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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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## When The Church Marries Hollywood!

### The Importance Of Distinguishing Truth From Error And How To Do It

Just as the man is represented in Matt. 13 as sowing "tares" in the wheat, so Satan is busy sowing error among the truth. Many Christians hold just about as much error as they do truth, and their lives are injured and their



Roy Mason, Tampa, Fla.

fluence for good greatly restricted because of this. Indeed, we have seen some people whose "hides" were just bloated with error, until we wondered why they didn't bust without a loud explosion. Others there are whose doctrinal content is to be compared to "hash." Scraps of Russellism, Adventism, Holy Rollism, were mixed with Baptist doctrine and Methodist doctrine,

#### Some Signs That People Are Full Of Error

1. The expression, "One church is just as good as another — it doesn't matter which church you belong to," shows that the person uttering it is stuffed full of error. God says (Ephes. 4:4): "There is ONE BODY" and He is there referring to the church Jesus founded. Some other one is not as good.

2. Lack of intense conviction is another sign of error. When people don't believe strongly enough to contend for their faith, they are certainly not saturated with the truth. Jude 3: "Contend earnestly for the faith."

#### How To Fill Up With Error

1. Neglect to read and study for yourself. You'll have to take your notions by heresy and second hand then. (II Tim. 2:15). This passage tells us that we are to STUDY so we can "rightly di-

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According to a news report published in the Denver Post, July 19, 1946, United Press release under New York dateline of the same date, a certain "young British vicar" is "Hollywood-bound." This high official of Holy Trinity (Church of England) at Aylesbury, "a pioneer in religious films," has a big idea, and he is in the U. S. A. to work it out.

The idea is to find some courageous Hollywood film producer who will put up the cash on producing a "colossal" full-length feature picture of the Life of



R. Nelson Colyar

Jesus. And you will agree that that is some big idea. Yes, sir, and if he can convince the sought after producer that there are a few million dollars profit in the deal, he will surely be able to find just the one with "enough courage" to make it.

There are plenty of church folk in the U. S. who have definite ideas on the character of Hollywood productions. There are

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#### Mused Uncle Mose

Hit wouldn't be near as hard to preach a funeral ef de relates wuz not present.

### How To Have A Genuine Revival In Any Community Of The World

Dr. R. A. Torrey, the famous evangelist, gave a plan for bringing to pass a revival in any church or community throughout the world. Dr. Torrey declared that the plan had never failed to work. He even went so far as to say that "it cannot fail," if the suggestions are faithfully followed. Here is Dr. Torrey's statement:

"I can give a prescription that will bring a revival to any church or community or any city on earth.

"First, let a few Christians (they need not be many) get thoroughly right with God themselves. This is the prime essential! If this is not done, the rest that I am to say will come to nothing.

"Second, let them bind themselves together in a prayer group to pray for a revival until God opens the heavens and comes down.

"Third, let them put themselves at the disposal of God for Him to use as He sees fit in winning others to Christ. That is all!"

#### HAVE YOU?

Have you ever known a man to lose his job because he was a teetotaler? Have you ever known a doctor to say to a patient: "You would have a far better chance of recovery if you had been a beer-drinker?"

Have you ever heard a woman say that her husband would have been a better man to his children, if he had spent more time in the beer-parlors?

Have you ever heard children complain that they were robbed of their chances in life through

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"This is sure to bring a revival to any church or community. I have given this prescription around the world. It has been taken by many churches and many communities, and in no instance has it ever failed; and it cannot fail!"

The great and crying need for our country at the present moment is another great spiritual awakening. You can have a real share in helping to bring about another great revival by forming one or more prayer groups in your community.

The prayer groups need not be large numerically. During the revival in Korea it was found that a group of four people, or even three people, was most effective

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### "Salvation By Sacrifice As Seen In Jonah"

"Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them.

"Wherefore they cried unto the Lord, and said, We beseech thee, O Lord, we beseech thee let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O Lord, hast done as it pleased thee.

"So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging." — Jonah 1:13, 14, 15.

As you all know, the book of Jonah has been the battle ground

for destructive criticism. I need not say this morning in view of this, that I accept and believe every word recorded not only in this book of Jonah, but in all the Word of God as well. However, since there are many who put not just one question mark, but many question marks about this book of Jonah, let me say at the very outset of this message that I accept it literally. All the events found within this book I believe took place just like God says.

If you will read this book of Jonah carefully, you will find that Jonah previous to this ex-

perience was a faithful prophet of God. I do not think there is a doubt as to his faithfulness to God previous to the writing of this book. However, this book of Jonah tells us of a call that came to him from God to preach to the people of the city of Nineveh. It tells us that Jonah, instead of going to Nineveh, went in the opposite direction. He would only have had to go five hundred miles or thereabout to have done what God wanted him to do, but he went a thousand miles in the opposite direction to keep from doing the task God had for him.

