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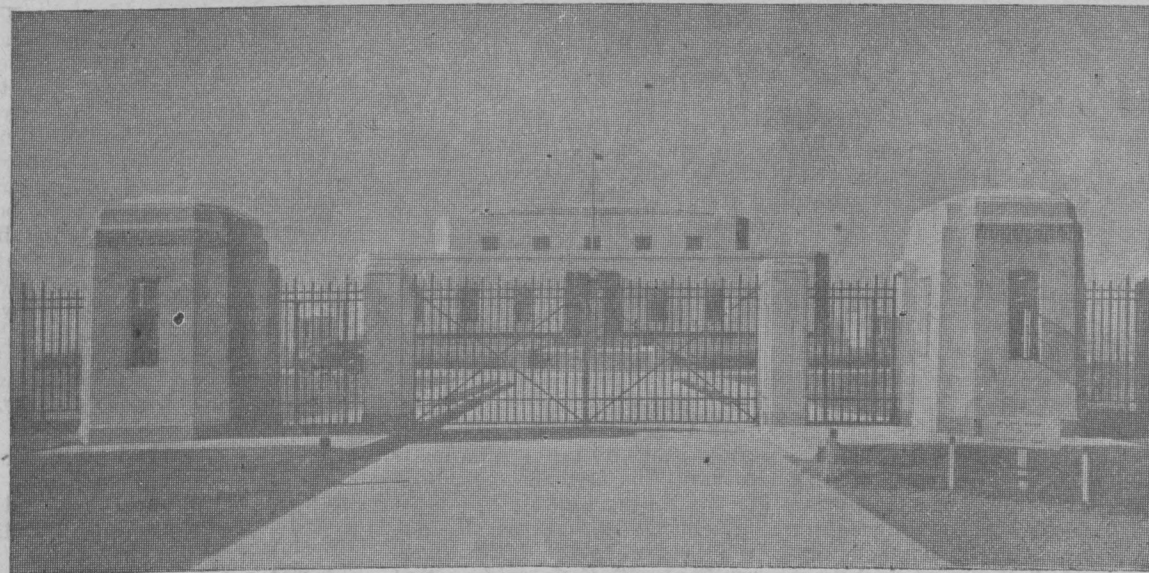
"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel!"

### God's Word Ever Inexhaustible

After preaching the Gospel forty years, and after printing the sermons I have preached more than six and thirty years, reaching now to the number of 10,000, in weekly succession, I am fairly entitled to speak about the fullness and the richness of the Bible as a preacher's book. To my brethren, it is inexhaustible. No question about freshness will arise if we keep close to the text of the sacred volume. There can be no difficulty about finding themes totally distinct from those I have handled before; the variety is as infinite as the fullness. A long life will only suffice to sail the shores of this great continent of light. In the forty years of my ministry I have only touched the hem of the garment of divine truth; but what virtue flowed out of it! The Word

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### The Nation's Gold Supply At Fort Knox, Ky. Thanks Be Unto God And Readers



"The judgments of the Lord . . . more to be desired are they than gold, yea than much fine gold"—

Ps. 19:10.

"The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts." — Hag. 2:8.

"And the city was pure gold like unto clear glass" — Rev. 21:18.

The calendar says that it is July fourth; the clock reads half past two; the thermometer stands at 90 in the shade.

AND our hearts are rejoicing because of God's amazing goodness to us in behalf of liquidating the indebtedness resting against THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. This is the day we had hoped that we might be debt-free, and while this is not yet a possibility, we do thank God for the offerings that we have received and for the promise of many offerings yet to come in this respect. A little over \$1000 has been received and applied against our debt, which gives occasion for all those who believe the message we preach through the columns of this paper to joyfully sing,

"Praise God from whom all (Continued on page two)

### How God Saved A Brewer's Son,-- Joshua Gravett

Reluctantly and joyfully, a paradox, I am here tonight to give my testimony to you dear ones and guests, to God's gracious unveiling of Himself to the God of righteousness, grace, and grace. No repentant finds delight in recalling, in thought or speech, his life before conversion. But every redeemed son should "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the faith that is in you, with meekness and fear." — I Peter 3:15. When I speak of my early life you will see many parallels. In my fourteenth year, in my home town, Worthing, Sussex, England, I heard a sermon from a Church of England church which stirred my heart. I wanted to go on and seemed willing to know the way of salvation. I started with many others in an inquiry meeting in a near-by church school. As I stood on the threshold, two strong fellows, one the son of a temperance advocate, and one of them, on passing, suddenly turned his thumb to me and made the slightest of a mark, "A brewer's son coming to such a meeting!" The ever-acting adversary of our souls made us resent such words, and I should not go in." Sincerely I regret my sensitive revolt. Many happy memories would have been spared me.

But there were others who sought the salvation of brewers'

children as earnestly as they did teetotalers' children. The pastor, "old John Adams," and fellow members of the New Street Chapel, designated Ana-baptist in the town directory, manifested most sincere interest in the spiritual welfare of the family of widow Rebecca Gravett, proprietress following her husband's death, of "The Jolly Brewer's Inn" and brewery.

In the home we had "grace" at meals, individual prayers, and on Sunday afternoons there was Bible readings and hymn singing. I read through the big family Bible a number of times with my mother who gathered four of us younger children and grandchildren around her in the "long room," used during business hours by patrons of the bar. The memories of those long hours are most precious. For a special treat we were now and then privileged to read "the holy of holies" of the Bible, John, chapters 13-17. The pages bore evidence in many thumbmarks of my father's love of those chapters. Earnestly do I urge all in every walk of life to read and re-read the holy Scriptures.

