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

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and preach the Gospel!"

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## What Should A Christian Expect From The World?

### Eternal Separation

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Genesis 1:4 we read these words: "And God saw the light it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness." The first division or separation mentioned in our text One of God's first acts was to bring about the separation of light from darkness. The two are created in a way it is impossible for fellowship to exist. They are opposites in every sense of the word. They cannot walk together, therefore God made separation and he desired it to be eternal. There is a spiritual teaching for every child of God concerning this eternal separation which God himself has thought about.

In order to understand God's message concerning this separation we must first know the

#### MEANING OF LIGHT

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." — John 8:12. Jesus is the light of the world. Light is illustrative of the glory of God and in Psalm 22 God is spoken of as the "who coverest thyself with as with a garment." James tells us, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the father of lights."

we must also know the

#### MEANING OF DARKNESS

The first mention of darkness in God's Word is in Genesis 1: "And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was in the face of the deep." After the original creation of Genesis 1 Satan led the revolt of many angels and as a judgment because of their sin, darkness covered the earth and it was without

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### JUST SUPPOSE

Suppose the Lord should be tomorrow to make people as they say they are on Sunday

Suppose the Lord should take the child whom the parents say as an excuse for staying away from church;

Suppose the Lord should make the people as poor as they say are when asked to help finance his program;

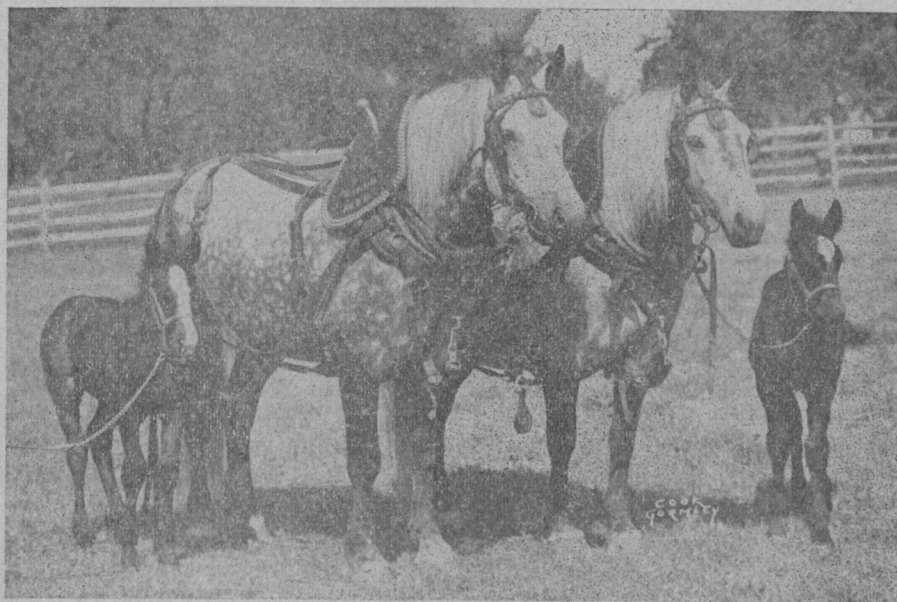
Suppose the Lord should have one stoned for covetousness as he did Achan;

Suppose the Lord should strike all who lie about giving or giving their tithe as He did Ananias and Sapphira for lying about money matters;

Suppose the Lord should let the parents look into the future and see what their example

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### THE HORSE . . .



"Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee." — Ps. 32:9.

### DEPRAVITY

I was born and spent my boyhood days on a farm. We got our drinking water for the home out of a wonderful well at the end of the porch. I have never tasted water that could compare with the water we drew from that old well.

I think I can appreciate the feeling of David as recorded in 2 Sam. 23:15, where it is said of him. "And David longed and said, O that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate." He longed for a drink from the old home well, for no other water could compare with that.

That well of ours was an open dug well, walled up with great stones. There was a box and well curb around it to keep us from falling into it, and there was an arch over it with a pulley attached to the top of the arch. And through the pulley there was a long rope that would reach to the bottom of the well, with a chain on each end of the rope,

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### Catholicism Vs. The Truth

Christ was crowned with a crown of thorns; the Pope has a crown of gold.

