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A FINAL WORD AS TO THANKSGIVING SERVICES

We hope many of our readers are planning to attend these services. Moreover we hope that many others, as well as they are going to have part in our offering for Foreign Missions, Orphans' Homes, and The Baptist Examiner.

Thanksgiving is a time for giving thanks. But it is not enough to say "Thank you" to God for his countless blessings. We should seek practical ways of showing our gratitude. One of these ways is to be found in sharing with others that which God has given us. Herein lies the true spirit of Thanksgiving for the Christian.

DID YOU FORGET SOMETHING?



WAS IT OUR APPEAL FOR A THANKSGIVING OFFERING?

What do we have that we can share?

We Can Share Food and Clothing. As a part of our offering to Orphans' Homes we will gladly accept eatables and used clothing. These will be sent immediately after Thanksgiving to our Baptist Orphans' Homes and they will be most gratefully received by them. Bring or send them to the First Baptist Church of Russell.

We Can Share Our Money. This we can do by contributing to this three-fold offering. Our money represents so much of

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The Terrible Un-Scriptural Tragedy Of Modern Marriage And Divorce

By Henry H. Powell

"And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." — Gen. 2:21-24.

"Thus we see that marriage is of God, pure and holy, for no sin had yet entered into the world. That is what Jesus re-

ferred to, when the Pharisees came to him, tempting him, saying, is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause. Jesus said, have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female. And said, for this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh. Wherefore they are no more twain.

I.

Marriage Among The Hebrews

The relation of husband and wife among the Hebrews was regarded as especially sacred, and not to be lightly dissolved; but when dissolved, the dissolution was to be final. The right

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In This Modern Parable, Does The Man Pictured Refer To You?

J. E. Felty, Jr.
Ashland, Ky.

And he spoke this parable unto them, saying, "A certain good woman prepared a sumptuous dinner for her husband and children. She had set upon the table delicious foods which made the mouth of her children and her husband 'water.' They were eating ravenously, and saying nice compliments on the splendid food. In the midst of the meal, however, the mother arose from the table, went into the kitchen, and returned with a steaming bowl of oyster soup, a dish which one of the boys liked especially and which he was feeding for his health's sake. But when she set the oyster soup up on the table, her husband and father of her children, who did not like oysters, got so angry that he jumped quickly up from the table, knocked all the delicious food onto the floor, cursed, and raged, and stomped out of the house, vowing that he never would have anything to do with the children as long as they had anything to do with their mother, and as long as they let her stay 'under the

same roof" with them. He did all this merely because one little bowl of food was served against his liking, and despite the fact that his good wife had been a blessing to him in years gone by, he left home never to return.

When his disciples and he had drawn aside from the multitude, they asked him concerning the parable, saying, "Just what did you mean?" He, then, opened up the parable unto them.

"The good woman is likened unto the pastor of a church who labors hard and earnestly to feed his flock such food as they need and such as the Holy Spirit guides him to serve. He brings to them message after message, which edify and strengthen the membership, to say nothing of their enjoying and relishing them. The children are those members who hungrily grasp at his words and teachings and take them into their souls and profit thereby. The husband is likened unto those members who grab and hungrily devour those things which they like and which indulge their passions, appetites, fancies and whims,

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Is Baptism One Bit Better If Administered In Running Water?

Roy Mason
Tampa, Florida

We have been asked questions relative to this many times. As we have recently been asked some questions as to the relative value of baptism in a baptistry or baptism in a river, we spend some time dealing with this, thinking that maybe still others are interested.

Is Baptism In A River Better?

The answer is NO. And perhaps we should say NO a lot of times, like the old maid who in answer to a proposal of marriage by wire, sent as her answer a telegram containing ten words — each word a "YES."

Why Is River Baptism No Better?

Because the New Testament does not command baptism in a river. Baptism in the River Jordan at the exact spot where Jesus was baptized, would be no more valid than baptism in a baptistry in a church. Jesus said, in Matthew 28: "immersing them." Just so there is water enough to immerse the believer that is all that Jesus command-

ed. Just so a person can be buried in water, that meets the requirements. (See Romans 6:3, 10).

Because the New Testament baptisms were not all in running water. The Philippian jailer, baptized in the night time, was probably baptized in a tank of water nearby, such as most prisons are said to have had. The Ethiopian Eunuch was evidently baptized in a body of water that was not a river — unless a river has disappeared during the centuries. The 3,000 on Pentecost must have been baptized in something other than a river. No river flows through Jerusalem. But we read of the "Pool of Bethesda," "The Pool of Siloam," etc.

Because when people are sticklers for river baptism, they attach undue significance to the water, rather than to what the symbolism means or the ordinance represents. "Running water" is no more significant than sulphur water. Whether the water runs or not — water does not wash away the sins.

If one is going to insist on

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VIGILANCE

When Dr. Campbell Morgan was in British Columbia, he was taken to see the cherry orchards there, one of the loveliest sights in the West. On all sides were trees laden with rosy, luscious fruit. Dr. Morgan turned to the gardener, and said, "I suppose there is no difficulty in growing cherries here—the soil is so rich and the climate so delightful?" "You are making a great mistake if you think so," answered the gardener. "All the year round I am fighting for the lives of these cherries, for they have enemies in the soil and in the air which would soon destroy them." So it is in the cultivation of the Christian life; there must be constant watchfulness. Watch and pray.

-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"HIDING FROM GOD"

"And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden."—Genesis 3:8.

Some few weeks ago, a citizen within this town died. Though he did not come to this church, I visited the home immediately after his death. When I came away after talking with the family, a powerful impression settled itself upon me,

namely, that man was either in Heaven or in Hell right then. For the last several weeks since that impression came to me, I have thought again and again of this particular individual and of others, both living and dead. I say to you tonight, beloved, whenever the breath goes out of the body, the heart ceases to beat, and the normal functions of the body fail, immediately in that moment, that individual is either in Heaven or in Hell.

Beloved, that's a startling im-

pression. It is one that is solemn and ought to cause every one of us to stop and think and to take inventory. In view of the fact that the very moment your life ceases on this earth, that you begin a life in eternity either in Heaven or in Hell—in view of this fact, we certainly ought to stop, pause, listen and take a spiritual inventory to see where we are going.

It isn't enough, beloved, to take it for granted that you are

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FORGIVEN

An interesting story is related of a Scottish physician who was noted for his skill and piety. After his death, when his books were examined, several accounts had written across in red ink, "Forgiven—too poor to pay."

