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"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 New Approach To The Old Subject Why Christians Continue To Suffer

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The problem of human suffering is almost as old as the race itself. It began in Eden, almost at the dawn of human history. The father and mother of the race had to suffer, and it has passed on to each succeeding generation with multiplied forms and increasing intensity.

Human suffering affects every part of the being. People suffer in body, mind, soul and spirit. It affects both all that man is and has. This simply means that our suffering is physical, mental, moral, spiritual and material.

"Why all this suffering?" is the age-old question. The simplest answer would be that Sin is responsible for it. There can be no reasonable question but that all of it can be traced back to the transgression of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. All the suffering in the world is a result of that. However, let us be more specific and come closer home about the matter in our own lives.

The purpose of this brief treatment is to show why Christians—those who are God's children,

saved by His grace, trusting in the Saviour, living for Him, letting Him show Himself through their lives—have to suffer, too. Let us notice briefly several reasons:

First, sometimes it is because of sin in the life. A holy God must deal with sin, even if it is found in the life of one of His own children. That He does chasten His disobedient children is clearly and repeatedly taught in the Bible: "If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes" (Psa. 89:30-32). Again, the Psalmist writes from his own experience about this matter: "Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now I have kept Thy Word . . . It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes" (Psa. 119:67,71). Suffering one, we are not saying that this is your trouble, but it may be. It would be well for you to question your heart and search your life in order to be sure about it.

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SCARFACE AL



Al Capone, once fabulously wealthy Chicago gang leader whose attorney said he died broke, was buried at Miami Beach, Florida a few days ago.

In Los Angeles, Capone's attorney, Abraham Teitelbaum, said as far as he knew "Al left no will and no money." The lawyer said members of Capone's family had supported him in recent years, and the villa was "mortgaged to the hilt."

Federal officials once estimated Capone's fortune at \$20,000,000 but, Teitelbaum said, "Al still owed the government money when he died."

The former gangster was born in Naples, Italy, and grew up in New York. He went to Chicago in 1919 and during the roaring '20s became a czar of the underworld. His gang handled an estimated \$100,000,000 during his reign.

Al's career of crime centered around whiskey and gambling. With this background, naturally he would die broke. No man ever followed these sins and prospered. Listen:

"As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool."—Jer. 17:11.

Mused Uncle Mose

Dey got ole Doc Simpson to chu'ch at las'—daid.

Who Is to Constitute "The Bride Of Christ" At the Marriage of The Lamb?

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A conception of the "church" has grown up that is wholly unscriptural, and which serves to minimize the importance of the institution which Jesus founded. That conception is this: That all believers constitute the true church—the body—the Bride of Christ. This idea is one of the chief articles in the faith of the Fundamentalists. They assume this theory to be a fact—rarely ever even think to question the truth of it, and usually get mad if anyone else questions it. Most of the present day fraternizing of Fundamentalists in interdenominational enterprises is justified on the basis of such a conception of the church. The local, visible institution doesn't mean very much to them, for the real church in their thinking is this general "body" composed as they think of all believers.

Such a conception of "church" is pure fiction.

Jesus never started any such church.

The church that Jesus started was a local, visible institution.

And those mentioned in the book of Acts were the same."

The Fundamentalists (and we are in agreement with much of their teachings while at the same time holding nothing in common with modernism), take the Biblical teaching concerning the Kingdom of God, and call it "church". It is the Kingdom that is entered by the new birth, and that is composed of all believers. See John 3.

Who Did Jesus Start?

He started the people who today are called "Baptists." (Some Baptists are such in name only having departed from their time-honored faith—they "have a name to live and are dead."). Baptists are the only people who can be traced back directly to Christ. All other denominations have had human founders, and have started this side of Christ. If you will institute a search you can learn when, where, and by whom the different denominations were started. Only Baptists cannot be traced to a human founder.

We believe that all true believers in Christ are saved, regardless of church, but such do (Continued on page four)

Read This Story Of John Bunyan And Thank God For "Pilgrim's Progress"

John Bunyan, an illiterate tinker of the seventeenth century, unfolds, in simple sublime language, his dream of the Christian life in a classic work that is next to the Bible, inspired more people to enter upon the pilgrimage to the Celestial City than has any other book penned by the hand of man.

John Bunyan was born in the English village of Elstow in 1628, which place he reached the pinnacle of fame. Twelve years prior to Bunyan's birth, Shakespeare had closed his career as the world's greatest playwright, and Milton, Dryden and Richard Baxter were his contemporaries.

The sixty years of Bunyan's life, from 1628 to 1688, embraced the most revolutionary portion of English history. This period provided the background for the career of Charles I, which was followed by the Protectorate of Cromwell, occupying eight years, from 1659 to 1668, and then by the dissolute reign of the most unprincipled, worthless of all English sovereigns, Charles II, who was noted particularly for his debauchery and drunkenness and for his contempt of all religion.

