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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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## Wake Up, Bro. Elsey!

## Tobacco Road

By William James Robinson

commented as to a message delivered by a girl before the State Training Union Convention at London, Ky., on April 14, 1944. And all his remarks were contrary to the Scriptures as to a woman's place in the House of God.

I wonder if Bro. Elsey remembers when Mr. Freeman apologized for the ignorance of the Seminary boys, by saying in substance: "The preacher students do not have time during their seminary work to learn all the great Baptist doctrines." I ask again for what does a Baptist school exist if it is not to teach Baptist doctrines to its preacher students, yet Mr. Freeman apologized for both school and students.

I wonder if Bro. Elsey remembers when Mr. Freeman on April 22, 1945 preached over the radio for Asbury College and brought a message which was so pleasing to this interdenominational Methodist school that J. Byron Crouse the director of the program declared Mr. Freeman would be invited to speak again because the message was so effective.

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It is surprising how many great evils have gotten the mastery of millions of people by claiming to heal their bodily ills. Ponce de Leon, an early explorer of America, believed there was a fountain somewhere that would give all who bathed in its waters perpetual youth. He hoped to find it in Florida. I have read, but do not vouch for its authenticity, that whisky was discovered in a vain search for the elixir of life. Many heretical cults have grown by claiming to heal all bodily ills. Tobacco got its start by similar claims.

The American aborigines used tobacco in many of their religious ceremonies. But they never used it so generally as the white inhabitants now do. In making treaties they smoked "the pipe of peace" to confirm the treaty.

When Columbus discovered America he found the natives smoking tobacco. On his second voyage he was accompanied by Ramon Pane, a monk, who observed snuff taking. A party of Spanish explorers in 1502, when approaching South America, noticed the natives chewing the weed.

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## Isn't It Strange?

I have walked in summer meadows  
Where the sunbeams flashed and broke  
But I never saw the cattle  
Or any of the horses smoke.

I have watched the birds with wonder  
When the world with dew is wet,  
But I never saw robin  
Puffing at a cigarette.

I have fished in many a river  
Where the sucker crop is ripe,  
But I never saw a catfish  
Puffing at a briar pipe.

Man's the only living creature  
That blows wher'er he goes,  
Like a booming tractor engine,  
Smoke from mouth and nose.

If God had intended he would smoke  
When He first invented man,  
He would have built him on  
A widely different plan.

He'd have fixed him with a stovepipe,  
A damper and a grate,  
And he'd had a smoke consumer  
What was strictly up-to-date.

—Author Unknown.

## T. Sanction Of The Tithe

By W. Lee Rector  
(Now with his Lord)

I Cor. 9:13-14 says: "Do ye not know that they which minister in the temple live of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?"

"Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

Now, students of the Word show that the Aaronic priesthood ministered about holy things and of the tithe of the temple, and know that the priesthood took of flesh offered upon the altar. In short, the priesthood lived of tithes and offerings.

Now, the Holy Spirit, by Paul, tells us here that the New Testament ministry, or preachers of the gospel, live "even so" of the gospel. But what does "even so" mean? Matt. 23:23. It can mean, have one thing, viz., even as the priesthood lived of tithes and offerings.

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## BIBLE SANCTIFICATION

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In the Old Testament there is a very frequent use of the word "sanctify," which I wish to consider to begin with.

In Gen. 11:3, we read: "God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it." Moses went down from the mount and "sanctified the people." Certainly no one will contend that any day has moral qualifications or that Moses by act was able to produce any inward change in the people he was said to have sanctified. No inward change is expressed or implied in either case.

When God sanctified the seventh day He set it apart from the other six days to a special service; in other words He consecrated it to sacred service. Just as the man who tithes gives to the Lord one dollar out of every ten and the money thus given to the Lord is sanctified.

We see from the texts of scripture cited that things animate and things inanimate are sometimes spoken of in the Old Testament as being sanctified.

Many persons sanctified in this sense know no other sanctification. They are sanctified to God, but inwardly they may not then or at any future time be spiritually sanctified.

This is Bible sanctification according to the use of the word in the Old Testament. The Old Testament is a divine picture book for children, the study of which prepares us for a better understanding of the New Testament.

The text relating to the sanctification of the Sabbath had an

immediate and a remote application, the former and literal preparing our minds to receive and appreciate the remote and spiritual. See Heb. 4.

