

# The Baptist Examiner

"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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## The Crop Produced By The Movies

By E. J. Pace

A sower fares forth across the world scattering his noxious seeds in every city, town and hamlet in the civilized world. Truly his "field is the world." With a zeal that is as indelible as his methods are scrupulous, he scatters to the four winds his seeds of wickedness that promise an appalling harvest. He knows no good Mammion. His one and only concern is revenue. If the church is the sower of the wheat, without controversy the movie industry is the sower of the tares. How can any follower of the Lord Jesus Christ lend support to an industry whose whole ambition is to undo the work of the Church?

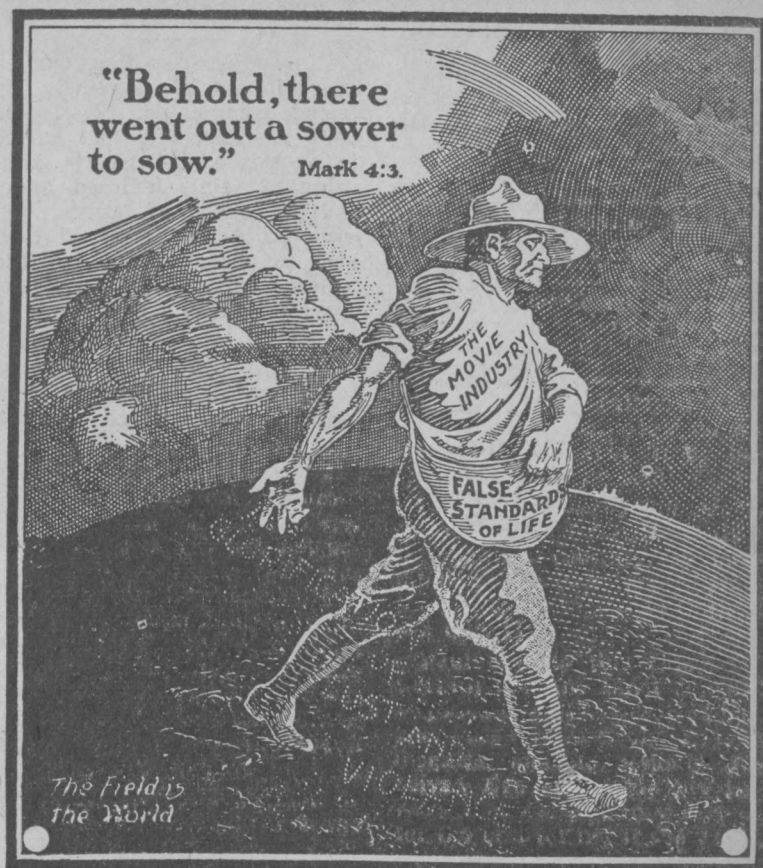
First, the movie industry has regard for the Christian

Lord's Day. In direct competition with the church it lures to its doors multitudes who should be in the house of worship. It would secularize the one day of the week which God has set aside for His own worship.

Second, the movie industry consistently sows the weeds of lust and violence. Scarcely can one find a sign, or advertisement, announcing a movie film, that does not in the very wording of the title suggest the glorification of sin. See how flamboyantly sex lure is blazoned forth from signboards and glittering lights. The wanton disregard for propriety that characterize these nauseous pictures certainly should arouse every Christian to the evil of the thing.

Third, the incalculable harm

to the young life of the nation that comes from the worship of the movie stars, whose flagrant sins are garbed with a shimmering garment of glory; their sex intrigues, their easy divorces, their vanity and worship of mere physical beauty, find fertile soil in the hearts of boys and girls. And the law of God has never been changed. "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap everlasting life." (Gal. 6:7, 8). God is not mocked, even if we are deceived. Again we ask, how can any one who names the Lord Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, contribute a nickel to keep this industry, this enemy of all that is



Christian, a going concern? Let church members withhold their patronage and we would soon see them squirm to the cleanup, but they will never do it. The

true Christian however will have no part in it, for with him Christ is supreme, and he "Hates the very garments spotted by the flesh." (Jude 23).

## The Membership And Mission Of Every True New Testament Baptist Church

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Denominations and individuals are by no means agreed concerning either the membership or mission of a church, although the Bible is very plain indeed. That a thing is clearly taught in the Bible makes little difference with many people, since they go chiefly according to tradition, sentiment or prejudice.

Who should compose the membership of a church?

Only saved, or born-again persons. (cf. Acts 2:41; Matt. 23:19, 20).

(Note that the order given here is "receiving the Word," then baptized," then added to the church.")

Only persons who have reached the age where they can personally believe are eligible

for membership. Since "making disciples" comes before "baptizing them" no infants can be included.

Perversions of this teaching:

The plan of Catholics, Methodists, Lutherans, Episcopalians, etc., of admitting babies. In Catholic lands practically the whole population are church members. People inherit their religion just like some do their politics or their nationality. This has made for millions of unsaved church members.

The Methodist plan of accepting "probationers" as is sometimes done. People are sometimes taken in on probation, and in case they prove to be worthy of full church membership, they are finally accepted. The Methodist "Discipline" voices no requirement of regeneration as necessary to church membership.

The Campbellite plan of receiving persons on profession that they believe that "Jesus is" (Continued on page two)

## DO WE REALLY AND HONESTLY WANT TO BE REVIVED?

It is very likely that one reason we are not having a revival is that we are spending too much time talking about it. The need for revival, the causes of revival, the hindrances to revival, the secret of revival—all this has become a pet theme of sermons, books and articles, until we can pretty well anticipate what we are going to hear or read on the subject.

