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Higher Education Without Any God

Evangelist R. R. Jones tells of a young man who sought him for an interview. After relating the story of his early years of Christian training at the hand of a faithful mother, and his graduation from high school, he spoke of his exceeding joy when, through the hard earned savings of his mother, he was privileged to get off for college. We let him tell the story in his own words: "Last fall my precious mother packed my trunk and she put her Bible in the tray of the trunk, the Bible she had marked, the Bible she had prayed over, the Bible over which she had wept. Mr. Jones, I am a boy, but when I came to this school I was as pure as the purest girl who ever lived. I entered the dormitory and took my mother's Bible out of the tray of the trunk and laid it on the table. The students flocked around me, calling to the other students to come see my Bible. 'We have a country boy come to town and brought a Bible with him!' 'He will get over that,' someone said. Just give him time. Let him study in biology. The biology professor will fix him. The Bible is all right for country people and for ignorant folk, but we have outgrown that. I paid no attention to them. I read my Bible. I said prayers. I went to Sunday school and Church. At last I got in the biology class. You have got to hand it to that teacher. He was a better biologist than he was a biologist. He dropped doubts in my mind every time I went to class. He broke down my religious resistance. I didn't believe in my Bible. I didn't believe there was a God. I was miserable. I tried to be decent for my mother's sake. I do love my mother. But I couldn't be decent. I lost the inward urge. I had lost the power to be good. Oh, Lord, I hate to tell you this, Mr. Jones, but one night I went out with the boys. I have lived in sin. I have been drunk for

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A LOWLY MINISTRY

Tract ministry is a lowly ministry. Only the humble will undertake it. It takes the pride "starch" out of one to minister the Gospel in this fashion, for the world looks down on a tract distributor.

For that reason GOD uses it. I like to take the base and "polish" things of the world, which to confound the wise and prudent — "that no flesh should glory in HIS presence." A very weakness is its strength. A fool can do it. In fact, it is a "fool's" ministry. That is why it is so humbling. It does not take wisdom to hand out a tract; but it does take grace. We must remember that the world's fool may be "wise" in GOD'S sight (Dn. 12:3 and I (Continued on page four)



HARRY S. TRUMAN

At this moment, I have in my heart a prayer. As I assume my heavy duties, I humbly pray to Almighty God in the words of Solomon: "Give, therefore, thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern good and bad, for who is able to judge this thy so great people?" . . . I ask only to be a good and faithful servant of my Lord and my people.

— President Truman

John Barleycorn's Military Record Today

John Barleycorn has a unique military history. He is a veteran of many battles.

Miss Winnie Buckles, director of Narcotics Education of the State Department of Education of Mississippi, summarizes a part of the record:

History reveals some interesting and significant facts on the importance of sobriety to the defense of a country:

1. The Assyrians were in an all-night revel and "not on the alert" in 607 B. C. when the Medes captured Nineveh.
2. The Babylonians were at the feast of Belshazzar not "on the alert," when Cyrus descended upon their city in 539 B. C.
3. The Saxons spent the night in drinking and were not "on the alert" at the battle of Hastings in 1066 when they met the Normans.
4. The Hessians were not "on the alert" at Trenton on Christmas Eve, 1776, but were "celebrating" when the Continental Army surprised them.
5. Marshal Ney had three

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EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE

At a recent Bible testimony Fellowship meeting in London, Haile Selassie, former ruler of Ethiopia, was invited to give a personal testimony. He said in part: "From early childhood I was taught to appreciate the Bible, and my love for it increases with the passage of time. All through my troubles I have found it a cause of infinite comfort. 'Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will

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Some Interesting Seminary Notes

The Watchman-Examiner of May 17 says:

"Commencement exercises for the Southern Seminary and the Woman's Missionary Training School, Louisville, were held May 2-4. Graduating from the Seminary were 148 ministers, 30 per cent of whom are entering the chaplaincy. A class of 66 received their degrees from the Training School with Mrs. Leslie E. Swain, president of the Northern Convention, as the commencement speaker."

Well, what do you think about that? Mrs. Swain ("Lovely Lady") addresses the Training School graduates!

And who is Mrs. Swain? The president of the apostate Northern Baptist Convention.

She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Providence, R. I., which church last summer had union services with the Congregationalists, Universalists, and Unitarians." Everybody there but God.

When she was elected to the presidency of the N. B. C., I wrote her as to her doctrinal beliefs and she admitted that she was a unionist and open communionist. She said:

"I believe most earnestly in cooperation with other denominations. I also believe that all who accept Christ as their Lord and Saviour should be welcome at His table."

As to feminism, she says: "I have no desire myself for ordination, but I do not object if other women are ordained."

I also asked her as to her position on election, salvation by grace, and the security of the believer; I asked her if Jesus established a Baptist Church; I asked her if she were a modernist or a fundamentalist. To all of these questions, she gave an artful and skillful evasion.

And now "Lovely Lady" Swain with all of her heresies is guest speaker for the graduates of the Training School. What is the old adage: "Birds of a feather flock together." May the Lord deliver true Baptists.