His wife, who was of a different disposition, said: "These accounts must be paid." She therefore sued for the money.

The judge asked her, "Is this your husband's handwriting in red ink?" She replied in the affirmative. "Then," said he, "there is not a tribunal in the land that can obtain the money where he had written 'Forgiven'."

So likewise when Jesus writes the word 'forgiven' across one account in the ledger of heaven, we are released from condemnation.

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THE TRAGEDY OF MODERN MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

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of divorce would appear to have belonged exclusively to the husband, and to make the act legal three steps were necessary:

1. He must have a bill of divorce drawn up.
2. He must put it into his wife's hand.
3. He must send her away. Deut. 24:1-4.

A wife could contract no engagement, or even vow, independently of her husband, unless after divorce or his death. Numb. 30:6-15. And she had no power to separate herself from him. Marriage was forbidden among relatives. Lev. 18. As also with the descendants of the seven nations that originally occupied the land of Canaan. Deut. 7:1-6.

It was a free act, and could not be consummated without the bride's consent. If a husband died without issue, his brother was required to take the widow to wife, that he might raise up seed to him. Deut. 25:5-10.

II

Marriage In The New Testament

Christ taught the sacredness of the marriage bond; and forbid divorce except on the ground of fornication. Henceforth, all marriages were considered like that of our first parents, Adam and Eve, as sanctioned by God Himself. But remember, this injunction was given to His disciples, and not to the civil powers. Each civil power had laws governing marriage, differing in many respects, but based on one principle, that of self-protection. God's laws are a means to an end, and are therefore given for a bold purpose.

St. Paul compares the marriage bond to the union between Christ and His church; and in all ages marriage has been regarded by the church as a sacred rite performed in the sight of God. Not as a protection against evil, but as something sacred and holy in itself. Did not Paul say, "Marriage is honourable, and the bed undefiled, (that is, without sin) if they come together in that holy estate that God had planned in the very beginning."

Paul gave instructions to the church, "That the younger



women should marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully." I Tim. 5:14. Again he saith, "If thou marry thou hath not sinned."

When Jesus was teaching that, "Whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery, and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery," Matt. 5:32. He was talking to the Jews who were supposed to be living under the laws of God, but had become as the Gentiles to regard marriage as merely a civil rite, and in consequence divorce was easily procured.

III

Marriage In The Early History Of The Church

Ignatius wrote in the second century, "It becomes those who marry, and those who are given in marriage, to take this yoke upon them with the consent of the direction of the church, that their marriage may be according to the will of God, and not their own lusts."

Tertullian wrote in the third century, "How shall I sufficiently set forth the happiness of the marriage which the church brings about by her procurement, which the eucharist confirms, which angels report when done, and the Father ratifies."

In the reign of Constantine, when religious fervor began to cool and discipline grow lax, some Christians were married by the civil power, without any religious ceremony; and as this practice in after years showed a tendency to increase, laws were passed both in the East (A. D. 900) and in the West (A. D. 800) ordaining that marriage be contracted as religious ceremonies, and that reception of the Holy Eucharist was to follow the marriage rite. The law, though frequently ignored, as far as the eucharist was concerned, continued in force in England under the Commonwealth, when marriage was declared by the state to be merely a civil contract.

At the restoration, the religious character of marriage was again recognized by the civil law, and a change in the English law of marriage was made in 1485 by Act 6 and 7, whereby marriage might be performed in three ways:

1. In the established parish church.
2. In a registered place of worship.
3. In the register's office, without any religious ceremony.

IV

The Catholic Church And Marriage

In the 4th, 5th, and 6th centuries the Catholic Church fought round after round for

the full right, civil and religious in the marriage rite. In the sixth century a compromise was effected whereby the state was to issue the license and the church the right to all marriage ceremonies.

Catholics today in every land still claim that right among their members, and teach that only the Catholic Church has a right to perform marriage ceremonies, and that all who are not so married are living in adultery, and are denied the blessings of the church. All who are thus married must be remarried by the priest, and if divorce is granted by the state without their consent, are considered an adulteress, and cannot remarry with the blessings of the church.

V

Baptists And Protestants

Baptists and Protestants have long since given up all marriage rights to the civil powers, both legal and religious. Therefore the divine laws of God have been neglected, if not forgotten. It seems that we have forgotten that there is a sacred, or a divine law by which all people, and especially Christians, should be governed.

Baptists would not take the legal authority away from the state if they could, they believe in the marriage laws by the state, and would love to see them improved upon. We recognize the fact that we live in a world with people of many faiths, and with people of no faith at all. The state must have laws to govern the people in their marital relationships. But we must remember that those laws are in self-defense, to protect society, to prevent incest and bigamy. Therefore, divorce becomes necessary in the enforcement of state laws.

The state does not and cannot teach religion, therefore, if our people are to know the sacred and holy laws of God concerning the marriage relation, it is up to the church and her ministers to teach them. But under our present setup, we have a poor chance to do so, as you will readily see in what follows.

VI

Marriage Laws In All Civilized Countries

In all civilized countries laws have been passed regulating marriage, these laws differed in different countries and at different times; but their object has been identical, to protect society, and prevent incest and bigamy.

In this country the law provides that any judge, justice of the peace, or a minister of the gospel are to perform marriage ceremonies. The judge or justice holds a commission from the

state, the minister does not. His is only honorary. Some ministers have their credentials recorded with the clerk of court, some don't. I think there should be some regulation to govern ministers, or to protect the public from quacks.

Such laws as we have here
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HIDING FROM GOD

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saved. It isn't enough just to assume and suppose that because you are a church member that you are a child of God. I say, beloved, in view of the fact that when you die and your life on this earth ends, and your life in eternity begins, either in Heaven or in Hell, in view of that fact, you ought to be mighty sure where you stand tonight.

I

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL WITHIN THE SOUND OF MY VOICE, AND EVERY INDIVIDUAL WITHIN THE WORLD OUGHT TO HEED THIS ADMONITION, AND YET, THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE ARE DOING TONIGHT JUST EXACTLY LIKE ADAM DID IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN. When old Adam sinned, the Word of God tells us that immediately he hid from the presence of the Lord. To be sure this has been an interesting and yet solemnly dark picture that I have read to you of the entrance of sin as given in the third chapter of Genesis.

