

"The human head, out of which many interesting thoughts have evolved."  
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RAMBLING WITH  
THE EDITOR

We appreciate a fine letter from Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Hill of Hamilton, Missouri, who say: "We enjoy your paper. We just feast on its food from week to week, as we think it is the only paper that contends for all the truth of the entire Bible." At the same time, these good friends inclose their own renewal and a new subscription for their pastor. Go thou and do likewise.

We had a fine letter of recent date from Elder Charles Mangold of De-Mossville, Kentucky, who sends us a two year renewal of his subscription and a gift of \$10.00 for the paper. How we thank God for brethren like Brother Mangold who believe in the ministry of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and who desire to see it prosper.

We had another fine letter from Margaret Stephens of Whitley City, Kentucky, and as usual, a nice contribution for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. Margaret is one of our faithful readers and regular contributors. We thank the Lord for such friends. While sending in her contribution of \$6.00, she sends a five dollar bill along for her mother-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Sargent of Leon, West Virginia, renew their subscription, send us four other subscriptions, and in addition, a subsidy of \$5.00. Why can't we have many friends like this who will show their colors and thus aid us in getting out our paper. They say: "We certainly don't want to miss any of the copies of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER."

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Katherine Feather of Lincoln, Nebraska, sends us a check for \$5.00 and says: "I wish to thank you for the most excellent articles in your paper." How we to thank God for such friends and for their contribution of time to time which keeps the paper in the mails.

and W. W. Horner, formerly of Kentucky, but now of Ala-

abama, and one of God's noblest servants sent us \$5 recently, and said "I have been getting your very valuable and timely Baptist paper for a number of years, and am ashamed of myself for not making a contribution for its publication before this, so I am enclosing a small check to be used for that purpose."

Speaking of subscriptions, we had a fine list from Elder D. L. Brainard of Elizabethton, Tennessee recently, for which we sent him in exchange, "A Systematic Study of Bible Doctrine" by Elder T. P. Simmons, and "Why Be A Baptist" and "Bible Briefs Against Hurtful Heresies" by Elder H. B. Taylor.

Elder C. D. Cole spent the week of February 7-11 as guest speaker of the First Baptist Church (of which the editor is pastor), Russell, Ky. He brought some wonderful messages stimulating and inspiring God's people. It is a real joy to have fellowship with men like C. D. Cole. He is one of the deepest Bible exponents of today. Since he came back from Florida recently, the brethren have been keeping him busy in Bible Conferences. We trust that he may give much of his time to this important phase of work.

The Story Of A Sub,  
A Hymn, And A Pill

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commanding officer should then have led the crew in singing:

I was sinking deep in sin,  
Far from the peaceful shore,  
Very deeply stained within,  
Sinking to rise no more;  
But the Master of the sea  
Heard my despairing cry.  
From the waters lifted me,  
Now safe am I!  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When no one else could help,  
Love lifted me.

What a striking example this incident is of the inspired words of the Psalmist who said:

"They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep. . . Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distress. . . so he bringeth them unto their desired haven."

"Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" (Psalm 107:23-31).

Greater than deliverance from the literal sea is His deliverance from the sea of sin, of unbelief, of death and of judgment.

It is a happy day when one discovers his own helplessness — plus that of all others — and casts himself unreservedly upon the Saviour of sinners.

There will be no need of spiritual sedatives in that hour, and instead of the head hitting a piece of equipment, it will be pillowed on Him who died for our sins and rose again for our justification; and praise to the Lord will fill the heart for His wonderful work of redemption. — Tract.

SCRIPTURAL TEACHING  
WITHHELD FROM CHILDREN

James O. Sewell, in "World's Call" declares that 50 years ago 70 percent of the copies of the First Readers, which were put in the hands of children, had to do with religion. Today, the books used for the same

age group devote 3 percent of their space to religion and morals.

