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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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## Women Speaking In The Churches

By the late John A. Broadus

I Cor. 14:34; I Tim. 2:11-15.

Now it does not need to be urged that these two passages from the Apostle Paul do definitely and strongly forbid that women shall speak in mixed public assemblies. No one can afford to question that such is the most obvious of the apostle's command. All that can be said in opposition to the view that this is what he intended to teach, must rest upon a supposed unusual sense of some one of the terms employed in the passages or upon the connection, or upon some other source of information about persons addressed, and the apostle's aim.

I have scarcely ever conversed with any advocate of women's speaking in mixed assemblies who, not, sooner or later, deny the Apostle's Paul's inspired authority in this matter. This is the very reason why the question is of so great importance.

Why will not Baptist people see the gross inconsistency of vehemently asserting the necessity of conforming to the New Testament in regard to church membership and the ordinances, while they coolly disregard express prohibitions in respect to another matter?



Whether it be spring, summer or fall, nature ought to cause one's mind to turn to God. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork." — Psalm 19:1. "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" — Psalm 8:3-4.

In Spring . . . .

## Can Arabs Truly Claim Palestine?

Those who go to the length of taking the part of the Palestine Arabs in their claim that the land is one of their countries, the same as Mesopotamia or Arabia proper are flying in the face of all facts in all ages.

From the time of the conquest by the Arabs it faded from the contemporaneous historic scene: it became waste; it lost political and economic and cultural significance for all save the Jews. It passed from hand to hand as dynasties of caliphs fought for supremacy in the Arab world, to become what George Adam Smith describes as "a carcass of a land."

The Administration Report of the Zionist Organization of America given at their recent convention by Solomon Goldman, president, contains striking information on this point.

"In all these intervening centuries Palestine contributed no religious, cultural or national values to the Arab world. Even the sanctity of Hebron and Jerusalem was not, for the Arabs themselves, rooted in Arab traditions, but derived admittedly from the Jewish memories associated with those places.

"With the one exception of the Mosque of Omar, the Arabs made no attempt to beautify the country, as they did, for example, Constantinople." (Continued on page four)

## Is The Bible To Be Taken Today Literally Or Figuratively?

Great harm and confusion and error has arisen because of misunderstanding on the point raised by the above question. A safe rule is this: The Bible is to be taken literally except in those instances where a figurative meaning is plainly intended.

However, literal things often have an allegorical and spiritual meaning. Let us note some examples:



Roy Mason

The literal history of Isaac and Ishmael. (See

Gal. 4:22-31).

The prophecies literally fulfilled, but with a larger fulfillment to come. (Like the fall of Jerusalem—typical of the future tribulation, etc.)

Characters who actually lived, but were typical of Christ. Like Moses and David personal types of Christ.

### Examples Of Too Literal Interpretation

To be a blind literalist, and to refuse to see and understand the figurative meaning of Scripture, plainly so intended, is to fall into error. Let us consider some examples of this:

The Catholic teaching that the (Continued On Page Four)

### INFLUENCE

Drop a pebble in the water,  
And its ripples reach out far;  
And the sunbeams dancing on them  
May reflect them to a star.

Give a smile to someone passing,  
Thereby make his morning glad;  
It may greet you in the evening  
When your own heart may be sad.

Do a deed of simple kindness;  
Though its end you may not see,  
It may reach, like widening ripples,  
Down a long eternity.

### Mused Uncle Mose

Pahson cain't preach much ef'n  
he cain't hit me.

## Read This And You Will Know The Meaning Of A Well Ordered House

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"For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him" Gen. 18:19.

Abraham was a great character. He was a man upon whom great responsibilities rested. The thread story of his life begins in the eleventh chapter of Genesis. There are many side-lights in the way. The story of his great life has many chapters. Reference to Abraham is made in at least twenty-one books of the Bible. He was not a perfect man.

The history of his life has some of sin's shadows upon it, as does the history of the life of every man, but the history of this man's life is beautiful by his humble regard for the plain commandments of the great God. The key to his great life is found in Genesis 15:6, and amplified in many New Testament passages. It is, "And he believed in the Lord!" Our text turns the light on the real secret of Abraham's greatness. It tells us what God thought of him in his home. Find what a man is at home, and you have found out the man! Abraham had a well (Continued on page four)

### GERMAN 'SAINT'

Satan has produced another hoax to trap the gullible. From Germany we learn of a woman who suffers wounds similar to those suffered by Christ, and from which the blood flowed before the eyes of an American soldier, assistant to any army chaplain. He is said to have observed this on several occasions. The story goes that the Nazis ordered the woman killed, but when the storm-troopers came to the house to do the deed, the woman, who had never walked during her period of "ecstasy," went to the door with the wounds from the crown of thorns bleeding and blood dripping from feet, hands and side. The Nazis are reported to have turned and fled. The woman told the young man that she never desires food and had not eaten in 17 years, although she weighs 210 lbs. and is six (Continued On Page Four)

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### A Study In Soul Winning

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Ed. Note: This splendid article has been printed in tract form. Write Bro. Barker concerning it.