When sin came into the life of Adam and Eve, no longer did they have the innocence they possessed heretofore. Now they were tainted and their lives were dominated by sin, with the result that immediately they hid from the presence of God. Heretofore the voice of God had been the sweetest music that ever fell upon the ears of Adam and Eve, and I rather imagine that when God came down in the cool of the day to walk and talk with them in the Garden of Eden that they rushed into His very presence. Yet, now, beloved, they rush away from the presence of God. Though they had fled to Him previously, now they flee from Him. Though they had walked and talked with Him face to face hitherto, now they make an attempt to hide from the face of God.

Well, beloved, what Adam and

Eve did in the Garden of Eden is just exactly what men and women have been doing for the last six thousand years of earth's history. Men try to hide from God today. I use the word "try" advisedly, for as we shall see within this message, no man can really hide from God. However, from the day that Adam and Eve tried to do so, all of the fallen descendants of that first sinful pair have followed in their steps and have likewise tried to hide from the Almighty.

Because men try to hide from God, this gives rise to all the infidelity that there is within the world. If men were not trying to hide from God, there would never be an infidel. One night Bob Ingersoll was lecturing in the city of Chicago. Just as he got into a powerful sway of oratory, a man arose in the audience and said, "Bob, make it mighty strong tonight, there's a lot of us fellows depending on you." Beloved, the thing that gives rise to infidelity is the fact that men are hiding from God. If men did not try to hide from God, there would never be an infidel.

The fact that men try to hide from God will account for the lack of attendance in the house of the Lord. Why is it so hard to get people to come into God's house to hear His Word? It is because they are trying to hide from God. Many and many an excuse will be given, but after all is said and done, the actual reason that men don't like to come into the house of God is because they themselves are making an attempt to hide from God.

A business man in this town a few years ago correctly summed it up when he said, "I can't go to church regularly. If I were to come and hear you preach Sunday after Sunday, I would have to accept Jesus as my Saviour." I say to you tonight, beloved, the fact that men try to hide from God is the reason for the lack of church attendance in the house of God.

It's the reason for the neglect of the Word of God. Every sinner would read the Bible just like every saved person ought to read the Bible if it were not for the fact that he is trying to hide from God. Men spurn the Bible and reject its sacred pages because they are trying to hide from God.

That's the reason for much
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Time

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." (Ecclesiastes 12:1).

When as a child, I laughed and wept,
Time crept;
When as a youth, I dreamed and talked,
Time walked;
When I became a full grown man,
Time ran;
When older still I daily grew,
Time flew;
Soon I shall find in traveling on
Time gone.

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." (Psalm 90:12).

MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL

J. F. Brandon
Miguel Ibernón
Cicero Bicipo
Ebenézer Guimarães
Maio Dutro
Eufrazo Soraes
(Portuguese Language)

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MISSIONARIES IN PERU

R. P. Hallum
Mrs. R. P. Hallum
Miss Marguerite Hallum
(Spanish Language)
IN COLUMBIA
Jose Tomas del Castillo
(Spanish Language)

MISSION SHEETS

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COLUMBIA---

HALLUM WRITES OF ORDINATION AND WORK IN COLUMBIA

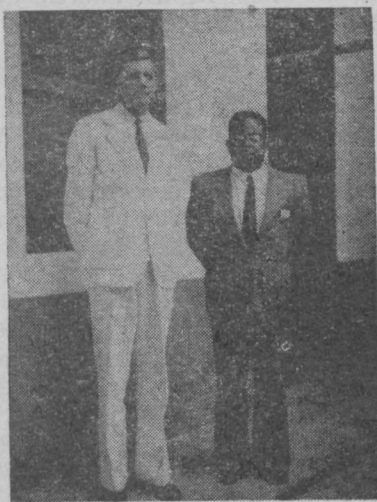
Iquitos, Peru.

Dear Brethren:

On Wednesday, August 6, 1947, Jose Tomas del Castillo arrived by air (at our expense) and was with us until the thirteenth, preaching at night. We really enjoyed his preaching and the fellowship with him. He stayed at a small hotel at night taking breakfast and supper and was with us at our home for lunch. Don Tomas is a man of 48 years of age, has plenty of intelligence to be a preacher and apparently has studied the Bible a great deal. He was liked quite well by those who heard him, especially the children.

Ordains Don Tomas

On Sunday, August 10, 1947, he was received into the church and we immediately proceeded to examine him with respect to doctrinal views of the Scripture, with the object of ordaining him to the full work of the ministry. The examination was (to me) satisfactory as a whole. There were two points about which he was not clear at the beginning, but after I explained them to him, what the Scripture teaches about them, he said they were clear to him. Those points were about the nature of the church and whether local or provincial. After bringing out the way the church is entered and the way the kingdom is entered it all seemed to be clear to him. The other was about women speaking in the church and teaching men. He had never been taught the truth about this, or rather he had been misled by his teachers



Missionary R. P. Hallum and
Jose Tomas del Castillo

This is a picture of Missionary Hallum and a native Columbian Baptist preacher who was baptized by Brother Hallum early this year. This native preacher of Columbia came to Iquitos Peru and united with the church there and then the church examined and ordained him. He is now doing work in Columbia under the direction of Missionary Hallum. See his report to Brother Hallum in this issue and remember to pray for him.

on this subject but admitted that it was clear to him after I had called his attention to I Corinthians 14:34-35. He was very positive about the Divine inspiration of the Old and New Testament from Genesis to Revelation, about man being saved by the Righteousness of God and not by his own righteousness. He seemed to be strait on the ordinances of the church, on

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Mission Work Opens In Columbia Under Direction Of R. P. Hallum

Baptist Faith Missions now have a work in Brazil, Peru and Columbia. Jose Tomas del Castillo, a native Baptist preacher of Columbia, South America, has been accepted as a missionary upon the recommendations of Brother Hallum and is now working in Buenaventura, Columbia and surrounding territory. He hopes to build a house for a preaching place and living quarters above on a lot that he has acquired. Don Thomas speaks only Spanish so he cannot write to us, the same as the natives who work for Brother Brandon speak Portuguese and cannot write to us. He will report to Brother Hallum and then in turn will send us the news of the work in Columbia and we will pass it on to you in the MISSION SHEETS. Here is a

report he sent to Brother Hallum—

Buenaventura, Columbia.
September 23, 1947.

Mr. Ricardo P. Hallum:

My very esteemed brother in Christ: With overflowing joy I send my fraternal greetings for you, your wife, and daughter, to whom I desire the most richest blessing of the Lord. We are well here, thanks to God and to your services.