Now I invite you to examine the word sanctification as used in the New Testament. In I Cor. 1:2, we read, "Them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus." Again, "Of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption." I Cor. 1:30. The above mentioned texts are used by many preachers as pretexts to say what they think or believe and today we have a multitude of religious people who appear to be wise above what is written. That most of these teachers are honest and sincere I do not question, but their sincerity can never be a substitute for the truth. Furthermore, their teachings have given rise to doctrines so one-

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## Mused Uncle Mose

Ef'n you got a secret to keep,  
don't tell me 'bout it; you jes' as well be mizzable as me.

## -- The First Baptist Pulpit --

### "A CALL TO REMEMBRANCE"

"Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."—Ecc. 12:1.

This is the end picture of life. It represents life in its final aspect just before the crepe flies from the door and the mourners go about the streets saying, "He's dead." It describes man when he is about to make his departure to his long home. In view of the approach of death we are thus advised to remember

God.

Following the appeal of this first verse Solomon gives a minute description of old age, whereby he refers to the various parts of the body.

In verse two he says, "While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain." Under this picture he refers to the intellect becoming darkened and dull. It is then the cloudy days of old age which are in view. The shady side of life is herein described.

In verse three, he says the

"keepers of the house shall tremble." This of course is a reference to the hands becoming shaky, while his statement in the same verse as to "the strong men shall bow themselves" refers to the legs becoming "tottery." He declares that "the grinders cease because they are few" which means the teeth. When he speaks of those "that look out of the windows," he tells of the eyes. Thus each statement of this verse describes various aspects of old age.

Then in verse four, he says, (Continued From Page Two)

## The World's Highest Building

The tallest of all tall buildings is the Empire State Building in New York City. It stands a marvel for the sight of men, and a challenge to their awe. Serenely it climbs above the teeming sidewalks and the traffic-crowded streets of "the world's most crowded crossroads"—Fifth Avenue and Thirtyfourth Street. Its soaring tower rises in simple and majestic beauty to heights never reached by mortal builders—one hundred and three stories, twelve hundred and fifty feet, nearly a quarter of a mile of vertical distance!

This tallest of all buildings is half again as high as the Woolworth Building, overtops the tip of the Chrysler Building by two hundred and four feet and is two hundred and sixty-six feet taller than the Eiffel Tower.

If all the materials used in the construction of the Empire State Building had come in one shipment, a train fifty-seven miles in length would have been needed. (Continued on page four)

### HE'S ALIVE!

There is a well-known story of a man looking in a store window at a picture of the crucifixion. A little urchin was also looking at it. The man pretended to know nothing about it, and asked the boy, "What's that?" The boy replied, "Don't you know that is Jesus dying on the cross?" And he told something of the story of the crucifixion. "Oh," said the gentleman, "is it?" In a little while he heard footsteps coming after him. It was the little boy, and he said, "Sir, I wanted to tell you that He is alive."

### ADVERTISING

"But," you exclaim, "I'm not in the advertising business?" But you are! Every day you advertise something, unconsciously or otherwise. What is it?

A daring aviator was doing some fancy sky writing over a large city some time ago. He was spelling out the name of a popular cigarette in smoke letters half a mile across. The entire city stopped and gazed in awestruck heavenward.

One little tot, looking at the growing letters, exclaimed in a low voice: "It's God!" (Continued on Page Two)



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But his companion was heard to reply, "Naw, it ain't. If it was God he wouldn't be advertising cigarettes!"

And God's people will be very careful about advertising cigarettes, cigars, tobacco, liquor, beer and all such like. For there seems to be little difference between the man who walks the streets bearing an advertisement on his back and the person who smokes tobacco or drinks intoxicants. Each is advertising.

But there are other things which folks advertise—bad temper, unkind words, selfishness, deceit, dishonesty, and many kindred traits.

Yes, it's a pertinent, proper question to ask ourselves, now, this moment: "What am I advertising?"

—The Gospel Messenger

## THE TITHE SANCTIONED BY THE NEW TESTAMENT

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ferings, even so should the preachers of the gospel so live.

The Master confirms the tithe while rebuking men who practiced it, saying, "Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites for 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 and not to leave the others undone." Here the Master tells these hypocrites that they should have tithed, but puts them on the spot for leaving judgment, mercy, and faith unmet.

The Holy Spirit, by Paul, tells us in the Hebrews that the tithe is paid in the priesthood. Illustrating this, he shows us that Abraham paid tithes in the Melchizedekian priesthood, that Israel paid tithes in the Aaronic priesthood, and that we should pay tithes in the priesthood of Christ, Heb. 7:4-21.

Now here Abram paid tithes through Melchisedec unto the



Dear Brother Gilpin:

I surely do enjoy your paper and read every line. I wish all Baptists had as much respect for God's Word.

Mrs. Raymond W. Milles,  
Madison, Tenn.

