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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20

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HIDDEN HANDS IN PALESTINE

Partition of Palestine into two states, Arab and Jewish, admission of 150,000 Jews into Palestine before September 1, 1949, and eventual withdrawal of Great Britain from its mandate over the land—these are the three proposals of the majority members of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP).

After several weeks of investigation in Palestine last summer, the committee met in Geneva, and drew up its report August 31. It was received immediately by Zionists in Palestine with surprise and delight, tempered with caution. Although the majority proposals are considerably less than the Jewish agency's maximum de-

mands, they do constitute a visible Jewish state in part of Palestine.

Howls of implacable opposition have already come from the self-appointed Arab Higher Committee. Its warning to the UN that "partition of the Holy Land would set Palestine and the Arab East on fire" is typical of the Arab campaign of bluff.

Let me here state my personal conviction that the Jews will eventually be given not a partitioned Palestine, but the whole of the land, and ultimately the whole of Trans-Jordan as well. This may sound fantastic, yet I dare to assert it on the authority of One who cannot lie, and whose revealed Word can never fail.

It is of course impossible to forecast what the United Nations General Assembly will do. That there will be a battle royal is to be expected. Fear of Russia and the Arabs may hold up action for many months. Arab states hold five seats in the Assembly; the Jews have none.

Yet we have faith to believe that God, who is able to rule and overrule in all the affairs of men and nations, will have much to do with shaping the final decision. When His hour strikes the gates of Palestine will be flung wide open to His people, and no nation or federation of nations will be powerful enough to keep them closed. If He now permits a partial opening, then a partial opening it will be. But eventually the Jews will be given the whole of Palestine and Trans-Jordan as well.

In considering the UNSCOP majority report there are two questions worth noting carefully:

First, if 150,000 Jews are permitted to enter Palestine, can the land support them, and can housing be provided?

Second, are the Arabs likely to make good their threats of war throughout the Middle East if not given complete control of Palestine?

The first question is of far greater importance, and the answer of Palestine's Jews is an overwhelming "Yes." The Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, in 1946, and UNSCOP, in July, 1947, were each given full assurance.

Bartley C. Crum, one of the six Americans named to the Anglo-American committee by President Truman, and author of *Behind the Silken Curtain*, questioned Yaakov Shiffman, municipal engineer of Tel Aviv. "If you were to get 100,000 refugees into Palestine," he said, "how long would it take before you could provide housing for all of them?"

Shiffman replied, "If we can get the building materials, we could have them all housed in a matter of months." In 1939 nearly 60,000 Jews entered Palestine and were housed in short order.

Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish agency, told UNSCOP that "this little country (Continued on page four)

An Open Letter To The Writer Of Some Heresy That Slipped Into This Paper

Gainesville, Fla.
February 20, 1948.

Mr. Herbert Lockyer
The Baptist Examiner,
Russell, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Lockyer:

Your article "How We May Limit God" in *The Baptist Examiner* of January 30, 1948, among other things, was dishonoring to God in that it denies His sovereignty. Note the statements and implications of the following statements from this article:

"In the moral and spiritual realms His power appears to be Conditional." "Want of faith, on the part of the people restricted God's ability to provide what was necessary." "So they limited Him in what they wanted to fix something on Him, irrespective of whether it was His will or no." "The mystery of sin is that man has the power to tie God's hands behind His back."

If God's dealings with man are conditional upon man's will, man to that extent is greater than God and God is not sovereign.

Man may be permitted by God through His permissive will to do many things that appear dishonoring to Him but He has the power and does "worketh all things after the counsel of His own will." Ephesians 1:11. "It is God which worketh in you

Why Are Folk So Irreverent In God's House?

Roy Mason
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The above question was asked us recently by a man who has been disturbed repeatedly during the church services by people who don't hesitate to talk in an audible tone of voice to others while the service is in progress.

A Serious Baptist Failing

What is this failing? It is LACK OF REVERENCE IN THE WORSHIP OF GOD. Let us ask, WHY DO PEOPLE MISBEHAVE, OR SHOW LACK OF REVERENCE IN THE HOUSE OF GOD? Some reasons:

Thoughtlessness. With many people, they carelessly whisper talk out, titter, sleep, squirm around restlessly, thumb a song book while preaching is going on, or fail to bow during prayer, etc., etc., just because they have not seriously thought of the reverence that they should have. And to GET YOU TO THINK is the purpose of this (Continued on page three)

Another Evidence Of Apostasy - Child Preachers

"A Seven-Year-Old California Evangelist Invades Britain." "Repentant sinners are packing the aisles of Britain's churches to hear Rence Martz, 7-year-old Californian preach salvation. This tiny, curly headed girl can whip her audience into an eager religious fervor almost from the moment she steps forward on the platform."

Child preachers are holding forth all over America, too. It is a sign of our decaying spiritual condition. Sensationalism attracts the unthinking. Preaching is a serious business, and should be preceded by years of faithful study of the Word. It is a signified calling that should not be cheapened by anything showy or immature.

Our Lord was thirty years old when He began His public ministry. God kept Moses on the backside of the desert for the larger portion of his life in preparation for forty years of highly successful ministry. A child may have a strong testimony for Him—but hardly as a preacher.—Christian Victory

This Day Of Juvenile Delinquency, We Need More Old Fashioned Mothers

One mother says: "The worst mistake I ever made was by not being more of a pal to my children when they were small. Countless opportunities for better moral and spiritual training are lost when a mother spends too much time keeping the house shining and thinking more of the details of the home than of the children."