Five Baptisms

I had the privilege of serving the Lord on effecting five baptisms. The photographs of three of them are taken individually, all five are in the group. Truly there is no greater joy to serve,

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A DAY OF PRAYER

We spoke to several pastors when we were on the trip a year ago with Missionary Brandon visiting churches in the homeland about a day of prayer. Brother Brandon suggested that the pastors in a given area get together at least one day a month (once a week would be better) for a day of prayer. The pastors of the Detroit River Association voted in November 1946 to do this and we have met together most every month. Each month some pastor may be away in a meeting or could not come for some other reason, but some do come and meet together and pray for the Missionaries and their work and for each other and our problems. We meet the third Monday of each month at the churches at 10 o'clock in the morning and pray for several hours. I am sure that all who read the letters from the Missionaries see the need of prayer for them. They labor under a tropical sun, with chills, and fever and among lepers and against priest persecution at the back side of the desert. When I read their letters it makes me

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PRAYER

In this issue of this paper are letters from Missionaries in Brazil, Peru and Columbia. If you will read them carefully, you will know more about real mission work than most people who claim to be missionary and give to what they think is missions, learn in all their lives. Were you to ask most people, who claim to be Missionary Baptists, about the mission work they support, they could not tell you one thing about it, they only hope they are doing mission work. Part goes to support modernistic Seminary Professors. Part goes to support some Association Missionaries who declare non-fellowship with all Baptists who do not swallow the co-operative program. They are little cogs of the machine of which one of the big cogs, the vice-president declares fellowship with all denominations and is trying to get them all unionized together. That makes a rattle in the machine which will bear watching.

SECOND LETTER FROM HALLUM

Iquitos, Peru.
October 8, 1947.

Dear Brethren:

Christian greetings. Your letter number 8 at hand. Glad for the good vacation that you had and also for the adding machine for Brother Clark and the encouraging news. This leaves us all well but feeling the effects of the heat. We made a short trip last week in the boat to an

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BRAZIL---

BRANDON TELLS OF PRIEST'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE GOSPEL

Cruzeiro do Sul,
Acre, Brazil.
September 16, 1947.

Dear Brethren:

We have had two planes recently. On one I was able to send some letters, the other came unexpectedly, thus nothing was sent. I enjoyed a very profitable journey to Japyni but while there was taken with the chills and fever and was obliged to return here because things were so inconvenient to be sick there. I had a chill in the journey down river and arrived home with a fever. I became very sad, for there were ten days the fever was in me and when it left I remained very weak, but I feel better today and for that reason I am writing so when the plane comes it will be ready. There was a greater interest among the believers at Japyni and I enjoyed teaching them. There were some few who came to the preaching services and others were sought out in their homes and preached to, so I trust that the Lord was served in our mission on the journey there.

Priests Waging Campaign

The Catholic priests are waging a campaign against the gospel, such as never before. At all their public meetings they inquire who has attended the gospel meetings and if they do not swear by the virgin and everything else there may be in heaven that they will never again attend, they are pronounced under a curse that cannot be healed. You and I do not believe that the curses of these priests are effective, but they do



MIGUEL IBERNON

This is a picture of Miguel Ibernón who is pastor of the Baptist Church in Cruzeiro do Sul. Brother Brandon writes that he preaches with great power and is getting better all the time. He is now on a journey up river in place of Missionary Brandon who is not able to go. Doesn't it thrill your soul to realize that you have a part in the work of this Brazilian Baptist preacher, who is now, while you are reading this, way up river in the interior of the Acre Territory telling the lost about the Lord Jesus Christ and His power to save. Pray for Miguel.

cut down our attendance as nothing else ever did. We are working every night in some part of the town but only a few attend.

Miguel Doing Good Preaching

The pastor of the Cruzeiro do Sul Church (Miguel Ibernón) is

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Second Letter From Missionary Brandon Urging More Prayer Partners For Missions

Cruzeiro do Sul,
Acre, Brazil.
September 20, 1947.

Dear Brethren:

Yesterday I enjoyed another surprise. A plane came in all unexpectedly and brought some letters from the homeland, for which I was very thankful. Your letter number 7 was among them. Was glad to hear about your trip to Kentucky, and see the willingness of the churches there in cooperation with you. Glad you were with the people at White Plains and hope that you will continue to be a blessing to them. Brother — was the only one in our radius, who was pastor, who showed an evil will in our work and I marveled at it at the time, still I never thought it was sin in his

life. Two of the leading members told me that he was opposed to our work, etc. When a man becomes involved with a woman he loses his power with the Lord. The Lord will in no way approve a man's ministry with that blot against him. There are more admonitions against fornication than any other sin mentioned in the Bible. Remember me to dear Brother Freyling. He impresses me as a great man and I hope his afflictions will draw him closer to the Lord.

Surprised At Little Prayer

Life ebbs down very low when I am deprived of preaching. However, the Lord will surely do something about it. I know that I am not forgotten by you

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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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Detroit 11, Mich.

MISSIONARY BRANDON

(Continued from preceding page) doing better preaching than I ever heard him. God is blessing the deacon too-as never before. He preached last night and it was a message of divine power and grace. Also one of the other members has risen up to preach, so Sunday I could not go to the leper's home and he was glad to go. He went in company with the other believers and everyone was happy and surprised, for they said he did preach well. I have enjoyed the work in the church at Cruzeiro do Sul and the members also have. The work is being revived and they all seem happy. On Sunday morning and Wednesday night are the hours I have with them.

Cicero Reports Souls Saved

I received letters from the brethren and all goes well with them. In Amonho there have been some conversions, perhaps three or four, also one reconciled to the church. The workers were to go up the Teja river last month and as there has been no news lately I suppose they have gone. I am sending some more pictures. Some did not do so well but it is what I could and I hope you will be well pleased with them. I feel that the Lord has led me in agreeing with the pastor to go up river in my stead as it is impossible for me to go any way soon and the believers need the ministry of one of us. I can take care of the work here in town but to embark on a journey for a month or two would be too much for the strength I have. On hot days I become unrestful and on the river in a boat would be too hot. The bank has advised that the money has been received and I will send it to the workers by the pastor.