Dear Brother Gilpin:

This is to let you know that we surely do enjoy reading your paper. So enclosed you will find two dollars on subscription. May the Lord bless and keep is our prayer.

Ernest Rippetoe,  
Stevenville, Texas.

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Enclosed you will find a check for one dollar for which please send two subscriptions to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

Thank you very much. I enjoy reading your paper and know I will appreciate it more and more with each copy I get.

Bernice H. Ely,  
Barbourville, Ky.

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Find enclosed \$1.00 for renewal of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. Will gladly say that the EXAMINER has been more help to me than all the other papers I have ever read.

Maybe this will also be news to you. Nine of our churches realized that we have had enough of the Federal Council of Churches and other things that go with it, so we just withdrew from the Twelve Pole (Baptist?) Association and organized one of our own known as The Wayne County Association of Missionary Baptist Churches, with Bro. Audrey Lester, Moderator; O. F. Hutton, Vice Moderator; Scott Boyd, Clerk; Harry Irons, Treasurer; Wye Wellman, Auditor.

Our Sunday School convention will met with the Bethesda Baptist Church, June 20-21, 1946.

Association at Wayne Avenue Baptist Church, Sept. 3-4, 1946.

Yours brotherly,

Scott Boyd,  
Kenova, W. Va.

Ed. Note: Amen! Thank the Lord! There's only one way to escape ecclesiastical bondage today, and that is by the way of separation and independence. The sad thing is that the S. B. C. is almost as bad as the N. B. C. Here's our prophecy: Within five years the S. B. C. will be a part of the Federal Council. May God deliver!

eternal priesthood of Christ, and Israel paid tithes through Aaron to the eternal priesthood of Christ, and we pay tithes through

the church of the living God to the eternal priesthood of Christ.

The Holy Spirit gives us a tremendous argument for tithes and offerings in Corinthians. He says,

"For it is written in the law of Moses, thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care of the oxen?" I Cor. 9:9. Accordingly, he who uses the oxen in treading out his corn must not prevent the oxen from eating by muzzling him. He must live off of his job.

Again it is written, "For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be the partaker of his hope," I Cor. 9:10. Here the Lord asserts that the individual had the right to live off of his job.

Thus we understand why the priests ministering about holy things, had a right to live off of the holy things, and even so we understand why that preachers of the gospel have a right to live off of the gospel.

## Elder Walter Zvoda



Of recent date, we printed a tract for Bro. Walter Zvoda, entitled "Bethlehem," which Bro. Zvoda will send free to all who request it.

The above photo shows Bro. Zvoda wearing an Arab headgear such as he wore when travelling in Palestine, at which time the picture of Bethlehem which adorns the front cover of his tract, was taken by him.

His tract on Bethlehem is true to the Word and we urge our readers to write him, General Delivery, St. Petersburg, Florida.

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sided and partial as to confuse a multitude of people and lead them into spiritual witchcraft. See Gal. 3.

Today we hear much said about "instant sanctification," "holiness by faith," "sanctification in Christ Jesus." Now let us set forth as simply as possible what amount of truth is covered by these phrases. It is certain that the first outgoing of true faith Christward unites the soul indissolubly to Christ. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me hath everlasting life." John 6:47. Union with Christ is instantaneous and everlasting. The immediate effect consequently is that the moment we believe, Christ and all that is Christ's is ours on the ground of His righteousness. In appropriating Christ by faith all the resources contained in His fullness bearing upon our attaining wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, redemption, resurrection, and glorification become unmistakably and indefeasibly ours. Positively I am sanctified. That

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"the doors shall be shut in the streets," which pictures old age correctly in that old folk don't venture out of doors as they did in their youth. He says, "the sound of the grinding is low," which tells us that mastication is poor, which would naturally be true, since the grinders (the teeth) have become few. When Solomon says, "he shall rise up at the voice of a bird," he means that in old age, the individual becomes a light sleeper, unlike it was in his youth when he could sleep through the ringing of an alarm clock and a fire whistle. Likewise music and the pleasures of youth are all forgotten for Solomon says, "the daughters of music shall be brought low."

In verse five, this description of old age continues by telling of man's fears of "that which is high." To be sure in old age, the individual fears to get his feet very far off the ground. I was reading this Scripture to an aged man sometime ago and when I came to this verse, he pointed to an exceedingly high barn on his farm and told of putting a roof on it fifteen years previously, but said he, "I wouldn't climb up to the roof today for any sum of money." Yet the next part of the verse is even more expressive: "fears shall be in the way." All know that old folk are subject to many fears—are constantly afraid of some danger. Even "the grasshopper"—little things of life become a burden.