Christ washed the disciples' feet; the Pope has his feet kissed.

Christ and His followers paid tribute; the Pope and his followers exact it.

Christ and His Disciples fed sheep; the Pope and his priests shear sheep.

Christ was poor; the Pope is rich.

Christ died leaving no earthly possessions; the Popes die worth millions.

Christ had not where to lay His head; the Pope lives in the most costly residence in the world.

Christ carried His cross; the Pope is carried in a canopy.

Christ despised riches; the Pope loves riches.

Christ drove the merchants out of the temple; the Pope welcomes them.

Christ preached peace; the

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### DANCING

All decent people have been shocked to read in recent days of the similar rape-slaying of diminutive Dorothy Berrum, 18 year old, 80-pound war worker in Washington, D. C., and Georgette Bauerdorf, 20 year old oil heiress, of Hollywood, Cal.

A young marine, veteran of Guadalcanal, married, and father of children, is being tried for the Berrum murder, and the murder of Miss Bauerdorf is still unsolved.

HERE'S THE SIGNIFICANT THING: BOTH OF THESE GIRLS HAD BEEN DANCING THE NIGHT THEY WERE KILLED. The Berrum girl had been dancing with the man now charged with her slaying, according to witnesses. When the killer of the California girl is found, it may be one of the men she had danced with that night.

THAT IS WHAT THE DANCE IS FOR: To provoke lust and arouse passions, unholy and devilish passions. That is the reason for dances, to permit famil-

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### What Saith The Word Of God?

By Zach Savage  
Gainesville, Florida

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulation also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope; And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." — Rom. 5:1-5.

"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love its own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord.

If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me." — John 15:18-21.

"I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil. They are not of the world even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth." — John 7:14-17.

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be ex-

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### AT OWN DOOR

Sophie had been praying for twelve years to become a foreign missionary. One day she had so prayed, and the heavenly Father seemed to say:

"Sophie, stop! Where were you born?"

"In Germany, Father."

"Where are you now?"

"In America, Father."

"Well, are you not a foreign missionary already?"

Then the Father said, "Who lives on the floor above you?"

"A family of Swedes."

"And who above them?"

"Why, some Switzers."

"Who in the rear?"

"Italians."

"And a block away?"

"Some Chinese."

"And you have never said a word to these people about my

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## -- The First Baptist Pulpit --

### "HAMAN AND MORDECAI"

"So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai." — Esther 7:10.

In preaching today, I want to travel back to the time when the Jews were in captivity in Babylon, and from this one expression, I want to draw several pertinent and worth-while lessons.

When in Babylonian captivity, Haman, an Amalekite, made a great conspiracy against the Jews. Desiring their destruction in a most vehement manner, he offered King Ahasuerus ten thousand

talents of silver, or nearly \$20,000,000 in our money for the privilege of destroying them. Desirous of money, the king agreed thereto and decreed a day for the wholesale destruction of the Jews. "And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month" — Esther 3:13.

Though Haman had every assurance of the complete destruc-

tion of the Jews, he wasn't happy. One of them, named Mordecai, particularly annoyed Haman. Even though he banqueted with the King and Queen, still he wasn't happy, and when he went home, he said unto his wife, "Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate" — Esther 5:13. Being emboldened by the fact that he had feasted with the King and Queen, and thinking that the King would deny him no request, when

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Brother Guy L. Phelps of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma sends in three new "subs," saying: "I saw a copy of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and like very much the way counterfeit religions were shown up."

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To our Brother Phelps and others who appreciate our paper, may it be remembered that there is just one BAPTIST EXAMINER. It is the ONE paper which shoots straight, hits hard, and pulls no punches. Other editors could, and should, say the same things.

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"May God bless you and I know that He does for you have a back-bone like a crow-bar to proclaim the Truths of Jesus. Because of these truths which you present, I have fallen in love with your paper," so writes Elder Trueworthy, Richmond, Maine.

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He not only subscribes himself, but sends the paper to three of his friends as well. Why don't you show this paper to some of your friends and ask them to subscribe?

