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The Evil Of The Federal Council Of Churches

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There are numerous books that have been written concerning the Federal Council of Churches, its organizations, workings and teachings. Some of them are in great demand and as a result the average Christian will not bother with them.

I realize that thousands of Christians (?) are admittedly members of this movement although they do not know why. I have told me, "If our leaders think it is alright then I know there is no harm in it."

Others have said, "We are all working to get to the same place and in the Federal Council we all work together." These and other absurdities are favorite lies of Satan to send thousands to Hell.

The New Testament knows nothing of any ecclesiastical authority above the local church. There is no scripture for anyone outside or inside a church telling that church what to do. The doctrine of the universal fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man is without scriptural foundation. And my friend, if you are working to be saved then you have a reservation in Hell. Salvation comes by grace through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

If you are a Christian you have been born of God's Spirit. You know it came alone by

grace and that it is everlasting. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto life." (John 5:24). And again in John 10:28 we read, "And I give unto them eternal life: and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

The Federal Council of Churches actually was in existence before the 20th Century began. In 1893 the first national convention of this body was held at the Marble Collegiate Church of New York City but technically its birth under the name of "Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America" took place in 1908. The past forty years has seen this organization increase in numbers, increase in power, increase in lies, increase in deceptiveness and increase in popularity with

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The Testimony Of Poor Idiot

There was a poor idiot who could be made to understand nothing. All his life he had been an idiot, and as an idiot he laid down to die. Beside his bed stood a man calling him a minister of Christ, who tried to make mirth with the poor idiot. That man had read the Bible, knew well about it, and had often preached from it. His 'understanding was weakened.' As he stood at the bedside, all of a sudden, the poor idiot broke forth with the following 'confession of his faith' (Continued on page four)

Drunkenness, Not Funny

Drunkenness is a tragedy, not a joke. Topsy men are not funny, and what shall we say of an intoxicated woman?

Rome K. Jerome tells this story: "A respectable looking woman had been expelled from a public house; she was very angry, and very drunk. The policeman requested her to move. She gave a lurch and nearly fell. To save her, the officer put his arm around her waist and in turn clasped him around her neck and together they spun around two or three times while, at that very moment, the piano struck up a waltz. The woman chose her partners, gently for the next dance," shout-laughed.

Rome says, "I was laughing myself for the situation was unbearably comical, and then I got a gasp as a child's face beneath a gas lamp. Her little white face was so full of terror that I tried to comfort her. 'It is only a drunken woman,' I said. 'He is not going to hurt her.' It is (Continued on page four)

Much Interest Shown In Our Debt Paying Campaign

From the very depths of my heart, I thank God for the response relative to the payment of the debt resting against THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. Many helpful letters as well as gifts have been received within the past few days. We take the liberty to share a few of these which we have chosen at random.

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Inclosed please find ten dollars (\$10.00) to help you in your work of the best Christian weekly in the U. S. A. or elsewhere.

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God bless you in His work.
Your Bro. and Sister,
L. A. Larson
Seffner, Fla.

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Please accept this small gift of \$5.00 for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. The one sermon, "Why I Love The Bible," is worth millions to me in spirit and in truth. I have been a reader of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER for several years and

Mused Uncle Mose

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surely enjoy and rejoice in every word of your sermons.

Sincerely,

Mrs. A. E. Anson,
Russell, Kentucky

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Through the kindness of some unknown friend, I have been receiving THE BAPTIST EXAMINER for more than a year. I have enjoyed its many fine poems (I am a lover of poetry), sermons, and other articles. When I read of your debt I wanted to help, but I do not have much to help with. However, when I read Mr. A. C. Stogner's letter, I realized that perhaps my little bit would help. I am enclosing \$1.00. May it help you in carrying on your great (Continued on page four)

The Prayer Meeting, The Churches' Pulse

The prayer meeting has been well called the "pulse" of the Lord's work. Find out what life there is in the prayer meeting, and you will have a wonderfully correct idea of what life there is among the saints in that quarter. If we want to know whereabouts we are as a company of Christians, all that is needed is to ask the questions, "Is the prayer meeting flourishing?" The prayer meeting, we know, is not popular. It never has been popular, and never will be, simply because there is so (Continued on page four)

Why Not Tithe?

Ignorance of the doctrine, stinginess, selfishness, and covetousness. These have more to do with it than anything else.

