

"Women In Slacks"

The Bible is explicitly plain as to the will of God concerning women wearing men's clothing. Why does every decent man hate to see a woman in slacks? Because it is wrong, it is a sin. The following is taken from the blessed Word of God:

"The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on woman's garment; for all that do so are an abomination unto the Lord thy God" (Deut. 22:5).

The above words are plain, strong, concrete. They should be heeded, because they are the words of the Lord. They are as applicable today as when written, and Brother Watkins has but given emphasis to the sacredness of their purpose. The following might be considered as a word of emphasis, over and above that uttered by Brother Watkins. Don't cry "Old Fogey!" That does not justify the offender. Consider, dear women:

1. That God made men and women different, though one the complement to the other, the union of which in marriage constitutes a sacred means of promoting home life and propagating the race in a manner after the will of the Lord. God wants a distinction to be maintained in more ways than one—in the hair of the head, in the nature of work done, in dress, and in

life's process of differentiation of the sexes.

2. That woman, in the very process of imitating men, in dress or conduct, loses something of her physical charm, in masculine respect, and in an inner consciousness of conforming to a divine plan for her life.

3. That there has never been known a single instance where a woman that prostituted feminine attire in the exchange of that intended for man, to ever be a soul winner, or a person who loved the spiritual phase of life as those who defy conventional customs and adhered absolutely to the teachings of God's Word. With the donning of man's attire by women has come the era of drinking, smoking, and feminine vulgarity—all of which sneer at the Bible, label all restrictions as Puritanical and an abbreviation of woman's right to claim equality with man.

The woman who seeks the level of man lowers the standard of womanhood, and sets a pace for the prodigal path of her offspring.

Certainly no woman has anything to lose by adhering to the teachings of God's Word in the matter of dress; she has much to gain. — Lockland Baptist Witness

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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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Is I Right To Turn People Out Of The Church?

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Many people — and indeed many professing Christians and church members do not believe in church discipline. Often we have heard people say, "I don't believe in turning people out of the church." They didn't feel under any necessity to give any Scriptural reason for their position. It was a mere, "I-I-I don't believe."

Some Reasons Why People Don't Believe In Turning Folk Out Of The Church

Sometimes people have money or prominence which the church doesn't want to lose.

Sometimes it is sentiment that causes people to oppose the exclusion of certain persons. Said

one deacon to me years ago, "Old Bro. So and So—some of us have known him for such a long time." That the old rascal was a sort of church landmark around that place, outweighed the fact that he had wickedness and sin in his life. Sometimes people say, "He gave towards this building when we were putting it up, and we can't bear to turn him out."

Sometimes folk want to spare their kinfolk. Very often the real reason as to why folk don't believe in turning out is because their kin will get into trouble, and to them their kin comes ahead of the good of the church and the Word of God.

Sometimes folk are afraid that eventually they will get put out. They want to safeguard their own selves.

Often it is base ignorance of the Word of God, on the discipline question that causes people to oppose discipline.

Often such opposition comes from a misconception of what church membership is. Just plenty of people (and they themselves are unsaved) think that when a church turns a fellow out, they have consigned him to Hell. To them church membership is vitally connected with salvation.

What Lack Of Church Discipline Does

It violates the Word of God. It causes churches to become overlaid with unsaved and ungodly, Christ-dishonoring members.

It makes for powerless (Continued on page four)

Many Say, "I Should Like To Know" And Thus This Article Became A Reality

What is the difference between our God and the modernists' God?

The difference is: It takes the modernist's God millions of years to do what our God does in a moment; our God created in the twinkling of an eye, and re-creates in the twinkling of an eye every being who trusts Christ Jesus His Son.

What is the difference between Postmillennialists and Premillennialists?

Postmillennialists depend upon education, organization, and civilization to save the lost world. Premillennialists depend upon the infallible Word of God and the Holy Spirit.

Will God save the world?

I think not. I know no Scripture that says God will save the world, but I do find that He

will take out of the world a people for His name.

What are the qualifications for a good deacon?

He is to be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre, holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. I Tim. 3:8, 9. He should also have a heart full of religion, a head full of sense, and a good reputation without, then he will keep off his pastor's neck!

Were the five foolish virgins Christians?

No. The five foolish virgins represent false professors; they had all the externals the wise virgins had but no oil; their trouble was inside. The word "virgin" has nothing to do with the interpretation of the parable.

Was David saved when he planned the death of Uriah?

Yes. Read II Sam. 12:13, 14. (Continued on page four)

ALCOHOL AND THE ORPHAN'S HOME

It was in December, 1941, while I was a student in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary that I met (while working in the Fort Worth post office during the Christmas rush) a fine looking, intelligent young man. He told me how he came to have a genuine hatred for beer and whiskey. His father had had a good job, and began drinking and, like thousands of others, he lost his job. Things went from bad to worse. He got lesser jobs, as people lost confidence in him and were afraid to trust him with a good job. He continued to lose one job after another and went down, down (Continued on page four)

Mused Uncle Mose

Pahson may'yin' a ole couple, an' on de license hit say dey bof' been divo'ced. W'en he git it ovah wid, de ole man say, "How much I owe you?" Pahson say, "Jes' whatevah you want ter gi' me." De ole man fish out er dollah bill an' re'ch it to de pahson, an' say, "Well, I been a-payin' a dollah."

"I Pity The Spiritually Blind Person Who Says, 'I Don't See Any Harm In It.'"

Over and over I hear people saying that they do not see any harm in this or that. They are supposed to be Christians and supposed to know the Bible and supposed to know something of spiritual perception. Yet they will look at doubtful things and say, "I don't see any harm in it."

"I don't see any harm in playing cards." To many I would not argue the point of whether they could see any harm or not. The point is that there are harmful suggestions in the game as branded by outstanding leaders in the spiritual sphere for ages. Therefore I pity the person who has no more spiritual understanding and who is not any more sensitive to harm than that!

"I don't see any harm in the dance." Again I cannot argue the point in your conception of harm. But again I pity a person who is so calloused and corroded with self and worldly desires that the harm of these social dances does not register.

"I don't see any harm in the movies." More and more people come under this bit of pity. It is true that there is no more harm in a moving picture than a still picture so far as the picture is concerned. But the story associated with the picture and the commercial movie as a business is designed to capitalize on the sensual side of man's nature. Therefore a person's judgment, spiritual perception has sunk to such a low ebb that they become objects of pity.

"I don't see any harm in . . ." And on and on we could go from lying, stealing, gambling, robbing, desecration of the Lord's Day, gossiping and even the more objectionable sins. There are people who are honest in their claims of not seeing any harm in these things. Yes, I pity such a person.

