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"Giving God Our Best"

Why I Am A Missionary Baptist And Could Not Be A Holy Roller

"Holy Rollerism" is a term commonly used to designate several Holiness sects scattered over the United States. They hardly deserve the name of religion. They are a comedy, a farce, a charade of real religion. I am not a Holy Roller because:

I. The Holy Rollers are wrong as to origin. Phelan's "Handbook of Denominations" gives Church of God started in 1888 in Monroe, Tennessee. Church of Apostolic started in 1897 in Danville, Ky. The Original Church of God started in 1888 in Birchwood, Tenn. Church of God (Headquarters at Anderson, started about 1880 by Daniel Warner and others. Church of Nazarene made up of a union of Pentecostal missions and churches. Union consummated in 1907 at Chicago.

What Should Be The Attitude Of Baptists Toward Those Of Other Faiths?

ROY MASON
Tampa, Florida

This is something that people need to be straight on, for they easily go to two extremes.

They can be TOO LOOSE, and they can be TOO INTOLERANT. Many settle the question under the direction of sentiment rather than the Word of God.

A DISTINCTION TO MAKE THAT IS IMPORTANT

In considering the attitude toward other faiths, we need ask as to whether their errors are ruinous to human souls or

HORROR RELEASE

Six million Jews were murdered in Europe between 1939 and 1945, asserts Jacob Lestchinsky in a pamphlet issued by the Jewish Information. Lestchinsky, summing up results of the activities of Nazis and their henchmen, says that there are practically no Jewish children left in Europe to the age of ten; 90 per cent of the Jewish population in Lithuania were killed; 85 per cent in Czechoslovakia and 75 per cent of the Jews perished in the Balkans. Headquarters of Eastern European Jewry, the most vital center of Jewish religious, cultural and national life, have been destroyed. — Message to Israel. Note: Is it any wonder that every nation and individual has ever abused the Jew has

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Roy Mason

In the "Pentecostal Witness" published at Kenova, West Virginia, in the issue of June, 1932, the following question and answer appeared:

"When and by whom was the Holiness church founded?"

"About 1880 three clergymen, the Rev. Hardin Wallace, the Rev. James Singer both of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Henry Ashcroft, of the Free Methodist Church, conducted a tour of the southern part of California, preaching repentance and remission of sin or justification by faith of the sinner, and for believers sanctification or heart purity, which also might be received by faith, subsequent to regeneration or justification and which could be advanced into personal holiness. Numerous bands of adherents were formed (Continued on page four)

By J. S. Thompson

Elder J. S. Thompson, recently held a revival meeting in Russell and also in Coal Grove, Ohio (where the editor preaches on Thursday night and Sunday afternoon), both of which were a decided benediction and blessing to the church. He is indeed a lovable soul, a true preacher, and a marvelous exponent of God's Word. He is available for evangelistic meetings, supply, or pastoral work. He should be kept busy by orthodox pastors and churches. Address him at Monterey, Kentucky.

Read Genesis 22:1-19

"Hear ye the Master's call Give Me thy best; For, be it great or small That is His test. Do then the best you can Not for reward, Not for the praise of man But for the Lord"

I would that everyone of us could hear the Call of God, and give Him our best. It is something which many of us have never tried.

That is precisely what God asked of Abraham. It is precisely what He asks of every saved one on earth.