If I only had my little girl back again, how I would love to answer her little questions like, "Who is God?" and "Mother, tell me about when I was a baby." I would be her pal and counselor and give parties for both her boy and girl friends. I would take them to Sunday School instead of sending them, (Selah!), would dress up and look pretty for them, would play with them and love them more — then all of our lives would be much richer and happier."

This mother learned her lesson too late. Too many mothers are too busy going to shows, dances, beer parlors, playing cards, and a thousand other frivolous things to pay any attention to their children. And yet

we wonder why we have such a juvenile delinquency problem!

A theatre-gadding, card-playing, cigarette-smoking, beer-sipping mother is a disgrace to motherhood! And if the shoe fits you, put it on and wear it a bit! It might guide your little feet out of the way of the ungodly into the blessed path of righteousness! How glad I am that I say I never saw my mother with a cigarette in her mouth, I never saw her play even one single hand of cards, I never saw her taste beer, wine, or whiskey or any other intoxicant, I never even heard of her even so much as wanting to go to the theatres! Thank God! She's a little old fashioned — but she's sweeter each day. She has crossed on over to the "other side" to be forever with the Lord and I'm sure that she, as she looks back across the past, is glad that she left such things alone!

I know that she was a better, sweeter, more Godly mother by leaving those things alone than she would have been or could have been by indulging in them!

The world needs more old-fashioned mothers! — Fairview Spotlight

NO EXCEPTIONS

A famous journalist in his early days submitted a dispatch in which he made a sweeping pronouncement condemning the entire organization and constituency of a local political club. The editor of the paper called in the journalist and said to him, "This won't do at all. You evidently think that every man in the club is a fool—and that is your privilege so to think, but please don't write it or expect to get it printed!" The puzzled journalist then asked the editor, "What, then, shall I write?" The editor replied by saying, "You can write that with one single and glowing exception every man in that society is an utter fool. When the stuff is printed not a single fellow in the whole shebang will take offense!"

At a London dinner Lady Astor was holding forth on the subject of conceit. She stated (Continued on page four)

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"THE NEED OF A REVIVAL"

(Read 2 Tim. 3:1-17)

"Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?"—Psa. 85:6.

I have read to you two great portions of God's Word. This Scripture that I have read from the book of 2 Timothy is a marvelous preview of the last days preceding the return of Jesus Christ to this world. I have a conviction, growing out of my study of the Word of God, that this passage of Scripture exactly

coincides and perfectly describes conditions as they exist in the world today. If you will read and study carefully the third chapter of 2 Timothy, you will find, beloved, that there are at least twenty-seven and maybe twenty-eight characteristics that are given of the last days before the return of Jesus Christ. I have a feeling that these characteristics that are enumerated in this chapter are certainly the characteristics of this day in which we are living.

If that be true then, beloved,

who could deny the need of a revival here or anywhere within the world today? I would insist, beloved, that if these characteristics describe the days in which we are living, then no one could deny that we need a revival here and everywhere today.

God willing, I plan this year between now and the end of the year, in addition to our Thanksgiving services of a week's duration, that we shall have at least two revival meetings—one (Continued on page two)

PRIVATE CONDUCT

The Duke of Wellington, seeing a British officer standing in a slack manner, asked, "Why do you stand in such an unbecoming attitude?"

The officer said, "I am off duty, sir."

But the Duke replied, "A British officer is never off duty; so resume your military standing."

People sometimes get like that. They act like Christians on Sundays, at church or in the company of those who are Christians. But when they are alone, off duty, they feel they can act sometimes in a very unchristian manner.

But the real Christian never does this. He is always the same true Christian whether at church, at home, at school or at play. He never feels that there is any time when he can act in any manner that is not Christian. He is always "on duty" for the Lord Jesus Christ.

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THE NEED OF REVIVAL

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in the month of April and the other doubtlessly in the month of October. I have that in my own mind as a recommendation to our church. I have a feeling that today we need a revival meeting constantly to keep the hearts and the souls of God's people in line with the Word of God.

In view of this fact, beloved, I would like to offer some reasons as to why we need a revival here, and why a revival is needed all over the world today.

I

WE NEED A REVIVAL BECAUSE OF HEAVEN'S DOWN-STRETCHED HANDS TOWARD US. Listen:

"All day long have I stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people."—Romans 10:21.

Heaven's hands are down-stretched toward earth's population. Heaven's hands are down-stretched toward earth's disobedient and gainsaying folk. If you will turn to the Word of God and read carefully, you will find in eternity before this world began, that God chose and elected some of earth's population unto salvation. There can be no truth in the Word of God more expressly understood than this. Listen:

"According as he hath CHOS-EN US in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."—Ephesians 1:4.

We were chosen, we were selected, we were elected unto salvation before the foundation of the world, so that every person who is saved today, can say that spiritually speaking, he is older than creation, since every child of God was chosen in Christ Jesus before the world began.

In view of this fact—before this world was, God chose a remnant of Adam's race unto salvation—in view of this fact, beloved, all Heaven is interested today in seeing the elect of God brought to Him and saved by His matchless sovereign grace.

