

# Christ Was Born Among Cattle and Died Among Thieves That We Might Live Eternally Among Angels

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### I Should Like to Know . . .

1. Did not God purpose to save those whom He saves, before He saves them?  
Yes. He elected them before the foundation of the world and wrote their names in the Book of Life. Eph. 1:4, 2 Thess. 2:13, Rev. 17:3.  
2. Will He not save all He purposed to save?  
Yes. Paul plainly says in Rom. 8:28-30 that all that God fore-knew will be glorified.  
3. Did God purpose to save all of Adam's race?  
No. Only a remnant. Isa. 53:12, Rom. 11:5, 2 Tim. 2:10.  
4. Is the B. Y. P. U. of any benefit to a New Testament Church?  
Think not. Theoretically it might be, but we are not asked to tell whether it might be, but whether it is as now run. As now run we think it is a detriment in four ways. First, it teaches young women to disobey God's plain command in I Cor. 14:34-37 and I Tim. 2:8-13. Second, it weakens, rather than strengthens the Sunday night services. We heard an Oklahoma pastor say the other day that on Sunday night in the average church, where you have a B. Y. P. U., you have two crowds. As the folk that

go to church are coming to worship, the B. Y. P. U. folk are leaving and going off to a night of fun and frolic somewhere else. Third, it multiplies machinery and does not increase the power of the church and that always weakens, rather than helps. Fourth, its worst feature is that it gets into the minds and hearts of the young people, that they go to church to be entertained, rather than to worship and hear God speak to them out of His infallible Word.

5. What is a familiar spirit?

It is a demoniac spirit that takes possession of a spirit medium and speaks through her (or him, generally a her).

6. Did the witch of Endor actually call Samuel from the dead?

I do not know. There is much to be said in both ways. If God permitted Samuel to come back, the very fact that she was so surprised, proves that in other cases where they claim to call back the dead, it is a fraud.

7. Who are the "sons of God" and "daughters of men" in Gen. 6:2?

The sons of God were the descendants of Seth; the daughters of men, the descendants of Cain.

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### Will God Keep His Word As To Tithing?

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." — Mal. 3:10.

But let us here repeat a story we have told and add to it its sequel, which hitherto has not been published: About six years ago a certain young lady was converted in Jarvis Street, and when applying for baptism and church membership, she said that the Lord had shown her that she ought to make up the arrears of the tithe, that the Lord was her God even before she recognized Him, and that she was under obligation to pay a tithe of all she received from the beginning. She said she had therefore reckoned up the amount of money she had earned since she began to work for herself, and she felt that she owed a tenth of it all to the Lord, and was determined to pay it up as soon as possible. The night she came to be examined for baptism she pre-

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### CHRIST'S SECOND ADVENT CERTAIN!

"This same JESUS . . . shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11).

"The LORD Himself shall descend from heaven." (I Thes. 4:16).

CHRIST said: "I will come again." (John 14:3).

Christ's Coming Will Be Very Sudden and Unexpected

"As the lightning cometh." (Matt. 24:27).

"As a thief in the night." (I Thes. 5:2).

"In such an hour as ye think not." (Matthew 24:44).

"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." (I Cor. 15:52).

What Will The Earth Be Like When His Coming Is Very Near? We Are Told To Expect—

1. Wars, Famines, Pestilences, Earthquakes.

"Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines and pestilences, and earthquakes in various places." (Matthew 24:7).

2. Revolutions.

"Thus saith the LORD OF HOSTS . . . I will shake all nations and the

Desire of All Nations shall come." (Haggai 2:7).

"I will overturn, overturn, overturn . . . until He comes, Whose right it is." (Ezekiel 21:27).

3. World-Wide Distress.

4. Problems, Unrest, Fear.

"Upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity" (Luke 21:25).

5. Jerusalem shall be liberated.

"Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." (Luke 21:24).

(N. B.—Jerusalem was delivered by the Allies from the Turks in December, 1917. At the Supreme Council at San Remo, the Allies decided to hand Palestine back to the Jews as their National Home, May, 1920).

6. Grave social conditions.

"In the last days perilous times shall come; for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." (2 Timothy 3:1-4).

7. Disbelief in Christ's Coming.

"There shall come in the last day scoffers . . . saying, where is the

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### A True Story Of A Little Highland Hero

In the north of Scotland where the main railway line across a great ravine or gully—a fearful looking abyss—the viaduct that bridged it was one of the wonders of the North. One night a fearful storm raged over that district. The little stream or burn that meandered under the viaduct was turned into a raging mad torrent.

A young Highland shepherd laddie sheltered his sheep as best he could for the night. In the morning, long before dawn, he set out to see how they had fared. As he made his way up the hillside, he noticed to his horror that the central column had gone and that the bridge was broken. He knew that the mail train was due, and that if not warned she would be dashed to pieces and many lives lost. He looked at the raging torrent. He wondered if he could get across. The thought of the danger of so many urged him on. He plunged in, and made his way to the other side. He was battered and baffled and breath-

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### Is Spiritism of God or the Devil?

DO THE WAR DEAD COME BACK?

The last war saw great strides made in the realm of Spiritualism, or as it should be called, "Spiritism." Sir A. Conan Doyle and Sir Oliver Lodge were both champions of the new order and did all they could for its advancement and development.