THE CALL

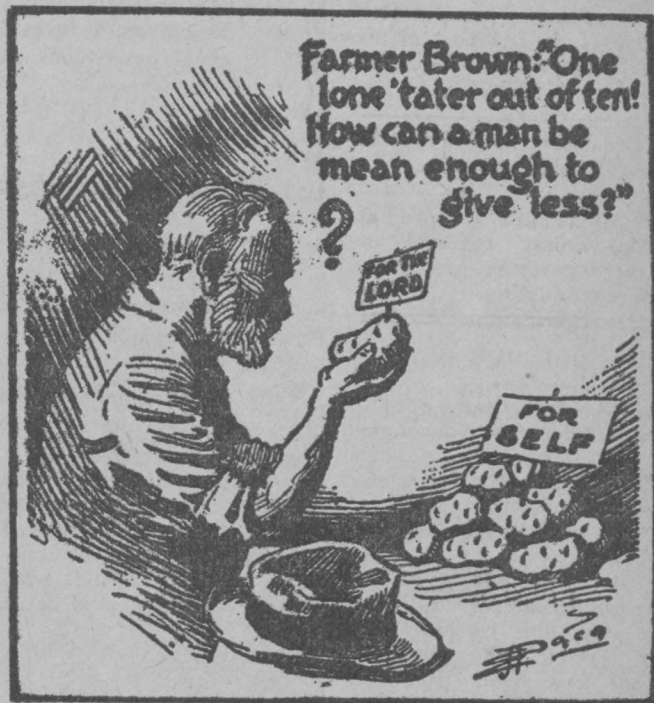
We read—"And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham and said unto him, Abraham: and he said Behold here I am; And He said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah, and offer him there, for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of"—Gen. 22:1-2.

Unmistakably, God called for Abraham's best. Certainly He asks no less from you and me, than our best.

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Mused Uncle Mose

"De redeemed uv de Lawd ought to say so, but hit he'p a might lot if'n dey's got a witness to prove it."



How Some Of Our Friends Feel Concerning The Baptist Examiner

"We enjoy the EXAMINER and get much help and good from it." — J. W. Heaster, Crawley, W. Va.

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WHAT ABOUT EASTER?

This is a "celebration," so-called, of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, but wholly of human origin. The Bible knows nothing of anything akin to "Easter." The word "Easter" in Acts 12:4 is a gross mistranslation of the word for "passover." "Easter" is the name of the ancient pagan goddess of spring (Eostre), and the celebration of it is no more than paganism thinly veneered with the name and a few trappings of Christianity. The Lord has never given the New Testament church any day to observe for any reason. The observance of days is mentioned by the Holy Spirit, through Paul, as a sign of questionable salvation (Gal. 4:10,11). The Lord rose on the first day of the week, and one Sunday is as much a monument of His resurrection as another. True Christians should have nothing to do with Easter. — The Clarion.

-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"Where Are The Dead At Present"

"But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?" — Job 14:10.

When Christian missionaries made their way to England in 597, they journeyed as far inland as Northumberland, and there came to the domain of King Ethelbert. The King called his nobles and chiefs and his "brain trust" together to see whether they should permit the missionaries to bring in their new religion. Diverse opinions were offered. Finally, an aged chief said, "The king will re-

member that as we sit at council at night a little bird will sometimes fly into the room and then out on the opposite side. He thus comes into the light for a moment and then out. With darkness upon either side he thus comes from darkness into light and then out into darkness. Such is the spirit of man. If these missionaries can tell us what lies on either side, let us hear them."

It is thus that I bring this message today. You may disagree and differ with me, and yet since I have a conviction that my message is founded upon the Word

of God and by it I can tell you that which lies on each side of life—in view of this I beg of you that you hear me.

THE DEAD HAVE NOT CEASED TO EXIST. There are those that say that physical death ends the existence of man's spirit the same as of the body. They declare that the immortal spirit is in a state of unconsciousness—just sleeping. There are many heretics such as the Seventh Day Adventist who teach that death ends the existence of (Continued on page two)

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"GIVING GOD OUR BEST"

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God calls for our best love, our best loyalty, our best labors, our best gifts, for certainly He is entitled to this, and certainly will be pleased with nothing less than our best.

How few of us have ever responded wholeheartedly to that call. We may think we have and we may try to make ourselves believe we have given Him our best, but have we?

I. THE RESPONSE

It seems that God must have spoken to Abraham after bed time, for we read—"And Abraham rose up early in the morning and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt-offering, and rose up and went unto the place of which God had told him." Gen. 22:3.