As a consequence, incidents like the following are regrettably numerous:

Will Durant says his little girl came to her mother one day with the age-old question, "Mother, what is God like?" The mother hesitated, and finally said, "Dear, ask your daddy." The girl went to her father. "Daddy, what is God like?" He, too, hesitated.

Later on, among her childish possessions they found a slip of paper with this bit of free verse inscribed upon it:

I asked my mother what God was like.

She did not know.

I asked my teacher what God was like.

She did not know.

Then I asked my father, who knows more than anyone else in the world, what God was like.

He did not know.

I think if I had lived as long as my mother or my father,

I would know something about God.

Thank God for all saved parents, Sunday School teachers, Daily Vacation Bible School workers and camp counsellors who give the children the "Holy Scriptures which are able to make them wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15).

## The Hated Jew

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He then proceeded to take down some paintings from the wall. He removed one picture of Paul preaching at Athens, and another one of the Crucifixion. The host was greatly surprised and asked, "What are you doing? Why such liberties in my house?" To this the clergyman replied, "You just said you would not have anything Jewish in your house. I was just beginning to help you take away the many Jewish things you happen to have in this room. Shall I throw them in the fire?" "Stop! Stop!" cried the convicted man. "May God forgive me. I have never thought of it in that light. Little did I know how greatly indebted I was to things Jewish!"

I told you this story, with the hope it might cause some people to correct their unholy, God-dishonoring prejudices. People who entertain such thoughts and feelings are definitely Anti-Christian, as well as Anti-Semitic. Only Godless Gentiles — only people who are strangers to God, His ways, and His love and plan for Israel are suffering from that loathsome disease of Jew-hate.

Remember, just as "sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:15); so, Jew-hate, even before it is finished, bringeth forth the curse. Listen to the Lord God, speaking to Abraham:

"I will curse him that curseth thee (and thy seed)" (Genesis 12:3).

For any who claim to be Christians, listening to me, and who discriminate and harbor ill-feelings toward Christ's brethren after the flesh, I would say:

"Who taught you tender Bible tales Of Honey Lands, of milk and wine? Of happy, peaceful Palestine? Of Jordan's holy harvest vales? Who gave the patient Christ, I say, Who gave you Christian creed? Yea, Yea, Who gave your very God to you? Your Jew! Your Jew! Your hated Jew!"

— Coulson Shepherd

## Questions And Answers

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is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. A movie plot is an earthly story with a hellish meaning.

Question: What should a church do about members who attend only about once in six months?

Answer: It ought to do what any decent, self-respecting man would do if his wife lived in sin with other men, and then came to see him every six months — GET A DIVORCE!

Question: What is the difference between a happy home and a dance hall?

Answer: Home is the place where you hug your wife. The dance hall is the place when you hug everybody else's wife. — Ralph Webb

## TOBACCO

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That's the biggest lie the Devil ever told.

Some of you say, "But Christians and preachers smoke." I don't deny that. But I am not discussing that. I'm telling you what the Bible says about filth and abomination. The Bible teaches that the believer's body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. It also says that if any man defiles the temple of God, him shall God destroy.

Some of you say, "But everybody's doing it." That's why you ought not to do it. "Everybody's doing it" does not make it right. Everybody was wicked in Sodom and so old Lot went with the crowd and he ruined his family and went to the devil. Everybody was wicked and vile in Noah's day, but he walked with God and so God spared him.

Some people say, "But there are other things that are worse." Sure, I do not consider tobacco as bad as booze. But that's no recommendation for tobacco. I don't consider a yellowjacket as bad as a hornet, but I have no patience with yellow jackets. Christians ought to be clean. They ought to set high examples before the world. — Sam Morris, Del Rio, Texas.

What Is The Meaning  
Of The Word "Jew?"

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the Jews?"

The language of the Jews is Hebrew though this word is also used of the race. The word "Hebrew" may have had the sense of "pertaining to the other side" of the Euphrates, from which the Hebrews originally came (see Genesis 14:3; 12:5); or it may have come from the word Eber, a descendant of Shem (Gen. 10:22, 24), from whom the Hebrews came (Gen. 11:16-26). — S. S. Times.