Many are convinced that they hear the voices of their departed loved ones. What can be more comforting to bereaved people than to know that they can hear the voices of those dear to them. As Tennyson could beautifully say:

"Oh for the touch of a vanished hand,  
The sound of a voice that is still."

Those who hear declare that there are no tricks in the process. Even

those who have discovered tricks at the seance meetings acknowledge that behind it all there is a power which is superhuman. Though people have been duped at seances, yet it is foolish to scoff at these things. The adherents of Spiritism include people of high intelligence, education and ability, lawyers, scientists, doctors, etc., who have in some cases spent years in investigation. Spiritism is

By No Means A Hoax  
as many will try to make out, and glibly wave it aside with skeptical jeer. It is even dangerous to jeer. Many of its staunch votaries are those who began by scoffing.

Spiritism is a fact. People have always been anxious to get in touch with "the other side." Now, though those intelligent people seriously be-

gin taking up Spiritism, they are, no doubt, unaware that this is definitely forbidden in the Word of God. Of course, many may disregard the Bible teaching, but we base all our argument upon what it says, believing it to be the infallible Word of God. God commanded that no attempt at communication with the other world should be practised. "There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that uses divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard or a necromancer." (Deut. 18:10-11).

Spiritism is actually as old as the human race. Its name has been

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### Six Short Rules For Young Christians

The following rules were originally published by Brownlow North, the celebrated evangelist. The grand-nephew of Lord North, the celebrated Prime Minister of King George III., Brownlow North was born in 1810. Up to the age of 44 years, he lived a careless, sinful, godless life until one night in the month of November, 1854, whilst sitting at a table playing cards, he was seized with terrible conviction of sin and a sensation of sudden illness and approaching death. His conversion to Christ followed and for the remaining twenty years of his life, he was conspicuously honoured by God in the salvation of souls, as he laboured in parts of Scotland, Ireland and England.

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Never neglect daily private prayer; and when you pray remember that God is present, and that He hears your prayers. (Heb. xi. 6).  
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### The First Baptist Pulpit

#### "DO WE NEED A PRIEST AND DO WE HAVE ONE?"

Read Hebrews 7:23-28.

Religion is as old as the human family, and the priesthood is as old as religion. This is just another way of saying that ever since the human family began, priesthood in some form has existed.

The priesthood is mentioned often and prominently in the Bible. Melchizedek is the first priest concerning whom the Word of God speaks.

"Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all." — Gen. 14:18-20.

There is also recorded in the

Scriptures the fact that Joseph married the daughter of Potiphar, the priest of On. "And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-paaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Potiphar priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt." — Gen. 41:45.

Moses, the deliverer of Israel from Egypt, was also married to a daughter of a priest of Midian.

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It is written that the very day the late Florenz Ziegfeld met Billie Burke—who later became his wife—he bought out an entire flower shop and had it sent to her home, every flower in the shop as well as the ornamental orange trees in the window.

When she complained she had tried all day to phone him and thank him but had found the line busy, he

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#### EXCLUSION FROM CHURCH

Some preachers have forgotten that the Scriptures teach very clearly and plainly that for any one of a number of public offences a member should be excluded from the fellowship of a Baptist church. Here are some things specifically named.

1. Personal offences where Scriptural steps have been taken. Matt. 18:16-18.  
2. Fornication. I Cor. 5. This in-

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## Six Short Rules For Young Christians

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II

Never neglect daily private Bible-reading; and when you read, remember that God is speaking to you, and that you are to believe and act upon what He says. I believe all backsliding begins with the neglect of these two rules. (John v. 39).

III

Never let a day pass without trying to do something for Jesus. Every night reflect on what Jesus has done for you, and then ask yourself, What am I doing for Him? (Matt. v. 13-16).

IV

If ever you are in doubt as to a thing being right or wrong, go to your room, and kneel down and ask God's blessing upon it. (Col. iii. 17). If you cannot do this, it is wrong. (Rom. xvi. 23).

V

Never take your Christianity from Christians, or argue that because such and such people do so and so, that therefore you may. (Cor. x. 12). You are to ask yourself, How would Christ act in my place? and strive to follow Him. (John x. 27).

VI

Never believe what you feel, if it contradicts God's Word. Ask yourself Can what I feel be true, if God's Word is true? and both cannot be true, believe God and make your own heart the liar. (Rom. iii. 4, I John v. 10, 11). — Copied

### A GOLDEN TELEPHONE

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had a golden telephone installed with a special ring for her private use!

Has not the heavenly Bridegroom worked even more marvelously, in installing a golden wireless system between heaven and earth for the personal use of His blood-bought Bride!

And He is never too busy to be reached by those who wish to thank Him for all that He is, and all that He does and all that He gives, and to make their requests known to Him.

Each believer has a private direct line to Him plus His expressed desire: "Let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice and thy countenance is

comely." (Song of Solomon 2:14).

How much use have we made of the golden Praise and Prayer Line today? — Now.

### CHRIST'S SECOND ADVENT CERTAIN

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promise of His coming? All things continue as they were." (2 Peter 3:4).

8. Spiritism will be flourishing. "In the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." (I Tim. 4:1).

9. Great Travel Facilities, Increased Knowledge, and Ungodliness. "The time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." (Daniel 12:4).