What a night of wrestling that father must have gone through! What hot tears coursed down his face! What weeping!

To answer that call cost Abraham every desire to live, for God had said—"In Isaac shall thy seed be called" and humanly speaking it looked like God had repented and would break His promise.

Yet as highly and Abraham must have esteemed that promise, he made no excuses; he offered no alibis; he would obey God no matter what it cost him to do so.

He rose up early next morning and entered the awful ordeal which God was now calling him to pass through; promise or no

Saved By Grace

At the age of sixteen George Muller, of Bristol, England, was imprisoned for theft; and later at the university he lived a drinking, profligate life, acting dishonestly even toward his friends. At twenty years of age he came under the influence of the Bible, and the miracle of regeneration was wrought. He who had been a thief was now so utterly a new creature that in the course of the years he gave away, of the money sent to him for his personal use, no less a sum than \$135,000, and when he died his personal possessions were valued at less than \$1,000.

—The DAWN

promise, he would obey God.

Such obedience God has ever, and will always bless. He would do as God said, and trust God with the results.

Faithful Abraham, after his all-night of grief, did not believe God would break His promise, for we read—"By faith Abraham when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that received the promise offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said in Isaac shall thy seed be called:



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accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure"—Heb. 11:17-19.

Abraham no doubt believed he would slay his son Isaac and burn his body for a burnt-offering, but with all his heart, he trusted God would raise him up from the ashes, for we read—"And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass: and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you".—Gen. 22:5.

THE NEW DISCOVERY

What Abraham placed upon God's Altar, was not—, it could not be lost!

He received back that son he gave to God, without a hair of the lad's head being harmed. By faith Abraham believed that this would take place—, He believed God!

He also received promise of children as numberless as the stars of heaven, and as innumerable as the sands by the seashore!

What a lesson for our hearts, who have never learned the ABCs of giving, who have never known the real meaning of sacrifice!

Surely this is a lesson for many of us to learn today, for we read—"For whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures, might have hope". Rom. 15:4.

What you and I place upon the altar of sacrifice and service, is never lost, it never can be lost!

A NEW BEGINNING

From the hour Abraham put his best on God's Altar, withholding nothing from Him, he began to receive God's best!

Read again, Gen. 22:14-19, and see how God begins to give him the very best He could give. This is always so, for when you and I put our best on God's altar,—from that moment God gives us the best He has for man.

How many of the Lord's own live and die, and never receive God's best gifts, because they have never given God their best!

So many of us like one of Old, "keep back part of the price" for becoming men of faith as was Abraham!

When Abraham made a full (Continued on page four)

WHERE ARE THE DEAD?

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man's spirit. May I remind you from pages of God's Word itself that this is a falsehood from beginning to end.

"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."—Matt. 10:28.

In this verse Jesus speaks of those who can kill the body but are not able to kill the soul. This verse then indicates that the soul does not come to the end of its existence the same time the body does. Listen again:

"Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."—Jude 1:7.

This speaks of those who are "suffering the vengeance of eternal fire". Surely if there were no other verse in all the Bible this in itself is more than sufficient to convince us that death does not end the existence of the spirit. The cities referred to—Sodom and Gomorrah—were destroyed by the flames of divine justice many hundred years before Jude wrote his epistle. Though it was true that the cities had been destroyed long before and the bodies of the people had been brought to an earthly end, yet their spirits were still suffering when Jude wrote. He declared that their suffering would be of an eternal duration.

In Matthew 17:3 we have another Scripture which conclusively shows us that the dead does not cease to exist. This is speaking of the transfiguration of Jesus and tells how. Listen:

"And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him."

This tells us that Moses and Elias appeared and talked with Jesus. Moses had been in glory for 1400 years while Elias had departed from this life 700 years before. Though they had been gone from this world fourteen centuries and seven centuries respectively, they had not ceased to exist. Each of them was still able to converse with the Lord Jesus about his death. Listen again:

"And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the Word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?"—Rev. 6:9, 10.