Some withhold the tithe because they are ignorant of the Bible on this subject; others, because they are stingy; others, because they are backslidden; others, because they are selfish; others, because they are covetous; others, because they dislike the preacher; others, because they say it gives the church too much money and pays the preacher too well; others, because they think it is paying as a matter of law and not giving as a matter of grace. The tithe is no more a matter of law than prayer or the free will offerings, for the law commanded both.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it," Mal. 3:10.—The Baptist Call.

The First Baptist Pulpit

"THE HANDS OF GOD"

"But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people."—Rom. 10:21.

It has always been exceedingly interesting to me to notice the acts in the Bible attributed to the finger, the hand, and the arm of God.

For example, it is indeed interesting to notice that which took place according to the finger of God. Listen:

"And the Lord said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt. And they did so; for

Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man, and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast. Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the FINGER OF GOD: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had said."—Ex. 8:16-19.

This takes us back to the time when Israel was being redeemed out of the land of Egyptian

bondage, when Moses by a miracle produced lice supernaturally upon man and beast throughout all the land, and the magicians in their attempt to do likewise, failed. It was then that these magicians said, "This is the finger of God."

Let me give you another instance within God's Book where another act is attributed unto the finger of God:

"And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon Mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, WRITTEN WITH THE FINGER OF (Continued on page two)

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"THE HANDS OF GOD"

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GOD.—Ex. 31:18.

Several years ago when I was just a boy preacher, there was a movie entitled "The Ten Commandments." I didn't see it but a friend of mine, in attending this movie, told me that when those ten commandments were written on the tables of stone, that it was done with a lightning effect. He said that the lightning would flash and each time it did so, another commandment would blaze forth upon the stone. Ten times the lightning flashed and each time another commandment appeared upon the stone.

Now, beloved, that may be the way it was done in Hollywood, but it wasn't the way that it was done in the Bible. The Word of God says that these ten commandments, written on tables of stone, were written with the finger of God.

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are THE EVERLASTING ARMS: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them."—Deut. 33:27.

It is mighty precious to know that underneath us, day by day, are the everlasting arms of God. Some folk are worried lest they fall from grace and some supposed-to-be preachers, in their scriptural ignorance, talk about falling from grace. Beloved, if a child of God does fall, where does he fall? This text tells us that "underneath are the everlasting arms" of God.

Notice again that which is attributed to the arm of God:

"But the Lord, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and A STRETCHED OUT ARM, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye do sacrifice."—II Kings 17:36.

Now, beloved, having noticed in a brief manner as to that which is attributed unto the finger of God and unto the arm of the Lord, I'd like for you to notice a few things that are said

concerning the hands of God.

I

THE HANDS OF GOD ARE HANDS OF SOVEREIGNTY.

"And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and NONE CAN STAY HIS HAND, or say unto him, What doest thou?"—Dan. 4:35.

This Scripture is a message of God's sovereignty. That is to say, beloved, that the hand of God is a hand of sovereignty.

I am glad today that I believe in a God of sovereignty. I am glad that there is a God who is absolutely sovereign in every particular. I am glad for a God who is, to put it briefly, the "boss" so far as this world is concerned. He is sovereign and in every particular his sovereignty manifests itself. Listen:

"But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased."—Psa. 115:3.

There isn't anything taking place in this world today that God isn't back of. We sometimes are prone to look upon the experiences of life and think that surely God has forgotten about us. Not so, beloved. He is a sovereign God. He is on His throne and is doing today the very things that is pleasing unto Him.

Notice again:

"The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the Lord HATH HIS WAY in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth. THE MOUNTAINS SHAKE at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein. Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him."—Nahum 1:3-6.

You can't read this, beloved, without the realization that God is sovereign. If God wrote this Bible, and I am sure He did, and if God meant what He said within this Bible, and I am positive that He did, then the God which is described within this Bible, is a God of absolute sovereignty.

When a tornado rips across the western plains, levels the towns, destroying the houses and killing numbers of people, it isn't any accident. This text says He "hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm." It

is God's providence; it is a part of God's plan.

When earthquakes come and a city rocks upon its foundation and the stones in the buildings fall and material loss results thereby, and people are killed by falling debris, it is no accident, beloved. Instead, we are reminded that "The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence."

I don't know what I would do if I were an Arminian preacher. If I believed that man were sovereign and if I had a God which is as little as a lot of preachers represent God to be—so tiny, beloved, that you could close Him up in a peanut shell. I would be a miserable preacher. I am glad that I believe in a God which is absolutely sovereign, a God which controls this world in every particular, a God who is doing the very thing that He wants done today, and a God who is controlling our lives beyond a peradventure of a doubt.

