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### His Vessel . . . . .



"If any man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meat for the master's use." — II Tim. 2:21.

### If We Knew -

CHESTER E. SHULER

If we knew but half the troubles  
That our neighbor has to bear;  
If we knew what caused those furrows  
On his brow, and kept them there -  
We would surely try to cheer him  
In some kindly, helpful way,  
And there'd be a lot more sunshine  
In the lives of both, today.

If we realized all heartaches  
That a friendly word or smile  
Would alleviate and banish,  
We would "go the second mile"  
To be of helpful service  
To our fellow men, each day,  
And life's path would seem much  
Brighter  
To the folks who pass our way.

If we knew whose feet were standing  
Close beside the narrow stream;  
If we knew whose eyes would close  
soon  
In the sleep that has no dream;  
Then perhaps we'd be more tender,  
Lighter judge, more kindly speak -  
Oh, why not act as though we knew  
it - -  
For life's cords so quickly break!

### Hospitality

As hospitality among the people of God seems to be a grace that is dying out, the following words we trust may prove timely and helpful. In I Peter 4:19 we have a divine exhortation: "Use hospitality one to another without grudging."

The wandering Bedouin set Christians a good example in this respect, indeed, it has been said that "to be a Bedouin is to be hospitable." A Bedouin never considers himself poor when he can entertain a stranger and as long as this is the case he envies not the most wealthy sheikh or ruler with all his flocks and herds. A man may be summoned to appear before his superiors but if he return for answer that he is entertaining a stranger the excuse will be accepted. Amongst the Bedouin of Sinai quarrels often happen as to who shall entertain a guest and in these the women join, each taking part with her husband. If the husband should say, "By the divorce (from his wife) I swear I will entertain the guest,"

all opposition will cease. It might be said that we ourselves have seen some of the Lord's people almost quarreling as to who should entertain a visiting preacher but this can hardly be said to be the cause of many disputes in these latter times.

A stranger is considered by the Bedouin as a God-given guest; and whenever a stranger throws himself into their arms, he, as it were, puts himself into their power and claims their hospitality and he is certain not only to receive that hospitality but is, as the people say, "as safe as chickens under a hen."

Whatever is done by the Arabs for the entertaining of their guests is never done stintingly or grudgingly. The more the visitor eats the more the host will be pleased. Abraham set before his three guests (angels unawares) a whole calf and all the cakes which three pecks of meal produced. This was to show how heartily he welcomed them. Un-  
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### Eight Bible Marks Of The Man Of Sin

In my judgment it is important to be able to identify the Man of Sin, for according to 2nd Thessalonians 2:1-3 the Rapture will not be till He is revealed as the Son of perdition. There are at least eight Bible marks by which all may know him and no one up to this time could claim all if any of them.

1st. He must be an Assyrian, according to Isaiah 10:5,24 and 31:8.

2nd. Ten nations must give him his authority (Political) Rev. 17:12-13.

3rd. He must put down three of the nations. See Daniel 7:24.

4th. He must be received by the Jews as their Messiah. John 5:43.

5th. He makes a strong covenant with many people (the Jews) for one week (7 years) and breaks it in the midst of the week 3 one-half years. Daniel 9:27.

6th. He will be very popular Rev. 13:3. "And the whole earth wondered after the beast."

7th. He doeth great signs, that he  
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### A CRYING NATIONAL SIN

By Eld. Ralph Nordlund, Charleston, W. Va.

We have hesitated to expose the evils connected with the chaplaincy, because of our patriotic fear of harming our morale; but things have come to such a pass that no decent Christian can hold back the truth. Morale ought by the derivation of words to have something in common with morals; and when conditions become too terrible morally, we can best serve the morale of our country by calling our military leaders back to God.

As a fundamental Baptist, we have long felt that it must be difficult to serve as a chaplain from the religious point of view. The laws declare that the chaplains shall carry on divine services according to the rules of their denominations, but that is largely a dead letter. Since Baptists are considered Protestants by the government, their chaplains are supposed to carry on services that will fit all Protestant groups and are supposed to hold communion services (by intinction) to all who

wish it, and to carry a communion kit along to serve individual men who may be wounded and wish communion before they die. In fact, they will be more popular and stand better chances of promotion, if they also will take the place of a priest if necessary, and give a wounded Catholic boy both a last mass and extreme unction. We were grieved last summer to read of one Baptist chaplain from West Virginia who entered heartily into the carrying of the communion kit (furnished by our own home mission society), though he felt "so Episcopalian." He explained that intinction meant the serving of the two elements of the supper in one operation, by dipping the wafer in the wine.