God used various means to awaken me to the danger of the social glass, I had left Worthing (Continued on page two)

### QUESTIONS ABOUT ALIEN IMMERSION

A friend of the truth sent a number of questions requesting us to answer them. Here goes:

1. "What constitutes alien baptism?" Answer: Alien baptism is an act, misnamed baptism, administered by an apostate, or unfaithful church. It is an act that does not conform to the divine requirements controlling the ordinance. Alien baptism always lacks church authority and no church has authority to baptize that is not of, and like, the first church at Jerusalem. Pedo and unfaithful Baptist churches cannot administer Scriptural baptism.

Scriptural baptism is an act of a New Testament church in which the believer in Christ Jesus is buried in water by the authority of the local church in order to show forth in symbol the Lord's death, burial, and resurrection. In this divine order, we have: Proper authority, a New Testament Church; proper subject, a believer in Christ Jesus; proper mode, immersion or burial in water; proper motive, a desire to show forth in an act the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus, Matt. 28:19-20 and Rom. 6:4.

2. "If a Missionary Baptist Church receives a Free-Will Baptist on his immersion, is that alien baptism?" Answer: No, since the act of receiving a mem-

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### Is It Really Necessary For A Christian To Tithe?

Tithe is an avenue through which God has promised to bless all who practice it according to Bible lines.

The following facts should induce all Christians to practice tithing.

1. Pay tithes, because God's Word commands you to do so.

We notice in the following passages, that great blessings await all those that obey the Lord in this respect. In Deut. 14:22 we read: "Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed that the field bringeth forth year by year." Prov. 3:9,10, "Honour the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

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

In 2 Cor. 9:6-8 we read: "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully . . . not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." What better

inducement do we want than this? The Lord surely sets His seal of approval upon all those that give liberally to His cause. In God's plan giving is a grace. If God's people will enter into that grace a twofold blessing will follow, the character will be strengthened and God's cause will also reap the benefits. God asks nothing of man except it be for His glory and man's edification. The Lord is certainly glorified through our paying tithes.

2. Notice that tithing was given under grace and not under law.

It belongs to the Abrahamic covenant and was instituted hundreds of years before the law was given on Mt. Sinai. Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek and Jacob also paid tithes. God in giving the law to Moses, did not mention it as something new, but refers to it as already existing, for He said: "The tithe is the Lord's," not shall be, but is.

Jesus Himself commended tithing. We read in Matt. 23:23, "Ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith; these ought ye to have done . . . not leave other undone." If it were a good thing under law it is still better under grace. To love God with all the heart, mind and strength was given under the law; but Christ re-affirms it in Matt. 22:37.

Many truths in the Old Testament are endorsed in the New (Continued on page four)

### -- The First Baptist Pulpit --

#### "GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER"

By ROY MASON

"But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." —Matt 12:39,40.

The words of this text are the words of Jesus Himself. Suppose that I should ask you of this audience the question, "Do you believe that Jesus meant what He said, and that He actually fulfilled these words of solemn promise," would you raise your hand? I think that you would. And if I should ask that question of most any group of ministers, I suspect that they would do the same. Then if we believe in

this Scripture—if we believe that Christ meant what He said and kept His word, I want to ask in heaven's name why do people observe Good Friday and Easter? For these two observances absolutely give the lie to these words of Jesus. How? Why? Simply because if Jesus were crucified on Good Friday he could not have been in the grave three days and three nights—possibly! (Continued on page two)

#### WANTED! WANTED!

1. FATHERS like Abraham. "He will command his children and household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord." Gen. 18:19.

2. MOTHERS like Hannah. "As long as he (her son) liveth, he shall be lent to the Lord." I Sam. 1:28.

3. BOYS like Jesus. He returned with His parents to Nazareth, "and was subject unto them." Luke 2:51.

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#### GOOD BAROMETER

An artist was once asked to paint a picture of a dying church. Instead of putting on the canvas a small, feeble, poor congregation, in an old building, he painted a stately, modern edifice, through the open portals of which could be seen a richly carved altar, a magnificent organ, beautiful stained-glass windows, frescoes and perfect seating within the entrance, and

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## OUR THANKS TO GOD AND TO OUR READERS

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blessings flow."

It was only a little over two weeks ago that we announced our plans hoping to free our paper of debt. From practically every state in the union gifts have been received, and from many others have come promises that we might expect contributions soon. One thing is certain: this campaign to free our paper of indebtedness must continue until every penny of it is paid.

Along with the gifts have been many fine letters, a few of which we have shared with our readers. How we wish we might have shared them all! Truthfully, as editor, I can say that these letters have been appreciated equally as much as the contributions. It has surely been a joy to hear from so many who have written such kind words of appreciation because of the Biblical and spiritual value of this paper. The following are fair samples of the rest:

"We enjoy reading THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, because it does not dodge issues. Instead it gives us chapter and verse Bible proof. If more people would read it, there would be less confusion."  
—Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Southwood.

"My desk is piled high with religious papers but none can equal THE BAPTIST EXAMINER for giving the Truth as it should be. Truly the paper must go on under your leadership," thus writes Elder Elzie Perriman, Blanchard, Oklahoma, who for years has been one of the best friends this paper has.

I do not know just what the future holds in store for me, but one thing is certain: THE BAPTIST EXAMINER will go on under my editorship as long as God gives me strength to do so. I believe that that will be a long time, and I am asking you to pray that it shall be, if it can be for His glory.