A person who reads the Bible, (Continued on page four)

Search The Scriptures

The Abbe, Winkleman, classical writer on the fine arts, speaks of the perfection of the sculpture in the Apollo Belvedere, and says to the young artists, "Go and study it; and if you see no great beauty to captivate you, go again; and if you still discover none, go again and again. Go until you feel it, for be assured it is there."

So we would say of the Bible, and so the Bible extends invitation: "Search the Scriptures." "Study." "Meditate." "Compare Scripture with Scripture." All of these words suggest regular, persistent, attentive reading of the Word of God. And so the apostle exhorts, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly," or as some translate it, "plenteously" (Col. 3:16). "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you plenteously." Have good, substantial portions of His Word in your mind and in your heart, to be held there as permanent possessions. — Will H. Houghton

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"GREAT NIGHTS IN THE BIBLE"

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth, and the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters and God said let there be light and there was light. And God saw the light that it was good and God divided the light from the darkness and God called the light day and the darkness he called night, and the evening and the morning were the first day."—Genesis 1:1-5.

I want to preach to you to-

night about some of the great nights that are mentioned in the Bible. As we come to the close of every day and the shades of night begin to fall about it, I am often reminded of Thomas Gray's poem "The Elegy Written In A Country Churchyard" when he said:

"The curfew tolls the knell of parting day,
The lowing herd winds slowly o'er the lee,
The plowman homeward plods his weary way
And leaves the world to darkness and to me."

Somehow, beloved, there is a responsive cord in my heart as I read that poem and when I think about the shades of the night and the darkness that is enshrouding us.

There is quite a contrast, beloved, to the way whereby man thinks of night and the way whereby God thinks of it. I am sure that you recognize the fact that man thinks of the night time in a two-fold manner. The average man thinks of night as a time for sin or else as a time for rest. Both of these thoughts (Continued on page two)

The Wings Of God

There are many references in the Scriptures to the wings of God. Our Lord Jesus Christ, looking upon unbelieving Jerusalem, lamented, "O Jerusalem. . . how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathering her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Mt. 23:37). What did He mean? That is it to be under the wings of the Lord?

(1) Under His wings is a place of refuge. "In the shadow of Thy wings will I make my refuge" (Psa. 57:1). "Under His wings shalt thou trust" (Psa. 91:4).

(2) Under His wings is a place of healing. "But unto you that fear My Name shall the Sun of righteousness arise, with healing in His wings" (Mal. 4:2).

(3) His wings offer His strength. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up like eagles; they shall (Continued on page four)

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"SOME GREAT NIGHTS MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE"

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are brought out very clearly in the Word of God. Our Lord Jesus Himself makes clear the fact that this is the attitude of man. "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world and men LOVED DARKNESS RATHER THAN LIGHT BECAUSE THEIR DEEDS ARE EVIL." John 3:19. Now, from this text of Jesus we can easily see that man thinks of night as a time for sin and of darkness as a time for deeds of evil.

Our Lord likewise makes it clear, beloved, that man thinks of night as a time for rest for we read, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when NO MAN CAN WORK." From these two verses, both of them recorded in John's Gospel and both of them spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ, we can see that man thinks of night as a time for sinful pleasures and as a time for the rest and relaxation of the body.

Now, beloved, while this is true on the part of man, yet with God some of the mightiest acts in the drama of providence have taken place at night. In view of this I would like for you, therefore, to notice some of the great nights that are mentioned in the Bible that we might observe some of the things that have taken place in the night time as recorded in the Word of God.

I

There is that night of DISSIPATION that is recorded for us in the book of Daniel. Go back to that prophecy of Daniel and read the fifth chapter if you want to see the night of, — I would say, the greatest night of dissipation which culminated with this text of scripture: "In that night was Belshazzar the king of Chaldeans slain." Dan. 5:30. That, beloved, is the night of dissipation. Of all the dissipation, of all the sin, of all the sensuality, of all the licentiousness, of all the immorality, and all the moral degradation to be found in the Word of God, there is nothing the equal of that which is recorded in Daniel 5.

Perhaps it might be well for us to refresh our memory of that night of Daniel the fifth chapter. Belshazzar was the king of Babylon. The record tells us of the impious, ungodly, immoral feast which Belshazzar staged in behalf of a thousand of his lords and his nobles. If you will read carefully this fifth chapter of Daniel, you will find the orgy, the dissipation and the immorality running rampant. The night passes and the repertoire flashes backwards and forwards across the banquet tables that are loaded with the weight of foods both in and out of season. As that orgy of drunk-

CHRISTIANITY AND NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS COMPARED

FOUNDERS REASON FOR ITS INAGURATION

CHRISTIANITY. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."—John 3:16. That we might be "an habitation of God through the Spirit."—Eph. 2:22.

BRAHMANISM is a vast world of ideas, each being the expression of a hungry human heart in longing for the personal realization of its ideal.

"More than half the people of the world have not yet heard the Gospel story."

HINDUISM. Monier Williams says: "Hinduism is the natural religion of humanity, or the collective outcome of man's devotional instincts unguided by direct revelation."

If you could preach the precious Gospel to an audience of 500 Hindus every hour of the day, it would take 70 years for all to hear.

BUDDHISM. Gautama was distressed over the mystery of suffering and death. He left his wife and child and became an ascetic pilgrim in order to discover, if possible, some solution to the mystery.

TAOISM. Moral life in China was in a very low state. The condition alarmed Lao-tsze, who sought by his teachings to reform the government and society. He retired from public life to seek virtue.

The question is not, Has the missionary society accepted you? but has God accepted you?

CONFUCIANISM. Fanaticism, gross superstition and shocking immorality were wrecking China. Confucius endeavored by moral teachings to purify and regulate the family, society and the government.

China has eighteen provinces and every one of them has need of you at once.

ZOROASTER opposed pantheism and stood for morality and human freedom. His teachings were a protest against the wickedness of his day and an appeal for right living.

PARSEEISM is the modern form of ancient Zoroastrianism, so their motive is the preservation of that belief.

Only those now living can be held responsible for the salvation of this generation. Our forefathers are gone and the children are yet too young. Will you do your duty?

SHINTOISM. The character of Shinto seems to indicate that it was formed largely from hero worship. The emperor was considered a descendant of the gods and was worshiped.

"Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God."—Wm. Carey.

MOHAMMED was bitterly opposed to the powerless polytheistic idolatry of the Arabians. When forty years of age, he believed he had a divine commission from Gabriel making him a prophet.

