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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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## A STRANGE FAMILY

The father has never missed church or Sunday school in 23 years. The mother has had a perfect record for 11 years. A son has not missed for 12 years. A daughter has been at the evening service every Sunday for 8 years.

What's the matter with this family, anyway? Don't they ever have company on Sunday to keep them away from church? Don't they ever get tired on Sunday morning?

Don't they belong to any lodges, where they get their religion, instead of at their Father's house, or to any clubs, or to anything?

Don't they ever have headaches, or colds, or nervous spells, or tired feelings, or sudden calls out of the city, or weekend parties, or business trips, or picnics, or any other trouble?

Don't they even have a radio, so that they can get some good sermons from out-of-town

preachers?

Don't they ever get a lot more good out of reading a sermon out of a book?

Don't they ever get disgusted with the social gospel, or whatever it is that their minister preaches?

What's the matter with this family anyway, and why are they so happy and cheerful? We leave it to you to answer.

—Southern Churchman

### THE TOOLS OF GOD'S CRAFTSMEN

Shamgar had an ox goad,  
David had a sling,  
Samson had a jawbone,  
Rahab had a string;  
Dorcas had a needle,  
Moses had a rod,  
Mary had some ointment,  
And they were all used for God.

—Copied.

## WHO ARE THE GREATEST FOES TO THE CHURCH?

Roy Mason, Tampa, Florida

Truth is an important thing. Much is made of truth in the Bible, and untruth of any kind is a lie, and a lie is an abomination unto the Lord. He tells us that shut outside of the New Jerusalem shall be everything that "loveth and maketh a lie."

Note some of the things said about truth in the Bible:

1 The truth makes FREE. (John 8:32) Free from error, ignorance, falsehood, etc.

2 Sanctification in the Bible sense is through the truth. (John 17:19). This is, one is "set apart" unto God as they come to know his will through the reading of His Word. Little Bible reading and teaching and preaching—little sanctification.

3 The human race got into its present bad fix by turning God's truth into a lie. (See Romans 1:25) That was the genesis of idolatry.

4 Many regard the preacher who tells them the truth as an enemy, when he is not. Paul had such an experience. (See Galat. 4:16)

5 The truth is to be taught and spoken in love, always. (Ephes 4:15) To merely "bawl somebody out" does little good.

6 It is through the Word of Truth that one is begotten unto God—therefore there is no salvation apart from the preaching of the essential truths concerning salvation. (See James 1:18)

### THE GREATEST FOES TO THE TRUTH

#### 1 TRADITION

Many are what they are religiously because of tradition. If mom or pop or grandma were settles it for them. They inherit their religion, like they inherit a big nose or flat feet. But every individual is personally responsible, and inherited religion is not worth a five cent piece. Many feel that it would be an awful thing to break the tradition of the family when all the rest belong to a certain denomination.

#### 2 SENTIMENT

Others are a bundle of sentiment. (Continued on page four)

### Mused Uncle Mose

Hit won't be no trouble to separate de sheep frum de goats, but dat mix' breed, — whut de Lawd going' to do 'bout dem?

## Is This The Year ?

Is this the year the prophets foretold  
That the King in His glory and love  
Might come to gather in Rapture His saints,  
And bear them safely above?

Is this the year the harvest will end?  
And grace for men will cease?  
Is this the year men's works will fail?  
And the nations know no peace?

Will there be wailing and gnashing of teeth  
With failing hearts from fear?  
Will there be tears of deep remorse?  
I wonder, is this the year?

I know not, Lord, as no man can,  
In what year Thy coming shall be—  
But if this is the year, may I be found  
Eved faithful in working for Thee!

—Wilma W. Burton.

## "We Thank You," Beloved!

Corbin, Ky.

West Monroe, La.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Enclosed is \$1.00. I want the Baptist Examiner sent to my son who is at Georgetown College, preparing for the ministry. I am praying that he will be true to God's Word in these evil days as you are. The Baptist Examiner is next to my Bible. It helps me understand my Bible. . . .

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With Christian love  
A. T. Mitchell

Clendenin, W. Va.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I like the Baptist Examiner:  
1. It adheres to the teachings of the inspired Word of God.  
2. It preaches the Word of God in its purity and power.  
3. I have failed to find one single instance where it has failed to declare the whole council of God.  
4. It does not compromise with the world and worldly things.