"When ye shall see these things, know that He is near, even at the door." (Matthew 24:33, margin).

"As in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage . . . and knew not until the flood came and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the SON OF MAN be." (Matthew 24:38,39).

"The earth was filled with violence." (Genesis 6:11).

10. Riches are a Sign.

"There never has been a time when millionaires and multi-millionaires were so numerous as now, in these last days. Riches is one of the last-day signs." (Jas. 5:1-5).

#### How Will He Come?

"He will descend with a shout." (I Thes. 5:15,18).

"To them that look for Him He will appear as the bright and morning star." (Rev. 22:16).

#### What Will Happen When The Lord Jesus Does Come?

"The dead in CHRIST shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the LORD in the air." (I Thes. 4:16,17).

"There was a cry made: Behold the Bridegroom cometh . . . and they that were ready went in" (Matt. 25:6-10).

#### What Will Happen To Those Who Are Left?

"They will have terrible Judgment and Punishment. "When the LORD JESUS shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not GOD, and that obey not the Gospel of our LORD JESUS CHRIST: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the LORD, and from the glory of His power." (2 Thes. 1:7-9; see also Revelation 16:15).

#### Why Our Lord Still Delays His Coming

"The LORD is not slack concerning His promises, as some men count slackness; but in long-suffering to us-ward not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9).

#### How Shall We Welcome Our Lord's Coming?

"Repent ye; for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." (Matthew 3:2).

The LORD JESUS said: "Come unto Me" (Matthew 11:28). "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." (John 6:37).

"For GOD so loved the world that He gave His only begotten SON, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

"The Blood of JESUS CHRIST

His Son cleanseth us from all sin." (I John 1:7).

"As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of GOD, even to them that believe on His name." (John 1:12).

"Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, Come LORD JESUS." (Revelation 22:20).

— The Standard Bearer

### IS SPIRITISM OF GOD?

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changed, but it is in reality witchcraft revived. It is Spiritism—consulting with familiar spirits, it is necromancy. People laugh at the old time witch, but the modern medium practices only the same as she did then. Among the articles to which old-time candidates for the office of witch—or wizard (wizard is only a male witch)—were to subscribe was an absolute withdrawal from obedience to God, and utterly to renounce Christ. All witches and wizards vow obedience and subjection to the Devil. They are to worship the Devil. In return the Devil promises that he will at all times afford them prompt assistance. Each candidate has assigned to him or her a demon, who is called "a familiar spirit."

Much that has happened in these old-time practices has been ascribed to hysteria and hallucinations, to imaginations and nightmares, but on examining the records of famous cases, men capable of sound judgment have concluded that there have been, no doubt, supernatural powers at work.

#### Present-Day Spiritism Claims

that the dead continually seek to communicate with us through the agency of sensitives, so that we can get into touch with dear ones who have passed from this life. If this is so, then their spirits cannot be with Christ, "which is far better," and also the comforting doctrine of the resurrection from the dead, which all believers hold as a future glorious hope at the Second Coming of Christ, and shown so beautifully in I Corinthians 15, is without meaning. If there is no death there can be no resurrection—we do, however, bless God that in Christ the "sting" is taken out of death.

We cannot estimate the comfort such a doctrine holds for the bereaved, if they can communicate with their departed loved ones. Spiritism claims that the barriers of death are broken down. The terrors of mortality are banished. If Spiritism can bring again the sight of beloved faces and the sound of beloved voices to those anxiously waiting, if it might be the will of God that it should be, then we can only say that Spiritism is a very sacred and blessed thing. The afflicted are comforted, the bereaved consoled. But, if there is real reason to believe that the spirits with whom contact is made are proved to be evil spirits, lying spirits, merely masquerading intelligences, playing the part with great skill, but for purposes to suit their own ends, to deceive, fraudulently

Impersonating A Son Or Husband fallen in battle or drowned at sea, if they can be proved to be false—and we unflinchingly say that they can be, then these spirits are not those of the departed, but evil intelligences (unclean spirits) demons. This being so, it is our duty to show that Spiritism is not only dangerous but "to be avoided," as one eminent doctor said "as you would avoid the opium den—and much more so."

those who have at first only just dabbled in Spiritism, we have found that interest has been aroused and eventually, instead of a few friends meeting for an occasional "Seance," meetings have become more and more frequent, until the people themselves become possessed of evil spirits. Awful are the descriptions of the low state of morality to which such have sunk, as they have become the dupes of this devilish practice. Their wills weakened, their health broken, Spiritism opens the door to demonic possession.

This is widely acknowledged by all except the prejudiced. Thousands are in the asylums on account of tampering with Spiritism.

Many instances could be given to show that these spirits of the "other side" are evil. In the days of Christ the spirits fled at His Name. "The devils were subject to Him" is written large in the New Testament.

#### Demon Possession And Witchcraft In The Scriptures

From earliest times vehement denunciations have been launched against those practicing the occult sciences. Not that the practices were fraud, but abominable as magic. Moses' opponents, the sorcerers, were masters of the science of Egypt. When Aaron's rod became a serpent then theirs became a mass of writhing serpents, too. But Aaron's swallowed up theirs. They had power also to bring up frogs on the land in imitation of Moses, but they had not the power to drive them away. They could not protect their own bodies from the blains and swelling sores. Their power was truly a supernatural power, but it was not the same as that which Moses and Aaron had. It was a power in definite antagonism to God and His servants.

