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✓ Thirty-six Reasons For The Second Coming

Condensed from "Waves of Truth," published at Saint Petersburg, Fla.

Scripture readings: Acts 1:9-11; Matt. 24:3-34; Luke 21:25-33; II Tim. 3:1-5; Rev. 1:7.

1. Wars and rumors of wars, nation rising against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.
2. Famine.
3. Pestilence.
4. Earthquakes in divers places.
5. Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. (This is not only speaking of the apostasy in the church, the cooling off in the church, and the church becoming cold, and lukewarm and indifferent, and losing their

vision; but it also speaks of a condition that will be in the world, when there is a time when they would be without natural affection people thinking more, of animals than they actually think of their babies, or a condition existing where there's no love in the home; and, friends, this is a condition that we certainly know is existing to a great extent today.

7. False prophets.
8. The condition existing among the Jews, the Jewish situation today. It says, When you see Jerusalem compassed about with armies, then you know that the time of the Lord is at hand.

9. As in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the Coming of the Son of Man.
 10. As in the days of Lot, so shall it be in the days of the Coming of the Son of Man.
 11. Signs in the sun, moon and stars.
 12. Distress of nations, with perplexity.
 13. Men's hearts failing them for fear because of things common on the earth.
 14. Perilous (difficult) times.
 15. Lovers of men's own selves.
 16. Covetous (money-loving).
 17. Boasters.
 18. Proud (showing themselves above their fellows).
 19. Blasphemers (revilers).
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It is very important that we familiarize ourselves with the truth about the Holy Spirit. There is much falsehood and error and ignorance about the Holy Spirit. We cannot study this subject briefly in a single lesson, but we can learn some of the simpler truths—enough to be of help to us. Let us start by clearing out some of the rubbish of heresy and falsehood which has grown up like bushes.

False Teachings and Notions

The term in the King James Version, "The Holy Ghost," is misleading. The term "Holy Spirit" is correct. Back 300 years ago when the King James translation was made, the word "ghost" meant what the word



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"spirit" now means. The word "ghost" now signifies a "spook."

The idea that the Holy Spirit is a mere influence is false. This is the view commonly held by most Modernists. They deny the Personality of the Holy Spirit. But the Spirit is not an influence—but a PERSON. (See Jno. 15:26; 16:7-8; and verse 13-14. Note that the word HE is used).

The idea that the Holy Spirit is not God is false. Such is the view of the Unitarians, and most rank Modernists. The Holy Spirit is as truly God as is God the Father. (See Acts 5:3-4).

The idea that the Holy Spirit is the author of all of this holy roller tomfoolery is false. He doesn't make people roll and jerk and "slobber" and go through the wild performances we have sometimes known. (See I Cor. 14:32, 33). If God is not

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Southern Baptists

THE TIE (January 1949) of the Southern Baptist Seminary announces its Annual Pastor's Conference for March 7-11. One of the visiting speakers will be Dr. E. G. Homrighausen of the faculty of Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Homrighausen is of the neo-orthodox liberal school, and does not accept the authority of the Word of God. (See The Case Against Modernism by Chester E. Tulga, price 25 cents). Southern Baptist Seminary can no longer be claimed as an asset by real Baptists. Southern Baptists must face the fact that one of their greatest seminaries has gone over to theological liberalism.—Tulga.

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✓ Railroad Rewards An Eleven Year Old Lad

Tears rolled down the cheeks of eleven-year-old Jimmy Colclough of Canastota, N. Y., when the New York Central Railroad brought him rewards for reporting a rail defect near his home.

Jimmy stood silently, his arms folded in front of him, during most of the speech-making in the living room of the Colclough home. Suddenly, overwhelmed by the tributes paid him, Jimmy burst into tears. But he recovered quickly when he saw his new electric train.

Other gifts from the railroad included a \$100 check, a dinner for the family and presents for Jimmy's three sisters.

J. J. Frawley, general manager of the railroad's lines east of Buffalo, told the youngster that he "showed the traits of a good railroad man," when he reported discovery of a broken

rail joint.

