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"Go ye into all the world
and preach the Gospel!"

"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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GLORIOUS RESPONSE TOWARD LIQUIDATING THIS PAPER'S INDEBTEDNESS

Should Like To Know....

Are you a former pupil of H. Taylor?

but I wish that I had been. I received his paper, News and this, for a number of years. It was immeasurably strengthened as a young preacher there. I never knew Brother Taylor personally until the last few years of his life, and yet those years meant much to me. I wish I might have sat at his feet to learn God's Word.

Are youth revivals Scriptural?

Many type revivals that are generally Scriptural. However, I've never seen any distinction for distinguishing between old and young in God's House. The same message that one needs, need. I have found that the Word of God is just as interesting to the young as it is to the old.

Frankly most all youth meetings and rallies that I have seen are a farce. Some may be otherwise, but I have never seen them. I have observed have given

the "flesh" a most prominent role. Preachers need to preach the old Book, and just depend upon the Lord to call in His elect, whether they be young or old.

3. Must not a person prove his faithfulness to Christ and His Church before he is given a place of leadership in the church?

Absolutely! This is one of the qualifications for a deacon. "And let these also first be proved"—I Tim. 3:10. If God demands this of a deacon, He surely will demand no less of any other leader. This is one of the great fallacies of youth movements, B. T. U.'s, etc. Inexperienced, unscriptural, unstable, fleshly-minded young folk are often given places of leadership which they are not capable of filling, being totally ignorant of God's Word and God's will.

4. Aren't many young pastors following in Rehoboam's footsteps when they seek advice from young, worldly Christians, rather than from elderly, faithful, consecrated Christians?

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On June 16th a letter was sent with THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, as a supplement to it, announcing our plans for the future, and urging our readers who appreciate the ministry of this paper to have a part in helping to liquidate its indebtedness by July 4th. To this appeal there has been a steady response for which we are most grateful. This is being written just about a week after this appeal was made and already over \$500 has been received. We thank God and take courage. We urge our friends to give as God enables them toward this publishing work, and if possible to send their offering by July 4th, or as early thereafter as possible. A complete report will appear in next week's issue.

Many fine letters have been received from our readers, along with their contributions which are most definitely appreciated. We take pleasure in sharing a few of these letters with our readers:

"I am sending you herewith \$10 for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I feel that it will do more for missions this way than any other that I could invest it," so writes Mrs. W. H. Thomas, Huntington, W. Va.

"I surely enjoy reading THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I think that it is the best paper that was ever printed. I have read the Bible a lot, and I know as I read your paper that it is the pure Word of God. The paper helps me to understand the Bible so much better," says Mrs. Clara Reaser, Cedarville, W. Va.

"I am a widow, 77 years old. I have seen into the meaning of the Bible more through your paper than ever before. Your sermons have been a wonderful help to me," thus writes Mrs. George Barker, North Vernon, Indiana.

"I am sending you one dollar to help out with the expenses on your paper, which is itself so much inspiration for good and for Christ's cause." — Mr. L. R. Reynolds, Yuma, Colo.

"I thank God for you and for the courage which He has given you to fight as you have. I always remember you in my prayers." — Mrs. Dora McFadden, Ironton, Ohio.

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ASSURANCE BROUGHT BY DREAM FROM GOD

By faith the harlot Rahab believed not with them that believed not."

What Shall I More Say?

The story is told of a man who has been a long time troubled about his soul's salvation. One day he dreamed he stood at the gates of Heaven, longing to enter; but he dared not, and could for sin had shut him out. At length he saw approaching a pearly gates a company of angels who came on singing, dressed in white robes. So he stepped to one of them and said, "Who are you?" and they replied, "We are the goodly fellowship of the prophets."

The poor man said, "Alas! I cannot enter with you," and he reached them until they had reached the gates and heard out the voice of song as they were received with welcome.

He cast down and troubled, he reached until he saw another company approach, and they, too, came with music and rejoicing. He said to them, "Who are you?" and they replied, "We are the army of martyrs." "Alas!"

ART OF SELF-DEFENSE

"Do you think it would be long for me to learn the noble art of self-defense?" a religiously minded young man inquired of his pastor.

"Certainly not," answered the minister, "I learned it in youth myself, and I have found it of great value during my life."

"Indeed, sir! Did you learn the English system, or Sullivan's system?"

"Neither. I learned Solomon's system."