NEWNESS OF LIFE

A poor crossing-sweeper in Dublin was standing with his broom at the cross-ways. As he waited here for the charity of passers-by, a lawyer placed his hand upon his shoulder and said: "My good fellow, do you know that you are heir to a fortune?" "Do you mean me?" asked the crossing-sweeper.

"I do," replied the lawyer, "I have just received the news, and I am quite sure you are the man."

The crossing-sweeper walked away in eagerness to know all about his new inheritance, and forgot his broom. No more road-sweeping now. He has a new position in life, and must live up to his dignity.

So, as an heir of God, you are called upon to live in "newness of life," as the son of a King. Leave the old "brooms" behind! Others (Continued on page four)

The Evils Of The Mourners' Bench

It is heretical to talk of an altar of prayer. It is penance of repentance to talk of a mourner's bench. There are two words for altar in the New Testament. One refers to the heathen altar spoken of in Acts 17:23. The other is found 23 times in the New Testament. Twenty-two out of the twenty-three times it is used in the New Testament, it refers to the altar in the temple or in heaven and when the temple veil was rent from top to bottom, everything connected with that altar in the temple was done away with. The only instance in the New Testament where the word altar refers to believers is Heb. 13:10. There it refers to eating. There is not in the New Testament anything that looks like an altar of prayer. All the talk about "an altar of prayer" is Romish and ritualistic.

Because of this, I want to call attention to the evils of the Mourner's Bench.

1. It magnifies a bench or altar instead of magnifying Christ. There isn't an instance in the New Testament of an altar of prayer. The Holy Spirit knew all things and He tells of folk being saved every where except at a mourner's bench.
2. The mourner's bench puts mother or wife or a preacher as a mediator between the sinner and Christ. It is as bad as Catholicism. The Bible says there is one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus. The song "Tell Mother I'll Be There In Answer to Her Prayer" has damned thousands; because it has led them to go out into eternity depending on mother's prayers to save them instead of depending on Christ. Emotional women are called upon to pray around the mourner's bench. They insult God by disobeying the Scriptures, when the Bible plainly says that He will not hear those pray, who disobey His Word. Ps. 66:18, I

John 3:22, Zech. 7:11-13. All so-called conversions, that are worked up by feelings and sob-stuff are spurious. No man is saved except by the truth. "If the truth shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." The mediation of Christ, not the prayers of mothers, is what saves lost sinners. God has respect to Christ and His intercession and to nothing else.

3. The first parable the Master gave was the parable of the sower. The good ground hearer represents those who are saved. He heard and understood and received the Word. Men and women whose main stock in trade is dying testimonies and pathetic stories damn many and do not save any. Philip took time to teach the eunuch until he understood the Scripture. That is how men are saved. Understanding the Word is essential to the salvation of any sinner. The average mourner's (Continued on page two)

-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"A MESSAGE FROM GOD"

"I have a message from God unto thee." — Judges 3:20.

Our text is taken from a Scripture which tells the story of a man who arose from an obscure family, who did his work by surprise, and who then retired into obscurity. The man's name was Ehud. He was the 2nd judge over Israel. As Israel sinned previous to his judgeship, God delivered Israel into the hands of the Moabites. Later, God raised up Ehud to be the judge over Israel. The

Word of God tells us that he was a left-handed man, which would indicate that he carried his dagger on his right side. Under pretense of offering a present unto the king of Moab, when all the servants had gone away and he was left alone with the latter, he uttered the words of our text saying, "I have a message from God unto thee." At the same time, he took his dagger in his left hand, which was certainly a surprise attack to king Eglon,

and thrust it into his body so that the king died.

This is all we ever hear of Ehud in God's Word, yet by this one act of surprise, he delivered Israel from the hands of the Moabites. Having accomplished his purpose, he then retired into obscurity again.

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The only money that we can take to Heaven with us is what we invest in the Lord's work while on earth. Where are your investments?

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven where moth and rust doth not corrupt, neither thieves do not break through nor steal." — Mt. 6: 19, 20.

Banks will not accept a one dollar investment — it is too small. Yet, God will accept any size offering which you have, and for it He promises twenty, forty, sixty, and a hundred fold reward. That's far better than six percent interest here on earth.

Right now THE BAPTIST EXAMINER needs your gifts more than ever before. I beg you for the glory of God that you invest some of your money now in this work of printing and publishing this paper and our free tracts. Your help will never be needed more and 100 years from now, you'll wish that you had done so.

RAMBLING WITH THE EDITOR

Seen on Heiner's (Huntington, West Virginia) bread trucks, these words, "Let's all go to church." This is a mighty fine advertisement. Our congratulations to this bakery, in view of this testimony for the Lord. And may I also add that while you are going to church, be sure that you go to a Baptist church that is Scriptural in doctrine and practice.

An article clipped from the Houston (Texas) Post of May 31, tells of the First Baptist Church of Houston having a Methodist chaplain fill the pulpit at their evening service after having preached for the Methodists at the morning hour.