Next he speaks (verse 6) of the "silver cord," which refers to the spinal column. The "golden bowl" describes the head. The "pitcher broken at the fountain" speaks of the lungs while the circulation of the blood is described by the expression, "the wheel broken at the cistern."

Thus old age in all of its varied details is described in these verses. Hence Solomon gives the injunction that we remember God in our youth before these days of old age come to us.

Would that I might burn these words into your very soul until they might echo there forever. "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth." This would tell us then that there are some things for us to remember.

I

DON'T FORGET THAT THERE IS A GOD. It is easy enough to remember God in the days of adversity, but it is an exceedingly hard task in times of prosperity when one has money in each pocket, is enjoying the best of health, his family is well, his business is flourishing and he is passing through a period of prosperity—it is so easy to forget about God. This is truly very much in contrast with the days of adversity, for in times of sickness, ill health and business reverses one can remember God very easily.

Surely, among other things, what we see in nature around about us ought to enable us to remember that there is a God and to constantly keep Him in our minds. Long ago, David, the sweet singer of Israel, emerged from his tent door after the shades of darkness had fallen, to gaze out into the vast spaces of the night. Possibly some animal might have attracted his attention or some bird of the night might have caused him momentarily to consider it, yet these were only noticed briefly as David intently fixed his gaze upon the heavens above him. He saw the moon take its place in

## RECOMMENDING TWO GOOD SMALL BOOKS



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the pale blue Syrian sky and the stars as they filed out one by one as golden sentinels of night. Then it was that he lifted his voice to say:

"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?"—Psalms 8:3-4.

When the morning time came David came forth from the sanctuary to gaze around about upon that which greeted his eyes, both on the earth and in the sky. Possibly a sunrise, a babbling brook, the grass laden with dew and the songs of many birds attracted his attention. In all this he saw the evidence of God that he wrote:

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork."—Psalms 19:1.

Here is this baby grand piano in our auditorium which cost little better than twelve hundred dollars. If you will observe it is the work of an artist. The keys, the strings, the metal which they are fastened and the tone that comes from it indicate that it was built by an artist. Even if one knows nothing of music, he would be impressed with the fact that this piano is the work of an artist by the finish if by nothing else. Yet suppose I were to say that the atoms and molecules which constitute the component parts of this piano just danced about in space until by a fortuitous chain of circumstances, they came together in their present shape and fell down out of the sky into our building. In plain English, you would know that I was a fool if I were to make such an assertion. Even if you know nothing about this piano indicating that it had an intelligent maker

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## LOOKING UNTO JESUS

Looking off unto Jesus, I go not astray;  
My eyes are on Him, and He shows me the way;  
The path may seem dark, as He leads me along,  
But following Jesus, I cannot go wrong.



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If this piano had an intelligent maker, then surely these eyes through which I look must have had an intelligent maker. If this piano had an intelligent maker, then surely this body which is the tenement of our soul—it must have had an intelligent maker. And certainly the same is true of this world—and of the universe as well. Everywhere we look there is design and law and order and beauty and symmetry. These are but indications that there is One back of all things to make them beautiful and symmetrical. I insist, beloved, that as this piano had an intelligent maker, that you and I and this universe likewise had an intelligent maker.

With this in our minds may we never forget that there is a God. This was Solomon's admonition to the youth of his day and may it be my admonition to both old and young in this day.

## II

**DON'T FORGET THAT YOU ARE A DEPRAVED SINNER.** Originally, man was spiritually, morally, mentally and physically upright:

"Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions."—Ecc. 7:29.

There was no sin in the human race in its beginning. When God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden they were pure and perfect in every respect. Yet now today all are depraved. From the beginning to the ending of God's word we are reminded of man's depravity:

"And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done."—Gen. 8:21.

"The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did

understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one."—Psalms 14:2-3.

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

"But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe."—Gal. 3:22.

When the ark of God was captured in battle with the Philistines, when Hophni and Phineas the son of the high priest were killed in battle, when old Eli himself died as the result of the tidings of the battle—his daughter-in-law gave birth prematurely to a child whom she named Ichabod. This name meant "the glory has departed." Surely, Ichabod is the spiritual name of every one of Adam's fallen descendants, for the glory of God has departed from each of us. All of us now stand as depraved sinners in the sight of God. When God made this world, fashioning the earth and the universe and bringing it to completion according to his own plan, finally placing man as the capstone of creation, he said: "It was very good."—Gen. 1:31. A little later we read how the sons of God married and cohabited with the daughters of men which doubtlessly referred to the marriage of the descendants of Cain with the descendants of Seth. As a result, an ante-diluvian civilization of godless giants were born upon the earth who ignored and completely forgot God. It is of them that we read:

"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart."—Gen. 6:5-6.