If Jesus should come today, could you look Him in the face when you have tried so little to send the story of His love into all the world?

eness and dissipation continues, Belshazzar calls the chief of the stewards unto him, whispers some order into his ear and immediately the chief of stewards and all the balance of Belshazzar's servants and retainers pass out of the door leaving you to wonder as to the mandate that had been given by Belshazzar. In just a moment's time that chief of stewards and all the retainers return bearing with them the golden and the silver vessels that had been taken out of the temple of God in the city of Jerusalem. These golden and silver vessels would roughly correspond to a communion set today. They distributed these golden and silver vessels around the room and these thousand lords and nobles and all that were in attendance for the feast took these vessels which had been consecrated for the service of the Lord and desecrated them by the drinking of wine in this banquet hall of King Belshazzar.

Talk about your profanity, talk about your blasphemy, — there never was such profanation of Holy and Divine things recorded in all the Word of God as this which took place, when the communion service, or when the vessels from the temple of God in Jerusalem, were profaned in this manner as these followers of Belshazzar drink wine from these vessels and at the same time praised the gods of gold, silver, brass, wood, and stone. Imagine the idolatry, imagine the profanity, but that isn't all, beloved, as the night passes and as the wee hours of the day come, the record tells us how that this drunken, profaning, idolatrous

crowd are startled as they see a hand, — just the fingers of a man's hand, writing on the plaster of the wall. As they wait a little while, they observe those fingers as they write some few mysterious words in a language that is not discernable to them. I can imagine that King Belshazzar had the glass within his hand ready to drink a toast unto the thousand of the lords that were assembled with him, but as he saw the fingers of the man's hand write on the plaster, Belshazzar lowered the glass and set it down. I can see his face turn ashen white. I can see him as the joints of his loins were loosed and as his knees smote one against another. It is alright to revel, — it is alright to dissipate, — it is alright to profane God, — it is alright to praise the gods of gold, silver, brass, wood and stone, — it is alright to drink, — it is alright to carry on in this midnight orgy until God steps into the picture. When God stands in their presence, the Word says that they became startled, scared and their knees smote and Belshazzar asked that someone should read for him that mysterious writing and make known to him the interpretation thereof.

Th wisemen came and shook their heads as they glanced at the writing. It was beyond them. They could not understand. Of course, they couldn't. No unsaved man can read God's truth and understand it. It takes a saved man to understand God's writing. These unsaved men of Belshazzar's "brain trust" could not understand the writing of God that was written upon the plaster of the king's palace.

When they shook their heads and said "It is not in us to decipher it" then Daniel was sent for and Daniel, the man of God, came into the presence of the king and read for him the writing upon the plaster of the wall.

Brethren, I say it was a night, of dissipation brought rudely to an end, when Daniel stood there and interpreted that writing to mean the final destruction and the dissolution of the Babylonian empire. I can hear Daniel as he read those words, "Mene, mene, tekell upharsin." I can hear him, brethren, as he gave the interpretation of every one of them. Particularly that word "tekell" comes to my memory as I recall how Daniel, interpreting this, said: "Thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting." Belshazzar was not weighed in the balances of human opinion. He was not weighed in the balances of the philosophy of his day. He was not weighed in the balances of the people of his generation; if he had been, he wouldn't have been found wanting. But, beloved, he was weighed in the balance of God and there within the balance of God on that night of dissipation, Belshazzar was found wanting before God.

Already the Midian army is undermining the walls of the city and so they enter for the destruction of the Babylonian empire. Before the morning comes Belshazzar, the king, is dead. As the poet has said:

"That night they slew him on his father's throne,
He died unnoticed, and the hand unknown
Crownless and sceptreless Belshazzar lay
A robe of purple round a form of clay."

Thus ends a night of dissipation. Of all the dissipation, of all the sin, of all the immorality, of all the ungodliness, you can imagine, beloved, there is nothing the equal to that recorded in Daniel the fifth chapter. And it ended with Belshazzar being weighed in the balances and found wanting.

II

Another great night was that one which a man of God SPENT WITH WILD BEASTS. In that same book of Daniel there was a man for whom the book was named, who loved God more than he loved man. Brethren, that type of man was few in the days of Daniel and are mighty few today. I say to you tonight, my brother, there are mighty few people who love God and His Word more than this world. But in the days when the book of Daniel was becoming a reality, Daniel loved God more than he loved man. God's Book tells us very definitely how that Daniel loved the Lord enough that he would pray to God though there was a decree from the king not to pray to Him. Do you love your God that much? You that are saved tonight and believe in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, do you love your God enough to pray to him in spite of a decree from a king? Well, Daniel did!

Daniel had some enemies. After watching him for a period of time, they said, "We will never be able to get rid of him and we will never be able to get him out of his power unless we get something on him as to his manner of worship." Brethren, wouldn't it be wonderful if you and I and every one of us were living so close to God that the world couldn't find anything wrong with us except the way in which we worshipped God? Therefore they decided to "frame" Daniel as to his manner of worship.

Accordingly, they procured from the king an edict which made necessary that everybody pray and petition the king for thirty days. No one could pray to the God of Heaven. Imagine the sick unable to pray upon God. Imagine the dying unable to look up into His face. Imagine those who are sinners unable to have intercessory prayer offered in their behalf for thirty days. Heaven was shut up. Everybody in the realm of Babylon looks to the king and spurns Jehovah God; that everybody except Daniel.

The edict has gone out from the king that if anybody prayed to any other god except the king that he would be cast into the lions' den. That did make any difference to Daniel. He had a habit of praying times a day at his east window with his face toward Jerusalem in the light and the sight of everybody and though the edict had gone out that if anybody prayed to any god except the king of Babylon for thirty days, that he would be cast into the lions' den, — though the edict had gone out, three times a day Daniel got down on knees and turned his eyes toward Jerusalem and prayed to God petitioning God on behalf of the Jewish people. Didn't take long for this news to reach the king through the enemies and immediately the king had Daniel cast into the den with the wild beasts. Can you imagine a man dropped down in the night time in darkness into a den that is ed with ferocious, hungry beasts? Can you imagine a man of God dropped suddenly in the darkness into a den where there are beasts of prey that would gladly tear the flesh from the bone of anything that is thrown to them? Yet, my brethren, when Daniel drops into the lions' den, God took care of his own. Here is a man that prayed in spite of his enemies. Here is a man who has stood for the things of God in spite of all that the king and dignitaries might say concerning Daniel. Now, see how God takes care of him.