## WHY WE ARE GLAD TO OWN OUR OWN PRINTING PLANT

1. We like to be regular in sending out our paper, which we never could be as long as we had to wait on some commercial printing shop to do our work.

2. We like each week to print our paper with neatness, exact-

ness, and in such a way that we are proud to send it forth. This has not always been true with us, for many times we have had a lot of poor typography and printing.

3. We want to print thousands of tracts which we were never able to do, as long as we had to depend upon others for our printing. There have been good articles in the columns of our paper which we would have liked to have put in tract form, but we could not. Brother Lee Rector of Ardmore, Oklahoma had an article in our paper months back on "Church Discipline." Over fifty of our readers asked that it be put in tract form, but we were unable to do so. With our own printing plant it will be but a small matter, and a very nominal expense to re-print these articles and send them out by the thousands.

In view of these and other reasons, I have put forth our present effort to own our printing plant. We started out to raise \$6,000 for this purpose and now have raised approximately \$4,000. We need at least \$2,000 to \$2,500 to buy at once other pieces of needed printing equipment. We thank God and take courage in view of His goodness to us thus far, but we ask that you pray much for us now and that you make your offerings just as liberal as possible. Any gift will be most definitely appreciated.

## ELDER LEE RECTOR, Pastor First Orthodox Baptist Church Ardmore, Oklahoma

While visiting in Southern Kentucky some time ago, it was the editor's privilege to hear Elder Lee Rector, who was conducting a Bible Conference in one of the Somerset churches, preach on "Law and Grace."

Brother Rector is pastor of a great church in Oklahoma, and is a writer and editor par excellence. I have read his paper (The Orthodox Baptist) for a long time. I have preached for him in his church, but it was my first opportunity to hear this great man of God unfold the Scriptures.

What a blessing it was on this occasion to hear God's man explain God's Word. When I came away from the service I remarked to my friends that it was one of the greatest sermons that I had ever heard. Brother Rector's familiarity with the Scriptures, his pulpit mannerisms, and the Christ-like humility which overshadows him mark him off as one of God's greatest servants. Blessings on this man of God and the great church of which he is pastor!

## WHAT A CHILD OF GOD CAN EXPECT FROM THE WORLD

In this issue appears an unusual article showing Scripturally what a child of God ought to expect from the world, if he faithfully contends for the Word of God.

It was written by a layman, Brother Zach Savage of Gainesville, Florida, who has been one of the editor's friends in the Lord. As you will notice on reading it, it offers no interpretation, but merely presents statements from God's Word. Brother Savage did not write this for publication, but rather compiled it as a personal encouragement for this editor being as he said, "concerned about your treatment in regard to being pulled into the courts."

Since it has been used of God to "bolster" me up and encourage me, I pass it on to others in hope

## LONGING!

Sickened with slaughter and weary of war,  
Torn by bereavement and pain,

Daily our eyes are searching the skies

For signs of His coming again.

Longing, we pray at dawning of day,

"Lord, wilt Thou come before noon,"

Imploring Him yet in the fading sunset,

"O, Blessed Lord Jesus, come soon!"

Precious the word the ear of faith heard,

"Lo, I come quickly, My Bride.

This longing of thine is not greater than Mine

To Have thee at last by My side!"

—Martha Snell Nicholson

that it may help some discouraged, distressed brother.

## A RIDDLE

Thirty-five years ago there was published in the Autographic Review, at Louisville, Ky., the story of a dispute between a man and an old woman about riddles. The man didn't like riddles and said he could solve any of them. The old lady promised to evolve by the next day a scriptural riddle to which her friend could not find the answer.

"God made Adam out of dust, But thought it best to make me first; So I was made before the man To answer God's most holy plan.

"My body he did make complete, But without arms or legs or feet; My way and actions did control, And I was made without a soul.

"A living thing I then became, And Adam gave to me my name; Then from his presence I withdrew, And more of Adam never knew.

"I did my Maker's laws obey, From them I never went astray; Thousands of miles I run, I fear, But seldom on the earth appear.

"But God in me did something see, And put a living soul in me! A soul of me my God did claim, And took from me that soul again.