It's rather interesting that the pastor of this apostate Baptist congregation wouldn't exchange letters of membership with the Waugh Drive Baptist Church, because the latter was independent and didn't fully support the Cooperative Program. However, he was ready to welcome a Methodist with his Arminianism.

It of course should be added that the pastor of this "furst" church is one of the seminary boys.

"Praise the Lord for an editor who stands for the truth." — W. J. Stewart, Hopkinsville, Ky.

THE EVILS OF THE MOURNER'S BENCH

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bench is a regular babel or bedlam. Even an honest inquirer can not understand anything in a confusion like that.

4. The contention of the mourner's bench crowd is that it takes tears to save. It isn't so. The publican, the thief, the woman at the well, Saul of Tarsus, Matthew and a host of others shed no tears. Faith saves, not tears. Weeping will not save. The water that runs out of a sinner's eyes will no more save him than the waters of baptism.

5. The gospel that saves is a gospel of grace. The gospel of tears is as truly the gospel in water as the Campbellite gospel, which they call the gospel in water. Neither one of them ever did or ever will save a lost sinner.

6. The mourner's bench magnifies seeking Christ instead of receiving Christ. Christ is seeking the sinner. He waits for the sinner to receive. The whole mourner's bench theory is wrong. Christ's work is a finished work and the preacher is Christ's representative, beseeching the sinner to receive Christ. II Cor. 5:18-21. What would you think if you had provided a sumptuous feast and announced that all things are ready and invited whosoever will to come and some one should begin to mourn and wail and run around seeking and begging something to eat? The whole mourner's bench system is a slander of the finished work of Christ.

7. The mourner's bench be-

longs to a gospel of works and has the idea that a man has to seek and do penance and get better and then when he gets good enough, he may finally get the Lord Jesus in the notion of saving Him. It is a gratuitous slander of God's free and abounding grace.

8. The mourner's bench is another gospel from that Paul preached. Gal. 1:6-8, II Cor. 11:2-3. Paul preached Christ's finished work; they "plus" the work of Christ with man's prayers and tears and penance and works.

9. The mourner's bench gospel is Arminian and not Pauline.

10. Mourner's bench gospel is wholly a gospel of "confidence in the flesh." The feelings belong to the flesh. Paul "had no confidence in the flesh" but depended wholly on the Spirit, not on feelings.

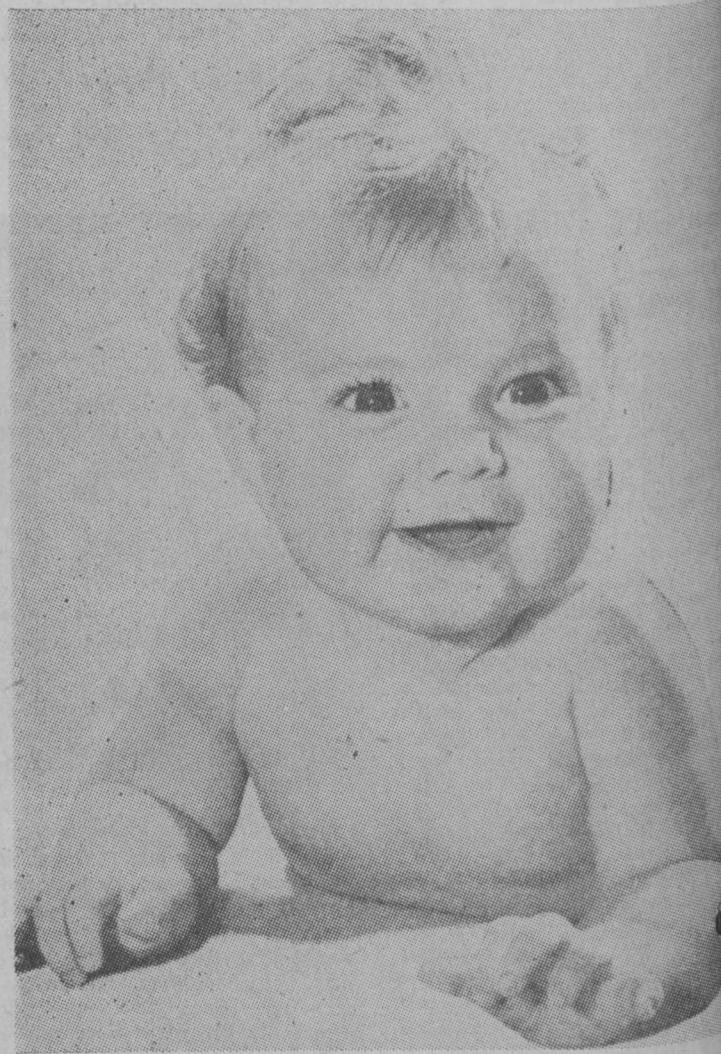
11. The mourner's bench gospel is no gospel. The gospel is received by faith, not by feeling. Justification is by faith, not by feeling. Sanctification is by faith, not by feeling. Eternal life is received by faith, not by feeling. The Holy Spirit is received by faith, not by feeling. Sonship is received by faith, not by feeling. The blood of Christ is received by faith, not by feeling. No man would ever know he had the blood except by believing the Word. "Faith comes by hearing (not by feeling) and hearing by the Word of God." — Rom. 10:17.