To understand rightly Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, one must have some knowledge of the history of the reign of Charles II. During his reign the Episcopacy of England was restored, the disastrous result of which was the subjection of the English and Scotch Nonconformists to the fiercest persecution. All who refused to conform to the Established Episcopal Church were expelled from office and rendered incapable of serving their country in any of- (Continued on page two)

THE SHIPWRECKED BIBLE

Alexander Duff, the great missionary, sailed for India on the ship Holland. His clothes, his prized possessions, his library of eight hundred volumes were all on board. And then within a few miles of India, a shipwreck occurred.

The passengers were all saved. But the possessions of all the passengers were lost at the bottom of the sea. On the sea-shore, Alexander Duff looked out some part of his possessions might be cast up on the shore. Then they saw something—something small—floating on top of the water. Nearer and nearer it came, while anxious eyes (Continued on page two)

Shall The Lord's Supper Be Open Or Restricted To The Local Church?

This is a subject so mooted and so delicate and of such great importance that I approach it with tenderness and apprehension. With tenderness because of the intimate significance of the subject for every Christian, and with apprehension because many true saints of God do not see it as I see it.

I do not come to this subject in a militant frame of mind, but with a mind freighted with deep convictions which cause decision in the adoption of a course which may cause some to suffer unjust condemnation.

If we would know the truth and pursue its pure leading, we cannot settle for convenience, or wishfulness, or precedent, or affiliation.

Let us ask four questions and answer them in the light of scriptural authority.

1. What is the Lord's Supper?
2. Who is its founder?
3. To whom was it given?
4. Who, if any, may continue to observe it?

Answer 1. The Lord's Supper is a memorial of the passion and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Luke 22:19,20. "He took bread and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave unto them, saying: This is my body which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me."

"Likewise also the cup after supper, saying: This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

I Cor. 10:16. "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?"

Answer 2. Jesus Christ is its (Continued on page four)

FOOD AND EXERCISE

What is it that makes the baby grow and develop, that causes the child to reach maturity? It is food and exercise. And in the spiritual realm this is the case also. When a man or woman, boy or girl, is regenerated, he has a new life. But he is still a babe in Christ. It is equally as important for the spiritual infant to be fed and aired and exercised as it is for the baby that is born into the home. The food for the Christian is the Word of God, and the exercise is the operation of that Word in the life. By partaking of the food and by allowing God's Word to control the life there comes development from spiritual babyhood to spiritual maturity. (Continued on page four)

-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"From Egypt To Canaan"

"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."—I Cor. 10:11.

Quite a little while ago, a dear sister in Christ went to be with her Lord, and after her death, in looking through her much read and well worn Bible, on the margin of one of the pages, were found these words: "In the Old Testament the New Testament lies hid; in the New Testament the Old Testament lies open."

When I read this, I was reminded of a statement of a preacher friend who expressed the truth in a similar manner yet with different words when he said, "The Old Testament is the New Testament concealed, while the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed." And certainly, beloved, each of those statements is true. That, to me, is the meaning of the text that I have read to you this morning, for our text tells us that the things of the Old Testament are but examples unto us, and that they

have been written for our admonition. In other words, everything you read in the Old Testament that happened to the children of Israel, is just an illustration for us and typifies our own personal experiences in Christ Jesus today.

In the light of that, I want us to notice the experiences of Israel from Egypt to Canaan as illustrative of our spiritual experiences from the time we are born again in Christ Jesus until we too reach our heavenly home. (Continued on page two)

MISSIONARIES
IN BRAZIL
J. F. Brandon
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MISSIONARIES
IN PERU

R. P. Hallum

Mrs. R. P. Hallum

Miss Marguerite Hallum
(Spanish Language)

MISSION SHEETS

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Some More Facts Concerning Our First Journey To Heathen Peru

R. P. Hallum

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The Situation In Iquitos Peru

When we arrived at Iquitos there were two little congregations of evangelicals, a little later there were three. I knew very little of the situation in Iquitos when we arrived there. Our American friend asked me if I came to take over Mr. Carter's work which he had nicely started and unthoughtedly I told him that I had. I did not know what condition the work was in, and if I had I would not have answered for I did not want to get mixed up in the situation. However, the man who had most of Brother Carter's crowd looked on me as his enemy, but I do not know of more than two or three who came to us after we commenced our work.

A Period Of Preparation

The first six months that we were in Iquitos we spent mostly in getting ready to work. We took lessons in Spanish from a Peruvian teacher, a young lady, that had been in England and learned English right well. In various ways we contacted the people from day to day and little by little learned to understand and speak their language. Much of the time I spent in visiting people and distributing tracts. During this time I had an attack of bowel inflammation. I suppose it was caused from the hot climates. They are very rich and God's goodness I found a remedy and came out of it. After we had been on the field about six months we began to hold services. It was a small beginning, about fifteen persons, men, women and children, but it was a beginning and it slowly grew.