"Yes, you will find it laid down

said he, "I cannot go in with you," and when he heard the shouts a second time ascending within the gates, his heart was heavy within him at the thought that it was not possible for him to enter there.

Then came a third company, and he detected in the group the apostles, and after them came the mighty preachers and confessors of the Word. He said in his heart, "Alas! I cannot go in with you, for I am not a preacher, and I have done nothing for my Master." His heart was ready to break, for they entered and were lost to his sight, and he heard the triumphant acclamation as the Master said, "Well done, enter into the joy of your Lord."

Then, as he waited, he saw a great company approaching. Among those in front he saw Manasseh, Rahab, Saul of Tarsus and Mary Magdalene, and the thief who died upon the cross; and they came streaming on. So he said to one of them, "Who are you?" And the reply was,

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-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"CAN ONE SIN AWAY HIS DAY OF GRACE?"

Read John 17.

As each of you doubtlessly know, it is a common statement that one can sin away his day of grace. All Arminians believe this, and a great and ever increasing number of Baptists likewise teach the same.

A few years ago Hyman Appleman held a revival meeting at a nearby Baptist church. He said, in substance, one evening, that he had found a lot of people in this particular section troubled over

the question of election, and he proceeded to explain it for them. He declared that God voted in favor of the sinner and that the devil voted against him, which made it a tie vote. He then declared that the sinner cast the deciding vote. Thus, the way the sinner voted decided his election. Of course, this is not only preposterous — it is absolutely absurd, for the deciding vote relative to man's salvation was cast by God before the foundation of the world.

"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." — Ephesians 1:4.

However, in that same sermon, Mr. Appleman declared that the sinner might sin so long that God would refuse to save him, and he thus repeatedly said that the sinner could sin away his day of grace.

I had T. T. Martin hold a revival for us a few years before

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LESSONS FROM THE GERMAN COLLAPSE

By Fred John Meldau

Germany today is a vast cemetery. Berlin is a maze of rubble and ruin. The "ruins, rats, epidemic and death" that Hitler promised have come. The "total war" which Hitler imposed has caused his nation to suffer the most devastating defeat of any country since the time of Genghis Khan, in the middle ages.

The reasons for this frightful judgment on Germany are evident to all. Germany, like Pharaoh of old, defied God. Hitler said, in effect, Who is the Lord that I should serve Him? So the Lord had to show him, and Germany — the hard way — that He is indeed GOD. All of the roots of Germany's troubles go back to their rejection of Christ. Remember when Hans Kerrel said, "Adolph Hitler is the true Holy Ghost?" God remembers it, too. And remember when Dr. Engelke said, "God has become manifest, not in Jesus Christ, but in Adolph Hitler." God raised up Hitler and modern Germany to

show the world again what happens to those who defy Him! German leaders publicly proclaimed, "Christianity must be rooted out... the Christian teaching must be destroyed." They challenged God... and God accepted the challenge. God, strange as it may seem to the Nazis, remains unscathed to this day; the Nazis and their Third Reich have perished in abject humiliation. God had to deal with them as He did Nebuchadnezzar of old: He had to show them that He, the Most High, "ruleth in the kingdom of men" (Daniel).

Germany, in its utter defeat, is an object lesson to this generation and to coming generations. Here are some of the lessons to be learned, lessons faithfully and fully presented in the Word of God:

1. Our Lord proclaimed this as a Divine principle: "WHOSOEVER EXALTETH HIMSELF SHALL BE ABASED" (Luke 14: 11). Following the Nietzsche philosophy, the Germans proclaimed themselves a super-race. In a parody on the Beatitudes, Nietzsche said, "Ye have heard how

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"I CLISTON MAN"

A Chinese applied for the position of cook in an American family which belonged to a fashionable church. The lady asked him: "Do you drink whiskey?"

"No, I Cliston man."

"Do you play cards?"

"No, I Cliston man."

He was engaged, and was found honest and capable. By and by the lady gave a party, during which the wine flowed in abundance, and cards were played for high stakes. John did his part acceptably, but the next morning he appeared before his mistress.

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AN ERROR

Last week in our rush, we omitted the name of the author of the leading article, entitled, "Many Infallible Proofs." This we deeply regret, but hasten this week to make correction of this error by saying that this was written by Elder E. A. Spencer, Monticello, Kentucky, who has been spending quite a good deal of time in Atlanta, Georgia of recent date.