The winning of a soul to God is the biggest task ever. God could speak the worlds into existence. But before He could save souls He had to give His Son to die for them.

The Price And Labor Of Saving Souls

Before souls could be saved, four parties must be first concerned.

1. The Father must love them enough to give His Son to atone for their sins.

While we were unlovable, Titus 3:3-4, "But we ourselves were sometimes foolish, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared."

To save men God must love them in spite of their sin and mean attitude.

2. Christ must love them enough to give His life for them, and to suffer for their sins.

John 15:13: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Leaving all the glory that He had with the Father, John 17:5, turning His back on all the joys and comforts of Heaven. Knowing the shame and embarrassment, the suffering and all that was before Him, He stepped down out of Heaven and willingly went through it all and for (Continued On Page Two)

### FATHER DIVINE

One wonders how anyone in the world can take seriously the ignorant little egotist called "Father Divine!" We know that the minds of his followers have been blinded by Satan, but with all the devil's power it is a mystery that he could persuade men to adhere to this little idiot.

Divine has come forth with another of his absurd assertions which amuses in spite of its pitifulness. In his paper, The New Day, he assumes full responsibility for atomic energy, but says he has it under control! We quote: "I am the author and finder of atomic energy. I have harnessed it! I say, I have harnessed it! I am bringing all the atomic energy into subjection and by it I am bringing out many inventions. That is what I am doing on earth in heaven today!" "Peace — it's wonderful!"

—Our Hope



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no other reason but that man might be saved. Isaiah 50:6: "I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheek to them that plucked out my hair. I hid not my face from shame and spitting."

3. The Holy Spirit must be loving, patient, and long-suffering enough to continue pleading with them until they come to the Savior. He pleads with men through the Gospel, I Thess. 1:5. He convicts of sin, John 16:8. He persuades men not to harden their hearts, Heb. 3:7-8. And quickens them unto life, Eph. 2:5.

How trying it must be on the Holy Spirit to put up with the excuses of the sinner. How aggravated He must get at times.

4. Then the soul winner must love lost souls enough to deny himself of all worldly cares. And yield himself to God to be used of the Spirit to spread the story of redemption to man, Paul said, "For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren" Romans 9:3.

## How A Soul Is Saved . . .

Man in his natural state has turned away from God, Isa. 53:6. None desire to do good, Gen. 6:5. They are dead in trespasses and in sin, Eph. 2:1.

Before they can be saved they must first be awakened to their lost and undone condition and be brought to a saving knowledge of Christ, Eph. 2:5. The awakening of the sinner to his lost and undone state is the work of the Holy Spirit through God's Word as it is witnessed to them. When they are awakened the Spirit draws them to Christ the Savior, John 6:44.

Those who come to Christ, He pleads their case to the Father. The Father will forgive all who come to Him by Christ, Heb. 7:25. Then they are regenerated, born of the Spirit, Titus 3:5. And created in Christ Jesus unto good works, Eph. 2:10.

## The Leadership Of The Holy Spirit . . .

The Holy Spirit is to be our teacher, John 14:26, our guide, 16:13. He empowers us for service, Acts 1:8. Therefore, we ought to be wholly dependent on Him at all times so that He can lead us to the right person, to say the right thing, at the right time, and in the right way. Are you sure that He is leading you?

The book of Acts is so called because it tells of the "acts of the Apostles." Some have named it, "Acts of the Holy Spirit" because the Apostles lived where so filled with the Holy Spirit that it was the Holy Spirit acting through them. This ought to be true in our lives today. We ought to be so yielded to the Holy Spirit that our actions could be credited to Him.

The Apostle Paul was on the road to Damascus where he was saved, when he met the Lord and trusted Him. His first words were, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" Acts, Chapter 9.

Some of us have been saved for years. I wonder how many of us have stopped and asked the Lord what He would have us do? If we would then the Holy Spirit could speak to us and set us aright.

Are you conscious of the Holy Spirit dwelling in your heart? What have you done today that you have been led of the Holy Spirit to do?