A Church Constituted

In two or three months after beginning the services in our house we gather a few believers together and baptized them, three men and two women. With these and ourselves we constituted a

GIVING UNTIL IT HURTS

Many times we hear it said that we should give until it hurts. Better yet is to give until it feels good. Our offerings do not begin until after the tithe is paid. The tithe belongs to the Lord. He said so, and the tithe is holy unto the Lord. He said so. See Lev. 19:10-12. Jacob continued tithing. Gen. 28:22. Malachi commanded tithing. Mal. 3:10. Jesus taught tithing. Matt. 23:23. The Lord promised to open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing upon the tither in greater abundance than he will be able to receive and God does not lie.

YOU CANNOT OUTGIVE GOD

Many times we use the expression "You cannot outgive God". This is true and we challenge you to put it to test in your own giving. Several years ago we hoped that several others would join with us in giving all they earned over and above a living to the Lord for His work. We felt that if four others would join with us in such giving that we could support a missionary family ourselves, of course through our respective churches. The Lord did more than we had hoped and month by month added new churches to the list of supporters until now about 60 have helped out in the last five years. During the depression one day we came home and my wife said I need a new dress this is the only one I have, and you need a new suit and that is the only one you have. A few days later she was given \$20.00 for a new dress and other things to go with it. Instead of buying the new dress she put it into this mission work the following Sunday, designated through her church. The following

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How God Leads And Directs In Personal Work In Far-Away Brazil

JOE BRANDON



This is a picture of Missionary Brandon with his daughters, Rebecca (the older), and Betty, taken at his home in Benton, Kentucky, before leaving for Brazil. Brother Brandon left New York on January 30th and we have not heard from him to date. Pray for him and his family.

"Oh it is you back again is it? Thought I told you to keep away from here. I don't want any of your kind around here and you well know it." This was the greeting given to one of the believers in the Lord Jesus who had called at the home of a neighbor early one beautiful day, in hope of winning him to the Lord. The believer began: "Well I do recall your decision the last time we were together but I have something so important to say to you this morning that I felt sure you would listen to me for a while." "Well you thought wrong" was the reply, "for I will not listen, so be off, I will never leave the religion of my fathers even though it should lead me to hell. I would prefer being in hell with my fathers than in heaven with you Baptists." But the believer insisted, "Suppose one passes your home just as it had taken fire and the room was well in flames, would you be offended if that one were to call you and let you know the danger and help you to get yourself and your family out." "Oh no" he replied, "but my house is not on fire and besides I do not care to discuss religion with anyone. The priests do not want us to talk to ignorant people on the subject."

PREACHES JESUS TO HIM

"Sir, your house is not on fire but I came to tell you that hell is on fire and that the latest message we have received from there is that the millions who have lived in neglect and carelessness, following the vain religion of men, at last to their dismay, having rejected the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus at Calvary, have fallen into that awful abyss where no comfort will ever come to their souls. They confess that they are being tormented and that the flames cannot be extinguished. They speak of the remorse of their conscience, they recall that when they were in the world friends came to persuade them to become Christians and forsake the ways of the

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BE CAREFUL

Recently Brother Z. E. Clark, the treasurer of this mission work, received a letter with a check for about \$80.00 in it. This letter had the right address, both street and number, but it was delivered by mistake to the same number on another street and opened by mistake. The party who opened it immediately brought it to Brother Clark's house. You can see what might happen if cash is sent in a letter even though it may be addressed correctly. It is best to send all offerings by check or money order. In case anyone sends an offering and it is not listed in the MISSION SHEETS' financial report, please write to the treasurer at once giving details, etc.

Things Not Missionary

Many Baptists are looking for a mission work that is really a New Testament work where they can put their money and know that it is being used for real mission work, that is preaching the word to the lost and then baptizing the saved ones and then teaching them to observe the all things, or in short to indoctrinate them. Because many Baptists have not known of such a work they have given their money to work that is not Baptist.

It is true that there are missionaries who preach the plan of salvation, but beyond that they are not Scriptural. Only Baptists can and do carry out all the great commission that the Lord gave to His church. We are commissioned to not get the lost saved but to make Baptists out of the saved.

MANY FAIL

It is also true that many missionaries under various Baptist missions have failed in this. Many missionaries are not sound. They are rank modernists. The Northern Baptist Convention Boards send out such. Many go out and do not know what real mission work is. A few years ago we talked to a woman who had been a missionary in Burma for more than thirty years. She had retired and was back in the States on pension. She spoke at many places about her work as a missionary of some 36 years. One day we asked her what she did and she told us that she taught English in a school in Burma. She seemed to be a kindly good woman and we heard her tell many times of her experiences. She told of her pupils who became good agriculturists and of others who were successful in other

walks of life. We never once heard her tell of leading one soul to Christ. Her work seemed to be purely of a "social gospel" nature. We asked ourselves, thirty-six years of what? What did the money given for missions accomplish? We still want to know.

HOW CAN I DO IT?