ELDER E. A. SPENCER

Brother Spencer is one of the editor's closest friends and it is a joy always to have an article from his pen. He is one of the most fearless preachers, dynamic speakers, and powerful pulpiteres that this editor knows. He ought to be kept busy in evangelistic work, which is his chosen field. If you want a real Bible revival meeting where the Word of God is honored, Christ is magnified, sin is denounced, separation from the world is enjoined, and the doctrines of God's Word are emphasized, then write Brother Spencer.

POOR FRANK NORRIS

Pursuant to the editorial policy of this paper, in our April 21st issue, I gave our readers a resume of the libel suit whereby J. Frank Norris was compelled to pay libel damages to Elder R. E. White of San Antonio, Texas. This was in answer to The Fundamentalists (Norris' paper), which on March 9th, carried the following headline:

Just Another Example of Isaiah 54:17 — That \$50,000 Libel Suit Went Up In Smoke—Never Cost Dr. Norris One Cent.

Since then Mr. Norris has had another article about the same matter, saying that it never cost him one cent. Well, the photostatic court record of this page

speaks for itself.

Actually, I feel sorry for Mr. Norris. I'm sorry that he was guilty of malicious libel. I'm sorry that he continues to lie

about the matter and continues to say that it never cost him one cent. I'm sorry that he has knowingly lied about this editor, in declaring that which he knew was

absolutely false. But more than all else, I'm sorry that there is no sign of repentance on his part. If there were I'd be the first man to reach him by the

hand to say, "God bless you, but until that day comes, God says, 'Have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.'"

"The Record Speaks For Itself," Says Mr. Norris. HERE IT IS!

D. F. PARK

TO RELEASE

J. FRANK NORRIS

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TARRANT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT I, D. F. PARK of Tarrant County, Texas, for and in consideration of the sum of Two Thousand and No/100 (\$2000.00) Dollars cash to me in hand paid by J. Frank Norris, of Tarrant County, State of Texas, have fully released, and discharged and by these presents do fully release and discharge unto the said J. Frank Norris, a certain judgment which was rendered in favor of R. E. White against J. Frank Norris in Cause No. B-94972, of the 73rd District Court of Bexar County, Texas, on September, 13, 1940, for the sum of \$25,000.00, plus interest and cost, and which judgment is recorded in Vol. 43, pages 315-23, of the Minutes of the said Court, and from which judgment an appeal was perfected by J. Frank Norris and the judgment of the trial court was affirmed by an opinion delivered on July 23, 1941, the opinion affirming the judgment being the one which can be found in Vol. 154, SW 2d 319; and

In releasing the above described judgment to the said J. Frank Norris it is understood that I hereby release the debt and all rights of every kind and character which were formerly vested in R. E. WHITE against said J. Frank Norris by virtue of said judgment and also all liens of every kind and character which may now exist or which may at any time in the past have been brought into existence by virtue of the above described judgment against said J. Frank Norris or by virtue of any abstracting of the above described judgment in the judgment lien Records of any county in the State of Texas, or elsewhere, so that the said J. Frank Norris and his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns are hereby in all things fully released from said judgment or claims or liens that could be asserted under same of every kind, nature and character.

AND I, the said D. F. PARK, hereby authorize the said J. Frank Norris or his agent or attorney to have the above described judgment released and receipted on the docket as being paid in full.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said judgment and all claims thereunder hereby released unto the said J. Frank Norris, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever, and this release is made by me under and by virtue of an assignment to me of said judgment from the said R. E. White and his attorneys Martin J. Arnold and R. H. Wallace of date the 27th day of February, 1945.

WITNESS MY HAND this 3 day of March, 1945.

D. F. PARK
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THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TARRANT

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State on this day personally appeared D. F. Park, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, This 3 day of March, 1945.
C. W. BRASELTON, Notary Public,
Tarrant County, Texas.
(L.S.)

C. W. BRASELTON, Notary Public
in and for Tarrant County, Texas.

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GET YOUR

on JESUS
AND KEEP THEM THERECAN ONE SIN AWAY HIS
DAY OF GRACE?

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death, and in that meeting he
shared over and over again that
sinner could resist God so
that he could never be saved.
even went so far as to declare
this was the unpardonable
— the sin against the Holy
Spirit. Many times during that
meeting I heard him declare that
sinner could sin away his day
of grace.