5. It is absolutely free of modernism and apostasy.

6. The writer of this article's life has been enriched both spiritually and mentally by reading this paper.

B. R. Matheny.



### NEUTRALITY A CURSE

There is a classic story from the civil war which tells how an inhabitant of the border county between North and South decided to remain neutral. He dressed himself in Confederate trousers and in a Union Jacket, with the unfortunate result that the Confederates shot him in the chest and the Union soldiers shot him in the seat of the pants!

Too many Christians are trying to serve God and Mammon. It can't be done! (Matthew 6:24). Too many Christians compromise their conscience and permit things in their lives that God condemns in His Word; the result is, they are miserable, and they please neither God nor the world.

Some men seek to straddle the  
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## "Pepper" Martin's Chief Ambition

The ballgame had been over a couple of hours. A weary man with high cheekbones, a long, crooked nose and sensitive mouth sat in the cocktail lounge of the Oakland hotel, happily munching an apple, while all about him other people were drinking liquor and talking loudly.

"What's your ambition, Pepper?" I asked, the morning papers having rumored his return from the Pacific Coast to the big league as a manager.

"Ambition?" He looked up, as surprised by the question. "My ambition is to go to heaven."

Prescott Sullivan of the San Francisco Examiner, one of those at our table, guffawed. "You wanta play a harp, eh?" he snorted.

There was an embarrassing silence. John (Pepper) Martin, bellicose leader of the St. Louis Gang, hero of the 1931 World Series, stopped chewing. "Mis-tah," he snapped, "I don't think that's funny."

"I'm sorry if I offended you," Sullivan quickly apologized, noting the intense light in Pepper Martin's eyes. "I didn't realize

"That's all right," Pepper said.

"I suppose I should be used to it by now but I'm not. People don't want to be mean, I guess, but they sure do pretty well without trying. Just because I come from Oklahoma, they seem to think that makes me something to laugh at—an illiterate Okie with a mattress on top of my car."

"Well, I've always managed to pay my way. I raced midget autos, played in a band, coached football, managed an ice hockey club, owned a fighter, drove a truck, rode the rods, and gave my best to baseball for more than twenty years. I got by. Damon Runyon, Grantland Rice, and all the rest said I was one of the greatest base-runners of all time. Yep, I always managed to pull my weight."

Martin paused. No one spoke. Then: "All I've got to say," he continued softly, "is that if there's anything wrong in reading the Bible every day and believing what's in it, if there's anything wrong in a man's wanting to go back to the soil and live the plain life of a farmer, if there's anything wrong in raising vegetables and loving animals, if there's anything funny about wanting to go to  
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### MOTHER

A young man has been heard to say, "My mother! she is the best and dearest woman in the world: let anyone dare speak a word against her; my mother, I would die for her!" Would he? But the dear old lady does not want her boy to die for her. She only asks him to come home a little earlier at night; occasionally to go with her to meeting, and sit by her side; to show her some little attention. Such simple things display love more effectively than any amount of cheap heroics! And so the Lord Jesus does not ask His disciples, except in rare instances, to die for Him. He asks them to live for Him.—H. F. W.

## -- The First Baptist Pulpit --

### "Some Bible Resolutions"

"Brethern, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." —Phil. 3:13,14

Many times a preacher's text is merely a point of departure. Quite often the preacher gets farther and farther from it as he proceeds and never returns to it. I confess to you today that I use this text merely as a point

of departure.

It is true on this the first Sunday of the New Year that we, like Paul, would do well both to look retrospectively at the past and introspectively toward the future, and then as did the apostle, it would be well for us to forget the things that are behind and reach forth to the things of God in the future. With this in mind, I want to bring to you some resolutions which great men of God made within the Bible.

It is merely a part of human nature for each of us to make

resolutions. When in trouble, in times of sickness, when facing death, or when danger stalks before us—we make vows, promises and resolutions. This morning it is my desire in presenting these resolutions of some great men of the Bible that I might urge you to make similar resolutions and thereby pledge yourself to a fresh service to God in this New Year.