How can I send offerings to the support of this mission work and still send it through my church? Designate your offering. Give it to your church treasurer and tell him it is designated to Baptist Faith Missions for the work in Brazil and Peru and have him send a check to the treasurer, Z. E. Clark, 5216 Concord Ave., Detroit 11, Mich. Editor I. W. Rogers reports in THE FAITH that the churches in some associations designate more mission offerings than they give to the "program."

A MEDICAL MISSIONARY

Also a few years ago we heard a Baptist Medical missionary tell of his work in a Central American country. This Doctor had been on the field for several years and had a small hospital. He told of many operations on many of the natives. He told of giving medical care to many others and the experiences were interesting. We listened to him on two different occasions and not once did

we hear him tell of leading a lost soul to Christ or of even tell of speaking to a soul about Christ. We waited and wondered what kind of missionary he was and finally he told of some missionaries that went out on the streets and into the homes and made journeys to tell people about the Lord Jesus Christ and how they led people to Christ. Then he said if you want to go there and see how many, and how quick, you can get some of them saved that is alright, but in the long run over a period of 50 years it is best to do as he was doing and let the people see the good they were doing by helping the people and then in 50 years the country will be evangelized. Again the work was all social in nature.

TUMORS OUT BUT NO CHRISTIANS

Now some may ask if we believe in doctors and hospitals and in healing the sick etc., and our answer is, yes we do. If this doctor would tell every patient about the Lord Jesus Christ and try to lead each one to know Jesus as his own personal Saviour and give a positive testimony for Christ as well as to take out the big tumors that he told about, we would agree that then he was a missionary. But that he did not do. We mention these as some things that are not missionary. Many a mission dollar is being wasted by modernistic missionaries and the "social gospels." The lost must hear the word. They will not be saved by the life lived before them re-

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NOTICE

Anyone desiring more information about this mission work write to the Secretary of the Mission. Address your letter to:

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OUR FIRST JOURNEY TO PERU

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church and called it the First Baptist Church in Iquitos, Peru. Before leaving Kentwood, La., the church there authorized me to baptize and organize a church after I arrived in Peru. After constituting the church we wrote for our letters and united with the church by letter. Besides the services held three times a week in our house, we had another mission in another part of the city and also we held services in the jail. I was also visiting from house to house continually giving out the Word, distributing the Scripture and tracts. Several people made profession of faith and were baptized into the fellowship of the church by the time we left on our first furlough at the end of five years.

A Church Building

We felt a need of a church building in Iquitos and after prayerful consideration of the subject we decided to look for a location in the section which we believed more suitable for a Baptist church. We found a lot on a corner one block from the main public square and two blocks from the Catholic Temple. We bought the lot, but it was in very bad condition being lower than the surrounding ground and having an open ditch running through it, with several ugly shacks adjoining it. The sewer ran through the center of the street on two sides, but this difficulty was overcome by hauling dirt from nearby places where excavating was being done and filling in and raising the lot. We went to a notary public advising the city council of the unsanitary conditions surrounding our property. This caused the tearing down of the shacks and building new brick houses and later the city made a brick sewer and filled the open ditch.

We Began To Build

We began to build about April and had the church building finished in less than three months. The walls are of brick, the floor of cement and the roof of tile. Only the ceiling, doors and windows are of wood. The building is 26 feet by 36 feet and cost approximately \$1,000.00 including the lot. A building like it today would cost probably \$3,000.00. We, the missionaries, contributed most of the money with the native members putting in their small contributions. According to my experience the building of a church house is much easier than building a church.

Experiences With Members

One of the men became offended at another because he had compared him to an Indian (which is an insult to a Peruvian). They were fussing at each other and I invited them to my house thinking that I could get them reconciled, but instead they almost fought. I reported the matter to the church and at the next business meeting they readily forgave each other and shook hands. One of the brethren got to attending a spiritist meeting. I learned about it and went to him and explained to him that it was wrong and he got up in church and confessed his sin asking the church to forgive him. We have had some very sad experiences with some other members but the

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Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	\$ 25.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	12.00
North Fork Baptist Church, Puryear, Tenn.	5.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	45.00
McRoberts Baptist Church, McRoberts, Ky.	15.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	23.00
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, Ky.	10.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	20.05
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Boaz, Ky.	5.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	80.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	10.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.	5.39
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.	6.71
Grace Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky.	7.25
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	11.83
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	19.00
Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Mich.	57.24
Grace Baptist Church, BYPU, Baseline, Mich.	6.73
Oak Baptist Church, LBC, Royal Oak, Mich.	10.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	3.50
Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky.	54.64
Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Fla.	5.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	5.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	70.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	10.25
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	10.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich.	36.55
First Baptist Church, Coal Grove, Ohio	36.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	83.26
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	65.00
Harbor View Baptist Church, Harbor View, Ohio	10.00
Mrs. H. B. Hoag, Detroit, Mich.	25.00
Mrs. H. L. Hahn, Tampa, Fla.	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Forest Scott, Grand Rivers, Ky.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Larson Seffner, Fla.	10.00
Alex Sumpter, Union Grove, Wis.	1.00
Clifford W. Powell and family, Paducah, Ky.	50.00
Mrs. J. M. Platts, Fresno, Cal.	5.00
Mrs. J. L. Causey, Mulberry Grove, Ill.	2.00
TOTAL	\$917.40

Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer

As the Lord leads you, send all offerings for this mission work to the treasurer of the mission. It is best to send by check or money order. It is not safe to send cash. Address your envelope to:

Elder Z. E. Clark
5216 Concord Ave.
Detroit 11, Mich.

