

# DOES TITHING REALLY PAY?

Two families established themselves on several acres of land where there were two houses. One house faced one road, the other another road, and the land between these roads. It was the same kind of land throughout, with not even a fence separating the two plots. One family owned half of it, the other family the other half.

The two men worked at the factory and farmed their land after working hours. Neither was a professing Christian, but their wives were Christians who believed in paying tithes. Both men learned from their wives and the Bible that they should pay tithe. As a result, both paid the tithe, the other did not.

They purchased their seed from the same place, the factory store. They planted the same crops. They cultivated the same amount of soil. They used the same amount of fertilizer. They put the same amount of labor on their crops. It was as fair and

equal a demonstration as I have ever seen or heard of during all the years of my life. I watched it all, for I lived nearby for a whole summer.

One man prospered. The other man's farm failed. The sun shone on them both. The same rain fell on both. They had the same attention, but the tomato worms and potato bugs and corn borers and cutworms seem almost to know that one man was a tithe payer and the other was not. They seemed to have discovered which was which. At any rate, these devourers molested the growing things of the non-tither, and the tithe payer was not troubled greatly by them. The result was astonishing. The non-tither complained incessantly that nothing would grow on the land. The tither exhibited his products as the prize products of the region.

There before my eyes for an entire summer I saw displayed in an unforgettable manner what it means to have God

working in behalf of man. No one can convince me that it does not pay, even in temporal ways, to serve the living God faithfully and make His service first in everything. Yes, lives of devoted faithfulness do have connection with material safety and temporal welfare.

Some years ago I held a series of evangelistic meetings in New York City. Among those who attended was an elderly spinster who later came to be known affectionately among us as sister "Clancy." I need not add that she was Irish. She attended the Bible lectures with the deepest interest. It was plain she already knew God.

When she learned about tithing she was troubled. She waited until I had shaken hands with all the others after the meeting, and then approached me. In her delightful brogue she said, "You said that all God's children should pay one tenth of their income to Him."

"Yes, that is, I read it from

the Bible."

"That's what I mean. Now I want to know if you think I should pay tithe."

"Why, surely—"

"Wait a minute. You don't know about me. Wait until I tell you. And then say whether God expects me to pay Him one tenth of my income."

"I am alone in the world. I have no relatives but one niece. She lives in Boston and is married. I have no income, no pension, from any source. I am beyond the age when I can work. And my sole support is furnished by this nephew by marriage. He sends me six dollars a week. He doesn't need to send it, but bless God, he does. That is all I have in the world."

"Well—"

"Wait a bit longer until you hear more, and you will be better able to tell me what I ought to do. The cheapest room I can get costs me four and one half dollars a week, and it remains so because I have lived there a

long time. A goodhearted landlord has never raised the rent. And so I have a dollar and a half a week to live on, and that's all I have. Now, if I pay tithe on my income of six dollars, or sixty cents a week, I will have, after paying my room rent, just ninety cents a week to live on. So now you know all about me. Do you think God expects me to pay tithe?"

I confess there never was a time when I wanted so much to say, "No, you poor soul, God can get along without your sixty cents a week. You can keep it and feed yourself with it."

But who was I to change the eternal requirements of God?

Looking down into those serious, earnest eyes of the dear old Irish lady, I told her that it was my understanding that she should obey God and pay the tithe, and that while God did not need her money, she needed God's abundant blessings that faithfulness in tithe paying (Continued on page four)

## Spreading The Gospel By Using Wild Geese

An Indian hunter's gun roared and a fat goose plummeted down to the frozen ground beneath a lonely inlet on Hudson Bay. Honking indignantly, the meekest of the flying wedge fled on to the north.

The Indian picked up the bird and paused, his eye attracted by a metal tag and a small capsule attached to one of its legs.

The capsule yielded a slip of paper. Slowly the Indian spelled out: "A bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter. Ecclesiastes 10:20."

Stamped on the tag were the words, "Have faith in God" — the home and address of Mack Miner, Canada's famous "Brother to the Birds," who converted his 200-acre farm at Kingsville, Ontario, into a sanctuary for wildfowl.

A religious man, Miner tied Bible verses to the legs of thousands of the geese he banded and sent them out to carry the gospel to the Indians and Eskimos, or others among whom they might fall.

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## TRADE IN

We were having luncheon recently in Toledo with Dr. Norman B. Harrison. He said: "On the way to the restaurant I saw a sign that may give you an editorial idea. Outside of the window of a store that sells automobile accessories this suggestion is printed: Trade in your tire troubles today." So we follow Dr. Harrison's hint.