I receive weekly a large num-
ber of religious papers — be-
tween 75 and 100. One of them
which I have particularly enjoyed
is "The Answer," edited at Jack-
sville, Florida. Several months
ago this paper carried a sermon
preached by Jesse M. Hendley,
who was then pastor of the Col-
umbia Hills Baptist Church of At-
lanta, Georgia. It was based upon
Romans' great statement of
Romans 1:12-28, which I quote:
"Because I have called, and ye
have not answered; I have stretched
out my hand, and no man regarded;
but I have set at naught all my
counsel, and would none of my
advice: I also will laugh at
calamity; I will mock when
fear cometh; When your
fear cometh as desolation, and
destruction cometh as a
whirlwind; when distress and an-
guish cometh upon you. Then
they call upon me, but I
do not answer; they shall seek
early, but they shall not find

gross misapplication of the Word
of God.

I
THAT A SINNER CAN SIN
AWAY HIS DAY OF GRACE,
I FLATLY DENY AS AN UN-
SCRIPTURAL, UNBIBLICAL
THEORY, WHICH IS WITH-
OUT ANY SCRIPTURAL
FOUNDATION WHATSOEVER.

In fact, the sinner has no day
of grace. He is not under grace,
but under law. Grace does not
begin within his life until salva-
tion becomes a present posses-
sion. Therefore, such a state-
ment is a careless mis-handling
of Scriptural terms.

However, the Word of God
shows most clearly that just the
opposite is true, — namely, that
everyone with whom God begins
to work, He eventually brings to
complete salvation. Let's notice
a few Scriptures in this respect:
First of all, there's Paul's
great statement to the church at
Rome:

"And we know that all things
work together for good to them
that love God, to them who are
the called according to his pur-
pose. For whom he did foreknow,
he also did predestinate to be
conformed to the image of his
Son, that he might be the first-
born among many brethren.
Moreover whom he did predestinate,
them he also called: and
whom he called, them he also
justified: and whom he justified,
them he also glorified." — Rom.
8:28-30.

In this text there are five sepa-
rate and distinct verities — fore-
knowledge, election, calling, just-
ification, and glorification. Fore-
knowledge and election took
place in eternity past. Calling
and justification take place in
time. Glorification takes place in
eternity to come. I like to think
of this as a great chain of five
golden links swinging from eter-
nity past to eternity to come
through time.

This text declares that every-
one whom God foreknew were
also predestinated or chosen.
Then he further declares that
everyone of those whom God
chose, are also called. Next He
says that all those who are called
will be justified. And finally, He
says that all those who are just-
ified, will be glorified. In other
words, all those whom God chose
before the foundation of the
world, — every one of them will
ultimately be glorified of God in
heaven.

This would therefore indicate
that each one whom God has
definitely laid His hand upon,
will be saved. Thus, instead of the
sinner sinning, resisting, reject-
ing, and refusing until God will
no longer save him, this Scrip-
ture indicates that those whom
God purposed to save before the
world was shall be ultimately
saved.

Then there's a second Scrip-
ture which likewise shows that
God's work is eternal.

"The Lord of hosts hath sworn,
saying, Surely as I have thought,

so shall it come to pass; and as
I have purposed, so shall it stand
... For the Lord of hosts hath
purposed, and who shall disannul
it? and his hand is stretched out,
and who shall turn it back?" —
Isa. 14:24, 27.

This is one of the strongest
texts in all the Bible. It tells
us that everything which God
purposes shall come to pass ex-
actly as He has directed. In other
words, it magnifies the absolute
sovereignty of God. Man is mini-
fied while God is magnified with-
in this Scripture.

In view of the fact that all
God's purposes shall come to
pass, then every one whom He
has purposed to save, will be
saved. It is true that men do re-
sist, reject, and spurn God's offer
of salvation, and yet it is
also true that if those same in-
dividuals were in God's elective
purposes for salvation, they could
not successfully resist His grace
unto damnation. Surely such a
Scripture kills forever the thought
that a sinner can sin away his op-
portunity of salvation.

There's a third Scripture which
likewise shows us that God's pur-
poses come to pass, namely, Phil.
1:6.

"Being confident of this very
thing, that he which hath begun
a good work in you will perform
it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Sometimes man begins that
which he cannot finish. Often a
house is started which is never
completed. Even hotels and bus-
iness property are often partially
built, never to be completed. This
is because that the individual be-
gan to build but was not able
to finish it.

Sometimes a child is conceived
that may never be born. While
this is true in the natural realm,
there can be no spiritual mis-
carriage with the Lord. We have
this assurance that when one is
conceived of the Holy Spirit that
he will eventually come to birth.

Surely in the light of these
words we see nothing which
would indicate that a person can
be convicted and can successfully
resist the call of God unto his
own damnation.