"But when from me the soul was fled,

I was the same as when first made; And without hands or feet or soul, I travel now from pole to pole.

"I labor hard by day and night; To fallen men I give much light; Thousands of people, young and old, Will by my death great light behold.

"No fear of death doth trouble me, For happiness I cannot see; To heaven I shall never go, Nor to the grave, nor hell below.

"The Scriptures I cannot believe; If right or wrong I can't conceive, Although my name therein is found, They are to me an empty sound."

Ed. Note: Brother Jim Williams, one of the faithful members of the church of which the editor is pastor, gave us this riddle, that we might share it with our readers. Will give you the answer next week).

## TWO SPLENDID NEW BOOKS From Wm. B. Eerdman's Publishing Co. Grand Rapids, Michigan

## LIGHT ON A HILL

by Clark Duncan

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When young, inexperienced Vane Cheltenham accepted the call as pastor to the little church in Seven Corners, he little realized the problems that he would have to face, but did realize he had a great mission to fulfill and was anxious to preach the Christ he loved.

One of his big problems was when Sid Parker came to Seven Corners, rented a building, and started a Recreational Resort,

which really was a gambling house. Seeing that the was attracting the young and interfering with his work Vane set about to help believing God would help him win. Not until one young was killed did they take to close the resort and their need of Christ.

Vane's stand for the faithfulness to God, and his for Dolores Blake makes interesting book for the Christian reader.

## MYSTERY AT SUGAR CREEK by Paul Hutchens

88 Pages — Price 60 cents

In this seventh in the series the "Sugar Creek Gang" the go on a big hunting trip. The story is full of excitement as they tree a 'possum and are invited to a sassafras party in an old cave. The follows when they hear the night and later see the things around the old The Christian influence phasized as they present of salvation to John Till, in trouble with the police. The story is full of action and that no boy will want to

"If Christ is the Way, waste time traveling some way?"

## AT YOUR OWN DISCRETION

(Continued from page 1) Son? Do you think I will you thousands of miles, foreigner and the heathen you never care enough them at your own door to do with them about their souls.

—W. E. Schilling

## DANCING

(Continued from page 1) larities and to experience avigation that can be found other place. We deplore the mentioned slayings, and killers are brought to justice put to death as the just ment for their crime. BUT WHO DANCE INVITE AS THIS — IT MAY NOT IN MURDER, BUT IT WOMEN WHO ARE ENOUGH AND CHEERFUL TO THROW THEM VES INTO EVERY ARMS CAN EXPECT THING BUT THE BEST. Then in Thursday's Journal was the story of Wolfe, 37 year old Canadian, who killed his 27-year-old wife, with a metal-heeled shoe. HE DID THIS BECAUSE HAD BEEN UNFAITHFUL AND HAD COMMITTED ADULTERY WITH OTHER MEN. P. S. SHE WAS A DANCER. You could therefore expect thing.

These are just drops in a bucket compared to the lust, disease, home-breakage and murder, fostered in the vil's deadly dance, which is born in hell, and mothered by lust.

We were shocked to find our local paper of a public at a County High School. There's something wrong with School, or whoever permits such or whoever permits such their children dancing. Might as well buy them to the houses of prostitution send them on to hell. Twice something wrong with the other's heart, or her head. A N D God have pity on the Christians who dance! They are not Christians.

— Missionary Baptist

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# AMAN AND MORDECAI

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His wife suggested that he should build a gallows and hang Mordecai upon it, he caused a gallows at least seventy-five feet tall to be made that very day, expecting the next day to see Mordecai dangling there.

At the end though, as our text tells, Mordecai was victorious. Haman was hanged upon the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai. From this story in the book of Esther, I want us to notice some important lessons.

## I

DON'T DALLY WITH SIN.

The place in the Bible is this: more forcefully presented in this book. Haman was an Amalekite. He is called Haman, the son of Hammedatha Agagite." (Esther 3:1). You must remember that God sent Saul to destroy all of the Amalekites, yet he only incompletely obeyed God, so that God rebuked him by saying, "Behold, I will do better than sacrifice." Sam. 15:22. In some manner descendant of the Amalekites was spared and from him came Haman. And now Israel was destroyed by this one Amalekite, Haman.