That trials and troubles will come to the child of God is predicted, and should be expected by every one of us. "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Tim 3:12). "In the world ye shall have tribulation" (John 16:33). But such troubles may be traded in to One who is able to bear them for us. The way to take advantage of this "trade-in" is to cast all our cares upon Him, for He cares for us (1 Pet. 5:7). "Cast your burden upon the Lord, and He (Continued on page four)

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### HOW TO BECOME A GOOD FISHERMAN FOR THE LORD JESUS

By Robert G. Lee

"Come after me and I will make you to become fishers of men" (Mark 1:17).

The greatest sit down strike in the world has not been staged by some labor union in some industrial or manufacturing plant, but in our churches by those who claim to be saved — and yet have never become fishers of men. Many who love Jesus do not seem to love Him enough to make any personal effort to get others to give Him their hands and hearts in repentance and faith for salvation.

Personal soul winning makes us do as Jesus did. If we would be like Jesus, we must be soul winners. The soul saving passion dominated the life of Jesus. The redemption of poor sinners was more to Jesus than the glory He had with God before

the world was, for He emptied Himself of it all — more to Him than the joys of heaven, for He left those joys to become "a man of sorrows" — more to Him than life for He said, "I lay down my life" — more to Him than the shining of the Father's countenance, for He willingly leaped into the awful abyss of wrath and gloom from the depths of which He cried: "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Soul winning was the life business of Jesus. In what sense is a man a follower of Jesus who does not give his life to that which Jesus gave His life? The example Jesus left us to walk in His steps teaches us that in soul winning we can have no proxy — cannot transfer this obligation to some evangelist.

The chief method of Jesus was the method of individual

evangelism. To Jesus a single soul was a great audience. On nineteen different occasions, Jesus sat down and taught one person — just one. He used the line as often as He used the seine and net.

"The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me" (John 1:43).

That shows us Jesus seeking one man — just one.

John 4 shows us Jesus — who often ran from cities, who often evaded great throngs — winning one woman.

Luke 19 is a vivid picture of how Jesus won a rich man to faith in Him — and to salvation glorious. And that vivid painting is autographed with these words from Jesus: "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke (Continued on page four)

## 10 Commandments For Sunday School Teachers

1. Thou shalt have no selfish pleasure before thy duty to thy Sunday School Class.

2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any personal engagement, nor any trifling excuse for being away from the class on Sunday. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to questionable amusements (movies, etc.), nor to any conduct unworthy of the emulation of thy pupils.

3. Thou shalt not take the responsibility of a Sunday School Class in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who taketh light a God-given task.

4. Remember the Sunday School Class to keep it whole.

5. Honor thy calling and thy class that thy days may be long in the success which the Lord thy God shall give thee.

6. Thou shalt not kill thy pupil's interest by thine irregular attendance. (Ahem!)

7. Thou shalt be pure in thy faith in the Word of God and in thy interpretation of it in word and deed.

8. Thou shalt not steal the time of thy class and the peace of mind of the superintendent (Continued on page four)

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "CHIMNEY CORNER SCRIPTURES"

By Roy Mason

There has grown up a whole collection of what a friend of mine calls "Chimney Corner Scriptures." People quote these sayings and think that they are in the Bible, when they are not, and many times they will argue with you that they know they are in the Bible, when they could look until doomsday and never find them. When I became pastor here, there was an old fellow who helped run a business up on Nebraska Avenue, and he had a whole rigamarole that he quoted, which he supposed to be from the Bible. One day, in great irritation he said to me, "What's the matter

with you preachers — don't you know anything about the Bible? I've asked preacher after preacher to tell where this is found — and he quoted his rigamarole — and not a one has known enough about the Bible to tell me where it is located." I said in substance, "It isn't the preachers who are ignorant of the Bible—it is you. There isn't any such statement in the Bible as you have just quoted." "Yes, there is!" "All right — I will give you a nice five dollar bill for such a Scripture, any time you find it. Just let me know and the five dollar bill will be ready for you." I never had to pay the five dollars for I knew that he had gotten hold of a

"Chimney Corner Scripture." Now Chimney Corner Scriptures are the sayings that people have coined as they sat gabbing around the fireside, or as they whittled on soap boxes around the village grocery store. Some of these are true — not in the Bible — but true; and some of them are utterly false and contrary to the truths laid down in the Scripture. I want that we shall examine some of these, for two or three reasons — first, to get it into our heads that they are not Scripture — then to see the Bible truths that either correspond or else go contrary to them.