Mr. Frawley said the defect was on a freight track, but that it could have caused a serious smash-up. Several passenger trains, including the Empire State Express, whiz past the spot at an eighty-mile-an-hour clip.

In a letter to Jimmy, Gustav Metzman, New York Central president, offered the youngster a job when he reaches the "proper age."

Jimmy's overwhelmed feelings and joyful tears are easily

Mused Uncle Mose

Somebody drop de c'lection plate las' Sunday mawnin', an' jes' unspensibil'ty like, Deac'n Slitherfoot jump ober two seats to rescue dat quartah he'd dropped in.

The First Baptist Pulpit

"THE YOUNG CONVERT'S PROBLEMS AND THEIR SOLUTION."

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction to righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."—II Tim. 3:16-17.

When God redeemed the children of Israel from the land of Egypt at the time of the passover, he did not take them straight to Canaan. God might have led the children of Israel straight from Egypt along the seacoast into Canaan in just a few days' time. But He didn't do it. Instead, beloved, he led them through the wilderness for forty years. The trip from Egypt to Canaan that might have been made in only a few days' time took the children of Israel forty years to make as they wandered through the wilderness. They had been redeemed from Egypt

bondage on the night of the passover and now God led them through the wilderness for forty years.

The day that Jesus Christ saved your soul, you were redeemed. All the power of Satan was broken so far as your life was concerned. The old sin debt, beloved, was completely paid and if God had wanted to have done so he could have stricken and taken you straight home to glory. And so far as you and I are personally concerned, we would have been better off, if in the hour of salvation, God had smitten us dead and carried us straight to Heaven. But, brethren, He didn't do it. Just like God led those Jews from Egypt for forty years through the wilderness ultimately bringing

them down to the land of Canaan, so God leads us through the wilderness after we are saved instead of taking us directly on to Heaven.

Now, as those Jews journeyed in the wilderness for forty years, they had plenty of problems. There was the problem of food, of water, of leadership, and the problem of their enemies. I say, beloved, they had plenty of problems that confronted them during their forty years of wandering.

And, beloved, you and I this morning have the same experiences. After the Lord Jesus Christ saved you, God started leading you through the wilderness of this world on to Canaan. You have found that you had

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Do You Have A Good Wastebasket For Your Many Sins?

A valuable piece of equipment any man's office is his wastebasket. Whatever his profession, generous use of the wastebasket is essential to his efficiency. The wise use of the wastebasket, says one distinguished editor, "is the secret of successful editing."

Wastebasket is also the secret of spiritual blessedness. Many lives are encumbered with rubbish that ought to go into the wastebasket. This thought underlies the Scriptural exhortation to "lay aside every weight," as well as the sin that hinders the Christian life (Heb. 12:1). Old worries, grudges, and resentments must not be carried over to the new day. The troubles of yesterday must be put away; the trouble that belongs to a new day is all that we can successfully bear (Matt. 6:34).

The unholiness of yesterday must not be permitted to be carried over to the new day. "Let not the wrath go down upon your wrath" (Eph. 3:25). Let the heart and mind be thoroughly purged before daring to go to sleep.

Past errors belong in the wastebasket. Everybody errs; once the rubber eraser—the wastebasket's first cousin. So welcome was the invention of the rubber eraser on pencils, according to reports, it quickly yielded its inventor, a New Jersey man, a fortune of \$200,000.00. There is said to be a man in Egypt who has made an error in five thousand years; but during that time has been in mummified form.

The rest of us, who still make errors, must learn to acknowledge them, to make appropriate restitution, and then, having learned our lesson, consign our errors to the wastebasket. The Apostle Paul gives us a perfect formula: In his past we were sins, errors, and mistakes enough to break the heart of a truly conscientious Christian. "But," says he, "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:14).

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THIRTY-SIX REASONS FOR THE SECOND COMING

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20. Disobedient to parents.
21. Unthankful.
22. Unholy (irreligious).
23. Without natural affection.
24. Trucebreakers (implacable; relentless).
25. False accusers (slanders).
26. Incontinent (lewd).
27. Fierce.
28. Despisers of those that are good.
29. Traitors.
30. Heady.
31. Highminded.
32. Lovers of pleasure.
33. The automobile as prophesied in Nahum 2:3, 4.
34. The airplane as prophesied in Isaiah 60:8.
35. A great increase of travel in the time of the end (Dan. 12:4).

