word of God. You can't lead men to God by telling pathetic stories, and you can't lead men to God by working on their emotions. The entrance of God's Word gives light. Do you see what I am saying to you tonight? There is something wrong with your heart, and that which is wrong is sin, and only God can change that which is wrong. How does He do it? He calls preachers and says to them, "You preach My Word and that Word will convict, it will stir, it will gouge and it will pierce, it will divide and it will go right into a man and convict him of his sins; and that same Word of God which convicts, will enlighten and will bring him to faith, and then we have the promise: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Rom. 10:9,10).

There is a glorious promise out there in the end, for we read: "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God." (Matt. 5:8). Who is going to see Him? The man that is pure in heart. But you are not pure in heart tonight. Your heart is sinful, your heart is black, your heart is incurable, its deceitful, it's desperately wicked, it's filled with sin. How can that which is sinful tonight be made pure? It is through the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ — that Christ died for our sins. I thank

my God tonight that the individual who believes that Christ has died for his sins and has been raised again for his justification, that man is a child of God, and he is going to Heaven when he dies, for there is nothing for him to go to hell for, because Jesus has suffered his Hell on the cross. Do you have a pure heart tonight? "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God?"

Recently I had a marvelous experience. The Lord doesn't honor us with such experiences every day, but I had a glorious one, one night recently. On a Thursday night I drove out to Danley on East Fork to preach to the new Baptist church that has been started there. Just a few members nine in all — that have started this new church. An heroic group to be sure to attempt to organize a church and build a building, handicapped and limited as they are. I was sick when I went, and, of course, preaching did not improve my physical condition. All the time that I was standing in the doorway between the two rooms, for we were meeting in a home. I kept shifting my weight first from one foot to the other, and I could not tell on which foot I felt the worst. I said nothing about it to any of the crowd who went with me, and when the services were over, I hurried home. When I got home, there was a man there from over in Ashland who had come to ask me to go over to Ashland and then out in the country and visit a man who was dying. The man who came for me was a member of the Pollard Methodist Church and he said the reason he came for me was that his pastor was sick. This man told me how that he had listened to the broadcast from our church on numerous occasions, and since his pastor was sick, and further since the man was dying, he wanted somebody to go out and talk to him. The first thing that came to my mind was, "You're too sick to go yourself." And that was true in a sense; but I said to the man, "I'll go." When I went into the home of illness, I asked the man if he were saved, and how it was with him and God. He said that he was a church member once, but he said, "I am not saved." You just can not tell a man about God with out a Bible, and since I had my little Bible with me, I started reading him Scriptures. As I would read to him, he would say, "I believe that." I would read again, and he would say "I believe that." Each time I read a verse of Scripture, he would say, "I believe that." When I finished, I said "How is it with you and the Lord?" He said, "I believe everything you have read." I said, "Where do you stand with the Lord?" He said, "I believe everything you have read, and I know I am saved." A couple of Methodist friends came in, in the meantime, and when one of them shook hands with the dying man, he said, "Everything Brother Gilpin has said is true and the best part of it is that now the Lord has saved you and made your heart over, you can never lose what the Lord has given you." We had a glorious time, and, beloved, I stand here and preach to you tonight just as though you were a dying man too.

There's something wrong with you tonight, and it is your heart. You cannot change it, but God can and He does this by the entrance of His Word into the heart which gives light. But there is one danger that I would warn you of. Listen: "When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which receiveth seed by the way side." (Matt. 13

19). If the Word of God has been sown in your heart tonight, I would warn you lest the Devil steal away the precious truths of God's Word that have been sown in your life tonight.

Long years ago, Lydia, a seller of purple along with a group of women came to hear Paul preach, and as he preached, the Word of God says that the Lord opened her heart. Oh, that God might open your heart tonight. God bless you all!

DIVINE PROVIDENCE

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This school of thought denies the decrees of God. Dr. Charles Hodge was once asked by a woman if he believed "What is to be will be?" He replied, "I most certainly do; do you wish to take the alternative that 'What is to be won't be?'" There is the third position that everything comes to pass by a cold, impersonal force called fate. This is the view of heathen who are ignorant of a personal and intelligent being whom we call God. And finally, there is the Christian view that things come to pass by the providence of God. This is the first of a series of articles dealing with this glorious and comforting theme.

DEFINITION

Divine providence may be defined as God's government of His creation. The government of God in the affairs of the world is a subject of deep importance to the Christian, for by proper views of providence the believer will learn to look for and will be able to see God's hand and heart in all his experiences. He will not talk like the uncircumcised Philistines, who said, "It was a chance that happened unto us" (I Kings 6:9); but with Job will be able to say, "The Lord gave, and the Lord taketh away." (Job 1:21).

God is not idle. The Saviour said, "My Father worketh hitherto and I work." God is the one person always on the job. He is not like the football squad that must take time out to rest and plan the next play. He is not like the tired farmer who must eat and sleep to recuperate strength for another day's work. He is not like the prize fighter who must go to his corner between rounds to be worked over and patched up. God knows nothing of weariness and emergencies.