Show me a man that is led of the Spirit and I will show you a man that sinners will say concerning him, "When I get saved I want to live like that man." Then show me a man that lives after the flesh and I will show you a man that a sinner will say concerning, "If that man has religion I don't want it."

For the next few days check up on yourself and see if you are following the Holy Spirit or the flesh. If you are led of the Spirit you will be found living a life of prayer, of Bible reading, self denial, righteous living and soul winning. He teaches us to pray, Rom. 8:26. He leads us into truth, John 14:26. Away from the flesh, Gal. 5:17. If you find that you are not being led by the Spirit, stop and ask God to fill you with His Spirit. Then walk in the Spirit.

## A Burden For The Lost . . .

Ask yourself, "Do I care if souls go to Hell?" "Yes, of course," you will say. Then may I ask, how much do you care if souls go to Hell? "I care a lot," you will say. Then I will ask it this way, how much will you do to prevent souls from going to Hell? How much money will you spend? How much sleep

will you lose? How much of your time will you spend? How much embarrassment will you face? We ought to be willing to give all, or even die that souls might not go to Hell.

Our hearts would melt if people were burning up in a house on fire. Are not our souls stirred within us to see them drop into Hell?

How heavy-hearted we were, and how we prayed, and many cried when our loved ones left to go to the service of our country to be under constant shell fire. But little do we care now that they are back if they do go to Hell.

You might go into the streets and yell that my little girl is lost, or my boy is lost. Everyone would soon be asking questions concerning them. And you might say, his soul is lost and they would probably say you were crazy.

I am afraid that Hell, the wrath of God, and the judgments are not as real to us as they ought to be. Hell is just a place that people talk about any more.

You tell me that you believe that Hell is a place of fire and brimstone, where lost people burn for ever when they die. You will say, "Yes." And you tell me that you have brothers and sisters or kins-people that are lost and on the road to Hell. You will say, "Yes." And you have not said a word to them to prevent them from going. What a fine relative you are. Do you have friends who are lost and on the road to Hell, and are not warning them? What a fine friend you are. What will the people you know think if they see you on the judgment day if you fail to warn them of Hell?

An infidel once said, "If I believed that Hell has such torments as Christian people claim to believe it has, I would not stop until I had done all that is in my power to warn them." Someone may have failed to warn this man.

These are the most pitiful words I ever heard or read about. They are the words of a man in Hell burning in the flames. "Have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue. For I am tormented in this flame." Luke 16:24. He was denied both. There is nothing we can do for this man. But let us all do what we can for those out of Hell.

Can you not hear these cries above the vain callings of the world? Hear the cries of the Savior. "Go into all the world." Matt. 28:19. The cry of the man in Hell. Warn my brethren. Luke 16:28. Behold the sinner as you see him on the street. A slave to sin and the devil. John 8:34. Can you bear to see them go to Hell without warning them?

These cries ought to give us the readiness that the Apostle had in Rom. 1:14-16. 1. I am a debtor. 2. I am ready as much as in me is. 3. I am not ashamed.

## Paul Considered Himself A Debtor . . .

Knowing that God had set him as a watchman over souls, Ezek. 33, and that he was included in the commission, "GO," and without someone to carry the message souls could never be saved, Rom. 10:14, it made him feel obligated to all to tell them of Christ.

Do you feel within yourself that God is calling you to win others to Christ? Do you feel free from having a part in spreading the Gospel? Do you not feel that you will have to answer to God for some soul? How about your own boy or girl, mother or father? Do you not feel responsible for them? Has God saved you and give you a family and you are not to lead them to Christ?

If you do not have this burden for the lost, ask God to give you a vision of lost souls going to Hell. Start reading your Bible, asking God to reveal some truth to you that will make you a soul winner.

## Paul Was Ready As Much As Was In Him . . .

Everyone is not called as a preacher to be sure. But we all can witness for Christ to the lost people we meet. We all ought to be as Paul here was. As much as in me is. Some cannot give, some cannot give. But we all can at least be found praying for others who are getting the Word out. If the preachers will preach, the teachers teach, the deacons deek, and the rest do all that they can, we will get the Word of God out to the lost so that God can save.

If you do not have this willingness to do all that you can examine yourself and find out why, then ask God to move that sin.

## Paul Was Not Ashamed . . .

When Paul was a sinner and on his road to

Hell, this gospel picked him up and saved his soul. Therefore, he says, I am not ashamed of it. He stood in jails, palaces and on the streets and held up the Gospel of Christ as the power of God unto salvation. The Gospel of Christ dying for his sins was worth giving his life for. He died a martyr for it.