Not only does this text in Romans declare that God has stretched forth His hands all day long unto a disobedient and gainsaying people, but even the Word of God tells us that the angels themselves in Heaven are constantly looking this way to see lost souls brought into the kingdom of God that they might rejoice. Listen:

"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."—Luke 15:

No man can read these verses without the solemn realization that the angels of God and all Heaven itself is looking with down-stretched hands toward earth's population.

Our Lord gave to us a commission in the twenty-eighth chapter of Matthew whereby He

told us to go into all the world to preach the gospel to every creature, then baptize all those that were saved, and then teach all those who had thus been baptized, the all things given within the Word of God. Whenever you read this commission, you are brought face to face with the fact that all Heaven is interested in seeing God's elect saved and brought unto Him.

In view of this fact, I say this morning that one reason why we need a revival is because of Heaven's down-stretched hands—down-stretched unto the elect of God that all those who were chosen in Him might become the recipients of His grace and heirs of His salvation.

II

A SECOND REASON WHY WE NEED A REVIVAL IS BECAUSE OF HUMANITY'S OUT-STRETCHED HANDS.

If heaven's hands are down-stretched to us in an offer of grace and mercy, surely humanity's hands are out-stretched to us to receive that salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ.

Do not misunderstand me, I do not mean to say that all of earth's population is interested today in being saved; yet, I do declare that all those whom God elected before the foundation of the world—everyone of them is interested, whom God has begotten and kindled within them an interest in the things of God.

I definitely believe that every one of God's elect of all humanity has figuratively his hands out-stretched today for the salvation that may be His in Christ Jesus.

I'll give you two illustrations from the Word of God: There is a man called Bartimaeus. We usually refer to him as "blind Baritmaeus" for the simple reason that he was blind. The Word of God says that he sat begging, and when Jesus passed by, he cried, saying:

"Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee."—Luke 18:38-42.

Here's a man, beloved, though blind as to his physical sight as well as his spiritual sight, when the Spirit of God gripped his soul, he wouldn't keep quiet though commanded to do so by those who stood by. He refused to remain silent, but cried out the more to the Lord Jesus that he might receive his sight.

I look at this as an example of an elect sinner who has been chosen unto salvation and whose hands are out-stretched that he might receive the message of salvation from Jesus' own blessed lips.

There is another good example within the Word of God. We read of a woman who had suffered with an issue of blood for twelve long years of time. The Word of God tells us she came one day to Jesus. Let's read it:

"When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague."—Mark 5:27-29.

Here was one, who, when she heard of Jesus, her hands were out-stretched toward Him. When she heard of the Son of God, she was interested in salvation that might come to her through Him, and she was not content and would not rest until she put her hand upon the hem of His garment and thereby re-

ceived the healing physically and spiritually which she desired.

I tell you, beloved friends, heaven's hands are down-stretched, wide open, big with mercy toward sinners, and all of God's elect sinners have their hands out-stretched to receive those blessings of salvation.

III

WE NEED A REVIVAL BECAUSE OF HELL'S UP-STRETCHED HANDS.

Turn to the Word of God and you will find that Hell's hands are up-stretched greedily for Adam's descendants. Listen:

"Hell and destruction are never full."—Proverbs 27:20.

Believe it or not, Hell is never satisfied. "Hell and destruction are never full." Surely, beloved, we can say that Hell's hands are up-stretched for the last one of Adam's fallen descendants within this world.

What is Hell? God's Book tells us that it is a place of OUTER DARKNESS. Listen:

"But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."—Matthew 8:12.

What is Hell, beloved? It is a place where there shall be WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH.

"There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God and you yourselves thrust out."—Luke 13:28.

What is Hell beloved? God's Book tells us that it is a PLACE OF THE UNDYING WORM.

"And if thine eye offend thee pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: Where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched."—Mark 9:47, 48.

I haven't time this morning to enter in upon a detailed discussion of why I think the "worm" referred to is merely the figure of an ever accusing conscience, yet when I read this verse "where the worm dieth not," I am convinced that our Lord Jesus was speaking of an ever accusing conscience that never dies, eternity on top of eternity.

What is Hell, beloved? It is a place of UNQUENCHABLE FIRE.

"Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his

I Should Like To Know....

Q. Why should a New Testament Church be opposed to Union services?

A. Because God says that two cannot walk together except they be agreed—Amos 3:3. Again, if there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine receive not into your house, neither bid him God speed."—II Jno. 10.

Q. What is meant by predestination?

A. Predestination means since God hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him, in love He destined beforehand all the means to our salvation.—Eph. 1:4, 5.

Q. Who were "the sons of God" in Genesis 6? Are they the same as in Job 1:6?

A. Jamieson, Faussett and Brown says, the sons of God in Genesis 6 were the sons of Seth, who were professedly religious; the sons of God in Job 1:6 were angels.

Q. Were the Ten Commandments done away with when Jesus died?

A. Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come

to destroy, but to fulfill."—Mat 5:17.

Q. Does the strength of the church lie in its auxiliaries?

A. No. The majority of the auxiliaries are like suckers of the tobacco plant, or on corn stalks, they need to be broke off.

Q. Is it right to designate you tithe?

A. If the church is wrong in practice, I would certainly designate it.

Q. Should vital policies be acted upon by a Baptist church the day they are presented or should they be considered?

A. By all means they should be considered definitely before voting upon them.

Q. Is the following plan Scriptural? Six additional deacons to be elected and the rotation plan followed, that is each year through the three oldest in service being retired but not being disqualified for re-election, the this annual election of deacons be by secret ballot.