Here were those, who had suffered martyrdom, seen by the Apostle John. They had not ceased to exist but rather were very much alive. They were asking that God wreak vengeance on those their enemies who had killed them. No Scripture could be plainer showing that death does not terminate the existence of one's soul, than this.

Then there is also the Scripture which Jesus gives of the rich man and Lazarus. These are the actual words of the account:

"There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried. And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torment, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue: for I am tormented in this flame. And Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place

of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and prophets; let them hear thee. And he said, Nay, father Abraham; but if one went unto the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead.—Luke 16:19-31.

This is the story of two who live, who died, and who on after death. There was a tremendous difference in the plane of living when on earth, one in luxury and the other in poverty. There was the same tinct difference in their death. God says about the rich man that it came to pass that he was buried. However God says that the angels carried Lazarus into Abraham's bosom. In other words, he had angels as pallbearers for his spirit when his body ceased its existence. Then the record tells us there was a tremendous difference in each after death—Lazarus happy in the presence of the pangs of Hades. Thus it appears that they lived, they died, and they lived on after death. From this and other Scriptures we can easily see that the dead do not cease to exist but rather that the soul lives on even after the body has died.

II
THE DEAD ARE NOT IN PURGATORY OR LIMBO. There are those, as you know, who teach that when one dies his soul first into Limbo and then into Purgatory and then still on into Heaven itself, after having suffered somewhat in each of the regions through which he passed. Thus, according to the theology of the Catholics, purgatory and Limbo are two places where the incorrigible of Hell, who would not be corrected in this life, are thus corrected in the next. By this theology of the Catholics, Limbo and Purgatory are as stopovers between death and Heaven.

While this is the teaching of the denomination which claims the greatest patronage of any man called church from the four corners of the world, yet there is not one word of truth in this teaching. There is not one word in all the Bible which would justify the existence of Purgatory or Limbo. In reality, there is not even the faintest hint as to the existence of them. Neither of them are mentioned specifically, nor alluded to.

Thus, it would appear that every Catholic priest who teaches either Limbo or Purgatory is both as existing between Hell and Heaven—I say that as a malicious, and doubtless wilful liar with a terrible power of judgment hanging over his head in view of the fact of his statement in Rev. 21:8. Listen: "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and Whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

I say then, beloved, that neither Limbo nor Purgatory to be found in the Word of God, that the dead are not now in any of these so-called places.

III
FURTHERMORE, THE DEAD ARE NOT IN HELL. I am sure the majority of even professing Christians (Continued on Page Three)

Meditation on Prayer

If radio's slim fingers
Can pluck a melody
From night, and toss it over
A continent or sea.
If the petaled white notes
Of a violin
Are blown across a mountain
Or a city's din.
If songs like crimson roses
Are culled from thin, blue air,
Why should mortals wonder
If God hears prayer?
—Ethel Roming Fuller



Should he feel flattered or ashamed? See Luke 6:26.

WHERE ARE THE DEAD AT PRESENT?

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that when an unsaved man dies he goes at once into Hell. I have heard a man say some- thing ago, in speaking of an un- saved man who died, that this un- saved man's soul was in Hell be- fore the undertaker got to the body with his body. I say, be- lieve in view of many conversa- tions that I have had with many God's people that the major- ity believe that the unsaved at once into Hell immediately after death.

Let this is not true. There is no unsaved person in Hell. There has ever been one in Hell. The Word of God indi- cates that there is a fearful day waiting the unsaved when they will be cast into Hell. The Word of God tells us that some day Hell will be a fearful reality. Listen:

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged according to those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and Hades delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man ac- cording to their works. And death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."—Rev. 20:11-15.

This pictures the judgment of the great white throne which occurs a thousand years after the saints of God have re- ceived their reward. In other words, at the end of the Millen- nium all the unsaved shall be cast into Hell. It is then that Hades shall be emptied. The unsaved shall be judged and follow- ing these that have died with- out Christ will suffer eternally in the lake of fire. Until that time no one shall be in Hell. Many multitudes have without Jesus, not one of them is now in Hell.