And now may I urge our readers to send us whatever offering you may, as the Lord may lead you. Your contribution, prayers, counsel, and advice will be appreciated more now than ever before.

## GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER

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Figure it for yourself—if Christ was crucified on Friday, as is commonly taught, then He was in the grave only 2 nights and 1 day—a total of 36 hours. Is that the way God fulfills prophecy? A thousand times no! Three days and three nights constitute 72 hours, and 36 hours will not suffice to fulfill a prophecy that requires 72. Suppose

## BUT WE SEE JESUS!

I don't look back, God knows the fruitless efforts,  
The wasted hours, the sinning, the regrets;  
I leave them all with Him, who blots the record,  
And mercifully forgives, and then forgets.

I don't look forward, God sees all the future,  
The road that, short or long, will lead me home,  
And He will face with me its every trial,  
And bear for me the burdens that may come.

But I look up—into the face of Jesus,  
For there my heart can rest, my fears are stilled,  
And there is joy, and love, and light for darkness,  
And perfect peace, and every hope fulfilled.

—Annie Johnson Flint

that someone owes you seventy-two dollars and they hand you thirty-six dollars and pretend that that is sufficient to pay the debt, would that be satisfactory and acceptable? You would certainly feel that you had been short-changed. Now God Almighty is not in the short-changing business, but the devil is. He short-changes by making it appear that Christ was crucified on Good Friday and raised 36 hours later, when he was crucified on Wednesday and was raised three full days and nights later—72 hours. He short-changes by substituting one resurrection day for the 52 resurrection days that the Bible warrants.

Now let me ask you something else. Should I, a minister of the gospel and preacher of the Word of God, be crucified and lambasted for believing the Bible? I can't believe the Bible and believe in Good Friday and Easter. Eleven times it is repeated here in the Scriptures that Christ should be three days and three nights in the grave. Shall I just throw away those eleven clear, positive, definite statements in order that I may conform to the world and the devil? That is exactly what I have to do, if I adopt the Good Friday and Easter observances. So, my friends, it is not just a desire to be

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## A BREWER'S SON WHOM THE TRUTH MADE FREE

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and entered the employ of a London firm. The head foreman outside was a member of a Wesleyan M. E. church. I was his assistant. He knew that many of us would spend hours Saturday afternoons treating each other to drinks. He almost angered me to blows when he said, "Josh, those fellows say you are a 'good fellow,' but I say you are a darned fool." He told the truth and I did not thank him!

But thank God I was soon to hear "the truth." His words stung me to the quick. A few weeks after, I left the Saturday afternoon group and adjourned for a quiet drink at a place near my room. A few days before, I had attended several "mission services" at St. Mary Abbot's church. One of the evenings after church I had conversed with a Christian woman about the Bible in such a way that she treated me as if I were really a Christian. Immediately after I left her home I was startled by what seemed a voice from heaven saying, "You are a hypocrite, you let that woman think you were a Christian." No word could have cut me more keenly, for I professed

that I hated hypocrites. I was truly ashamed for I was justly accused. God used those incidents to trouble my soul.

Suddenly as I sat by the barrel in the "pub," I was overwhelmed with the conviction that unless I turned immediately I would have no other appeal from God. Often as I turned off the gas jet in my room before retiring, I had felt impelled to sincerely call upon God for help. I could recite a simple prayer, but God said, "Pray." But that afternoon I promised God that I would seek Him in sincerity.

That night was "Men's Night" at the church. I went asking God to show me what I must do. Thousands of times I have thank-



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ed the Lord that the preacher did not talk on "Christ the Example" that night. He knew we needed to know "Christ the Redeemer." He took as his text the words of the prophet Isaiah: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." — Isaiah 53:6.

In plain searching ways he pointed out our sins. "Like sheep" drawn by enticing morsels away from the fold; lost, hopelessly lost, for no sheep ever finds its way back to the fold. "To his own way," deliberately refusing God's way of life. He used God's word, a double-edged sword to wound—and I was wounded sore. Then the speaker used the other edge telling us how God had many years before plainly, as revealed in that 53rd chapter, foretold the sufferings of Christ, the Sinner's Substitute and Believer's Saviour. Quietly, but earnestly, he asked each of us to make the words of his text and the words of the preceding verse personal: "He was wounded for our (my) transgressions, he was bruised for our (my) iniquities; the chastisement of our (my) peace was

upon Him; and with His stripes we (I) am healed." I repeated, clause by clause after him. Then he asked us to put our names in as he led us in reading the sixth verse. With sincere conviction of the truth set forth, I put my name in as I followed his reading, clause by clause: "I, Joshua Gravett, like a sheep have gone astray. I, Joshua Gravett, have turned to my own way. And the Lord hath laid on him (Jesus) Joshua Gravett's iniquity." "He hath," said the preacher; "now what will you do with what God has done?" In my heart I said, "Lord, I believe and I'll trust Jesus to save me." In the after meeting a young curate came to the pew where I was sitting and respectfully, not wishing to be considered an intruder, asked if he could help me. I told him that I believed what I had heard and wanted to tell Jesus so. "Why, He is before you in the next pew," was the answer. "Tell Him." I fell on my knees to thank Jesus for what I had learned He suffered for me.

"Bearing shame and scoffings rude

In my place condemned He stood; Sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah; what a Saviour."