THINGS NOT MISSIONARY

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ardless of how fine and wholesome that life may be lived.

THE LOST MUST HEAR THE WORD

Jesus lived at Nazareth for 18 years and we know He did all things well. We know that He lived a perfect life before all, yet none were saved by the life He lived there. When He did preach to them at Nazareth they wanted to throw Him over a cliff. This is true even if the modernists do not believe it. Missionaries should live before the natives so that their lives will be as perfect as possible so that when they preach Christ and His word the people will listen and then the Holy Spirit will use that preached word to bring conviction and then the convicted ones will be saved by believing on Jesus Christ and not by looking at the good life of the missionary. Perhaps some will read these lines that will want to join in with us in the support of this work.

PERSONAL WORK IN BRAZIL

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world and follow the Lord Jesus Christ. They even remember the distressed of this life yet here on the earth. Their thirst is such as can hardly be endured. They recognize one another and are unhappy because of these meetings. Such a humiliation is

constancy of some has been remarkable.

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far greater than any experienced here on this earth."

THE SAINTS CAN'T HELP

"They have cried to the saints, but the saints are helpless to assist them. They have even asked that someone would be sent back here to the earth from the glory world to advise their families so that they would be wise and avoid hell before it was too late. But of course none can return to the people. You see the people here have the Baptists to tell them about the blood of Jesus that cleanses from all sin and that by faith in His sacrifice one receives full pardon from God the Father to be never more condemned."

The neighbor replied, "Did you say you had a message from there saying all that?" The man stood in amazement as he listened. The believer replied, "Yes, you see believers are the living saints, they are in communion with the living God by His living word with the Holy Spirit to teach and guide them in the way of all truth, so if you will come tonight to our service, our pastor can instruct you better over at the church and we will be glad to have you come too." "Do you mean to say that you would be glad to have me after the way I have talked to you and mistreated you this morning and at other times as well." "Why to be sure my friend we are interested in the salvation of your soul and would go to almost any extreme to see you saved and happy as we ourselves are."

THE NEIGHBOR AND HIS FAMILY ARE SAVED

The man came and the service that night was a deep spiritual one and the impressions were the very best. His interest was deepened, a friendship between the two men sprang up,

NEW MISSIONARIES NEEDED

We feel that the greatest need just now for the mission work in Brazil and Peru is other missionaries. We do not know how to explain the great need at Cruzeiro do Sul where Brother Brandon is located. Here he has his headquarters and from here he works the field by boat up the Jurua River and other rivers that empty into it. Here he has five churches and 30 preaching points over a distance of about 250 miles up the Jurua River and as much as 75 miles up the Moa River. He carries on this work alone with the help of five native Baptist preachers. In Cruzeiro do Sul this mission has a house already furnished with the necessary furniture for a new missionary couple to live in. This furniture includes a new Servel kerosene operated refrigerator. Here is an opportunity for a God called preacher and wife to really do service for their Lord. The work is well established, the need is greater than we know how to explain, the field is ripe unto harvest, persecution is there at times to make the work grow and glow.

A missionary with 23 years of experience who knows the language is there to help and to work with. Several have indicated that they are interested. Only real Baptists need apply. The Brazilian women and children need the help of a good woman, the wife of the missionary. The work is hard and calls for real sacrifice. The reward, well: Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. I Cor. 2:9. The couple that goes must be called of God to go and to stay. They should realize that trials will come and many will be the time when all will look dark, but to the ones who are true and remain the clouds will pass away and the brightness will be greater than before. Those that are called should love the Lord and His work more than they love their father, and mother or brother or sister or home. Let us pray that the Lord will call workers into this field and that soon. We know of no greater challenge or opportunity.

AHAVA BAPTIST CHURCH
Plant City, Fla.

Pastor George Boyer writes: "My people enjoyed Brother Brandon very much when he was with us and they are always eager to get and read the MISSION SHEETS when they come. The church voted to send \$10.00 each month to the work there and I am enclosing the check with this letter." Who will be next?

ALEX SUMPTER
Union Grove, Wis.

"I am sending \$1.00 to help with the work. I am an old man almost 84 years old and living alone, but I love God's Word. Alex Sumpter."

Brother Sumpter has been supporting this mission work for several years as you will note in the report from month to month. We have never seen him and he has never seen any of the missionaries, but he loves New Testament Faith Mission work. We shall see and meet him some day in the glory land. "That will be glory for me."