IV
THE UNSAVED DEAD ARE IN HADES. I am sure that

what I have said about the un- saved not being in Hell will be surprising and perhaps somewhat confusing to some who have not carefully studied God's Word.

Do not misunderstand me. The unsaved are now in a state of con- scious suffering. They are in Hades and are suffering the pangs of the damned, although they have not been cast into Hell.

Sheol of the Old Testament corresponds to Hades of the New Testament, and in Hades today the unsaved are suffering, await- ing the judgment of the great white throne and then following this, their retribution in Hell. Let me illustrate the difference between Hades and Hell. If a man commits a crime, while he is awaiting trial and the forth- coming judgment he is kept in prison. We usually speak of the county bastille as the jail. After he has been tried and sentenced he is then taken to the peniten- tary. May we remember that Hades is God's jail while Hell is God's penitentiary.

In the story of the rich man and Lazarus already referred to, the rich man was in Hades. He was conscious; he was suffering; he was already in torments. This is likewise true of every unsaved one who dies for each is now con- sciously tormented yet not in Hell but in Hades awaiting the judg- ment of the great white throne and his final punishment.

V
THE RIGHTEOUS DEAD ARE, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEIR DECEASE ON EARTH, TAKEN TO BE WITH THE LORD. While the unsaved dead are cast into Hades awaiting the judgment of the great white throne and Hell itself, the right- eous dead go at once into the very presence of Jesus Himself. It cannot be too strongly stated that the righteous go immedi- ately into the presence of Jesus Christ. Many and abundant are the Scriptures that might be of- fered thus in presenting this truth. Listen:

"And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. And they stoned Stephen calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."—Acts 7:56, 59.

This refers to the death of Ste- phen who died as the first Chris- tian martyr this side of Jesus.

It is apparent that in his dying hours Stephen saw what others could not see,—namely Jesus, and it is still further apparent that when he died he went immedi- ately into the presence of Jesus.

Then there are the words of the Apostle Paul whereby he sought to comfort the Thessalon- ian Christians over the death of their loved ones. Among other things, he said concerning these Christian dead:

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."—I Thes. 4:13, 14.

Here is a positive promise that when Jesus comes he will bring with Him those who have died re- deemed. Since these come with Him when He returns to this earth it is only logical that when a Christian dies he goes immedi- ately to be with Him.

Hear Paul also as he wrote to the church at Corinth. He said:

"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."—II Cor. 5:8.

Notice these words: "present with the Lord," and this is where each Christian is today who has died in Jesus. When he is "ab- sent from the body," he is "pres- ent with the Lord."

The church at Philippi was likewise encouraged in view of death when Paul wrote:

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I will not. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a de- sire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better."—Phil. 1:21-23.

You will notice in this last verse that when a Christian de- parts he goes "to be with Christ."

What a glorious hope is ours as God's people, knowing that whilst the unsaved suffer in Hades awaiting their final retribu- tion, all of God's children go immediately at death into the very presence of Jesus Himself.

As a particular example of this, we hear Jesus saying to the thief who was crucified the same day that Jesus was—we hear Jesus saying to him, "Today shalt thou

be with me in Paradise."—Luke 23:43.

There are two other references to Paradise in the Word of God. Paul told the church at Corinth that Paradise was in the third Heaven which is the Heaven of God's abode. He said:

"It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whe- ther in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I can- not tell: God knoweth;) such a one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whe- ther in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God know- eth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeak- able words, which is not lawful for man to utter."—II Cor. 12:1-4.

John said that the Tree of Life was located in God's Paradise.

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that over- cometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."—Rev. 2:7.

This then would tell us that Paradise is where Jesus is. It is the place of God's abode and it is where the Tree of Life is. Since the thief at death went with Jesus into Paradise then logically all the saints of God should go at death to be with Him.