Take this gem of wisdom, (Continued on page two)

## RELIGIOUS CONFUSION

Fifty of Chicago's Congregational ministers were queried by the Chicago Congregational Association as to their positions in the matter of certain cardinal Christian doctrines. The Christian Century published a summary of their replies:

Two did not believe that Christ ever lived on earth.

Eight denied the doctrine of original sin.

Twelve stated that the crucifixion of Christ was "a noble example," and nothing more.

Only twenty-three declared that the crucifixion wrought "divine redemption for sinful men."

Seven did not believe in the resurrection of Christ.

Only eight held the Bible to be "authoritative in matters of faith."

Such a group of men call themselves "Christian ministers." The apostasy is surely fast moving upon us.—Our Hope



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## "CHIMNEY CORNER SCRIPTURES"

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quoted so often as from the Bible: "Every tub shall stand on its own bottom." Lots of people feel sure that it is in the Bible — but it isn't. When my son was attending college at Jefferson City, Tenn., he was greatly amused one Saturday afternoon as he passed along the street. The town was full of people, and a very illiterate woman preacher got up on a street corner to preach. She had some folk with her who sang some songs, then she arose and in a high pitched voice that carried far out over the crowd, said, "I will take for my text today this Scripture: 'Every tub shall stand on its own bottom.'" And she proceeded to preach a stirring sermon from that text, most of which was entirely true.

### That Old Gag About "Hypocrites"

But while the statement, "Every tub shall stand on its own bottom" is not in the Bible, there is a text that means something like the same thing. It is found over here in the Book of Romans (Rom. 14:12): "So then, every one of us shall give account of himself to God." That is a text that rings the changes on personal accountability, and it is one that people need to have fastened into their minds. Do you know — more than half the people are trying to hide behind somebody else? More people are sulking around in the shadows of hypocrites than you can shake sticks at. And any person who can hide behind a hypocrite has to be smaller than the hypocrite or else he couldn't hide behind him. If a man were taken before the court and charged with stealing wouldn't it be a sorry plea for him to plead in court that he was not as bad as some others in the world who have committed murders? He would probably be told this — "We are not trying somebody else — we are not trying a murder case — we are trying you, and the charge is stealing." Yet people pull that same old thing in religion over and over again. Talk

## "FOR YE ARE DEAD AND YOUR LIFE IS HID WITH CHRIST IN GOD"

In times of Sadness, remember Him,  
Who bore our sorrows all.  
In times of sorrow, remember Him  
Whose stripes heals from the fall.  
In times of sorrow, grief, and pain  
Remember Him who died,  
To pay our debt and bear our Sin  
And brought peace to abide.  
In the deepest darkness one can have,  
Remember Him whose blood,  
Flowed freely from the riven side  
To be a cleansing flood.  
Don't fear, don't fret when things seem dark  
Just cast oneself aside,  
And take the promise of His Love  
That we in Him can hide.  
In the darkest hour of the night,  
We need not ever fear,  
But trust our all to His great Love  
For He is always near.  
The clouds, will rise and darkness flee.  
When He, our lives possess,  
The brightness of the sun is seen  
In Him our righteousness.

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to them about their soul and their need of salvation, and they come back at you with this: "I am not so bad — I am better than a lot of hypocrites in the church." Well, what does that prove? God is not going to judge them on the basis of what somebody else did or didn't do. Every person will answer for himself, and no one else in all this world. "So then, every one of us must give account of himself to God." Will some of you in the face of this, go right on out still talking about being "better than hypocrites — better than some church members?" Suppose you had proof that the pastor of this church is a rascal, and every deacon a rascal, and every Sunday School teacher a rascal, and that every singer in the choir ought to be jailed, what good would that do you in the sight of God? Not a bit in the world, for you would still be answerable before God for your own sins, and would be without excuse. If you are not a Christian, don't you be so foolish as to let anybody else who isn't living right, keep you away from the Lord. You don't have to answer for them. The Lord will attend to them. You have to answer for you. "So then, every one of us must give account of himself to God."

### The "Crowd" Going To Hell!

Now here is another "Chimney Corner Scripture" that is a jewel, and some of you will have a hard time believing me when I say it is not in the Bible. Here it is: "Before the end of the

world you can't tell summer from winter except by the falling of the leaves." That is not in the Bible, and there isn't anything that even looks like it in the Bible. I will go further and say that the Bible teaches exactly the opposite. Listen to it: (Gen. 8:21-22) "And the Lord smelled a sweet savor; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth: neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done."

"While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest and cold and heat, and summer and winter and day and night shall not cease."