In view of what God said when He originally made the earth in that he declared it to be very good, how can we account for His statements when He observed

the world given over to sin just previous to the days of Noah? There is only one way whereby it can be accounted for, namely: Sin had made its entrance into the human family and all thereby became depraved.

I insist, beloved, that everyone stands as a depraved sinner before God. When my boy, who is now a young man, was just a lad of about three years of age, he asked me one evening to read him a story before we retired. Many times I had read him Bible stories and many times I had read him about the three pigs and the three bears. On this particular evening when I started to read a Bible story, he objected most strenuously and insisted rather that it be the story of the three bears. Now that is depravity. When a three year old child will choose material rather than the spiritual then you have depravity within that life. I insist, beloved, in the light of Solomon's call to remembrance that you never forget that you are a depraved sinner.

## III

**DON'T FORGET THAT THERE IS A JUDGMENT COMING.** Whether you wish to remember it or not, a judgment day is approaching. Many times we are reminded of this within the word of God:

"Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment."—Eccl. 11:9.

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."—Eccl. 12:13-14.

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."—Acts 17:30-31.

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."—Heb. 9:27.

I realize that this is old-fashioned preaching and that mighty few care for it today. Men of the "modern mind" make fun of and mock the judgment. They laugh at it but they can't laugh it away. When Noah was building his ark, all of his critics laughed at the boat. They knew as well as Noah that there had never yet been a drop of water fall upon the earth. Therefore they laughed at his prediction of a judgment of water to overflow the earth. Though they laughed they couldn't laugh it away, and ultimately the world was destroyed by a universal deluge from the Lord.

In the days of Lot his own children laughed at him when he prophesied the destruction of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities of the plains, by a fire from heaven. Even his own children laughed at him. They winked at one another. They put their tongues in their cheeks. They smiled behind old Lot's back and remarked one to the other that "Dad is getting religion in his old days." Yet when the morning came, all that was left of Sodom and Gomorrah and other cities round about was the ashes showing where they had been. The cities themselves had been destroyed by smoke and

## The Meaning Of Prayer

A breath of prayer in the morning  
Means a day of blessing sure;  
A breath of prayer in the evening  
Means a night of rest secure.

A breath of prayer in our weakness  
Means a clasp of a mighty hand;  
A breath of prayer when we're lonely  
Means someone to understand.

A breath of prayer in our sorrows  
Means comfort and peace and rest;  
A breath of prayer in our doubtings  
Assures us the Lord knows best.

A breath of prayer in rejoicing  
Gives joy and added delight,  
For they that remember God's goodness  
Go singing far into the night.

There's never a year nor a season  
That prayer may not bless every hour,  
And never a soul need be helpless  
When linked with God's infinite power.  
—Frances McKinnon Morton.

flames. They thus laughed at Lot's prophecy of a judgment of fire but they couldn't laugh it away.

Jeremiah went around the city of Jerusalem weeping because of its sins and prophesied that the city itself would be destroyed. All the worldly-wise crowd of his day laughed at him. They mocked his tears, they sneered at his message, yet a few years passed by and Jerusalem was completely destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, who beat down the gates and destroyed the walls of the city, carrying thousands of the Jews captive into Babylon. Though they laughed at Jeremiah's prophecy of Jerusalem's destruction, they could not laugh it away.

The same is true in the days of Jesus, for when He foretold the destruction of Jerusalem, the people of His day considered this ridiculously preposterous. Yet our Lord had scarcely been back to glory forty years when Titus, a Roman general, marched against the city of Jerusalem, destroyed its walls and its gates, killed one million, three hundred thousand Jews within the city and carried approximately one hundred thousand to Egypt to be sold as slaves. Although they had laughed when Jesus foretold this event, eventually the judgment Jesus predicted became a reality.

Well, beloved, sooner or later a judgment will come to each and to all: "But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ."—Romans 14:10.

I am sure that when Solomon uttered the words of our text calling us to remembrance that, among other things, he would remind all depraved sinners that there is a judgment coming wherein we must stand before the God we know to be.

## IV

**DON'T FORGET THAT YOU CAN BE SAVED.** What a joy there is in preaching to remind sinners that there is a way of escape. I thank God that we have such a way in the death of Jesus. Listen:

"For he hath made him who knew no sin to be sin for us; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."—II Cor. 5:21.

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and

gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."—I Pet. 1:18-19.