12. The mourner's bench manipulators and the Campbellites are exactly alike in a good many ways. One of the chief ways in which they are alike is that both of them make salvation to depend upon some bodily act. The bodily act the mourner's bench folk depend on is, not baptism like Campbellites, but is kneeling or shaking hands or beating them in the back or some other bodily act. I have heard them again and again come out in the open and tell those engaged in altar work to get them up and get them to doing something. That makes salvation depend on the activity of the body. Salvation is wholly of the Lord and men are saved by believing with the heart, not by bodily acts.

13. Talking about altars, Catholics have altars; Episcopalians have altars; Methodists have altars; the Masons have altars; the heathen idolaters have altars; Holy Rollers have altars; but there are no altars in New Testament churches. A throne of grace, not an altar of prayer is the Bible form of sound words. All, who speak of an altar of prayer, put works

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Babes In Christ. . . .



"As newborn babes desire the sincere milk of the word, that you may grow thereby." — I Peter 2:2.

I Should Like To Know. . . .

1. Are there any grounds in the Word of God to prevent women teaching in the Sunday School, if they do not teach women?

Personally, in the church of which I am pastor, I have women to teach women and children, yet I would never fall out with anyone who felt that all the teaching should be done by men. There is no Scriptural command nor example for women teaching publicly in the N. T. Personally I do not see that they violate the Scriptures, if they do not teach men and boys, yet the pastor who refuses to have women teachers is surely striving to be honest with God and I would think that he was a mighty safe man to follow.

2. Is cremation consistent for Christians?

Cremation is entirely pagan. It came into existence on the part of unbelievers, who are afraid of the hereafter, and therefore they seek to destroy the body, so there may be no resurrection. Burial in the O. T. as well as in the New was in caves or graves. Even our Lord was placed in a rock-hewn tomb. Surely the Christian ought to emulate Him in all things. Man came from the ground and unto it shall return. Gen. 3:19. Instead of following heathen customs, let all Christians follow Christ.

3. Is it right for Baptists to sell or print Pado-Baptist literature?

It is wrong in every particular. The most of our Baptist book stores have catechisms, commentaries, and books written by Pado-Baptist heretics. Mighty little praise they'll ever get from the Lord for handling these books.

As for the printing angle of the question, in the shop of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, we even refuse to print "hand-bills" "announcements," etc for other denominations. I don't believe in

their churches and I certainly am not going to help them advertise their services. I'd rather print for a whisky corporation, as I don't think I'd be doing nearly as great an evil.

4. Is there Scripture supporting the inviting of all believers to the Lord's table?

Not one verse in all the Bible could be so construed. To do so would be to put a false interpretation on God's Word. The Lord's Supper is not for all believers, nor is it for all believers of "faith and order." It is for one church only. No one has any business ever partaking of the Lord's Supper, except in the church of his membership. In I Cor. 16, 17, Paul speaks of "the cup," "one bread," and "one body." This means one local church using one un-poured cup of wine and one unbroken loaf of bread. Denominational communion is as false as open communion.

5. Is there any Scripture supporting the rotation of deacons?

None.

6. The pastor of the Patterson Park Baptist Church of Baltimore, Md., has recently had a young girl, who claims to be ordained Baptist minister hold revival for him. Is this contrary to the faith?

No, instead it is doing everything possible to tear down the old Book. However, when all such heretics are through, the Book will stand and God will mock the heretics when they cower upon Him. Read Prov. 1:24-26. In passing, let me remind you that if God didn't mean what He said about a woman's place in the church why didn't He say what He meant, instead of waiting some of these smart alec modern preachers to tell us what He meant. God pity the church of a preacher who dares to put anything but a literal meaning on words forbidding a woman to usurp authority over the man.

The Power Of Prayer

A woman came to a missionary at Bangalore, asking him to interfere and prevent a certain native Christian from praying for her any more. When asked how she knew that the Christian was praying for her she replied: "I used to perform my worship to the idols quite comfortably, but for some time past I have not been able to do so. Besides, he told me at one time that he was praying for my family, and now my son and two daughters have become Christians. If he goes on praying, he may make me become a Christian, too. He is always bringing things to pass with his prayers. Somebody must make him stop." — Missionary Her-

"And it shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer and while they are yet speaking, I will hear" Isaiah 65:24.

I feel permitted to offer up my prayers for everything that concerns me, and I am inclined to imagine that there no little things with God. His hand is as manifest in the feathers of a butterfly's wing, in the eye of an insect, in the folding and packing of a blossom, in the curious aqueducts by which a leaf is nourished, as in the creation of the world, and in the laws by which the planets move.

I understand literally the injunction, "In every thing make your requests known to God"; and I cannot but notice how amply these prayers have been met. — Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton.