Personally, we do not believe God expects us to serve the communion if conditions are such that we cannot do it in the New Testament way, any more than we believe in sprinkling people if no opportunities are found for immersion. Neither do we believe

in serving communion to men who have shown no interest in the service until sailing time comes or a battle looms. Denominational close communion is manifestly impossible in the armed forces but the men ought to be told to examine themselves and come only if they are genuine Christians who are walking orderly. (Ed. Note: Why observe it at all? It is a church ordinance and should be served only there. Read I Cor. 10:16, 17; I Cor. 11:18). If it is sin to have a wild church supper (I Cor. 11) and then serve communion, it is sin for wild and reckless soldiers to crowd to communion just before a battle. Certainly it is terrible sin for the chaplain to encourage the boys to think that such a form can save their souls, and to comfort the dying with a form, and neglect to tell them the real way to be saved. Give us back a head of the chaplains like the man England had during the last war, who would take out his watch  
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### The Dance, Always A Prostitute Factory

"Lust when it is conceived, bringeth forth sin." Jas. 1:15. Therefore we can expect to find sin associated with lust. Any person of reasonable judgment will readily understand that dancing is based upon lust. We might safely call the modern dance a "sexual dance." For that is exactly what it is!

In the Bible we have several kinds of dances mentioned. This list may not be complete, but it will serve to aid in seeing what is in the Word about dancing.

(1) Religious dancing, Ex. 15:20, I Sam. 18:6, and II Sam. 6:14. These were not dances as we know of them today. Both sexes did not participate. Jer. 31:13. There was rejoicing but not degeneracy!

(2) Dances for entertainment. This is seen in the dance of Herodias' daughter at the party of Herod. The modern "fan dancer" or "floor show" is a sample of this. From this came the murder of John the Baptist and  
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### A Movie Investigation

Dr. Herbert Blumer, of the University of Chicago, aided by Philip M. Hauser, has recently completed an investigation of the effect of the movies upon character. Among their interesting discoveries, which are voluminously recounted, they report the following:

Fifty-five per cent of the boys being dealt with because of truancy or other misbehavior indicated "that pictures dealing with gangsters and gunplay stirred in them desires for wanting to make a lot of money."

Twenty-five per cent of a sample  
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### The First Baptist Pulpit

#### "THE TWO LIONS"

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." — I Pet. 5:8.

"And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof." — Rev. 5:5.

Sometime ago an Associated Press dispatch told of a hunting expedition in Africa which resulted in grim tragedy. W. H. Herren of Aberdeen, Washington, and Gus Peret of Portland, Oregon, were hunting and photographing wild animals in the jungles of Africa.

One day Herren shot a male lion, and believing it dead, approached while Peret ground the film. When

he got within a few feet of what he thought was the carcass of a dead lion, the lion suddenly sprang upon him. While Herren shouted, "Gus he has got me," the lion savagely mauled Herren into a state of unconsciousness. The native gun bearers finally dragged the lion off and Peret shot it, but when they turned to Herren he was found to be hor-  
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### Church Attendance

George Washington's pastor said of him: "No company ever kept him away from church. I have often been at Mt. Vernon on Sunday morning when his breakfast table was full with guests. But to him they furnished no pretext for neglecting his God and losing the satisfaction of setting a good example. For instead of staying at home out of fancied courtesy to them, he used constantly to invite them to come to church with him."

If "absence makes the heart grow fonder" how some folk must LOVE their church by this time.

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## RAMBLING WITH THE EDITOR

Elder W. S. Scantland has moved from Bowling Green, Kentucky, to 1216 So. Third Street, Louisville, Ky., and expects to engage in evangelistic work wherever the Lord may open a door for him. I would suggest that any church or mission field who wants a sound gospel preacher to assist them, write Brother Scantland. I am sure that he would appreciate hearing from you.

Roy W. Johnson of Henderson, Texas, in sending in some subscriptions, says: "I read several religious papers, and I find more Gospel truth in yours than any of them. Surely God has raised you up to reveal to the world His Word at this time."

The editor has been planning for sometime to get out a book of his Thanksgiving sermons which have been preached, one each year, during the fifteen years of his pastorate at Russell. We don't know yet just when we will be able to print it, but possibly within the near future. We already have one order for 1200 copies from a book club in the east who have read the manuscript in advance. More will be said about this book later.

Billy Catron, now in the service of Uncle Sam, and located at Gulfport, Mississippi, says: "I learned more in your church and Bible School than any place else I have ever been . . . Your trials and tribulations have brought to the front true Christian people and friends; also have exposed those 'graveyard Christians' who are like a coward in battle or like a parasite that bites in an unprotected place, hoping to appear right."

Our good friend and aged Brother Isaac W. Martin of Georgetown, Kentucky, says: "I gave a negro Baptist preacher here some of your papers and he was delighted. He said that he got some good sermons out of them."

Elder Noel V. Guice of Plainview, Texas, says: "THE BAPTIST EXAMINER has been a blessing to me, especially the gospel messages in it. I look forward to reading them. I am inclosing two dollars. Please date my subscription accordingly."

Brother Casper Lake of Hamilton, Ohio, in ordering a number of books recently, sent us nine subscriptions for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER,

and then added: "Brother Gilpin, they say actions speak louder than words, so I am letting these subscriptions speak for themselves as to whether or not I have enjoyed your paper."