I don't know what happened to those lions. Somebody says they just weren't hungry. That is the explanation that modernists gave as to why the lions did not eat him. Another says that the lions were all suffering from lockjaw. I don't know why, but I know this, brethren, the God who Daniel had been praying to the God, my brother, that taken care of Daniel all his life — that God, my brother, right there in that lions' den did not allow the lions to harm Daniel. Personally, I have a mind that Daniel had as good a night's sleep that night as he had been in the palace of the king. I rather have in mind if he had been sleeping in a royal bed that he would have enjoyed as good a night's rest and as peaceful sleep as he enjoyed in that lions' den. I want to imagine him lying down on a lion for a foot rest with one for his back to keep him warm. Through the night think of him sleeping, resting, because God is taking care of him. That is more than you can say for the king. While Daniel slept, the old king walked the floor. While Daniel was in the lions' den, the king paced the floor of his bedroom, unable to sleep. "And the king went to his palace and passed the night fasting: neither instruments of music were used before him: and his sleep was troubled from him." Daniel 6:18. What difference, the man of God who was in the lions' den with the king hurting him, while the king

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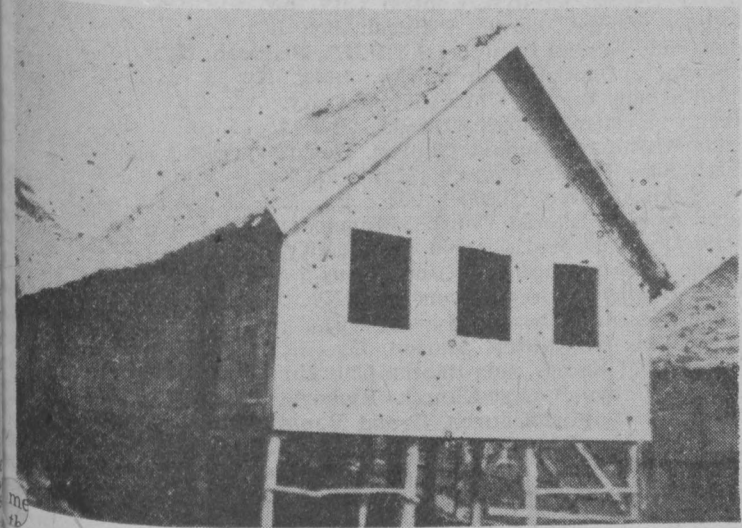
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The church building at Amonho.

Married Before He Could Be Baptized



This elderly man was saved and wanted to be baptized. He had a wife and 16 children and 32 grandchildren, yet he was not legally married. He got married legally and was baptized.

Readers Are Urged To Pray For Missionary Brandon, Now Ill At Home

Everybody will be anxious to know about the condition of Brother Brandon. He was taken to Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, on September 3rd and stayed until September 15th when he was brought back to his home in Benton, Kentucky. A letter from his son, John Brandon, advises that the doctors are treating him for his various ailments except his legs and that they do not know what is wrong with them. He reports that some days he seems to be getting along alright and then on other days he does not do so well. He is better when he stays off his feet. We do not know if he will ever be able to return to the mission field or not. Brother Brandon has spent 25 years as a missionary in Brazil and is about 53 years old. So you can see that he is not an old man and we hope and pray that the Lord will raise him up and heal his body that he may at least serve Him for another 20 years.

Harmony Baptist Church of which the editor of the MISSION SHEETS is pastor, has made it a part of each service

for several years to pray for Brother Brandon by name as well as the other missionaries. Now this church is praying definitely that the Lord will make him well, the Lord willing. We trust that every pastor and church who has a part in the mission work will join with us in like prayer. Pray also in every service for Brother Hallum and wife and daughter and the six native missionaries in Brazil and the one native missionary in Columbia. The names of all these missionaries are listed in the top corners of the MISSION SHEETS. Also pray for Brother Billy Parrott who is soon to go to Brazil. He is to go to Manaos which is about 1,000 miles up the Amazon River and stay there for a few months, maybe as much as a year to get the language down good and then he is to go to Cruzeiro do Sul in the Acre territory to carry on the work there with the native missionaries. We will keep you informed in each issue of this paper as to the condition of Brother Brandon.

Letters From The Hallums As To Actual Missionary Work In Iquitos Peru

Sept. 9, 1948

This leaves all well as far as I know. Owing to the fact that you have been sending our checks on or about the first of the month and that they have been reaching us in four to six days, at the most seven, and that I have not received them for this month, I think I ought to advise you so if you have sent them you may know that they have not been received. There is always a possibility of them being taken out and my name forged to them and cashed. If you have sent them as before and you think it advisable you can notify the bank to stop payment on them, and if they arrive I can notify you at once that I have received them. A check that Brother Holland sent was lost and never appeared. So I sent a duplicate of the same check. I realize they may have been hindered in some way so I am not alarmed at not receiving them, but think it wise to advise you that they have not arrived.

Going Out Two And Two
We were prevented a few days from making a trip up river on account of low water but think we can be able to make trips soon since it has been raining some of late and the rivers should be rising soon. It has been unusually dry and not here this summer. The boy and I have been visiting the

people in Iquitos offering Bibles, New Testaments and other books. Have left quite a number of them. We use these opportunities to teach the Gospel.

Don Thomas Has Malaria

I received a letter a few days ago from Don Thomas saying that he had just returned from a trip out somewhere carrying the Gospel, and was sick with malaria. He was asking our prayers. I close for this time.

As ever yours,

R. P. Hallum

SECOND LETTER FROM
HALLUM

Sept. 13, 1948

Saturday a letter went off to you advising that we had not received the checks for Sept. Yesterday they arrived in your letter, so I am writing immediately so you can notify the bank, etc. I am sending the check to Don Thomas today. We are happy to think of the possibility of you making a trip to South America. It seems to me that it would be a great help to the work the mission is sustaining and we shall pray that if it be the Lord's will that the way be opened for you to come.

Hallums Praying For Brandon

We shall continue to pray for Brother Brandon and that his health be restored. We shall also pray that you have a great association meeting at Harmony and that the Lord blesses you in the meetings at Cannellton (with Bro. Clark) and Harmony. The wife and I really did get a week of rest while we were visiting friends down river. Mr. Sthallman and family and our family have been good friends since a short time after we came to the field. They are Northern Baptists but not of the Northern Baptist Convention, but they believe in unionism, the invisible church and that Baptists are Protestants and I think they are Arminian also. All their work here has been known as

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UNSCRIPTURAL MISSION WORK

We were told the story of a young preacher who went to South America as a missionary. This young man wanted action and action in a hurry. He was full of vim, vigor and zeal, but lacking in scriptural knowledge. He just couldn't understand why some missionaries were so slow in getting things — the people saved and things done. After learning the language he made a journey to a village on a large river and set about to get things done in a hurry. He put on a "big" meeting with lots of enthusiasm and lots of emotion worked up, but none worked in by the Holy Spirit.