A SOON RETURN

Had we space and time, we could easily prove that every one of the above conditions are existing in an unusual manner today. Our own observations and experiences, besides the items published in our newspapers or told over the radio convince us beyond a doubt that we are living in the "last days" — the days in which our Christ will return.

May these thoughts prove a consolation to the faithful flock that their Lord will soon come. On the other hand, may those who are not ready, take warning. There is no time for delay: "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh." Are you ready for His Coming?



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some enemies, too, and you have had some problems to face, some difficulties to undergo, some burdens to bear, or in other words, just as the Jews had some problems in the wilderness between Egypt and Canaan, so every child of God has plenty of problems from the time that he is saved until the Lord delivers him safely in glory.

In the scripture that I read this morning from Acts 9, we find that Paul was saved and immediately Paul's problems began. He was persecuted immediately after he was saved. In fact, the Word of God tells us that as soon as he was saved the brethren had to let him down in a basket over the wall that his life might be preserved. Then, when he went back to Jerusalem, his home town, the church there wouldn't even believe that he had been saved and when he tried to join the church, they voted him down. They wouldn't receive him into their fellowship until big-hearted

Barnabas vouched for him that he had become a Child of God. So I say, beloved, that Paul's problems began just as soon as he was saved and they continued, throughout all the time until the Lord called him home.

Now from the day that you became a child of God, you have had plenty of problems. There isn't a Christian here this morning that has not had plenty of problems in his life, and there will be a lot more problems that will come in your life between now and the time you reach the golden shore.

Let us look at a few of these problems that confront us as Christians. Let us see what the solution of these problems is in the light of our text this morning.

I

THERE IS THE PROBLEM OF AUTHORITY. The very first question which confronts any Christian is this: "What shall be my authority and what shall I make final so far as my life is concerned." I dare say that there is never a man saved but what immediately after he is saved he will say to himself: "I have made Christ my Lord, now how shall I find out what my Lord wants me to do? What shall be the authority for my life as I endeavor to make Christ my Lord?" Now, beloved, that is a problem — the problem of authority. Some people would answer in a different manner to what I will answer this morning. Some would say as for authority: Listen to your pastor. And others would say: read the books of your church. And still others would say: follow the example of older Christians. Yet, beloved, all these are but fallacious answers to the problem of authority.

My answer this morning is that if you want to settle the problem of authority for your life, turn to the Bible, the Word of God. Make it your authority for your life today and every day until God leads you safely home. I will grant you that as your pastor, if I can, I will instruct you spiritually, I am ready to grant you that many Christians you go to will give you good advice, and it would do you good to read the books and the publications of your church that are scripturally presented; still, beloved, at the same time, your pastor is a fallible human being and other Christians are fallible human beings and all other books and writings of your church have been produced by fallible Christian persons. Yet, this book which I hold up to you as the authority of your life was written by the infallible God and there are no mistakes and no errors. If you want to face the problem of authority for your life, then, you will find that authority in the Word of God.

Let me read you three scriptures that you might see that the Word of God is final in every particular.

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

Isaiah says that this is the way to test the preacher. Here is the way to test your pastor or your spiritual adviser. Test him by the law and the prophets. If what he preaches is according to the law and the prophets, there is light in him. If what he has to say is not according to the law and prophets, reject him as a false prophet, as there is no light in him. Thus the Word of God is to be our final authority.

"Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." — Proverbs 30: 5, 6.

Here, beloved, are two verses that tell us that the Word of God is final. We are not to add to it, but we are to accept it as the final and definite revelation of Almighty God. In the light of this, then you who are looking for authority are to turn to the Word of God. It is not to be added to. It is not to be taken from, but it is to be accepted just as it is written as our authority. Turn to my text, II Tim. 3:16-17, and hear Paul as he says: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Brethren, the only thing that will make you thoroughly furnished is the study of the Word of God. It is to be the authority of your life.