Each month we mail a mimeographed eight page letter to a number of lads in the armed forces. The following is from one of the lads showing his appreciation of the message contained therein:

"Just a few lines in regards to the special editions of you and your church, of which I'm sure is appreciated by each and every person who receives one. Although I'm attached to the Receiving Station on shore duty at the Naval Operating Base at Norfolk, Va., and do get the current news and happenings of the world, I can always take time out for reading editions of your paper and I get quite a laugh from its contents and also absorb all the seriousness of its purpose.

May I express my many thanks not only for myself, but for all the fellows of my unit who read it other than myself. Thanks again for your kindness.

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Norfolk, Va.

Brother Charles Todd of Faithful Words Publishing Company, causes us to rejoice by his remarks as follows: "We were very happy to read in your Examiner of the 12th inst., your editorial remarks entitled, 'A Great Man Slandered.' We appreciate very much your stand for the truth. We trust that you will be encouraged to continue on with your good testimony without fear of man, and we pray that the Lord may bless your good work for His Name's Sake."

## The Dance, Always A Prostitute Factory

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it was based upon lust as is seen in Herod living with his brother Philip's wife. Matt. 14:1-12.

(3) War or patriotic dances. These were held in celebration of military victories. Jephtha's daughter is an example of this. Judges 11:34. The people of Israel celebrate the victories of David over the enemies the same way. I Sam. 21:11, 29:5.

The so-called dances for the soldiers, sponsored by the USO and other organizations become a slander to the value of dances of Biblical record.

(4) The social dances, which have every symptom of a "sexual dance," is the kind that breeds prostitutes. The nakedness of the dancers in Ex. 32, when dancing around the Golden Calf, is evidence of this kind.

The schools that teach dancing to the boys and girls are teaching them the movements of the body, when in close contact with each other, that generates sexual desire. From inflamed passion comes the sin of adultery.

May God help our boys and girls courage the practice of these social dances and definitely condemn any attempt to foster such practices by civic-minded people who don't have any moral judgment and conviction.

May God help our boys and girls to have somebody who would rather see them pure and spotless than wrecked in morals and bodies by satisfying lust.

In our church we have some young people who stood against a Senior

Class dance in one of our high schools. They refused to sell tickets and were willing for Christ's sake and for their conscience's sake to face the ridicule of students and faculty alike. Give a Christian boy or girl the proper information about these indecent, moral murdering, virtue wrecking dances, and they will defy all hell before yielding. May the Lord bless our young people who definitely take a stand against the wiles of degradation in the face of humiliation before the "crowd."

The dance is a FACTORY FOR PROSTITUTION. It fosters the divorce courts. It invites the devastating effects of venereal disease. It encourages nakedness. It robs people of the sacredness of the body. It violates the laws of health. It breeds crime. It renders girls unfit for the highest type of womanhood. It is a sin against the unborn children of the future, when sin comes as a result.

Compromise with it and you fail in that which is right.

Tolerate it and you are coddling a poisonous serpent in your bosom.

Keep silent about it and you are on the road to defeat.

But oppose it, fight against it, denounce it, and you will have a good conscience and the satisfaction of knowing you are on the right side!

— Eld. Raymond Smith

## A Crying National Sin

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in examining chaplains and say, "I am a dying soldier with three minutes to live. Tell me how I can be saved." That is the real question candidates for the chaplaincy ought to be asked, and not the rotten questions that are being asked now.

Before we tell the story of the rotten questions, we will mention a complaint made by Dr. H. O. Van Gilder of Portsmouth, Ohio. He says in the Baptist Bulletin that during an army demonstration in Portsmouth, he sought out the chaplain with the thought of inviting him to his home and of asking him to preach the next Sunday. He says, "We accordingly started downtown, and on the way picked up two soldiers who had started to walk from the camp. We mentioned that we were looking for the Chaplain, and they volunteered a recommendation of him. 'He's a good sport' one of them said; 'goes to the dances along with us, and is just one of the boys.' We promptly revised our plans about the Sunday services, but drove on down to the esplanade, where we found him in front of his chapel. He was leaning on his desk, chatting with another soldier and smoking a cigarette. In conversation with him a little later, we learned that he was a graduate of Crozer Baptist Theological Seminary. We were not surprised. Crozer has been for many years a rotten cesspool of Modernistic infidelity."

Well, without trying to defend Crozer, we fear that many chaplains from other schools are doing the same things. The army chaplains are allowed more liberty than those in the navy, and many of them are courageously standing for the truth and are winning hundreds of boys to Jesus Christ; but still pressure is put upon them to compromise with the world, the flesh, and the devil. Our national leaders do not want old-fashioned Christianity, but a unionized, stream-lined religion of form. We are back to days in America when it is far more important to have a ministerial robe than a

call from God, and to know how to arrange an altar cloth and a crucifix on a so-called altar, than to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

However, we have a worse situation before us than a mis-use of the communion service and of smoking and dance attending chaplains. In the navy we have a situation that calls for the protest of all true Christians. We believe in fact, that far from joining with the Federal Council of Churches in urging that House Bill H. R. 1023 be enacted to make Captain Robert D. Workman a Rear Admiral, our Congress should be flooded with demands that he be asked to resign. This renegade Presbyterian minister should not be honored (you can get the number of the Federal Council of Churches by the fact that they are for him), but he should be demoted or entirely discharged. We Baptists have every reason to demand it, for it has been a tremendous fight to persuade him to appoint Baptist chaplains for the navy unless they would promise to sprinkle babies for the service men. Only after the fundamental American Council of Christian Churches had put great pressure of him, was he willing to waive that demand.