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the flesh some where, some in the place of the finished work of Christ. Altars belong to idolaters and formalists. They speak the language of Judaism at Calvary. When Jesus said "it is finished" and the veil was rent from top to bottom everything that an altar typified was fulfilled and taken away with. The Book of Hebrews is full of proof of that. Only time an altar is spoken in New Testament worship is Heb. 13:10. There it is spoken as a place to eat, not a place to pray. The Lord's Supper represents all altar work is finished and belonging to Old Testament types and shadows. Altar work was a shadow and in Col. 2:17 Paul shows all shadows have been done away. Paul plainly says in Heb. 13:10 that all altar work have no part to the Lord's table. Altar work belongs to types and shadows and so had to do with the finished work of Christ. The Lord's Supper symbolized the finished work of Christ and that all altar work was dead.

The mourner's bench legalistic like the Baalites in Elijah's time think that they are heard their noise. "Cry louder" is the cry. Make more fuss. Beat on the back; perhaps the Lord may be driven out that God pity such perversions of the gospel of grace.

In conclusion, may I give more testimony to the finished work of my adorable Lord? Preach Jesus and His finished work if you want men saved. The Holy Spirit delights to honor Jesus as we hold Him anywhere that men see and hear Him, they are saved. No manipulations, no altar, no bench, no prayers, no tears, no penance, no church, no ordinance, no hitting the ground, no "anything" between the man and Christ. Preach Him and the Holy Spirit will reveal Him. Paul found Him on the road, the publican standing in the street, the woman at the well, the leper up a tree, and Matthew at his business. Take Him, ignore the mourner's bench and all other works of men.

MESSAGE FROM THE
LORD

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SUCH. In fact, Ehud lied to King Eglon when he deceived that he had a message from the Lord. Though it was in providence to use Ehud to slay Eglon, actually Ehud lied when he claimed his message was from God.

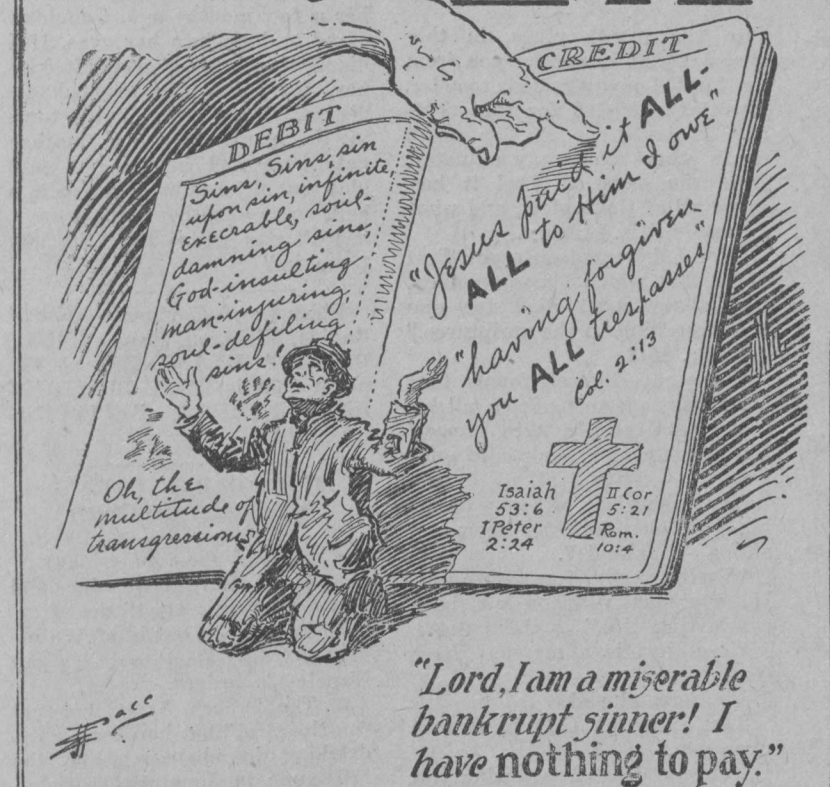
Oh, beloved, this is nothing new for even many preachers through the years that have passed, have done likewise. They claim to have a message from God, whereas in reality it is but a message from the devil which has been inspired of him. Even the Lord Jesus Himself gave a warning against false prophets and false prophets when He said:

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves." — Matt. 7:15.

In the Old Testament we have many warnings relative to those who claim to have a message from God, but in reality they are messengers from the devil. Jeremiah said, "And the prophet even unto the end, every one dealeth falsely." — Jer. 23:13.

That which was true in the

Heaven echoes NOTHING TO PAY!



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days of Jeremiah, was likewise true in the days of Isaiah, for there were false preachers in his day. At least we would judge that there were such in view of his statement when he said:

And the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail." — Isa. 9:15.

God tells us the text to use relative to such preachers. He is to be tested not on the basis of his popularity, nor in the light of his worldly prosperity, nor by his crowds, nor by the outward professions that are made under his ministry; instead, he is to be tested by the Word of God. If his message does not coincide with God's Word, then he is to be considered a false prophet. Listen:

"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.

In the Old Testament there lived a man of God in Bethel. One day there came to him a false prophet. God's Word says that this false prophet lied unto the man of God. Listen:

"But he lied unto him." — I Kings 13:18.