It will be remembered that Balak, king of Moab, sent for Balaam, to pronounce a terrible curse upon the Israelites as they encamped at the confines of his (Balak's) territory. The great victories of the Israelites had made him fearful, lest he should suffer defeat. Balaam was a sorcerer, a magician,

#### He Had A "Familiar Spirit"

A great reward was to be paid to him for the exercise of his gift of divination. Though Balaam was disobedient, yet God intervened and caused Balaam to say only what he was commanded to say. Instead of cursing, he is constrained instead to bless. Three attempts are made. The third is on the summit of Mount Peor, the center and sanctuary of the local cult of Baal Peor, whose ancient worship comprised a ritual of the most foul obscenity. Balaam now deliberately resists the Divine control, he passes into a trance, but instead of cursing he is inspired by God to speak of the coming of the "Star out of Jacob" and "The Scepter," which should rise out of Israel. A prophecy directly pointing to Christ Who was to appear on earth. The Spirit of God prevailed over the Spirit of the Devil. God in this case overruled for His own glory and honour. Balaam was of the class who would divine by the inspection of the entrails of sacrificed victims, a very ancient rite. It is said that this practice is continued even today by occultists. When Balaam said "The Lord shall speak to me," the evidence shows that he expected his "demon familiar" to meet him. But God met him. A solemn thought. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

Another outstanding instance of Spiritism in the Old Testament about which many have thought seriously

is the case of Saul visiting

#### The Witch of Endor

(I Samuel 28). On the eve of a tremendous battle with the Philistines he loses his nerve. He is in a panic. There is no answer from God and Samuel, the Prophet of God, is dead. Saul is at his wits' end. The witch of Endor had a "familiar spirit." Saul came to her in the dead of the night. We make no attempt to wrest Scripture and make it say what doesn't in order to fit our argument, but considering this matter carefully in the light of all Scripture, we say without hesitation that the witch did not bring Samuel up at all. Saul was "head and shoulders" taller than anyone else, and we cannot doubt that she recognized him and acted accordingly. How could such a figure as the magnificent Saul's be disguised? Then it is quite reasonable as well as contrary to God's character—we say it reverently and we trust with true humility—that Samuel would be "brought up" as he was formerly known, a bent old man wearing his cloak! We know that all things are possible to God and we flinch from taking a "higher critical" view of the sacred Scriptures, but we submit that if God Himself had cast off Saul, turning a deaf ear to him, it is contrary to His character to allow a witch to be His mouthpiece.

#### One Of The Devil's Emphases

After all, would it be necessary for Samuel thus to appear in order to convince Saul? Saul himself did not see Samuel and what Saul heard was only really what he already knew. He was desperate, he would catch at any slender straw, without a moment's pause to consider. In considering this case it seems that sanctified common sense must be exercised.

In the New Testament, demons are seen to use their malign influence through physical bodies. The demon whom Paul encountered at Philippi possessed with a spirit of divination, whose masters made much gain through her soothsaying. "But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out at the same hour. And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas." (Acts 16:18).

#### "The Fallen Angels"

Those who have cross-examined these spirits have discovered that among various kinds, the Rapping, Tapping and Writing Spirits, there are no spirits of departed Christians. These spirits have been compelled to admit that "The Lord has taken those to Himself." The fallen angels' attitude has ever been, as enemies of the human race. We believe the demons of Spiritism to be none other than those spoken of in Genesis: "Where the Sons of God came unto the daughters of men . . . God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth." (Genesis 6). These "Sons of God" are referred to by Peter, "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into the chains of darkness, to be reserved unto Judgment" (2 Peter 2:4). And Jude 6: "And the angels which kept not their estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto judgment of the great day." Those spirits, though "bound," are not made "inactive," they are "bound in darkness." They remain in the regions of darkness until the judgment of the day of God's wrath.

— Prophetic News



## DO WE NEED A PRIEST AND DO WE HAVE ONE?

thier of a priest, his wife being the daughter of Jethro, the priest of Midian. "And Moses was content to dwell with the man; and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter." — Ex. 2:21.

In the days of Elijah, we read that there were 450 priests of Baal who ate at Jezebel's table. In addition to all these references to the various priests, the priesthood of Aaron and his sons is most prominently mentioned in the books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

It is rather interesting to notice how the concept of the priesthood developed. Originally, every man acted as a priest for himself. Cain and Abel in bringing their offerings, stand as good illustrations of this truth. After a while, the father of the home acted as a priest for the home. It was thus that Job offered sacrifices in behalf of his children. "And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt-offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually." — Job 1:5.

While originally each man acted as a priest for himself, and later the father acted as a priest for the home, ultimately the Jews developed the concept of the priesthood under God until they had their priests and high priest who acted for the entire nation. Finally, our text declares that Christ became a high priest for the nations of the world. How interestingly then this thought of the priesthood has been developed.

In view of the fact that there are so many references to the priesthood in the Bible, folk often wonder today why we do not have priests. I have even had individuals hint that maybe the Catholics are scriptural in having priests and that we were unscriptural in view of the fact that we have no references to the priesthood in the Bible.