As a result he was able to return from his missionary journey and report a great number of conversions. He thought that he had really learned how to do it and had accomplished a great deal. Months later he returned to organize a man-made church out of these new converts, but when he reached the place he could not find a one that showed evidence of being saved. The ones who had drank, still drank. The ones who had "cussed," still cussed. The ones who had danced, still danced. The ones who had committed adultery, were still living in adultery. In fact, they seemed to be worse than before they were "converted." Now, what was the trouble? The trouble was that they were not saved. Had the young man preached the Word faithfully some would have fallen on good ground and

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This woman with the three children was the first person saved at Amonho. She was saved in 1939. Brother Brandon feels that her oldest son will likely become a preacher.

A LETTER WE LIKE TO RECEIVE

The following letter was received by Brother Clark in August and sent on to us and should have been in the last issue of this paper. We are a month late in getting it in but we trust that it will stir up your minds to do something about

sending out the new missionaries to Brazil. Read the letter and do something about it.

Burkesville, Ky.

Eld. Z. E. Clark
Cannellton, Ind.

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Pray For The Native Missionaries

Now that Brother Brandon is home because of sickness, the native missionaries carry on the same as they do when he is home on furlough. They are weak and need your prayers. We hope that every church will pray for them at every service and that they may carry on in the best way and be faithful until Brother Brandon is able to return, or until Bro. Parrott gets there and learns the language so that he can help them. Pray earnestly.

NOTICE

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

H. H. OVERBEY
1210 E. Grand Blvd.
Detroit 11, Mich.

LETTER FROM HALLUM IN PERU

(Preceding page, Column two) "Evangelical" instead of Baptist. But recently one of their mission points has taken the name of "Sala Evangelica Bautista." I have written a tract and had 2000 printed, entitled "Who Are Baptists?" There are several of these missionaries in this region. Their mission is called "Association of Baptists for World Evangelism." Heretofore they have avoided calling themselves Baptist or carrying the name Baptist except when they think it will help them to enlist some in their congregations. We can be neighbors with them but can have no church fellowship with them. Such a situation is very regrettable but seems to be common in nearly all parts and is a hindrance to carrying out the great commission of your Lord.

Yours in the Lord,

R. P. Hallum

(Brother, we love you for standing for the truth at all times and under all conditions. Editor)

UNSCRIPTURAL WORK

(Preceding page, Column 3) those would have understood and the Holy Spirit would have used the Word as a sword and brought conviction and repentance and faith would have been given to them and they would have been saved, then he would have found them in the faith and hungry for more of the Word of God.

Matt. 12:43-45 tells us what happens when a person makes a false profession of faith and is not really saved. This Scripture tells us that the unclean spirit leaves such a person for a time and then returns and finds that person (or the house) empty, swept and garnished and then the one unclean spirit who had left the person who was not saved takes with him seven other unclean spirits, each one more wicked than himself and enters into that person to dwell, and that the person is worse than he was before he made a false profession of faith. From this we can easily understand why so many make profession of faith and not only do not show any evidence of salvation, but are harder to get to come to church than ever. They have eight evil spirits in them instead of one and seven of them are more wicked than the one, so they are more than eight times as hard to reach with the Gospel. We preachers should preach the word with fervor, with tears and with all the wisdom and power that the Lord gives us to do it with. Paul said that for a period of three years he did not cease to warn every-one night and day with tears. Acts 20:31. And Psalms 126:6 says, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bring his sheaves with him." Every lost sinner has had a good cry at one time or another and then felt better, but that better feeling was not a proof of salvation. The Devil will give a sinner a good feeling if that is what he wants. The good feeling should be as a result of being really born again.



These seven women are members of the church at Anonho. They are standing in front of the church building. These are a part of the results of preaching the Word in the foothills of the Andes Mountains.

The feeling should be because the new born soul knows from the Word of God that he is really saved. Eph. 4:19 says that the lost sinner is past feeling. The lost sinner needs a new life, a new nature to feel with. Now let us note some who heard the Word and understood and then believed on the Lord Jesus and were really and truly saved and see what the missionary found when he visited them seven years later. There was a man who heard Brother Brandon preach in the Acre territory and made a profession of faith. Then the man wanted to be baptized but he had two living wives and was not legally married to either and Bro. Brandon explained the Scriptures to him and left him. Years went by and one day this man made the long journey down river to where Bro. Brandon was and came up to him and told him who he was and how he was saved several years before and then he produced a document showing that one of the wives was dead and that he was legally married to the other and then said I have come for baptism. Another instance was about twenty years ago when Bro. Brandon was going up the Jurua River to Cruzeiro do Sul with his wife and six small children. At one place where the boat stopped he got off and preached to some in that place and as a result a man and his family were saved. He told the man there was a Baptist church in Manaus, there was none in Cruzeiro do Sul at that time. After about 20 years had passed, in this year 1948 Brother Brandon was coming down the Jura River and the boat stopped and he was talking to a young man and the young man told him the story, not knowing that Bro. Brandon was the man who had led them to accept Christ as their own personal Saviour. He told how that father had sent money every year since he was converted to the Baptist church in Manaus, hundreds of miles away, then the young man sent an offering to the church in Cruzeiro do Sul. Another instance was how that Brother Hallum in Peru made several journeys to an Indian village on a small stream and how after they had heard the word many times that seven of the men made profession of faith, and then how that after returning on another journey he found them all still claiming to be saved and back to hear the Word. Now contrast these with the experience of the young man who had a zeal without scriptural knowledge. It is great to be saved and it is great to be a Baptist and then it is great to have a real New Testament mission work like this to send our money to where it is used in a scriptural way too. Pray for this

LETTERS WE LIKE TO GET

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Dear Brother:

It is more blessed to give than to receive and as this is my 88th birthday, I am sending you a check for \$100.00. Twenty-five which is to go to Don Thomas to be used in the building of a meeting house he is trying to build, and the rest (\$75.00) is to help defray the expenses of Brother Billy Parrott who has answered the call to go to Brazil as a missionary, he and wife. Their pictures in the MISSION SHEETS of John R. Gilpin's paper aroused my sympathy, so I am sending this check to help in the furtherance of the Gospel. May God bless the gift and may His blessings rest upon you as you try to serve Him in this way.

Your friend in the Lord,

Mrs. W. H. Cheek
Burkesville Baptist Church

Work In Brazil

How is the work carried on in Brazil while Brother Brandon is in the homeland sick? How are the native missionaries being paid when he is not there to pay them? These are good questions to answer for all so that all may understand and know. Before leaving Brazil, Brother Brandon sold the furniture and refrigerator in Cruzeiro do Sul, stating that he thought it best to do so. When he wrote that he was coming home he stated that he was using part of this money to come home on and leaving the balance in the bank to support the native preachers. Since he was using this money to come home on and to pay the natives, the checks usually sent to Brazil were not sent and the money left in the treasury to replace the furniture and refrigerator for the new missionaries who will be going to Brazil and will be needing them.