A. I do not believe in rotation of deacons. Elect them for life dependent upon their good behavior.

What is Hell, beloved? It is the SECOND DEATH.

"But the fearful, the unbelieving, and the abominable, and the murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."—Rev. 21:8.

You have stood by the bed side of a loved one to see them individual expire and breath no more and pass from this life. That is the first death. Beloved, when the soul of that individual is cast into a lake of fire and brimstone, that is the second death. May I insist this morning that if a man is born once, he will die twice; but that God, if he is born twice, he will never die but once. The only way a man can escape the second death is to have the second birth, the birth that is ours in Jesus Christ.

What is Hell? It is all that I have said and more, for the Word of God indicates that Hell is never satisfied—it is never (Continued on page three)

TWO OFFERINGS

I didn't think I could do it
When first he told me to,
For I love my precious dolly,
And she is almost new.

But dear me! Uncle Joe knows how
To talk until you feel
As if you'd give your money,
And a part of every meal.

He knows about the Jews, you see,
And how they brought the Lord
The first and best of all their fruits
According to His Word.

That must have been so beautiful—
Those harvest offerings!
Well, Uncle Joe, he talked until
I brought him all my things.

To see which I would send away
To China in the box.
And he said my best doll—blue-eyed,
Red-cheeked, with curling locks.

I said: "Do you give what you like
The very bestest best?
And do you 'make a sacrifice'
As you tell all the rest?"

And he said, "Yes"—he always gave
To help along the cause,

But as he had no fields or fruits
He couldn't keep Jewish laws.

Now Uncle Joe is very good,
But he does love cigars!
He smokes on the piazza, till
He almost hides the stars.

So when I said: "If you'll give up
Cigars and pipes and all,
And give the money to the Lord,
Why, then I'll send my doll."

Then Uncle Joe looked sober,
For, you see, he loved them so,
I said: "Oh, now you see what 'tis
To let my dolly go!"

I thought he would not do it,
But by and by he said:
"I think you're right, I'll drop cigars
And give their cost instead."

So now my dolly's going,
And Uncle Joe—just hear!
Will give most seventy dollars
To the missions every year!

And mamma says she's very glad
About the way I spoke
Since Uncle Joe has offered up
His sacrifice of smoke!

LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS . . .

Sailing o'er life's troubled sea,
Jesus will my Pilot be.
Billows never can o'erwhelm,
With my Saviour at the helm,
He can say—be it His will—
To the breakers—"Peace be still."

Safe I am when by His side,
Frail my barque, but He will guide—
Through the treacherous reef and shoal,
Forward, onward to the goal,
Firmly He will hold my hand,
Till He brings me safe to land.

Storm and tempest all the way,
Dark the night, and stern the day,
Wild the winds, and broken sail,
Still my Pilot must prevail.
Through the roaring of the swell
I can hear the harbor bell.

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all, but rather, beloved, is constantly awaiting those that shall come unto it.

The fourteenth chapter of Isaiah describes in a most graphic manner an unnamed character, and that individual though unnamed, is Nebuchadnezzar, and the Word of God, speaking of Nebuchadnezzar, says:

"Hell from beneath is moved
and thou at thy coming; it stirreth up the dead for thee, even
the chief ones of the earth;
they shall be raised up from their
thrones all the kings of the na-
tions. All they shall speak and
say unto thee, Art thou also be-
come weak as we? art thou be-
come like unto us? Thy pomp
is brought down to the grave,
and the noise of thy viols: the
viol is spread under thee, and
the worms cover thee."—Isaiah
14:9-11.

Here is a picture of Nebuchadnezzar who had died, and unlike the kings of the earth who refused burial to the extent that though the kings of the earth usually received honorable burial Nebuchadnezzar's body rotted and the maggots and worms ate his body. While he was taking place on earth, when his soul was nearing Hell, the kings and the great ones of Hell were moved to meet him, and they arose and looked up at him and said, "Are you the man that caused the earth to tremble? Are you the great one that caused all humanity to quake and fall before you?"

Let me say to you this morning, beloved friends, Hell's hands are up-stretched toward humanity. If there were no other reason that we need a revival this morning, it is sufficient in itself that Hell's hands are up-stretched against Adam's race.

I remember when I was but a boy preacher that I sat down one day and read the story of the rich man as he cried saying, "Send Lazarus to my father's house, for I have five brethren." He wanted Lazarus to preach to them. This was in the days when there was a battle going on within my soul. I will never forget the hour that I read this Scripture. As I say, there was a battle going on within my soul as to what God wanted me to do. I wanted to live as a child of God ought to live, but I didn't want to preach. I wanted to live for a future so far as this world was concerned. I had an ambition in this life, and I wanted to fulfill that ambition; but as I read this Scripture, I heard that man in Hell asking for a preacher to go to his father's house for he had five brethren that were hot-footing

the road of vice. I say there was a struggle within my soul as I read this Scripture whether I would live as I had planned with my ambition before me for life, or whether I would hear the plea of this man for a preacher to preach to his five lost brethren. Beloved, I heard his voice back there. For the last 23 years I have been looking for that man's brothers. I have found lots of them through the tracts we have sent out for His own glory. I have found them in revival meetings and Bible Conferences that I have held elsewhere. I have found that man's brethren, many of them, through the pages of *The Baptist Examiner*. Only this week a man in Huntington wrote and told me of two men who had been saved as a result of reading recent issues of *The Baptist Examiner*. I tell you this morning that man's brothers are scattered all over this world. Hell's hands are up-stretched against them, and the only way they will ever keep out of the up-stretched hands of Hell is for somebody to give them the Gospel—that Jesus Christ died for their sins. Without that message, they will go down into Hell's up-stretched hands.