Priority

A noted young concert artist was asked the secret of her success with her violin. "Planned neglect," she replied, and then explained. "There were many things which demanded my time. When I went to my room after breakfast, I made my bed, straightened my room, dusted the floor, and did whatever came to my attention. When I finished my work, I turned my attention to violin practice. That system failed to accomplish the result desired, so I reversed things. I deliberately planned to neglect everything else until my practice period was completed. That program of planned neglect accounts for my success." Planned neglect may not sound good at first reading, but it is essential to give priority in the use of our time if we are to become efficient in the service of God and man.

and sometime later the neighbor was saved, then his family were saved one by one, and such a happy community as that is now. When God's fire is lighted in the hearts of men it cannot be stopped. It burns, consumes and purifies all at the same time. Praise the Lord for the grace that saves and satisfies.

HIMSELF

Once it was the blessing,
Now it is the Lord;
Once it was the feeling,
Now it is His Word.
Once His gifts I wanted,
Now the Giver own;
Once I sought for healing,
Now Himself alone.
Once 'twas painful trying,
Now 'tis perfect trust;
Once a half salvation,
Now the uttermost.
Once 'twas ceaseless holding,
Now he holds me fast;
Once 'twas constant drifting,
Now my anchor's cast.
Once 'twas busy planning,
Now 'tis trustful prayer;
Once 'twas anxious caring,
Now He has the care.
Once 'twas what I wanted,
Now what Jesus says;
Once 'twas constant asking,
Now 'tis ceaseless praise.
Once it was my working,
His it hence shall be;
Once I tried to use Him,
Now He uses me.
Once the power I wanted,
Now the Mighty One;
Once for self I labored,
Now for Him alone.
Once I hoped for Jesus,
Now I know He's mine;
Once my lamps were dying,
Now they brightly shine.
Once for death I waited,
Now His coming hail;
And my hopes are anchored
Safe within the veil.
—Selected

YOU CANNOT OUTGIVE GOD

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ing Wednesday when we came home from work at the end of the day, she was standing in the door with a beautiful black dress on and said, "how do you like it?" and we answered "fine." She went into the bedroom and came out with another one and said, "how do you like this one?" and we said "fine" again. She went into the other room and came out with the third dress on and then the fourth and then the fifth, the last time she held each hand a suit hanger with a suit of clothes on each one and said, "how do you like these?" and we said, "better yet." She then knelt and with tears of joy thanked our heavenly Father for these five dresses and two suits and for the fine Baptist laymen and wife that sent them. You cannot outgive God.

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"FROM EGYPT TO CANAAN"

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a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."—Matt. 3:13-17.

I repeat, beloved, that any man who will read the story of the baptism of our Lord and who will then say that he fails to see in it the doctrine of baptism by immersion, then that man is simply refusing to believe one of the plainest truths in all God's revealed Word.

Listen again: "And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing."—Acts 8:38, 39.

How in the world any man can read this portion of God's Word and then believe or practice anything else but immersion, is beyond my comprehension.

Israel was redeemed in Egypt, and following that, Israel was baptized in the Red Sea. The Lord God, for Jesus' sake, redeems poor sinners on the basis of the blood shedding of the Son of God, and, beloved, after we have been redeemed, we are baptized into the name of the triune God.

III IN THE THIRD PLACE, ISRAEL HAD A MARVELOUS EXPERIENCE IN THE WILDERNESS.

After they were redeemed and baptized, then came the wilderness. Listen:

"So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water."—Exodus 15:22.

What a long time forty years! Why didn't God take Israel to Canaan the short way? Why didn't He take them to Canaan by the nearer way? You can get your map of Palestine and you will see that if God had cared to have done so, he could have taken all of that group of three million Jews from Egypt to Canaan in just a few days time if He had taken them straight to Canaan. However, God didn't take them straight to Canaan. After they were redeemed in Egypt and baptized in the Red Sea, He led them around in the wilderness. Instead of going in a straight line to Canaan, He led them for nearly forty years in the wilderness. Why was it that God didn't take them straight to Canaan? Why did God lead them in the wilderness forty years?

There's a reason! If God had taken those Jews straight to Canaan, they never would have known about the difficulties of fighting with the Amalekites, and they would never have known of the hardships of the desert. If God had transplanted them at once into Canaan, they would have known nothing but a life of ease and could never have appreciated Canaan when they got there. The thing that caused them to appreciate Canaan was that forty years of wilderness wandering.

You and I will agree this morning that so far as we are concerned, if the day we had been saved God would have stricken us dead and taken us on home to glory, that the last one of us would have been better off. Won't you agree with me this morning that the day Jesus Christ became real to you, that if God had in that hour smitten

you and transplanted you out of this life into heaven—won't you agree with me that you would have been better off? Why, of course, you would. However, beloved, God didn't do this. He didn't want to take you all the way from spiritual Egypt to spiritual Canaan in one jump. He wanted you to walk in this world; he wanted you to have some problems, some difficulties and burdens here in this life just like the children of Israel had, in order that it might develop us and make us fit and prepared for Heaven itself. I believe this morning that if the Lord were to save a man and then take him immediately to glory, then that man could not appreciate Heaven one-ten thousandth as much as the man who lives here in the flesh for a lifetime. As God led Israel in the wilderness, so God leads us in the wilderness spiritually.