What does that say? It says that as long as the earth remains, the seasons with their heat and cold, with their summer and winter, shall not cease. Humanity became so utterly corrupt back there before the flood, that the Lord wiped the whole human race, with the exception of one family, off the earth. But He didn't do it until He had warned the people for more than a hundred years. Noah preached without a convert for years and years. I guess people said, as they made fun of Noah, "Who can believe him — why he has the majority against him." I want to remind you that majority doesn't count with God. He doesn't change His standards of right and wrong to suit the majority. The truth is, the majority is on its way to hell, and if you want to go there, just run with the crowd.

### The Movies

As a preacher with a sense of responsibility to God, I try to call people away from the things of this world. For instance, take the movies. I don't go to the shows, and I teach that one of the greatest enemies that the Lord has is the moving picture industry, and that every Christian ought to completely cut them out of his life. I am terribly in the minority in my stand. Radio listeners and others tell me of pastors who cut short prayer meeting so the folk can get to the last show. My little girl, when she was staying in North Carolina re-

cently, rebelled against going to Sunday School because the teacher and pupils took up most of the time talking about some film they had seen. My wife attended a class meeting of her Sunday School class and it was "show" "show," "show!" Church members and a lot of pastors are so wrapped up in shows — so enamoured — have gotten so in the clutches of the movie habit that they resent anything that is said against it. And it is true that the good children may get at church is more than counteracted by the evil of the shows they attend. Anybody who will study the question a little will see that those things are twisting and warping the lives and characters of people all around. Yes, I am in the minority when I urge Christians to break with the whole movie business and to regard it as the enemy of Christ and His cause, but that doesn't prove me to be in the wrong. I am right and I know it, and God would hold me guilty if I didn't stand for what I know to be right. Noah was in the minority for years as he preached, but after the flood waters had dried upon the earth Noah stepped out into a world in which he was in the majority. And let me say this — those of us who stand for the right and against a worldly life for Christians may be in the minority now — and we are — but when the Lord Jesus comes back — as He certainly will — and takes over, we are going to be in the majority.

But in the meantime, as this age continues, the Lord has promised us that never again shall the world be destroyed by a flood. Recently we have had more rain than I have ever seen fall in Florida, and since I live in a rather low area, I have seen lots of water. Last Monday night as I drove in home from a committee meeting it seemed that the heavens were wide open, and torrents of rain were pouring down. I thought, "It looks like another flood — but I am glad that the Lord has promised us that never again shall the world be covered with water." And just as truly as He has promised this, just so truly has He promised that the seasons will continue — hot and cold, summer and winter. No — the time will never come when we shall know the seasons only by the "falling of the leaves." The Bible teaches just the opposite.

### Bible Doesn't Say It.

There are people who say, "You know the Bible says, 'An honest confession is good for the soul.'" But the Bible doesn't say anything of the kind. That is just another old "Chimney Corner Scripture." Here is what the Bible does say (I John 1:8): "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Let me point out that that verse was written to saved people — not to unsaved. An unsaved sinner can confess all he wants to, and that won't secure for him the forgiveness of his sins. Sins are not just forgiven because a person asks it — sins must be punished. Christ came to bear the punishment due sinners, in His death on the cross, and when a sinner realizes that he is guilty and lost, and when he takes Christ as his Sin-Bearer, then his sins are taken off of him and laid on Jesus. Let's see if the Bible doesn't teach that exactly. Isa. 53 says, "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Again, take this verse:

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on a tree." Again take this, from 13th chapter of Acts, "By him all that believe are justified from all things." I am saved and freed from the guilt and penalty of my sins, because I have taken a Savior who assumed my blame and guilt. And if you have never done that then every sin you have ever been guilty of is still on your right now and you are still charged with it before God.

But, as a child of God, I am often guilty of doing and saying and thinking the wrong thing, and that doesn't jeopardize my salvation, but it does break my fellowship with God. How can I get right? How can I get out from under the shadow of that? This text tells us exactly, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." As Christians, we get this right by simply confessing what we have done before God, asking His cleansing and pardon, and the text says that He is ready and willing to grant it. Unsaved sinner, what must you do to be rid of your sins? You must receive a Savior — a Sin-Bearer who is able to bear your sins for you. Saved sinner — Christian — church member — what must you do in order to receive restoration to fellowship with your heavenly Father? The answer is, make a clean breast of what is wrong — confess and ask cleansing and pardon.