I remember reading some months ago of a man who died in an almshouse in England. An almshouse in England corresponds to our county poor farms in Kentucky. He had a little tract of land that was so poor that he couldn't pay taxes on this tract of land. Yet, after that he had died, his relatives who became heirs and possessors of that little tract of land, searched it and found that it had under it the richest producing vein of ore that was ever found in all England. He died in the almshouse while they rolled in the lap of luxury, all because he failed to search his farm, whereas they searched it.

Many a child of God is spiritually poverty stricken all because he fails to search the Word of God, while other Christians revel in their spiritual growth as they feed upon the things of God's Book growing out of their experiences in searching the pages of God's Word.

Lots of Christians remind me of a grasshopper in their method of reading the Word of God. A grasshopper jumps about considerably. He makes long jumps so far as his own length is concerned. Likewise, when he jumps, he doesn't know where he is going to land. He doesn't know whether he is going forward or backward. He just jumps and that is all he knows. There are a lot of Christians, beloved, in their study of the Word of God that remind me a lot of that grasshopper. They don't know whether they are going to Genesis or Exodus. They don't know whether they are going backward or forward. The reason why a lot of God's people don't grow in grace is their method of the study of the Word of God.

I stood over in Louisville some ten or twelve years ago and saw a Bible in the window of a company that makes a business of supplying termite control to our houses. As I stood in front of that window I noticed a Bible. That Bible had been eaten through by termites from beginning to end. All the way from Genesis to Revelation, the termites had eaten on the Word of God. They had in the window a very apt description which said: "A termite has no regard for even the Word of God." But as I stood there another thought came to my mind. I remembered how that one day Spurgeon stopped at a wayside inn and saw a Bible in the hotel room and found that a worm had eaten all the way from Genesis to Revelation. Mr. Spurgeon said he stood there and prayed: "Oh, God, make me a Bible worm that I might devour it from Genesis to Revelation." And when I stood there in Louisville before that window to see the Word of God that had been devoured by the termites, I breathed a similar prayer and said: "Oh, God, make

THE MODERNIST

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He's not worthy of the name,
Yet he seeks the world's acclaim;
Nothing modern about his ilk,
He has a tongue smooth as silk;
He antedates the world's great flood,
Was here when Jesus shed His blood;
If he is modern as they say,
I fail to see it quite that way.

He is misnamed without a doubt,
For he is ancient out and out;
Though modern he may claim to be,
Investigate and you will see,
He lived in days of prophets old,
Preached aloud his doctrines bold;
Now in these days of stress and strain,
He's bidding for the stage again.

He stands up in the holy place,
Pretends to preach abounding grace;
Denies the doctrine of the fall,
And acts as though he knew it all;
Rejects also the virgin birth,
Return of Christ again to earth;
He smiles about the judgment day,
And says there is another way.

One of the mysteries to me
Is that the people cannot see
The modernist is Satan led,
That he's just preaching to be fed;
He does not care for dying souls,
Nor for the people on his rolls;
Surely, if they could only see,
They would not listen to his plea.

The modernist will stand at last,
Roused by the angel's trumpet blast,
Before the great white judgment throne,
To answer for his sin, alone;
Christ Jesus then his judge shall be,
Who died upon the cruel tree;
His doom, "Depart," he then will hear,
The sentence ringing loud and clear.

O man of God, this final word:
Declare the judgments of the Lord;
From the modernist turn away,
To Christ the only, living way;
Proclaim the message of the Book,
For guidance to the Spirit look;
He will go with thee all the way,
And keep thee safe to that great day.

me a Bible termite that I might eat my way through the Word of God and feed my soul, thereby making it my authority for my life."

II

Now, brethren, there is a second problem, namely THE CHURCH PROBLEM. After a man is saved, he looks about and he can see churches of all kinds and classifications. Spires on church buildings point into the ethereal spaces. Church bells are rung in every square in town. Music and songs from the churches float out from the congregations that assemble there and a convert says: "What church shall I become affiliated with?" That is the convert's second problem.