Just about the time I became pastor here in Russell, a man was telling me of visiting in a church where an Arminian preacher was preaching. This preacher, so my friend said, told

The Morning Star

By EVA GRAY

O, Morning Star,
Athwart the sky,
The trumpet sounds,
The rapture's nigh!

Angelic voice,
At break of day,
Calls to the saints;
"Upward, and away!"

The Lord descends
From vaulted skies;
The dead in Christ
The Lord, arise.

The living saints
Ascend to greet
And worship at
The Saviour's feet.

With shouts of praise,
Together there,
We meet our Bridegroom
In the air.

We hear the happy
Voices blend,
As joyous praises
Heaven rend.

And so the saints
Shall ever be
With Christ the Lord,
Eternally.

how God was thwarted by man and how God's plans were just going to wreck and ruin because man wouldn't do what God wanted him to do. He went on to say how God the Father was disappointed, how God the Son was dissatisfied, and how God the Holy Spirit was defeated. Every once in a while in his sermon that preacher would say, "Poor God! Poor God!" No, no, beloved. What should have been said was "Poor preacher! Poor preacher!" God is a sovereign God, and His plans are being carried out today to perfection. There is much we don't know and there is much we don't understand. There is much beyond our knowledge that we will never comprehend, but God, beloved, is a sovereign God.

Brother Anson and I were talking this morning of one of his relatives who was in an airplane crash—the plane hitting a tree, going some ninety miles an hour. They picked him up more dead than alive, bones broken all over his body. They thought it was an impossibility for him to live. Humanly speaking, we would say that it was an

WALKING ON STILTS

A Conceited Soul

"I say to every man, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think."—Rom. 12:3.

Ruskin said: "Conceit may puff you up, but it can never prop you up."

When I was a boy we often walked on stilts. These were small poles on which had been nailed a cross-piece a foot or so above the bottom end, and we would step on the cross-bars, and walk far above the level of the ground. It was fun, a self-delusionary act of make-believe courage and valour. It lifted one up higher for the time, but one either fell by reason of an unguarded step, or of necessity when the exercise was over. There was no staying on the stilts. Although one seemed to walk on an elevated level, even that one, and all who saw one walking, knew that it was a mock show.

The person who seeks to impress people that he is bigger, better, or more exalted than he is actually leaves the impression that one does who walks on stilts.

—Lockland Baptist Witness

impossibility. Some five doctors said that in all of the tragedies and the casualties of war, that they had never seen a man so butchered up and bones so broken, and yet he lived. Why? Because God is a sovereign God. God has His way and this lad lived because it was God's plan for him to live.

Beloved, I come back to this text in Daniel, which says: "He doeth according to his will." When I think about what God is doing, I rejoice that His hands are the hands of Sovereignty.

II

THE HANDS OF GOD ARE HANDS THAT CLEANSE FROM SIN. Listen:

"And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and TOUCHED HIM, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed."—Mark 1:40-42.

Leprosy is always a type or a picture of sin. Here came a man who was a leper, doubtlessly in a pitiable and a pitiful condition. He came into the presence of Jesus with his leprosy and asked to be cleansed. You wouldn't want to put your hand upon a leper and become contaminated and probably defiled thereby. You certainly wouldn't want to take the chance or run the risk of probably contracting leprosy. Yet, beloved, our God and our Christ sovereignly controls this world. The Lord Jesus Christ put forth His hand and cleansed that man from his leprosy, saying, "Be thou clean."

I say then, beloved, that the hands of God are the hands that cleanse from sin. If leprosy be a type of sin—and it is all the way through the Word of God—then that would tell us, regardless of what sin you may have, that there is cleansing for you in the Lord Jesus Christ. I tell no man that there is cleansing for him in the baptism, or in church membership, nor in the ritual of the church, but I do tell every individual that there is cleansing for him at Calvary in the Lord Jesus Christ. There you will find cleansing from all your sin.

Do I speak to some individual who has never seen the truth that Christ died for your sins? Do I speak to someone who has never beheld Him upon Calvary's Cross bleeding for you? Look up to the Cross and see the Son of God dying upon Calvary. His hands were pierced that the blood might flow out therefrom. The Word of God

says that "Christ died for our sins." Beloved, do you want cleansing? If so, you will find it in the hands of God in Jesus Christ.