As a result of the lie which this false prophet told, the man of God was brought to death by the avenging hand of God in that he kept not God's command when he turned back to invite this false prophet into his home. Thus through the influence of this false prophet, the man of God was brought to his own death. Through the years and centuries that have gone by, many people have been brought to spiritual death through false prophets.

When the Apostle Paul was writing to the churches of Galatia, he told them of the false prophets who had come following his visit with them whereby the Galatians had been removed from the truth of God's Word. Paul said:

"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you unto the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any

other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." — Gal. 1:6-9.

Thus you see, beloved, that not every one who claims to have a message from God really has such. Just as Ehud lied, so through the ages gone by, many have lied relative to the message which they claimed was God-given. I insist, therefore, that we need to test each preacher's message by the Word of the Lord ere accepting it.

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HOWEVER, MANY MESSAGES HAVE COME TO YOU DIRECTLY FROM GOD.

The Bible itself is a message to you from God. I am ready to claim that with most folk it is badly neglected. Quite often it is dust-covered. Many times it is the lowest book in a stack of books on the library table. Novels, featuring cheap romances, are loved more than the Word of God. Though this may be true, yet open it where you may, and there is a message there from God unto you. Suppose we just open it a few times to see that this is true.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." — Gen. 1:1.

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die." — Ezek. 18:4.

"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.

"No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him." — John 6:44.

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." — Rev. 22:17.

Not only is the Bible a message from God to you, but the providences which have affected your life, are likewise messages from God. Some people are prone to call providence "luck," yet regardless of what you may call it, you have been blessed. Possibly you have a happy home, and into that home God has given you children which are the pride and joy of your heart. Then there is the health which you enjoy and the successful business which God has given to you.

Well, each of these providences

— each of these blessings are but a message from God unto you. In fact, so great a message is each of these, that through each, you should come to repentance and saving faith. Listen:

"Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long suffering; not knowing

that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance." — Rom. 2:4.

Then the sicknesses which you have had are messages from God to you. You doubtless can remember the time when your life trembled in the scales. The physicians probably knew not which way to turn. The nurse, with gentle footsteps, never closed her eyes but watched you with a ceaseless vigil. Your noisy watch uttered the only sound which broke the silence of your room. That disease, possibly not in audible words, and yet in a way that you might understand — that disease said, "We have a message from God unto thee."

Then the accidents, or that which appears to be accidents, which have figured in your life, have each been a message from God. Of course, it is true that there are no accidents in a world that is governed by God. Nothing takes place by blind chance. Nothing ever "just happens." However, men speak of these experiences as "accidents." It is doubtless true of you that others have been injured about you, and yet you yourself have been saved.

I knew a man working here on the C. & O. who came nearly being killed by a train. He told me himself even though he was a sinner, that he felt a hand on his back pulling him out of danger. He said that when he looked up, he was surprised that there was no one with him and that no one had actually pulled him off the track. Surely this experience was speaking to this man by way of a message from God to him.

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No God?

Is there no God? The white rose made reply,
"My ermine robe was woven in the sky."
The blue-bird warbled from his shady bower,
"My plumage fell from hands that made the flower."

Is there no God? The silvery ocean spray
At the vile question startles in dismay;
And, tossing made against earth's impious clod,
Impatient thuds—"Yes, there is a God!"

Is there no God? The greedy worm that raves
In sportive glee amid the gloom of graves,
Proves a Divinity supremely good,
For daily morsels sent of flesh and blood.

Is there no God? The dying Christian's hand,
Pale with disease, points to a better land;
And ere his body mingles with the sod,
He, sweetly smiling, faintly murmurs, "God."

"We publish God!" The towering mountains cry,
Jehovah's name is blazoned on the sky,
The dancing streamlet and the golden rain,
The lightning gleam, the thunder, and the rain.

The dew-drop diamond on the lily's breast,
The tender leaf by every breeze caressed,
The shell, whose pearly bosom oceans laves,
The sea-weed bowing to a troop of waves;

The glow of Venus and the glare of Mars,
The tranquil beauty of the lesser stars;
The eagle, soaring in majestic flight,
The morning bursting from the clouds of night,

The child's fond prattle and the mother's prayer,
Angelic voices floating on the air,
Mind, heart, and soul, the ever-restless breath,
And all the myriad mysteries of death.

Beware ye doubting and disbelieving throng,
Whose sole ambition is to favor wrong;
There is a God; remember while ye can,
"His Spirit will not always strive with man."

(Author Unknown)

"A MESSAGE FROM GOD"

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your friends and comrades of days gone by. They have died but you have remained. Often perhaps your familiar friends have suddenly been carried away though you have seen them and talked to them only a few days before. When at the grave, the preacher said, "dust to dust," each rose petal that fell said to you, "We have a message to you from God."

I remember a picture made during my first year in college of the ministerial students within that institution. Out of thirty-one within the picture, only one of them besides myself is now preaching God's Word. Each of the ghosts of those departed, rise up to remind me often of our text by way of a message from God.