From the study of these Scrip- tures I insist, beloved, that it can- not be too strongly stated that the saints of God go immediately at death into the presence of Jesus.

I remember a lad who was converted in my early ministry. The balance of his family were unsaved. I remember that this lad sickened a few months after his conversion and after a linger- ing and mysterious illness died. I remember that on the day of his departure, as I stood on one side of his bed with his family gathered about, how he witnessed to those unsaved members of his family. I can hear him now after witnessing thus to them as he turned toward the open window and said, "This lace curtain is all that is between me and Heaven. I am going to be with Jesus." And with that testimony upon his lips, a few minutes later he de- parted to be with Jesus.

Surely the old song thus won-

derfully expresses this truth, when it says:

"Asleep in Jesus! blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep!

A calm and undisturbed repose,
Unbroken by the last of foes!

Asleep in Jesus! O how sweet
To be for such a slumber meet!
With holy confidence to sing
That death has lost his venom- ed sting.

Asleep in Jesus! peaceful rest,
Whose waking is supremely blest!
No fear, no woe, shall dim that hour
That manifests the Saviour's pow'r.

Asleep in Jesus! O for me
May such a blissful refuge be!
Securely shall my ashes lie,
Waiting the summons from on high!

In closing, may I remind you that while this question as to where the dead are at present is an interesting one that there is another question which is far more important. That question is: "Where are you?" While it may be interesting to you, it is not so important to you to know where the dead are at present, yet it is of the greatest of importance that you know just where you stand in God's sight.

I say this in view of the fact that while the dead cannot return to you that you can go to them. Therefore, I insist that it is of ut- most importance that you know now that you are saved, for the only way you can know where you are going when you die is to know that you are already saved while you yet live. If you are sav- ed now, you have the assurance when you die that you go to be with Him.

An old southern mistress lay dying. In her delirium she talked wildly of many things. Finally, she asked, "Is David driving?" He was the servant who had driv- en the family coach for twenty- five years. With tears flowing down his cheeks, he said, "No, Missus, David cannot drive any- more. The Lord has hold of the reins." This can be your experi- ence both in the hour of death and throughout Eternity if you will but receive Him now as your Saviour and Lord.

May God bless you!

Several Reasons Why I Should Not Be A Seventh Day Adventist

The kind of institution to which I prefer to belong is:

1. One which is planted or built by God (the Son). Mt. 16:18.
2. One that is ordained by God (the Son). Mk. 3:14.
3. One that received the Great Commission. Mt. 28:18.
4. One that the gates of Hell shall not prevail against. Mt. 16:18.
5. One whose Head is Jesus Christ. Eph. 1:22.
6. One that believes the seven Ones of Ephesians 4:4-6.
7. One that does not trample underfoot the Lord's Day or God's appointed Day as prophesied in Psalm 118:24.
8. One that is led by the Holy Spirit. Acts 13:2.

In view of this, then I must be a Baptist and not a Seventh Day Adventist.

Milton H. Stone
Pasadena, Calif.

How Prayer Is Answered

I asked the Lord that I might grow
In faith, and love, and every grace;
Might more of His salvation know.
And seek more earnestly His face.

'Twas He who taught me thus to pray,
And He, I trust, has answered prayer;
But it has been in such a way
As almost drove me to despair.

I hoped that in some favored hour
At once He'd answer my request,
And by His love's constraining power
Subdue my will and give me rest.

Instead of this, He made me feel
The hidden evils of my heart;
And let the angry powers of hell
Assault my soul in every part.

Yea, more, with His own hand He seemed
Intent to aggravate my woe;
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed;
Blasted my gourd, and laid me low.

Lord, why is this? I, trembling, cried.
Wilt Thou pursue Thy worm to death?
"Tis in this way," the Lord replied,
"I answer prayer for grace and faith.

"These inward trials I employ
From self and pride to set thee free,
And break thy schemes of earthly joy,
That thou may'st seek thy all in Me."