III

THE HANDS OF GOD ARE HANDS OF FORGIVENESS. We have a remarkable example of this in the Gospel of John. Listen:

"And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, they said unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?"

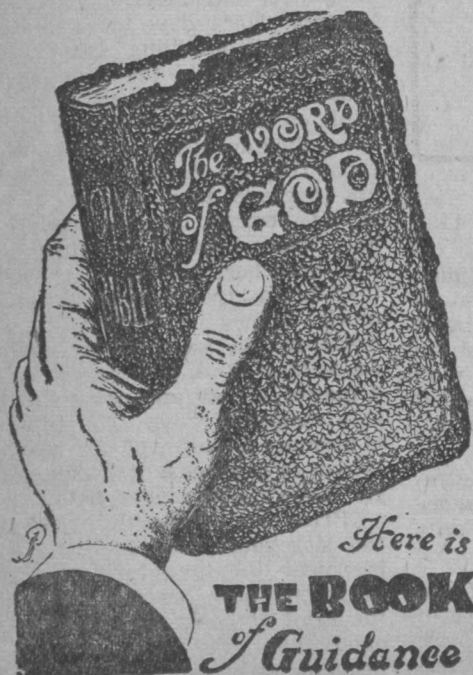
"This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

"And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

"When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."—John 8:3-11.

Our Lord had spent the night before in the mountain. Other people had gone away to their homes, but Christ had no home, and nobody had invited Him to spend the night with them, so Jesus went out into the mountain and spent the night alone on Mount Olivet. Early the next morning the Son of God came back into the temple to teach. Himself with His teaching. He had His enemies who wanted to trap Him in His words and subtly doubtlessly shrewdly and plotted and planned this whole thing that they might be able to destroy Jesus. They brought Him a woman whom, they said, was taken in the very act of adultery. There was no proof of it. Maybe she was, and again they may have been lying all the way through. They came saying that she was taken in the very act. Lev. 20:10 says that the

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Here is
THE BOOK
of Guidance

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word."—Psalm 119:9.

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that committeth adultery another man's wife, both the adulteress are to be to death. They knew the of God demanded the death both the man and woman, yet didn't bring the man. They brought only the woman into the presence of Jesus. That was enough to show Jesus their iniquity as to the law. He knew it was a trap. Stooping down upon the ground, He said, "I know not what it was, but the next wind that blew those sands, or probably the sands were trodden over the feet of the enemies of the Lord. I don't know what it was. He wrote but presently He said, 'Neither do I condemn you, go, and sin no more.'"

Take it, beloved, that when the Lord wrote upon the ground He probably wrote "Forgiveness." At any rate, He acted as a part of forgiveness. When I see those blessed hands when He raised them from the ground where He had been writing, I see at them and say that the hands of God are hands of forgiveness.

IV

THE HANDS OF GOD ARE HANDS OF ETERNAL SECURITY. Listen:

"And I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand."—John 10:28.

How big a hand does God have? I don't know, beloved. I can't imagine how big it is. I have no mental concept as to the bigness or the size of the hand of God, yet I do know this, that the hand of God is big enough that all Hell can't take a man out of the hand of God. Beloved, the hands of God are hands of security.

One of our preacher boys that used to be here in school was another Homer Grooms, who was at Lucasville, O. I think another Grooms has the biggest hands that I ever saw. Many times I have laughingly joked with him and said that it felt like I was taking hold of a ham or a hog. One night last summer I heard Brother Homer preach and he made mention of the fact that I joked him about the size of his hands. He said that even though his hands were large, that they were not as big as the hands of our Saviour, that our God has a hand that is big enough to hold securely all the redeemed of all nations. It thrills my heart to know that the hands of God are hands of eternal security. Do you believe that a man can be saved and then lost? Do you believe that a man can become a child of God and then a child of the devil? Do you believe that a man can be found and then lost to God? If you do, you haven't learned that out of God's Word, for God's Word doesn't lie. He has learned that from some heretical preacher. God's Word tells us just the contrary, when He says, "Neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." God's hands are hands of eternal security.

V

THE HANDS OF GOD ARE HANDS THAT BLED WITH SACRIFICIAL GLORY.

I wish I could describe to you what actually took place at Calvary. I only wish that I could describe it in such a way that you could see how Jesus suffered for our sins. The prophet

Zechariah tells us of a little of that suffering, when he says:

"And one shall say unto him, what are these WOUNDS IN THINE HANDS? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends."—Zech. 13:6.