Conservative Christians have become a tired and fussy crowd, adept at lamenting their condition but not disposed to do much about it. The psychology of our approach is bad. A brother told me recently of having attended a convention of his own denomination. Over the platform of the auditorium was a large

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## Mused Uncle Mose

Sist' Annie Maucum, she take de hide off'n de pahson tel somebody else staht he'pin 'er, den she turn an' take de hide off'n dem.

## "Storehouse" Tithing Will Put Every True Baptist Church On Its Feet Financially

Most people desire to be blessed; God tells us how, and in no uncertain terms.

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord, if I will not open unto you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to contain it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sake, and he shall destroy the fruit of your ground; neither shall your vine cast forth her fruit before its time in the field, said the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightful land, said the Lord of hosts" (Mal. 3:8-12).

Robbing God of the tithe ran current with having departed from God: "Even from the days

of your fathers ye are gone astray from mine ordinances, and have not kept them, saith the Lord of hosts. Return unto me, and I will return unto you" (Mal. 3:7).

Backsliders do not tithe, neither do worldly-minded Christians. These always find an excuse for their failure; but God indicts them as backsliding God robbers.

I never knew a spiritually-minded Christian, if he had been properly taught, who was not a tither. Soul winners are always tithers.

In no other connection does God challenge His people as in this connection; in no other connection does God say, "Prove me"; in no other connection does God promise to bless as in this, "If I will not open unto you the windows of heaven and

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## RELIGION VS. CROSS

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Religion: this world is full of it, and ALL religion presents something in it somewhere that will serve as a "sign" to those who are willing to allow religion to take the place of the Lord Jesus Christ. The illiterate and superstitious pagans of darkest Africa have religion, a religion that calls for incantations and dances and medicine men and fleshly orgies until the worshippers are carried away in a frenzy of fervor that oftentimes leaves them in a stupor for days afterward.

Christian Science offers plenty of religion, a religion that supposedly reveals the sign of sickness and painlessness and deathlessness until its followers imagine that they are cured of any and all possible ills. Christian Science, however, denies the cross through denying the reality of sin and of pain and death.

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### "YOUR PASTOR'S PRAYER"

"And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see." — II Kings 6:17.

Elisha, the man of God, had had a great predecessor in the person of Elijah. You doubtless recall when Elijah was taken up by God into Heaven in a miraculous and supernatural manner, that Elisha had asked a special favor of Elijah. That favor was that a double portion of the spirit of Elijah might come to rest upon him. Elijah said in substance, if you see me when I am caught up, then that favor you are requesting shall become a reality and

shall be granted. The Word of God doesn't tell us specifically nor definitely that Elisha saw Elijah when he was caught away, and that a double portion of Elijah's spirit came to rest upon him; but it is an evident fact that this request was granted since he became thence forward and ever afterward a great miracle-working man of God.

Elisha's power with God became so great that he could even tell what his enemies were planning miles and miles removed from him. This chapter from whence our text is taken, tells us of such an experience, for the King of Syria made his

plans that he would attack Israel, for he said, "I am going to camp in such and such a place," with the intention, of course, of capturing some of the bands of Israel. However, when he would thus make his plans, Elisha would tell the King of Israel where Benhadad, the King of Syria, was going to camp. He did it again and again and again, to the extent that every time Benhadad would make his plans to camp in some such place where he might be able to capture the King of Israel, Elisha would tell his king, so that Syria would

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## REPORT ON UN

Seventeen United States senators, representing both political parties and composing about one-fifth of the Senate membership, have begun a movement to scrap the U. N. charter in favor of an air-tight alliance against the threat of Soviet military aggression.

Is this the handwriting on the wall for the U. N.? It might as well be scrapped entirely, for it has no "teeth," and has been unable to settle any major problem of power politics. The money that is being expended to erect the magnificent buildings planned for New York, and the terrific expenses of housing, feeding, and remunerating the thousands of U. N. delegates, assistants, and office workers, could be used to better advantage in feeding and clothing starving Europeans and Asians.

The United Nations is doomed to failure, as the League of Nations failed before it. Three years of "peace" ought to have proved that to the world at large.—Our Hope



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## STOREHOUSE TITHING

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pour you out blessings that there shall not be room enough to contain it."

In no other connection does God so fearfully indict His people as in this, "Ye have robbed me"; in no other connection does God pronounce such devastating curses as in this connection, "Ye are cursed with a curse."

God's challenge to tithe is accompanied with the invitation to "return to the Lord," with the promise that God will "return unto them."

### A Seven-Fold Challenge And Promise

In the foregoing text there is a seven-fold challenge and promise:

1. It is an act involving a high resolve, "Bring." This is in perfect accord with Paul's language in I Cor. 9:9, "Every man as he hath purposed in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, nor of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver." This is hilarious giving, giving with the same delight as one receives.

The bringing of the tithe is on the first day of the week, "Upon the first day of the week" (I Cor. 16:1). This is the day God's people are to meet for worship. Perhaps no resolve of man is more worthy than this; certainly no act of man necessitates a higher resolve. It involves both the time and means of man. The temptations to neglect this sacred duty are powerful; in this the devil is alert. That is the reason for the daring challenge, and the abounding promise.