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

Yes, thank God you can be saved. The vilest man in all the world and the lowest woman in all the world can be saved through the Lord Jesus. If the vilest, the lowest, the filthiest or the most immoral will but take the place of a sinner and claim the sinner's Savior, in Jesus Christ he can be saved.

In closing, remember these words of Solomon. May I exhort you that you do not forget that there is a God.

Don't forget that you are a depraved sinner.

Don't forget that there is a judgment coming.

Don't forget that you can be saved through Jesus Christ.

Of recent date I read in an old Scotch book of a gentleman who was calling upon a merchant in Glasgow. He suddenly slumped in his chair. The merchant hurriedly sent his office boy for a doctor who revived the man slightly. When the doctor leaned low over his patient as his lips parted in a whisper he heard him as he kept saying, "I have forgotten. I have forgotten." They thought perhaps there was some matter of business that should be attended to ere he died—something doubtlessly that he had forgotten about, so they sent for a lawyer. Yet when the lawyer leaned low to catch the faintest whisper that might come from him, he heard him say, "I have forgotten about my soul."

Well beloved, knowing our proneness to do likewise, I quote the words of Solomon—the words of our text—

"Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."—Eccl. 12:1.

"Thank God, the way is open. The blood has been shed. The invitation is: 'Come, for all things are now ready.' May God in His grace and mercy grant to you repentance and faith that even now you may be saved.

## A PRIEST BLESSES A LIQUOR STORE

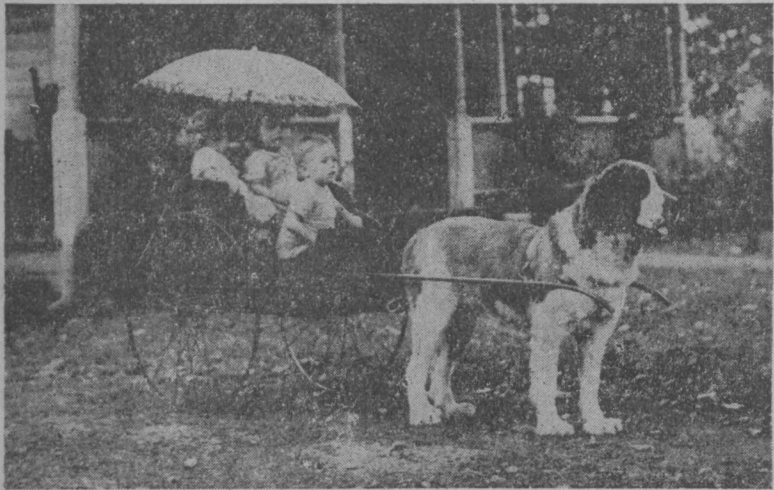


"A liquor store is blessed! Father Blase Jerkovic (right) pastor of the St. Augustine Catholic Church, sprinkles holy water on the premises of the City Liquor Distributors, Inc., at the opening of the wholesale firm's new offices at 1229 S. 41st St. He was assisted in the ceremony by Father Cornelius Ravlic (left), of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, while the store owner, Frank Koshe (in light suit) looked on from the background."

The above is taken from December 31, 1945, issue of a Milwaukee paper. It is a new racket to combine water and liquor in the fashion that the priest in our photograph is doing. Other liquor stores might wish to follow suit, and we print the picture both for their edification and for the instruction of our readers. In the ways of Rome and Rum.



## Tame.....



Princess Dale Modesta, four years old as she goes with her family for their daily airing. She is owned by Russell V. Strong, 225 West Norris, Bath, N. Y.

"For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: but the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."—James 3:7,8.

## BIBLE SANCTIFICATION

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is I have complete sanctification in Christ Jesus. All that goes to the making of me completely holy is now in Christ for me, is even now mine in Christ. From all eternity it was mine in the covenant, even now it is mine by virtue of my union with Christ; and by and by it will be mine in experience and possession. There is no manifestation of Divine love, no outgoing of Divine power, not one ray of spiritual teaching needful to my entire perfection which is not even now in Christ for me. Then let me speak of it as mine in Christ—as mine in Christ now.

We are so apt to labor in the energy of the flesh to work up a sufficiency of our own or labor to earn that sufficiency that we know to be in Christ when, after all, all that sufficiency is of God's purpose and free grace in Christ for us.

But if, with these truths before us, we run away with the idea that having instant sanctification in Christ by faith, we need no longer be concerned about being sanctified, we generally misread the scriptures and abuse the very grace we have gotten a brief but glorious glimpse of. Some say, "In Christ now I have the forgiveness of all my sins, I will therefore never more confess nor seek forgiveness." But they do not say that in Christ I have all wisdom, therefore I will never seek to be wiser than I am; and in Christ I have redemption and resurrection, therefore I am satisfied with things as they are. Why then should one think of saying because Christ is my sanctification, I need seek no more to be increasingly sanctified.