I realize that as soon as I mention the matter of pledges that there are those who will ob-

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Andy Waymouth hates Teddy and does many mean things to him, but how Teddy finally helps

Andy to become a member of the Good Neighbor Club and helps to win him to Christ is interesting reading. Then happy surprise when their stay in California ends suddenly. Boys and girls will love the Triplets when they meet them in these two books.

"A New Sugar Creek Mystery,"

churches.

W. M. NEVINS, Publisher, Lexington, Ky.

by Paul Hutchens. 88 pages. Price 75c.

Speaking from actual experience with numbers of children, I know that boys (and girls, too) love the series of books written by the above author. These are interesting to them, yet wholesome, as so much of the reading today is not. Mr. Hutchens writes in a style that is especially attractive to children. This story centers around

Bill Collins, a member of the Sugar Creek Gang, who receives a threatening letter and gets himself beat up. Who did it? Many adventures and much excitement follow in seeking the answer to this question. John Till, Old Man Paddler, Shorty and the new school teacher—all these are characters you'll love to meet, and who will furnish you plenty of good reading and excitement in this new mystery.

"SOME BIBLE RESOLUTIONS"

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ject, saying, "I never make pledges as to the Lord's work, for I don't know whether I will be able to keep them." As you well know, this is a common objection which is offered relative to the matter of pledges concerning the work of the Lord. Let me ask that individual who thus objects if he made any pledges when he was married. Or again, when you rented a house, did you make any pledges to the landlord as to the payment of the rent when it came due? Furthermore, when you needed gas, water and electric turned on in your home, did you make any pledges to the utility company as to your payment of these bills? It is indeed surprising that though people make pledges when they marry, when they rent a home, or when they sign for their utilities and under other circumstances, yet those same individuals seem to think that it is entirely beside the point for them to make any type of pledge of their life

or livelihood unto the Lord.

To be sure the New Year of 1947 has already begun. Four days of it have already passed into eternity; however, it is never too late to make the resolutions which other men in God's Word have made.

**I**  
**DANIEL VOWED THAT HE WOULD NOT DEFILE HIMSELF.** When Daniel was but a boy, he was taken captive by the Babylonians and was carried into far away Babylon. He, along with other Jewish lads of promising intelligence, was placed in the king's school to be trained at governmental expense to become a part of the "brain trust" of Babylon. Daniel was thus chosen to be trained to become one of the king's wise men and counselors. Not only his studies, but even his food was prescribed by the king. Among other things, he was required to eat meat—evidently pork—and drink wine, both of which were forbidden him by the Lord. Rather than defile himself, Daniel took a firm stand concerning these matters in that we read:

"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself."—Dan. 1:8

The interesting thing about this vow or this resolution of Daniel is that he not only made this vow as to holy living, but he kept it for seventy years. The sad thing about many of our vows is that we make them but we do not keep them.

Another interesting thing relative to this vow of Daniel is that he won everyone whom you would expect him to lose. Since his vow virtually was a defiance of King Nebuchadnezzar you would naturally expect him to lose the friendship of the king. Instead of losing him because of this vow or this resolution that he made, Daniel not only gained Nebuchadnezzar, but his successors Balshazar and Darius as well. In other words, instead of losing by the vow that he had made, he gained both for the present and for the future of his life. Surely God blessed him in this vow as to holy living which he made and kept.

It is still further interesting to notice that at the time Daniel made this vow he was miles removed from his old home. Naturally it would have been wrong for him to have eaten pork and to have drunk intoxicants in Palestine. However, most folks would have argued that since he was several hundred miles from home that it was perfectly all right for him to do thus according to the customs of the people. It is interesting to notice that Daniel not only had some scruples when in Palestine, but he also possessed those same scruples when in Babylon. In this he was unlike most folk of today, who while they might refrain from open sin and worldliness at home, yet when away from home, they will be tempted to carelessness as to their living. Distance though made no difference to Daniel. Serving God to him was the same whether he was in Babylon or in Palestine.