2. It is an act of rare devotion, "Bring ye all the tithe." The word "all" implies rare devotion. This is a whole-hearted devotion. It is an act of devotion in response to God's promise that "ALL things work together for good to them who love the Lord, who are the called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28). It means bring the fullness of the best to the Lord in worshipful adoration and devotion.

3. It is an act of reasonable proportions, "The tithe"; the tenth of one's income. It runs parallel with Paul's admonition in I Cor. 16:1, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." "Laying by in store" is in process of preparation for Sunday's offering. Since it is God that gives all we have — life, and that which sustains life, food, clothes, water, air, health — it is but reasonable that God expects us to return to Him the tithe. This is all the more so since it is through Christ that we have redemption and the hope of eternal life; in Christ God gave His best that we might inherit eternal glory.

The tithe should be a love

## DO WE REALLY WANT A REVIVAL?

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sign "Revive Us Again." My friend commented, "If I had been a sinner and had looked in on this rather droopy gathering of saints huddled under that admission of failure, 'Revive Us Again,' I would have said to myself, 'Whatever this crowd has, it certainly isn't doing them much good.'"

### Negatives Do Not Work

How much success would we have as salesmen if we spent

gift by all the redeemed of the Lord, and especially those who make a pretense of loving and serving the Lord.

4. It is an act of spiritual worship, "into the storehouse." Giving should be a part of every man's worship. Giving should be the individual worshipping God with tithes and offerings. The storehouse is "my house," God's house. Giving is an index not only to one's sense of love and gratitude, but to character and devotion. It is a sorry type of worship that ignores giving.

5. It is an act supplying a vital need, "That there may be meat in mine house"; that is, that every need of the church might be supplied. The tithe will supply such need. For instance there is not a church in existence that has ten members who are wage-earners, who tithe their income, but can have a pastor on the field whole time, preaching every Sunday, conducting the midweek services, visiting the sick, burying the dead and marrying the young, and living on an equality with the ten members who tithe, and then have a tenth of his income to give back into the church with which to pay the janitor.

6. It is an act of sublime faith, "Prove me now herewith." This is a faith that trusts. It is a faith that says: "I believe God, and am willing to trust Him."

7. It is an act bringing assurance of divine blessings, "If I will not open unto you the windows of heaven and pour you out blessings that there shall not be room enough to receive them."

There is no insurance like that of tithing. It is the means of laying up treasures in heaven. It places that part of one's earnings above the hands of thieves, and beyond the reach of destructive factors. It is a form of time deposit that can be drawn upon here with interest, and is reserved in heaven for all time to come.

I knew a mother left with five children, with a small farm, heavily mortgaged. She was true to the trust reposed in her by the Lord. She reared and educated every one of the five children, has seen them all happily and successfully married, has her farm clear of debt, and recently sent in a check for \$47, payment of her current tithe.

### The Tithe And Grace

The excuse that the Christian is under grace, and not law, hence not supposed to tithe, should be an excuse scorned by a person redeemed by God's free grace. To begin with, the tithe originated 500 years before the law was given; it was incorporated in the law because it was a fair and worthy principle; it was commanded by Malachi, not as a law, but as a principle. The tithe was commended by Jesus, implied by Paul, and practiced by all consistent Christians.—Rev. B. H. Hillard, Cincinnati, Ohio

our time telling prospective customers that those who already had the product were not getting the results advertised? There is indeed a place for honestly admitting failure, but the best way to advertise the results of the Gospel is to produce a few people who are really getting the results that we advertise. Unfortunately, we have plenty of experts but few examples. One healthy, positive Christian who really can say, "To me to live is Christ," is worth a thousand lecturers on the victorious life who do not have the victory. A lot of what we hear today is like swimming lessons on dry land, and not a few believers remind us of people who have European hotel labels all over their luggage but have never been to Europe.

Then, we do not have time for revival. Our churches have their programs all set up, and if God wants to send a revival He will have to do it during the week or two allotted for that on the church calendar. Any other time it would upset the schedule. Until we bow to the sovereignty of God and let Him tear up our little arrangements, if necessary from top to bottom, and unless we give the Holy Spirit priority in our churches, nothing will happen.

And, of course, we will not pay the price. There is a price. Salvation is free, but discipleship costs everything we have, and God's best demands our all. God runs no bargain counters. A lot of our pious half-way measures by which we try to have revival and still "save face" are simply efforts to get God's best at reduced rates.

Dr. Torrey used to say that a revival begins with a few Christians getting thoroughly right with God. But it is so much easier to discuss it than to do it. When will some of us rub our eyes, really take time to put God first, and pay the price? It might be well to declare a moratorium on all our philosophizing about revival until we are ready to have one.—*The Watchman-Examiner*

## THE MEMBERSHIP AND MISSION OF A CHURCH

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the Son of God" and then baptizing them in order to make Christians out of them.

The plan of having "Decision Day" in Sunday school, and taking in children in whole groups. Baptists do this and they always get a lot of unsaved children when they do it.

Then of course Baptist churches often have people come for membership who make a false profession, but then of course we are not responsible for this since we can only take people's word. When they voluntarily make a profession their blood is on their own heads.

T. T. Martin says: A Baptist church is the only one of the great denominations, which requires a person to profess to be saved, before they are baptized or become a member of the church." I think that you will find his statement 100 per cent correct.

Another perversion, is the plan of accepting as "Associate members," people of other denominations. This is done throughout the North and even in Florida among some Baptists.