I All this leads me to ask a question: *Do we need a priest today?* Emphatically, undoubtedly, and most certainly we do need a priest. That we do need a priest is evidenced by the fact that the priest represents man to God.

"For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins." — Heb. 5:1.

In this the priest differs from the prophet. A prophet represents God to man. He is spokesman for God. The priest, in contrast, represents man to God. He is a spokesman for man. Well, since men sin and since they still need such representation, then we still need a priest.

There is a second reason why we need a priest, namely, because a priest presents sacrifices for the atonement of sins. Men still sin, and therefore we still need an atonement. Since we sin and still need an atonement, then, beloved, we still need a priest. We need one who is able to present sacrifices for our sins.

"For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presences of God for us." — Heb. 9:24

Thus, for these two reasons, we still need a priest today.

II Since we need a priest, another

question logically follows: *Do we have a priest?* I rejoice that each believer is his own priest before God.

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." — I Pet. 2:9.

"And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever." — Rev. 1:6.

While each one who received Jesus is a believer-priest for himself, at the same time, Christ has become our great High Priest. Listen:

"But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able to also save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens." — Heb. 7:24-27.

How it does bless our souls then to know that while we need a priest to represent us to God, who is able to present sacrifices for our sins — how we do rejoice that we have such a one in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## III

It is indeed interesting to notice the superiority of Christ over the priests of the Old Testament. Much is said in the Old Testament about the priesthood. Each of these Old Testament priests were but sinful men. Before they could offer sacrifices for others, they had to offer sacrifices for themselves. This is most pointedly revealed to us in that on the great day of atonement, before Aaron could offer any sacrifices in behalf of the nation, he had to offer a sacrifice for himself first.

"And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin-offering, which is for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house." — Lev. 16:6.

In contrast to the sinfulness of the Old Testament priests, Jesus Christ Himself is sinless. Both the Old Testament priests and Christ are held up in decided contrast.

"For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore." — Heb. 7:26-28.

How we do rejoice to know that while the Old Testament priest was sinful and needed to offer a sacrifice for himself, Christ is sinless. Listen:

"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.

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." — I Pet. 1:18, 19.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit." — I Pet. 3:18.

I remember several years ago that I was busy preaching in a revival

meeting in country churches for sixty-three days in succession, during which time I ate fried chicken three meals every day, or in other words, 189 breakfasts, dinners, and suppers were of fried chicken. Shortly afterwards, I became ill and went to a doctor who said from preliminary examination that he thought I had some gall trouble. I wasn't the least bit surprised, for many times I had had folk tell me I had "too much gall."

The doctor gave me some Graham dye capsules one afternoon and told me to refrain from supper and breakfast and be back at his office the next morning at eleven o'clock. Following his instructions religiously, I was at his office the next morning for him to give me a fluoroscopic examination. When he stood me before the fluoroscope, he moved a large mirror in front of me and I saw every internal organ of my body in operation. He had told me if I actually had any gall trouble, those Graham dye capsules would cause dark spots to appear. He gave me a most thorough and rigid examination, and when he finished, much to my joy, he declared that there was not a single dark spot that he could find.

Well, the same is likewise true concerning Jesus. You can subject the Lord Jesus Christ to the most minute examination; you can study His character microscopically or telescopically; you can study Him both extensively and intensively, yet when you have completed your observation, you will be ready to fall at His feet realizing that there is not a single dark spot on the character of the Son of God. He is pure, perfect, and holy. Thus, beloved, as our High Priest, He is far superior to the priests of the Old Testament in that he is sinless whereas they were sinful.

In the second place, Christ is superior to these Old Testament priests in that He Himself is morally perfect whereas the Old Testament priests were only physically perfect. It was required of the priests in the Old Testament that they be physically perfect. Listen:

"And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whosoever be of thy seed in their generations that hath any blemish, let him not approach to offer the bread of his God. For whatsoever man be that hath a blemish, he shall not approach; a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose, or anything superfluous. Or a man that is brokenfooted, or brokenhanded, or crookbacked, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or be scurvy or scabbed, or hath his stones broken. No man that hath a blemish of the seed of Aaron the priest shall come nigh to offer the offerings of the Lord made by fire: he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God." — Lev. 21:16-21.

You will notice by this that even if a man had a broken finger he could not officiate as a priest.

The Catholics still demand physical perfection of their priests. That's why it is that every Catholic priest is such a fine, handsome, athletic type of manhood. When I was pastor in Cincinnati, I used to drive down to the Catholic Seminary and watch them play ball. It wasn't anything at all for them to get in a big argument which would result in the worst profanity, vulgarity, and fisticuff exhibition. I have heard the worst oaths, the most vulgar statements, and have seen the biggest fights on the part of those priests over a ball game I have ever witnessed in my

life. However, they were most careful in their playing not to get a bone broken. Why even if they were to have the misfortune of breaking a finger, they would be disqualified from the priesthood. What a shallow, sham, pretense at religion for one to think his profanity and vulgarity as nothing but the matter of physical perfection as everything.