Some years ago a man by the name of Ham held a revival meeting in Huntington. So far

as I am concerned, the best thing about the revival was his name. It is a mighty good sounding name. I say, he held a revival meeting in Huntington and one day as he was preaching, he said: "Now, I am not here to interpret the church to you, I am here to get you saved and when I leave here, the preacher of your choice denomination can interpret the church for you." Here's a Methodist preacher and here's a Baptist preacher and here's the preachers of various denominations and these will interpret the church to you when I go." And I guess, brethren, there were a lot of folks who thought that this was wise statement. But, brethren, will tell you what it was. It was a lie for popularity's sake and nothing short of a lie. If the Word of God is to be our authority (Continued on page three)

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(Continued from page two) Authority then the Word is authoritative on the church question just as on every other question and the Lord isn't going to say to us you can have some earthly man to interpret the church when he has already given us a full revelation so far as the church is concerned.

"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."—Matt. 16:18.

Brethren, Jesus Christ built his church. He said: "I will build my church. If I say today that I plan to take my wife out for dinner, that will indicate at once that I am going to take just one woman to dinner. When Jesus said I will build 'my church,' he indicated thereby that he was going to build just one church.

You say, "But, Brother Gilman, I think there are good people in all churches." I grant you there are and I will go a little further and say there are a lot of bad ones, too. Even though there be good and bad people in our churches, our Lord has made a revelation concerning this church. You say, "Oh, I think one church is just as good as another." Now do you mean to tell me that you are that foolish this morning? Do you mean to say that there is no more spiritual wisdom about you than that there is no more gray matter in your head than that to think one church is as good as another? Would you say one woman is just as good as another? You had better not tell your wife that when you go home. Would you say that one woman is just as beautiful as another? I would suggest that you keep it to yourself if you believe it, and are married. Would you say that one meal is just as good and delicious as another.

Well, if you do, here are some hard beans that don't have a bit of seasoning in them. You can hear them rattle in the tin plate as they are served to you. And over here is some nice golden fried chicken, crisp and delicious. If one meal is just as good as another, then you take the beans and I will take care

of the chicken. Of course, beloved, there is a difference. Of course, one meal is not as good as another. Of course, One woman is not as good as another, one woman is not as beautiful as another and, beloved, of course, one church isn't as good as another. Our Lord Jesus Christ gives us a test whereby to judge a church:

"Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."—II Tim. 3:5.

There is the test, beloved, as to the church. He says every one of them has a form of godliness, and they have. It may be a little Holler Roller church or it may be a high-brow Episcopalian church in the middle of town. It may be one that is called a cathedral. They all have a form of godliness, our Lord said, but some of them deny the power of God and from such turn away. What churches today preach that when the Son of God paid for all sin that he saved man for eternity and from all Hell and that nothing can take him out of the hand of God? Brethren, you find a church that preaches that and turn from those that deny the power of God. Do you know where that would put you in this town? Beloved, you would be right here in the First Baptist Church of Russell. Brethren, listen to me today, I am ready to grant to you this morning that this is a tremendous problem. Many a young convert is troubled over the seeming contradictory beliefs that come from all the so called churches and says, "How shall I know what is right?" Turn to Word of God and study the church and solve the problem of the church in the light of the Word of God which you have already admitted was to be your authority.

III

THEN THERE IS THE PROBLEM OF PRAYER.

"And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray as John also taught his disciples."

Here is a problem, beloved,

that comes before every convert—the problem of prayer.

I'll never forget the first time that my own offspring, all three of them, ever called me "daddy." Of course, they had done a lot of mumbling that I had said was "daddy" for a long time, but they did not know what they were saying. A lot of people have their children talking when they are three days old. The first time that I ever knew my children to call me "daddy" when they knew what they were saying, it thrilled my soul. It was my own child, bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh, looking up into my face and calling me "daddy." I have thought, beloved, how it must thrill the very heart of the eternal God when one who has just been saved from sin and has been born into the family of God looks up into his face and says, "Dear Father." I think it must thrill the very heart of God himself. Brother, sister, you may have solved the problem of authority by letting God's word be the authority; you may have solved the problem of church membership, but I wonder if you ever solved the problem of prayer. Have you ever solved the problem of talking to God just like you would talk to anyone? The poet has said:

"There is an eye that never sleeps beneath the wing of night.
There is an ear that never shuts when sink the beams of light.
There is an arm that never tires when human strength gives way.
There is a love that never fails when earthly love decays.