Specifically: A church should consist exclusively of saved people who have been scripturally baptized upon a public profession of their faith. It should also be required that such persons continue in a worthy Christian life, and in fellowship with the other members, or else their ex-

## I Should Like To Know . . .

"Deut. 22:5 reads, 'The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, but the 8th verse requires that if a man shall build a house, he shall build a parapet around the roof to keep people from falling off. Evidently this is not applicable to twentieth century Americans, where we do not ordinarily build houses with flat roofs. I take it that the other passage is also locally Oriental in its application. In my opinion a woman may, without sin, choose the kind of garment she will wear, provided it does not violate established rules of decency.'" (Clipped from *The Home Life Magazine*, published by the Sunday School Board, S. B. C.).

In I Timothy 2:9 Paul says that women are to adorn themselves in "modest apparel" and that is exactly why God said, back in the Book of Deuteronomy, when He re-stated His law, "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man . . ." for God knows when a woman puts on that which belongs to a man, she is not adorned in modest apparel. I wonder why the writer of this article in *The Home Life Magazine* thinks his opinion should be accepted and the plain statement in God's Word rejected! I still believe God. I still believe that women should "adorn themselves in modest apparel" and they cannot do so when having on men's clothes; they sin against themselves, the church, and against Christ when they refuse to adorn themselves in "modest apparel," and the writer of the article in *The Home Life Magazine* is not guiltless before the Lord.

Can a saved woman who is a member of the New Testament Church (Baptist), lead a lost man to Christ?

I find nothing in the Scriptures to the contrary if a saved woman sits down with a lost man and takes the Word and leads him to Christ, provided the two are not assembled with the church. I do not believe women should speak in the churches. I find that Aquilla and Priscilla took Apollos and "expounded unto him the way of the Lord more perfectly." Acts 18:26. They taught this great preacher Apollos the Word of God. I see nothing wrong for a saved woman to take the Bible and lead a lost man to Christ.

In Romans 8:28 what does the "all things" mean?

It means all things He sends upon His chosen, and all things He permits to come upon His chosen, work together for their good.

### What about a Baptist church

clusion should take place. (I Cor. 5:11-13).

The mission of a church is set forth in the Great Commission.

Make Christians, by preaching the gospel to them. (Matt. 28:—).

Make Baptists, by giving them Baptist baptism. (Matt. 28:19, 20).

make well informed missionary Baptists, by teaching them the Bible. (Matt. 28:19, 20).

This is the program, all the program, the whole program, and nothing less than this is the whole program of a Scriptural church. Anything more is an adding to the commands of Jesus. Many so-called churches do none of these things. Some Baptist churches make a bad job of their task.

setting a day for "dedicated babies to God?"

The Methodist church in town (if there is one there) might truly call that Baptist church a "sister-church." tainly there is some resemblance. The pastor might "feel as much at home in Methodist pulpit" as he does his own. He might exchange pulpits with his Methodist brother, but it would be a thing if before doing so, is saved, to read Rom. 16:1 James 4:4; Amos 3:3.

A Baptist preacher said Jesus had no certain church mind when He spoke of joining His church in Mt. 16:18. he right?

He isn't much of a Baptist. He was wrong. The Lord used the word "church" 23 times — in Matthew, 3 times in Revelation, 20 times. In instance except Mt. 16:18 context shows that he was of a local church. When spoke of a larger group the local church, He always "churches."

Have the women a Scriptural right to speak in the church make motions, be Sunday School superintendents, teach classes of adults, or be deacons of B. Y. P. U.'s?

No. Cf. I Cor. 14:33-37; 2:8-15.

Can a woman pray in church if she has her head covered?

No. the word in I Timothy for "men" is "males" or "females" as distinguished from women and children. Only men may pray in public prayer under Paul's authority; he permitted no woman to do so.

How is it that Spirit-led churches can so widely differ in their interpretation of the Bible?

They cannot. God is not the author of confusion. There are three spirits who try to lead the man's spirit, evil spirits, the Holy Spirit. John says, "I believe not every spirit, but the spirits whether they are of God." God's Word says, "If a man speak not according to the Word, it is because there is no light in them." Paul says, "any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual (led), let him acknowledge the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord." Folk who do not understand the Word alike are Spirit-led. When women obey Paul's prohibition I Cor. 14, he says plainly they are not Spirit-led; preachers who teach women to do this Scripture in "testify mixed assemblies" are Spirit-led. If, as some of preachers say, God called to preach, then He called to preach the TRUTH, not God never told one of preachers to teach the wrong speak in the church.