Needs A Helper

If the Lord would send another missionary but I prefer to have none as to have one sent by the flesh. However, the work could be saved if there were some new workers. You spoke of Brother Malcolm of Florida, saying that he sometimes felt he should come and help. He is the most likely one that I know of. There have been a number of people condemned for leprosy recently, including four children from the public school, and one of the believers, a boy of 18. The government is doing so little for them that they become more pitiful each day. I wish that someone with plenty of money would become interested in them and make it possible for me to help them. Remember me to all the brethren, friends and loved ones in the Lord. I hope that your family is well and happy. Tell me of your trip to Kentucky and of my own family. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Sincerely,

J. F. BRANDON.

When Brother Brandon was home on furlough last year we went together to a large drug manufacturer to see about treatment for lepers. We were advised that the cost was about one dollar for the shots for about

MISSIONARY HALLUM

(Continued from preceding page) the question of unionism and all other questions about which I asked him.

Believers Waiting for Baptism

Don Tomas has been preaching at a small town about 20 miles from Buenaventura, Columbia. He tells me there are more than 20 believers waiting for scriptural baptism. He has a lot in Buenavenura and is trying to build a place in which to have meetings. His plan is to construct a house with a second floor on which his family can live and have services on the ground floor. I think it is a very good plan and hope he can carry it out before long. His lot is on the principal street of Buenaventura overlooking the bay. Since baptizing Brother Don Tomas, we have contributed regularly to his support and expect to continue to do so as long as we feel led by the Lord to do so. His entire expenses of the trip were paid by us.

Sincerely,

R. P. HALLUM

WORK OPENS IN COLUMBIA

(Continued from preceding page) feeling in the interior the presence of the Lord. The brother that is without shirt is he who accompanied us when you baptized me in the Pinal, there in the same place I baptized them. He is without shirt because he was working in the street as a laborer. His name is Jose Arias Rua. He is my colporter, giving out tracts from house to house and in the streets of the docks. He asks that we help him in prayer for the conversion of his wife and children and for him that the Lord may keep him firm. The brother Saul Marin is the one I mentioned to you when I was there. He is called by the Holy Spirit to the ministry. His soul burns in love for the lost. He goes a foot up and down the hills seeking his neighbors and talking about the Lord; in Cisneros all want him; and when I told them if they wished that he work in the work among them, all accepted with much joy. Moreover they offered to do their share in order to build a chapel with a place for him to live there, and even the unconverted gave me a good testimony of him and manifest their appreciation of him.

Report Of Work

Now then: in your letter of fifth you asked me to give you the principal details of my work. I will give you some: First, Sunday School at 9 a. m., evangelistic services at 8 p. m. Sunday. Visiting homes in the towns by sections, leaving tracts. Tuesday, prayer meeting 8 to 9. Second, trips through the country to Cisneros, three days of work outside of going and coming. Third,

about 300 days. This is \$300.00 for treatment for only one person for one year. Besides all this we were advised that all the serums, etc., for Brazil would have to be bought through the distributor there. This is mentioned to show that we did enquire into the matter and we are hoping that the government in that country will soon do something for the lepers at Cruzeiro do Sul. It is heart breaking to learn of small children being sent to the lepers colony and especially our brothers and sisters in Christ from the Baptist Church there. Pray for them. —Editor.

trips by the highway to the sea by Tambos to Cali, 180 kilometers a week on the trip distributing tracts. Fourth, trips on the train to Cali, 174 kilometers distributing tracts three days on the trip. Fifth, trips on coast by boats, towns to visit: San Juan, Puerto Merizable, Nuqui, Saragoza, San Miguel, Lipez unto Choco. Time of trip, 6 weeks, the minimum, one month. Things I need urgently for these trips, First, a bicycle to travel by highway, second a Coleman lantern for services in the country, third a camera so that I can send photos of the brethren, fifth a projection lamp to show life of Christ. Your brother in Christ—

TOMAS DEL CASTILLO

This letter was written to Missionary Hallum telling about the work that this native Baptist preacher is doing in Columbia. Miss Marguerite Hallum translated it into English and Brother Hallum sent it to us. We have printed it just as it is so that you can see just how the work is being done under Missionary Hallum's direction. Pray for Don Tomas.

SECOND BRANDON LETTER

(Continued from opposite page) brethren there; however, I was surprised to see how little you all prayed and yet how highly favored of the Lord you all seemed to be, in fact some seemed bored when invited to pray. It has provoked me to some considerable thought. Some years ago a friend said to me, "You pray too much, you should go to sleep and rest more and live longer." Of course he did not realize what he was saying for such a thing is personal indeed. I understand the difference in our work is vast and my need is no doubt greater than others. I hope I have not provoked the Lord in formal prayer, or habitual I should say, but as yet He has not denied me anything I ask of Him, and I have witnessed many miracles that have happened after prayer. I still think they were given in answer to prayer. I went on the street yesterday for the first time since Sunday. Had a good opportunity to talk to some in the gospel and felt better by going, however, my feet did not appreciate the walk too much. I told the pastor that I would preach tonight and am asking the Lord for strength to stand before them and to preach to them in the power of the Lord. We are expecting another plane soon. If I can I will write more later and if not God bless and keep you all by His power and in His love. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Sincerely,

J. F. BRANDON



PRAYER

(continued from opposite page) ashamed of my own prayer life and I confess that it is too little and too short and too powerless. God help us to pray more for the Missionaries. They need help and need it badly. The Lord will hear if we will put into practice II Chronicles 7:14 and ask believing. Will you join with us?

SECOND LETTER FROM HALLUM

(Continued from opposite page) Indian village, had a better and easier time than on the first trip. We stayed only one night. Mar-