Notice with me a few things that came in that wilderness experience to develop those Jews. The Word of God tells us that at the Red Sea they learned something about their enemies and how to deal with them. When they came up to the Red Sea it was an impassable barrier before them, and there was an enemy of known military prowess coming behind them in the person of Pharaoh with his armed chariots, four hundred in number. Yet, Israel was not failed by God. Instead, He opened up a path in the Red Sea and led Israel across, and when Pharaoh attempted to follow, God drowned Pharaoh and all of his horsemen and all of his armed forces within the Red Sea. The next morning old Moses took up his shepherd staff using it as a baton and led the children of Israel in singing redemption's song because God had destroyed their enemies. God had said to them, "You go on and let me take care of your enemies."

Beloved, this morning let me tell you that God did a good job in that the last one of them were drowned in the Red Sea.

I'm trying to show you this morning that the experiences of Israel are illustrations of our spiritual experiences. What good can we learn from this? Are you and I to contend with our enemies here in this world? Not at all. Instead, we are to go on and serve God and let Him take care of our enemies. Listen:

"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head."—Rom. 12:18-20.

"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."—Matt. 5:11,12.

God said to the Jews, "You go on; you go forward, and I'll look after the Egyptians", and God did a good job of it.

Beloved, the God who took care of Israel and who destroyed the Egyptians, is the same God who lives and rules and reigns today, and He is just as capable of taking care of our Egyptian enemies today as He was in the days of Israel.

Notice another experience of Israel in the wilderness. They had to contend with the Amalekites. Really the Amalekites were close relatives to the child-

ren of Israel. However, those Amalekites, though they were close relatives, were the very first ones to oppose Israel as they wandered through the wilderness.

I'm sure you remember the story as to how Moses contended with the Amalekites. They were victorious as long as Moses could hold up his arms, but Moses would grow tired and weary and when he would let down his arms, the Amalekites would prevail. When he was able to hold his hands up, Israel would become victorious. The Word of God tells us how that two men, Aaron and Hur, stood beside Moses. They sat him down on a rock and each stood beside him and upheld his hands until the victory was won.

What is the spiritual significance of this? Simply this: Amalek is a type of our fleshly nature. Amalek was close kin to Israel yet fighting against Israel, and as such prefigures our fleshly nature. After we are saved and start walking here in this world, we find pretty soon in our wilderness experiences that our old flesh manifests itself. As long as we can hold ourselves up in worship before God, there is victory, but when we let down, our flesh becomes predominant, and it is victorious. However, beloved, God has provided two helpers for us, just like He had two helpers for Moses. On the one hand our Lord has provided our High Priest Jesus Christ, to hold us up, and on the other hand, we have the Holy Spirit, our comforter, who maketh intercessions for us with groanings that cannot be uttered. Beloved, do you see how Israel had to contend with the Amalekites just like we have to contend with our flesh.

Notice again: In all this wilderness wandering, God provided for Israel food, water and clothing. The necessities of life were thus provided by God for forty years. Every morning all they had to do was go out and pick up food off the ground. God also gave them water for forty years in the wilderness, and when they came to the end of their wilderness journey, God pointed to their shoes and said, "Those shoes have not waxed old on your feet for forty years." Wouldn't you like to have a pair of shoes last that long today? God provided for the clothing, the food and the drink, and all the necessities these people had for forty years.

Beloved, that same God is still on His throne today. God can provide for us too. Listen:

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."—Matt. 6:33.

You want to know how to have all your material necessities taken care of? I'll tell you: If you are a saved man, put God first and He says these material blessings will all be taken care of.

Now notice: Israel was redeemed in Egypt. We have our redemption at Calvary; Israel was baptized at the Red Sea, which is typical of our baptism in water in the name of a triune God; Israel had a marvelous experience in the wilderness which certainly illustrates our experiences as we journey here in the wilderness of this world.

IV IN THE FOURTH PLACE, I WANT YOU TO NOTICE THAT ISRAEL LEFT THE WILDERNESS AT THE JORDAN RIVER.

We have been studying in our Sunday School lesson the last three Sundays, and we also will study again today how that Israel passed over the Jordan dry shod. I know it looked like a terrible barrier in front of those Jews when they came up near

the Jordan and saw those muddy waters washing up and out on the banks of the Jordan for it was the flood season and all the Jordan River overflowed its banks. I know it brought consternation to the hearts of Israel when they saw those muddy waters of Jordan. Yet, when they got down to the Jordan, just as soon as the priests feet touched the water, those waves began to pile up and left dry land for Israel to cross over unto the other side. When they came to Jordan, that which looked like an impassable barrier, was not any barrier at all—God dried up the Jordan River.