I was not looking for an experience, but suddenly I seemed to see Jesus in the aisle by my side. He knows that I meant it when I said, "I'll trust and follow you, Lord Jesus." Heavenly peace flooded my soul. I walked out of that church a new man indeed. The ivy under the gas light never looked so green. Strange, but true, I went straight to the private booth of a public house and called for "whiskey neat." Whether I ever drank it, I do not know, but I know this, there seemed to come a voice from above me (I can recall vividly how I looked up to see who spoke) saying: "This is no place for a Christian." Of course, not! I turned quickly and went outside without passing other such places. The liquor question was settled that night by Christ's incoming to abide and guide. I have often laughed at my buttoning my coat over my face and sprinting past the pub I had to pass to get to

my room. There may have been weakness in the covering of my face but there certainly was no termination in the running.

Reaching my room I quickly dug up the Bible mother had given me and put February 14, 1880, by the side of Isaiah 53:6. There alone I repeated, on my knees, what I had said to Jesus on my knees in the church. It is what we do when we get home after public confession of Christ that reveals the sincerity of our public profession. I wrote that same night to my mother, telling her that Jesus Saviour was now mine. A back words that have been an abiding tonic: "No man having put him hand to the plough and a looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62).

On the following Monday I turned from a job in North London to the firm's large shops in West London. Directly I entered the inside foreman gave me a hearty greeting. He flipped a coin and said, "Heads or tails? Drinks for all!" "Nope, Jim, I'm a Christian now," I replied. "These men openly declared their intention, 'We'll get him back within a month.' They poured strong drinks over my bench and tools again and again. But I had a place in a remote corner of the cellar where, in the noon hour, I would cry to God not to fail me. God graciously blessed my continued witness to the men. Never can I forget the sincere handclasp and tears of the very men who had been most persistent in ridicule and blasphemy when, at the gathering of the men in a large building we were remodeling under the shadow of St. Paul's Cathedral, I bade the group farewell before leaving for America."

Men, do not be afraid to trust Christ. He will never fail you and no man shall be able to pluck you out of His hands.

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power both now and ever. Amen." Jude 24,25.

## The Miff Tree

"The Miff tree is a funny thing  
With me you will agree.

The trunk's made of one large I,  
And the limbs made up of Me.

And every bird who lights therein,  
Is poor of soul, you see.

All he has to feed upon  
Is poor old I and Me.

They very soon consume themselves  
And fade away and die.

And grieve the Holy Spirit  
With their everlasting cry.

Now if they'd look to Calvary,  
They'd win a victory.

But all the farther they can see,  
Is poor old I and Me."

—Lydia B. Lester

Mrs. Lester is one of the beloved members of the editor's flock. This poem is the result of some calls she made on some disgruntled church members. "Nuf sed."



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GOOD FRIDAY. EASTER

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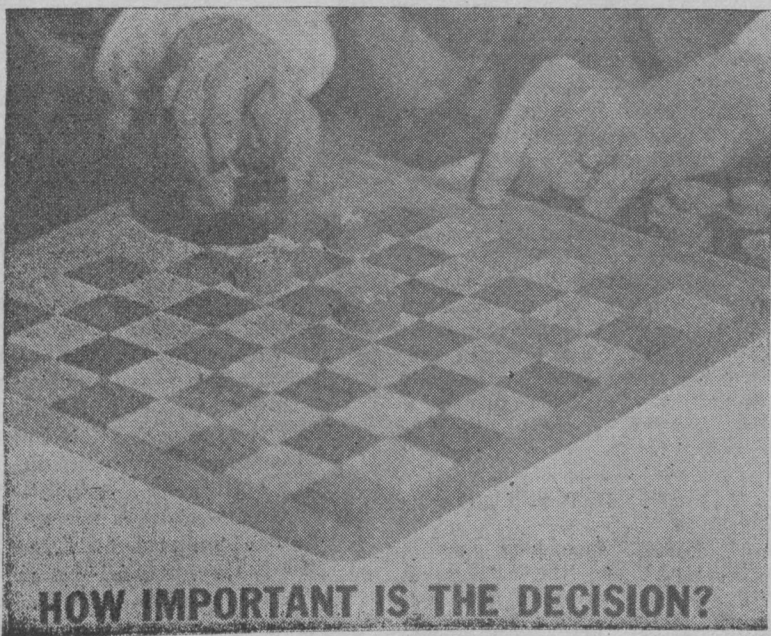
and peculiar and can-  
kerous that induces me to  
out against Easter obser-  
vance and to preach against it,  
simple loyalty to the Word  
of God. Sometimes people get all  
at me for my stand on the  
question — and they do  
because they are not willing  
to look into the facts. One year I  
attempted to speak on "Easter  
the devil's counterfeit resurrec-  
tion" and I got out some hand-  
out. A member of my church  
working for a company head-  
quarted in one of the Bap-  
tist churches of this city. My ad-  
vice made the deacon mad  
he told this member of ours  
to take the hand bill down from  
the wall he had it posted. Some-  
times my fellow ministers get ex-  
cited at me for preaching  
against Easter observance, when  
I know as well as I do — the  
ones at least — that I am  
preaching the truth, and that  
they are conforming to the world.  
The other day I had an invitation  
from a young Baptist preacher  
who came from a well known  
theological college, to come to this  
city and to conduct a union Good  
Friday, pre-Easter service. I  
told him and courteously de-  
clined and sent him a copy of  
one of my printed sermons on  
the Easter question. I hope that  
this is open to the truth on the  
matter.