Should A Christian  
Belong To A Lodge?

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vian Baptists, the German Baptists, or Dunkards, the Friends, or Quakers, the Moravians, the Mennonites, the Plymouth Brethren, the Associate Presbyterians, the Reformed Presbyterians, the Free Methodists, the Wesleyan Methodists — these all, and others, are opposed to secret societies, and many men, pastors, professors, statesmen, who were not Lutherans took the same stand on this question that our Church takes. Let me quote the opinions of a few of them: —

"Dwight L. Moody, the noted evangelist: —

"I do not see how any Christian, most of all a Christian minister, can

go into these secret lodges with unbelievers."

"Geo. F. Pentecost: —

"I would do almost anything in my power to help on the work of rescuing all Christian men from the 'grip' of Masonry and all other secret and unchristian societies. I believe that Masonry is an incalculable evil and essentially anti-Christ in its principles and influence."

"Alexander Campbell, founder of the 'Christian' Church: —

"I know no Temperance, Odd-Fellow, or Free-mason fraternity that does not recognize a brotherhood with the world. 'They are of the world, they speak of the world, and the world heareth them,' Christians, though in the world, are not of it. Any union, then, for moral purposes with the world that brings us to commune religiously with it, by the laws and usages of the institution itself, is opposed to the law and kingdom of Jesus Christ."

"R. A. Torrey, the evangelist: —

"I do not see how an intelligent, consecrated Christian can belong to a secret order. It is in express disobedience to God's plain command (II Cor. 6, 14). Furthermore, the awful mockery of the profane prayer in the pretended resurrection scene in the initiation ceremonies of the Master Mason degree must shock beyond measure any man of real spirituality. Some of the oaths in higher degrees of Masonry must be horrible beyond expression to any man possessed of genuine Christian sentiment." (Christian Cynosure).

"Prof. J. R. W. Sloan, of the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary: —

"My strongest opposition to Masonry is because of its rivalry with religion. It steps in before the church, and is false, an idolatrous religion, a religion without a Saviour, and therefore, a delusion and a snare to all who engage in it, or rest their hope upon it."

"John Quincy Adams, sixth President of the United States: —

"I am prepared to complete my demonstration before God and man, that the Masonic oaths, obligations, and penalties cannot by any possibility be reconciled to the laws of morality, of Christianity, or of the land."

"William H. Seward, Governor of

New York, United States Senator,

Secretary of State under Lincoln and

also under Andrew Johnson, died 18-

72, in a speech in the Senate: —

"Secret societies, sir? Before I

would place my hand between the

hands of other men, in a secret lodge,

order, class, or council, and bending

on my knee before them, enter into

combination with them for any ob-

ject, personal or political, good or

bar, I would pray to God that that

hand and that knee might be paralyzed,

and that I might become an

object of pity and even the mockery

of my fellow-men. Swear, sir! I, a

man, an American citizen, a Christian,

swear to submit myself to the

guidance and direction of other men,

surrendering my own judgment to

their judgments, and my own conscience

to their keeping! No, sir. I know

quite well the fallibility of my

judgment and my liability to fall in-

to error and temptation. But my life

has been spent in breaking the bonds

of the slavery of men. I, therefore,

know too well the danger of confid-

ing power to irresponsible hands to

make myself a willing slave."

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## Did Anything of Importance Take Place in Palestine?

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ved, is smaller than most pumpkins." And to this criticism by Mr. Noyes, I utter a hearty "Amen." Immediately, in addition to my text, I was impressed by two other Scriptures: "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God." — I Cor. 3:19. "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." — Col. 2:8.

In spite of the statement of Mr. Wells, I am convinced that many wonderful things began in Palestine. Though he says that "nothing began there; nothing was worked out there," I am convinced that the land of Palestine is of tremendous importance and that more significant events have taken place, or will yet come to pass in Palestine, than in any other section of the world.