III

WELL, TONIGHT I HAVE A MESSAGE TO YOU FROM GOD. Concerning this message there can be no doubt that it is from God. It is not the kind of message that man would preach if left to himself, nor is it the text that Satan would inspire. Four striking facts stand out in this message.

First of all, this message declares that you have sinned. Over and over again, we are brought face to face with these facts in God's Word. In the Old Testament, God appears as with an x-ray looking for righteousness and yet finding none. Listen:

"The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one." — Psa. 14:2,3.

In the New Testament, the message is the same. Everywhere we turn in God's Word, as well as by observantly looking at ourselves or through the experiences of others, we find the same truth — all are sinners. Listen:

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." — Rom. 3:23.

"But the scripture hath concluded all under sin." — Gal. 3:22.

"That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world." — Eph. 2:12.

In the second place, this message from God would tell you that the curse of God is already resting upon you. We do not have to guess as to this, nor are we left to use our own judgment. Paul speaks clearly and emphatically when he wrote to the churches of Galatia. Listen:

"For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them." — Gal. 3:10.

Here's a simple yet pungent statement whereby he declares that everyone who has not continued in the "all things" of God's Word is under a curse. Of course, if you and I will be honest, we must each admit that we have fallen far short, and have failed greatly in keeping the "all things" of God's law.

Just notice God's law briefly: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image."

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy god in vain."

❖ "Remember the Sabbath day,

to keep it holy."

"Honour thy father and thy mother."

"Thou shalt not kill."

"Thou shalt not commit adultery."

"Thou shalt not steal."

"Thou shalt not bear false witness."

"Thou shalt not covet."

THE SOLUTION

By Ursula Miller

How great, distressing, and how deep—

How intricate and perplexing are the problems

Before the nations of the world today.

Things national and international,

Which wise men ponder deeply! Like bread and meat

And oil and coal,

Divorce and marriage,

Cartels and various strikes,

And the amusement craze;

And closely interwoven

Is talk of world-wide peace.

All these and many more claim the attention

And together Hydra-headed

Scream for solution in the world today.

And wise men, God-ordained rulers,

Strive deeply to deal justly, and as well

As within their power lies.

What is the answer to the problems of the day?

Why this distress and rumblings of more war?

Why all the famine and little children dead?

Why fields torn up and flowing deep with gore?

No solution anywhere, but every where is dread.

Must war confront us evermore?

Is that the true solution?

Must mothers give their men as beasts

To rend and tear in hatred?

Shall blood be spilled till all the earth

Bedewed with gore flames scarlet?

Shall women weep alone at home

For loved ones in destruction?

Shall death march grimly through the land,

Reaping this heavy harvest?

Has man not learned through centuries,

War is not the solution?

Where, then, and what?

In Sacred Writ the answer lies: That nation is blessed whose

God's the Lord,

Who humbly walks to keep His every word.

—Protection, Kans.

It is by each of these commandments you see God's holy requirement for us, and yet each of us have violated these laws again and again. In the light of this truth, God's Word strikes us most emphatically and forcibly when it declares that His curse is resting upon us.

In the third place, this message from God would remind you that eternal death is awaiting you. It is bad enough that you and I have sinned. It is terrible to think of the fact that God's curse is already resting upon us in that we have violated His law, yet worse than that, is the truth that eternal death is awaiting each individual who thus stands unredeemed before God. Listen:

"For the wages of sin is death." — Rom. 6:23.

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." — Rev. 20:15.

In the fourth place, in this message that I have for you from the Lord, I have a remedy to offer. How I thank God for that remedy. It saved me. It has saved many others under my ministry, from the days of Abel it has saved all of God's elect, and what a remedy it is. Listen:

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." — I Cor. 15:3.

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

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." — John 6:47.

Here then is a message from God.

You have sinned.

The curse of God is resting upon you.

Eternal death is awaiting you.

And yet God has a sure remedy in His Son.

I say, beloved, that this is a message from God. Man will never and could never have thought of it unaided and unassisted. The Devil would certainly never produce a remedy which offers such a hope. Hence, it must be — in fact, it could only have come from God.

IV

HOW THEN SHALL WE TREAT THIS MESSAGE FROM GOD? As for myself, I have tried to deliver it as honestly as God has given me physical and spiritual strength wherewith to do so. Like Paul, I can say:

"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, I persuade men." — 2 Cor. 5:11.

How shall you, my beloved unsaved friend, treat this message from the Lord? Some of you who are unconverted, have procrastinated and have put off and rejected salvation through many years that have passed by. Even tonight, you are like Felix, who trembled, saying, "When I have a convenient season I'll call for thee." Perhaps like Agrippa you say, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." How I would to God that you might not be "almost" but may you be a altogether persuaded to become a child of God.

In the light of this message which is from the Lord, may you, like the publican of old, in penitence, with repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ, say, as did he, "God be merciful to me a sinner." (Luke 18:13). May God bless you!

NEWNESS OF LIFE

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should see whose you are and whom you serve. Let there be no mistake about it, and remember that your school-fellows are your keenest judges. They will soon "take knowledge of you," and when you are asked the cause of the change be absolutely above-board in the testimony of your lips.