Well, the Old Testament priests had to be physically perfect. In contrast, Jesus Christ is morally perfect. There never was one of whom it could be said that he possessed all moral perfections. Yet that is definitely true of Jesus. Listen: "God is light and in him is no darkness at all." — I John 1:5. Notice those words. How wonderful that although the Old Testament priests were physically perfect, Christ Himself is morally perfect.

In the third place, Christ was superior to the Old Testament priests in that He was intrinsically holy whereas the Old Testament priests were only clean by compulsion. Their cleanness and their holiness was all because it was demanded of them by the law. As an example, it is interesting to notice how they were affected by marriage. Listen:

"And he shall take a wife in her virginity. A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, or an harlot, these shall he not take; but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife." — Lev. 21:13, 14. The law thus compelled the Old Testament priests to be clean concerning the matter of marriage in that he was permitted to marry no one but a virgin. He was thus clean by compulsion.

Yet in a most decided contrast, Christ was clean not by compulsion, but because He is holiness itself. Listen: "For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens." — Heb. 7:26.

In the fourth place, Christ is superior to the Old Testament priests in that Christ discharged the sin debt whereas the Old Testament priests merely acknowledged it. Suppose a man owed an obligation, perhaps to the bank. On the date due, he goes to his creditor and in substance says: "I promised to pay, but I'm empty handed. I cannot pay, though I would like to. All I can do is acknowledge my debt." It's thus when you renew a note without paying it off. You acknowledge your inability to pay and thereby acknowledge the debt. The Old Testament priests did this every year. On the day of atonement, when the priest came with his offering in behalf of the nation, he thus yearly acknowledged his inability to pay the sin debt. Listen:

"But in those sacrifices is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins." — Heb. 10:3, 4.

However, when Christ came, He paid the debt. We sing:

"Jesus paid it all  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow."

It is true Jesus did pay it all. The Scriptures are most emphatic in teaching us this truth — that the sin debt was paid by Him.

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." — I Pet. 2:24.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened

by the Spirit." — I Pet. 3:18.

What a marvelous blessed contrast then this is that whereas the Old Testament priest acknowledged their sin debt, Christ discharged it by paying it in full.

In the fifth place, Christ is superior to the Old Testament priests in that by His death He procured eternal redemption whereas the Old Testament priest could only procure an annual redemption. Each year the Old Testament priest offered his sacrifices for that particular year. The best that he could do was to produce an annual redemption.

Yet not so with Jesus. He has obtained eternal redemption in our behalf. What a blessed truth this is and how it thrills our souls to know that we are not redeemed a year at a time, but rather, for time and eternity. Listen:

"But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained redemption for us. Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world; but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." — Heb. 9:11, 12, 25, 26.

In the sixth place, Christ is superior to the Old Testament priest in that He finished His work with one sacrifice whereas the Old Testament priest's work was never finished. The Word of God makes a remarkable revelation in this respect. Listen to this Scripture:

"By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." — Heb. 10:10-14.

In the Old Testament, the Jews, in their religious economy, worshipped in their tabernacle. In the first room which was ordinarily called the "outer holy place," there were three articles of furniture, namely, the candlestick, the table for show bread, and the altar of incense. Inside the second room, or the "holy of holies" was the ark of the covenant which was symbolic of God's presence. These were the only articles of furniture inside the tabernacle. There was no bench, no stool, no chair, and no place for the priest to sit. There was a reason for this. His work was never finished. He must offer again and again the same sacrifices because his work was never finished. Since his work was never finished, there was no reason to provide for him any place to sit.

How remarkable is the contrast in this respect as to Jesus. This scripture declares that when He had offered one sacrifice. He "sat down on the right hand of God." Thus while the Old Testament priest's work was never finished, Christ finished His work with one sacrifice in our behalf.

In the seventh place, Christ's priesthood is superior to that of the Old Testament priests in that His



priesthood was unchangeable. The Old Testament priests did not continue because they died and their priesthood was therefore changeable. Yet not so with Jesus. Listen:

"But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood." — Heb. 7:24.

The word "unchangeable" is one of the most interesting words in the original language in that it means that it does not pass to another, or in other words, the priesthood of Christ cannot be transmitted nor delegated. In the light of this verse of Scripture, then the Catholic idea of priesthood is absolutely false for their whole theory is that the pope, cardinal, bishop, and priest act as Christ's representatives, or each as his viceregents here on earth. They claim that Christ's priesthood has been transmitted to them and they are serving by delegated authority. In the light of this verse their contention is an impious fraud.

This verse sets aside once and forever the idea of human priesthood and the auricular confession. I was in a Catholic church a few years ago in the state of Virginia and saw a number of confession boxes into which the priest would go, and placing his ear to a hole in the box, would hear the confession of the individuals who came to him to make a confession. Going through the Ten Commandments, some such confession doubtlessly resulted: "How many times have you cursed?" And on being told by the individual who is making his confession he knew not the number of times, then the priest would ask: "About how many times?" And thus with each of the Commandments and with all other questions pertaining to morality. I thought as I noticed the individuals passing in and out of those confession boxes, knowing that they had whispered into the ear of their confessor the sins of their lives — I thought, how foolish, how absurd, and how religiously preposterous in the light of this Scripture since Christ's priesthood was never delegated nor transmitted to any human being.