### I

First of all, the Jewish nation began there. Though Abraham originally lived in the Ur of the Chaldees, God called him to Palestine in order that the Jewish nation might be established.

"Now the Lord had said unto Abraham, 'Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.'" — Gen. 12:1-3.

It is highly significant to any student of God's Word that the Jew has occupied an unusual place of prominence in the economy of God.

"He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye." — Deut. 32:10.

It is still further significant that other nations have appeared, flourished and mingled with other peoples until their distinctive characteristics were lost; whereas, the Jews, though they have been scattered throughout the nations of the world, have remained tolerably pure through the centuries.

"So many nations are no more, They left no racial traces; But Israel is as of yore, Not mixed with other races. In all these years without a home, Where'er you may see them roam You know those Jewish faces."

Sometime ago a most interesting cartoon appeared in a leading Jewish paper. It pictured a venerable old Jew holding the globe of the world in his hand, searching for a place where he was wanted. As he looked at the globe, he put his hand on one portion of it and said: "Russia — I'm not wanted there." Again: "Germany — I'm not wanted there." "France — I'm not wanted there." "England — I'm not wanted there." "America — I'm not wanted there." Then he exclaimed: "This is a large and beautiful world but no place for me." How very true concerning the Jewish family. There is no place for the Jew in all the world except the land of Palestine where was their home originally and where God expects ultimately that they will be regathered. Though Mr. Wells said that "nothing began there," to me it is significant that the Jewish nation — God's chosen people — began in Palestine, and some day must be regathered there.

### II

*The world's Redeemer was born in Palestine.* This is doubtlessly a matter of but little significance to Mr. Wells, or to any other modernist like him. Yet to all true believers, next to Calvary, the most wonderful event was the incarnation of God in man in the person of Christ which took place in Palestine. Listen to the prophecy as to the place of His birth.

"But thou, Bethlehem, Ephrathah, even though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." — Micah 5:2.

In Luke's Gospel we have the announcement which was made to Mary that she was to bear the Christ child. Listen:

"And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary."

"And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God."

"And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call him Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

"Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also the holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

"And, behold, thy cousin Elizabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her." — Luke 1:26-38.

You will notice that this took place in a city of Galilee named Nazareth. In other words, it took place in Palestine. In this connection, it is quite interesting to notice a very definite contrast between the statements of Mr. Wells and the statements of the Word of God concerning the birth of Jesus. Mr. Wells says that Jesus was born the son of a fallen Jewish maiden whose father was a Roman soldier quartered in the land of Palestine at that time. In other words, instead of Jesus being the God incarnate, he was just a "war baby." Yet, Mary said to the angel: "How shall this be, seeing that I know not a man?" And remember all this took place in Palestine.

After making this announcement to Mary, the angel made a like announcement unto Joseph. Listen:

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just

man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

"But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."

"Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel which being interpreted is, God with us."

"Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called him name Jesus." — Matthew 1:18-25.

And this, of course, took place likewise in Palestine. The announcement that came to Joseph was that Jesus, the child conceived in the womb of Mary, was of God.

Finally we read of His birth and it is most significant that the Word of God declares that He was born in Palestine just as it had been announced by the angel both to Mary and Joseph.

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria). And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David): To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." — Luke 2:1-7.

Thus Jesus was born in the city of Bethlehem as the Son of God with out a human father and with a Jewish virgin for His mother.

"And when the great Redeemer came

For guilty man to bleed  
He did not take an angel's name  
Born of Abram's seed,  
Jesus who gave Himself for you  
The God incarnate was a Jew.

It may be in Mr. Well's opinion that nothing of importance began in Palestine, yet surely it is of the greatest of importance that the world's Redeemed Himself was born there. So important was it in the mind of God that even the Father hung a star in the Heavens in His honor. So important was it that an angel made an announcement of His birth to the shepherds in that he said:

"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." — Luke 2:10, 11.

So important was it that all the angels of God joined in a great hallelujah chorus welcoming Him at His birth.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." — Luke 2:14.