Has the Gospel done enough for you to make you proud of it? Can you say as Paul, I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek?

Show me some people who feel their indebtedness to the lost, and who are ready as much as in them is, and who are not ashamed, and I will show you some church builders, soul winners, and people who are on fire for God.

## A Knowledge Of What To Tell The Lost . . .

Paul said concerning Israel, "I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness are going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God." Rom. 10:2-5.

I believe there are more people going to Hell believing a lie than there are who have no hope at all.

How important it is then that we know to rightly instruct a sinner in the plan of salvation.

Every soul winner ought to know enough Scripture by memory concerning the state of lost people.

Isaiah 53:6: "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have every one turned to his own way."

Gen. 6:5: "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart is only evil continually."

This is the condition of everyone out of Christ. The good moral people as well as the harlot. The self-righteous people in turning to their way, left God's way as did the harlot when she turned to her way. There is no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Rom. 3:22-23.

## Every Soul Winner Should Know Scripture Which Will Show That Works Will Not Save . . .

Is. 64:6: "We are all as an unclean thing, and all of our righteousnesses are as filthy rags."

\*Titus 3:5: "Not by works of righteousness that we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us."

We do not say that a sinner cannot act good. Not at all. A sinner can act good, he can pray, join a church, and get baptized. The thing we contend for is that God will not accept the sinner's good deeds to atone for his sins.

This proves that repentance is not a matter of quitting sin to get good enough for God to save.

Never try to get a sinner to go through a form of quitting sin or praying, thinking you are getting him to repent.

Repentance on the sinner's part is when he has heard from God's Word of his sinful condition that he is at enmity with God, that he is all wrong and God is right, that his ways are contrary to God's ways, that God is high and holy, and he is sinful to the core, and that there is nothing he can do to help his undone condition. When the sinner agrees that this is his condition and pleads the blood of Christ his ground of reconciliation, then he has repented and believed the Gospel.

When he starts to do good or to pray to help the matter, he proves he does not believe in the depravity of man. This very thought has to be repented of before one can believe the Gospel. Good works is a good sign of an inward work of grace. BUT NEVER is it a justifying cause for salvation.

## Every Soul Winner Ought To Know What Christ Did On The Cross . . .

In the work of Christ on the cross we have a complete atonement and reconciliation of God to the sinner. The cross answers the question, "How can a sinner get to Heaven?" His sins are placed on Christ.

It takes blood to atone for a guilty soul, Lev. 17:11. Christ's blood was shed, Heb. 12:9. By His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us, Gal. 1:20. And having made peace by the blood of the cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself.

And by His suffering He bore the penalty that

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was due the sinner in Hell, Isa. 53:5. He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, with His stripes we are healed."

By all means remember this next one. We cannot find other words to describe all that these words say. The best we can do is to quote them. Isa. 53:4: "Surely He hath borne our grief and hath carried our sorrows, yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted."

Just how much the Lord Jesus suffered when He was smitten of God we cannot tell. But we do know that the strong arm of God moved by His hatred for sin smote the Lord Jesus for our sins as He was dying in our place, I Pet. 2:24: "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree."

God is satisfied with what Christ did on the cross for the sinner. Let us tell sinners this wonderful story.

**Every Soul Winner Ought To Know Scripture Showing That Forgiveness Comes By Faith, Or Believing.**

Acts 10:43: "To Him gave all the prophets witness that through His name, whosoever believeth on Him, shall receive remission of sins."

Eph. 2:8: "For by grace are ye saved through faith."

Acts 13:39: "By Him all who believe are justified from all things from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses." Acts 16:31: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

**And That The Saved Are Created Unto Good Works. . .**

Eph. 2:10: "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." 2 Cor. 5:17: "If any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creature, old things are passed away, and behold all things have become new."

Every sinner you meet will want good works or a feeling for assurance. The Word of God is the assurance. Works are something that we will do after God has saved us and made new creatures of us.

In salvation one is created anew and given desires to do the right thing but his good doings have no part in saving him.

Notice the order of Eph. 2:8,9,10: "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourself, it is a gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

1. Grace is the thing that saves. 2. By faith this grace is ours. 3. It did not come by our works. 4. Our works is the result of God saving our souls and making us new persons in Christ. See how the order of works, faith and grace works?