Surely that is reason enough for our need of a revival—Heaven's down-stretched hands, humanity's out-stretched hands and Hell's up-stretched hands.

IV

THEN, BELOVED, THE CHURCH'S FOLDED HANDS SURELY TELL US WE NEED A REVIVAL.

Will you turn to the Word of God and see the church's enfolded hands today?

"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."—Revelation 2:4.

Here's a church that is busy—a church that is working, but they don't love the Lord like they once did.

"And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write: These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead."—Revelation 3:1.

Listen again:

"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."—Revelation 3:15-17.

Surely today beloved, you

can't read these Scriptures without a realization that the hands of God's people stand enfolded.

A lukewarm, dish-water type of Christianity is all the world is seeing today. How many people do you see who love the Lord—who are hot-hearted? Mind you, I didn't say "hot-headed." God doesn't want hot-headed Christians, but He needs hot-hearted Christians. How many do you know today who come in that classification? The majority of us this morning would not want to be classified as being absolutely cold. You wouldn't want folk to think of you as being absolutely spiritually frigid, and at the time, while you are not spiritually cold, you are likewise far from warm—just lukewarm, a dish-water type of Christianity prevailing in the world today—a name that is alive, but actually dead.

Poor old Rip Van Winkle of legendary fame, of course, never lived as far as actual existence is concerned, but he has had plenty of spiritual progeny born within this world. Multiplied thousands of God's people today are just like Rip Van Winkle—they are spiritually asleep.

"Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!"—Amos 6:1.

Beloved, the average child of God acts today like he has a one-way ticket bought straight through to glory and he has given orders not to be awakened until the train heads into the yards of the New Jerusalem. I tell you, beloved, God's people are asleep as to the cause of Christ.

Paul realized that the day would come when God's people would be asleep as to the cause of Christ, and he wrote to the church at Ephesus; and if it were true with the church at Ephesus, it is just as true today. Listen:

"Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."—Ephesians 5:14-17.

"Redeeming the time"—that means the time you wasted when you were serving the Devil. That means the time you have wasted since you have been a child of God—when you were asleep, lukewarm and not serving the Lord like you should. He says, "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." As surely as God looks down upon this audience this morning, we need a revival because of the church's enfolded hands.

When our Lord went out to the Mount of Transfiguration, He left His church down in the valley. Of course, He took with Him Peter, James and John; but the majority of His church remained down in the valley. When He came down from the Mount He found a man had brought his son who was a demoniac and asked that church to cast the demon out of this lad. They could not do so. Then the man turned to Jesus and said, "If you can, do something for him." The failure of the disciples caused a distrust on the part of this man concerning Jesus. Thus, when our Lord came down from the Mount of Transfiguration, He found His church with enfolded hands, unable to do the work He had assigned them to do.

Surely we need a revival—Heaven's hands down-stretched full of grace and mercy to the elect of Adam's race; humanity's out-stretched hands ready to receive the message of grace



when once the Spirit of God begins conviction within; Hell's up-stretched hands greedily grasping for all of Adam's fallen descendants for the pit of perdition itself; the church's folded hands—all of this ought to convince us we need a revival.

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BUT, BELOVED, I WANT YOU TO SEE SOME OTHER HANDS THIS MORNING—I WANT YOU TO SEE CHRIST'S BLEEDING HANDS.

Tell me we don't need a revival when our Lord Jesus Christ's own hands bled for sinners! Listen:

"For dogs have compassed me; the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me; they pierced my hands and my feet."—Psalm 22:16.

Go to Calvary with me this morning and see His hands as they were nailed to the cross. As the spikes went through the flesh of the palms of the hands of Jesus, see from those hands the blood as it trickles down. See not only those hands that were pierced, but the feet that were also pierced. See also His side that was thrust with the spear and the forehead that was mangled with a crown of thorns. Look at it all, and then out of love for Him whose hands bled for you, may you and I desire and seek for a revival within our own souls and within the lives of those that we touch from day to day. Surely no child of God can visit Calvary and see those blood-stained hands, those nail-pierced hands—no child of God surely can go there and turn away without the realization that since He died for me I want to seek to bring my will, my life and my influence into subjection to those blood-stained, those nail-pierced hands of Jesus.

Do you agree with me that we need a revival this morning? In the light of what Paul said to us in Timothy, will you agree with me that we need a revival? In the light of what I have said to you this morning about Heaven's down-stretched hands, humanity's out-stretched hands, Hell's up-stretched hands, the church's enfolded hands, and Christ's bleeding hands—in view of this, will you not agree with me this morning that we need a revival?

May God help you and me to so position ourselves in life that we might be in the center of His will that a revival might begin in us.

Maybe there's somebody here this morning who has received Him as a Saviour but you have never professed Him. The best way in this world to revive your heart and soul is to come out on God's side and take your stand for Him.