If you will read the story, you will find that Jonah went down

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### His Coming Is Near

*Out in the world the dark clouds are gathering,  
Peace looks far off, all hearts full of fear;  
But in the harbor God's folks rest in safety,  
For all things point to, that His coming is near.*

*Out in the world is all discontentment,  
Nations are weakening, and hearts are in pain;  
But in the harbor, God's folks are just watching,  
And thrilled with the promise, He's coming again.*

*Out in the world there is hunger and madness,  
Cruelty, deception and all kinds of sin;  
But in the harbor there's soul satisfaction,  
Who by the Cross, have entered therein.*

*Out in the world they distrust one another,  
They will not heed warnings, or even pray;  
But in the harbor, they're all safely anchored,  
Watching and waiting that glorious day.*

*He tells those in safety to watch, and keep praying,  
To not be discouraged for things not well done;  
That they'll be rewarded for all of their trials,  
When He comes to take His faithful ones home.*

—Virginia Lee McKinnon

### No Confidence Is Placed In Those Who Are Always Changing The Tune

When the Japanese were in control in a certain area of the Philippines, the conquered Filipinos, in spite of their condition, continued to have their fiestas from time to time.

According to custom, during a fiesta the local band of musicians went through the neighborhood playing lively tunes. By a coincidence the band was passing a house which, unknown to them, was being used as a guerrilla headquarters. When the guerrillas inside heard the brass-throated music they rushed out of the house, surrounded the musicians and demanded that "The Star Spangled Banner" be played at once. This the players were compelled to do on pain of having their throats cut as collaborators

with the Japanese. So the trembling musicians played "The Star Spangled Banner" in Japanese-controlled territory.

But immediately, with only a pause long enough for breath, they started to play some other tune quickly. This was done so that if the Japanese heard the music they might, even if they recognized the forbidden tune, believe that they had been mistaken.

This story, as told to me by a Filipino farmer, makes me think of a great many Christians. They play the Gospel tune cowardly in the midst of the kingdom of evil.

The people in the ancient city, described in the Acts of the Apostles, said of Paul and Silas, "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also" (Acts 17:7). They recognized the tune for what it is: a call to battle. Sin and evil may hush it for a time, but if this song be played often enough and long enough it will bring a response from the people, and with the help of God they will become free.

—"Herald of Faith"

#### FOOLS OF THE BIBLE

1. Atheist Fool—"There is no God" (Psa. 14:1).

2. Ignorant Fool—"despise wisdom" (Prov. 1:7).

3. Industrious Fool—"build greater barns" (Luke 12:16-20).

4. Self-confident Fool—"Professing themselves to be wise" (Rom. 1:22).

5. Self-righteous Fool—"right in his own eyes" (Prov. 12:15).

6. Shameless Fool—"make a mock at sin" (Prov. 14:9).

7. Christian Fool—"fools for Christ's sake" (1 Cor. 4:10)—Ferne Hammar.



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## HAVE YOU?

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Have you ever known of a man accused of crime attempting to excuse himself with the plea: "If I had been drunk I would never have done it"?

Have you ever heard of an employer looking for a man for a responsible position who said: "Give me a drinker every time"?

Have you ever known a woman say in explanation of unhappiness at home: "My husband would be the best man in the world if only he was not a teetotaler; that spoils him"?

Have you ever heard of an insurance company which offers reduced premium rates to drinkers?

Have you ever known of a community that listed among its assets the number of beer-parlors within its borders?

Have you ever known a chief of police advocate the opening of more beverage rooms as a method of reducing crime?

—The Young Soldier

## DISTINGUISHING TRUTH FROM ERROR

(Continued from page one) vide the word of truth." Divide law from grace; divide the different dispensations from each other; divide what is spoken for the Jews from that spoken to the church, etc.

2. Become a church tramp. Tramp to a Holy Roller meeting Monday night; take in a union revival Tuesday night; go to some other denomination's prayer meeting Wednesday night, and just ramble around from place to place, where all sorts of different and contradictory things are taught and preached, and you will become a receptacle for theological "hash." We have seen some samples of the ruination caused by this very thing. We know some persons who never tie to anything — they don't half way know what they are, they are so filled with conglomerate ideas.

3. Gulp down any and all kinds of literature.

Many people will read anything just so it talks about God and Jesus and has a pious tone. Lots of people get to read unity literature and because it sounds "sweet" they are taken in. No one should buy a book on religion, or read literature without knowing something about who is putting it out. Certainly one wouldn't move into a new house and upon finding some bottles of medicine in the cabinet just take them without knowing

whether or not they were poisons.

## A Twofold Source Of Error

The twofold source of most of the religious error abroad in the world is indicated in Matt. 22:19 (also Mark 12:24,27). Analyze this passage and you will find that it is—

1. Failure to know the Scriptures. "Not knowing the Scriptures."

2. Failure to know the power of God. "—nor the power of God."

The person who knows the (Continued on page four)

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to Joppa, bought a ticket going in the opposite direction, and then in order that he might be able to completely get away from God, he went down into the hull of the vessel and went fast asleep.

Beloved, remember this morning that God sails the ocean just the same as He walks upon the land. Out there that vessel that Jonah was in, began to toss about until it looked as though it were going down to the bottom of the sea. When the mariners, in their heathen superstition, realized that something had to be done, they cast lots that they might find out the "why" of their disaster and who was the cause of the trouble. Through the providence of God, that lot fell upon Jonah, and he confessed to them that he was fleeing from the Lord. When Jonah made this confession that he was a man of God, yet he fled from the Lord, these heathen mariners were frightened and they endeavored all the more that they might save his life, the vessel, and their own lives.