The prophet was speaking five hundred years before Jesus' death, yet he described in detail the very thing that was going to take place, for he told how Jesus was going to be wounded in the house of His friends. He pictured those hands bleeding, not as a martyr, but bleeding with a sacrificial glory—bleeding as a sacrifice of God for the sins of the world.

You and I have never begun to understand nor comprehend the suffering of Jesus Christ. How He must have suffered in Gethsemane when in prayer the blood poured out from the pores of His body! So intense was His agony that He didn't perspire normally, but rather with bloody drops of perspiration.

How He must have suffered in Pilate's judgment hall when Pilate had Him scourged! Can you imagine what it meant for the Son of God to have a crown of thorns pushed down upon His brow, until that brow itself gave forth its blood? Can you imagine what it felt like for them to take that sceptre of reed and after putting it in his hand to strike Him over the head to drive the thorn spikes into His brow?

The prophet said in the Psalms that the plowmen had made great furrows in His back, "The plowmen ploughed upon my back; they made long their furrows."—Ps. 129:3. How He must have suffered when He was scourged! Scourging wasn't just an ordinary means of torture. The Romans were adept in the matter

CHRIST THE ROCK

By Eva Gray

Christ is the Rock to which I cling,
And safe in Him I hide;
A sure foundation hath He laid;
There is no one beside.

Unmarred by every wind that blows,
Mid darkness and decay,
Unshaken through the ages past
Is Christ, the Rock, the Way.

O Rock of Ages, solid Rock!
Upon this Rock I stand;
All other hopes, desires, and fears
Are builded on the sand.

Though Heaven and earth may pass away,
Amid all changing things;
Thou art the Rock of Ages, Thou,
That perfect refuge brings.

of human suffering. They knew how to make a human being suffer. It was a practiced art with them, and for a man to know how to scourge another properly, meant that he knew how he could almost take that man's life by suffering. Can you imagine a whip, not an ordinary whip, but one with nine thongs of leather, and into those thongs were tied the ankle bones of sheep, bits of lead and pieces of steel. Can you imagine what would happen to any individual for such an instrument of torture to fall forty times across one's bare back. It is no wonder that the Psalmist in speaking of Him said that the plowman had plowed great furrows in His flesh.

How He must have suffered when they brought Him to Calvary and nailed Him to the Cross! Beloved when you see Him hanging there and see the

blood dropping from His hands, you can say His hands were hands that bled with sacrificial glory.

VI

THE HANDS OF GOD ARE HANDS OF BLESSED INVITATION. In my text He said, "All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people." This was spoken to the Jews, yet it is just as true concerning you and me today. You and I are both disobedient. Every Gentile, as well as every Jew, outside of Jesus Christ ought to go to Hell. Both are disobedient creatures of the same Creator, God.

Beloved, I say that they are hands of invitation. Listen:

"Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put HIS HANDS on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven. And he LAID HIS HANDS on them, and departed thence."—Mt. 19:13-15.

It may be that God is stretching forth His hands to you now. It may be that God is inviting you, lost sinner friend, to come to Him that you might have life eternal. I say then, that those hands are hands of invitation.

Let me ask you a simple question. Are you in the hands of God today or are you in your own hands? Are you in the hands of God, or in the hands of the church? Are you in the hands of God or in the hands of the preacher? Are you in the hands of God or are you depending upon the hands of someone else? Brother, sister, if I don't make anything else clear today but this, I want you to see that you need to be in the hands of God.

We have been warned about these hands of God. Listen:

"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."—Heb. 10:31.