Since returning home Bro. Brandon has sent a statement of the amount he said he used and the amount left in the bank in Manaus. He also has advised that he made arrangements with the bank in Manaus to pay the native missionaries each month and that there was enough there to pay them through the balance of this year. This explanation is so that those who support the native missionaries will know that they are still on the job and being supported and that the money is not being

work and as the Lord leads you, send all offerings for the work to the treasurer, Elder Z. E. Clark, Box 202, Cannelton, Ind.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1948

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio.....	\$ 13.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	12.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky. (for Parrotts trip)	10.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.....	34.90
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.....	45.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Michigan.....	13.20
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope S. S. Class)	35.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	58.60
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, West Va.	5.00
Danleyton Baptist Church, Flatwoods, Ky.	15.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	23.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (L. B. Class, for Parrotts)	5.00
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	51.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	11.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	21.00
South Side Baptist Church (B.Y.P.U.), Paducah, Ky.	50.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	39.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	20.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	16.00
Bible Missionary Baptist Church, DeQuincy, La.	5.00
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky. (Ladies Bible Class)	20.00
Eaton Avenue Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind.	20.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	20.00
Wayne Avenue Baptist Church, Kenova, West Va.	5.00
Grace Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky.	10.00
Lawtey Baptist Mission, Lawtey, Fla.	16.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	10.00
Cumberland Homesteads Baptist Church, Crossville, Tenn.	33.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	14.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich. (for Parrotts)	8.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	12.00
Bethesda Baptist Church, Wayne, West Va.	100.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	12.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	53.00
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	5.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B.Y.P.U.)	52.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	35.00
Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Herold, West, Va.	32.00
Boyd Hill Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	11.00
Julian Baptist Church, Gracy, Ky.	3.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	27.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	25.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	1.00
Mrs. Belle Conn, Monticello, Ky.	2.00
A friend in Worthington, Minn.	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Briel, Ventnor, N. J. (for Parrotts)	25.00
Parker Gayden, Winters, Texas	5.00
Mrs. Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
T. W. Earles, Bidwell, Ohio	5.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Freyling, Wayland, Mich. (for Parrotts)	94.00
Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Barnes, Detroit, Mich.	20.00
Carey E. Witt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Schmidt, San Bernardino, Calif.	11.00
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Mrs. C. D. Chick, Marion, Ky.	10.00
L. W. Williams, Baltimore, Maryland	10.00
Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bayless, Macedonia, Illinois	92.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	149.00

TOTAL\$1490.00

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

ELDER Z. E. CLARK
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wasted.

Brother Brandon and his wife and two daughters are being supported while he is sick and this mission has paid his hospital and medical expenses to date. After 25 years of labor for the Lord with the great work he has done, all will be happy to help support him as long as he shall live. All who read this can see that it is necessary that Brother Parrott get to Brazil so he can carry on the work as soon as possible. Don't you want to have a part in sending Brother Parrott and his wife and son to the mission field?

SCRIPTURAL MISSION WORK

The Lord is not the author of confusion. He laid down the rules as to how He wanted His churches to do mission work. He wants them saved and then baptized scripturally and then in a scriptural church and then indoctrinated scripturally. In a letter written a long time ago

Brother Brandon told of an old man being saved who wanted to be baptized. Well, the old man was not legally married, yet he had a wife and children and 32 grandchildren. He makes arrangements and goes to the proper authorities and gets legally married so that he can be baptized. A while after writing about this, Brother Ibernson, the pastor at Cruzeiro do Sul, was able to get his picture and Brother Brandon sent it on to us and it is in this issue of the paper for you to see. Thus a New Testament mission work is carried on.

Those who see a ball go through a knot hole are called knot hole ball fans.

Those who thumb or otherwise beg rides are called hobnobbers.

Those who call themselves Christians and who desire to be joy all the benefits of being Christians, and who anticipate the joys of eternal bliss, never do anything to merit such blessings—well I am looking for a name for this type of people.

It may sometimes cost you a good deal to do right, but be sure it will cost you more not to do it.

"SOME GREAT NIGHTS MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE"

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who had put him there couldn't sleep, and he paces the floor unable to rest through the long hours of that night that Daniel was with the wild beasts. I see, beloved, by the early morning light that the old king hurried out to the lions' den and said: "Daniel." Do you suppose that he thought Daniel would be there? I don't know what possessed him to do it, but the balance of his statement is: "Daniel, is the God that you serve able to take care of you?" Has your God looked after you?" I dare say that the old king breathed a sigh of relief when Daniel said: "King, I am here. My God is able to take care of me."

That is the night spent with wild beasts. Brethren, wouldn't you rather spend a night with wild beasts than be deprived of the privilege of prayer? Wouldn't you rather walk with God in a lions' den than walk outside that lions' den without the privilege to talk with God? Wouldn't you rather be down there in the den with those lions, beloved, than to be on the outside with your heart cold to-

ward God because you can't speak to Him? Brethren, we have to walk here in this world surrounded by wild beasts including Satan. Listen:

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."
—I Peter 5:8.

May God help us to ever be true to Him as was Daniel!

III

Listen now about the NIGHT OF NIGHTS, the night when our Lord Jesus Christ was born on earth, when God became man and when all Heaven came down to earth. Read in the Gospel of Luke how that Jesus was born on earth. Listen: "And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." — Luke 2:6,7.

That is the night of all nights. That is the night that all the prophets had pointed toward. Listen: "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and HER SEED; it shall bruise thy head,



"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."—Rev. 21:4.

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and thou shalt bruise his heel." Genesis 3:15. This gives to us the first prophecy of the coming of Jesus. Who was the seed of the woman? Only Jesus Christ. All of us, beloved, are the result of the combined seed of man and woman. Jesus was the seed of the woman.

Moses looked forward to that night and wrote of it. Yes, beloved, we read in God's Word: "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until SHILOH come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." Genesis 49:10.

Even Isaiah looked forward to that night, for we read: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name EMANUEL." Isa. 7:14. Listen again: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from hence forth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." Isaiah 9:6-7.

My beloved friends Moses looked forward to that night of nights, Isaiah looked forward to it and all others looked forward. There is not a prophet of the Old Testament that did not anticipate the night of all nights when Jesus was born.