The Word of God tells us that they began to row more vigorously and they set themselves to the task more earnestly of saving themselves, and the vessel, as well as Jonah. However, all their efforts were in vain. God had ruled otherwise, and you just can not go contrary to the providence of God.

When it looked as though nothing else could be done, but that all of them would go down into the depths of the ocean, old Jonah told them to cast him overboard. Yet they refused, still trying to save his life. However, the Word of God tells us that when it became impossible for them to row one bit more, and when it seemed there was nothing else that could be done — when they had done everything they could otherwise—they then took Jonah up and cast him over into the sea, and immediately a calm came over that ocean the like of which I imagine those heathen mariners had never seen before. With Jonah gone out of sight, the sea became a perfect calm, the waves ceased in their raging, the vessel righted itself, and the mariners realized they had been saved by the sacrificing of Jonah.

As I say, beloved, I believe every word of this book of Jonah literally. However, this morning I want us to use this as an illustration of salvation through the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## I

I WISH YOU WOULD NOTICE THAT THE SHIP WAS DEFINITELY TOSSED ABOUT ON THE SEA. Can't you imagine that ship as it would ride down into the trough of one wave and up into the crest of another, and then immediately down into the trough of another wave and up on the crest of another — can't you see that old ship that Jonah was in, tossed about on the ocean. Well, beloved, that certainly pic-

tures to us the unsaved as they are tossed on the sea of conviction. The unsaved man ordinarily before conviction begins, is not tossed in the least by the Lord. In fact, the Word of God says he is dead. Listen:

"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins." — Eph. 2:1.

Every unsaved man before conviction begins, is dead spiritually; he is not tossed about at all. But beloved, you let an unsaved man come into the house of God to hear a message from the Lord and allow that message to lodge in his heart and conviction begin, and you will see that man begin to be tossed about on the sea of conviction just like Jonah was tossed about in this vessel on the sea.

I remember several years ago, I think doubtlessly it was the first summer of my pastorate here in Russell, a young Catholic woman heard me preach one night. Humanly speaking, you would say it was by chance, though God was directing. It was one of the first gospel sermons she had heard in her life. That night I preached on Gal. 6:7,8—"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Some three weeks passed by before that woman was saved. Standing down here on the sidewalk near to the bank building after a service some three weeks later, I led that woman to the Lord Jesus Christ. She told me the night she was saved, that from the first time she had heard me preach that conviction began in her heart and that during the interim she could not eat, sleep, or work — she was tossed about on the sea of conviction.

I remember a barber here in town several years ago attending a service one night. We were then rebuilding our church building and meeting in the schoolhouse, and as he went out the door, I spoke to him and said just a word to him for Jesus. I retired as soon as I went home, and was just getting to sleep when the phone rang, and the message was that I was wanted at the home of this particular individual. When I got to his home, I found a man who was certainly tossed about upon the sea of conviction if ever a person were. You talk about the Philippians being saved and baptized at the midnight hour — the only thing lacking in our experience was that I did not baptize him in the midnight hour, but just about the time of midnight, I led that man to the Lord Jesus Christ, who had been tossed about on the sea of conviction.

I remember I preached several months ago on the subject "The Valley of Dead Dry Bones," using, of course, Ezekiel's prophecy. In doing so, I made mention that this prophecy, while it primarily referred to the regathering of the Jewish nation, likewise illustrated the truth of salvation by grace — that every sinner is dead in sins, and only by the grace of God could he be made alive. A man who works here on the railroad was in the service that night. That man, prior to that time in all of his experience of thirty-nine years, had never been interested in the cause of Jesus Christ. The next day he went out here on the road and told a friend of mine that that was the first message that had ever brought conviction to him, and for three weeks he was tossed about until he confessed Jesus Christ.

I look back upon Jonah in that

## THERE IS A REASON, ROM. 8:28

For every pain that we must bear,  
For every sorrow, every care,  
There is a reason.

For every falsehood that is said,  
For every tear drop that is shed,  
There is a reason.

For every grief, for every trial,  
For every weary, lonely mile,  
There is a reason.

But if we trust Him as we should  
All will work out for our good.  
God knows the reason.

vessel, with the vessel tossing hither and yon, and I say that it certainly does illustrate the sinner as he is tossed in his conviction. Happy that sinner, my brother, who has reached the stage where he is tossed on the sea of conviction. Many a man never comes to that place. I dare say there are men and women within this town who have never been tossed about by conviction.

Some folk come to the house of God and they get uneasy, they get restless, and they leave the house of God not understanding what it is — they do not realize it is God speaking to them.

A woman said to me here in Russell sometime ago, "I just can't come to hear you preach, for every time I hear you preach, you make me so nervous, I can't sleep for days afterward." She didn't mean anything disrespectful to me in the least; she merely meant the message that I preached brought conviction to her heart and as a result she was miserable. Happy is that individual who has reached the stage that he is tossed about on the sea of conviction.

May I say also, beloved, happy is the individual who has not passed beyond the stage of conviction. Listen:

"Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness." — Eph. 4:19.