**Some Do's And Don't's In Soul Winning . . .**

**DON'T** ever argue with anyone. As long as you can discuss the subject to the glory of God do it. But never argue for this reason: If you win the argument most of the time he will be made to accept the truth, and if he wins the argument he will say that guy does not know his Bible. Almost every time every man wins the argument in his own mind, so it is a bad policy to argue.

**DO** keep on the subject of salvation as much as possible. Some you can go to the point to begin with as Jesus did to Nicodemus. But many will be like the woman at the well. She wanted to talk about the place of worship. Many will want to know which is the right church or to run down some preacher. But keep them on the right subject, if possible.

**DO** always try to get them to trust the Lord Jesus. Urge upon them to trust Him. To tell them about Jesus is good, but our aim ought to be to get them to trust Him also.

**BUT DON'T** try to get them to say they will trust Him. Saying I believe in Jesus will not save anyone. One must from the heart believe to be saved. Let the sinner make the profession by himself. Some say don't pluck them too green, but don't you pluck them at all. God is to do the saving.

**The Best Places To Do Soul Winning . . .**

I like the home as the best place to win souls.

Let people know that you are interested in their souls salvation, then go to their homes and win them to the Lord.

So many people want to wait until they have something within them to tell them to talk to some one about their souls. This they call the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

After reading my Bible I get the impression that I am to talk to everyone to whom I have the opportunity. In Mark 16 the commission is to go to every creature.

To my mind the wide awake soul winner is not waiting for an impression to talk to lost souls, but is under the impression that he is a debtor to all and is praying for, and looking for an opportunity to talk to one.

So, my advice is that you always be in prayer for God to give you the opportunity to talk to someone, and you be on the lookout for opportunities, and you will be led of the Lord to do the job in a good way.

In finding one that trusts Christ always get him into a church. Never let them loose to do as they want. All need the church bad. Don't fail here.

**The Different Kinds Of Sinners We Will Meet . . .**

If you do much soul winning you will meet different kinds of people with all kinds of ideas. Some will tell you as long as you try to do that which is right you will be saved. Let us study some of the ideas that people have, and prepare ourselves to meet them.

1. Here is one who says, I know I am not saved. I want to be. I try to be. I ask God to forgive me when I do wrong. But I just don't live up to it.

This kind usually think that being saved is a bunch of don'ts. Don't do this, don't do that, don't do the other. And if you will keep it up you will make it.

First, show them that being saved is not trying to live a Christian life, but it is **TRUSTING JESUS**. Romans 4:5: "To him that worketh not but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted unto him for righteousness."

2. Many are doing things to get a feeling. To them feeling is their assurance.

To a lot of people the only way of knowing you are saved is by your feelings. If something could make them feel like it, they would say they are saved. Many a person has been made to feel like he was saved, then turned around and did something that made him think he was lost, and never did know a thing about the Lord Jesus dying for him. No place does the Bible say that one feels like he is saved when he trusts the Lord Jesus. It says you are saved. That you can know that you are saved. I John 5:13. When one has seen himself lost and has trusted Jesus to save him, feeling or no feeling, God says he is saved. When one has not trusted Jesus to save him, I do not care how he feels he is lost. He that believeth not is damned.

After they have trusted Christ there will be that deep-seated consolation in the heart that they are longing for, but not before.

3. I am afraid I cannot hold out—

Agree with them on this point, and go farther still. Show them that apart from Christ they cannot even do good. Jer. 13:23: "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?" Then may you do good that are accustomed to evil. If they cannot even do good it would be useless to try to hold out to the end. Man by himself can do nothing.

But assure him that through Christ he can. Rom. 8:37: "Nay in all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." Jude 24: "He is able to keep us from falling." John 10:29: "No man can pluck them out of my Father's hand."

Show them if they stay as they are they cannot hold out, and are sure for Hell, but if they will trust Christ they will hold out and will go to Heaven. Only those who trust Christ will hold out and be saved.

4. Some sin in my life that I cannot give up.

This is believed by a great many people. God cannot save you unless you give up all, every sin. You hear a lot of professed Christians say this even.

But the reason they are not saved is **BECAUSE THEY THINK THEY HAVE TO GIVE UP SIN TO BE SAVED**. Convince these that salvation is not quitting sin, and they will turn to the Savior. But as long as one thinks that he has to quit certain sins first, he will spend the rest of his life quitting sins. Rom. 3:28: "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from

the deeds of the law."

When one is sure that he cannot give up his sins, then is the time he is apt to turn to Jesus. The trouble is to get him to believe that Jesus can and will save.