It seemed at the time that it was but a small sin — this sin of Saul in refusing to slay all of the people of Amalek. Yet this seemingly small sin resulted in the almost complete destruction of the Jewish race. Haman had been true to God and yielded implicit obedience to His command. Haman would never have appeared on the scene.

Let us say then, that here is a tremendous lesson for us: Don't dally with sin. Watch your behavior, lest they become your master. Even our least sins are not to be trifled with. Listen: "The foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines" — Song of Solomon 2:15. As little foxes spoil the vines, so little sins wreck lives and spoil our Christian money.

Sin is a monster of so frightful meanness, just to be hated needs but to be seen; just to be seen too oft, familiar with its face, first hate, then pity, then embrace."

There have been others like him in the Word of God. Men of this type are not many in number. There has never been an age wherein they were plentiful enough that it was necessary to build to annex to house them. Yet thank God, there have been a few. There was a Daniel who "purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself" — Dan. 1:8. There was an Amos who dared to denounce the sins of Israel, even rebuking the priest of Bethel who opposed him. There were the disciples, who though they were forbidden to preach in the name of Jesus, said, "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hear thee unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" — Acts 4:19,20. There was a Simon Peter who, elected as spokesman for the disciples, who said to those who forbade them to preach in Jesus' name. "We ought to obey God rather than men" — Acts 5:29.

Oh, for a group of men and women like that today who will not compromise; who will take sides with God regardless of the cost; who will follow that which is written in the Book; who will lose the applause of people; who will risk even life itself rather than be unfaithful to the Word of God. Would to God that our churches might be filled with men and women like this today!

When I think of the courage and faithfulness of Mordecai I remember the struggles of Texas to become a free state. On the day of the massacre of the Alamo, nearly 200 brave Texans died for the freedom of Texas. Their commander knowing that they still had time to escape took his sword and drew a line on the

ground from one end of the building to the other and said, "All you who are willing to die that Texas might be free stand over on this side." Immediately every man but one did so. Dave Crockett, was lying on a cot, already dying from a dozen wounds. He said, "Pick my sword up boys, and put it over there." When they did so he said, "Pick up my hat boys, and put it over there." Then he said, "Pick up my cot boys and put it over there, that I might die with you." Every man died, and only one woman escaped to tell the story. Would to God that there might be the same type moral courage, bravery, and faithfulness exhibited on the part of God's people today.

In this day of compromise and unfaithfulness, how we pray for a band of men who will take their stand like Mordecai on the Word of God and who will stand there unflinchingly come what may.

IN THIS BOOK, THE HAND OF GOD IS CLEARLY SEEN.

There are ten chapters in this book, yet the name of God is not mentioned even once. In fact, it is the only book in the Bible, where God's name is not mentioned. Though His name is not mentioned, yet His hand is seen clearly in every chapter.

There is no instance where the hand of God is more to be seen than here. Particularly is that true in the sixth chapter which records the story of the king's sleepless night. Of course God was responsible for that sleepless night. Possibly Ahasuerus may have counted sheep and may have tried a dozen other remedies for sleep, but all to no avail. God just wouldn't let him sleep. Finally, in desperation, he asked for a "bed-time story." And the wonder of it, is, the book that he called for, from which this story should be read. He actually called for the court records to be read to him. You would think that there was enough in those blood-stained annals to have driven sleep forever from him. Yet remember, God was both ruling, and overruling.

In the reading of these court records, it was brought out that though Mordecai had saved the king's life, he had never been rewarded in any way for his deed. No honor and no dignity had ever come to him even though the king owed his life to him. Though the king has been neglectful, he is at once aroused as his memory is refreshed concerning Mordecai's service and faithfulness to him. He determines at once that not another day shall go by without a proper reward being bestowed upon Mordecai.

Just at that moment, Haman came in expecting to ask the king's permission to hang Mordecai upon the gallows he has been building while the king was asleep. Before he had an opportunity to speak his request, the king spoke:

"What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour?" Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself?

And Haman answered the king, "For the man whom the king delighteth to honour, Let the royal apparel be brought which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head: And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man

withal whom the king delighteth to honour, and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour."

Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken.

Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honor." — Esther 6:6-11.

Thus you see how God worked in order that Haman might be compelled to honor Mordecai and in all this chapter especially we see God working. Surely God timed it all for His own glory. Such a transpiring of events call to mind other Scriptures:

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." — Rom. 8:28.

"In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" — I Thes. 5:22.

Though God's name does not occur, surely no one could fail to see His hand and by that hand His mighty power is manifested in behalf of those who dare to put Him first in their lives.

## IV

MANY LESSONS AS TO THE END OF THE WICKED ARE PRESENTED BY THIS BOOK.

Elsewhere God has said, "I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away, and lo, he was not; yea, I sought him, but he could not be found" — Ps. 37:35,36. This was literally fulfilled as to Haman. In his fall, we see many lessons as to the end of the wicked.

Eventually Haman trembled. When King Ahasuerus learned the truth as to Haman's duplicity and of his desire to destroy all the Jews anger welled up within him. Haman on beholding the change which had come over the king, began to fear and tremble. We read, "Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen" — Esther 7:6.

Just as the poor ungodly wretch Haman trembled before King Ahasuerus, so someday all men will tremble when they stand before the Omnipotent Judge. Read Rev. 6:12-17 for God's description of that day of trembling.

In Haman's fall we have a marvelous illustration of the folly of pride. The evidences of Haman's pride are numerous throughout the book. His pride finally resulted in his overthrow. What a warning he offers in this respect! Yet this is but the tenor of all the Scriptures. Listen: "When pride cometh, then cometh shame" — Prov. 11:2. "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall" — Prov. 16:18.

Notice how Haman reaped. He planned to hang Mordecai upon the gallows, but he himself was hanged upon his own gallows. He reaped exactly as he had sown. Years later Paul wrote, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" — Gal. 6:7. Whether Haman knew the truth of this law of sowing and reaping in advance, I do not know. However, he surely learned it to be true in his own experience. Again and again, God expresses this same truth:

"Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same" — Job 4:8.

"He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity" — Prov. 22:8.

"For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind" — Hosea 8:7.

"It is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you" — II Thes. 1:6.

Daniel furnishes us with a similar instance. By God's power he was saved from the jaws of the lions, while his accusers were destroyed thereby the next day. Pharaoh attempted to destroy all the boy babies of Israel, and finally was himself destroyed in the Red Sea. Abner smote Asahel under the fifth rib, and a few days later was himself slain in an identical manner by Joab. This was also the experience of Adonibezek. Listen: "And Adonibezek said, Three-score and ten kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered their meat under my table: as I have done, so God hath requited me" — Judges 1:7. Even David wrote thus of the wicked:

"Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood. He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he has made. His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealings shall come down upon his own pate" — Psalm 7:14-16.

Surely the triumph of the wicked does not last long. Ungodly Haman had his little day, but ultimately his face was covered—a token of his condemnation to death. This meant that all hope was gone. He would never see the king's face, nor would he be burdened by having to look at Mordecai, who refused to bow to him. Indeed in Haman's experience it was literally true that, "the triumphing of the wicked is short" — Job 20:5.

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GOD KEPT HIS PROMISE.

Of course this is nothing new. He has always done so. As the song writer has said:

"He will keep His promise to me, All the way with me He will go;

He has never broken any promise spoken,

He will keep His promise, I know."

In this connection, God kept two promises. The first had to do with the destruction of Amalek. Through the centuries he had promised, Amalek's destruction, and now He sees to it that this is fulfilled. Read these prophecies: Ex. 17:14-16; Numbers 24:20; Deut. 25:17-19.

God had also promised honor to those who are faithful to Him. Did He not say, "Them that honor me, I will honor" — I Sam. 2:30. Certainly He kept His promise in respect to Mordecai, for we read, "Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame went throughout all the provinces: and this man Mordecai waxed greater and greater" — Esther 9:4.

May we remember that we still serve this same God and that He still keeps His promises as in the days gone by. What assurance this gives us as Christians as we face the problems of life.

And to the unsaved, here is a promise for you, in fact two of them:

"He that believeth on me hath everlasting life" — John 6:47.