Now the American Council has had to come to the rescue of a Methodist minister, who was appointed under the quota system of the Federal Council of Churches, but who could not get his protest heard through that apostate organization. His name is Normal G. Talbott of Huntington, Ind. He was appointed as a navy chaplain and went through his preliminary training okay, and then was called before the Survey Board for his final examination. It was oral and informal and he says that all chaplains are not asked the same questions, but we suppose they had found out he was pretty strait-laced and therefore the questions asked. Here they are in all their astounding vulgarity — chaplains asking them: "For instance, suppose your ship is coming into port after several months at sea. The men have been under weeks of strain in a battle area. The Captain calls you into his office and says, 'Chaplain, here is \$500 which I am making available to you. I want you to go ashore, rent a hotel, make arrangements for a dance, get the orchestra, provide some beer for the men and let them have a real good time and express themselves.' What would your reaction be? Or another situation. Your ship is coming into port after several months at sea. The men have had little freedom and some will, no doubt, take their first opportunity to make contact with women. Your commanding officer orders you to give the men a talk on the necessity and use of preventive measures in order that they will know how to protect themselves against disease. What would be your reaction? (Ed. Note: To agree to this, one might as well agree to the system of Catholic indulgences). Or still another situation. One of the officers in your group has received an advancement in rank. In celebration he invites several fellow officers, you included, to a party where there will be plenty to drink and an opportunity for a big celebration. What would be your reaction?"

Think of it! A chaplain asked to do the very thing the law of the land says that he does not need to do — for he is only appointed to conduct divine services according to the rules of his own denomination. Every Christian denomination has rules against drink and immorality, and

most of them condemn dancing as well, and yet the chaplain is supposed to supervise recreation — that kind of mis-recreation! And the Board of Survey was not joking. They assured this conscientious Methodist minister, who had to say that he could not do those things, that while he might never be asked to do them, yet if he was too hostile toward them he would not make a good chaplain and had better resign. He talked it over with his faculty, who admitted that many such situations did arise, but they advised him to go to his commanding officer. This officer tried to tell him that he had misunderstood the demand that he instruct prospective fornicators on how to use prophylactics, but nevertheless insisted that when it came to the liquor question, it would be foolish for a man to try to carry on as a chaplain if he were not willing to be present at drinking parties at least, whether he drank personally or not. The matter was taken up with Robert D. Workman, head of the naval chaplains, and in his reply he said, "For many years Navy Chaplains have interested themselves in recreational activities of the men in the Service. On the basis that these activities are necessary and that they bring the Chaplain in closer contact with the men with whom he serves, a candidate who feels that he cannot carry on these collateral activities, disqualifies himself for the Naval Service."

No further argument is necessary. Notice that this renegade preacher, who is head of the Navy Chaplains and whom the Federal Council wants promoted, not only sustains the Survey Board, but fails to explain away any of the harshness of the questions at all. Of course, he may be honest in that; but he ought also to be honest with his own ordination vow and do his utmost to change this abominable tradition of the navy. If he could not honestly say, "You have my permission to refuse courteously any such requests that you personally put on dances and drinking parties, and in your moral instructions, you will only be asked to mention prophylactics after you have done everything you can to persuade the men to chastity, he could at least have said, "I am sorry for the situation and will work and pray with you and all Christians for a clean-up of the navy." Doesn't Captain Workman care that the finest boys in our land are being corrupted? Doesn't he care for the tears of Christian mothers, who are praying for the chaplains night and day, that they may be used of God to win the boys to Christ?

We believe that we should face the facts and not believe every sob-story of heavenly religious conditions in the Armed Forces, which are mostly told to comfort bleeding hearts at home. Some of those revival stories are indeed true, but they are only true in camps and on ships where truly Christian chaplains preach the New Testament gospel. Most of the boys tell a different story — of godlessness and sin and of chaplains that smoke and swear and care nothing for their souls. The boys do become thoughtful and religious as their time comes to cross over and the first time they go into battle, and there is a wonderful opportunity to win thousands of them for Christ; but what we need before we can get a real revival in our army and navy is a change in the chaplaincy situation. Write to Secretaries Knox and Stimson about it and then pray, pray, pray!



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## "THE TWO LIONS"

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ly wounded to the extent that he was very shortly afterward. In thinking of this incident, I recall that there are two lions spoken in the Scriptures.

*Satan is called a "lion."* Listen: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." — I Pet. 5:8.

*Then our Lord Jesus is spoken of as a "Lion."* "And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof." — Rev. 5:5.

In this message I want to show some points of comparison and contrast between these two lions of the Word of God — Satan and Jesus.