So important was it that the shep-

herds gathered around the manger where He lay "glorifying and praising God." So important was it that the wise men came from the far East that they might present the new born King with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Thus, it was an event of momentous significance that the world's Redeemer was born in Palestine, and as we stand in our memory in that stable on the night of His birth, we can say anew today:

"No mortal can with Him compare  
Among the sons of men;  
Fairer is He than all the fair  
Who fill the Heavenly train."

### III

*The Baptist church was organized in Palestine.* When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he probed His disciples to see how much they had grasped of His teaching. On hearing Peter's bold assertion that "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," (Mt. 16:16) He proceeded to establish His church. Hear Him:

"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.

There are dozens, and even hundreds of so-called churches in the world which began some place other than in Palestine. The eight leading church other than Baptists, began outside of Palestine.

Christian Science	America
Campbellite	America
Presbyterian	Scotland
Methodist	England
Congregational	England
Episcopalian	England
Lutheran	Germany
Catholic	Rome

While it is true that the Catholic and these seven leading Protestant Churches began outside of Palestine, it is likewise true that Baptist churches were organized by Jesus in the days of His ministry and that they have had a line of unbroken continuity from that day down to this.

In a recent issue of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER (March 1, 1944) we gave the testimony of fourteen historians, not a one of whom was a Baptist, showing that Baptists had been in existence since the days of Jesus. I want to re-quote three of these historians:

John Clark Ridpath (Methodist): "I should not readily admit that there was a Baptist church as far back as 100 A. D., although without doubt there were Baptists then, as all Christians were then Baptists." (From a letter written by Ridpath to Dr. Jarrel, and quoted in Jarrel's "Church Perpetuity," page 59).

Alexander Campbell (Founder of Disciples or "Christian" Church): "The sentiments of Baptists and their practice of baptism from the apostolic age to the present have had a continued chain of advocates and public monuments of their existence in EVERY CENTURY (emphasis mine) can be produced." (Page 378, 379 of the Campbell - McCalla Debate, held at Washington, Ky., Oct. 15, 1813).

"Hence it is that the Baptist denomination in all ages AND IN ALL CENTURIES (emphasis mine), has been as a body of constant asserters of the rights of man and liberty of conscience." (Baptism, page 409).

Mosheim (Lutheran): "Before the rise of Luther and Calvin, there lay secreted in almost all the countries of Europe persons who adhered tenaciously to the principles of the modern Dutch Baptists."

"The origin of the Baptists is lost in the remote depths of antiquity."

"The first century was a history of the Baptists."

A Baptist church — the only church which Jesus ever organized, or has ever recognized on earth, may not be a matter of any great importance in the eyes of Mr. Wells, and yet beloved, it began in the land of Palestine.

### IV

*The Bible was produced in Palestine.* While it is true that John wrote the Book of Revelation on the Isle of Patmos, and certain other books of the New Testament were written when Paul was journeying and in prison away from Palestine, yet in the main, the entirety of the Word of God was written in the land of Palestine itself, and even that portion of the Bible written elsewhere was written by individuals from Palestine who were temporarily away from their native land. Hence, it is that we can actually and truly say that the Bible was produced there.

And what a wonderful Book it is, unlike all others, in that it is God's Book. The more I know of it and the more I study it, and the more I see it fulfilled day by day about me — the more I am convinced that it is in truth the Word of God. Listen:

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" — 2 Tim. 3:16.

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." — 2 Pet. 1:21

"Were all the seas one chrysolite, The earth a golden ball; And diamonds all the stars of night, His Book were worth them all."

And this wonderful Book — God's Book, was produced in Palestine. Of course, Mr. Wells declares that the historical part of the Bible abounds in "wild exaggeration," and the Bible to him perhaps means no more, and doubtlessly not as much, as any other book. Yet, to each believer, it is the most comfortable pillow upon which one's head can be placed. And this wonderful Book was produced in the land wherein Mr. Wells said nothing began.