When Christ died on the cross, one of the miracles that accompanied His death was the rending of the veil of the temple. "And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom." — Matt. 27:51. You will notice that that veil was not rent from the bottom to the top, but rather from the top to the bottom as though the unseen hand of God had reached down to tear it. Of course, as you know, that veil separated the outer holy place from the holy of holies into which the high priest alone could go, and then only once each year. When Jesus had died and entered Heaven with His blood as a sacrifice for our sins, He thereby became our High Priest, and the veil of the temple was miraculously and supernaturally rent in twain, signifying that the way into the holy of holies was now made possible to each of us through Jesus.

From that day on, we have needed no earthly being to represent us to God. We have needed no human priest. Christ is the only priest we need, and every Catholic priest is at least two thousand years behind time.

Another Scripture bears most strongly on this very question. Listen: "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." — I Tim. 2:5. Here's a Scripture which declares that God is in heaven and man is on earth, and that there is just one mediator to come between and that one is Jesus Christ.

I sat up until two o'clock one morning in the city of Cincinnati talking to a Catholic girl. Finally I showed her this Scripture. She said: "If that's in the Catholic Bible, then the whole system of Catholicism fails." And she is exactly right. There is no further need for any mediator other than Jesus Christ Himself.

I say then, beloved, that Christ's priesthood does not change. He has never delegated it to any earthly being. As little as I respect the devil, I respect him more than any human priest who pretends to forgive sins.

Long years ago Elijah stood at Mt. Carmel and cried out against the priests of Baal. So would I stand today. I count no words too severe in my denunciation of them. I only wish that my speech might be a thunder bolt and every word a lightning flash as a protest against the whole system of human priesthood.

What a marvelous contrast then this is that whereas the Old Testament priesthood changed in that it passed from one to another, Christ's priesthood is unchangeable and has never been transmitted nor delegated to anyone else.

#### IV

The high priest's work, so our text declares, is to save the uttermost. He saves to the uttermost of sin. That is, He saves to the very worst of sinners. Listen:

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." — Isa. 1:18.

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." — I Tim. 1:15.

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." — Lk. 19:10.

He saves to the uttermost of time. I mean by this that He saves from past, present, and future sins. That is, He saves us from the sins of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

"And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." — I Jn. 1:7.

"Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." — Titus 2:14.

"And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses." — Col. 2:13.

Furthermore, He saves us to the uttermost of place. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." — Acts 1:8.

Several years ago I knew of a Baptist deacon who left his church and united with the Catholics. On giving his reason for doing so, he said: "My soul is in the hands of my priest and he's responsible for it." Well, I too can say the same thing today. My soul is in the hands of my Priest and He is responsible for it. The difference is as to whom is the priest. This Catholic man's priest is an earthly man, whereas my Priest is the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son from Heaven. May you trust Him and receive Him now as your own personal Saviour!

If everyone took your attitude toward securing 10,000 new "subs" for this paper, how many would be secured?

#### I SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW

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8. If death came as the curse of sin upon man, why do the beasts die?

Because the whole creation was cursed as a result of man's sin.

9. If the Word was God and dwelt among us, how could the devil tempt God?

He couldn't. Jesus was very man as well as very God. He was tempted as a man.

10. If all things were ordained before the foundation of the world, how did Adam and Eve sin when they ate of the forbidden fruit, when it was ordained that they should eat of it?

Wrong. It wasn't ordained that they should eat of it. There are some things that God purposes and some things He permits. That was one of the things that He permitted. God is in no wise responsible for man's sins.

11. If a man believes on Jesus and kills his fellow-man and at the same time is killed will he get to heaven?

If he doesn't all the Americans who die in war go to hell. We do not suppose anybody would be big enough fool to say that. Under the law the murderer was stoned; so was the harlot; so was the Sabbath-desecrator; so was the profane swearer. All of them are violators of the same law.

If the murderers can not go to heaven, neither can the man who gets killed while out automobile riding on Sunday nor the boy who dishonors his parents nor any other violator of the ten commandments. Neither can the man go to heaven who has hatred in his heart, for in God's sight he is a murderer. Did Samson go to heaven? He is mentioned in the heroes of faith in Heb. 11. Yet he killed more in his death than in his life. And God helped him to do it by answering his prayer. His act was righteous and just or God would not have had a hand in it. The murderer is no worse in God's sight than the stingy covetous church-member, who hoards his money and gives nothing to missions. Baptist churches are full of dirty "cusses" like that. Do they go to heaven or do their pastors lie, when they preach them there? The same law that says "Thou shalt not kill," says "Thou shalt not covet." If one will send a man to hell, so will the other.