### I

*The first lion is Satan. He overcame man.* Go back to the third chapter of Genesis and read how Satan, working through the serpent, came into the Garden of Eden and in conversation deceived Eve. The first lion, Satan, had said that this happy and holy pair would only do as he suggested, they would be as gods, knowing good and evil. Eve was deceived thereby. Yet Adam was not. He actually sinned with his eyes wide open. Listen:

"And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression." — I Timothy 2:14.

Doubtless he loved his wife so much that he would rather die spiritually than see her die alone. Therefore, they partook of the fruit of the tree which was forbidden to them. Thus it was that man was overcome by this first lion — even Satan.

Several years ago I recall reading of a mother who was spending an afternoon at the zoo and into whose life a terrible tragedy came. As she stood on an elevated platform above the lion's pit looking down into it, her babe gave a lunge and fell from her arms in with the wild beasts. Scarcely had the child fallen until it was torn into shreds while the frenzied mother helplessly looked on. Of course, ere the keepers could do anything at all, the child was completely devoured. I'm sure that there were many thousands of fathers and mothers who likewise read this pitiable incident with a feeling of sympathy and sadness in behalf of this grief-stricken mother. Doubtless multiplied thousands sorrowed with her because her babe had been destroyed by the lions.

Yet, beloved, this first lion — the Devil — overcame not just one babe, nor even one family, but the entire human family in the Garden of Eden. Listen:

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." — Rom. 5:12.

*This first lion is a murderer.* He murdered man in Eden's paradise. While it is true that the first person who was killed by man was when Cain killed Abel, yet actually the first murder ante-dated this. It was the day that Satan brought physical and spiritual death to the human family when Adam and Eve sinned. That the devil actually murdered them is recorded in God's Word. Listen:

"Ye are of your father the devil,

and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning." — John 8:44.

Every once in a while we are shocked by newspaper accounts of terrible murders that have been committed. Possibly the greatest murder in all the annals of civilized mankind occurred on a certain Valentine's day a number of years ago in the city of Chicago. Two opposing and warring groups of gangsters were fighting for control of the vice racket in that city. One of them captured seven members of the opposing gang and then on this Valentine's day lined them up against a stone wall and mowed them down with a machine gun. The newspapers, in telling of this incident and in their editorials, declared that this was the most atrocious murder in the history of mankind.

Yet this is not true. Atrocious as it was, it cannot begin to compare with that day wherein the entire human family was murdered by Satan, for then, not just seven people died, but the entire human family was killed spiritually. Yes, every one of Adam's descendants died that day.

*This first lion — Satan — makes man a coward.* "The wicked flee when no man pursueth." — Prov. 28:1.

Prior to the entrance of sin into the human family, the sweetest music that Adam and Eve ever heard was the voice of God. Yet the Word of God tells us that when they sinned they hid from the presence of the Lord. When they heard the voice of the Lord God as He walked in the garden in the cool of the day, they hid from His presence, — they became fearful of God's presence. They became cowards. And all because they had sinned. Thus, this first lion made a coward out of man.

That's the reason why men have so little will power and can resist temptations so poorly — they are cowards. That's the reason why that men keep still and allow others to ridicule the cause of Christ when they know that the ridicule is false and unjust. Satan has made a coward out of them. That's why it is that sinners are fearful and do not come into the house of God and attempt to the very utmost to stay away from all spiritual services. They are cowards. The Devil has made them thus. That's why it is that often when one is saved that one does not dare come out on the Lord's side and publicly profess his conversion and take his stand for the cause of Christ. The Devil has made a coward out of him.

Yes, this first lion, Satan, not only overcame man and murdered him in the Garden of Eden, he also made a coward out of all of Adam's descendants.

*This first lion is a liar.* In fact, the first lie that was ever told in this world the Devil told it. Eve had declared that God had prohibited them from eating of the tree which was in the midst of the garden with a definite promise that if they ate of it, they would die. Then it was that the serpent said unto the woman, "Ye shall not surely die." (Gen. 3:4). That was the first lie that was ever told in this world. It was the Devil who told it.

He is still in the same business of lying. He is the biggest liar in this world. Sometime ago Amy Simple McPherson Hutton of the Pacific Coast, announced that she was to preach on a certain Sunday on the subject, "The Biggest Liar in Los Angeles." For once Amy told the

truth. She said the Devil was that liar. However, she need not have been so modest in merely talking about Los Angeles. She might have included the whole state of California, the entire nation, and the world at large, for he is the biggest liar in all the world. Listen:

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it." — Jn. 8:44.

*He lies about the sermons that you hear.* That's the reason why that in my preaching I always punctuate my messages with plenty of Scripture and then when the Devil lies to you and tells you that I have preached falsely you have the Scripture to fall back upon. The argument then is not between Gilpin and the Devil, but between God and the Devil.

*He lies to you about men's characters* and always the lie that he tells brings out the worst there is in man. He never tells you anything good about one, but always gives you the worst.