HIGHER EDUCATION WITHOUT GOD

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six weeks. I have gambled away the money that mother saved. I have gone with wicked women and my faith is all ruined."

"Today I had a letter from my mother. She will be here tomorrow. Oh, God, I can't see her. I

couldn't look at her. She thinks I am pure. She thinks I am the same boy that I was when I left her a few months ago. I couldn't stand to look into her eyes. If I did look at her I couldn't kiss her, for I have an unspeakable disease. I am going down town in the morning before mother gets here and buy a gun and blow out my brains. If there is a hell, as my mother's Bible says, it isn't any worse than the hell I am in."

Elder Frank Gouloze of Grand Rapids, Michigan, speaks of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER as the paper that is BUSY BUILDING BETTER BIBLE BELIEVING BAPTISTS.

JOHN BARLEYCORN'S MILITARY RECORD

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glasses of Burgundy wine and was not "on the alert" the afternoon before the battle of Waterloo, and he failed to carry out Napoleon's orders.

6. The French Army was not "on the alert" but had been wine-drinking in idleness when the fall came in June, 1940.—Selected.

And why forget that the Saturday night drinking was one of the great causes of the not "on the alert" and the loss of 2,800 men at Pearl Harbor? —Editor.

A LOWLY MINISTRY

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Cor. 1:18,21), and the world's wise is often GOD'S "fool" (Ps. 14:1 and Lk. 12:15-21). The Scriptural "fool" is always the wise man of the world who leaves GOD out of his reckoning.

One morning in early spring a father and a little son were

looking over the garden plot contemplating plans for summer's vegetable crop. The little fellow wanted to plant garden, too. So the father said, "You may sow in this corner."

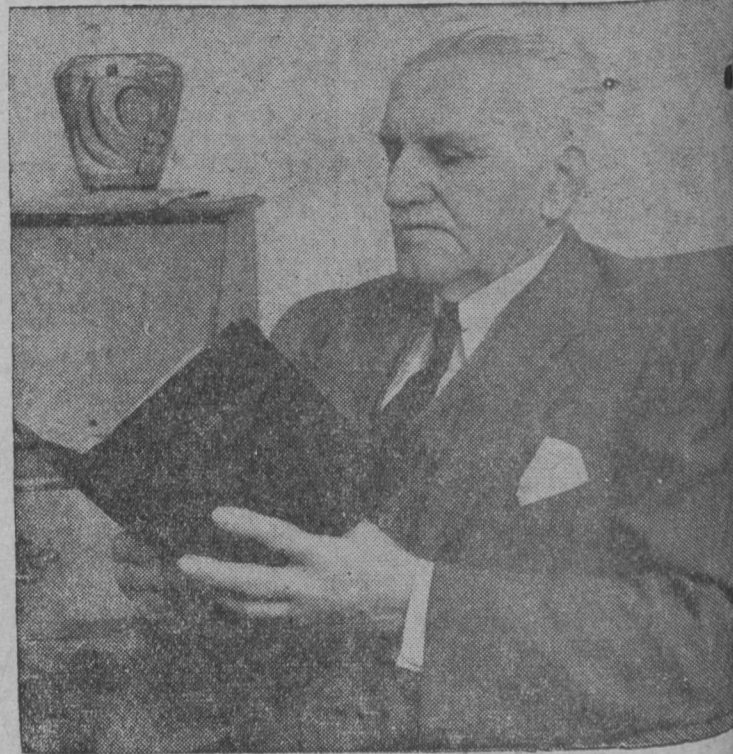
GOD gives to us a corner which to sow. The "Seed" is the Word of GOD Lk. 8:11 and the "field" is the world (Matt. 13:38). But HE gives each of HIS children a "corner" which is ours to sow. Are we doing it?

"In the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withhold thy hand; for thou knowest neither whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether both shall be alike good." (Eccl. 11:6).

HAILE SELASSIE

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give you rest—who can resist an invitation so full of compassion. Because of this personal experience in the goodness of the Bible, I was resolved that all my countrymen should also share this great blessing, and that by reading the Bible, they should find truth for themselves. Therefore, in spite of great opposition, I caused a new translation to be made from our ancient language into the language which the old and young understood and spoke. Today man sees all his hopes and aspirations crumbling before him. He must realize that the Bible is his refuge and the rallying point for all humanity. In it man will find the solution of his present difficulties and guidance for his future action, and unless he accepts with clear conscience the Bible and great message, he cannot hope for salvation. For my part, I glory in the Bible."—The Christian (London).

"Holy Bible Book Divine"



In the flyleaf of an ancient copy of the Bible was found these verses:

This Book unfolds Jehovah's mind;
This Book salutes in accent kind;
This Friend our needs will amply meet;
This Foundation sends forth joys sweet.

This Mine affords unboundless wealth;
This Good Physician gives us health;
This Sun renews and warms the soul;
This Sword both wounds and makes us whole.

This Letter shows our sins forgiven;
This Guide conducts us safe to heaven;
This Guide conducts us safe to Heaven;
This Volume is the Word of God.