One trouble is, the younger  
preachers are not reminded of the  
fact concerning Easter in our  
schools and seminaries. After I  
came out of the Louisville Sem-  
inary as a graduate, I conducted  
Easter services. The Sem-  
inary didn't teach me anything  
about that. I am like the fellow  
who stuttered. A man said to  
"have you ever gone to a  
doctor for stuttering?" "No-no-no"  
said the stuttering man, "I  
just picked it up myself."  
I learned on this question, I  
just had to pick up myself.  
A few weeks ago when  
Sampey the president of the  
Baptist Hour, he preached  
that Jesus was crucified on Fri-  
day. I ask, what can we expect  
of our young preachers when the  
president of the school reads the  
Bible with no more discrimination  
than that?

I read in the Book of Revela-  
tion about "all the world wonder-  
ing after the Beast" and I can  
rephrase that and say truly  
just about all the world has  
gone off after the old hea-  
then goddess Easter? The time  
when Baptists refused to ob-  
serve Easter even if it cost them  
their lives. But we are living in  
times when pastors are  
acquainted with these little  
pamphlet back manuals and  
course books of the Sun-  
day School Board than they are  
with the Word of God. And they  
are more concerned to conform  
to the world and to be in fashion  
in the times, than that they  
preach the truth.

Back in the days of long ago  
there was a terrible ruler by the  
name of Antiochus Epiphanes. He  
is described in the Book of Dan-  
iel as a type of the awful anti-  
christ who is yet to appear. This  
ruler hated the Jews with  
fiery fury, and he did everything  
possible to persecute them. He had Jewish  
children crucified and had their  
flesh run through with  
a sword, then he had the dead  
bodies of the little children  
hung around the necks of the  
Jews as they slowly died there  
on the cross. And I recall the  
story of how he hated the God  
who was worshipped by the Jews  
there is what he did to show

# Deciding For Jesus. . . .



HOW IMPORTANT IS THE DECISION?

"Choose you this day whom ye will serve." — Josh. 24:15.

"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision." — Joel 3:14.

that hatred. You know how the  
Jews hated the hog—and how de-  
filing they considered it. Well  
this wicked ruler had an old sow  
sacrificed on the altar in the  
Jewish temple, to the heathen  
God, Zeus. And of course those  
Jews felt that their place of wor-  
ship had been horribly desecrated.  
So much so that they purified  
and cleansed the temple before  
they resumed worship there. Lis-  
ten: the burning of that old fil-  
thy hog to the god Zesus was  
not one whit more a profaning of  
the place of divine worship, than  
the bringing of Easter worship in-  
to the house of the Lord today.  
Let me remind you that Easter  
is the name of the old Teutonic  
goddess of Spring and that she  
was worshipped with all sorts of  
pagan rites by the heathen back  
in the days of the past. See any  
good encyclopedia for full proof  
of this assertion.

My friends, every church that  
engages in Easter worship, ought  
to do just what the Jews did  
after the hog had been burned on  
the altar of sacrifice — they  
ought to cleanse and purify their  
place of worship from the con-  
tamination of their heathenism,  
and ought to ask God to forgive  
them for their wicked desecration  
of his holy place of worship.

But now, just why is it wrong  
for Christian people to observe  
Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and  
Easter? Clearly and simply I  
wish to set forth some of the  
reasons—and I only wish that I  
had all the time I need to deal  
adequately with these matters.

1. Because the observance of all  
these is BASED ON FALSE-  
HOOD AND HAS COME TO US  
THROUGH THE CHANNEL OF  
ROMAN CATHOLICISM. When  
we follow the Catholic "holy  
week" calendar, we are follow-  
ing something that is just as  
far from the truth as are most  
of the other observances of Ca-  
tholicism. The Roman Catholic  
Church, as I have already set  
forth used to shed the blood of  
Baptists to make them observe  
this holy week stuff. They have  
collected the biggest museum of  
paganism and heresy and super-  
stition of any organization of  
the world. And there is not a hea-  
then religion in all this world  
that is more grossly idolatrous  
than Roman Catholicism. The  
South Sea Islander worships an  
image of wood or stone, and the  
Catholic Church sets up a bus-  
cuit to worship. They claim that  
that little wafer up there at the  
altar, when the priest has blessed  
it, becomes the actual flesh of  
Christ—and that is exactly why  
the Catholic goes through all of

that bowing and sign making  
when they come inside the church.  
They think that that piece of  
bread is God. My friends — let  
us recognize the truth — that's  
biscuit worship—that's idolatry!  
Now I am not saying these things  
out of prejudice for I have no  
dislike for Catholics as such. I  
went to Brazil expecting to spend  
my life working for the con-  
version of Catholics. I rejoice  
that we have a number of con-  
verted Catholics here in our  
church, but I want to point out  
that every one of them had to be  
converted — for they "knew" no  
more about Christ as Saviour,  
when they were Catholics, than a  
catfish knows about heaven.  
What I am saying is, that we  
ought to have no more to do with  
"holy water," "mass," or "purga-  
tory."

My friends, Jesus DID NOT  
make His triumphal entry into  
Jerusalem on Palm Sunday . . .  
date! Palm—cabbage palm . . .  
cocoanut palm or any other palm.  
Instead of it being Sunday —  
it was on the Jewish Sabbath  
day, Saturday, that Jesus made  
His triumphal entry. I know  
this for a number of reasons,  
but have time to mention only  
one — it is this: In Mark the 11th  
chapter we have these words:

(Mark 11:11) Note that Jesus  
following His triumphal entry  
went into the temple — looked  
around, and went out again. He  
did not cleanse the temple as  
He did the next day—why? Be-  
cause it being the Jewish Sab-  
bath—Saturday— there was no  
buying and selling going on in  
there — that's why. And that by  
itself is enough to prove that it  
was not on Sunday but on Sat-  
urday that Jesus entered Jeru-  
salem.