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South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.....	\$ 55.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.....	56.00
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliff, Ky.....	34.91
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.....	22.00
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.....	72.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.....	182.30
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa Fla.....	59.70
Bellview Baptist Church-Paducah Ky.....	22.49
Bible Missionary Baptist Church, DeQuincy, La.....	5.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif.....	16.80
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.....	18.80
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.....	20.20
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.....	26.23
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.....	14.98
New Hope Baptist Church Dearborn, Mich.....	15.55
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich, Ladies Bible C.....	10.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.....	15.00
Baranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.....	15.00
Dorcas Missionary Guild.....	15.00
Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Fla.....	5.00
Abiding Truths, Cuthbert, Ga.....	5.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.....	35.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.....	12.30
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.....	15.27
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.....	61.44
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich., B. T. U.....	6.11
Eaton Avenue Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind.....	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky.....	50.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich.....	19.00
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, Ky.....	25.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.....	10.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.....	45.50
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.....	57.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cadiz, Ky.....	35.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.....	7.30
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.....	82.93
Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky.....	6.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church Flint, Mich., Ladies B. C.....	2.00
Mrs. C. E. Meek, Louisa, Ky.....	15.00
A Friend in Cadiz, Ky.....	8.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.....	13.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.....	9.00
A Friend in Paducah, Ky.....	10.00
Charles Holsinger, Wheaton, Ill.....	60.00
Mrs. C. D. Chick, Marion, Ky.....	3.00
B. R. Matheny Clendenin, West Va.....	5.00
B. R. Matheny, Clendenin, West Va.....	11.00
J. B. Buffington, Ocala, Fla.....	30.00
Roger Moflin, Wheaton, Ill.....	5.00
A Friend in Worthington Minn.....	16.35
Jim Brandon, Benton, Ky.....	2.00
Miss Letha Smith, Golden Pond, Ky.....	5.00
Mrs. E. H. Purdom, Elmhurst, Ill.....	5.00
Hiram E. Jones Dryden, Va.....	10.00
E. H. Craft, Widen, Va.....	1.00
E. H. Craft, Widen, Va.....	13.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. Z. Rakestraw, Gainesville, Fla.....	5.00
Bona Ollie Keith Borger, Texas.....	50.00
Cary E. Whitt, Franklin, Ky.....	

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Z. E. Clark, Treasurer

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guerite will write the details of the journey and send pictures, etc. The motor runs nicely but the boat is too large to make fast time. I am considering getting a smaller one. I am having my tract, The Family, Kingdom and Church of God, printed in Spanish. It is costing 600 Soles per thousand or 1000 Soles for two thousand. I am sending Don Tomas del Castillo 18 Bibles and some small books.

To Enlarge Church Building

Last Saturday night at the regular monthly business meeting one of the excluded brethren was restored to fellowship. A member was appointed to care for the house and the church voted to undertake the building of an addition to the house for two Sunday School rooms and for other uses. Hope that you had a good annual meeting at Grace Church. Yours in the Lord's service.

R. P. HALLUM

Our greatest temptations come to us when we are off duty. How and where we spend our spare time will react upon our Christian experience.

An unthankful man is like a hog under a tree eating acorns, never looking up to see from whence they come.

Worry is the advance interest you pay on troubles that seldom come.

The flesh and the spirit can never be friends, and they will never cooperate.

Money is a good servant, but a poor master.

The greatest misfortune of all is not to be able to bear misfortune.

Following the line of least resistance makes rivers and men crooked.

I will go anywhere provided it is forward.—Livingstone

November 22, 1947

HIDING FROM GOD

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neglect of prayer. That's why it is so hard to get folk to come over to the house of God on Wednesday night. That's why it is so hard to get people to really pray and call upon God in an intercessory, agonizing manner, sincerely and solemnly praying for others.

II

As I think of Adam and Eve hiding from God, and as I remember that what they did all of their descendants have done down through the ages, I ask myself this question? WHY IS IT THAT MEN TRY TO HIDE FROM GOD? Some questions, beloved, are easily answered because you can see a reason for them. Here's a question that is the most unreasonable as to its answer that I know of. Why should any man hide from God? Why should the creature flee from His Creator? Why should any individual try to get out of the presence of the one who made and put him here within this world? The answers, beloved friends, are hard to find.

Men hide from God because they are depraved and do not care for the things of God. You've got to have the nature of God to enjoy the things of God. You've got to have the nature of God to commune with God. That's the reason men don't like to go to church, read the Word of God, pray and call upon God. That's why it is that men don't like to fellowship with God's people. You've got to have the nature of God in order to be in fellowship with God, and since the unsaved man is depraved and has not the nature of God, naturally he doesn't care for the things of God and consequently he has to hide from God.

Did you ever pause to think of the kind of nature the sinner has. As I say, it isn't the nature of God. Far from it. Listen:

"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world and MEN LOVED DARKNESS rather than light because their deeds were evil."—John 3:18-19.

Why is it that men don't like to go to God's house but do like to go to a movie? Why is it men don't like to come to a prayer meeting and read the Word of God and hear a message from the Lord but they do like to play cards and dance and do the things of this world? Just one reason—"men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil."

I say, beloved, you have to have the nature of God to enjoy the things of God. You can't enjoy the things of God unless you have God's nature on the inside. You watch a hog that is spick and span, and he'll lie down in the wallow and enjoy himself. You can push a sheep into that same wallow and he'll get out. Why? Nature, beloved, manifests itself. Let me tell you tonight, there are lots and lots of church members characterized by that simple parable. Many a church member wallows in sin because he has the nature of sin, but if you have the sheep nature of the Lord Jesus Christ, you may fall in sin, but you are going to get out. I say to you tonight, beloved, men try to hide from God because they don't have God's nature—they have

the nature of the world. They can't enjoy the things of God without the nature of God.

III

IT IS RATHER INTERESTING TO ME TO NOTICE HOW IT IS THAT MEN ATTEMPT TO HIDE FROM GOD. There are so many many ways that men try to hide from the Almighty. Some folk hide behind a religious profession. They will join the church, be baptized, and take an active part religiously, thinking they are hiding from God. I dare say tonight that of all the people in America more folk are hiding from God behind a religious profession than in any other manner. We have them right here in the Word of God, those who did the same thing. Listen:

"All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not, Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. 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. Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"—Matt. 23:3, 15, 23, 33.

Here we have read of folk who were attempting to hide from God behind their religious profession. They had a profession all right, were strong on the matter of works, they made long prayers, they proselytized everyone they could into Judaism, they were tithe-payers, the outside of their lives were morally clean; and yet Jesus looked them squarely in the face and said, "You look like a bunch of snakes to me, how are you going to keep out of hell?"

I say to you tonight, beloved, all over America there are people who have joined the church and have been baptized, and are trying to hide from coming into the active open presence of God behind the religious profession they have made. Some of them are Catholics, some of them are Protestants, some of them are Jews, some of them are Baptists—hiding from God behind their profession—a cloak of religious profession.

Still others try to hide from God behind some hypocritical church member. I don't think I ever spent an afternoon in my life making calls that somebody didn't tell me that his reason for not going to church was because there were so many hypocrites in the church. Well, beloved, in behalf of our church, I always plead guilty, and I go further and say this: "Wouldn't it be better for you to be a part of a group where there were some maybe who are hypocrites for a little space of seventy years at best than it would be to spend your eternity with that kind of group in hell?" Our Lord has given to us a great text in this respect. Listen:

"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"—I Peter 4:17, 18.