The words "past feeling" in the literal Greek mean "beyond pain." There isn't anybody in all the world who believes more strongly in the doctrine of election than I. I have a conviction that everyone whom God elected to salvation before the foundation of the world — I have a conviction that every one of them will be saved, without an exception. I do not doubt that any of them will come to the Lord Jesus Christ, but I do say that there are individuals who have a general call of the Holy Spirit and who are generally convicted of their sins, who crowd the work of the Lord out of their lives and the Holy Spirit's voice is stifled so they come to the place that conviction is no more, and like these of whom Paul speaks, they hear the Word of God, but without feeling.

## II

I WANT YOU TO NOTICE THAT THESE SAILORS MADE A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO SAVE THEMSELVES. When they were tossed about on the sea, they did everything they could; they labored violently, they tugged desperately at the oars, and with much physical exertion they tried their best to save themselves.

Isn't that exactly the way most awakened lost men do? Isn't it

true that every awakened sinner struggles to obtain eternal life just exactly like these mariners struggled to save themselves? Why, beloved, their exertions are all that they did was for the purpose of saving their lives, as they did everything they could to do so. Every unsaved man, just soon as conviction becomes a part of him, begins to do all he can and puts forth every effort possible that he might be able to save himself eternally.

Look at the drunkard. Watch him reform. I have seen men of right here in this town renounce the cup and espouse total abstinence to try to save themselves.

I can remember a man who was an awful blasphemer. I have seen that man reform and never speak an ill word for weeks at a time trying to save himself.

Oh, listen to me, beloved, those mariners did all they could to save themselves, so the awakened sinner does all he can to obtain eternal life. He will reform, but even after his reformation, he is still a sinner. You can't take that watch and polish it on the outside, but it will still refuse to keep correct time. Here's a man who wash his face with soap and water until his flesh is ever so clean, and yet his heart remains black just the same. Here's a leper who is suffering from his malady of leprosy — you wash him on the outside and put on good clothes upon him, but he is still a leper. My brother, you can't take a sinner and reform him on the outside — he can quit drinking, swearing, all of his meanness on the outside, but he is still a sinner on the inside. He hasn't changed a bit. I say, beloved, that in trying to save themselves, these mariners certainly illustrate the way in which awakened sinners struggle to obtain eternal life.

Then there are others who turn to good deeds and think by their good works they will be able to obtain eternal life. I remember a local woman several years ago who was sick and who went to the hospital. I visited her after she had been operated on. She said to me, "When I was getting ready to go to the hospital, I was worried about my condition. I sat down and counted up all the good works and good deeds I had ever done, and after I had counted up all these, I was afraid to be operated on." Here was a woman who was depending upon her deeds rather than upon the death of our Lord Jesus Christ. She, my brother, is just like many individuals, for there are many all over the world who are depending upon their good deeds as a means of going to Heaven. However, the Word of

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God speaks otherwise. Listen:  
"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." — Rom. 2:28.

"But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." — Rom. 4:5.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." — Eph. 2:8.

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit." — Titus 3:5.

"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began." — Tim. 1:9.

Beloved, as those sailors were unable to save themselves despite all their efforts at the oars as they tugged away in trying to save the ship — as their efforts were futile, so the efforts of the awakened sinner are futile in obtaining eternal life when he is trying to do so on the basis of his own good deeds.

I say, beloved, when a man is awakened, he will try anything in order to be saved. Some try reformation, others try their good deeds, and still again others will try praying, and they think that through their prayers they are going to be saved.

It is necessary quite often that I visit in Catholic hospitals, and only of recent date I was in a Catholic hospital visiting a man who was seriously ill. In the bed next to him lay a man with a long string of black beads around his neck. While I stood talking to my friend, my eyes wandered over to the man in the next bed, and I noticed him place his hands on a bead and his lips began to move. Presently I noticed him put his hands upon another bead and his lips began to move again.

I asked him for an explanation of his substance that his hope of heaven depending upon his praying and the saying of prayers as beads, counting them one by one.

Oh, may I say to you this morning, beloved, a man's knees may become hard as a camel's from so much praying, and yet without Jesus Christ this cannot avail.

We have a good example of this in the New Testament in the tenth chapter of the book of Acts where we read of a man who did a lot of praying, and yet was unsaved. Listen:

"There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a cen-

turion of the band called the Italian band, a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always." — Acts 10:1,2.

The word "always" in the Greek means "every day." He was an every day prayer, yet, my brother, he was lost, for in the next chapter we read that God said to him:

"Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved." — Acts 11:14.

In spite of the fact that he was a praying man, he was unsaved. Oh, brother, listen to me this morning, when a man is awakened and begins to be tossed about on the sea of conviction, he will try most anything in the world in order to obtain eternal life, just like these mariners who strove with all the energy of their being in order that they might save their lives.

Though a man may try reformation, good deeds, and though he may try to save himself by praying, he will find that his efforts are just as valueless as were the efforts of these mariners in an attempt to bring the boat to land.