*He lies to you about your Christian duty.* He tells you that you don't need to go to church and that if you do go, just once on Sunday is enough. He lies to you as to how you should live. In fact, there isn't any aspect of your duty as a Christian but what Satan stands ready to deceive you concerning it.

*He lies to the unsaved about their salvation,* for he tells the unsaved they don't need to be saved. Yet when a sinner learns that the Word of God has said that "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," the Devil then changes his tactics and says, "That's right, you do need to be saved, but you can save yourself." Then when the sinner learns still further that this is impossible in the light of Titus 3:5, which says: "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us," the Devil will change his plan again and agree with you that you need Jesus as a Saviour, but will tell you that there is plenty of time. Oh, how he lies to men about their salvation.

Yes, this first lion, Satan, which overcame and murdered man in the Garden of Eden, and who has made a coward out of all of Adam's fallen descendants, lies to us from day to day.

*This first lion is a preacher.* The first sermon that is recorded in the Bible was preached by the Devil. It was on the subject of "How To Become A God." Listen to Satan when he said:

"For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." — Gen. 3:5.

All of which would lead us to say that you are not to believe any man just because he claims to be a preacher, but rather, he is to be tested by the Word of God. Listen:

"Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." — Prov. 30:5,6.

"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.

Furthermore, *this first lion has his preachers.* I used to think that the

Devil's greatest agents were the saloon keepers, but I learned, long ago that this is not true. The Bible reveals that the Devil has his preachers. Listen:

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." — 2 Cor. 11:13, 15.

We are even told, in the light of these verses, *how we can detect Satan's preachers.* They are preachers of righteousness. They talk much about righteousness, that is, about man's righteousness. They prate about good deeds and good works. They talk a great deal about working out your own salvation. They say that one is saved by character. In every respect, these preachers of Satan are preachers of righteousness but not the righteousness of Christ — rather, man's righteousness. Yet the Word of God declares that there is nothing righteous about man.

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags." — Isa. 64:6.

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." — Gal. 2:16.

Furthermore, *this first lion, Satan, has his churches.* Of course, that would be logical, since he has his preachers. It is only logical he has his churches. There are many of them just as there are many of his preachers.

In the last book of God's Word, when John was writing to the church at Philadelphia, he reminded them that in the same town there was "The synagogue of Satan." (Rev. 3:9). Here in Philadelphia was not only a true church, but a false church. Here was the Lord's church and also a synagogue of Satan.

Well, in practically every town where there is a true church, you will find one or more synagogues of Satan today. This first lion, Satan, is the author and founder of them. Though they are much like the original church which Jesus built, they are also much unlike it. They are nothing but the Devil's counterfeit.

*This first lion in bringing his temptations, gives his victim the best in the beginning.* We have an illustration of that in the marriage which Jesus attended at Cana of Galilee. You remember that they had run out of wine and Jesus miraculously turned water into wine. Then it was that the ruler of the feast said:

"Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now." — John 2:10.

Well, that's the way of the world and that's the way Satan does. He gives you the best first and then when men are well drunk, that which is worse, and the dregs in the end. It is thus that Solomon spoke of wine. Listen:

"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. 23:31, 32.

That which is true of drinking, is

true of every sin in this world. The best the Devil has he offers his victim when he brings the temptation.

*This first lion and his followers are all headed for Hell.* Of this, the Word of God speaks in no uncertain terms. Listen:

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heavens fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." — Rev. 20:10-15.

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." — Rev. 21:8.

What a fearful end this lion and his followers will come to. Sad as it is, the Devil and his dupes are all heading straight for the pit of destruction.

### II

*The second lion is the Lord Jesus Christ.* Of this lion, it can be said that *He overcame the Devil.* While the first lion overcame man in the Garden of Eden, this second Lion overcame the Devil in the beginning of His ministry.

Just after His baptism, Jesus met the Devil for His first great temptation. He had fasted for forty days and the Devil urged Him to turn stones into bread. Yet Jesus said: "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Matt. 4:4). Then the Devil caused all the kingdoms of the world with the glory thereof, to pass in panorama before Him. He offered these to Jesus if He would but worship him. This, of course, was nothing but an attempt to keep Jesus from going to the cross. Yet Jesus said: "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." (Matt. 4:10). Then he Devil took Jesus up on a pinnacle of the temple and suggested that He jump off, even going so far as to quote Scripture to Him, reminding Jesus that the Old Testament had said that God "Shall give his angels charge concerning thee." (Psa. 91:11). To this Jesus said: "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." (Matt. 4:7).

Elsewhere the Word of God declares that the Devil is a coward. Listen: "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." (Jas. 4:7). And when Jesus resisted him, the Devil left Him. Jesus thus overcame the Devil.

Later on in His ministry, Jesus said:

"And when he is come, he will re-



prove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged." — John 16:8-11.

Finally, in the end of God's Word, we find the Devil cast into the bottomless pit.

"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit." — Rev. 20:1, 2.

Thus it is that while the first lion overcame man, the second Lion overcame the Devil.