Here are two verses that tell us that judgment has to fall

upon the people of God. If God judges His own right here in this world, woe be to that man, beloved, who has never yet been saved. If the righteous man has to be chastened for his sins and for his hypocrites, if the Christian has to be flayed for the things he does that are wrong here in this life, what is going to happen to the sinner and the ungodly in eternity?

I wonder if I speak to somebody who is trying to hide behind some hypocritical church member. Well, beloved, you are a small person yourself if you can hide behind someone else that is hypocritical.

Again: Some folk try to hide behind their own goodness. There are people who think they don't need God. They are literally and actually hiding from God behind their own goodness.

You remember the rich young ruler who enumerated to the Lord Jesus Christ all his good qualifications and characteristics, and then he said to Jesus, "What lack I yet?" Many a man tonight will look up into the face of God and ask, "What lack I yet? I am moral, I am good." He is thus trying to hide behind his own goodness, yet our Lord will say to that individual as He said to the rich young ruler, "One thing thou lackest." I don't care how good any man is, I don't care how moral, refined, cultured and how pure any individual lives, beloved, the man who is trying to hide behind his own goodness is merely deceiving and deluding himself right now. Listen:

"For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord."—Jeremiah 2:22.

You can even use the strongest of lyes, and you can use all the soap and the cleaning agencies of the world, yet God says, "Your iniquities are marked before me." I say to you tonight, beloved, the man who is trying to hide behind his own goodness is as foolish as the ostrich that will stick his head in the sand and think that his body is hidden.

Again: There are those who try to hide from God behind the goodness of God. A man right here in town said to me, "I don't believe there is a hell. I believe God is too good to damn anybody." Many a man tonight is hiding behind God's goodness. He thinks God is too good to damn him, and somehow in some way when the last hour comes, God is going to save him in that hour, or give him another chance after a while. God's Word tells us otherwise. Listen:

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness."—Romans 1:18.

"The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb."—Rev. 14:10.

Talk about the goodness of God, that God is too good to damn you—talk about the fact that God is so good that He won't dare let a man go to hell—the Word of God says, "And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image." What a foolish way for a man to try to hide

GOD'S BEST

God has His best things for the few
That dare to stand the test;
God has His second choice for those
Who will not have His best.

It is not always open ill
That risks the Promised Rest;
The better, often, is the foe
That keeps us from the Best.

Some seek the highest choice,
But, when by trials pressed
They shrink, they yield, they shun the cross
And so they lose the best.

Give me, O Lord, Thy highest choice
Let others take the rest;
Their good things have no charm for me
I want thy very best.

I want, in this short life of mine,
As much as can be pressed
Of service true for God and man;
Make me to be Thy best.

—A. B. SIMPSON.

from God behind the goodness of the Almighty.

In fact, beloved, it is foolish for a man to try to hide from God in any of these ways for the same reason that no man can hide from God. There is an eye that sees us all the time and no man is ever out of the sight of the eye of God. Listen:

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."—Proverbs 16:25.

"Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered."—Proverbs 11:21.

"Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed is hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea: Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me."—Psalms 139:7-10.

"Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord."—Jeremiah 23:24.

"And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them."—Amos 9:3.

"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains."—Revelation 6:15.

I say to you tonight, beloved, no man can hide from God. Some of you have been trying to do so. Some of you try day by day, but you can't hide from God. In view of this fact, what you need this hour is to get ready to meet God.

"Prepare to meet thy God."—Amos 4:12.

If there is any one thing tonight that the people of this town need above everything else, it is that heart and soul

preparation which will enable them to come into the presence of God rather than to flee from His presence.

The last time I was in Cincinnati just a few weeks ago, I stopped across from the Dixie Terminal Building early in the morning just as a shower of rain came. I got out of a taxi and went into a building, and as I went into that building, a rather brisk shower of rain began to fall. The people on the street began to scurry for shelter, and many of them rushed across the street into the entrance of the Dixie Terminal Building. I thought, as I waited my turn in the building where I had gone, how like unto the day of judgment. In that hour men are going to scurry for shelter but there will no shelter be found. I say to you tonight, beloved friends, you will need a shelter in the day of judgment, but you need it now also, and the only shelter you can have is that Rock which David says is "higher than I." How you need tonight to be sheltered in the Rock of Ages, the Lord Jesus Christ, "Oh," you say, "I believe in God, Brother Gilpin. That's enough of a shelter for me. I believe that there is a supreme being. I recognize Him. Isn't that all the shelter I need?" No it isn't. Listen:

"That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him."—John 5:23.

Every modernist that denies Jesus Christ is going to hell. He may believe in God the Father, but he is going to hell if he denies Jesus Christ. Every one that rejects Jesus Christ is going to hell. Therefore, beloved, every man and woman in this house tonight who has spurned the Lord Jesus Christ and rejected Him as a Saviour, regardless of how much he believes in God, is going to hell, for if you don't honour the Son, you can't honour the Father.

Jesus is the refuge you need. Don't try to hide from God tonight, but find in Him a refuge, a haven in the time of storm. Put your trust in Him, and be saved.

Dear Unsaved Friend Of Mine

Have you ever stopped to think, my friend

As you merrily travel life's way,
That some day earth's toil and strife will cease

And there'll be a judgment day?

The moon and the stars will be darkened,
And the sun will cease to shine.

Have you ever thought what this will mean to you,

Dear unsaved friend of mine?

The sound of God's trumpet will fill the air,

And we shall be called to stand,
Before the Lord on His great white throne,

And the books will be in His hand.

Those who are found in the Lamb's Book of Life,

Who are washed and free from their sin
Shall dwell in His presence forevermore.

Dear friend can you enter in?

Those who are not found written there
Shall hear this awful fate

"Depart from me, I know you not."

Dear friend, 'ere it is too late

Won't you come to the Saviour? He'll freely forgive

All your sin. He has pardon free;
He'll give to you eternal life.

I know, for He gave it to me.

My unsaved friend, won't you see your need

Of a Savior? He planned the way
For your salvation so long ago,

Won't you accept Him today?

Some day He is coming back for His own,

The skies with His glory will shine
Wouldn't you like to go with Him,

Dear unsaved friend of mine?

A FINAL WORD

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ourselves, our strength, our ability our time; and the giving of it expresses our love. We thus prove the sincerity of our love. Love always gives.