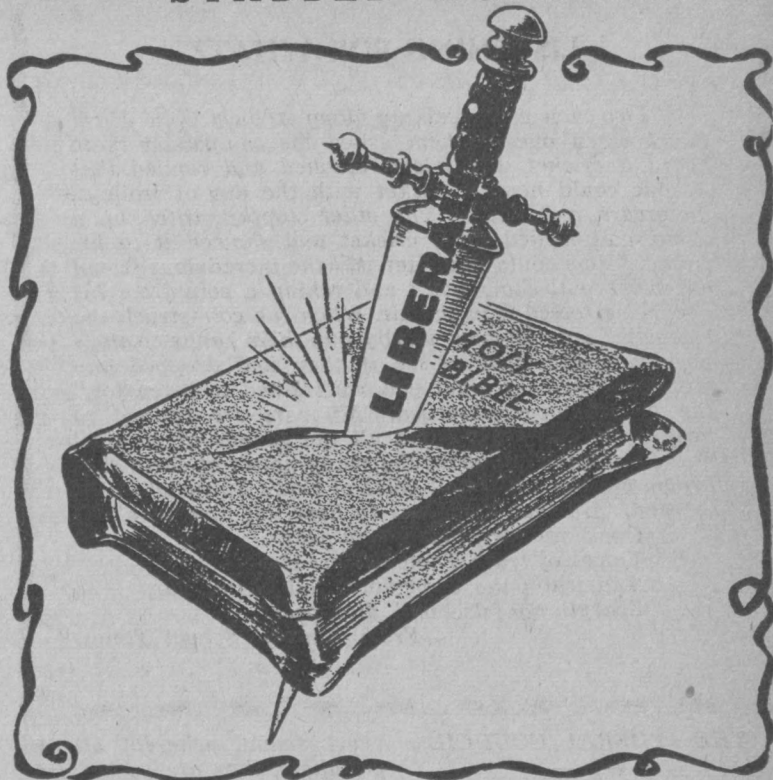
It is wonderful for a Christian to be in the hands of God but it is going to be terrible for a sinner to fall into the hands of God at the judgment. I ask you again, are you in His hands? If not, listen to my text, when He said, "All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people."

Back in the Dark Ages when Christians were suffering, over in Europe, the children of God were having a hard time because of persecution at the hands of the Catholics. One of the favorite methods of torture was that of the squeeze box. An individual was put into a box with four sides but with no top over him. When he had been there a few hours he realized that the walls had suddenly come closer to him. When he had been there forty-eight hours he realized that they were still closer, and after seventy-two hours those walls were almost upon him. Unless a friendly hand reached from above where there was no top and lifted him out with the hand, his life would be squeezed out of him between those rapidly approaching walls.

Can you see what I am saying thereby? Beloved, you and I are here in this world with sin crowding upon us, squeezing us day by day, and the only hope we have is that a hand might be reached down from above—the hand of God—and clasped over our sinful hand that we might be lifted up and our feet set on the solid Rock of Ages. May the hand of God clasp your hand and may you be lifted up and your feet set on the eternal Rock just now.

May God bless you!

STABBED AGAIN



Again and again I have said that the Louisville preacher factory is stabbing not only Baptists, but the Word of God by their compromises with Modernism, Communism, Feminism, and Arminianism.

The employment of W. E. Mueller, as professor of Theology offers pertinent proof of this fact.

He is a native German. He received his Master of Arts degree from Canisius College, Buffalo, N. Y. He also attended the University of Rochester (N. Y.). Two more modern schools could not be found.

He received his Ph. D. degree from New York University.

He graduated from Union Theological School with S. T. M. degree. (Better open the window, brethren, for a little air. Any preacher who has been to Union needs to have his theology fumigated).

For over ten years he has held pastorates in Buffalo and Brooklyn, N. Y. Any man who can serve modernistic northern churches for ten years isn't fit to teach the Baptists of the South.

He has served on the leading committees of the N. B. C. He could not be sound and be thus honored.

From 1944-1948 he was the professor of the History of Christianity in Colgate-Rochester

ter Divinity School. Any man who could teach there would have to have theology that is both modern and heretical. It sounds like there's something crept in from Denmark.

He is an avowed disciple of one of the greatest German higher critics, modernists, and heretics that exists.

Only recently did he become a Baptist and then it was a Northern Baptist Church with which he united — and at that, it was one that was affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches.

This brief record is enough to condemn Mr. Mueller in the eyes of every Bible-believing Baptist in the South. No man has ever been brought to Louisville who is more thoroughly saturated with modernism, communism, and heresy than Prof. Mueller.

Southern Baptists ought to arise en masse and demand his immediate dismissal. In fact, he ought to be deported back to Germany.

Just as long as Baptists go on supporting the Cooperative Program, the Seminary will continue to get its slice and just that long heretics will be on the loose in the Seminary. There is just one remedy: Designate your mission money and see how soon the preacher factory becomes sound.

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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the world. Today it claims to represent 22,000,000 church members.

On May 5, 1939, the Chicago Tribune stated: "The Chicago Tribune came into possession today of documentary evidence that opposition sponsored by leaders in the Federal Council of Churches has been financed by one of the most subversive organizations of socialistic, communistic, and other radicals in the United States."