### Jesus Doesn't Pay Grocery Bills

Here is another "Chimney Corner Scripture:" "Honesty is the best policy." Haven't you heard that quoted from the Bible? Well, it's not in the Bible. But here is something that is in the Bible: (Rom. 13:8) "Provide things honest to the sight of all men." That was written to Christians, although a person ought to be honest whether he is a Christian or not. A man told me the other day about holding a meeting in a country church some years ago, and he started out preaching several sermons on sin. Among the things he talked about was honesty. He showed that people ought to pay their debts. An old country preacher, who had preached over that country took him to task and said, "Why I owe every store in this whole country, and it would take me a lifetime to pay up everything I owe." And he argued that when he became a Christian that "Jesus paid it all," as he put it. Listen: Jesus doesn't pay my electric bill, and my telephone bill, and any of my other bills. To quote "Jesus paid it all" as a way of paying one's debts, is to turn the "grace of God into lasciviousness" as Paul says. Any preacher who will run up bills that he knows he can't pay, is just plain crooked. The Lord tells me as a Christian to be honest. No man has any business in the ministry who is not scrupulous about financial matters. During the years — sixteen of them now — that I have been at Buffalo Avenue, I couldn't pay for a thing I didn't buy. I haven't wanted people to be able to reproach you people of this church by saying, "Look there at your pastor — he won't pay his debts." This Bible says to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

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## If Christ Should Not Return

That the Lord Jesus will leave the place which He now occupies at the right hand of God to come in the clouds of heaven, first to catch away the church, then to return to the earth with His saints to cleanse it with purifying judgments, and to set up on earth His universal and everlasting kingdom, is just as clearly set forth in the Word of God as is His first coming. Not only did He speak of this great event again and again, but the apostles bound it up with every doctrine they taught, and with every exhortation they gave to Christian living.

You cannot find one doctrine or exhortation to Christian living that is not bound up with the promise of the coming of the Lord; moreover, it is the promise of the coming of the Lord that makes practical and gives emphasis to all doctrine and exhortation. When the Apostle Paul, for instance, would exhort the Christians to attend the services of the Lord's Day, and not forsake the assembly of themselves together, as the manner of some is, he does so by an appeal to the imminency of the Lord's coming (Heb. 10:25). He does not suggest a "Go to Church Sunday," but tells them that the Lord is coming. When he would inspire them to consistent living, he does so by saying, "I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Thess. 5:23). When he would comfort those who mourn over their Christian dead, he does so by reminding them of the coming of the Lord, in those words of assurance and hope: "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout . . . the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (I Thess. 4:16-18). There is nothing in the world so comforting to the one who looks into the silent face of a departed loved one as the knowledge that one day Jesus is going to return. Therefore, Paul says, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

When the Apostle James saw that toward the close of this dispensation there would be unrest among the working classes, and conflict between capital and labor, growing out of the fact that the lawful wage of the laborer is held back from him; and when he would exhort the Christian working man to have no part in that movement of Bolshevism, he does so by saying, "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord" (Jas. 5:7).

### Scoffers In The Last Days

And I could go on — I could take you from Matthew to Revelation, mentioning between three and four hundred passages in all which speak expressly and definitely about the personal, visible, bodily return of Christ; and yet, in spite of the fact that every page, as it were, bears witness to the truth that Christ is soon going to return to the earth, the average church member today is about as indifferent to the Lord's return as His disciples were about His going away. But after all, this condition is in harmony with prophecy, for the Apostle Peter says: "There shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, where is the promise of his

coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation" (II Pet. 3: 3, 4).

Some years ago during a former pastorate, I was giving a series of addresses to my people on the theme, "The Return of the Lord Jesus to Earth." There came into the service one night a minister, the pastor of another church in the same town. No sooner had I pronounced the benediction than this gentleman walked down the aisle and said, "I cannot agree with you on this subject." To this I replied, "Well, that is your loss, not mine. I am giving you God's Word and your controversy is with Him, not with me." Then we talked until the late hours of the night. The next day a woman who was a member of my church and who had overheard a part of our conversation the night before, called me over the telephone and said, "I do wish you would not get into these arguments." She ended by saying, "After all, you know that the subject is not a vital one. Suppose Christ should come, or suppose He should not come—what does it matter anyway?"

And do you know, all through the day there was running through my mind this thought, "Suppose He should not come!" Then I began to go through the Word of God to see what was dependent upon the return of the Lord Jesus, to see what is going to take place when He does come, things that cannot take place unless He does come. And as I began to think through this subject the world seemed darker and darker until it was as midnight in my soul. I began to ask, "What if Christ should not come?" I want to put before you some of the consequences, should our Lord not return to the earth.