5. The indifferent ones who are determined to do as they please—

Be plain with these. Assure them that God will let them have their way. But that if they must have their sins they will have to take what goes with them which is a guilty conscience, a broken heart and a burning Hell. Quote to them Ps. 7:11: "God is angry with the wicked every day." Ezek. 22:14: "Can thine heart endure or thine hand be strong in the day that I will deal with thee?" Warn them that they do not have to turn, but that it would be a lot better for them if they do.

Never leave though until you tell them of Jesus, and that God loves them in spite of their sins and will save them if they will trust Christ.

**How To Reach A Backslider . . .**

First of all let us see what a backslider is. I do not like the word backslider, but it is a familiar one so I will use it.

A backslider is a Christian out of the will of God. A Christian sometimes forgets to pray, or get his mind on earthly things instead of God. When God by His Holy Spirit in love warns them of their danger and seeks better things of them, still they go on in their own way instead of repenting and doing right. Here is where the Lord so many times has to chastise His children to get them straight. Heb. 12:5-8.

First we find out the sin their life, then take the Bible and show them the evil in the sin. The first step back to God for the backslider is to condemn the thing as wrong that separated him from God. I John 1:9: "If we confess our sins he is faithful to forgive and cleanse us of all unrighteousness." Confession must be made before there is forgiveness, and you cannot confess it as wrong until it is condemned in your heart as wrong.

Lots of people backslide when they stop going to church as they ought, or failing to pray as they ought, or failing to read the Bible. Question them on these things to see if these things are the trouble.

A saved person is just as helpless to do right as the lost person unless he has the Holy Spirit to guide him. Get this over to them too. To begin with a backslider thinks that he can commit a sin and then start doing right again and get by with it. But they cannot. The thing must be made right with God, and the Spirit leading before they can act as they ought.

Let us go through it in short. Step one: Find the sin that caused him to backslide. Step two: Get him to acknowledge the sin as wrong. Step three: Get him to confess it to God. Then God steps in and forgives, cleanses him of the sin, and gives him victory over it.

Always put the backslider to doing something for the Lord when he is restored. Start him to winning souls or something.

**Something To Remember . . .**

Jesus said in John 6:45: "Every man therefore that hath heard and hath learned of the Father will come to me."

There are so many kinds of people you will meet when soul winning we do not have space or time to describe and deal with here. But if you will remember the truth in this verse it will help you meet any of them:

"Every one that hath heard, and learned of the Father cometh to me."

All who ever hear and learn of the Father. All who learn of His hatred for sin; His holy nature; His righteous dealings with sin; His wrath towards the wicked, will come to Jesus.

No man will want to stand before God in his own righteousness if he knows the truth about Him.

Therefore when one has rightly learned of God he will seek a Savior. So any that you do not know just how to get at, just tell them of the God they will have to meet without a Savior.

**In Closing . . .**

If you are not a soul winner you should be. Start reading your Bible to learn about the Lord Jesus. To know Jesus aright I believe will make a soul winner out of anyone. Is Jesus real to you? Ask God to make Him real to your heart. Everything depends on it.



## ARABS AND PALESTINE

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stantinople, Bagdad and genuine centres of Arab civilization. There were no universities, no libraries, no palaces.

"It can be established beyond the scintilla of a doubt that the Jews never wholly evacuated Palestine. Despite the hardships inflicted on them by Pagan, Moslem and Christian, they maintained their communities and contributed without interruption to Jewish and general civilization. The Mishnah and the Palestinian Talmud, as well as a great part of the Apocrypha, the Midrashim, the prayer-books and Hebrew lexicography, were the creation of Palestinian Jewry in Arab and Christian times.

"Even if we leave out of account the Biblical record, Jewish development in Palestine during the long period when Arab predominated far out-distances anything which the Arabs can associate with that country. 'Apart from the Jews,' recently stated a student of Arab civilization, 'Palestine has no history, and indeed does not exist as a separate country.'

"The Arabs have no name of their own for Palestine, the term Ash Sham, which they regularly employ, meaning 'that which is left to north of the Ka'aba.'

"Not only does Palestine bear the deathless imprint of the Jew, but that the Jew bears about with him the deathless imprint of Palestine to testify ceaselessly to the Jewish claim; but the Jews who were outside Palestine did not relinquish either.

"From the moment recorded in Genesis, when God promises the land to Abraham, down to the last page, then beyond the Bible through the Midrashim, the Talmudim, further on through the prayer-book and up to the last song of the Hallel, the theme is there.