We Can Share Christ, the Gospel, Salvation, and the Truth. Someone has said "The Christ we do not share we do not obey." How true. Knowing Christ creates a desire that others know him. Good news is always shared. Few of us can restrain ourselves when we have a particularly good piece of news. We must tell someone or burst. So should we ever be with the "good news" about Christ and His power to save. God has saved us, but if we keep the knowledge to ourselves are we really grateful. Can we be selfish with the most wonderful experience of our lives? Truth liberates men from bondage. Can we who have it deny it to those who have it not? Truth is a light. Can we who walk in it keep it back from those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death?

You will be sharing your money when you contribute to our Thanksgiving offering. You will also be sharing Christ the Gospel Salvation and the Truth. You will be aiding the needy orphan. You will be assisting with the preaching of the gospel and the building of New Testament churches in Brazil and Peru through Missionaries Brandon and Hallum and their co-workers. Moreover you will be aiding in the balanced ministry of The Baptist Examiner as it goes out to preach the gospel and contend earnestly for the once-delivered faith. It is enjoying an effective ministry. Through this ministry the Editor is sharing. Perhaps you would like to have a part with him now in this great work by helping to share the financial load.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

(Continued from page two)
in this country puts the marriage relation on a strictly civil basis, therefore, people have come to look on marriage as a civil contract without any consideration of the divine laws of God.

If there is a divine injunction

or command, and we must admit that there is, then the churches and their ministers are the only ones who can qualify as the administrators of that law, and to make it holy. No judge or justice can perform a holy act or ceremony for God. He must be God anointed, and not man appointed.

Under our present state set up, the minister cannot veto adultery in marriage. If he refuses to marry divorced couples, they turn to a judge or justice where they know they can get it done, and that makes the situation more complicated, but that is what all ministers should do; we should not be partakers of other men's sins.

Strictly state marriage by judge or justice lead to only two considerations. 1. The legal aspect of the contracting parties, whether they have reached the minimum required age, or have been legally divorced. 2. Collect



their fees.

Questions relating to the laws regulating marriage in the different states are interesting the attention of many in this country, especially as they refer to the great evil of divorce. Dr. S. W. Dike said, "Far down at the root of the divorce question, is the need of awakening the slumbering consciousness of the family to the necessity of a better home life, better religious instruction, and better ways of making its power felt than we have yet known or felt."

VII The Result Of Strictly State Marriage

A great evil has come to America, and the world from strictly state marriage, and one I am afraid will never be corrected. We have allowed the situation to get out of hand. While we slept, the enemy sowed tares. We have ceased to teach our people the sacredness of the marriage relationship, and the importance of seeking the guiding hand of God in choosing an help-meet.

We have come to look upon marriage as a strictly state rite, and as a result the foundation of our homes are built on a lower level, with marriage vows lightly esteemed, separation and divorce common, and more and more children to become a public charge.

Not so long ago I read the story of a lawyer who dug up an old law by which one could marry by proxy, and it said hundreds of men in the service overseas were so married to women back home, with someone standing for them. Marriages over the telephone, in air planes high above the earth, in speeding automobiles, secret marriages, and countless numbers of stunt ceremonies. All this leads to the destruction of any faith one may have had in the sacredness of matrimony.

People coming together in marriage under such circumstances, and in such an attitude lead only to the divorce court. Blighting the lives of helpless children, causing juvenile delinquency, and crowding our orphan homes.

VIII Some Observances Concerning Modern Marriage And Divorce

If no one could perform marriage ceremonies but ministers, divorce would be cut in half the number in five years. Juvenile delinquency would drop to a minimum, and fewer children sent to the orphanages. People would be brought into contact with religion and religious views, ministers would have a chance to teach moral and civic righteousness to all future home builders, and young people would become conscious of the sacredness of holy matrimony.

If divorce could not be obtained without the consent of the officiating minister and one or more of the witnesses, then marriage would be given a ser-

ious thought, and the contracting parties would make an honest effort to adjust themselves to each other.

Our people need to be taught again the laws of God on marriage and the curse of disobedience to that law. The ministers alone are able to lead America and the world out of its debauchery and shame caused by modern marriage and divorce.

Marriage is of God, given for a holy purpose, and the only way to keep the marriage relation safe, pure and holy is to recognize the will of God in the marriage relationship. To do that we must have a legal license from the state and there must be a religious ceremony in a holy atmosphere with the Bible as the basis of our action.

If given a fair chance, I believe the churches and the ministers could lead our future home builders back to God, lift our homes up to a higher level, cut divorces to a minimum, and save children from disaster and ruin. May God help us to come back to Him, and establish the future generations on a sure foundation.

IS BAPTISM BETTER WHEN ADMINISTERED IN RUNNING WATER?

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being baptized in a river, out of doors, then they should insist that all preaching be held out of doors, like John the Baptist did his preaching. One is as consistent as the other.

Why Baptism Is Preferable In A Baptistry

We wish to submit that baptism in a baptistry is far preferable, under most circumstances, to baptism performed out-of-doors. However, both are of course valid. Reasons:

Because better order can be had inside a church. We have often seen baptism made a farce and a joke, when administered out of doors, either through wilful misbehavior, or unhappy mistakes and accidents. In a church building this element of misbehavior is greatly lessened. The Bible says "let all things be done decently and in order."

Because there is less useless exposure of the person inside the church building. The purpose of modesty and delicacy is better served in that way.

Because the surroundings are more reverent.

Out in a river we have seen a bunch of nearly naked bathers come into the service, and greatly mar it. Attention was drawn from a sacred thing to nudity.

Also remember that if river and running water were re-

quired, baptism would be made almost impossible in arid countries where there are no rivers or lakes. We used to live in such a country in New Mexico.

What Really Constitutes Valid Baptism?

A proper candidate, a saved person. "Make disciples . . . baptizing them."



A proper purpose. To obey Christ — not help save.

A proper form of baptism, immersion. It must be a burial.

A proper administrator, the church that Jesus gave the ordinance to. It is not an individual ordinance—but a church ordinance.

In prayer it is better to have a heart without words, than words without a heart. — John Bunyan.

IS THIS MAN YOU?

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but who get mad when anything is said which does not suit their perverted tastes, regardless of the great benefit which such brings to others; and who storm, rave, and rage, and bring trouble into the ranks; and vow never to support the work so long as that good, faithful, and conscientious pastor remains over the flock. Take heed, however, how and what you feed the flock, and be not moved away from your calling to 'reprove, rebuke, and exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine' by members who are like the man in the parable I have just told you, because 'it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful'."

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