This second Lion, Jesus, gives life to man. The day that man was overcome by Satan in the Garden of Eden, he lost his spiritual life. Through the ages, man has made many and varied attempts to evolve a plan whereby that life might be regained. There are many such plans today. Some join the church, some are baptized, some turn over a new leaf, some try works of righteousness, yet all these are doomed for failure. Of these, it can be said:

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." — Prov. 14:12.

The only way that man can get life is through the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." — John 6:68.

"But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." — 2 Tim. 1:10.

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." — John 10:28.

What a decided contrast between these two lions. Whereas the first lion murdered man both physically and spiritually, the second Lion, Jesus, gives life unto man.

This second Lion gives boldness to His followers. "The righteous are bold as a lion." (Prov. 28:1). Every one from the day when man was expelled from the Garden of Eden, has been a spiritual coward before God. Yet when the Lord saves him, He gives him a boldness the like of which he has never known before.

The lion is the most furious of all beasts. It is the boldest of all of God's creation. When God would describe the boldness which He gives to us, He could choose no greater illustration than to compare a Christian's boldness to that of a lion.

Whenever a child of God stands out for the things of God, he deserves no credit in himself. If a Christian refuses to compromise and stands boldly in a foursquare manner for what he believes, it isn't because of anything naturally within that Christian, but rather, it comes because of the boldness which the Lord Jesus has given unto him.

This second Lion is truth itself. Listen to Jesus as He said:

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." — John 14:6.

Whereas the first lion is a liar, Jesus is truth.

It would be impossible for Christ to die — just as impossible for Him to die as it would be for the Devilian experience gets brighter as we

to tell the truth. The Word of God speaks of the character of Jesus as being perfect.

"For he hath made him who knew no sin, to be sin for us; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." — 2 Cor. 5:21.

"For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens." — Heb. 7:26.

While we are not to believe anything the Devil says, we are safe in believing everything that Jesus says.

This second Lion is also a preacher. When Jesus came into the synagogue at Nazareth, he took up the book of Isaiah and read from it where it was written "The spirit of the Lord is upon me because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel." Then Jesus closed the book and said, "This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears." (Lk. 4:21). Thus, this second Lion in comparison with the first is likewise a preacher. But oh, what a vast difference there is between the two. Whereas the first lion in the sermon he preached to Eve repudiated the Word of God, you find this second Lion in the synagogue at Nazareth honoring the Word of God.

This second Lion has His preachers. Not every one who calls himself a preacher nor who puts a ministerial title either before or after his name, is a God-called preacher. Yet, the Lord Jesus does have His preachers. Paul was one of them. Listen to his own statement as to his ministry: "Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead)." — Gal. 1:1.

I'm ready to agree that those preachers who represent this second Lion — even Jesus — are very few in comparison with the preachers who represent the first lion. At least 90 per cent of the preachers of this world do not believe in the blood atonement as sufficient for salvation, but rather, some ordinance, some ritual, some work of man, or some effort of the church or preacher, and as such, brand themselves as being preachers representing the first lion rather than the second. Jesus' preachers preach only salvation by grace.

This second Lion also has His churches. In fact, Jesus organized His church in the days of His flesh. Listen: "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." — Matt. 16:18.

While it is true that in the city of Philadelphia there was a synagogue of Satan, it is also true that there was a church there after the pattern of the one given by the Lord Jesus. Jesus still has His churches in the world. They are not as many as those which Satan has. They are not as popular as those which Satan has. They do not have the crowds which those of Satan have. Yet, they do have a promise of continuance throughout all ages. Listen:

"Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end." — Eph. 3:21.

This second Lion — Jesus — gives His followers the best last. It is a blessed day for any one when he becomes a believer in Jesus Christ. Yet that's just the beginning of the good things within his life. The Devil gives his followers the best in the beginning and then what he has to offer gets worse and worse as the days pass by. In contrast, our Christ, as we

journey with Him from day to day.

"But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." — Prov. 4:18.

I know that it is wonderful the joy that is ours the day that we are saved. Yet the joy of that day stands dimmed and eclipsed in comparison with the joy that He gives us as we progress in our service for Him, and finally the joy of that first day is completely forgotten in the joy that is ours when we hear His statement "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

The second Lion and His followers are all going to heaven. What a decided contrast as to the destiny of the two lions and their followers. Satan and his crowd will spend their eternity in Hell, while the Lion of the tribe of Judah and His followers will be safe in the presence of the Lord. Listen to God's description of it:

"And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever." — Rev. 5:11-14.

Now in closing, may I ask: Which lion are you following? You are bound to be following after one or the other. God's Word makes it plain that there can be no middle ground. Listen:

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." — Matt. 7:13, 14.

You are on one or the other of these two roads. You are following after one or the other of these two lions.

May God grant that if you are following the first lion that you may see now the error of your way and that you might come to follow today the Lamb of the tribe of Judah and ultimately enjoy the bliss of Heaven with Him.