"Palestine has never disappeared from the literature and folklore of the Jew. There is not a book in the Bible in which the beauty of the land, and the love of the Jews for it, are not given emphasis. Poets, historians, and romancers dwelt with passionate longing on mountain and valley, tree and sky of Palestine. Again and again we are reminded that it is the land 'which the Lord thy God hath promised unto thy ancestors.'

"It is doubtful whether even the Zionists understand the amazing achievement in Palestine in the last forty years. At no time, and in no part of the world, have pioneers of any people accomplished as much against such odds. Yet Jews have made experiments in colonization in every part of the globe, from Siberian Birobidjan to South American Argentine." — From Prophecy.

## GERMAN 'SAINT'

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feet tall. It is probably that a close watch on the woman's movements and mode of life would tell a very different story. The "deceivers" of our day could be called legion. There would be no way for the woman to suffer such wounds unless self-inflicted or through the connivance of those with her. — The Midnight Cry

## A WELL ORDERED HOUSE

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ordered home. We can gather profitable lessons from this text.

I. OUR FIRST LESSON IS THAT HOMES ARE IN THE EYE OF GOD.

## "Perhaps Today"

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand"  
— Rom. 13:12.

"At midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the Bridegroom cometh." — Matt. 25:6.

Out in the world — the darkness gathered quickly;  
Peace is far off; men's heart are full of fear;  
Within the veil — God's children rest in safety,  
They know their Lord's return is very near.

Out in the world — industrial strife and warfare;  
Kingdoms declining; bloodshed, loss and pain;  
Within the veil — Christ's Church, just watching, praying,—  
Thrilled with His promise, "I will come again."

Out in the world — heart-hunger pleasure-madness;  
Cruelty, deception, every form of sin;  
Within the veil — soul-rest and satisfaction  
For those who, through His cross, have entered in.

Out in the world — distrust of one another;  
And blindness to the warnings of their day;  
Within the veil — the glorious hope unfolding,—  
"The Bridegroom cometh," He is on the way.

—Ivy M. Fordham.

We give two simple reasons why every home ought to be well ordered:

### 1. Homes receive blessings from God.

Every blessing upon your home is a blessing from God, for James 1:17 says, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." God's great goodness bestowed upon your home ought to bring you and every member of your home to deep repentance. Pause to behold the many blessings God has graciously showered upon your home. Does this not prove that His eye is upon it, and that He desires to be good to it? Consider well what God's blessings to your home ought to say to it.

### 2. Homes are responsible to God.

Piety is to be shown there (I Tim. 5:4). Hospitality is to be shown there. The old Jewish laws were framed in accordance with the spirit of hospitality. See Lev. 19:33-34. This law is upheld and emphasized in Heb. 13:1. See Rom. 12:10-13; I Pet. 4:7-9. The Word of God is to be taught there (Deut. 6:6-7; Eph. 6:4). What great responsibilities rest upon the homes of the land! They are responsible because God's eye is upon them, and to Him they must render account.

### II. OUR SECOND LESSON IS ONE ON A WELL ORDERED HOME.

Far too many consider a well ordered home as a house, nice and clean, with everything in its place. Ah, but many a "spic and span" house is inhabited by a miserably ill ordered home life! The child who has been deprived of the privileges of its childhood in the home has been deprived of its most valuable training. What do we mean when we speak of a well ordered home? Let us consider:

#### 1. A husband and father in his place.

A few chairs and tables may be out of place and still have a well ordered home, but there is no well ordered home with the husband and father out of his place! Our text says concerning Abraham, "He will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment." A father then is to command both his children and his

household after him! A father who cannot speak for his household has shirked a divine responsibility put upon him! He has played the coward! When Joshua said, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:15) he said what every father in every home ought to be able to say. Shame upon the father who cannot even get his children to worship, much less speak of their serving the Lord! As goes this mighty army of the home so goes the whole wide world! O for God-honoring commanders-in-chief in these divinely created armies — the home! Husband and father, take your place in the home. Do it at any cost. Do it for Christ's sake! The head of the home is the husband. Eph. 5:23 says, "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and he is the saviour of the body!" A husband in his place is fundamental to a well ordered home.

#### 2. A wife in subjection.

Our text speaks of a well ordered home. Its order is given in many places in the Scriptures. In I Peter 3:1-6 we read, "Likewise ye wives, be in subjection to your husbands; that, if any obey not the word may be won by the conversation of the wives; while they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear, whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection to their own husbands, EVEN AS SARAH OBEYED ABRAHAM, calling him lord; whose daughters ye are, AS LONG AS YE DO WELL, AND ARE NOT AFRAID WITH ANY AMAZEMENT." This is the divine order for a well ordered home. Wife and mother, take your place in the home. Do it at any cost. Do it for Christ's sake.