I'm ready to grant that there
is a general call which many
sinners receive, but which is with-
out the quickening work of the
Holy Spirit. However, when a
sinner receives the effectual call
of God, he will be saved. In no
sense are we led to believe, in
the light of this precious Philip-
pian verse that one can "sin away
his day of grace."

There are many such verses in
God's Word. Listen to these:

"All that the Father giveth
me shall come to me; and him
that cometh to me I will in no
wise cast out.

"And this is the Father's will
which hath sent me, that of all
which he hath given me I should
lose nothing, but should raise it
up again at the last day.

"No man can come to me, ex-
cept the Father which hath sent
me draw him: and I will raise
him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets,
And they shall be all taught of
God. Every man therefore that
hath heard, and hath learned of
the Father, cometh unto me." —
John 6:37, 39, 44, 45.

These were the words of Jesus
at a time when He might have
been more discouraged than at
any other experience of His life.
He had just fed five thousand
men, not counting women and
children, miraculously, and
having completed this miracle,
He preached to them His great
discourse on Himself as the
Bread of Life. This resulted in
the loss of His entire congrega-
tion so that by the time He had
finished His sermon, only His
apostles remained with Him.

Jesus therefore encouraged Him-
self with the thought that every
one whom God had given Him as
a love gift before the foundation
of the world would come to Him.

In so speaking, He declared
that not one of them should be
lost. (Vs. 39). And He further de-
clared that everyone who had
been called of the Holy Spirit
and had been taught of the
Father, would come to Him (V.
45). How in the world, in the
light of such plain statements,
and in the face of such pointed
remarks, anyone could even think
of a sinner rejecting and resist-
ing God unto his own damnation,
— how any one can even think
of this is beyond me. It is a case
of either believing Jesus or be-
lieving some preacher. Jesus de-
clared that all who "hath learned
of the Father cometh unto me."
False preachers talk about the
sinner sinning away his day of
grace. One thing is evident — if
you believe Jesus, you cannot
believe these false preachers.

When Paul wrote to the church
at Ephesus, he again emphasized
this same precious truth. Listen:

"According as he hath chosen
us in him before the foundation of
the world, that we should be holy
and without blame before him in
love." — Ephesians 1:4.

Spiritually speaking, each child
of God is older than creation.
While it may be true that prac-
tically speaking we were saved at
the hour of our conversion; yet
in the mind of God, our salvation
began before the foundation of
the world. God made a choice —
a selection before this world was.
Hence, each of us, from God's
point of view, is older than crea-
tion itself. It seems not only
improbable, but also impossible
and preposterous that a man
could "sin away his day of grace"
in the light of the fact that he
was chosen of God even before
the foundation of the world.

Likewise, when the apostle
Paul wrote his second letter to
the church of the Thessalonians,
he mentioned this marvelous
truth of election:

"But we are bound to give
thanks always to God for you,
brethren beloved of the Lord, be-
cause God hath from the begin-
ning chosen you to salvation
through sanctification of the
Spirit and belief of the truth." —
2 Thes. 2:13.

Here's a verse which tells us
that God made a choice, and that
He made this choice from the be-
ginning, and that this choice was
a choice of persons unto salva-
tion. You will notice that he does
not declare that the choice was
salvation, but rather, says that
the choice was unto salvation.
And finally, in this verse, he says
that that salvation comes through
the work of the Holy Spirit and
the Word of God. Well, beloved,
if God made such a choice from
the beginning, then surely man
can do no more than ratify God's
choice. Certainly man cannot put

his feeble strength up against
the omnipotence of God to sin
in such a way as to cause God
to reverse Himself, especially in
the light of the fact that we
have already seen that whatever
God purposes comes to pass.

II

I REALIZE THAT THERE
ARE A NUMBER OF OBJEC-
TIONS TO THIS PRECIOUS
TRUTH. There are those, first
of all, who declare their inability
to understand. Possibly that in-
ability comes from a lack of
teaching, or maybe from a lack
of spiritual perception on the
part of those taught, and some-
times it is just a cloak behind
which individuals hide. I'm ready
to grant that not only this truth,
but any of God's Word must be
spiritually perceived and that for
one to understand it he must be
taught of God. God's ways and
God's thoughts are so much
higher than ours that we cannot
grasp them without divine abil-
ity.