I read of a dying monk some while ago who came to the hour of his departure and who waved aside extreme unction and all the religious rites of his church, and looking up into the face of Him who is invisible to us but who was evidently seen by this monk in his dying hour, said: "Thy wounds, my Jesus." May God grant that this shall be your experience and may you depend fully upon those wounds of Jesus, remembering that "Without shedding of blood is no remission." — Heb. 9:22.

## HOSPITALITY

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grudgingly he supplied them. Doubtless what was left over would go to the women and the servants or some perhaps would be given to the poor

(Job 31:17).

An animal is not always killed for visitors. It is clear such could not be the case. For a common guest bread is baked and served with some rice and buttermilk. For a guest somewhat superior, coffee is prepared with some sweet milk and rice. For a guest of importance a kid or a lamb is killed. The animal is boiled with wheat and butter or olive oil. The melted fat is dipped into the bowl and every morsel is dipped into it before being swallowed. The Sheikh lives as the poor people do, eating animal food only when visited by a stranger. For strangers a calf is usually kept in readiness. This would explain why a fatted calf was killed for the returning prodigal. The Orientals give as the reason for welcoming even an unworthy stranger that "A tree does not withdraw its shade even from the woodcutter who would cut it down."

The exhortation to "use hospitality" was given to the household of faith. It is one way in which saints may prove the reality of their love one toward another, for the expression, "minister the same one to another," shows clearly the wide sphere he has before his mind. How important to God all His people are! Paul also has much to say about the subject. Speaking to the saints at Rome he fails not to tell them of their responsibility to distribute to the necessity of saints and

to be given to hospitality (Romans 12:13). Here it may be noticed is a word to all the saints without exception. He refers to this gift as an indispensable qualification of elders in his letters to Timothy and Titus (See First Timothy 3:2 and Titus 1:3). We do have those who assume the place of overseers in the assemblies of God's people gathering in the Name of Christ. Would it not be well for such to take to heart the fact that they are sadly lacking for the work of overseership if they are not "given to hospitality," yea, if they are not "lovers of hospitality?" Would the ranks of overseers not be greatly thinned out if this test was submitted to with all solemnity?

To such as Gaius a great reward is in store. Their hearts and homes are open to those who have gone forth sent of God taking nothing of the Gentiles. Was it not this that in a special way endeared them to the apostle John? They thought not of personal gain by the resources of the world. Needy at times they doubtless were, but "they maintained the heavenly dignity of the glorious gospel and proved that they sought the highest good of the Gentiles and not their own things. What more degrades the gospel than to let the servants of God become beggars from the world! Than this nothing so openly denies faith in the Lord's care for His work." Men, however, who have the consciousness that they are sent by God will not stoop to such a thing as to beg either on a Radio program or in any other way.

The men whom John recommends had their eye on God and he says, "We ought to receive such and for what reason? that we (not ye) might be fellowhelpers to the truth." The truth was and is still hated by the devil and all his followers and what greater honor could we have than to be fellow helpers to the TRUTH. Of Gaius the Apostle says, "Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren and that stran-

gers." Not only to those whom knew well but to strangers who came with divine credentials did he minister joyously and liberally. What he did was after a godly manner. It was done worthily of God.

We are well aware that in the days hospitality was abused by some as the following words would show: "And through covetousness shall ye with feigned words make merchandise of you" (2 Peter 2:3) and "There are spots in your feasts of charity, feeding themselves without fear" (Jude 12). This fact has to be mentioned but is it not better to be deceived than never to be at all.

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Hebrews 13:2). — Light and Liberty.

## Eight Bible Marks Of The Man Of Sin

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should even make fire come down out of heaven upon earth in sight of men. Rev. 13:13.

8th. He maketh craft to prosper. Daniel 8:25.

It will be during the 1st 3 and 1/2 years of this beast's reign that the Rapture will come, of which the only escape from the tribulation mentioned in Matt. 24:21-29 or why did Jesus tell us to "watch every season, making supplication that we may prevail to escape all things that are coming to pass." Luke 21:36.

I do not think any one can point out one who would claim all of the marks up to this time. However, I do not believe it will be long before there will be one who will fit every one of these marks.

— P. H. Cowherd, Norway, S.

## A Movie Investigation

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ling of 110 boys in a picture investigation gave the movie as the cause. In pictures investigated thirty separate and important items crime technique were given.

Just remember that the movie not only the greatest promoter of crime but ever the friend of liquor, the cigarette, and loose morals, ever the enemy of the home, church, and the Sabbath. — Select

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

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You feed your body 21 times a week, whether it is hungry or not. Then why not throw your soul on bone at least once a week, even if it does not seem hungry? The thing may be too weak from starvation to make its wants known.

A hearse is a very poor way to go to church. Why wait for it, come while you can enjoy it.

The whole family ought to go and sit together. The church service is not a convention, that every family should send a delegate.

We have discovered a new name for certain Baptists. You have heard of the "Forty-Gallon Baptists," have you not? Well, we have some "Baptists" — forty drops of rain Baptists — forty drops of rain keep them away from church, they will go to a ball game, or a picture show when it is raining and dogs."

Every church has a number of "standers" — and also a number of "Stand Byers." Which are you?

— Ralph W.