#### 3. Children in obedience.

Eph. 6:1-3 and Matt. 15:4 emphasizes the importance of children being obedient in the home. A home after the divine order maintains a discipline that brings children under obedience. See Prov. 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15-17. See also Heb. 12:11;

I Tim. 3:2-3; Titus 1:7. Let both parents and children ponder well these passages! There is no well ordered home when the children are not obedient to their parents. How far the home has drifted from that standard! May God give us grace to come back to the very first principles of a well ordered home life.

#### 4. An altar of worship.

The home without an altar of worship is headed for the rocks, if indeed it is not already on the rocks. In our passage in I Pet. 3: you will recall that certain general instructions were given using Abraham and Sarah as Old Testament examples of a well ordered home. When the apostle has finished his exhortation to the home he adds the prime purpose of it all when he says, "that your prayers be not hindered." A home is a place where prayers ought to be offered, and the conduct of that home should be such that the prayers might not be hindered. The only perfect protection there for the home is that divine protection, and the home that has never learned to call upon God, as a home, has never learned the secret of its greatest salvation! The prophet of another day had this so upon his heart that he cried out, "Pour out thy fury upon . . . the families that call not upon thy name." He felt that the home that had no family altar merited nothing but divine fury upon it, and prayed to that end! Does this mean anything to you? May God help us to awaken while we have the opportunity.

### III. OUR LAST LESSON IS THE NOTICE GOD TAKES OF A HOME ORDERED ARIGHT.

How many fathers are receiving the blessings God has promised to fathers? If you are not receiving these blessings surely there is a reason. Take a look into your home and see if you don't find the fault there. Father, order your home aright, for God cannot bless it as He promises to bless homes until he sees it as he saw Abraham's home. The man who lives as he ought at home will make the best member of the body of Christ, the most useful citizen of the land, and the most powerful witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. God takes a blessing notice of a well ordered home. That is the home upon which he pours his greatest blessings. Would you have these blessings? Then be like Abraham and Sarah. They are set

for our example. May Good be you in your home. Amen.

## IS THE BIBLE LITERAL

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bread and wine of the Last Supper becomes actual flesh and blood. This grows out of literalizing John 6:54, 56; Luke 22:19, etc. Or see Mark 14:22; Luke 22:19, etc. Evidently Jesus said, "This is my body, this is my blood." Did He mean literally, or did he mean, "this represents my body . . . blood?" Evidently the latter. He also said, "I am the door, I am the way, . . . I am the truth." All of these usages demand a figurative meaning.

What the Scriptures teach about "hating father and mother" can be literalized to our hurt to the perversion of the truth.

What Christ said about "no thought for the morrow," be literalized until one will come utterly shiftless. Plain the meaning is "anxious thought in the sense of worry."

### Examples Of Too Figurative Interpretation

Sunday School teacher spiritualizing, which neglects plain, literal meaning and off into "beautiful lessons" and this, that and the other. Many a person — especially preacher and Sunday School teacher — are content with the simple, evident meaning, they want to "deep" and "spiritual." They put out a lot of fancy which is really falsehood.

Such books as Mrs. Eddy's To The Scriptures, which allegorizes the Bible. It denies Adam and Eve, for instance, as actual characters, but attaches fanciful meanings to them as "ideas." Another instance is Swedenborg's writings. He founded a religion on his fanciful interpretation which consist of the wildest spiritualizing.

The spiritualizing of Christ's kingdom. It is common to Christ's literal reign over the earth, by making His rule reign purely "spiritual." psalms and prophecies relating to Israel are handed over to "church" bodily. Examine chapter headings in most Bibles for examples of this. "Zion" supposed to mean the church when it means nothing of the kind. The Book of Revelation given a figurative interpretation by many, which removes all possibility of anybody knowing what it means by that rule. For we depart from what the Scripture says, then one man's opinion is as good as the others. Since prophecies of the past were literally fulfilled, we legitimately conclude that those relating to yet future, shall be fulfilled in the same way.

### Some Rules To Govern Interpretation

Generally speaking, the simple apparent meaning of Scripture is the real meaning.

Generally speaking, the Bible means what it says. When more than literal meaning is intended the context generally makes that fact.

"No prophecy — no Scripture — is of private interpretation" (Peter 1:20). That is, one Scripture is not to be understood apart from all other Scripture, but in the light of the rest.

Study the context for the meaning. That generally makes