May He save somebody here

today, may He revive His children, and may He add the saved to His church.

May God bless you!



IRREVERENCE

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study. *Wrong Purpose in Coming to Church.* People ought to attend church primarily to worship—not to be amused, or to have a good time.

Lack of Refinement and Culture. It certainly shows a lack of common refinement for persons to misbehave at church—or in any public assembly. Not only that, it shows utter lack of consideration for other people.

The Main Reason for Irreverence in Church—is THE INFLUENCE OF MODERN CHURCH ORGANIZATION. The modern Sunday School is the incubator of irreverence. And the young people's organizations nurture the irreverence hatched out in the Sunday School classes. Nearly always, when boys or girls come from a highly organized Sunday School we find that they come with the idea of misbehaving in their classes.

Not Long Faced

We are not advocating that people come to worship with a gloomy air, or with their mouth drawn down. A friendly, congenial, happy atmosphere is helpful. But when the service begins, all confusion, all whispering, all talking, all inattention should be at an end.

How Does God Consider An Irreverent Attitude?

For answer, read Exodus 3:5. Recall the story of UZZAH who touched the ark. Recall the story of MOSES who smote the rock when told to merely speak to it.

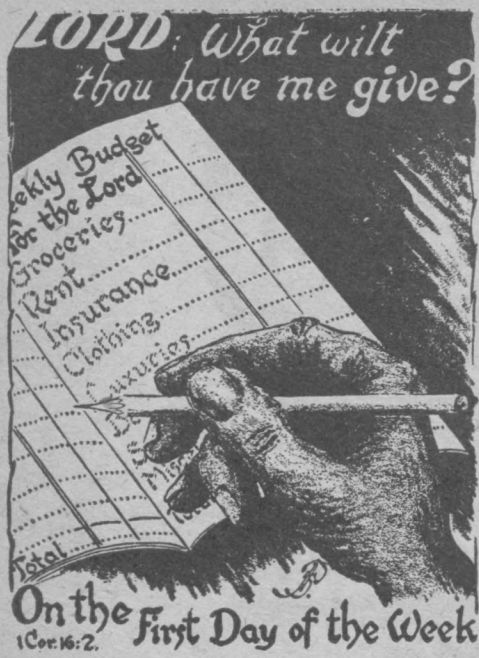
Some Things to Reverence

Above all the name of God. "Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain." One of the worst—yet most foolish sins possible—is the sin of cursing.

The house of God. Psalms 89:7. Leviticus 19:30. Ecclesiastes 5:1; John 2:16.

Men of God called by Him into His work. Phil. 2:29; I Thess. 5:12; Heb. 13:7. Instead of this, the average Baptist church makes a favorite pastime out of the practise of running off pastors. A church in a neighboring town has run off nine different pastors.

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those wishes from producing actions indiscriminately. He compels those wishes to take a certain divinely narrowed course. The floods of iniquity are from the hearts of men, but they are not allowed to cover the land; they are shut up to the channel of God's sovereign appointment, and men unwittingly are thus held in bounds, so that not one iota of God's purpose shall fail. He brings the floods of the ungodly into the channel of His providence to turn the mill of His purpose." P. W. Howard.

"If God has any purpose concerning the happenings of the universe, must, of necessity, be eternal. To deny this is to suppose some unforeseen event that made it necessary for God to change His purpose. All of God's purposes were formed in wisdom, and since He has power to execute them, there is no reason for any change. 'Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world.' Acts 15:18. 'Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, my council shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.' Isaiah 46:9-10. There are no crises with God, no perplexing problems to ponder, no forces beyond His control. He moves with majestic step toward the consummation of His eternal purpose in Christ to the praise of His glory.

"It is necessary to distinguish between what God is, in His essential being, and what He is declared to be by His creation. The Heavens declare His glory (Psalms 19:1), but they add nothing to it. Men are to ascribe glory to God in their eating and drinking (1 Corinthians 10:31), but this is not any addition to His glory, but a mere recognition and acknowledgement of it. In Judges 5:23 we have the exhortation, 'Come up to the help of the Lord,' but this does not denote that God was in need of man's help, but that it is man's duty to serve God. In Psalms 78:41 it is said that Israel limited the



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that men were more conceited than women, more vain and egotistical. Before the men present could protest she continued, "Why, right here tonight at this table the most prominent and cultured man in London society has a sloppily knotted tie." As if by a signal every man present put his hand to his tie to straighten it!

These two stories illustrate our point from two angles. When fault and failure is the issue, men like to have a loophole through which to crawl. Thus the journalist must leave one exception through which every individual involved could find escape. Lady Astor's listeners, on the other hand, each desired credit, not for the careless tie, but for the compliment to their culture! The Bible is often despised because it leaves no such "loophole" for men. It plainly declares, "All have sinned . . . All we like sheep have gone astray . . . There is none righteous, no not one." Praise God, the Bible's inclusiveness also embraces all men in His grace in that "Whosoever will may come!" —"Essex."



Holy One of Israel, but this only imparts their attitude of mistrust. They acted as though God was limited in power and could not take care of them in the wilderness. Moreover, they limited Him in His authority, that is, they acted as if He did not have the right to make certain commands upon them; they showed by their murmurings that they were displeased with His providences. In the same passage it is charged that they tempted God, that is, they acted as if He could be tempted. In unbelief they put Him to the proof." Definitions of Doctrines, C. D. Cole.

"Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did He in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places." Psalms 135:6. "But our God is in the heavens: He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased." Psalms 115:3.

"There is no attribute more comforting to His children than that of God's sovereignty. Under the most adverse circumstances, in the most severe trials, they believe that Sovereignty has ordained afflictions, that Sovereignty overrules them, and that Sovereignty will sanctify them all. On the other hand there is no doctrine more hated by worldlings, no truth of which they have made such a football, as the great, stupendous, but yet most certain doctrine of the Sovereignty of God. Men will allow God to be everywhere except on His throne. They will allow Him to be in His almonry to dispense alms and bestow blessings. They will allow Him to sustain the earth and bear up the pillars thereof, or light the lamps of heaven, or rule the waves of the ever-moving ocean; but when God ascends His throne, His creatures gnash their teeth, and when we proclaim an enthroned God, and His right to do as He wills with His own, to dispose of His creatures as He thinks well, without consulting them in the matter, then it is that we are hissed and execrated, and then it is that men turn a deaf ear to us, for God on the throne is not the God they love. But it is God upon the throne we love to preach. It is the God upon the throne Whom we trust." Spurgeon.

"God also controls men, all men, whether good or bad, individually or collectively. He exerts upon the wicked a restraining power. He does not allow them to do all their nature would lead them to do. God said to Abimelech, 'I also withheld thee from sinning against me; therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.' Genesis 20:6. How often it is said that God will not infringe upon man's free will; but if God had not controlled the will of Abimelech, that heathen king would have harmed Sarah. Yes, even 'The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water. He turneth it whithersoever He will.' Proverbs 21:1. God was controlling and directing the will of Cyrus, king of Persia, when He ordered the building of the temple of Jerusalem. Ezra 1. God was controlling and directing Titus and his army in the destruction; yea, they are called 'His armies' in Matthew 22:1-7. 'He sits on no precarious throne, nor borrows leave to be. He is the only one who has the right to act for His own glory. The sovereignty of God means that He does as He pleases, always as He pleases, and only as He pleases. God is in control of all things and people, and is directing all things after His own will and to the praise of His own glory. He even makes the wrath of man praise Him, and the wrath of man that does not praise Him, He does not allow.' Psalm 76:10. C. D. Cole.

Sincerely,
Zach Savage



HIDDEN HANDS

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contains enough land and water to feed not only its present population, but twice or thrice the number," thus debunking the rumor of land and water scarcity.

The committee visited Kibbutz Revivim, one of the fourteen Jewish colonies in the Negev,

southern desert of Palestine, and was visibly impressed by the fruits that the thirty-five settlers have wrung from the arid soil. If the Jews can colonize the Negev, the Zionists' claim that they can bring into Palestine tens of thousands of immigrants without displacing any Arabs will bear great weight.

From a recent survey, Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk, noted American soil conservationist, concludes that Palestine is a land which, by the unique combination of natural resources in the Jordan valley, makes possible a huge reclamation project capable of supporting at least 4,000,000 refugees, in addition to the 2,000,000 Jews and Arabs already living there.

Now for the second question. Can the Arabs make good their threat to "set Palestine and the Arab East on fire"?

Arab national solidarity is pure fiction. This is particularly true in Palestine. The Arab Higher Committee is the creation of the Husseini family, of which Haj Amin el-Husseini, ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, is the leader. He and his family are bitterly hated by other prominent Arab families, especially the Nashashibi family, which has a blood feud against him for the murder, by his men, of a ranking member of their clan at Bagdad in 1941. In 1936 the ex-Mufti caused the assassination of hundreds of prominent Arabs, including twenty-four leading Palestine Arabs who refused his leadership.

Five other Palestine Arab parties opposed domination of the Arab Higher Committee by the Husseini family and, in 1946, ten members left the committee and formed the Arab Higher Front that made the threat of war to the UN on September 2. Are the Arabs likely to be united?

Suppose the Arab countries could achieve unity in war, what military strength can they muster? According to Jewish information Arab armies total 120,000 on paper. Trans-Jordan's army of 15,000 has the complete respect of the Jews, trained as it is under British Brigadier General Glubb. But they do not fear this army, because King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan, alone among the Arab rulers, favors partition and setting up of a Jewish state. He is likely to heckle efforts of other Arab states to war on the Jews.

Egypt has 40,000 to 60,000 trained for police duty, poorly equipped and not to be feared. Iraq's army of 25,000 (40,000 according to one source) has steadily deteriorated, and when last in action, against the Kurds, was badly beaten. Lebanon has an army of 6,000 trained for police duty. But there is a strong Christian minority in Lebanon, and military action can hardly be expected. Some Lebanese Christians favor a Jewish state in Palestine to set a precedent for good treatment of minorities in the Middle East, of which they are one.

The Jews do not fear Syria's army of 12,000, as it is poorly equipped and led. Saudi Arabia's army of 7,000 is rated higher, but in order to reach Palestine it would have to march through Trans-Jordan, and King Abdullah, Ibn Saud's oldest enemy, would never tolerate such action.

All these armies together amount to no more than five poorly organized and equipped divisions, with virtually no air support, separated from each other by distances of 500 to 1,200 miles of desert and mountains, with tribal jealousies militating against any unified war effort.