During the past few years I have heard from a good number of young folk who were in the armed services of our country, who have written me as to the hard time they have had in even attempting to live clean lives. This was the same problem that Daniel had and he vowed that by God's grace he would not defile himself. Surely this is a vow that all Christians need today to make. Listen to these verses from God's Word:

"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."—I Tim. 4:16

"Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be a partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure."—I Tim. 5:22

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."—Psa. 51:10

**JACOB VOWED THAT HE WOULD BRING HIS TITHE UNTO THE LORD.** Listen:

"And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, if God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God: And this stone which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee."—Gen. 28:20-22

At the time Jacob spoke the words of our text, he was a young man away from home, fleeing for his life because he had sinned against both his father and his brother. Not only had he cheated his brother out of his birthright, he had also stolen the blessing from his father which should have gone to his brother Esau. As a result of these escapades, it became necessary that he flee from home. Following the advice of his mother, he started toward Padanaram to visit his Uncle Laban. On the first night away from home, he lay down to spend the night in the open in the place which he later named Bethel. Doubtless the last thing Jacob's eyes saw that evening was the rocky panorama spreading out before him as he lay down to sleep. During the night's time in a dream, he saw those rocks piled up one on the other, forming a ladder into heaven, and on this ladder he saw the angels of God both ascending and descending.

Of course, this prefigured the Lord Jesus. As Jacob saw earth and Heaven separated, so earth and Heaven had become separated in the Garden of Eden when Adam sinned. Then as he saw these two joined together with

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SOME HELPERS TO THE TRUTH

The Baptist Examiner is one paper that we recommend to every person that attends the services of the Seventh Street Baptist Church. Every day more so-called Baptist Churches are becoming heretical and are joining the great crowds in unionism, feminism, modernism, alien immersion universal and invisible church theory, Christmas trees, entertainments, and eating in the church, etc. The Baptist Examiner is courageously fighting all such Satanic practices, and is rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15) on all the great doctrines that Jesus and the apostles set forth and which all true Baptists have believed and practiced since that day.



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Seibert, Cannelton, Indiana

Favorite Verse

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.—Eph. 2:8-9.





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# "SOME BIBLE RESOLUTIONS"

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the ladder, so the Lord Jesus joins Heaven and earth in behalf of the sinner. Thus that which Jacob saw in this dream was a representation of Jesus Himself. Of this we have assurance from the words of Jesus when He said:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see Heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."—John 1:51

This dream had a tremendous influence in the life of Jacob. When he awakened, he spoke the words above. This was the turning point in Jacob's career; it was the time of his salvation. Though he didn't live always in the future as closely to the Lord as he might, yet from that time Jacob was a man of God.

Dating from the time of his conversion, he made this vow unto the Lord—a vow as to the matter of material gain. He vowed a tithe unto the Lord. I'm ready to grant that Jacob did not apparently live up to his vow throughout all the future. In all probability he forgot his vow when he began scheming and trading with his Uncle Laban who likewise became his father-in-law. Even though he may not have lived up to this vow fully (and even of this I'm not positive), still we find him in the hour of his first experience with the Lord, pledging a tithe of his material gain to God.

Of course this is the teaching of all the law of the Lord. In fact, there is no teaching in the Word of God which is more prominent than this. Listen:

"And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord. And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord."—Lev. 27:30,32

Our Lord even goes so far as to declare that the individual who does not tithe is a robber. Listen:

"Will a man rob God, Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—Mal. 3:8-10

You will notice that God doesn't say that the non-tither is a thief, rather, a robber. You know the difference don't you? A thief steals secretly, while a robber works in the open with the eyes of all upon him. Our modern word of a robber is "hijacker". God doesn't say that the non-tither is a thief, but rather, declares that such an individual "hijacks" God every time he fails to bring his tithe unto the Lord.

There are some who declare that tithing is merely a matter of the law. May I remind you, beloved, that Jacob's resolution as to the tithe was fully four hundred years before the law was given at Mt. Sinai. Likewise, Abraham paid tithes to Melchisedec over five hundred years before the law was given. This tithe was not a Jewish law, but a universal command on the part of God to all men.

In the New Testament when Jesus was speaking to the Pharisees, He said:

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."—Matt. 23:23

These Jews had paid their tithe very scrupulously. They were so exact in this that they even tithed their garden vegetables—mint, anise and cummin. Concerning the matter of tithing, Jesus said, "These ought ye to have done." You will notice that He was actually speaking to unsaved religious leaders, for He later said to this same group:

"Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"—Matt. 23:33

From this it would thus appear that the tithe not only devolves itself upon God's people but upon unsaved folk as well.