In November 1943 Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam's name appeared as a sponsor of the "Congress of American-Soviet Friendship" in New York along with Langston Hughes, a poet, who blasphemes the name of Christ. Oxnam has been linked with practically every strong communist organization. He is a past head of the Federal Council of Churches.

Dr. Bob Shuler, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Los Angeles, California, in "The Methodist Challenge" brands at least twenty Methodist bishops including Bishop James C. Bak-

er who was the principal speaker at the Virginia Methodist Conference in October 1948 as trying to use the prestige of the Methodist church to promote the line of the Communist Party. These twenty men are typical of Federal Council leaders.

Dr. H. E. Fosdick, a past president of the Federal Council of Churches, wrote, "Of course I do not believe in the virgin birth or in the old-fashioned doctrine of the atonement and I do not know any intelligent Christian minister who does."

Dr. George Buttrick, another ex-president writes, "Jesus had done nothing to incur God's wrath. And if God dealt with Him as if He were a sinner, then we must say of God, 'Your God is my devil.'"

On page 65 of his book, "What Students Can Believe," he states, "the appeal to salvation in order to get to Heaven is not effective as it has been in the past. But to be saved for the sake of one's life and happiness, or for the sake of one's wife, children, and home, or for the sake of one's influence and service in the community, is a strong appeal today." On page 247 of "The

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LISTENING FOR WHAT?

Two men were walking along a busy New York street when one of them asked his companion if he heard a cricket. His friend laughed and replied that no one could hear a cricket with the din of trolleys, motorcars, and trucks. The other stopped, lifted up a stone, and picked up a cricket and showed it to his friend. "How could you hear it?" the incredulous friend asked. "I will show you," and taking a coin from his pocket he tossed it in the air. When the coin struck the sidewalk, several men nearby put their hands to their pockets and looked to see if they had dropped any money. "You hear what you are trained to listen for," the nature lover observed. "My ears are trained to hear birds and insects and all the sounds of nature." Our Lord knew all about the many noises of earth that drown out the still small voice of God's Spirit when He warned, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear.

—From Sunday School Times.

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL

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Christian Fact and Modern Doubt" he says, "We are saved if we walk in that wisdom of choice which is livingly and dyingly taught on Calvary." If this statement were true then Christ died in vain.

Of the resurrection of Christ he proclaims, "How the grave was robbed of its corpse we may not be sure."

Bishop F. J. McConnell, another ex-president, says on page 17 of "The Christ-like God": "Back in the early ages of the church there were some thinkers who taught that Satan had a claim on the souls of men which only the death of the Son of God could satisfy and that God met the obligation by sending the Son to the cross. As an intellectual construction this theory arouses only an amused pity today." This is nothing but a direct denial of the blood atonement.

A New York Presbyterian, Dr. W. P. Merrill says, "What really saves me, saves the individual, is not something which Jesus did 1900 years ago. How can a past fact have present vital power?"

In the fifth annual report of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism their cooperation is pledged to the above quoted men in "Ridding the world of any serious acceptance of Christian theology." To cooperate with the Federal Council of Churches places you side by side with the atheist.

These are documented facts about the Federal Council and some of its leaders. "Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ hath not God." (2 John 9). I ask you, my friend, are these men abiding in the doctrine of Christ? Does the doctrine they preach take away or add to the cause of Christ? Some of you may say, "Well, I don't believe what they teach but our church can still stay in the Federal Council and not be hindered." But listen to God's Word, "If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." You might as well preach it as drift along with it. You are just as guilty as the McConnells, Fosdicks or Oxnamns and if you're God's child you will suffer chastisement. "But if ye be without

chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons." (Hebrews 12:8). When you give your offering in a church that is a member of the Federal Council of Churches, I ask you, "Are you supporting the enemies of the Cross? Are you paying to further communism?" Think about this, my friend.

Up till now I have said nothing against Southern Baptists but of all the dangerous groups advocating the Federal Council of Churches, I believe some of our so-called Southern Baptists are the worst. I have more respect for H. E. Fosdick than men like Theodore F. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia. He poses to be a Baptist but yet is in the Virginia Council of Churches. Reuben Alley, editor of the Religious (?) Herald, is another in between the fence and gatepost man. I have a letter from him in which he states that he would vote against the issue of the Federal Council of Churches if it came to a floor vote. While at the General Association in 1945, he served as chairman of a committee which advocated that Virginia Baptists align themselves with this "cooperative Christian movement."