Listen:

"For my thoughts are not your
thoughts, neither are your ways
my ways, saith the Lord. For as
the heavens are higher than the
earth, so are my ways higher
than your ways, and my thoughts
than your thoughts." — Isa. 55:
8,9.

Then there are others who
would object by insisting that
God is unjust in thus choosing
some, thereby guaranteeing their
salvation and in passing others
by. Well, beloved, it isn't a matter
of justice, but of grace. Each of
us, if we got justice, would go to
hell. However, I thank God that
our salvation does not depend
upon the justice, but rather, upon
the mercy and grace of God.

In this connection, I have often
thought of two individuals per-
haps in death row awaiting ex-
ecution. Both are confessedly
guilty. Each should die. Yet, a
few minutes before the execution,
the governor steps in and pardons
one but allows the other to go to
his death. Now which man re-
ceived justice. Of course, you
must admit that the man who
died got justice, whereas the
other man received mercy.

In the same connection, we
need to realize that if each of us
received justice, we would all go
to hell, but God in His grace, has
chosen some unto salvation.

Still again, there are others
who would object to this truth by
asking this question: Why preach
the gospel if the elect are to be
saved? The answer is obvious,
beloved. We are to preach it be-
cause God commanded us to do
so.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all
nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit:
Teaching them to observe all
things whatsoever I have com-
manded you: and, lo I am with
you always, even unto the end of
the world." — Matt. 28:19,20.

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PRAYER ALSO CHANGES PEOPLE

A young preacher had just settled in his first pastor-
ate in Philadelphia, when he was visited one evening by
one of the laymen in his church.

The man said bluntly to him, "You are not a strong
preacher. In the usual order of things you will fail here,
but a little group of us have agreed to gather every Sun-
day morning to pray for you."

The young man saw that group of people grow to
more than one thousand praying weekly for their pastor.

The minister was J. Wilbur Chapman who grew to
become one of the greatest preachers America has ever
known.

GLORIOUS RESPONSE TOWARD LIQUIDATING DEBT OF PAPER

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"I love the way you get these Catholics told; also the Masons, Modernists, and other heretics. I pray every night for you, your church, and THE BAPTIST EXAMINER." — J. J. Sanders, Tampa, Florida.

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Speaking of prayer, in that respect calls to mind a letter from Brother Frank Pulsing, of Portsmouth, Ohio, who is an old friend of the editor for many years, who recently wrote, saying, "I pray for you every day, and have for a long time." Thank God for those who do likewise!

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"I surely like the way you publish the paper. Your sermons make me a stronger Baptist, and I am sure that many are made stronger in many ways by reading it," so writes Elder Boyd Sandlin, Island City, Kentucky.

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From Cannelton, Indiana, comes a most helpful letter from Brother Jacob Siebert, saying: "I enclose a check for \$10 for your needs. I am going to encourage my Men's Bible Class on Sunday to help you. My conviction is Brother Gilpin that you are the only one who can edit your paper in such a remarkable way as you are now doing. Others may fill your pulpit at Russell but they can never take care of the need

Have you answered the editor's letter of June 16? It will be much appreciated.

which your paper supplies. Your paper, I believe, is doing things that a hundred pastors couldn't do even if they desired to. The paper is truly a light in this age of apostasy. In our newly organized church which is less than one year old, we are depending much on your paper to enlighten our people."

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May we remind you that your letter, your gift, and your prayers will be appreciated just as greatly. May you act NOW as God may lead you!

A DREAM

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"We are a company of sinners whom no man can number, saved by the blood of Jesus Christ, through the rich, free, sovereign grace of God."

When this poor man heard this word he exclaimed, "Thank God, I can go in with you, for I am a sinner like you, and like you I will put my trust in Him who shed His blood on the cross of Calvary."

When he awoke, he actually did put his trust in the Saviour. Then he learned that apostles and prophets and preachers were saved in exactly the same manner as sinners like Manasseh and Rahab and Mary Magdalene. "For there is none other name under Heaven, given among men whereby we must be saved."

—Words of Love

I SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW

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Exactly! That was the sin of Rehoboam and it is the sin of pastors today who allow the young people to "run" the church. If young folk are spiritually minded it is well to take counsel with them as well as with the old. Yet, woe unto the pastor who is lead astray by the carnal worldly element of the church, whether they be young or old.

5. What should be done with a member who ignores the rules

of the church?

The only rules a church should have are those founded on and supported by the Word of God, and any member of the church who ignores God's Word ought to be excluded. Read I Cor. 5:11-13; II Thes. 3:6,14; Titus 3:10; II John 1:9-11.