In the book of Hebrews, our Lord declares that Jesus is a priest after the order of Melchisedec, that is to say that Melchisedec was a type of Jesus. Listen:

"For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec."—Hebrews 7:21

You recall that Abraham paid tithes to Melchisedec. Since Melchisedec was a tithe receiving priest and since Jesus is a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec, then naturally and logically our Lord Jesus thereby becomes a tithe receiving priest.

Would to God that as we enter in upon this New Year every saved person to whom this message comes, might vow anew and afresh before God to honor Him with at least one-tenth of his income during this year.

## III

DAVID OFFERED AT LEAST TWO VOWS TO GOD. THE FIRST OF THESE VOWS WAS RELATIVE TO THE BIBLE. Hear him:

"I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law, yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart. And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved."—Psa. 119:8,15,16,34,47

These words from David are taken from the longest of the Psalms which deals exclusively with the Word of God. In these words David resolves that God's Word shall be the standard of his life. What a blessing it would be for all of God's children to make this same resolution. I met a man this past week who told me that he always read the Saturday Evening Post. In fact, he declared that he read it religiously from week to week and through it kept abreast of the times. He declared that he never allowed a week to pass by without this reading. I learned through our conversation that he was a professing Christian and I inquired as to his reading of the Bible. He said that he didn't read it every day. When I asked him if he read it every week, he said, "Some weeks I do." This answer left a very definite impression in my mind that there were some weeks that he didn't, and I rather imagine that in the majority of weeks he didn't. After I had talked with him, I thought of the contrast. Here was a professing Christian who thought that his week was not complete unless he had read the

Saturday Evening Post, and yet in the main, the Word of God was ignored so far as his life was concerned. That man is not an exception nor an isolated case. In fact, I rather imagine he is far more representative of the average church member today than is the individual who reads God's Word from day to day.

It is rather interesting in this respect that the Saturday Evening Post and the New Testament contain about the same amount of material. In fact, there is very little difference as to the quantity of material of these two. What a shame it is that the majority of professing Christians know far more about prize fights, movie stars, politics, and comic characters than they do about the saints of God.

The surprising thing is that this ignorance is not confined alone to the laity. Sometime ago I preached a sermon as to Mephibosheth (2 Sam.9). I'm ready to grant that while Mephibosheth is a good illustration of salvation by grace, that he is a character about which very little is known. I not only preached this sermon at home, but in a church away from home. It was surprising to me that at the close of the message when preached away from home, that three individuals, including the



pastor, asked where Mephibosheth might be located in God's Word. I insist, beloved, that it is a shame when people know more about Joe Lewis, Sonja Henie, Alley Oop, and Dagwood than they do about the saints of God.

I have hit upon what I think is an ingenious plan for my household this year. We always read God's Word together in the morning. Yet, in addition to this I am having each one's Bible placed on his pillow before retiring, so that each member of my household will have to either read the Bible or else pick it up and lay it aside ere going to bed each night.

Would to God that everyone of you might be careful, cautious, painstaking and scrupulously exact in your reading of God's Word every day during this New Year. Certainly you need to read it as only God's Word can bless your life. Listen:

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word."—Psa. 119:9

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."—2 Tim. 3:16,17

DAVID ALSO MADE A VOW RELATIVE TO THE MATTER OF PRAYER. He said:

"Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live."—Psa. 116:2

This would indicate that David had had many experiences with the Lord. Growing out of those experiences, he had evidently had many answers to prayer. He knew that God had inclined his ear toward him. In other words, he knew that God had heard him when he prayed. Because he knew this to be true, he resolved to call upon the Lord as long as he might live.

What a blessing it is to us to know that the God who inclined his ear toward David still inclines His ear toward His children today. Not only it is true that there is an "eye watching you", it is also true that there is an ear inclined toward each of us. How happy I would be if I might know that you would make such a resolution as to prayer as was made by David.