Now we noted in the beginning of this study that there is an instant sanctifying of a person or thing with or without faith. But this does not by any means alter the fact that scripture exhibits sanctification under yet another aspect: As a work that is progressive, as a sanctifying process that advances at each step by faith.

Now we speak of sanctification by the Spirit of God. Sanctification or consecration to God is one phase of this subject. Sanctification in Christ Jesus presents another. But a theme of equal importance remains to be considered when we speak of being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. It is this aspect of sanctification that should be stressed most in all sound scriptural teaching.

Looking at the subject in this light, that is as a progressive work. It is of the utmost importance to keep in mind that sanctification is not the work of our regenerate natures, but of the Holy Spirit. Many keep on trying to sanctify themselves, as before coming to Christ they sought to save themselves. But every good gift and every perfect gift is from above. Sanctification, like salvation, is of God.

Our new spiritual taste cannot be our defense nor our renewed wills our strength. We must have no confidence in the flesh. Without Christ we can do nothing. When speaking of the office work of the Holy Spirit Christ said, "He will take of mine and show it unto you." But we must never forget that the atonement of Christ on Calvary's cross constitutes the fundamental base line of the universe, yet the fact remains that His unique sacrifice was wholly objective and that without the subjective work of the Holy Spirit not one son or daughter of Adam's race would ever have come to the fountain that was opened for sin and uncleanness. To us the Holy Spirit reveals Christ in His infinite beauty and we are made to fall in the dust in our felt vileness and like Job cry, "I abhor myself," or like Isaiah confess, "I am a man of unclean life." Thus the Holy Spirit carries on His work of sanctifying—not by showing us how holy we are becoming, but by showing us the Holy One so that we are filled with self abhorrence.

The Holy Spirit evokes in us longings after purity, power and perfection, and the promises of God's word which offer progress. Thus we grow Christ-like in heart and life; the fullness of His transforming power is felt and seen more and more until at His appearing we attain to a perfect likeness.

## THE WORLD'S HIGHEST BUILDING

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Ten million bricks were used in building the Empire State.

There are more than six thousand windows in this building. Eleven hundred and seventy-two miles of rubber-covered wire cable were installed for the elevators. Seventy-five miles of main water pipes had to be laid under the floors and in the walls. Fifty miles of radiator pipes for heating were installed. Seven hundred and thirty tons of aluminum and stainless steel were

built into the outer walls. Four hundred fire-hose connections were provided to give Empire State tenants the protection of a completely self-contained fire department. Six thousand pairs of office telephone cables for 3,000 trunk line switchboards and 5,000 station telephones, were put in place under the floors in doubly armored ducts. Two million feet of electric wires for power and light were used, equal to nearly 380 miles in total length. Sockets for 350,000 electric lights were installed. The steel of the frame of the Empire State weighs almost 60,000 tons. One thousand two hundred and thirty-two elevator doors had to be placed in the Empire State for the sixty-three self-leveling elevators.

The Empire State will house 25,000 tenants; an additional floating population of 40,000 daily visitors can be accommodated. In an emergency this building could shelter 80,000 people!

With its great height and its enormous weight—303,000 tons of steel, stone and materials—the Empire State required a sure foundation, for only if they are founded on rock can such towers soar skyward. They need a base from which to rise.

The Empire State reaches down two floors, thirty-three feet below the sidewalk. There it stands, the base of its columns bedded deep in the stratum granite, upon the finest foundation, the basic rock which is the world itself.

Seeing the soaring architectural peaks of Manhattan, with the Empire State rising highest of all, one often wonders whether even bedrock can support so vast a burden—whether perhaps some day even bedrock may not grow weary of the load. An interesting assurance that this can never happen comes from geologists who know that bedrock cannot yield. It cannot slip!

But a more interesting assurance of the security of a building which is imbedded in the rock comes from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Builder of all things, who on one occasion said: "Who-soever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: he is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock." (Luke 6: 47, 48).

When the Lord builds, He builds upon the Rock. He said concerning the Church: "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16: 18).

Are you "founded" upon Christ Jesus the Rock of Ages? Are you rejoicing in the knowledge that you are "kept by the power of God." (I Peter 1:5)? Or are you seeking to build a house of profession on the shifting sands of your own works? Salvation is "not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:9). "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (I Corinthians 3:11).