## III

I WANT YOU TO NOTICE HOW THESE SAILORS FAILED. With all their effort they could not cause that vessel to weather the storm. In spite of everything they did, they realized the vessel was being torn to pieces by the waves and that it would soon go down to the bottom of the sea. Beloved, with all man's efforts and with all his striving after salvation, no sinner can ever find it in his own works and by his own efforts. He may reform, he may try to do good deeds, he may try praying, he may even try all sorts of religion, and yet he realizes that the farther he goes, the farther he is from salvation. He is just like these sailors — the farther they went, the worse condition they found themselves in, and when they finally saw that their vessel was going to the depths of the sea, they knew then that they had failed and failed completely.

Listen to me this morning, many and many a man tries and tries to save himself and in the end comes to the place that he realizes that he has failed completely before God in the matter of salvation.

Here's an individual who has an oven that he wants to heat where- by he will be able to bake his bread, and he and all his neighbors labor with all their might to carry snow that they might be able to heat that oven. Despite the fact that they may labor for days in order to heat that oven with snow, they fail because what they are doing is contrary to the laws of nature, and the man who

tries to save himself, fails completely since man's works is contrary to God's plan of salvation.

Back in the days when I was in college I used to enjoy reading Greek mythology. I recall very definitely how the daughters of Danaus were sentenced to Hell, and, one of the punishments of Hell was that they were to fill a bottomless tub with buckets that were filled with holes. You can imagine how an individual might labor and never be able to fill a bottomless tub when they were trying to fill it with buckets that had holes in them.

My unsaved friend, your efforts in saving yourself, are just as valueless. An individual can fill a bottomless tub with a bucket that has holes in it as easily as you can save yourself by your own good works, or by religion, or by praying, or by reformation, or anything else you may try to do. These sailors failed in trying to save themselves, and you will fail in your effort to save yourself.

## IV

FINALLY, THE SAILORS FOUND THAT THEIR ONLY WAY OF SAFETY WAS TO SACRIFICE JONAH. When they could do nothing else, they took Jonah and threw him into the midst of the sea, and the sea became a calm. Notice it was by substitution that these mariners were saved, and brother, by the substitution of Jesus Christ at Calvary sinners are saved today. Here's a vessel in which Jonah was riding, tossing on the sea and it looked as though it would be sent to the bottom of the ocean, but when those sailors tossed Jonah overboard, the drowning of one man meant the salvation of all the balance on board that vessel, for the sea became calm and all the balance were saved. I say to you this morning that as that crowd on board that vessel were saved by the sacrificing of Jonah, so you and I and all those who get to Heaven, will get there because of the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

It is rather interesting to notice that Jonah was willing to be sacrificed, and that he asked the mariners to throw him overboard. It is even more interesting to see that the Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be sacrificed. We read: "Lo I come to thy will, O God." — Heb. 10:9.

Oh, don't you see this picture this morning? These men could not save themselves though they tried desperately to do so. Then as a last resort, they sacrificed Jonah and were saved. A sinner tries to save himself by his efforts, and finally after he has failed to do so, as a last resort, he receives the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and salvation becomes his. Listen:

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." — I Cor. 15:3.

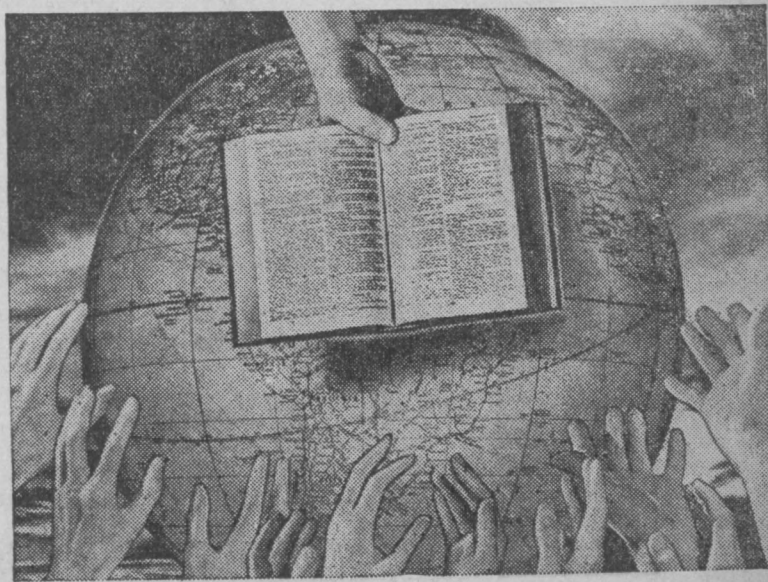
"For he hath made him who knew no sin, to be sin for us; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." — II Cor. 5:21.

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

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit." — I Peter 3:18.

I say, beloved, as Jonah was sacrificed and all on board that vessel were saved, Jesus willingly gave Himself as a sacrifice before God that all the elect of all

## There are still many without it!



ages from the day of Adam — all of Adam's elected descendants might be saved by the sacrifice of the Son of God.

Can't you imagine what happened as soon as Jonah hit the water? Why that sea that had been tossing and the vessel that had been riding from the crest of one wave down into the trough of another — that vessel immediately ceased its tossing, and there came a calm over the ocean just as soon as Jonah was cast therein. My brother, this morning I haven't the words to tell you of the peace that comes into the human heart when one learns that Jesus Christ has been cast into the sea of Divine wrath on his account. I tell you there are not enough words in all the dictionary for me to describe sufficiently the peace that fills the soul when a man realizes that the Son of God has been cast into the sea of Divine wrath in his behalf. There is a calm — a peace the world knows nothing about that floods the soul.