But again, let me make the  
plain statement that Jesus WAS  
NOT CRUCIFIED on Good Fri-  
day or bad Friday or any other  
Friday. Why? Let me suggest  
some reasons:

1. Because He said that He  
would be three days and three  
nights in the heart of the earth,  
and He could not have been if He  
were crucified on Friday. I say  
away with an observance that  
makes a falsifier out of my Lord!

2. Jesus was not crucified on  
Friday because for Him to have  
been crucified on that day would  
have wrecked the TYPE OF  
JONAH as set forth in our text.  
Those wicked, unbelieving Phari-  
sees kept wanting a sign, and  
Jesus said, "A wicked and adul-  
terous generation seeketh after a  
sign, but no sign shall be given  
it except the sign of the prophet  
Jonah. For as Jonah was three  
days and three nights in the  
stomach of the sea monster, so  
shall the Son of man be three  
days and three nights in the  
heart of the earth." Yet, along  
comes this Good Friday myth and  
utterly wrecks the one and only  
sign that Jesus gave in proof of  
His resurrection. I say, away  
with it! Throw it out with the  
"holy water." A man told me  
once of going into a Catholic  
Church along in the week, and he  
looked into the receptacle where  
the holy water was supposed to be,  
and it had gotten pretty stag-  
nant for a flock of mosquitos  
flew out of the receptacle and he  
saw wiggle tails squirming  
around in the holy water. My  
friends, this old Good Friday  
story is so stale that I shouldn't  
be surprised to find wiggle tails  
in it.

3. Jesus was not crucified on  
Good Friday, because had He  
been crucified on that day, it  
would have wrecked the PASS-  
OVER TYPE. Jesus did not —  
as is commonly supposed, eat the  
last Passover with the disciples.

That was a regular, ordinary,  
meal that Jesus ate there in the  
upper room. Instead of eating  
the Passover, Jesus WAS the  
Passover. For Paul says in I  
Cor. 5:7, "for even Christ our  
passover, hath been sacrificed for  
us." Why did God command the  
Jews to faithfully observe the  
Passover each year for centuries  
and centuries? Why did He make  
so much of this Passover type?  
Because it typified His Son, who  
should be the "Lamb for sinners  
slain." That was what John the  
Baptist meant, when there on the  
banks of the river Jordan, he  
pointed to Christ and exclaimed,  
"behold the Lamb of God that  
taketh away the sin of the  
world." He meant that Christ  
was the fulfillment of the pass-  
over lamb type. Ah, would God  
jealously guard this passover  
type for long centuries and cen-  
turies, then come right down to  
the time of fulfillment and let  
the whole thing fall flat? To  
think so — to claim so—to teach  
so — is one of the most unworthy  
things that I can possibly think  
of. No — the passover lamb was  
always slain on the fourteenth  
day of the Jewish month Nisan—  
and on what we call Wednesday,  
and that is exactly the date on  
which the Lamb of God was slain.  
God did not let the passover type  
fail — No! No! He brought it to  
glorious fulfillment, and because  
He did, there is life, hope, and  
salvation for us I say away with  
this Good Friday myth, which  
would destroy the greatest type  
of Christ in all the Bible!

Is it a sin to observe Easter  
BECAUSE IT SETS ASIDE  
THE BIBLE RESURRECTION  
DAY, which is the first day of  
every week. God meant that we  
should have 52 resurrection days  
every year. Fifty-two Lord's  
days to declare to the world that  
the Lord is risen indeed. But  
the devil by means of Easter has  
cancelled 51 of these and left  
only one. And that one day he  
has filled full of rabbits, eggs,  
new suits, new dresses, new hats  
and what not.

It is a sin to observe Easter  
because IT IS TO BRING THE  
WORSHIP OF A PAGAN GOD-  
DESS INTO OUR CHURCHES.  
Suppose that I should erect some  
sort of an altar with a lot of fix-  
ings, and should say to the church  
"Next Sunday we will have Baal  
day, and we will sacrifice to the  
god Baal." What do you suppose  
would happen? Why, some of you  
brethren would have me over here  
in the psychopathic ward for the  
examination of my head before  
night! Yet — that would be no  
more of a sin to worship Baal,  
than for us to worship Easter.  
Baal was the heathen god of one  
people — and Easter was the  
heathen goddess of another peo-  
ple. What's the difference?

Listen: THE LORD HAS GIVEN  
US A DAY TO REMIND US  
OF THE RESURRECTION OF  
CHRIST, and that day isn't na-  
med after an old heathen god-  
dess, either, but after the Lord  
Himself, for it is called the Lord's  
day. John out there on lonely  
Patmos, wrote and said, "I was  
in the Spirit on the Lord's Day."  
Meditating upon divine things —  
thinking of the Lord who had  
died for him — drawing in his  
thoughts from other things, the  
spirit of God could take hold of  
him, such that he could say, "I  
was in the Spirit on the Lord's  
Day." And each and every  
Lord's Day, unless providentially  
hindered, we ought to be found in  
the place of public worship with  
songs of praise on our lips; with  
joy unspeakable in our hearts,  
because Christ is risen, Christ  
lives, Christ is coming again,  
Christ will rule this earth, and  
the "earth shall be filled with  
the knowledge of the Lord even  
as the waters cover the sea"

## You May. . . .

Hope for eternal life as the rich young ruler!  
Give of your means as Ananias and Sapphira!  
Desire spiritual gifts as Simon!  
Wish to die well as Balaam!  
Bring an offering as Cain!  
Be married to a godly man as Delilah!  
Be a Gospel worker as Demas!  
Build a temple as Solomon!  
Have an angelic visitor as Lot's wife!  
Live with God's people as Gehazi!  
Hear preaching gladly as Herod!  
Make a good resolution as Felix!  
Be healed as Asa!  
Warned of handwriting as Belshazzar!  
Minister in the priests's office as Nadab!  
Ask for Prayers as Pharaoh!  
Be almost persuaded as Agrippa!  
Find no fault with Jesus as Pilate!  
Be children of godly parents as Hophni and Phinehas!  
Make long prayers as the Pharisees!  
Be able to prophesy as Saul!  
Have many followers as Theudas!