In a memorandum to the General Assembly of the United Nations, *The Palestine Problem*

and *Proposals for Its Solution*, submitted by seven influential leaders (among them Raymond Swing, commentator, and Philip Murray, president of CIO, and representatives of the Nation Associates, the Church Peace Union and the Progressive Citizens of America), it is stated that "the threat of a general Arab revolt is a form of political blackmail and cannot possibly be put into effect."

In understanding the snarled tangle of present-day Palestine it is necessary to go back into history to the hidden hands of departed dictators, Hitler and Mussolini, which still stir up mischief and strife. And still another pair of hidden hands, those of a woman who died almost four thousand years ago, reach down across thirty-eight centuries to cause dissension and division. Yet most of us fail to recognize the important part she plays in the present tragic drama.

In calling attention to these hidden hands I am not unmindful of many others actively at work in the Palestine crisis, either for good or for ill. Hagana, Irgun and other Jewish underground organizations, though no doubt with good intentions, are doing much to hinder realization of their national aspirations.

But the hidden hands of the woman, of Hitler and Mussolini are especially vital to this discussion. First, the woman.

Sarah, the wife of Abraham, four thousand years after her death has presented modern statesmanship with its greatest international problem. Had Sarah believed God there would have been no Palestine problem today. Had she not given her slave girl, Hagar, to Abraham, there would have been no Arabs. Ishmael was born of Abraham and Hagar, and the Arabs have descended from Ishmael. The great Palestinian problem of 1947 is that of Arab versus the Jew. The dead hands of Sarah are still active.

Even so, the problem of the true ownership of Palestine should thus be made simple. Isaac was the legal heir, not Ishmael. The descendants of Isaac should inherit the land today. Simple? Yet profoundly just and right.

But what of Arab claims to Palestine? Are they not valid? Recently an anonymous organization has arisen calling itself the Defenders of Arab Palestine. Consider the audacity: "Arab Palestine." There never was an Arab Palestine in ancient or modern history, but there was a Jewish Palestine as all the world knows.

From 1517 to 1918 Palestine was incorporated in the Ottoman empire and was subject to the autocratic rule of Turkey. There was no such thing as Palestine in the political sense. The country was included in the Turkish *villayets* (provinces) of Beirut and Damascus, and of the *sanjak* (district) of Jerusalem. The inhabitants were mainly Arab speaking, but of diversified origins, with no sense of nationality as Palestinians. Arab nationalists insisted that Palestine should remain Southern Syria. There was no Palestinian nation.

Palestine, as we know it today, was created by the peace conference following World War I and a mandate of the League of Nations. It was formed for the precise reason that the allied powers did not intend it to become another Arab state. All the civilized world knew that it was destined for the establishment of a Jewish national home. The mandate, validated by fifty-two nations, recognized the "historical connection of the Jewish people with Palestine," and "the grounds for reconstituting there their national

home." Later, things happened create dissension between Arabs and Jews. In the late thirties Arabs in Palestine began to enjoy new prosperity with the coming of Jewish immigrants. Jews purchased tracts of land from Arabs at exorbitant prices, deforested, eroded swamp land like most of the Arab land today. Using modern methods of scientific agriculture, the Jews reclaimed the soil so that it produced not one but two crops a season.

Arabs have benefited from this, since a sharing of benefits was part of Jewish policy. There were 500,000 Arabs in Palestine when the first Jewish colonists entered. Today there are approximately 1,000,000. This proves that the entry of Jews has worked no harm to the Arabs.

What stirred up strife? Mussolini and Hitler began their nefarious work. Arab labor had been working for Jewish colonists at good wages. German and Italian agents offered them fifteen dollars a month to waylay Jews and kill them. Documents prove that Arab terrorists received close to \$250,000 from Hitler, and \$100,000 from Mussolini. Living on the land while engaged in the campaign of terror, Arabs found it easier than working. Secret agents meanwhile sold arms to the Jews with which to defend themselves. Their purpose was to stir up trouble for the British administration.

Italian agents distributed radio sets to Arabs during the years. Though very few could read or write, all could listen to Mussolini's daily broadcast of inflammatory anti-British propaganda intended to stir them up to revolt.

Simultaneously, according to the *Palestine Weekly News*, Hitler was maintaining two German propaganda centers in Cairo and Bagdad. At Damascus he built a palatial club, Nadi el Arabi, with 120 young Arab members, whom he Na-fied as fast as he wished. It is difficult to discover where trouble-making Arab leaders of today got their training?

Yet another pair of hidden hands are unceasingly active that troubled land—the hands of Almighty God, who is still God of Israel. The title deed from the original Owner of the earth naming the Jews as legal owners of Palestine are still extant in millions of Bibles all world around. The land promise is not merely the 10,000 square miles of what is known today as Palestine, or Western Palestine, but an area much greater. Read Genesis 15:18. "In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates."

Despite the present confusion and strife, the lingering disillusionment that faces modern Jewry, God will someday bring His people back into the land of promise—"Moody Monthly."



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world would employ an executive, then begin to talk again; knock on him; hinder him; withdraw co-operation from him, and seek in every way to render his work a failure? The answer is, NO BUSINESS CONCERN. Truly, "the children of this world are in their generation, wiser than the children of light."

Let us do our very best to have a church in which propriety is shown. Because such is pleasing unto God, and because it is highly injurious to the church for visitors to come and find noise and confusion.