Now it ought to be said that the man who has hatred and murder in his heart and plots the death of his fellow-man is not saved. But if in a heat of passion a saved man should kill his fellow-man or if he should wake and find a robber in his house and shoot him and be shot by him, he would go as straight to heaven as if he was in church at worship and fell dead. Why? Because when a sinner receives Christ as his Saviour, by the one offering which Jesus Christ has made for him, all his sins, clean up to the time he dies, are laid upon Jesus and the sinner is not only justified once-for-all and forever, but in God's sight he is perfected forever. Heb. 10:14. An all-wise God knew that that man would commit murder before He saved him; and in spite of the fact that he would take his fellow-man's life in the years to come, He redeemed and save him, that sin the same as all others are laid upon his Substitute, the Lord Jesus. On that ground that that only God can be just and take him to heaven. But while we are on that subject let me say that murder is not the worst sin in a Christian. The sin of trampling the Lord Jesus under your feet and doing despite to the

Spirit of grace and making the Blood of the Covenant an unholy thing are far worse sins, than taking the life of your fellow-man. Lots of Baptists who are hoarding their money for their children and doing nothing for missions and despising the authority of the Lord Jesus, when He tells them what to give to a new church building or to some other enterprise of faith, they are in God's sight great deal bigger sinners than the man who kills his fellow-man. They have sinned against the Lord Jesus and against the Holy Spirit and have treated the Blood of Christ as if it were a worthless and contemptible thing, only to be trodden under their unhallowed feet. Our querist may not have expected this long dissertation, but it is needed. So we gave it.

12. Should a Baptist church have a Methodist teacher for their Bible class in Sunday School?

No, nor for any other class. Some Methodists are saved; lots of them are not. But even if they are saved, they are heretical on the once-for-all salvation and the finished work of Christ and they teach for doctrines the commandments of men on baptism and the Lord's Supper and church government and church membership. The Master said that is vain worship. Matt. 15:9. All those teachings the Methodists got from the Catholics and not from the Bible.

#### Will God Keep His Word As To Tithing?

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sent a cheque for \$150.00 saying that she wanted to put something on the altar in fulfilment of her pledge to make up the arrears of the tithe before she was baptised. From time to time since then this dear soul, in addition to contributing regularly to the funds of the church, has brought in money paying up the arrears of her tithe. She seldom brought less than \$100.00 at a time, and on one occasion brought three crisp \$100.00 bills. She is not a rich woman, but works for her living.

After she had paid some hundreds of dollars to us and said something like this: Pastor, I find I have made a mistake. I have an invalid relative whom I have been supporting, and I thought it was right for me to take the money for her support out of the tithe, but a further study of the Word of God has shown me that the tithe was used for the maintenance of public worship; and the Scripture says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house." I have concluded therefore that the money I have used for the support of my invalid relative ought not to have been taken out of the tithe, and I find that I have still another \$500.00 to make up.

So the time passed and periodically she came, bringing the arrears of her tithe. Some months ago she came and said something like this: "Here is \$100 I owe to the Lord on the arrears of my tithe. This hundred will make \$1,200.00 in all that I have given. When I gave it I did not bargain with the Lord: I gave it because I thought it was my duty to do so; and I knew of no one who was likely to send any money to me, and yet just as I had set apart this last \$100.00 completing the payment of my arrears, I received a cheque for \$1,500.00. Thus the Lord more than made up to me all that I had given to Him in obedience to His requirement that

I should honor the Lord with my substance." — T. T. Shields.

#### A True Story Of A Little Highland Hero

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less and bleeding when he got to other side. He made his way up best as he could, wondering if would be in time. As soon as he reached the rails he heard the "pound, pound," of the mighty engine. He stood and beckoned wildly, but all saw was the hand of the engine ever beckoning him out of the train. He was making up lost time. The train came on nearer and nearer, still he stood beckoning him to. At last it came to where he was. He flung himself in front of the engine. The driver put on the brakes suddenly and managed to stop the train most in its own length. The stop was so sudden that the passengers were awakened and came out to see what was the matter. When they could see nothing they were very angry, the driver said: "It has been a close shave this time. We might all have been lost." And when they saw near they were to the ragged edge of the broken bridge their faces blanched.

The driver said: "Come with me and I will show you the place where we saved us to-night." They went with him back along the track a little way and there they saw the mangled remains of the young Highland shepherd lad. "If he had not died," said the engine-driver, "We would all have perished to-night."

That is what the Lord Jesus did for us on the Cross. He flung Himself between us and wrath and Hell. He died for us or we would have died. What base ingratitude it would have been if they had not felt grateful for what that lad did for them. But what baser ingratitude on our part to spurn His love and make light of His Death on the Cross. Tell you will not rush over His body to Hell, will you? Why should we? There is no need. God loves you and desires your salvation. Jesus died for you to save you from sin and Hell. Accept Him. Believe in Him and you shall never perish. But you spurn His love and mercy and will surely perish. May God incline your hearts to come to Him now. He that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out. (John 6:37). — The Standard Bearer.

#### EXCLUSION FROM CHURCH

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cludes folks who have married again without Scriptural ground for divorce. Matt. 10:9. Rom. 7:3, I Cor. 7:3.

3. Covetousness. I Cor. 5. This includes all numbers who have nothing to the support of the church to which they belong.

4. Idolaters. I Cor. 5.

5. Railers. I Cor. 5.

This includes profane swearers.

6. Drunkards. 1 Cor. 5.

7. Extortioners. I Cor. 5.

8. Heretics. Rom. 16:17.

9. Factions that divide churches.

Tit. 3:10-11, which is thus translated by John A. Broadus.

Woe be to the church that receives those who are excluded. There is fearful reckoning day awaiting those Baptist churches of Greenup Association, who have willingly acted as part of a junk-pile or garbage heap to receive all those excluded by the church of which the editor is pastor. "Neither be partakers of other men's sins." (I Tim. 5:22).