## WAKE UP BRO. ELSEY

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I wonder if Bro. Elsey remembers when Mr. Freeman spoke most complimentary of Mrs. "Lovely Lady" Swain when she addressed the Training School and if he recalls Mr. Freeman's many compromises with the Seminary. In this respect Mr. Free-

man reminds me definitely of Ahab. But there was none like unto Ahab which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord."—I Kings 21:25.

Now let's be honest. Everyone knows that Editor Freeman has not maintained the same doctrinal position of Western Recorder tradition. Would T. T. Eaton or Victor Masters have done as Mr. Freeman? The answer is obviously "no," for when each was editor, the paper was true to the Word of God.

C. W. Elsey has been one of the greatest sources of inspiration and good in my life. I have known him for over 20 years and I love him dearly. Nevertheless, when I get rich I'm going to buy him an alarm clock.

## TOBACCO ROAD

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"Ralph Lane, the first governor of Virginia, was the first English smoker. He presented a pipe and tobacco to Sir Walter Raleigh, who soon acquired the habit, and started smoking in England, a vice which has become a menace to the future of the race. Historians tell us that Raleigh smoked a pipe just before he ascended the scaffold. It is certainly a pity that this vice did not perish with him."—J. H. Kellogg, M. D., LL.D., F.A.C.S.

Sir Walter Raleigh was a leader in establishing the habit of smoking or "drinking" tobacco, as it was then called in England, by using it in public as well as in private.

King James beheaded Raleigh for treason, and tried to stop the use of tobacco. He called it a "custom loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, dangerous to the lungs, and in the black, stinking fumes thereof, nearest resembling the Stygian smoke of the pit that is bottomless." Our outstanding medical men today heartily agree with him in his condemnation of the "filthy weed."

The devotees of tobacco extolled it as a panacea for all human ills. It swept over England like a fire burning on a prairie. London was teeming with thousands of tobacco shops. No reputable scientist today attributes to it any medicinal value, but all agree it is poison.

King James tried hard to suppress it, but the shrewd business methods of its producers outwitted him, and kept the business alive because of its money value to them.

During the seventeenth century the practice spread so rapidly that sovereigns tried hard to suppress it. Amurath IV, sultan of Turkey, prohibited smoking and put smokers to death. Michel VII, of Russia punished smokers by cutting off their noses. Abbas II, Shah of Persia, made stringent laws against the use of tobacco. Pope Urban VIII

anathematized smoking in the church. Under King James and his successors, Charles I and Charles II, the use of tobacco increased until the tobacco plantations in the colonies exceeded acreage all other crops combined. Even Cromwell smoked, and during the period of the Commonwealth the habit grew rapidly. "At Eton the boys had lessons in smoking every morning, and pupil was 'soundly whipped' because he refused to smoke." During this period some Puritans smoked, but the Quakers uniformly opposed the use of tobacco, and the "Wesleyan conference forbade its preachers to smoke as early as 1795."

Foreign visitors to our Centennial Exposition in 1876, introduced cigarette smoking into our country. And it has spread among all classes, especially the young, with astonishing rapidity. Today a vast majority of our men smoke, as do many boys not yet in their teens. Many women and girls smoke, and the habit is rapidly increasing with both sexes.

The commercial value of tobacco is one of our largest items of trade, and the money spent for cigarettes is our largest tobacco account. This item is astoundingly large.

Tobacco is condemned by many of the world's most distinguished physicians and surgeons. I have read of no prominent physician or surgeon who approves its use. They unanimously admit it is injurious.

I am convinced that there is no wide spread evil among us of whose ill effects our people are so grossly ignorant, or any other that has so many friends among good people. Many outstanding ministers, college presidents and professors, denominational leaders, noted women, and leading Christian laymen are tobacco addicts; and every tobacco addict—believe it or not—is a drug addict.

Tobacco is a direct or contributory cause of many of our most horrible maladies. Among them is found dyspepsia, liver ailments, consumption, contraction of blood vessels, degeneration of large arteries, smoker's heart, angina pectoris, Bright's disease, brain disorders, vertigo, it lessens efficiency, produces blindness, hinders nutrition, and contributes to race degeneration and other ills, all because it is a strong narcotic.

It is high time that our pastors, deacons, Sunday school officers and teachers, editors, college presidents and professors, official laymen and every other person who loves the Lord and humanity were awakened to the harmfulness of tobacco. And, yet more, they should make relentless war on it by informing the people of its evils. Tobacco is the liquor traffic's most efficient ally.

## SERVICE

Oh, to be nothing—nothing.

Only to lie at His feet

A broken, empty vessel,

Thus for His use made meet!

Emptied, that He may fill me

As to His service I go,

Broken, so that unhindered

Through me His Life may flow.

—Selected.