What else was there left for the sailors to do? Absolutely nothing. When Jonah was thrown overboard they could throw their oars away as far as they were concerned. Calm came to the sea, peace to the vessel, and safety to all those within. They had toiled and pulled at the oars to save the vessel, and now that they had sacrificed Jonah the vessel became perfectly quiet as the sea itself became a perfect calm, and there was nothing more for the mariners to do.

When a man realizes that Jesus has become his Savior, thank God there isn't a thing else for the sinner to do — everything has been done that could be done or that should be done for the salvation of a lost soul. Listen:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." — John 5:24.

Trust Him and salvation is yours.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." — John 6:47.

There wasn't anything else left for those sailors to do, and when a man receives Jesus Christ by faith, there isn't anything left for him to do, for salvation is his right then.

I was reading this morning in the book of Revelation after I came to the church. I was reading about that angel that John saw standing with one foot on the land and one foot in the sea, and without entering into a discussion as to what it meant, I thought what an illustration of the sinner, for there stood the

angel with one foot on the land and one foot in the sea. He was not resting fully in the sea nor on land — he was divided. That's just the way the average sinner is today. The average sinner is resting with maybe one foot on Jesus and one foot on religion; or one foot on Jesus and one foot on prayer; one foot on Jesus and one foot on his good works; one foot on Jesus and one foot on reformation. Listen, my brother, put both feet on the solid rock — on the Lord Jesus Christ — stand on Him and there is nothing more for the sinner to do. When the mariners sacrificed Jonah there wasn't anything else for them to do, and when you receive Jesus Christ as your sacrifice, there isn't anything else for you to do — you are saved then for time and for eternity.

I wonder this morning how many of you ever counted the number of chapters in the Bible. Well, I went back this past week and counted again. I was confused in my mind, and so I counted them again. There are 1189 from Genesis I through Rev. 22, and as I was counting, this thought came to my mind: Three of those chapters tell us whence we came, and 1186 of them tell us where we are going and how to get ready. I know where I'm going and that I'm ready. I wonder about you. I wonder this morning if you are ready to meet Him. There are just two ways to get out of this world — to get out with Jesus as your Saviour, or to get out without Jesus as your Saviour. I wonder which way is your way today?

Some few months ago I was reading a description of that fatal night in Chicago years ago when fire swept through the entire city with the destruction of thousands of dollars of property and hundreds of lives, and as I was reading the story of that fire, it was called to my attention that on that night D. L. Moody had preached in the city of Chicago to a mighty throng of people, and as he finished his sermon, Mr. Sankey, who always worked with Moody conducting his song service, closed the service that night with that old song:

"Today the Saviour calls;  
For refuge fly,  
The storm of vengeance falls  
And death is nigh."

That service came to a close and many who heard that sermon were consumed by the flames and before the dawn of another day they were in eternity.

Let me beseech you this morning — you that know not Jesus Christ as your Saviour — let me plead with you that you turn to Jesus today and make Him your Saviour and your Lord. Do not delay. May God bless you.

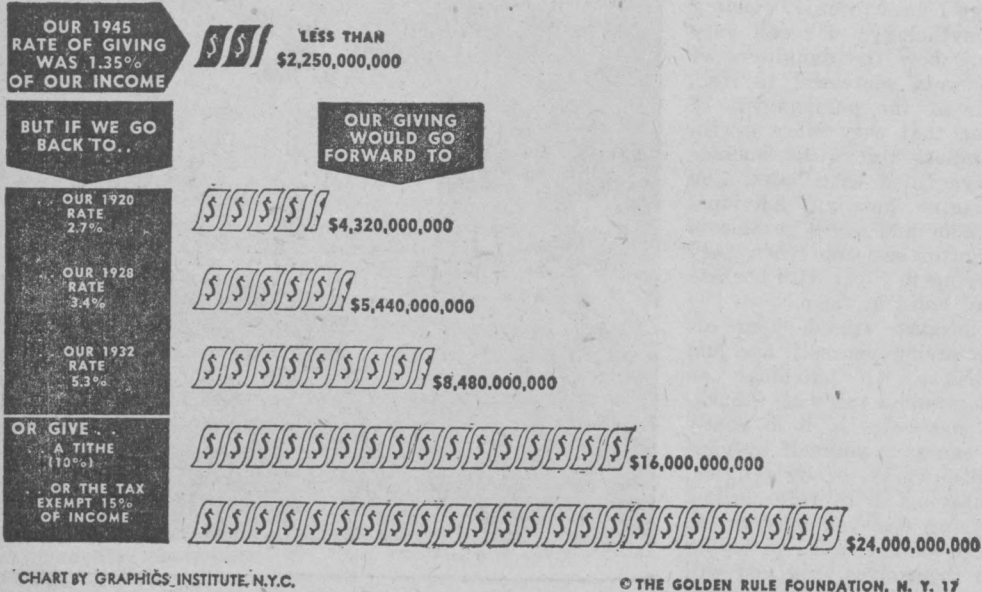
## If He Should Come Today

If He should come today,  
And find I had not told,  
One soul about my Heavenly Friend,  
Who all my ways attends;  
What would I say?  
If He should come today,  
Would I be glad, quite glad?  
Knowing He had died for all,  
He had died for all,  
And none through me had heard His call;  
What would He say?