Surely it would bring untold joy to me to know that you were praying for me daily during this year. You ought to pray not only for me, but for all the lost friends that you have. You ought to pray for our church. You ought to pray for your church in all its activities. You ought to pray for our missionaries, and above all else, you ought daily call upon God to give you grace to live for Him.

These then were the vows of David:—A vow as to the Word of God being his standard for life, and a vow as to prayer to the end of his days. May we seek to emulate and imitate this example of David.

## IV

PAUL MADE A VOW AS TO SOUL WINNING. As you well know, Paul was a great soul winner. Everywhere he went he preached God's Word, with the result that souls were saved. He went through all manner of hardships, heartaches, and difficulties in town after town that he might bring men to the Lord Jesus. He went out of his way to thus reach the lost, for this was the burning passion of his soul. Hear him:

"For though I be free from all men, yet I have made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; to them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ), that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak; I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you."—1 Cor. 9:19-23

Not only was Paul willing to be made all things unto men that he might gain some unto the Lord, time after time in his writings he gave rise to this same sentiment. Hear him as he wrote to the church at Rome:

"For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh."—Romans 9:3

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved."—Romans 10:1

Paul exemplified this vow in his experience at Ephesus. It was there that for three years he lived in the light of this holy resolve, urging men to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour. Listen:

"Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every

one night and day with tears."—Acts 20:31

This ought to be the vow of everyone of God's children as we enter in upon this New Year. In order to successfully do so, it would be necessary that many of us like David forsake the error of our ways and the sin of our lives in order that we might be used of God. Hear David in this respect:

"Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee."—Psa. 51:12,13

I am tremendously concerned relative to all these vows which I have read to you this morning from the experience of Daniel, Jacob, David and Paul. However, if any one of these vows lays most heavily upon my heart today, it is this one on the part of Paul. Would to God that through this New Year we might seek to bring men to the Lord Jesus Christ so that when we come to the end of life's way, it will not be necessary that we say,

"Must I go and empty handed Must I meet my Saviour so, Not one soul with which to greet Him, Must I empty handed go."

## V

THERE IS ONE RESOLUTION WHICH THE UNSAVED MAY MAKE. The prodigal son made this resolution. In a far country, having wasted all, standing by a pig pen, he resolved, saying:

"I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against Heaven, and before thee."—Luke 15:18

It was the first of this resolution which sent this prodigal into the arms of his waiting father.

There are many prodigals in the world today. What a blessing it would be if on this day, actuated by the grace of God, some prodigal might resolve to turn from sin to the Saviour. I realize that no man can turn apart from the enabling grace of God. It is God who must make the sinner willing. It is God who must give the gifts of repentance and faith. I know that no individual can come to Christ apart from the work of God. Listen:

"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."—John 6:44

Therefore, if God gives you the grace today to do so, may you in this hour like the prodigal of old, resolve to arise, flee from your sins and turn to Him Who died for all your sins—past, present and future—on the cross.

These then are the resolutions which men made within the Word of God. Those which were made by Daniel, Jacob, David and Paul, ought to be made today, or perhaps renewed today by every Christian. The one made by the prodigal son ought to be the resolution of every sinner. May God give to each the grace to make these resolutions, and may 1947 be a blessed year in the service of our Lord in the light of these holy resolutions.



## AN APPRECIATED LETTER

Dear Bro. Glipin:

Some time ago I received my first copy of the Examiner, with the statement, it was coming to me, as a compliment from a friend. I should like to know who this friend is so that I could thank him for this favor. I have found the reading matter in your paper, very helpful, (Continued on page four)



### NEUTRALITY A CURSE

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fence between the two opposite theological positions; fundamentalism and modernism. It is impossible; a man either believes the Bible or he doesn't; he either believes in the Dicty of Christ or he doesn't. The crying need of the hour is to be out and out for God and the Gospel. "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee" (Josh. 1:9). "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (Corinthians 6:17).

—Christian Victory

### WHAT ARE THE GREATEST FOES TO THE TRUTH?

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ment. We think of the young man, whose answer to all arguments for becoming a Baptist, was the fact that his Methodist father and mother prayed for him as a boy. What had that to do with it? A person who settles everything according to their sentimental feelings, is a dangerous person so far as the truth is concerned. "It's so beautiful!" that is the only argument of many a person for all of the ritual and tomfoolery that is put on in the ritualistic churches. The right question is this: "Where is the Scripture for it?"