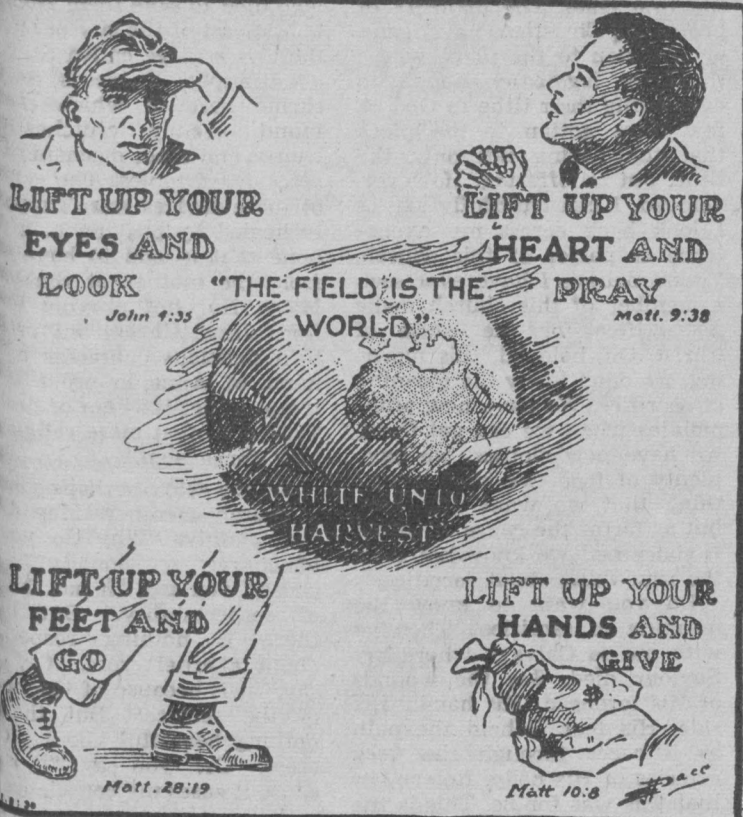
## A RECIPE FOR UNLEAVENED BREAD FOR LORD'S SUPPER

By Bro. L. H. SALINGER  
A Converted Jew

1/2 cup flour.  
1/4 teaspoon salt.  
1 teaspoon sugar.  
1 tablespoon shortening.  
2 tablespoons water or oil.  
Mix shortening with flour for pie crust. Add water or oil to make dough easy to roll. Roll thin and fold over, rolling this process until light brown. Bake in one cake. Break until giving of the



## MISSIONARY RESPONSIBILITY



By H. A. Ironside

The great business of the individual Christian and of the church as a whole, while waiting for God's Son from Heaven, is to make known the riches of His grace to a needy world. All are not to be foreign, nor yet home missionaries. All are not gifted preachers or teachers. All are not wise personal workers. But all can help in this worldwide missionary enterprise, if they be but earnest purpose of heart.

Christ told His disciples in John 4:35, to lift up their eyes and look on the whitened fields. This means to consider the true condition of unsaved men and women everywhere, weigh seriously and thoughtfully their plight if they live and die in their sins. Surely such considerations will stir the most sluggish Christian to active missionary concern.

Then in Matt. 9:38 we are told to pray the Lord of the harvest that He will thrust forth

laborers. He who prays about missions will not fail to develop a real interest in the great evangelistic program outlined by our Savior. The Holy Spirit is the Lord of the harvest. It is He who moves the hearts of His messengers and sends them forth (Acts 13:2).

It is the great commission which has never been rescinded; the Master commands His messengers to go with the Word to all nations. For this service He qualifies and sustains His divinely chosen workers (Matt. 28:19).

But to carry on so vast an enterprise requires money and plenty of it; therefore the need of consecrated, sacrificial giving on the part of those who, while they may not be able or fitted to go themselves, can supply the temporal means which will keep those, who do go, free from anxiety (Matt. 10:8; Rom. 12:8). Thus all can have a part in giving the Gospel to the world.

near to the city where Elisha was, that Elisha's servant went out and looked up toward the mountain, and the mountain was alive with Syrian forces. As this servant of Elisha looked in the direction of the mountain and saw the whole mountain peopled with Syrian soldiers, he cried to Elisha and said, "Master, what shall we do, what shall we do?" He was scared to death. He didn't know what to do. Then it was that Elisha in a very reassuring manner, spoke to him and said in substance at least: "Don't be alarmed, for they that are with us are greater than they that are against us." As if to say, "When God is with you, you've got more on your side than you've got against you." Somehow this reassured this servant of Elisha so that his fears were calmed.

He has always reminded me, incidentally, of a lot of weak-kneed Baptists who are whipped before the battle ever gets started. There are plenty of folk just like that. This poor boy was scared to death before the Syrian army ever got near to the city — before the battle began, he was completely whipped. I say in passing, it reminds me very definitely of a lot of Baptists who are mighty weak-kneed and cowardly when it comes to the matter of standing for the things that are right.

Anyway Elisha prayed for him. He realized this young man, his servant, needed prayer, and he prayed, "Lord, open his eyes that he might be able to see." The record tells us that God did the very thing that Elisha asked — He opened the eyes of this servant so that when this young man looked out upon the mountain, he saw not only the mountain peopled with the Syrians, but when he looked at Elisha he saw all around the head of Elisha angelic personages; he saw the host of God encamped all around Elisha himself.

Beloved, I would like to digress even in this Scripture story just a moment to say that God's people are day by day served by angelic hosts. Listen:

"And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder: and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven." — II Kings 2:11.

Note also:

"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth him." Ps. 34:7.

In the light of these two verses, and there are many many others that I might read, if time would permit — I would like to say in passing that the angels of God are the greatest force in the world in behalf of God's people that is possible for us to ever imagine.

When Elisha prayed that this young man might have his eyes opened to see things as they really were, he not only saw the mountains filled with Syrians, but he saw Elisha surrounded by the angels of God. It isn't one bit of wonder to me that when he saw the mountains filled with Syrians that he was scared to death, for all he saw then was the material. Beloved, if all you and I can see in life is just the material things around about us, they are enough to scare the last one of us. However, beloved, after Elisha prayed for him, he saw more than the material, he saw the spiritual. My prayer this morning as your pastor, is that God will deal with you and with me just like he dealt with Elisha's servant, namely, that God will open our eyes to see not alone the material things of life, but the spiritual side of our experiences.