—Selected



## OUR UNDEVELOPED RESOURCES



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### WHEN THE CHURCH MARRIES HOLLYWOOD

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plenty of preachers who attend the movies more or less regularly, and who can recommend the "best" pictures to their church memberships, who would gladly proffer their assistance to Hollywood in making the proposed picture. Naturally not too many picture show going preachers know overly much of the subject: but wouldn't it be smart to play a part in the casting of the film? Boy, how their parishioners' eyes will bug when they see their pastor, vicar, rector, bishop, archbishop, and/or pope on the screen! Idea? It's a daffadowndilly of the family Amaryllidaceae, a veritable Narcissus poeticus in the bud. The preacher that will not take his congregation to see that picture will be judged a back-number, a narrow-minded reactionary, opposed to all progress, and unfit for the ministry. Much of the churchman of our land is already picture show-minded and hell-bent on it. And woe to the humble, Bible-believing, Christ-honoring preachers and church members who refuse to sing the praises of the Hollywood made "full length picture of the life of Jesus." What sinners they will be? Then will it come to pass that Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah will come near and smite the preacher that cries out against this popularization of heresies on the cheek, and say: "Which way went the Spirit of the Lord from me to speak unto thee?" (Now read II Chr. 18:1-34 for a full-length picture of this scene, and weep.) The movie-going church-crowd will cry down the true ministers of the Gospel, as did wicked King Ahab the true prophet Micaiah: "Put this fellow (contemptuous reference) in the prison, and feed him with the bread of affliction and with water of affliction."

(Every pastor will be receiving requests to make the announcement in his church bulletin or from his pulpit when this picture comes to town. This pastor files one or more announcement requests in the waste basket every week. Its really remarkable how many individuals and institutions want to use the pulpit to advertise their business.) Of course the Hollywood producer will not need to adhere to the truth as it is portrayed in the Scripture about the life of Jesus Christ, in making the picture. If he did it would take courage indeed to film a full-length picture of the life of Jesus Christ. You can rest assured of one thing about this proposed picture, if it is ever film-

ed: it will not portray the whole truth and nothing but the truth about Jesus Christ.

I can hear some churchmen retort: "How dare you question the veracity — Why do you judge the matter in advance, etc., etc.?"

In the first instance, the very idea itself, i. e., having a full-length picture of the life of Christ made in Hollywood, issues forth from a spiritually bankrupt churchman that has long since lost its spiritual force, if indeed it ever had the favor of the Holy Spirit of God. The churchman of England is not better off in this respect than that of the United States. And the churchman of America is wormeaten with worldliness, shot through and through with false doctrine, watered down in modernism, and turning very noticeably pink with the red, radical socialism of Karl Marx. Yes, Mr. Hession, Vicar of Holy Trinity (Church of England), you have rightly discerned the trend of the times and you have come to the right place, the great old U. S. A. Your country came out of World War II a near-socialist state; and our country now has been veering in same direction for considerably more than a decade. And our Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America (a title, not a declaration) is in for it "tooth and nail." You will get help here to mature your big idea, just as you get help here for about everything else, recently, for instance, to the tune of \$3,750,000,000. A few hundred thousand dollars for your picture or a few million as to that, will be only a drop in the bucket. Moreover, you have come to the right place for talent, too: talent that will popularize both your picture and your country's socialism. Now, there is, for example, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, who recently unburdened himself to the overtaxing responsibilities of his Riverside Church pastorate, for many years star radio speaker for the Federal Council. Why not cast him in the role of Jesus Christ? There is not a more popular infidel in our midst than Mr. Fosdick. And admittedly he is a man of big ideas and pleasing personality. He will get the crowds. Of course he doesn't believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ. Nor does he believe in the resurrection of the flesh, i. e., the bodily resurrection either of Jesus Christ or of anyone else. But that will not matter materially for the purpose of your picture. Not too many of the church members of America believe in these old-fashioned verities of our Christian faith either. You see, in America, the

picture that gets the loudest applause is judged the greatest success. Harry can serve you best, perhaps, in this respect of all the American pulpits. He is a self-confessed modernist. He has the courage to deny the deity of Jesus Christ. He does it and gets away with it in a big way over here. That makes him a hero to begin with, quite a valuable asset to any producer where the people accept popular acclaim for success.

What will the preacher — church member picture show lovers say of Hollywood as a place to film the "life of Jesus?" "Life of Jesus" here is quoted from a quotation from the young British vicar, in the news item above referred to. He does not say, the life of Jesus Christ; but "the life of Jesus." We presume he is speaking of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We do not want to commit the vicar to this all-important doctrine, especially since this quotation from him does not commit him to the proposition that Jesus is the Christ. Just what this proposed "feature film of the life of Jesus" will make of our Lord and Savior remains to be seen. Will Jesus be portrayed as the world's Savior who died a vicarious death on the cross of Calvary, redeeming sinners by His blood? Or will He set forth simply as a great teacher whose teaching will be interpreted as the fundamental principles of a new, socialistic world order?