### V

*Redemption was wrought in Palestine.* Every country has originated its own religion. In India the inhabitants have developed the religion of Zoroaster. In China they have developed the religion of Confucius. In Japan it is the religion of Buddha. Even in America the Indian developed his own conception of God and looked forward to the day when he would enter the happy hunting ground.

While it is true that every country in the world has originated its own religion, it is also true that only one country has had the honor of seeing redemption wrought out, and that is the country of Palestine.

From the day that God gave the Jews the Tabernacle and its form of worship, every time that a Jew killed a sacrifice, whether it was a bullock, sheep, goat, turtle dove, or pigeon — he looked forward to the day wherein Christ would come to die as a sacrifice on the cross and thus fulfill that which he had done in type. Of course, eventually Christ came to die at Calvary. Listen:

"And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death. And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary,



there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with him derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.

"And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar, And saying, If thou be the King of the Jews, save thyself. And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

"And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

"And he said unto Jesus, Lord remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise. And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man." — Luke 23:32-47.

How it thrills the heart of each believer to know that finally after the world had waited for four thousand years, that redemption was wrought out in our behalf. As I remember the scene of Calvary just outside the city of Jerusalem, and as I look upon that body sin-crowned, nail-pierced, and pain-stricken, I can say in the words of the old song: "I came to Jesus as I was, Weary and worn and sad; I found in Him a resting place And He has made me glad."

#### VI

The greatest battle of all times is going to be fought in Palestine. While it is true that in World War I and also in World War II great, momentous, and decisive battles have been fought and will yet be fought, it is true that all of these pale into insignificance in comparison with the battle of Armageddon which is prophesied in Ezekiel 38 and 39. What a day it will be when this Satanicly controlled army from the north breathing out blasphemy against the Jews to utterly destroy them — what a day it shall be when they are destroyed in Palestine. So complete will be their destruction that God even declares it will take seven months for the Jews to bury the dead. (Ezekiel 39:12).

We hear much today concerning secret weapons which are to be used in the air, on land and water. I do not know what type of destruction these shall be that God shall use in that day He defeats this northern army, yet it is the most ghastly and ghostly picture to be found in all the word of God. Listen:

"And that shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth."

gue shall consume away in their mouth." — ech. 14:12.

With the flesh falling away, the eyes decaying, and the tongue consuming away in the mouth, all that will be left of men will be the skeleton of bones without even a covering of sinew and skin.

Yet as a result of that battle, the Jews of the world that survive will be saved. While it is true that two-thirds of them shall be killed before the Lord intervenes in their behalf, yet those who remain will receive Him as their Lord unto their eternal salvation.

"And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein." — Zech. 13:3.

#### VII

Finally, the second coming of Christ will take place in Palestine. When Jesus left this world, He ascended into heaven from the Mount of Olives just outside the city of Jerusalem in Palestine. When He had been received into the clouds, the angels said:

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." — Acts 1:11.

You will notice that they declared that He would come again "in like manner." Well, actually, He is coming to the identical spot from whence He left. Of this the prophet assures us:

"And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives." — Zech. 14:4.

As I bring this message to a close, may I urge you to give no heed to men of the world such as H. G. Wells who delete the Word of God from their thinking. I respect scholarship, education, and learning wherever it is found, if it honors the Word of God. Yet when one ignores the Word of God, his scholarship becomes of no consequence to me. Irvin Cobb, who died recently, stands as a good example of worldly wisdom that is not devoted to the Word of God. I repeat, beloved, that we are to give no heed to men such as Wells and Cobb or anyone else whose thoughts are contrary to the Word of God. In every particular, this Book is final. May you believe it, and not Wells or Cobb, or any other scholar of this world. May you now believe its statement and receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour. "Repent ye and believe the gospel."

#### Six Ifs Of Christian Experience

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3. The third "IF" introduces us to the Deceived Christian. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us" (vs. 8).