That eye is fixed on seraph throngs
That ear is filled with angel's songs
That arm upholds the world on high
That love is throned beyond the sky.

But there is a power which men can wield, when mortal aid is vain,
That eye, that arm, that love to reach,
That listening ear to gain,
That power is prayer which soars on high
And feeds on bliss beyond the sky."

Have you ever solved the problem of prayer. Oh, yes, when you are in trouble, you pray. There isn't a doubt about that. When the doctor comes and thumps on your side two or three times and says you have appendicitis, you will pray then. When you reach down in your pocket and you haven't any money, you will pray then. When some member of your family is ill and it looks as though that one is dying, you will pray and ask everybody else to pray. When troubles come, you pray. But, have you learned to be everyday in communion with God in constant prayer? To me the thing that makes the church that Jesus built an outstanding institution is the fact that that church was a praying church. When the first persecution took place against that infant church, they prayed. Listen:

"And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel were gathered together. For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, by stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. And when they prayed, the PLACE WAS SHAKEN."—Acts 4:23-31.

That is the story of the first church that Jesus built. The world threatened them and they assembled together, they told their experiences as to how they had been threatened by the powers that be, of the government, and they prayed and then God shook that place with His presence. That is what made it a great church. Oh, brethren, if I

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I look not back--God knows the fruitless efforts,
The wasted hours, the sinning and regrets;
I leave them all with Him that blots the record,
And graciously forgives, and the forgets.

I look not forward--God sees all the future,
The road that short or long, will lead me home;
And He will face with me its every trial,
And bear for me the burden that may come.

I look not around me--then would fears assail me,
So wild the tumult of life's restless sea;
So dark the world, so filled with war and evil,
So vain the hope of comfort and of ease.

I look not inward--that would make me wretched,
For I have naught on which to stay my trust;
Nothing I see but failures and short comings,
And weak endeavors crumbling into dust.

But I look up--up into the face of Jesus!
For there my heart can rest, my fears are stilled;
And there is joy, and love, and light for darkness,
And perfect peace, and every hope fulfilled.

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don't say anything else to help you today, I hope I will cause you to say this: "Oh, God, help me to pray every day, not just when I am in trouble but that I can learn to be an every day praying man calling on you every day."

IV

Then there is the PROBLEM OF TEMPTATIONS. Have you ever had any temptations since you have been saved? Wouldn't it be more sensible to ask how many temptations have you had this past week. Temptations, beloved, are the common lot of God's children and the man who says he is living above sin and says that he never has any temptations confront him, that man certainly doesn't know the depths of the depravity of his own soul. Listen to God's Word:

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations."—James 1:2.

He didn't say count it all joy when you are tempted and you fall in sin but he said to count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations.

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."—I Cor. 10:13.

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever."—Matt. 6:13.

These are words of the Lord Jesus Christ in his memorable sermon on the mount. Every day that ought to be your prayer and mine—"Deliver us from evil." This Bible is just filled with examples of men that were tempted and the terrible thing of it is that many of them succumbed to them. As I came to the house of God this morning I tried to remember if there were anybody in the Bible of whom it was recorded that was tempted and who did not sin and I can think of but one little Jew. Abraham was tempted and he lied, Jacob was tempted and he stole and lied and did about everything else that was contrary to the Word of God. Isaac was tempted and he lied. Simon Peter was tempted and he lied and denied the Lord and cursed. David was tempted and he com-

mited adultery. So far as I can remember from my study of the Word of God, I can remember of only one that was tempted that did not sin other than Jesus and that was Joseph in Egypt. Oh, that problem of temptation, what a problem it is to the child of God and about the only way it is to be solved is to stay so close to Jesus that he will solve it for you.

V

Then, THERE IS THE PROBLEM OF MONEY. The child of God has this problem, too.