The vicar is reported as saying such a film would be a "great weapon of evangelism." Evangelism is the motif. Ostensibly, the making of converts is the objective. Converts to whom? To what? Is this picture to be a preaching of genuine, old-fashioned evangelical Christianity, as it is so perfectly taught and practiced in the life of Jesus Christ? Or is it to use the good name of Jesus Christ with its popular acceptance among millions for propaganda purposes, e. g., to promote and establish a modernistic-socialistic world-state?

In the second instance, that my readers might get a proper perspective of Hollywood as the environment for filming such a picture, I recommend for their reading these three books: "Our Movie Made Children," by Henry James Forman (1933); "Hell Over Hollywood, the Truth About the Movies" (1942), by Dan Gilbert, LL. D.; and "What Is Wrong With the Movies?" (1938) by John R. Rice, D. D.

One paragraph from "Hell Over Hollywood" will indicate the character and influence of the place. "The rise of the Nazi dictatorship in Germany brought to

the social and political top the motley crew of degenerates, criminals and dope addicts who were perversely attracted by Hitler's special brand of fanaticism, lechery and sadism. The rise of the 'Hollywood influence' in America has established a sort of uncrowned and unofficial dictatorship over the manners and morals, the standards and tastes, the modes of dress and speech, the way of thought and conduct, of the American people. The personnel of the Hollywood 'aristocracy' includes a strange assortment of aliens." (p. 11).

A paragraph from "What Is Wrong With the Movies?" will indicate what one who played the crime game and lost thought of the movies. The movies incite to sin. "That was the case of Raymond Hamilton, electrocuted in May, 1935, in Texas for murder, after a brief but terrible career of murder, robbery, escape from prison, recapture, and retrials. With about four hundred years in prison sentences against him, he was finally sentenced to die in the electric chair at the age of twenty-two. A newspaper reporter who interviewed him before his death in the chair quoted him as follows: 'I can't tell you how to raise your children, but I know I learned a lot about hijacking and bank robbing at the movies.'"

The blood of a thousand Raymond Hamiltons is on Hollywood! And the blood of the same thousand Raymond Hamiltons is on the hands of the preachers and church members who help finance and popularize Hollywood by their picture show attendance!

And some of you picture-show going preachers who go there to fill your minds with the view of near-naked men and women, following each cleverly executed scene of suggested lewdness with eager gaze, will be among the first to want to excommunicate some victim of the fiery passion from your church. When church members learn that they who patronize the movies with their money, presence and moral support are as guilty of polluting and victimizing the youth of our land as the producers and exhibitors of pictures based upon "sex, love, crime, and bloodshed," as so many of them are, then they will have acquired a more worthy education than any they may get from the movies. The remedy for crime is not in the movies; but the incentive to crime is.

If Jesus Christ were on earth in body today, He would not attend the movies, nor would He go to Hollywood to have a feature film made of His blessed work. No, He can run His business well enough to satisfy His heavenly Father without Hollywood. But Hollywood will one day have to stand before Him whose eyes are "as a flame of fire" and out of whose "mouth goeth a sharp sword."

The movie-going church-world had as well take notice of this:

Leaving aside the young British vicar and his big idea for the moment, the day is coming when an apostate, spiritually dead, religiously carnal churchdom is going to get Jesus into the movie in spite of all Christian protest and make Him what they want Him to be. And as likely as not they will pick some public seeking, movie-fan Baptist preacher — one sufficiently pliant to suit the Reds, sufficiently greedy to take the money, sufficiently clever in mixing in enough of the truth in the package of popular religious fancy and fancy, heresy and hocus, tual and rhythm to enchant people in the glamorous glow of the screen — for the role of Judas Iscariot, who not only loved to put his hand to the money-bag but betrayed the Lord with a kiss. And why not, for who could play the part more naturally and realistically?

When the church (using the word in the same sense which the man on the street thinks it) and Hollywood marry form will unite which will have power to dictate the manners and morals, the standards and tastes, the mode of worship in terms of religious parlance, religious ways and church conduct of the world called Christendom.

Nevertheless, as "every church has its silver lining," so the evening apostasy overshadowing world in which "darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness shall cover the people (Isaiah) has a bright side to it: namely, Lord has left unto us a spiritual remnant through which He will give witness unto the Truth when Jesus comes. "Upon this Rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." — Jesus Christ, Matt. 16:18.

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### TRUTH FROM ERROR

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power of God in regeneration and the new birth, and who studies the Scriptures earnestly will come to know the truth, and can readily distinguish truth from error.

### "HOW TO HAVE A REVIVAL"

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as they were all with one accord in their intercession.

Like Nineveh of old, our country is plunging straight to destruction. In a few more years our beloved land may be destroyed and our religious liberty lost unless we have another great spiritual awakening. Will you accept the challenge?

—The Ansagar Lutheran

### Stand Beside

MOSES and learn his meekness  
JOB and learn his patience  
ABRAHAM and learn his faith  
DANIEL and learn his courage  
ISAIAH and learn his indignation toward the evil doer  
PAUL and learn his enthusiasm  
CHRIST and feel His love.

—C. H. Spurgeon