First of all if Christ should not return, not one grave in world containing the body of a child of God would ever open, and every Christian would have died in vain, as far as the resurrection of his body is concerned. The Word of God teaches that the body is going to rise, that the body of your mother and

the body of your child will rise out of that cemetery into which you placed them. You cannot show me in the Word of God one promise of the resurrection of the body of that is not bound up with the return of the Lord. "The dead in Christ," says Paul, "shall rise" (I Thess. 4:16-18). The dead in Christ! Oh, what an expression this is! The dead in Christ are in every part of the habitable globe. They are in graveyards. They are beneath the waves of the sea. It is estimated that more than three million of God's people are buried in the catacombs of Rome. The Word of God says that they are going to rise in the clouds, every man in his own order; and just as there is a difference in glory between the stars of the heavens, so shall there be a difference in the resurrection. But when will that resurrection take place? It will take place when the Lord Jesus comes and not until then. If you take the return of the Lord out of this Book, you may as well go to your cemetery and pack down those clods upon your hopelessly dead, and carve upon that stone which bears your mother's name, or your father's name, these words, "Never more." They will never rise if Jesus does not come.

When I was in Chicago I was told the story of a young girl, seventeen years of age, who had been saved from Roman Catholicism. She had been seized with galloping tuberculosis; and while she was on her death bed, her parents, her friends, and a representative of their church used every argument of their theology to bring her back into their fold. She steadfastly answered them, "No, salvation does not come through penance or ritual, but through personal faith in Jesus." As a last resort the priest used this argument, "My child, if you do not come back, you cannot be buried with us. You cannot be buried in holy ground." To this the dear girl answered, "Bury me where you will; but when Jesus comes, He will find every particle of dust that belongs to Him." Ever since I heard that triumphant statement of the dying girl, I have

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### ETERNITY WITH HIM

"Just as the seasons come and go  
So do the birds and flowers;  
Together we are again—just now  
God bless those happy hours.  
The beautiful leaves, gold and brown  
Go flying through the air;  
The moon shines down from above  
With a million stars so fair.  
To me this is a wonderful place  
God gave for us to live;  
The beauty of nature, the Master's hand  
To Him — Our praise give.  
Just as the seasons come and go  
So does the lives of men;  
They too, grow old and fade away  
Like leaves carried by the wind.  
There's a better place in which to live  
The Bible to us has told,  
While here we enjoy the work of His hand.  
Let's give ourselves for Him to mold.  
Then when in death, we'll be ready to go  
Like leaves carried by the wind,  
While they drop down to earth below  
We'll fly away — — — —  
Eternity to Spend."

This was a part of a letter sent to the editor recently by Mr. and Mrs. David Powell, Scioto, Ohio.



"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death." —Prov. 14:12.

"The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all unrighteousness." —I John 1:7

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

### "CHIMNEY CORNER SCRIPTURES"

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Empty Hen Roosts

I once heard the story of a Negro preacher who left a community in a hurry because it became known that he had re-revealed his neighbor's hen roosts of some chickens. Over in a distant community he made quite a hit and he was getting along fine, when one Sunday he was thunderstruck by seeing a white man walk into his congregation. The white man looking familiar and he believed that he was an officer of the law. He loved all things he didn't want a man to get up and charge him with chicken stealing, so how could he ward him off? Here is what he did: He got up and said, "Beloved, I have decided to change my text. Stead of preachin' on the resurrection, I've gwin to take my text from the fourth chapter of Ezekiah, where he says, 'If thou seest a man and thinkest thou knowest him, say nothin. Nevertheless, I will see you later.'" Of course there isn't any Book of Ezekiah.

Last of all, here is a "Chimney Corner Scripture" often quoted, and it goes like this: "The Lord helps him who helps himself." People have said to me, "You know the Bible says, 'The Lord helps him who helps himself.'" Well, I didn't know that, for the Bible doesn't say anything of the kind, and it isn't true. The Bible teaches exactly the opposite. The Bible teaches that the Lord helps those who can't help themselves. Listen to this: (Romans 5:6) "For when we were without strength, Christ died for the ungodly." That means that when we were propped down and out — lacking the spiritual strength to do anything, that Christ died for us to save us.

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selves, and most people want to do that. They just insist on putting in their own little two cents, and spoil it all. The most difficult thing about trying to save some one from drowning is his effort to try to help save himself. Drowning people get excited and they grab at everything from a straw to a man, and many times they have grabbed a would-be rescuer and drowned him. I think just now of a person who was drowning, and a good swimmer, a friend, tried to pull him out, but he grabbed wildly and his friend couldn't get him to let loose. Finally he thought, "I hate to do this, but I have to," and he gave the drowning man a god stiff uppercut that knocked him out, and then he towed him into shore. If a drowning person will just give up and let the rescuer alone, he can bring him in. And that same thing is true about people being saved. Sinner, when you realize that you are hopelessly lost, and that there is not one single good thing about you to commend you to God — and when you just give up to Christ to let Him save you, completely, then you will be saved and never until then.