These and others like them hold high offices among Virginia Baptists. They serve on the Foreign Mission Board. If the Southern Baptist Convention is trying to carry out God's will why not do some cleaning up of our cesspools, such as the Foreign Mission Board and the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville? "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock."—Acts 20:29.

Another who is adding coal to the modernistic fire is the unionist who masquerades as a Baptist but will dismiss services, even prayer service, to unite with churches that are affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches. Unionism is popular but we read in James 4:4: "Friendship with the world is enmity with God."

Christian, beware of the modernist.

Beware of those soft talking agents of Satan posing as angels of light.

Jesus said, "He that is not for me is against me."—John 12:30.

Is your church against the teaching of the Federal Council advocates?

Is your church openly opposing the Council?

Is your church contending for the faith? (Jude 3).

God help you to see the right. God is calling His people out to be a separate people. "Come out of her my people that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that

ye receive not of her plagues" (Rev. 18:4).

MODERNISM

By B. J. DOTSON

God's Word teaches separation
From unbelief to withdraw
Have no fellowship with darkness,

Age-end struggle God foresaw;
The apostles in epistles
Foretold dangers of this age,
When the Gospel is rejected,
And "ear ticklers" are the rage,
Modernism is not Modern,
It's as ancient as the race;
It leads to Hell and the Judgment

With its great white throne to face;

"It's a lie so slick and subtle,
Hatched in Hell where demons stay,

It sounds almost like the Gospel,
But it veers from the Bible way.

OUR INDEBTEDNESS

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work. May I ask that you remember my husband, my children (two boys - one girl) and me in your prayers. I want more than anything else on earth to make my home truly a Christian home.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ernest Henson,
Vilas, N. C.

Our debt as of June 9, \$3,266.24.

This week's contributions are:

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This leaves our debt standing as of June 15, at \$3,176.74.

Another list of contributors and contributions will appear next week and each week thereafter (D. V.) as the Lord may lead until this obligation is completely paid.

Remember, what none of us can do alone, all of us together can do.

THE PRAYER MEETING

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little about it to attract worldly-minded believers. You will get saints to go almost anywhere, except to the prayer meeting. The great difficulty seems now to be to get believers to pray. If you are one given to secret prayer you will have all the greater desire to meet with your brethren for collective prayer.—Light and Liberty

DRUNKENNESS IS NOT FUNNY

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just a joke." "Please, sir," was the child's answer, "I cannot laugh. It is my mother."—Faith and Life.

"AFTER THIS, THE JUDGMENT"

A young minister was confronted—as the congregation expected—with an able young skeptic, Burt Olney.

At the close of the first service, Olney said, "You did well, but you know, I don't believe in the infallibility of the Bible."

"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment," was the young man's calm assertion.

"I can prove to you there is no such thing as a judgment after death," declared the skeptic.

"But men do die," the young

pastor declared, "for 'it is appointed unto me once to die' but after this the judgment."

"But that's no argument," the skeptic protested. "Let's get down to business and discuss this matter in regular argument form."

The pastor shook his head. "I came here to preach the Word of God, not to argue over it."

Olney, annoyed, turned away with the remark, "I don't believe you know enough about the Bible to argue about it."

"Perhaps you are right," was the calm rejoinder, "but please remember this—It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

The very tree toads Olney heard on the way home sang the verse, and so did the stream he crossed. Even the frogs seemed to croak, "Judgment, judgment, judgment..."

The next morning he called at the parsonage. "I've come to see you about that verse of Scripture you gave me last night," he said. "I've spent a terrible night with those words burning their way into me. I can't get rid of them. Tell me what I must do to get rid of this torture."

When he left, he was a child of God through faith in the finished work of Christ. He shall not perish!—The Pilot.

song in heaven. And ere it 'vilely cast away,' He took it in His own Almighty Hand, replaced the strings, re-tuned them all, and then, ere He took it from earth, struck one dying note of thrilling power and beauty, to let men know what a goodly instrument He could make out of that broken harp, from which no music had ever come before.—Horatius Bonar

"A SYSTEMATIC STUDY OF BIBLE DOCTRINE"

By T. P. SIMMONS, Ashland, Kentucky

BEARING FRUIT

"The remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward" (Isa. 37:31).

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