"For the love of money is the root of all evil . . ."—I Tim. 6:10.

The child of God, beloved, is forever confronted thus with evil.

How rich can a man be and be a Christian? Now let us think this morning how rich can a man be and be a child of God. Surely you have heard it said that a man can't be rich and be a Christian, But God's word says he can. Listen:

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."—III JN. 1:2.

How rich can you be materially? Just as rich materially as your soul is spiritually. But, brethren, when riches come to the place that they take away from the soul and your soul isn't prospering any longer, you are too rich materially. Listen to me, brother, sister, the biggest problem I expect that any man or woman in this house has this morning is the problem of money—how to get it, how to use it, how to handle it for God's own glory.

I knew a man who went broke some fifteen years ago during the depression. A friend started him in business again. When the machinery was moved into his new place of business, before a wheel of that machinery ever turned, before ever that there had been a workman hired, that man went over and kneeled down in a corner of that building and said, "Lord you know the story. Now Lord let us start as partners." Ever since that day that man has prospered.

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AMERICA HAS COME A LONG WAY IN THE PAST FIFTY YEARS



"The Milk's Nice and Clean Today, Henry!"

During the 1890's, milk delivery was usually a quaint affair—but far from sanitary. At each stop, the housewife received her milk supply—from the open can on a milk wagon.

Today how different. Dairy products are among the safest foods we eat. The milk itself hasn't changed, yet the method of handling it has changed drastically.

TILL THE MILK OF GOD'S WORD REMAINS THE SAME

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."—I Pet. 2:2

THE HOLY SPIRIT

(Continued from page one) the author of confusion, then who is?

The idea that the Holy Spirit says one thing in the Bible and then directs people privately to do something else is false. Take for instance 1 Cor. 13:34. How can this be reconciled with the claim that some women make that they are called to preach? If they are—then God contradicts Himself, and no escape from that conclusion!

The idea that people are baptized by the Holy Spirit in this day and age is false. There is no command to be baptized by the Spirit, and no instructions as to how such could be brought about. Such experience was for the early days of Christianity—to accredit it, before the New Testament was written. Yet, there is more insane drivel given expression to by devout people on this subject than most anything you can mention. They go utterly "haywire" on this theme.

The idea that one can get a second work of grace that eradicates the Adam nature is false. Those who make such claims prove the falsity of it by their imperfect lives.

Truths About the Holy Spirit

He is a person. (Not it).

He is God. The Third Person in the Trinity.

When a person becomes a believer they receive the Holy Spirit. He is received in response to faith in Christ—not in response to rolling on the floor. (1 Cor. 3:16).

The extent to which one is conscious of the Holy Spirit's presence and fellowship depends upon the extent of our consecration and yieldedness to Him.

The Holy Spirit is the inspirer of the Bible—guiding the men who wrote. (See 2 Peter 1:21; 1 Peter 1:10-12).

The Holy Spirit inspired the very words of Scripture (in the original documents). (See 1 Cor. 2:13).

It is our part to BELIEVE—it is God's part to send the Holy Spirit into our lives. He REGENERATES and makes us over. This is called the "New Birth." He imparts a new nature which makes us like the things that are good. The reason why many church members want to wander off after the garbage trucks of the devil, is because they have never had the new birth. There is need that Christians shall have special FILLINGS of the Spirit for special Christian tasks and duties.

THE ABOVE ARE BUT A FEW OF THE MANY TRUTHS CONCERNING THE SPIRIT.



THE CONVERT'S PROBLEMS

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They tell me that one of the richest men in the oil world was Charlie Page. Years ago he was down to his last penny. A Salvation Army girl was shaking her tamborine and begging for money on the street corner as Charlie Page walked by. He reached down in his pocket and pulled out all that he had, \$1.15, looked at it, and said, "Do you think I should give you anything?" She said to him: "Are you a Christian?" He admitted that he had had an experience with the Lord some years ago. She said, "If you are a Christian, certainly you owe God a tithe." She quoted him two or three scriptures. He looked at it and counted it again—\$1.15. He said:

"If God says I owe Him, I'll give Him what I owe Him and a nickel more." He dropped the fifteen cents into her tamborine and that dollar bought his first stock in an oil well, which multiplied until he became a millionaire. Someone interviewed him months ago and said: "How is it that when you drill a well that you always strike oil?" He said: "I am in business with God as my senior partner and He made geology, I can't miss."