Now, it has come to pass that the infinite God has become an infant man. The God of power has become a powerless babe. The God who spoke and a world came into existence has now become so weak that he has to be carried upon his mother's breast. The God who fashioned man and woman is now carried upon the shoulder of the one He himself created — His own mother! What a night when the Son of God laid aside the robes of glory, unloosed the golden sandals from His feet, laid aside the golden tiara from His head, came down to Bethlehem to be born a babe, to be laid in a manger, no room for Him in the inn. What a night of nights. Can't you see those wisemen journeying from afar bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh? Can't

you see the angels as they sang "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward men"? Can't you see, beloved, the shepherds as they came from watching their flocks and knelt there by the manger containing the Lord Jesus Christ? What a night! A night of nights when God came down to earth. Oh, my brother, sister, of all the nights which ever influenced and affected humanity and has disrupted the stream of civilization, there has never been a night like the night when Jesus was born. He Himself said: "The Son of man is COME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE that which is lost." Luke 19:10. Still later the Apostle Paul said: "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS; of whom I am chief." I Tim. 1:15. The night of nights when Jesus, God's Son, God in the flesh, came down to die for man.

IV

I wish you would notice also the NIGHT OF THE GREATEST QUESTION that was ever asked in the Bible. Paul had a hard time in his ministry. He himself tells us that five times he was beaten and he gives us the total of 199 stripes that fell across his back in those five beatings. One of them took place in the city of Philippi. To be sure, when he was arrested, they didn't stand out and say, "We are against this man, Paul, because he is ruining our devilish business." They didn't say that. The enemies of God's people never dare to tell the truth. Instead the enemies came rushing into the courtroom after Paul had healed a little demoniac girl who was a fortune teller thereby ruining the business of those who had her in their possession. They came rushing into the courtroom and said: "Why, this man is teaching things which we cannot believe. He is giving forth edicts that are contrary to our belief and our government." A lie in every particular!

But, brethren, God's preachers and God's people have learned for the past six thousand years that the Devil is always able to stir up people to lie concerning his work. How many times that I have preached, yet, brethren, my messages have been perverted and twisted and distorted in the hands and at

the mouths of lying enemies. If I preach on the subject of depravity and declare, as God's Word does, that all men are born depraved, some individual will go from this place to declare that I said there would be babies in Hell. If I preach on the security of the saved, someone will go out and say that the preacher said that you can be saved and then go out and live any kind of a life you want to and still be saved. If I preach, beloved, that there is only one church and that that is a Missionary Baptist Church, which I gladly affirm and proudly own, — if I preach on that, beloved, folk will go out from this place and declare that I said everyone that is not a Baptist will go to Hell. If I preach that one has to have baptism at the hands of a New Testament Church or that his baptism is null and void and of no value, someone will then declare that I have said that everyone that has never been baptized by a Baptist preacher will be lost. How people love to lie and pervert the things of God!

Paul found this. They lied on Paul and said Paul was preaching contrary to what they believed and that he was teaching customs that were unlawful for them, being Romans. They never once said: "He has ruined our business." Brethren, look at that man of God as they tore his clothes from his body and as they lay lash after lash upon his bare flesh. Then they put him in the hands of an old perfidious, nefarious jailor. They put Paul and Silas into the inner prison and put their feet into the stocks. Look at them now. Men of God that should have been treated like angels who had come to the city of Philippi with a message from God, but are treated like demons. As I see them there, brethren, in the jail, their feet fast in the stocks, their backs are bleeding, bruised, and sore, they are in misery throughout their entire flesh, but Paul and Silas are happy in the Lord. Brethren, the man of God can rise above his circumstances and can sing in spite of the difficulties. What difference if his feet were in the stocks, his heart was in the sky!

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"SOME GREAT NIGHTS MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE"

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I have often insisted, beloved, that joy is the flag that is flown from the castle of the human heart when the Lord Jesus Christ is reigning there.

I see them as they sing. I don't know what it was. God doesn't describe what the song was. I have always had in mind it was doubtlessly the 46th Psalm. Surely there couldn't have been anything more appropriate than that wonderful 46th Psalm which in all probability it was or some other of these great Psalms that Paul and Silas sang that night. Listen: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah." Psalm 46: 1, 10, 11. Can you imagine anything that would have been more appropriate than that 46th Psalm that night?

I hear them sing. I hear them pray. Brethren, go back to the day God created this world. God knew what was going to take place in the city of Philippi. God knew how His preachers were going to be mistreated and abused. He knew how they were going to be put in that jail. God knew all that and on the day when God made this earth, He laid down the rock upon which the city of Philippi was built. God fixed those rocks in such a way that they would slip, and He timed those rocks to such an extent, — so perfectly was the timing of it, — that at the midnight hour when Paul and Silas were singing, those rocks slipped and an earthquake took place. That prison was shaken. "Oh, Bro. Gilpin," you say, "I can't believe in a God that sovereign." Brethren, if you don't believe in a God like that, I feel sorry for the God you do believe in. Brethren, the God that I love and worship and serve, the God that knew all about me before the foundation of the world is a God that had me in sight before I was born; He is a God that knew about everyone of us before the foundation of the world. God knew all about what was going to take place in Philippi and God timed it so that earthquake would take place at the midnight hour.

Listen to that old jailor, who thinks that his charges have escaped and who knows that his life will be forfeited the next day. He is just about ready to draw his sword and kill himself, when Paul says: "Do thyself no harm, Sir." Brethren, that jailor knew that nothing but the power of God had saved his life for nothing but the power of God could have kept the prisoners there when they had access to freedom. He had never known anything about God. His question he asked would indicate that he had been very definitely untaught concerning the things of the Lord. He fell down in front of those preachers and said, "What must I do to be saved?" What night is this? This is the night of the greatest question of all the Bible. **WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?** Now, my brethren, what did Paul say? You don't hear those preachers say: "You are in the right position just pray on, Brother." Not one word did they say about prayer. They didn't say one thing about turning over a new leaf. They didn't say one word about being baptized, joining a church, or get-

ting religion. Instead, my brother, you hear Paul and Silas say: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." My brethren, that is the answer to all mankind from that day down to this when we want to be saved. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Brethren, long ago in the early days of my ministry I learned that this is the only time in the Bible that a man ever asked the direct question as to how to be saved. Not another direct question as to how to be saved is found in the whole Word of God. Brother, God gave just as direct an answer as the question which was asked: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Brethren, let's think of these four nights just a moment. The night of dissipation, that is the night it may be that you are in now. The night with wild beasts, the night that every child of God experiences who walks with Jesus. The night of nights only came once when Jesus Christ was born. But the night when the greatest question was asked and answered may be repeated tonight and every night when men come to realize their need of a Saviour and are willing to trust Jesus Christ as that Saviour.