WHY I AM A BAPTIST AND NOT A HOLY ROLLER

rather than their nearness to Him.

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under the name of Holiness Band, the members of which, however, retained their membership with the churches of whom they were already members. There were also many new converts. By 1896 the movement acquired property. So it was necessary to incorporate."

None of the above churches date back farther than 1886. Hence, theirs are false churches—rivals of the Church of Jesus. Set up 1800 years too late to be genuine.

II

The Holy Rollers are wrong as to apostasy. Cf. John 3:16; John 5:25; John 6:37; John 10:28, 29. Paint, powder, bobbed hair, short dresses, and wedding rings do not send people to Hell. They are preaching the doctrine the Devil preached in Job 1 and 2.

III

The Holy Rollers are wrong in making salvation a matter of works. I believe salvation is apart from works (human effort). Cf. Eph. 2:8, 9; II Tim. 1:8; John 6:28-29. Holy Rollers say that one must keep working or go to Hell.

IV

The Holy Rollers are wrong as to the doctrine of sinless perfection, and second blessing by which the old Adamic nature is completely eradicated. Cf. I John 1:8-10; Rom. 7:15-25.

V

The Holy Rollers are wrong as to what sin is. They don't claim to sin; they claim they make mistakes instead. Note the Word of God—I John 5:17; II Chron. 7:14.

VI

The Holy Rollers are wrong in that they are boasters. They boast of sinlessness for years. Cf. Eph. 2:9. The nearer men came to God in the Bible, the more they abhorred themselves. Cf. Isa. 6:5; Rev. 1:17. In the light of Scripture, their boasts argue their distance from Christ

VII
The Holy Rollers are wrong as to the doctrine of tongues. They chatter worse than a troop of monkeys. There is no similarity between their gibberish and the tongues of Pentecost. At Pentecost real languages were spoken. Not so with Holy Rollers. Holy Roller Missionaries in foreign countries have to learn the language and do not secure such a gift.

VIII

The Holy Rollers are wrong as to disorder. Cf. I Cor. 14:34. Note our text: II Tim. 3:5. I'm glad that I am a Baptist.

GIVING GOD OUR BEST

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surrender to the will of God, the Lord brought a new meaning of Himself, into Abraham's life!

From the day he offered up Isaac, God would be "Jehovah Jiri" unto him, which means, "The Lord will provide."

To every believer who places his best in God's hand, there comes the assurance that "God shall supply all his need, according to His riches in glory, by Christ Jesus"—Phil. 4:19.

The late J. W. Beagle often said—"This Scripture has been my stay and comfort through the years of my pilgrimage"—and so has it been mine—I have never had a need that He did not graciously supply.

Futhermore, God made a new and greater covenant of blessing with Abraham, and to assure him that He would keep His promise He took an oath to fulfill it. Read Gen. 2:15-18; Heb. 6:14-20

Then God made the way for Abraham to be a blessing to the whole world, and in no small way this same will be true in your life and in mine, when we get to the place of full surrender and give God our best. Our service, love, money, certainly affect the world,

when we are surrendered to God's will.

Of are we surprised when the Lord really uses some of us at all. We are so selfish—so self-centered—may He pity some of us!

SOMETHING BETWEEN OURSELVES AND GOD

Blessed with wealth and friends and family, Abraham was not living as closely to God as He desired him to live.

How oft we enjoy the 'blessing' more than we enjoy the great and gracious Giver of that blessing. We receive the gift and forget the Giver.

Abraham loved that 'son' more than he loved the Giver of that son; that son was between that father and God; God would and must have first place—, first love—, first loyalty—, first of everything—God called for just that—Abraham must have been deeply stung, but he stood the test.

After an all-night of weeping, Abraham made the great Surrender and put himself between that son and his God. He put God first and the son last!

But it took an all night of weeping and tears to get that son out of the way, to surrender willingly!

May I ask you, my brother, What is there between you and God that He cannot use you as He would like, in His service?