"I am going to wait until I straighten up and quit some of my bad habits." That is exactly how some people mistakenly reason. That is like a sick man saying, "I am going to wait until I get better and then call the doctor." Don't wait to try to get better — come to Christ in all your sin and need, with the willingness that He shall cure you of your habits. Otherwise you are trying something in your own strength, but when you come whole heartedly to Christ and throw yourself into His hands, then the Lord will pour a new strength and a new power into your life.

"Just as I am and waiting not,  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To thee, whose blood can  
cleanse each spot,  
Oh, Lamb of God, I come, I  
come."

That's the way — that is exactly the way to come!



Some men have said that home is wherever they hang their hats. That is not true. Home is the place where we hang up our hearts.

## HOW TO BECOME A GOOD FISHERMAN

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This makes us ask, "What should we do?" As to individual evangelism, we should do as Jesus did — be fishers of men. And we learn by doing. The best modern method in which present day educators take much pride are being exemplified in Jesus than in Teachers' College, Columbia University.

The learner can learn only by actually doing. Anything else is like learning to swim by keeping away from water — like learning to harvest a crop by mere knowledge that there is a harvest — like learning to be a blacksmith by reading poetry about the village smithy.

If a boy is to learn how to

churches that was said of Mr. Wesley, "He was out of breath pursuing souls." We should have, and manifest the passion for souls which Whitfield had who said: "I am willing to go to the prison and to the death for you, but I am not willing to go to heaven without you."

We need the passion that girded Francis Asbury as he traveled a distance equal to five circuits around the world every five years, on an average, for forty-five years, and that mainly on horseback. We need the passion that fired Livingstone and kept him aflame amid jungle dangers and twenty-seven attacks of African fever — the passion that was the power working in the heart of David Brainerd, who said: "I care not what hardships I endure; if only I can see souls saved." The

Abe Lincoln used to tell of the little boy who was carrying another lad up a steep hill. Someone asked if the burden wasn't too much for him. "This ain't no burden, Mister," replied the little chap. "He is my brother!"

as did Moses, as did Elijah, as did Luther, as did Knox, who smote potentates with the Word of God. And we cannot all be netters as were Peter, Paul, Finney, Spurgeon, Moody, Sunday — and others of like fire and effectiveness. But we can all be linesmen — as was Jesus in the quiet pools of Sychar, Bethesda, and elsewhere — and catch solitary souls in personal evangelism.

with God's arrangements. So I gave her tithe to the church treasurer, who wrote a receipt for it and gave it to Sister Clancy.

Week by week, she faithfully and gladly brought her sixty cents, and it became a habit with me to stoop and whisperingly inquire, "Is everything going alright, Sister Clancy?" Invariably her reply was, "It is, thank God."

Once when I so inquired, she added, "It is amazing how kind the neighbors are since I began to tithe. They bring me things — so many things. And they never used to do it. And do you know, pastor, that somehow my ninety cents seems to go farther and buy more than my dollar and a half ever did. Ah, pastor, the good Lord can be relied upon to fulfill His blessed Word!"

Months later she came into my study, where it was always a pleasure to have her, squared her shoulders, gave her head a bit of a shake, and said, "I've had my wages raised."

"Tell me about it."

"That nephew of mine by marriage wrote me a letter. Here 'tis. And he tells me in it that his income has increased, and as he thought of how to use the extra money, it was borne in on him that I might not raise any protest if from now on he sent me ten dollars a week, instead of the six. And here is the first ten dollar payment. And now, praise be, my tithe goes up to a dollar instead of sixty cents. And instead of having ninety cents a week to live on, I now have four dollars and a half. I dunno, I dunno whatever I'm to do with all that money. Ah! pastor, dear, how faithful the good Lord is to do all His promises!"

God promises to bless the faithful tithe payer, and God's blessing upon their lives is important. You may learn for yourself that nine tenths of your income with the blessing of God upon it, will go much farther and do much more than ten tenths of your income with the curse of God upon it.

Faithfulness in tithe paying is God's ancient recipe for immunity against financial depression and disaster. God invites us to a test. Shall we not test Him on this point? Let me be faithful in tithe paying, not for the purpose of getting more money, but that we may be in union and harmony with our Maker. Then all the agencies under His control will work for us. When God is for us, who can be against us?