6. Do you believe that Adam and Eve did just what God intended for them to do when they listened to Satan and fell into sin? Do you think that Judas could keep from betraying Christ? Do you think that those who did so could have kept from crucifying Christ?

God is a sovereign God. His purposes must be fulfilled. Read Is. 14:24-27. That which is referred to in these three questions is a part of God's program and plan. It is His pleasure to command and ours to obey. Some day the things that are hard to understand, He'll make plain.

7. I know that Mr. Dodd, many of the seminary professors and young preachers, and Mr. Freeman are guilty of the things you say. It is obvious and at the same time heart-sickening to all real Baptists, yet is there any Scripture which would justify you in exposing them?

Plenty of it. How is this for one Scripture: "Them that sin, rebuke before all, that others also may fear" — I Tim. 5:20.

LESSONS FROM THE COLLAPSE OF GERMANY

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in old times it was said, Blessed are the meek; but I say unto you, Blessed are the valiant, for they shall make the earth their throne . . . Ye have heard men say, Blessed are the peacemakers; but I say unto you, Blessed are the war-makers." God, to be true to His Word, had to humble these self-styled "super-men," and He certainly did a magnificent job of it. God's Word declares, "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall" (Prov. 16:18). German leaders had the pride and the haughty spirits; now the destruction and the fall have come — exactly as God said!

2. God has given another principle of Divine action in Ecclesiastes 8:12 and 13: "I knew it shall be well with them that fear God . . . but IT SHALL NOT BE WELL WITH THE WICKED NEITHER SHALL HE PROLONG HIS DAYS." God has said, "It shall NOT be well with the wicked." Hitler boasted, a few years ago, when his armies started their victorious march through low countries, we are laying the foundations of an empire to last a thousand years. Today, five years later, the Third Reich is a charred and mangled corpse. Not in modern times has there been such ruthlessness, such wickedness, such barbarity, as in Germany. With fiendish delight they tortured their prisoners in their concentration camps; they took a sadistic pleasure in sufferings inflicted on their victims. With cold and calculating precision they invented systems of mass murder, using huge incinerators, sealed box cars with lime shovelled deep on the floor, and many other such heinous atrocities. Defenseless Jews were ruthlessly robbed, raped and murdered. They devised, or at least introduced into the modern world, the dreadful system of punishing hostages for the real or imaginary crimes of others. The blood-curdling atrocities at the Warsaw Ghetto, Lidice, Lublin and Dachau stand out on the pages of infamy. And many other such fiendish evils were they guilty of. God warned: "It shall not be well with the wicked." God has vindicated His

Word. These wicked men have been punished in part for their misdeeds; eternity will reveal the complete and exact retributive judgments meted out to them, in this life and in the life to come. The words of the Psalmist come to mind — "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." Ps. 37:35.

3. The collapse of Germany proves true, again, the dictum of our Lord Jesus: "THEY THAT TAKE THE SWORD SHALL PERISH WITH THE SWORD" (Matthew 26:52). In the case of modern Germany the "sword" they took against their neighbors was their "luftwaffe." Strange as it may seem, it was by this same "sword" — allied, superior air power — that Germany was brought to her knees! In a recent admission, General Von Hunstedt said it was allied air superiority that brought on the final defeat of Germany. Their motorized equipment brought them early successes; GOD gave into the hands of the allies a larger "sword" in the form of modern motorized units: tanks, self-propelled guns, trucks, etc., that brought defeat to the Nazis. God's Word never fails.

4. In the wickedness of Germany and her crushing defeat we see a perfect illustration of God's unfailing law of "Sowing and Reaping." "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." (Gal. 6:7). God is not mocked. Germany's experience proves it. For every ton of bombs Germany rained on England the allies returned 315 tons on Germany! In the early part of the war they enslaved millions of workers and put in prison millions of soldiers of the surrounding nations. Today, millions of their men are prisoners; who knows how many millions of their men will be used as slave laborers, either to rebuild their own cities or those of their neighbors?

"All things betray thee who betrayest Me." The very roads Germany built to expedite her war effort were used against her when the allies crossed the Rhine. No doubt one reason the war did not end sooner in Germany is, God was seeing to it that they reaped exactly what they sowed. They destroyed cities: Warsaw, Rotterdam, Coventry; their cities, in turn, were destroyed — and the destruction wreaked on their own cities was far the worse. In many other realms one can see the finger of God writing: this is the fulfillment of God's unfailing law of sowing and reaping.