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**BELOVED, I PRAY LIKE ELISHA THAT GOD WILL OPEN OUR EYES THAT WE MAY SEE THE DISGUISES UNDER WHICH THE DEVIL WORKS.**

Will you believe me when I tell you that the Devil has always been disguised; the Devil has always had this world deceived. He never has worked in the open; he has always worked under cover and in disguise. You know, of course, the usual picture that is presented of the Devil, for he is presented shaped as a man with a mask over his face, with horns on his head, with hooves where there should be shoes, with a forked tail dragging the ground, and with a pitchfork in his hand. Beloved, that isn't the Devil. The Devil is pictured thus, and perhaps well that he is thus pictured, for certainly the Devil thus disguised is working as he has always worked, for he has always worked in disguise. There isn't one single reference to the work of the Devil in the Bible but what indicates that he has always worked under cover and in disguise. Let me give you a few examples of it.

In the 16th chapter of Matthew, we have the story of our

Lord building His church. The record tells us that he announced to his disciples that He was going to be killed and raised again the third day, and immediately Simon Peter said:

"Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, SATAN: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." — Matt. 16:22, 23.

Don't you see, beloved, the Devil was working under cover, he was working in disguise; he was working through Simon Peter; he was working through one of the preachers Jesus had there within His church. Jesus tore the mask off Simon Peter and showed that it was not actually Simon Peter that was speaking, but it was the Devil speaking through him. Thus you see the Devil's way of working is by disguise. Everybody else would have thought that it was Simon Peter, but Jesus Christ knew that it was the Devil speaking through him.

Let me give you another illustration to show you how the Devil works by disguise. Listen:

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the WILES of the devil." — Ephesians 6:11.

The word "wiles" means the subtle schemes and subtle plans of the Devil. I tell you he does not work in the open. The Devil doesn't come to you and say, "I am the Devil." He doesn't come to you openly, but rather, he comes in a wily, scheming, subtle, shrewd manner and thereby deceptively works for your destruction.

Notice another reference whereby we can see that the Devil always works in disguise.

"And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to DECEIVE the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea." — Revelation 20:7, 8.

Even after the Devil has been shut up in Hell for a thousand years, when God gives him a little breathing spell and when God allows him a little respite, he is still the same old Devil he has always been; and even then he goes out to deceive the nations that are in the four quarters of the earth. He has always been a deceiver — his work has always been by disguise.

And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming; Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and LYING WONDERS." — 2 Thess. 2:8, 9.

Here's a reference to the coming Anti-Christ, and it says that the Anti-Christ is going to work just like the Devil works — with powers, signs and lying wonders — telling us that the Devil's approach and the Devil's manner of work has always been that of working under cover and working by disguise.

Let me read to you another Scripture to show you the same truth:

"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed INTO AN ANGEL OF LIGHT. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." — 2 Cor.

Notice it says that the Devil is transformed into an angel of light. Why, beloved, you never did see the Devil with a 11:14, 15.

pitchfork after you. That kind of Devil would never appeal to you. You would run from him. You wouldn't allow such a Devil as that tempt you. You never did see a Devil like that, but he comes as an angel of light and makes you think contrary to what the truth actually is. He works, I say, by disguise.

We have a good example of that in the case of Eve, for when the Devil tempted Eve, she actually thought that it would be far better for her to listen to him than to listen to God. She really believed what the Devil told her. How do we know it? Paul told us by inspiration when he said:

"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent BEGUILLED EVE through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." — 2 Cor. 11:3.

Paul said to this church at Corinth that the Devil actually beguiled Eve — he deceived her. He works deceptively and in disguise, and he actually deceived Eve and made her believe that everything would be for the best for her if she would only listen to him.

I say, beloved, that's the way the Devil works. He will show a fellow a wine glass, and I don't suppose there is anything in the world any prettier as far as color is concerned, than a wine glass filled with wine. He will hold that wine glass up before you. It looks inviting as it sparkles itself within the cup, and there could be nothing more attractive to the eyes. Though the Devil shows you that glass of sparkling wine, he doesn't tell you that the dregs within that cup will cause you to do things that a beast should be ashamed to do. Oh, beloved, that's the way the Devil works.

He'll show you a social game of cards. He'll show you an individual who can handle a deck of cards so gracefully. He'll point out to you how wonderful it is to have a good social evening's enjoyment with your friends with a deck of cards; but he will never show you that at the end of the way there is a confirmed gambler that only the grace of God can redeem.

The Devil always works under cover — he always works by disguise — he always works deceptively.

In regard to church truth, the Devil will show you how pretty it is to baptize infants. A Baptist preacher was telling me sometime ago about attending a service where some babies had been dedicated, so they said, in a Methodist church, and he told me about seeing those babies baptized. He said it was the most beautiful service he had ever seen in his life. The Devil will tell you of the beauties of infant baptism.

It is beautiful to see all denominations come together for a unionistic affair. He may say that that's far more beautiful than for you to be a "hold-out" against the denominations of the world. He may tell you all these things are beautiful, but he doesn't dare turn to the Word of God and read to you that Jesus said "teach the all things I have commanded you."

The Devil works deceptively. My prayer to God this morning as your pastor is that God will help you and me that our eyes shall be opened that we might be able to see the disguises under which the Devil works and whereby the Devil comes to us.

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## "YOUR PASTOR'S PRAYER"

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Would to God that we might have our eyes opened to such an extent that we can learn his approach and be able to unmask him.