There are no crises with Him. He is never at His wit's end; He always knows what to do, how to do it, and when to do it. He is the one and only person qualified to govern His creation.

If God is not in control of this world, who is? If God is not running the affairs of the world, who is? If we judge by sight — by appearances — we might think the devil is running things. From another view it appears that the politicians and racketeers are in command. There is no doubt but that Hitler hopes to control the world, and make all countries contribute to the glory of a self styled superior race. And there certainly is a lot of competition as to who will administer the affairs of the world. Now it is conceded that all these wicked agencies have their place and do their work, but over and above all God is on the throne, working all things after the counsel of His own will, and making even the wrath of man to praise Him.

There are no doubt a lot of people who think that God is doing a bad job in governing this world. Men might propose a lot of changes. Some may feel that the present situation calls for a new deal. And some might suggest that God kill the devil. Perhaps many

are praying for God to put man like Hitler and the war lords of Japan out of the way and replace them with peace loving men. If God is the Almighty and in control He could easily do any one or all of these things. And His little children may pray for peace and plenty with the assurance that He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

A LOOK AT THE WORLD

It will help us to take a look at the kind of world God is running. It has a devil in it, and the devil is more popular with the citizens of this world than the true God is. He is called the god of this age, and the prince of this world. In the dawn of human history the first Adam as our natural and federal head, representing his posterity in the covenant of works, deliberately and knowingly rebelled against the will of God and became the devil's ally. The Lord Jesus Christ said to the religious hypocrites of His day, that they were of their father the devil and were doing his bidding.

It must be remembered that the devil operates through divine suffering. He is only tolerated and not endorsed by God. And his activities are circumscribed and ordained for Divine ends. He is tethered to the stake of God's eternal purpose. He had to get permission from God before he could afflict Job and sift Peter.

The world God is running is filled with depraved men and women. Every man, apart from the wrought grace of God, is an enemy of God. None but the born again people are lovers of God. Paul says that the carnal mind is enmity against God, and is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. Listen to the lips of incarnate truth: "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, theft, false witness, blasphemies: these are things which defile a man." (Ma't. 15:19,20).

The world God is running is a world overrun by fallen angels or demon spirits. Paul says that the things the heathen sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God. And in Eph. 6:11, he exhorts us to put on the whole armour of God: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against wicked spirits in the heavenlies."

Now we should be able to understand that God is not running this world as He would run it if there were nobody in it but good people — people in love with Him, and delighting to please Him. Our penitentiaries are not run like our Children's Homes. Earth is not run like Heaven although God is running both places.

PROVIDENCE IS MINUTE

God's hand is not only in the great events, but in the smallest matters as well. The God who sent the ravens to feed Elijah, and who sent the sea gull to light on Captain Eddie Rickenbacker's head is the same God who governs the fall of the sparrow and the crushing of the ant. God's hand is not only in our blessings; that same hand sends our afflictions. "I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil (afflictions): I the Lord do all these things." (Isa. 45:7). To his wife who wanted him to curse God and die, Job said: "What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil (affliction)?" Job. 2:10. In 2 Sam. 12:15 we read that "The Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick."

PROVIDENCE IS MYSTERIOUS

God tells us that we cannot understand His dealings with us.

The Psalmist says that His judgments are a great deep. And Paul says that His judgments are unsearchable and His ways past finding out. There is no use trying to understand His dealings. It is enough for the child to know that his Heavenly Father is loving and almighty and all wise; too wise to err and too good to afflict without a reason.

"God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform; He plans His footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm."

"Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; The clouds ye so much dread Are big with mercy, and shall break With blessing on your head."

"Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, But trust Him for His grace; Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face."

(Wm. Cowper, 1779)

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to salvation. "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace." (Eph. 1:7).

If the soldiers who gave their lives in the battle at Bataan had at some previous time in life entrusted himself to Him Who gave His life for them at Calvary, then they were eternally saved; if not, they are eternally lost.

"Without shedding of blood is no remission." (Heb. 9:22). You will note that it isn't the blood of a soldier, but the blood of Jesus Christ avails to put away sin.

Yes, God has only one way of salvation, IT IS ENTIRELY THRU JESUS' BLOOD.

SOME BAPTISTS HANDLE THE WORD DECEITFULLY

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is more than we can explain — yet practically all the seminary and college presidents, that we have ever heard speak on education, say that or something similar. Education in its accepted use today is as foreign from the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus as infant baptism, baptismal remission, sprinkling and pouring, the universal church or papal infallibility.

The Great Commission of the Lord Jesus does include teaching; for the Master plainly commanded "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." But any sort of fair exegesis of that text and its context will bring out four radical, fundamental, vital differences between the teaching there enjoined and the teaching done in our schools, namely, as to authority or control as to teachers, as to the text books taught and to the pupils taught.

1. As to Authority or Control.

The Commission of the Lord Jesus was given to His churches. The proof to Baptists is self evident and patent. That commission includes baptism and the Lord's Supper and orthodox Baptists have always believed that baptism and the Lord's Supper are church ordinances, under church control, placed there by the Lord Himself for their preservation and purity. That this commission was given to the churches, and not to individuals, is further evidenced by the fact that it was given to an institution that was to be perpetuated until He comes again. The only teaching included in this commission is teaching done under the control and by the authority of a

local Baptist church. Since none of our educational institutions are under the control of any local Baptist church, therefore the teaching done by them is not the teaching included in and enjoined by the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus.