Let me say to you this morning, brethren, this problem of money is a problem that every child of God ought to solve with God getting the tithe of every man's income.

"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 tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith said the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—Malachi 3:8-10.

Now, that is God's challenge, brethren, if you are saved this morning. Beloved, it is my challenge to every one of you who are here listening to me this morning. God said it, I believe it. That settles it! If the Word of God is your authority, I challenge you this morning to put this portion of it to a test and see if God doesn't pour out blessings to you that you have never known.

Let me mention another problem—THE PROBLEM OF AMUSEMENTS. Paul said in I Timothy:

"But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth."—I Tim. 5:6.

Listen again:

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."—I Cor. 10:31.

Here is a man, a woman, that has been saved. What is he going to do about the shows, about the theatres? What is he going to do about the places of the world? "Whether ye eat or whether ye drink do all for the glory of God."

Edwin Boothe, reputed to be one of the greatest actors of all time, determined to build what he called a moral theatre where nothing but moral plays would be produced. But, brethren, Edwin Boothe's theatre was a colossal failure to the extent that the stockholders were paying approximately five cents on the dollar when he went bankrupt.

Let me say to you this morning, brethren, there are just some things that the child of God has to learn to let alone, and the theatre is one.

If your child this morning were in a burning building and somebody else rushed into that building, wrapped a blanket around that child and brought it out safely without even a hair of that child's head being singed—if by doing so, that man's hands and face are horribly burned and scarred that that man's livelihood is curtailed from that day on; brother, sister, if there were one ounce of manhood or womanhood about you, you would work your fingers to the bone to take care of the man who had risked his life to save your child from the burning building. But, let me tell you of something greater than that.

Jesus came to Calvary and gave Himself not that he might suffer just a little of the pangs of Hell in His flesh, but He died on Calvary's cross for your sins and mine. Brother, sister, if you love Him this morning like you ought to love Him, your life will count for Him and the problem of amusement will solve itself, for if you love him you can't love and live in this world.

I say, beloved, these are just

some of the problems that the child of God faces. Let me ask you a question this morning. Are you a Christian? These problems don't bother you if you are not a Christian. If you are just a church member, if you have just been baptized and never received Jesus as your Saviour, these problems don't bother you. But, if down deep in your heart you know you are a child of God this morning, you will want to be honest before God and everyone of these problems demand a solution. May God help you as a Christian to settle every problem in the light of the Word of God.

But, listen, if you are not a Christian, God help you to look up to Calvary and trust Him. Your first problem is the sin problem if you are not saved. Sin has to be paid for. May God help you to look to Calvary and trust Jesus who paid the sin debt and settle that problem in your life this morning. May God bless you!



RAILROAD REWARDS

(Continued from page one) "every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor."

Rewards are promised for good deeds (Ephesians 6:8), for suffering for Christ's sake (Lk. 6:22-23), for sacrifices (Matt. 19:29), for labors of love (Hebrews 6:10); and even for apparently insignificant things (Mark 9:41). Hence now is the time for believers to be doing all things to the glory of their Lord. How joyful shall believers be at receiving praise of God (I Corinthians 4:5) and rich rewards!—Now



WASTEBASKET

(Continued from page one) Paul, however, did more about his past than merely to forget it. Forgetting, alone, cannot repair injuries which have been inflicted; cannot replace life substances which have been dissipated; cannot restore opportunities which have been neglected; and cannot remove the stains of our delinquency. Paul forgot because, through repentance, he had experienced that saving grace which was greater than all his sin.

The agony of soul which haunts the unrepentant is the call of Christ to reconciliation and forgiveness.



APPRECIATED LETTERS

(Continued from page one) T. B. E. to three of my members. I think it is the best paper I read, and since I want some of my members to get it, I'm going to send it to them.

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