#### 3 IGNORANCE

Ignorance is a hard thing to combat. Some fellow who doesn't know any more about the truth

of God than a moron, can come along with a big voice and a lot of ballyhoo, and people will sit entranced. It's the greatest they have ever heard! Yet if they were asked just what he said, they couldn't tell. They merely got excited over the "rousements."

#### 4 LAZINESS

Many are too mentally lazy to study and learn the truth. Plenty of preachers are in that class. Plenty of preachers who are too lazy to study. Some throw down their books and go off fishing. Doctors as lazy and poorly prepared as thousands of preachers, would poison and kill a good portion of the human race. The law won't let a doctor practice without study—but a preacher without any knowledge and too lazy to get any, can broadcast his heresies and no one is able

to stop him.

#### 5 THE SYSTEM

The ecclesiastical and denominational systems keep multitudes in ignorance.

#### HOW?

(1) By a nonsensical scheme of Bible study, in which people have little chance to really learn what it says.

(2) By educating preachers such that they don't know how to do expository preaching, but preach the "Program."

(3) By substituting amusement for the truth. When they need a Bible diet, they are on a diet of wienies.

#### AN APPRECIATED LETTER

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sermons on "ALL THINGS MADE NEW", "THE GREAT REFUSAL" and "HOW HAVE IN CHURCH" are to among the finest I ever read. Please enter my subscription a year in addition to what I have paid up subscription is there my credit now. Give me notice when to renew.

Most cordially yours,  
J. H. HOOKS  
Rayville, La.

#### "PEPPER" MARTIN

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heaven when you die—then I'm afraid life isn't worth living."

Nobody said anything at our table. There was no sound except the crunching of Pepper Martin's apple.—Copyright, 1919, by Esquire, Inc., 919 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago...



## The Holy Bible

"Thy word is true from the beginning and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever."

—Psalm 119:160

#### Some important facts concerning God's Word:

One of the earliest acts of Congress was to approve the printing of a large edition of the Bible and officially recommend it to the people of the land.

The Bible must be used ONLY for proper purposes.

The Bible is a testimony. It grew out of life in touch with God. Its authority lies primarily in the realm of religion.

The Bible testifies to the message of God to man, and records His progressive revelation of Himself to man.

The Bible is the record of a revelation. It grew out of the life of man in contact with the life of God.

The Bible is primarily a religious book. It is not primarily a treatise on scientific matters. It is not anti-scientific, for after all, out of the spirit of the Bible has grown the spirit of research which is basic to all science.

The Bible is not unscientific, because not seeking to be primarily scientific, it does not err in the field of science.

The Bible reveals to us the nature of God, the will of God, and the duties of man.

The Bible teaches that those who love and serve God have found the happy life; and those who forget God, suffer as a consequence not as a result of His vengeance.

The Bible inspires the deeply religious attitudes of trust, love, kindness, and helpfulness. It provides mankind with ideals for moral conduct.

The Bible invites faith, love, reverence, worship and obedience toward God. It encourages healthfulness, purity, poise and discernment for self. It advocates service toward fellow men.

All of these features of the Book of books contribute to its enduring character. And the enduring nature of the Bible resides in the fact that its message is God-given and will be reflected in our lives if we store our memory with its blessed words.

There is a unique harmony in the Bible. Take for instance a comparison of the first two and the last two chapters:

In Genesis the earth is created; in Revelation it passes away.

In Genesis the sun and moon appear; in Revelation there is no need of sun or moon.

In Genesis there is a Garden, the home of a man; in Revelation there is a city, the home of the nations.

In Genesis we are introduced to Satan; in Revelation we see his doom.

In Genesis we hear the first sob and see the first tear; in Revelation we read: "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying."

In Genesis the curse is pronounced; in Revelation we read: "There shall be no more curse."

In Genesis we see our first parents driven from the tree of life; in Revelation welcomed back.