AND NOT BE SAVED!

—Mrs. Madge M. Miller



### IS IT NECESSARY FOR A CHRISTIAN TO TITHE?

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Testament and Tithing is one of them. We find grace in the Old Testament and we find it also in the New Testament. Praise the Lord for it.

#### 3. The testimony of history is in favor of tithing.

The sacred historian Grotius says "from the most ancient ages a tenth has been regarded as the portion due to God, and that the evidences of this fact can be found in the religious beliefs of the ancient nations." "The Arabians by law required every merchant to give one-tenth of his frankincense to the priests for their gods." "The Phoenicians following the example of Abraham, gave a tenth of the spoils of war to holy uses." The Carthaginians, the Ethiopians and Egyptians paid their tithes to their respective gods. If the heathen strictly adhered to paying tithes to their gods, how much more should Christians who know

Sister Sue Peck of Flemingsburg, Kentucky, expresses her appreciation for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER with a nice offering and says, "May God bless you in your work."

the true God, be not only willing but anxious to comply with His command?

The church fathers, Irenaeus and Cyprian, taught their followers to pay tithes unto the Lord. The Reformers, Augustine, John Knox and Calvin, practiced paying tithes.

The Christians of today who pay tithes also add their testimony in favor of it and are greatly blessed in so doing.

A brother testified that he was in debt and no money was coming in. He was distracted, but on reading Mal. 3:10 was convicted and began to pay tithes. Before long he was out of debt and the Lord wonderfully blessed him, and today he is giving thousands towards the support of the gospel. Remember that nine-tenths with God's blessing resting upon them will go further than ten-tenths without God's blessing.

#### 4. To whom should the tithes be paid?

The tithes should not be given for secular work, such as repairs and church buildings, but should be given towards the support of men and women who give all their time to the Lord's cause. "The tithe is holy unto the Lord." The Jews paid their tithes to the priests and when they wanted to make any repairs on the temple they took up a special offering.

Some people often give as an excuse for not paying their tithes

that they are in debt. My answer is, the best way to get out of debt is to pay God what you owe Him.

Dear Christian readers, the cause of Christ is suffering because many of God's people fail Him in this respect. Our missionaries are not receiving proper financial support, the heathen are denied the gospel because there are not sufficient funds to send them the missionaries. God is demanding that all His people should freely give to His cause, let us all obey Him as loyal sons and daughters.

If all Christians paid their tithes there would be plenty of funds to carry on the Lord's work. Let pastors preach and practice it, and let all God's people bring their tithes and offerings to the Lord, and thus have a part in the great work of evangelizing the world.

As you do this, the Lord will do as He says He would in Mal. 3:10. How can the Christian withhold from giving his tenth when God commands him to give, promising to bless those that obey Him. How can we be deaf to the pitiful cry of the heathen, Come over and help us?

To this end let us meet God's challenge found in Mal. 3:10. There are six facts mentioned here.

First, We are commanded to bring the tithes into the storehouse; that ought to be sufficient to the child of God.

Second, Why? "That there may be meat in Mine house." It is evident that God does not want the church treasury empty. He wants His people to keep it full to carry on His work.

Third, The test of God's Word, "Prove Me now." Hundreds of thousands have taken God at His word in this respect, and have always found that He did what He promised. If you have not tried Him on the money question, begin now.

Fourth, The promise "To open the windows." This suggests the multiplicity of blessings that God will cause to come upon those who obey Him.

Fifth, The result. "Pour you out such a blessing." God here does the pouring, and He never stops until the vessel is full even to running over.

Sixth, Capacity too small. "Not room to receive it." This means that the blessings will be so great and numerous that the soul will not be able to retain them, but will have to share with others.

Tithing is a practical acknowledgement of the claims of God upon us and God expects us to meet these claims. If we do, God's blessing is ours. Remember, "There is that scattereth, and yet

increaseth; there is that withholdeth more than is meet and it tendeth to poverty."

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### A GOOD BAROMETER

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guarded on either side by a "Pillar" of the church in spotless apparel, he painted a contribution plate of goodly workmanship for the offerings of fashionable worshippers.

And right above the plate, suspended from a nail in the wall, there hung "Collection for Foreign Missions," and over the slot through which the contributions should have gone he painted a huge cobweb. — Crusaders Companion.

### WANTED! WANTED!

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4. GIRLS like the little maid who told her mistress that God could heal Naaman's leprosy. II Kings 5:1-3.

4. BROTHERS like Nehemiah and Hanani, who served God together. Neh. 7:2.

6. SISTERS like Mary and Martha, who received Jesus into their homes and into their lives. Luke 10:38.

7. MEN IN HIGH PLACES like Daniel in whom no fault could be found. Daniel 6:5.

8. PREACHERS like Paul, who "in weakness and in fear, and in much trembling" presented the truth in the power of the Spirit." I Cor. 2:1-5.

9. SERVANTS of God like Barnabas. "He was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost and faith." Acts 11:24.