"As many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God" — John 1:12.

May God bless you all!



## CATHOLICISM VS. THE TRUTH

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Pope is for war if that will bring back his lost domains and power. Christ was meek and lowly; the Pope is proud and has himself called HOLY.

Christ spoke from the hillside; the Pope from a costly throne.

Christ laid up no earthly treasury; the Pope stores millions.

Christ loved His enemies; history proves the Popes killed theirs.

Christ received the lowly; the Pope would humble rulers.

Christ was truly Catholic in spirit, seeking to bless all; the Pope is narrow, limiting his love to his own and those he can proselyte.

Christ wants to free man from sin and ignorance; the Pope seeks to rule men by keeping them in ignorance.

—From a tract

## "JUST SUPPOSE"

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and lax control did for their children;

"Suppose all Christians should really live consistently and prove by their lives that they really love the Lord;

"Yes, just suppose and then, by the help of the Lord, go forth and live and serve as if eternity were coming right soon!"

—From Baptist Messenger, Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

"Heaven, earth and nature combine to take away the talent you hide under a bushel."

## TOTAL DEPRAVITY

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and on the end of each chain there was an old oaken bucket.

With these buckets we used to draw that clear, sparkling, cold, refreshing water. While one bucket came up full, the other bucket was going down empty.

Many a time the links in those chains would wear thin, and finally one day one of them would break, and down would go the bucket to the bottom of the well, lost.

Now it was not necessary for every link in the chain to break in order that the bucket should be lost; but it was necessary for only one link to break, and that the weakest one, and the bucket was as surely lost as if the well curb, arch, rope, chains, pulley, buckets, and all should have tumbled into the well.

The bucket was lost in three different senses.

First, it was lost in the sense that it was separated from the power to lift it.

Second, it was lost in the sense that it failed to fulfill the purpose for which it was made.

Third, it was lost in the sense that it must rot and decay and corrupt its whole surroundings unless it was rescued and saved.

The same is true of sinful man.

He is lost in this threefold sense. Having broken one Law, he is guilty of all.

First, man is lost in the sense that he is separated from the power to lift him; that is, he is separated from God.

Second, man is lost in the sense that he fails to fulfill the purpose for which he was created, namely, to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one in his own way."

Third, man is lost in the sense that he is corrupting others morally and spiritually, so long

## WHAT REPEAL HAS DONE

"Alcohol is my shepherd;  
I shall not thirst.  
It maketh me to lie down dizzy;  
It leadeth me to poverty's door;  
It ruineth young people's character;  
It leadeth them in the paths of drunkards;  
Yea, though I walk through the alleys  
In the shadow of distilleries  
I will fear no police  
For the majority is with me,  
The law and the repeal protecteth me.  
They have prepared a saloon before me  
In the presence of my neighbors.  
Repeal arriointest my throat with liquor,  
It maketh my car to turn over.  
Surely, sorrow and sadness  
Will fo'low me in all my days,  
And I will dwell in hell forever."

—Copied

as he remains away from God and travels the broad way that leads to destruction.

—Howard C. Fulton

## "AN ETERNAL SEPARATION"

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form and void. Darkness always stands for evil. Jesus said in John 3:19: "That light is come into the world and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil." Proverbs 2:13 states: "who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness." The way of darkness is a way of sin and ungodliness. In Ephesians 6:12 Paul states: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

In Luke 22:53 we read where Jesus said concerning the time of His arrest, "this is your hour and the power of darkness." You may go through the entire Bible and you will always find darkness means sin, iniquity and unrighteousness.

God asks in II Corinthians 6:14: "What communion hath light with darkness?" There can be no fellowship. Light and darkness are extreme opposites. Separation between the two has been established by God from the very beginning.

There must be

## AN ETERNAL SEPARATION

Christian's are children of the light and the entire world lieth in darkness. For this reason the saints of God must be separated from the world. "Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing." So many present-day Christians live, walk, talk and act just like the world. God pleads for real separation.

This Separation is

## TWO-FOLD

It is necessary for the real Christians to separate themselves from the world. In I John 2:15-17 we read: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

When Christians love the things of the world to the point of letting them mar their influence for Christ and stagnate their growth it shows little or any

love for the Father.