A pastor in a country town was one day talking to a lad, and he said to him, "Does the Devil ever tell you that you are not a Christian?" The little boy said, "Sometimes he does, but I always answer back and tell him that whether I am or not is none of his business." Would to God that we might be able to unmask the Devil like that every time he makes an approach to us.

I say then, in the very outset, I would pray this morning that God would open your eyes and my eyes that we might be able to see the disguises under which the Devil works.

### II

I PRAY GOD WILL OPEN OUR EYES THAT WE MAY SEE THE LESSONS THAT GOD IS GIVING US BY EACH EVENT THAT COMES INTO OUR LIVES.

Beloved, God wants to teach us something, by every event which he allows to come into our lives. You say, "I can see God's hand in some of the events of life — I can see God's hand in the beautiful things of life — whenever I see the beauties of nature and whenever I see the good of life, I can see God's hand in those things." Listen, beloved, some days must have a little shadow. There must be some dark days in life. I ask you, beloved, can you see His hand in the storm and in the dark days that you have? In the days of financial pennury, as well as in the days of financial prosperity, can you see His hand? In the days of sickness as well as in the days of robust health, can you see His hand then? In the days when the reverses of life overwhelm you, can you see His hand as well as in the days when all is booming in high gear in your direction? I say, beloved, when the trials of life, when the sorrows of this world get hold upon you and you are bowed down in grief because of some trouble, can you see God's hand then the same as in the days when you know everything about you is beautiful?

I pray God that He will open our eyes that we will be able to see the lessons that He is giving us by each and every event that comes into our lives. What wonderful lessons we shall learn thereby. Listen:

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." — I Thess. 5:18.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." — Romans 8:28.

A man stood one day along side a little stream in California where a little while before he had had a grist mill and where he had done a prosperous small business. A rain had come, and a sudden flood had come down that valley and swept his grist mill away. He looked about where the mill had stood. His property was gone, and all he had so far as life itself was concerned, was gone. When he looked about on the ground, as he cast his eyes down, he saw something glistening, and as he reached down to pick up one of the specks, he realized it was

gold dust that had been deposited there by the rain. The very flood that had beggared him in washing away his mill, had enriched him in that he had discovered gold.

Beloved, I would to God that we could see in all the things that come to us, the lessons that God would have us learn.

In the state of Oklahoma a man had a beautiful spring that took care of all his needs as far as water was concerned for his ranch. In that dry country, a wonderful spring of ever fresh water is a remarkable asset to any ranch. One day there came an earthquake, and the wonderful spring of fresh, life-giving water sank. The man thought he was beggared because the water supply of his ranch was gone. The next day in its place came a gushing oil well, so that the providence of God which he thought had beggared him, had actually enriched him thousands of times over.

Would to God that He would open our eyes that we might be able to see that in the events of life He has lessons that He would teach us by the experiences that come to us.

### III

I PRAY GOD THAT HE WILL OPEN OUR EYES THAT WE MIGHT SEE THIS LOST WORLD IN ALL OF ITS WRETCHEDNESS AND IN ALL OF ITS SIN.

Beloved, every man and woman here within this town and to the uttermost part of the earth is in a lost, wretched, ruined and undone condition today outside of Jesus Christ. Every individual there is within this world is undone without the Son of God. Would to God that He would open our eyes that we might see this world as it is.

Let me read to you two Scriptures from the New Testament:

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are WHITE ALREADY to harvest." — John 4:35.

"Then saith he unto his disciples, The HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIFUL, but the labourers are few." — Matthew 9:37.

Beloved, the fields are white this morning unto harvest, and the laborers are few. I pray God that He will open our eyes that we might see this world as it is in all of its wretchedness — that He might open our eyes that we might see it white unto harvest.

If you will go back to the early chapters of Genesis, you will find that when God created this world, He said, "It is very good." A little later on, you find God saying:

"I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them." — Genesis 6:7.

Will you contrast these two Scriptural statements? God says concerning His finished creation, "It is very good," and then later He says, "It repenteth me that I have made them." Why the change? Why is it that God says, "It repents me that I have made man, upon the earth?" Just one reason, beloved, and that reason can be spelled with three little letters — S I N, — the entrance of sin into the human family. Would to God this morning that we could see the world as God saw it in Genesis 6.

Would to God we could see this world in all of its ruined condition like God saw it back yonder. God said that it repented Him that He had made

man. Man is the same today as he was in the day God spoke those words. Would to God this morning that He would open our eyes and we could see this world as God sees it.

Beloved, there is not one, not even one, of earth's millions today but what is worth saving. I was thumbing through some old copies of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER a few days ago and I saw in one of the issues, a picture that I had reproduced some six or seven years ago of a native Brazilian. To me that picture was repulsive, and as I looked at it, I thought how that the individual was sunk down in degradation of sin and how that sin actually had made that one repulsive.

That same day I was over in Ashland and I saw another individual on the streets of Ashland who had given himself over to the Devil to such an extent that that individual was actually repulsive.

This morning, with my message on my mind and in my heart as I went to the post office, coming back I saw a man whom I have seen in this town day by day for the last 19 years and better, who is a living example of the ravages of sin. To me, he is utterly repulsive. Yet, beloved, there isn't one of these three, nor one of the balance of the human beings within this world but what is worth saving and is worth the salvation that we have to offer.

Oh, I pray God this morning that He will open our hearts and our eyes that we might see this world in all of its degradation, that we might be able to give to this world the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. I say there isn't one but what is worth saving.