2. AS TO TEACHERS

Not only is the teaching, enjoined in the Great Commission, to be under the control and authority of a local Baptist church, but the pastor by divine appointment is the teacher. "He (The Lord Jesus) gave some to be pastors and teachers." One scriptural gratification for a bishop or pastor is that he must be "apt to teach." It is a sin to ordain a man who is not "apt to teach." The pastor is the bishop or overseer of the church of which he is pastor and one of the things he is to oversee is its teaching. All the teaching included in the Great Commission is to be done by or under the supervision of the pastor, as the God-appointed teacher of the flock, over which the Holy Spirit has made him bishop. Since no school that we know of would think for one moment of permitting the pastor, where it is located, to oversee and supervise its teachers and its teaching, none of them have the remotest connection with the Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. AS TO TEXT BOOK

The only text book included in the Great Commission is the Bible, the Word of God, in which are recorded the "all things" commanded by the Master. His commission is inclusive and exclusive. It includes all the Bible; it excludes all man made text books. His text book positively says that the one book He includes — the Scriptures — will "completely or thoroughly furnish the man of God unto every good work." If he knows the Bible he needs no other books for he is completely furnished; if he don't know the Bible all the books in all the schools in Christendom will not furnish him for the work of God. Like Moses and Paul he will still need to spend some time in God's school before he can work aright.

A. C. Dixon well said at the Northern Baptist Convention that the "Bible is the true university." No school in the land is included in the Great Commission, when tested by the Master's standard as to text books taught.

4. AS TO PUPILS

The teaching enjoined in the Great Commission is for only one class — baptized disciples. Regeneration prepares and baptism matriculates in the schools contemplated in the Great Commission. No 15 or 16 units required for entrance in that school — no physical tests, no registration fees. What Baptist school in all the land would dare to make its entrance requirements — discipleship and baptism — conform to the Great Commission? They do not require what the commission does; they do require what it does not. They don't fit any more than Saul's armor did David. There is no more resemblance between the teaching the Lord Jesus commanded in the Great Commission and our present correlated school system than there is between the simple democracy of independent New Testament churches and modern Episcopacy or the great Catholic hierarchy. Our schools, as now conducted, are not only not authorized by the Great Commission but are inimical and unfriendly to the Master's great program in the Great Commission. They put the emphasis on the present, the visible, the material, the physical and the sensual or physical; whereas the Great Commission and the Scriptures put the emphasis on the eternal, the invisible, the heavenly, the

spiritual and the divine. Education not only does not have the same authority as evangelization but is the modern Ishmael, with its sneers and rivalry, trying to supplant and disinherit the child of promise, world-wide evangelism to whom the Lord Jesus promised His presence to the end of the age.

In conclusion there are three observations we want to make.

Education and educators gain nothing for their cause by trying to boss it by "deceitful handling of the Word of God." It only gives the impression that our educators are shallow and don't know any better or are tricky and want to get money for their schools "hook or crook," just so they get the money.

2. Baptists do not have to resort to unfair exegesis to defend the right kind of schools. Crooked exegesis is necessary for crooked schools; for crooked and deceptive are the ways of our school men of the ape-tribe. But Christianity is open and fair and honest and above board in its methods of evangelization, education and propagation.

3. Education is not the twin evangelism. Evangelism has to do with the "must-bes" — repentance, faith, regeneration, salvation, justification and life; education deals with the "ought to be's." Baptists ought to be trained to do the best work possible. We know it grates terribly on the nerves of some of the brethren for it to be said that education is not primary, basal nor fundamental — but isn't. In the language of the school men Baptists must always major on evangelism. Education never saved even one soul, even helped to save a single one. Christ alone saves and he who preaches the finished work of Christ with education is a rational heretic of the most deadly type. Evangelism is foundational. After the foundation is laid education may help to build the edifice where they over emphasize education to the hurt and neglect of the disengagement of evangelism. Evangelism and education are Siamese twins — they are joined together; if they are separated, schools would be as essential as churches and teachers as essential as preachers. Preachers are eminently God's men — God's chosen and anointed men — because preaching is pre-eminently the one ordained method for carrying out the Great Commission. It is foolishness to 20th century educators. It was to Greek philosophers in Paul's day. I Cor. 1:21. Evangelism and education are no more on a parity than Sarah and Hagar. Hagar's inequality in trying to put herself on equality with Sarah proved to her undoing. It may be so with education. God is not dead, education is hand-maid, not the mistress and equal of evangelism. Let us stay in a hand-maid's place and all will be well. Let her get uppity and sassy and try to put herself on equality with God's chosen and beloved evangelism and trouble brewing. Somebody is headed for a fall.

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BELIEVERS

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the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus ye shall be witnesses. Jesus endured and went about in good. Acts 10:38. We can again wait upon God again for new endowment from high. — Joshua Gravett.

Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, am I; send me.