5. In the days of Abraham, when God called the nation Israel into being, He warned, "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee" (Genesis 12:3). In Jeremiah 2:3 we read further, "All that devour Israel shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the Lord." (See also Jeremiah 30:16-17). As sure as Jehovah is God, He will keep that pledge. He HAS kept it historically. Those who have cursed Israel have been cursed. Hitler and his gang of Nazi criminals wilfully, and with unbelievable viciousness, persecuted the Jews. God has punished them for it. We doubt that Germany will ever again gain her place as a leading world power.

6. The lies of Hitler and his false prophets have been fully exposed — as they always are. Goering boasted, No enemy bomb will ever fall on German cities. We laugh in derision at his foolishness. We have already mentioned Hitler's prophecy that his Reich would last a thousand years; it lasted less than six years. When Hitler invaded Russia he promised to conquer Russia in three months; look how that prediction turned out! In 1933 Hitler told Germany, "As long as I am Chancellor there will be no war, save in the event of an invasion of our territory. Hitler's prophecies have been proven false a thousand times. What a fool he has proved to be! Any man who arrogates the disposal of the future to his own hands is a fool.

7. Hitlerism proves, most emphatically, the baseness of unregenerate human nature. Man, without God, is depraved to the point of bestiality. Men who reject CHRIST and the Bible are headed toward the Hitlerian pattern. How different things would have been in Germany, and the world, had they listened to the Lord Jesus, trusted HIM and followed HIM and His teachings. CHRIST is the greatest blessing ever to come to mankind; rejection of Christ, the greatest evil and the greatest curse.

ART OF SELF-DEFENSE

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in the first verse of the fifteenth chapter of Proverbs. 'A soft answer turneth away wrath.' It is the best system of self-defense of which I know."

"I CLISTON MAN"

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"I want to go."
"Why, what is the matter?"
"I Cliston man—I told you so

God's Presence

"My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest" (Exodus 33:14).

Our hearts would ask a program,
An outline, sent from heaven,
But no such chart is granted,
A life-map is not given;
Instead, there comes a promise,
A promise for each day,
"My presence shall go with thee,
My presence — all the way."

Provision and protection
We rightly seem to crave;
Were we of these quite certain,
We think we could be brave:
But — greater than these portions
Can this Word come to be:
"My presence shall go with thee,
My presence! Mine! With Thee!"

—Selected

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"CAN ONE SIN AWAY HIS DAY OF GRACE?"

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"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." — Mark 16:15.

I don't know who the elect are, but God does. He commands me to preach the gospel to every creature. It is my business to preach, following His command, and it's His business to save those whom He has chosen.

In fact, one mighty good reason why we are to preach the gospel is that it is the means by which God has ordained whereby the lost are to be saved. While God elects men unto salvation, He also ordains the means of our instrumentality of our salvation, and that is through the preaching of the Word of God.

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." — I Cor. 1:18.

A final objection which is offered relative to the truth of election is that the Bible says "whosoever will." I'm ready to grant that this is true. God does say "whosoever will." Let's read it again: "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." — Rev. 22:17.

However, it is plainly evident that the only ones who would come under this classification of "whosoever will" are those whom God has chosen. If left to himself, man would choose to go contrary to God, and to direct his will against the will of God. Jesus Himself said:

"And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life." — John 6:40.

The word "will" in this text is a past participle. Jesus literally said that this crowd had definitely willed not to come to Him. This is truly the attitude of every unsaved sinner. His will is definitely and woefully away from God. While God gives the invitation in the terms of "whosoever will," yet only those who are the elect will ever turn to Him.

I stand before an open door over the which I see these words, "Whosoever will shall enter." I walk in and look over the door on the inside and I read, "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God." — I Peter 1:2.

I realize that the message to me as an unsaved sinner, is "whosoever will" and when I get into Christ, I then realize that the "whosoever wills" are those whom God had elected from before the foundation of the world.

Thus, beloved, in the light of these truths, all those whom God had elected will be saved. Men do resist, reject, and spurn God's grace. Yet, through the preaching of the Word of God and the working of the Holy Spirit, all those whom He has chosen will eventually and ultimately be saved. Not one of them will be lost. No one will be able to "sin away his day of grace." Instead, all of God's people will ultimately come to Him. May you therefore remember that election is not salvation, rather, is "unto salvation." In view of this fact, may you therefore receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour and be saved.

"But 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.

May the Lord bless you!