What is there in your life and in my life which prevents us being great witnesses for Him among men? God help us to put that thing out of our lives, no matter what the cost—, no matter the tears. Grant that we shall like Abraham make the surrender!

When we come to our "all-night" of wrestling and weeping as Abraham must have come—

When we reach our "Jabbok" and spend all night alone with the angel of Jehovah and surrender, as Jacob must have done—

When you and I go out into the darkness of night and alone with God, like Peter, weep our hearts out, then we shall come to the place where God will empower our lives for service and sacrifice!

May God, in His marvelous grace, send me out, if there be anything in my life, I hold too dear for Him, and there like Abraham, make the surrender!

It will take just such an unconditional surrender as Abraham made, before some of us can be used in a great way for the Lord.

God help me to make it. God help you to make such a surrender today!

If God is calling you young man to preach His Gospel of Grace to a dying world, won't you hear that call, then go prepare yourself for that work.

If God is calling you young Christian lady to go as a Missionary to the Lost, won't you answer His call today, then go prepare yourself for that God-given task!

If you and I will have God's best, certainly we must give Him our best!

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failed. Egypt's experience surely illustrates this. Read the book of Esther again and you'll be amazed at God's providential dealings with His people.

OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD OTHERS

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make plain that we do not believe that one should rant and rail and bemean those of other faiths. That is quite different

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from the matter of pointing out their errors in order to show people the truth.

THE NONSENSE THAT IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH CHURCH ONE BELONGS TO—THAT WE ARE "ALL HEADED FOR THE SAME PLACE."

This is arrant nonsense. Two groups of people holding different ways of salvation will not both go to heaven.

THE NONSENSE OF UNIONISM. And this way of people of differing religious beliefs going into a hodge-podge unionistic endeavor is indeed nonsense. Here is what the Bible says about such. Amos 3:3.

WHAT THEN, SHOULD BE OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD OTHERS?

WE SHOULD RESPECT THE RIGHT OF OTHERS TO THEIR WAY OF THINKING. That is the value of religious freedom. To God, people shall be answerable if they think wrongly and follow error.

WE SHOULD NEVER PER-

SECUTE OR SEEK TO USE FORCE TO MAKE PEOPLE COME TO OUR POSITION. This never convinces anybody. The Roman Catholic Church has cherished countless numbers cause they would not accept faith. (cf. The Spanish Inquisition.)

WE SHOULD NOT SEEK TO PREVENT OTHERS FROM FOLLOWING CHRIST, even though they do not march in Baptist ranks. (See Luke 9:50). We must admit that there are devout believers who are identified with other churches that are spiritually superior to some who bear the name Baptist, but are no-account and dishonored name.

WE SHOULD DISTINGUISH BETWEEN PEOPLE AND PRINCIPLES. We may be Catholics and at the same time abominate the Catholic system of religion. Just as we may be a man or woman and at the same time abhor the small-pox or measles with which he is afflicted and which threatens his life.

WE SHOULD BOLDLY POSE FALSEHOOD AND ERROR AND SHOULD SEEK TO GET PEOPLE TO TURN FROM IT, no matter what denomination it hits or what criticism we receive for such. Moreover, we should not be tolerant and cusing in our attitude, nor should we do anything to help it along. (See II John 9-11) Note that people hold not the doctrine of Christ (Christ for salvation) are not to give shelter to such; they should not be admitted to our homes to spout their heresies.

WE SHOULD SEEK TO COMBAT HERESY AS STOP THE MOUTHS OF HERETICS. See Titus 1:9. Not by FORCE, but by overwhelming truth of argument. It is not right—indeed it is a criminal for us to let the community be flooded with teaching while doing nothing to warn people of its danger. Out bitterness or anger, we set to defend the truth. Paul said: "I am set for the DEFENSE of the gospel."

HOW OUR FRIENDS FEEL

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brings such doctrine as it follows has brought."—C. L. Jamison, Normantown, W. Va.

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