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## TRADE-IN

(Continued from page one) will sustain thee" (Psa. 55:22). Trade in your troubles today. Take them to the Lord and let Him bear them for you. And having given them over to Him let them stay there. Do not pick them up again when you get up from your knees, but leave them with Him. It will be a revelation to you to see His work in your behalf.—Gaebele

## GEESE

(Continued from Page One) For some years longer Miner's feathered missionaries were cleave the air over the migration routes which first became known to scientists through the banding he commenced 40 years ago. But the number of his messages in circulation already is thinning — for Miner, who loved birds and his fellow men died last November.

Other hands must carry the task he began, if wild geese are to continue to spread the Word.

## TEN COMMANDMENTS

(Continued from page one) by being tardy (nor the pastor's peace of mind and soul by being absent from preaching services.)

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness by failing to practice what thou teachest.

10. Thou shalt not covet superficial success, but only the success which results from careful and prayerful preparation and effort. (Attending the teachers' and officers' meeting will result in much help toward preparation for the following Sunday.)

J. E. Felty, Ashland, Ky.

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## TRUST

We can trust, O friends, in any sorrow,  
And in our hours of suffering and pain.  
We can have faith that after lengthened darkness  
His hand will light the lamp of hope again.

He understands, He knows, He cares, He loves us,  
And any suffering, any grief that stays  
Is somehow for our good and for His glory  
If we but bear it bravely through the days.

It is not that He lacks the healing power  
To turn at once and bid our anguish cease,  
He watches, waits, until we learn its meaning  
Before He gives the blessed boon of peace.

He knows who He can trust with pain and sorrow,  
And we can trust Him for a bright tomorrow.

—Grace Noll Crowell



make a table, he must actually begin to make a table. When fishermen are sent to the river to fish — they fish. When nurses are sent to a hospital to nurse — they nurse. When painters are sent to a house to paint — they paint. When soldiers are sent to the battlefield to fight — they fight. But too often when we are sent into the world to win men we sing, "Throw Out The Lifeline," but do not throw. We sing, "I Love To Tell The Story," and do not tell it. Our singing and our practices are so strangely at variance. We sing in conjugal chorus, "Rescue the Perishing," — and our rescue work is woefully lacking in concern and our lack of rescue makes our lives prefigure the words of our mouths.

The greatest sit down strike in all the world is not enacted by some labor union but by Christians — when it comes to personal visitation for the purpose of winning the lost, when it comes to individual Christian's work for the individual man who is unsaved. In our Christian zeal we do as someone said of Mr. Wordsworth: "Sometimes he made his poetic eagle do the work of a clucking hen."

As a result, the unsaved all around us can say, "No man cared for my soul." Would that it were known of us in our

passion that drove General Booth, who with a vision of the poor of London and what Christ could mean to their lives, said: "God shall have all there is of William Booth."

The next question we ask is "How shall we become good fishermen?"

1. Stay on good terms with the Master Fisherman — Jesus Christ.

To do this, keep a clean heart. God cannot use a man not in personal fellowship with Him. God will use any vessel but a dirty one. "Cleanse thou me from secret faults" should be the constant prayer of everyone who attempts to win a soul.

2. Fish for men.

No man catches fish shooting at quail. No man catches trout setting traps for bear. No man gets fish on his line gathering peaches in his orchard. The fundamental law for fishing for men is to fish. Remember, that discussing bait, buying tackle, orating on nets, strolling along a stream, looking upon the sea wishing for fish, hoping for fish, is not fishing. Only fishing is fishing.

Augustine was asked to name the three most vital principles of Christianity. He said: "First — humility; second — humility; third — humility." We can be safe in saying that three vital laws for fishing are: "First — fish; second — fish; third — fish." That is the most imperative and the most inspiring task of the Christian. As somebody has told us — and telling us comforted us — we cannot all be harpooners and go after leviathans of the deep

The thing to do is to get a good rock position — not in the rocking boat of philosophy — and get some suitable bait and FISH. Yes, fish — forgetting not the sinker of prayer, without which your line will float lightly — remembering that you cannot effectively fish with a tangled line.

God says, "He that winneth souls is wise." Let us be wise.

## IF CHRIST SHOULD NOT RETURN

(Continued from page three) felt that I, too, will not care where they bury me; for I know that when Jesus comes, He is going to find every particle of dust that belongs to Him. But, if Jesus does not come, it does not matter what is done with the body—it will never come out of the grave, and death shall be triumphant throughout all the countless ages of eternity.

## DOES TITHING PAY?

(Continued from page one) would bring. And she replied, contentedly, "Very well, pastor. If God's blessed Word says to, I'll pay tithe. He has never failed me yet, and I've walked with Him many years. He will not fail me now."

The next week she brought me her sixty cents. How I did want to return it to her, and tell her that God's cause would somehow manage to struggle along without her sixty cents! But I did not dare to interfere