—London Pillar of Fire

#### A few of the remarkable prophecies of the Bible—

##### PROPHECY

##### FULFILMENT

Seed of the Woman (Genesis 3:15)	Galatians 4:4
Seed of Abraham (Genesis 17:7, 22:18)	Galatians 3:16
Seed of David (Psalm 132:11)	Acts 13:23; Romans 1:3
Born of the Virgin (Isaiah 7:14)	Luke 1:35
Born in Bethlehem-Judea (Micah 5:2)	Matthew 2:1
His public ministry (Isaiah 61:1-2)	Luke 4:16-21

#### PROPHECY—continued

His ministry to commence in Galilee (Isaiah 9:1-2)	Matthew 4:12-16
His entry into Jerusalem (Zechariah 9:9)	Matthew 21:1-5
His zeal (Psalm 69:9)	John 2:13-17
Rejected by His brethren (Psalm 69:8)	John 1:11-12 John 7:5
Betrayed by a friend (Psalm 41:9)	John 13:18-21
Sold for thirty pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12)	Matthew 26:15
His silence under suffering (Isaiah 53:7)	Matthew 27:12-14
Spat on and scourged (Isaiah 50:6)	Mark 14:65, John 19:1
Lots cast for His vesture (Psalm 22:18)	Matthew 27:35
His vicarious death (Isaiah 53:12)	Matthew 20:28
His flesh seeing no corruption (Psalm 16:10)	Acts 2:31
His resurrection (Psalm 16:10,11)	Acts 2:32
His ascension (Psalm 68:18)	Ephesians 4:8-10
His exaltation (Psalm 110:1)	Hebrews 1:3

#### FULFILMENT—continued

The Bible brings you into the association of the best people that ever lived. You stand beside Moses, and learn his meekness; beside Job, and learn his patience; beside Abraham, and learn his faith; beside Daniel, and learn his courage to do right; beside Isaiah, and learn his fiery indignation toward the evildoer; beside Paul, and catch something of his enthusiasm; beside Christ, and you feel His love.—C. H. Spurgeon.

Read the Bible, not as a newspaper, but as a home letter.  
If a cluster of heavenly fruit hangs within reach, gather it.  
If a promise lies upon the page as a blank check, cash it.  
If a prayer is recorded, appropriate it, and launch it as a feathered arrow from the bow of your desire.  
If an example of holiness gleams before you, ask God to do as much for you.  
If the truth is revealed in all its intrinsic splendor, entreat that its brilliance may ever irradiate the hemisphere of your life.—F. B. Meyer

#### THE DIARY OF A BIBLE

January 15—Been resting quietly for a week. The first few nights after the first of the year my owner read me regularly, but has forgotten me I guess.  
February 2—Clean up. I was dusted with other things, and put back in my place.  
February 8—Owner used me for a short time this afternoon, looking up a few references; went to Sunday school.  
March 7—Clean up; dusted, and put in my old place again. Have been down in the lower hall since my trip to Sunday school.  
April 12—Busy day, owner led devotions at mission circle, and had to look up references; had an awful time finding them, though they were in the right place all the time.  
May 5—In Grandma's lap all afternoon. She is here on a visit. She let a tear drop fall on Colossians, second chapter, verses 3-7, steadfastness.  
May 6—In Grandma's lap again this afternoon. She spent most of her time on First Corinthians 13, and the last four verses of the fifteenth chapter, charity, steadfast, unmovable.  
May 7, 8, 9—In Grandma's lap every afternoon now. It's quite comfortable. Sometimes she reads me and sometimes she quotes from me with her eyes closed.  
May 10—Grandma gone; back in old place again. She kissed me goodbye.  
June 3—Had a couple of four leaf clovers stuck in me today.  
July 1—Packed in a trunk with clothes and other things. Off on a vacation, I guess.  
July 2-7—Still in the trunk, though nearly everything else has been taken out.  
July 15—Home again, and in my old place. Quite a journey, though I don't see why I was taken.  
August 1—Rather stuffy and hot. Have two magazines and a novel and an old hat on top of me; wish they would take them off.  
September 5—Clean up; dusted and set right again.  
September 10—Used by Mary a few minutes today. She was writing a letter to a friend whose brother had died, and wanted an appropriate verse.  
September 30—Cleaned up again.  
What does my Bible say?  
If we read three chapters each week day and five each Sunday, we can read the Bible through in one year.  
—The Canadian Baptist