Would to God that this might be the night of the greatest question for you. I want to ask you lost sinners tonight: Are you happy in your sins? I want to ask you that have never trusted in Jesus Christ as your Saviour: Are you happy as a sinner? Of course not! You are just as miserable down underneath the flesh as that Philippi jailor was when he feared for his life. God help you tonight to cry out like he did: What must I do to be saved? And brethren, I thank God for the privilege of giving to you the answer that Paul did: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. Would to God that this might be just such a night for you! May this be the greatest night in your life. May it be the night that you will trust Jesus as your Saviour and leave this house of God to walk and talk and journey with the Lord Jesus Christ as your all-in-all. May God bless you!

THE WINGS OF GOD

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run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isa. 40:31).

(4) Under His wings is a place of rejoicing. "Because Thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice" (Psa. 63:7).

It is a good thing, and a blessed experience, to be within the shadow of the wings of the Lord. Rest there, and know perfect peace.—Our Hope

IS IT RIGHT TO TURN PEOPLE OUT OF CHURCH?

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churches, such as we see on every hand.

It results in church quarrels that go on perpetually.

It results in pastor after pastor being run off by a worldly gang who opposes any man who preaches against their sins.

What The Bible Says About Discipline

It says that personal difficulties among church members are to be settled privately if possible before the matter needs to be brought before the church. Rules are given in Matt. 18:15-17 for this. (This passage does not authorize committees being

appointed by a church to see offenders.)

It says that those guilty of gross sin are to be turned out. (I Cor. 5:4-7). This is permissible on common report of immorality and without committee. (See v. 1).

It says that church members are not to keep company with rank, outbreaching sinners who are professing Christians. (I Cor. 5:9-13). In other words a church is to exclude such, and for the members instead of coddling and petting and sympathizing with them, are to spiritually ostracize them.

It says that when an excluded offender shows sorrow, he is to be forgiven, lest he be "swallowed up of overmuch sorrow." (II Cor. 2:6-9).

Some of the sins mentioned for which church discipline is authorized (I Cor. 5:11):

Fornication.

Covetousness. (The person who can but won't support the Lord's work financially deserves exclusion for covetousness.)

Idolatry. (This need not be a wooden image — it may be many things.)

Railing. That means a loud, fussy quarreler, one who flies mad and rages around and acts a fool generally.

Drunkard.

Extortioner. One who is grossly unfair in a business way.

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God dealt with David as a father deals with a son. He chastened him severely. (David could have stood no more; God even showed him mercy.) Some of his children died because of David's sin, but David was not lost.

Explain Matt. 10:22: "He that endureth to the end shall be saved."

Enduring to the end is the proof of salvation, not the condition. I John 5:4, 5; Psa. 89:29.

What are the Keys of the Kingdom?

The Word of God (Gospel), and the Holy Spirit.

What is the cause for this powerlessness in our churches today?

Prayerlessness.

In which Heaven are the "heavenly places" mentioned in Eph. 2:6?

Neither. It is here used as an experience rather than a place.

What is meant by wicked spirits in high places in Eph. 6:12?

In the air all about the people of God are conflicts between the angels of God and the forces of Satan, that we know not about except by revelation. Read II Kings 6:17; Daniel 10:1-14.

What is the best defense against Campbellism in regard to Acts 2:28?

Peter's own words in Acts 10:43-47; Acts 15:7-11.

How are we to reconcile the statements of Paul and James with reference to justification? Rom. 4:2; 4:5; 5:1 and James 2:21-24.

Paul speaks of justification before God; James speaks of justification before man.

Is it scriptural for women to vote in church business and electing a pastor?

I think it right for them to vote; but I do not think it right for women to make motions or reports. There were one hun-



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dred and twenty who voted in Acts 1st, women and all.

Is it right for women to vote in worldly elections?

The Bible says they are to be "keepers at home," to guide the house. Titus 2:5.

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believes it and practices it; a person who loves Christ and would not defile His name (since we are told "Let every one who nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity") will have a keener sense of perception in these matters and would not need the pity herein offered. — Raymond Smith

ALCOHOL AND THE ORPHANS' HOME

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into sin. A happy home was wrecked; the mother stood it for six years. When she was about to take the children and leave for her sister's home, the father shot her and a cousin and then shot himself; thus committing three murders while this boy, then eight years of age, peeped from behind an outbuilding. In a few minutes this boy and his two brothers became orphans—one of the many results of alcohol. The rumsellers, the beer joints, the liquor stores, the bootleggers and the manufacturers of all these products have never made provisions to care for the widows and orphans that they make. So they did the easy thing, the natural thing for such a business. They left these orphans to the church to care for. This boy and his two brothers were taken to Buckner's Orphans' Home at Dallas, Texas, where he spent seven years. He was only one of the many at that orphans' home who were there because of liquor. The present president, Hal F. Buckner, feels sure that fifty per cent of the children in the home are there because of liquor.

Superintendent W. C. Creasman, of Tennessee Baptist Orphans' Home, says that a large

percentage of the cases of child destitution that come to his attention are due to drinking. From his observation the percentage was much lower during prohibition.

Miss Eunice Broadwell, caseworker, Oxford Masonic Orphanage in North Carolina, says that alcohol has contributed to the coming of 45 to 48 per cent of their children since February 21, 1943.

Walter A. Smith, superintendent of Holston Methodist Orphanage in Tennessee, estimates that 70 per cent of children who are in child-care institutions are there because of the use of alcoholic beverages by fathers and mothers (and in a great many instances by both).

Miss Helen Burt Mauney, caseworker assistant of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, reports that 98 of 615 children under their care as of October 1, 1947, were there with alcohol as a contributive factor. Of the 412 pending applications, 45 had an alcohol history.

Superintendent R. F. Houghton of Baptist Orphanage of Virginia reports that records show that 97 per cent of all applications received during the year 1947 to July, 1947, had liquor problems connected with the home. During prohibition days the percentage was only 32 per cent. The percentage has tripled in about fifteen years with the wine and whiskey flowing freely in the state. No one need be amazed. It is a natural result of increased sale of alcoholic beverages. Virginia's ABC system reports record-breaking sales for the calendar year 1947 totaling \$93,376,841.22 compared with \$74,975,577.11 for 1946. If whiskey, rum, beer and wine are going to break up happy homes, rob the children of proper parental care, deprive them of their educational opportunities, fill our orphanages with those whose parents are living but unworthy the name of parent, and turn them over to the church to care for, the church ought to raise its voice to high Heaven against such a nefarious, dishonorable, hellish traffic. It behooves Christians to work together unitedly until such a curse is outlawed in every state in the union.—J. K. Clark, Clover, Virginia