"Sin" here is the sin principle inherited from Adam. When one is born into the family of God he is the recipient of the divine nature (2 Cor. 5:17). But this in no sense changes the situation with respect to the presence and character of the old nature, or sin principle. It is still present in the Christian, and still unimproved.

Some dear Christians have been led to believe that through a "baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire" experience the sin principle has been eradicated and they are beyond the possibility of sinning. But no Scripture can be adduced to support such a doctrine, neither will the daily experience of such professors, when

honestly interpreted, bear it out.

The Holy Spirit knows whereof He speaks when He says that such Christians are deceived. They deceive themselves. Very few, if any, of their friends are deceived. Certainly God is not deceived. He knows the falsity of the whole satanic-carnal position.

4. The fourth "IF" introduces us to the Cleansed Christian. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just (righteous) to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (vs. 9).

The consciousness of sin committed by the Christian interrupts his fellowship with God his Father. Fellowship, we say, not relationship. Thank God, that is unbreakable and unchangeable. But the guilt of sin on the conscience makes the child of God unhappy and causes him to hold aloof from his Father. This is broken fellowship.

But there is a remedy. It is simply the full confession of the sin from an honest heart. There must be no self-excusing, and no underrating of the character of the sin. The Christian must know that he is dealing with God and not men, and nothing short of whole-souled sincerity will pass muster with Him.

Having thus confessed the thing which brought the cloud between him and his Father's face, he simply takes by faith the fact of his cleansing and restoration to full fellowship. God "is faithful and righteous to forgive . . . and to cleanse." The Father would have His child leave the confessed sin buried in the sea of forgetfulness and resume his walk of fellowship as though the incident had never occurred.

What a precious provision for our oft needed cleansing.

5. The fifth "IF" introduces us to the Insulting Christian. "If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us" (vs. 10).

What Christian can come to the end of any day, or even a lesser period of time, with the assurance that in everything he has completely measured up to the perfect will of God? We do not minimize the grace of God. There may have been no sinning so far as the Christian is aware, and for this he can humbly thank God. But what shall be said of the failures, the shortcomings, the side-steppings, which because of his immaturity in things spiritual, are shut out from his conscience? These are his unknown sins, and alas! how numerous they must be! Some one has said that "we come short of the glory of God with every breath we draw."

In view of all this, what an affront to the character of the most Holy God for any Christian to lay claim to freedom from sinning while still in the flesh. In so doing the "sin-free Christian" is thereby committing one of the greatest of sins against His faithful, loving Father.

6. The sixth "IF" introduces us to the Protected Christian. "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (vs. 2:1).

It is serious enough that sin in the Christian's experience should break his fellowship. How much more serious were it able to condemn him. But this can never be, for he is protected by the intercession of his Advocate at the right hand of the Father.

In more familiar language, the Lord Jesus is the Christian's Attorney in Heaven's Court, to plead his cases against all charges. No doubt the devil gleefully reminds God of

the many sins and failures of His children in an attempt to alter their standing with Him. But, praise God, they have an Attorney Who presents the indisputable evidence of their eternal justification, — the shed blood, and the empty tomb — and all charges fail. Hallelujah!

Every child of God, from the weakest babe in Christ to the most experienced believer, is perfectly safe in the Lord Jesus because "He ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25).

— Faith and Works

#### I SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW

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Professor William Cecil Duncan, professor of Latin and Greek, University of Louisiana; "Baptists do not, as do most Protestant denominations, date their origin from the Reformation of 1520. By means of that great religious movement, indeed they were brought forth from comparative obscurity, into prominent notice.\*\*\*\*\* They did not, however, originate with the Reformation, for long before Luther lived, nay, long before the Roman Catholic Church, herself was known, Baptists and Baptist churches existed and flourished in Europe, in Asia, and in Africa."