10. LOVERS OF THE BIBLE like the Bereans. "They received the word with all the readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily." Acts 17:11.

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### THE INEXHAUSTIBLE BIBLE

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is like its Author—infinite, immeasurable, without end. If you were ordained to be a preacher through eternity, you would have before you a theme equal to everlasting demands." — Charles Haddon Spurgeon.

### A LOCAL CHURCH AND ALIEN BAPTISM

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ber is not an act of baptism. The Missionary Baptist Church in question was not the baptizer of the Free-will Baptist. The act, however, of receiving such a member does constitute a sanction of alien baptism, and as a consequence, the next act of baptism by such a Missionary Baptist Church would be alien baptism since by its own sanction of uns Scriptural baptism, it becomes a party to heresy, and thus loses its authority to baptize.

3. "If so, does the baptism administered by the Missionary Baptist Church before or after reception of Free-wills become alien baptism?" Answer: The baptism of this church before its act of infidelity is not made alien by this church's unfaithful act. An unfaithful act of a hitherto faithful church cannot be retroactive, or cannot vitiate the faithful acts of the body up to the time of its first act of infidelity. A church is bound by its own acts and these acts pre-suppose prayerful and scriptural deliberation. The baptism of this church after its act of infidelity is alien.

A decision involving anything so far reaching as receiving alien baptism should be settled by the church in a specially called conference for that purpose and such deliberation should be had only after all members have officially



## The Bible---There It Stands!

Empires rise and fall and are forgotten—there it stands!  
Century follows century—there it stands!  
Dynasty succeeds dynasty—there it stands!  
Kings are crowned and uncrowned—there it stands!  
Despised and torn to pieces—there it stands!  
Storms of hate swirl about it—there it stands!  
Atheists rail against it—there it stands!  
Agnostics smile cynically—there it stands!  
Profane, prayerless punsters caricature it—there it stands!  
An anvil has broken a million hammers—there it stands!  
The flames are kindled about it—there it stands!  
The arrows of hate are discharged against it—there it stands!  
Radicalism rants and raves against it—there it stands!  
Fogs of sophistry conceal it temporarily—there it stands!  
The tooth of time gnaws, but makes no dent in it—there it stands!

—A. Z. Conrad

been notified about the same. If after such steps are taken, the local church approves alien baptism, then, by its own decision it becomes apostate and its subsequent acts of baptism would be reckoned alien by the Scriptures.

4. "A Baptist Church organized under Pendleton's Baptist Manual and for ten years did not receive alien baptism, but called a pas-



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tor that in his meetings got the church to receive some alien baptism, and many of the members did not believe in, and did not vote for or against it. While pastor, he baptized some by the authority of the church. Is that alien baptism?" Answer: Yes, if there was a quorum present. The members present who failed to register a vote against receiving the brethren offering themselves on alien baptism should have remembered two things: First, according to parliamentary practice, an unregistered vote is reckoned an affirmative vote, and second, it takes but one vote to keep an applicant out of the church. Even though the protestors had been in the minority among those present, just one negative vote would have saved the church from such a sin. To secure church membership requires unanimous vote, else the fellowship of the church could be broken by the act of receiving a member holding to heresy. In every other vote in a Baptist church a majority rules.

The above named church is

under obligation to acknowledge its error and ask God's forgiveness, and then demand that the parties received on their baptism be rebaptized by authority of the local church body. Until the church acknowledges its error and makes right its wrong, we can but conclude that it has openly accepted heresy, and having done so, has become apostate. The baptism of an apostate Baptist church is alien. See the Holy Spirit's instruction by Paul, Eph. 4:4-6. We cannot escape the import of "one Lord, one faith, and one baptism."

5. "This church gets rid of the pastor and calls another who opposes reception of alien immersion, he baptizes members the authority of that church. baptism alien because of the loose of the church under the loose pastor receiving some alien baptism?" Answer: Yes, it is alien. A church which compromises the faith can't administer Scriptural baptism until it has squared itself with the one faith. The faithful pastor ought to ask his church to clean its skirts before proceeding with acts of baptism.

6. "It takes the vote of the church to receive members on alien immersion, but as five or seven generally constitute a quorum to receive members, and just a quorum on alien baptism and there are twenty-five or thirty not present, does this make so that the church's baptism is alien?" Answer: Yes, if the local church officially acknowledges a certain number as constituting a quorum, then that number can officially by vote bind the church. The absent ones the twenty-five or thirty, from the conference were guilty of omission—They should have been there, and the quorum group was guilty of sin of commission. They should not have so voted. A church so guilty has but one recourse, if it would be faithful. The absent group should acknowledge its remissness, and the second group should apologize for its sin. If members of the quorum won't acknowledge their sin, they let them be excluded for heresy.

7. "If a church does not usually practice open communion and the practice of alien baptism, and a large number, a majority, have Scriptural baptism, though there are a few in the church on alien immersion, can they administer Scriptural baptism. It must make already its own skirts. We have already discussed the order for so doing."

—Orthodox Baptist

## The Greatest Of All

My greatest loss—to lose my soul.  
My greatest gain—Christ my Saviour.  
My greatest object—to glorify God.  
My greatest crown—to win souls for Christ.  
My greatest joy—God's salvation.  
My greatest inheritance—heaven and its glory.  
My greatest victory—over death through Christ.  
My greatest neglect—so great a salvation.  
My greatest crime—to reject Christ.  
My greatest bargain—lose all to win Christ.  
My greatest profit—godliness now and forever.  
My greatest peace—passeth all understanding.  
My greatest knowledge—to know God and Christ.

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