Anything worldly should be put out of the lives of God's people. I think the theatres possess the greatest influence in America for evil. They are worldly and wicked yet attended by many Christians. Any Christian who is really anxious to do God's will must put movies out of his life forever. One sad thing is that so many preachers are worldly and their attendance at the movies is a known fact. Since they attend themselves they cannot preach against it and consequently there is very little preaching against this diabolical and hellish industry. This unconcern and indifference among the churches is caused by a group of cigarette sucking, beer guzzling, card playing, theatre going WORLDLY Church members. "Come out from among them and be ye separate."

This separation must be from the world and then it must be unto the things of God. As far as separation from the world is concerned the benches in a church are separated. Church benches don't smoke, drink, gamble, read trashy literature or attend the movies. Neither are they soul winners. Some Christians are separated from the world but even at that they are not worth a plug nickel when it comes to winning souls. It is not enough to just be separated from the world but the Christian must be separated to God. In Romans 1:1 Paul states he is: "Separated unto the gospel of God." He meant the very purpose of all his life was to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and present His Gospel message to a lost world. Paul was so separated unto the work of God that nothing could interfere with his desire to serve God. In Acts 20:24 he states: "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received. Separate your life from the world and then consecrate it unto the service of the Lord Jesus Christ. May the words of this fine old Gospel song be true in your life.

"Nothing between my soul and the Saviour,  
Naught of this world's delusive dream;  
I have renounced all sinful pleasure,  
Jesus is mine; there's nothing between."

Nothing between, like worldly pleasure,  
Habits of life through harmless they seem,  
Must not my heart from Him e'er sever,  
He is my all; there's nothing be-

tween.

Nothing between, like pride or station,  
Self, or friend shall not intervene,  
Tho, it may cost me much tribulation,  
I am resolved: there's nothing between."

Nothing between, e'en many hard trials,  
Tho' the whole world against me convene;  
Watching with prayer and much self denial,  
I'll triumph at last, with nothing between."

Nothing between my soul and the Saviour,  
So that His blessed face may be seen;  
Nothing preventing the least of His favor,  
Keep the way clear! Let nothing between."

## WHAT SHOULD THE CHRISTIAN EXPECT FROM THE WORLD

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ceedingly glad; for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you" — Matthew 5:10-12

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evil-doer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed but let him glorify God on this behalf" — I Peter 4:12-16

"And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth" — Hebrews 11:32-38.

"And to him they agreed; and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. And they departed from the presence of the council rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name, and daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." — Acts 5:40-42.

"The highest proof that can be given of love to Christ is joy in being 'counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.' It is an easy matter to rejoice when we are honored for Jesus' sake;

but to rejoice when we are honored, and put to shame for His account, shows a love stronger than death should feel." — Pendleton

"Then said he unto the multitude, shall rise against kingdom against kingdom, and great earthquakes in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and sights and great signs shall be from heaven. But these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, and shall slay you, and shall deliver you up to synagogues, and into prisons, being before kings and rulers, for my name's sake. And it shall come to you for a testimony. Therefore in your hearts, meditate before what ye shall answer: For I will give you wisdom, and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, brethren, and kinsfolks, friends; and some of you shall cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. But he that shall endure to the end, shall save his soul. In your patience ye shall win your souls." — Luke 19.

"But thou hast fully known the doctrine, manner of life, faith, longsuffering, chastity, persecutions, which came unto me at Iconium, at Lystra; where persecutions I endured: but they all the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all that will live in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." — II Timothy 3.

"These things have I said unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you in the synagogues: Yea, and some will kill you, because they do not know the Father who sent me." — John 16:1-3.

"But as then he that was after the flesh persecuted me, so it is now." — 4:29.

"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; down but not destroyed; bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be manifest in our body. Which live are always unto death for Jesus' sake. The life also of Jesus might be manifest in our mortal body. For which cause we faint, but though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." — Cor. 4:8-11, 16-18.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or sword? As it is written, for his sake we are killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am persuaded, neither death, nor life, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ our Lord." — Romans 8:35-39.