What does Jordan represent to us? I think, beloved, that it certainly does typify death for a child of God. You stand off and look at death and certainly it is a horrible and terrible barrier between us and Heaven. Nobody likes to think about the fact of death. Nobody likes to talk about death. It is just a barrier, horrible and terrible, as we think of it between us and Heaven. Yet, beloved, when we come down to the hour of death, we will find that that which seems so terrible to us today, is no more to us than was the Jordan River to the Jews.

I doubt seriously if there is anybody here this morning who has seen more people die than this servant of God. In the years of my ministry I've seen many die. I sat down this past week and went back in my mind and thought of the folk whom I have seen depart from this life. I thought of at least thirty-nine, and maybe more, that I have been with at the hour of death. Death is a terrible barrier as we think of it, but when we come to it, we will find in that hour that death will be no more for a child of God than the Jordan River was for the Jews the day they passed over.

You ask me this morning, "Brother Gilpin, do you have dying grace today?" My answer to this question would be, "No, I don't have dying grace. I do not need dying grace today—I have living grace today, but when I come down to the hour of death, the God who has given me living grace, will give me dying grace then."

I think of many whom I have seen depart from this life. I remember a father who had been ill for a year's time, suffering with a dreadful disease. When he died, they tapped his abdomen, and took from it alone almost five gallons of water to say nothing of the balance of his body. For nearly a year's time I had scarcely seen a smile on his face, so intense was the pain that he passed through in that last year of his life. Yet, I stood by his bedside the day he died, and I saw the sweetest smile play across his countenance that I had ever seen in all my life. Why? His eyes were seeing things that were hidden to my eyes, and death which seems so horrible to us, was just the ushering in of a new life to him as he passed over.

I told our teachers on Wednesday night, in thinking of this, of an experience of B. H. Carroll. When Carroll was preaching in a brush-arbor revival meeting out in Texas, one day a man in a mover's wagon stopped just in front of the brush-arbor, and a dirty face peered out from the curtains on that wagon. Carroll, though in the midst of his sermon, said he felt an impression to quit preaching to his audience and to go outside and preach to that man. He did so and the man was saved. He was so weak, dying with consumption, that he had to be baptized sitting in a

chair, and a few days later, passed on. Carroll was with this man when he died, and in the hour of his death, he said, "Now, Brother Bryan, you are coming down to the river of death, but I assure you, from the Word of God that there is no river there." "Now," he said, "if you can give us a token that what I'm saying to you is true, do so." The man seemed to understand and nodded. His eyes flickered and closed, and B. H. Carroll, thinking that he was dead, reached down and closed his eye lids. As he did so, the man's eyes flickered again, and he looked up at Carroll's face, and in a weak voice said, "Brother Carroll, no river, all bright," and was gone.

That's what the Jews found in that day when they came to Jordan. When they got down to the river, it was gone, and they passed over to the other side dry shod, just like we are going to do some day when we come to the river of death.

V ONCE AGAIN: ISRAEL CAME TO CANAAN AT LAST.

Redeemed in Egypt, baptized at the Red Sea, a marvelous experience in the wilderness for forty years, passed dry shod over Jordan, and then Canaan. That's the land that flowed with milk and honey. It's the land they had been longing for and striving for. It had been their ultimate goal for forty years. Moses has held up before them—Canaan, Canaan, Canaan—and now they are there.

My brother, this morning, if I could, I would like to hold up before you a goal of every man's life—Heaven itself. Your goal this morning surely isn't a goal that has to do with material goods. Your goal today surely isn't a goal that has to do with material gain as far as this world is concerned. I grant you that it is necessary that we have material things as we journey here in a material world, and yet this morning, that ought not to be our goal. Our goal ultimately is our heavenly kingdom.

I'm looking forward to the day when I am going to walk with Moses and Elijah up yonder in Heaven. I'm looking forward to the day when I'm going to walk on streets paved with gold, and when I'm going to see that tree of life which grows on the banks of the river of the water of life. I'm looking forward to the day when I'm going to see my Lord, and I'm going to dwell eternally with Jesus Christ my Saviour. That's my goal this morning. When I think of it, I rejoice. Israel's goal was Canaan, and they got there. The Lord led them there. My goal is Heaven, and I'm going to get there too because the Lord is going to lead me there.

Israel didn't get to Canaan because of anything in themselves; they got there because the Lord took them there, and I'm going to Heaven because the Lord Jesus Christ saved me, and keeps me in this wilderness experience, and will eventually guide me safely over the river of death and bring me ultimately to my home in Heaven. Thank God for that this morning.

Our text tells us that these things happened unto them for examples, and certainly from Egypt to Canaan surely illustrates the spiritual experiences of every child of God as he wanders from the time he is saved, through this world, until ultimately he is brought to Heaven itself. Thank God this morning for their experiences, because as you do so, you are just thanking God for your own experiences in Him.

May God bless you!

—The Gospel