We will imagine there is a ship that is sinking, and as that ship is about to go down to the depths of the sea, they fill the life boats. The last life boat is about to be filled and will soon pull away from the ship with its precious cargo of humanity. The next person to step into the life boat as the last one that shall be taken aboard is a lad. The ship captain says, "What's your name?" He answers, "I don't know." "What's your father's name?" Again comes the answer, "I don't know." "What's your mother's name?" "I don't know." Then the ship captain shouts, "Stand aside, you're not worth saving." Beloved, in the halls of eternity do you know where the name of that ship captain will be? Read the list of the Judas Iscariots, the Benedict Arnolds and all the balance of the traitors of mankind of all ages, and at the bottom of that list you will find the name of that ship captain. Not only is the life of the meanest, lowest, and most worthless nameless lad in the world worth saving, the most worthless and meanest man in all creation is worth all our effort in bringing him to Jesus.

How I would to God today that He might open our eyes to see this world in its wretchedness and that we might hear Him say, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." — Mark 16:15.

### IV

FINALLY, IT IS MY PRAYER THAT GOD WOULD OPEN OUR EYES THAT WE MIGHT SEE THE NEED OF SACRIFICING FOR HIS WORK.

The Bible speaks of three kinds of monetary gifts: One is the tithe, that's first and primary; the second is an offering, which is something above the tithe; the third is a sacrifice, still beyond the realm of either the tithe or offering. The ma-

jority of people who profess to be saved have never gotten to the first class. The majority of professing Christians have never even gotten to the place where they are legalistic enough to even bring their tithe to God. A few have gotten to the place that they bring not only the tithe, but an offering. However, beloved, I can truthfully say as I look back across my experience as pastor of this church, I don't believe I have ever seen a member of this church make a sacrifice for the cause of Christ. Oh, beloved, this morning, we don't know the meaning of sacrifice. We have new automobiles when we can get them, we have new clothes, we have plenty of food, we have everything that we want ourselves, but as far as the cause of Christ is concerned we know not even the first thing about sacrifice.

Do you want to know the meaning of sacrifice? Then go with me to Calvary where my Saviour died. See the wounds of His forehead, His hands, His side, His feet. Behold the pain as it races through the very arteries of His body. Remember that this was for us. This is the superlative of sacrifice. Listen: "I gave my life for thee,

My precious blood I shed; That thou mightest ransom me, And quickened from the dead. I gave, I gave my life for thee,

What hast thou given for me?" Beholding His sacrifice, may we in turn be imbued with the same spirit. Since He was sacrificed for us, may we in turn be sacrificed for Him.

May God help each of us to pray, "Lord, open my eyes."

## NOT RELIGION, BUT THE CROSS

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In Quito, Ecuador, there is a great cathedral. It has a most marvelous altar in which gold has been used unsparingly. The whole front of that center of worship is covered with gold. Then to see the poor, destitute, illiterate Indians prostrating themselves before the altar leaves your heart aching for those poor people whose pennies have been taken for centuries to enrich that place of gaudy splendor. And you wonder, "What do they know of the real meaning of the cross?" And the answer is, "nothing," because they have been entranced by the sign of earthly

riches, and not by a poor, rejected, and despised Saviour who died to save them from

Just east of the city of Quito there is a place called St. Anne de Beaupre. There is a large shrine here in which can be found many crutches, trusses and other mechanical devices for cripples. The wearers of these devices were supposedly healed by praying to a little bone that is said to have come from the mother of the virgin Mary. No: not praying to Lord Jesus Christ, but praying to a fictitious character by name of Anne in order to tempt to get the sign of healing. True it is, that mere religion look for a sign.

By the way, perhaps you are a church member. May I say to you plainly, "Why do you go to church occasionally?" You say, "it has the respectability." But there is nothing respectable about a cruel cross. "Or," you say, "it is because of the beauty of the service." But there is nothing beautiful about a cross. "Or," you say, "it is because it eases my conscience makes me feel that I am as good as other people." But there is nothing to ease one's conscience by looking at a cruel cross. Looking at the cross should make one miserable with thought that "my sins drew Him there, and nailed Him there, and killed Him there."

Yes: strange as it may appear religion is one of the greatest foes of the cross of Lord Jesus Christ. Remember Paul said that when God called him, he separated himself from religion in order that he might accept Christ. What is the difference? Religion is man seeking after God; the cross is seeking for man. Religion is a system of worship; the cross is a place of devotion. Religion is man made; the cross is God planned. Religion says, "What I do; this is my opinion of the cross says, 'This is what God did; this is God's revelation.' Religion leads to the cross points the way to heaven.

"At the cross, at the cross, I first saw the light, And the burden of my sin rolled away; It was there by faith I received my sight, And now I am happy all my day."

## THE COUNTRY CHURCH

As I arose last Lord's Day  
A voice rang in my ear,  
"Why not go back to the country  
To the Church I love so dear?"

"Why should I stay in the city,  
With all this noise and strife?  
I'm going back to the country  
And hear a message of Life?"

As I drove along that morning,  
I left the city behind,  
My heart was light as a feather  
Such joy had never been mine.

The sun was high in the heavens,  
When in sight of the Church I came,  
The people were already gathered  
Singing praises to His Holy Name

I took my place there among them,  
And joined that happy throng,  
And thanked the Lord up in Heaven,  
That the country Church wasn't gone.