B. Does a Baptist preacher have a right to baptize without church authority?

No Paul said of the church at Corinth: "I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things and keep the ordinances as I delivered them unto you." The ordinances, baptism and the Lord's supper, were delivered to the churches, not to the preachers. Paul said: "Christ sent us not to baptize, but to preach the gospel." If that means anything, it means a call to preach gives no man authority to administer the ordinances. They were committed to the churches. So Paul had to be ordained by the church at Antioch before going out as a missionary, that he might be qualified to administer the ordinances. And that ordination did not give the right to administer either ordinance, except by church authority.

On p. 505 of Strong's Theology, he cites Matt. 28:18-20, Lu. 24:33, Acts 1:15, I Cor. 15:6 to prove "that it was not to the eleven apostles alone that Jesus committed the ordinances." Quoting 1 Cor. 11:2, he says "here Paul commits the Lord's Supper into the charge, not of the body of officials, but of the whole church. Baptism and the Lord's Supper, therefore are not to be administered at the discretion of the individual minister. He is simply the organ of the church; and pocket baptismal and communion services are without warrant." On p. 551 Strong says: "The only organized body is the local church, and this is the only body of any sort, competent to have charge of the ordinances."

A preacher has no more right to go around baptizing folks than he has to go around with a piece of bread and a little vial of wine in his pocket or saddle-pockets administering to them the communion.

C. If so, under what circumstances. None whatever.

D. Should he be tolerated in America?

So far as America is concerned, he should be tolerated. But the Baptist church, to which he belongs, should call him to account and if he will not desist from baptizing folks without church authority, his credentials should be taken from him as promptly for baptizing without church authority, as for administering the communion without church authority.

E. Should a Baptist church receive a person, who has been baptized this manner, without being re-baptized?

No.

F. If these things should occur, what should be done with both churches and preachers?

The church ought to be taught what Baptist doctrine is and advised not to repeat the offense. The preachers ought to have their credentials taken from them by the church which they belong and other Baptist churches ought to close doors against them, and they should be refused seats in any kind of Baptist gatherings. They are heretics. They belong either to the Hardshells or Campbellites, both of whom teach that commission was given to the preachers, not to the churches. Let them go where they belong. They are not Missionary Baptists.

#### WILL THE BIBLE STAND

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Rome to compare with this massive temple, dedicated to the memories of senseless, heathen gods.

The Bible is greater than the Temple of Baalbek; it will stand while Baalbek is gone, and the last part of its dust has been devoured by the red flames of judgment.

The two wonderful pillars of the Bible, the Old Testament and the New, will stand when heaven and earth shall make their final bow and pass forever away. Standing as they do at the two extremities of time, they swing out their mighty arch over all intervening ages, and beneath this arch, all ages of time pass in review.

Empires have appeared and vanished; kings have come to coronation and passed away to dust and ash. Nations have rolled their war drums, flung out their gilded banners, marched their tramping millions, and have vanished from the earth like the dust of a summer threshing-floor. Stars have turned back in their courses; mountains have burned and islands have gone from their places in the oceans; and rivers have dried in their ancient beds. The great phant, the mighty mastodon, the dinosaur, and the saber-toothed tiger have perished from off the earth. Behemoth has gone from the river and Leviathan from his place in the sea. But the BIBLE lives! Like a burning seraphim of fire, it has blazing its way through the darkest age, and with increased momentum it will sweep ahead, until the angel of death shall stand on sea and land, and swear that time shall be no longer.

Yes, and in the last great judgment storm, when the sun shall turn black as sackcloth and the moon change to blood, when lightning shall lick the earth with devouring tongues of flame, and wailing thunder sound over the dead and buried ages, even then, JESUS CHRIST, the key-stone of this mighty Bible arch, will hold it steady; and I, a poor lost man redeemed, in the midst of falling stars and burning worlds, shall never regret the hours, days and years have spent with this Eternal Word.

— From Great Illustration

Mrs. H. M. Lowe of Robertsda Alabama, sends in a fine list of new subscriptions, and for her trouble securing them, we have sent her a copy of "Mary Sunshine" and "With Him Twain" written by Betha B. Moore. Thus Sister Lowe helps herself, her friends, and THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. Go thou and do likewise.