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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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More About Mormon Practices And Heresies

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Under this subject I feel that it would be well, if space permitted, to take up some of the escapades of the early leaders of the Mormon Church, especially Joseph Smith, the Seer and prophet—the man who is to be exalted above Jesus Christ in heaven. We could show the fraudulent methods used by him in Kirtland, Ohio, in his "store" and "bank"; why he had to leave Kirtland in the night, to escape the wrath of the people, and never return; and how he proposed to "inherit" the land in which they settled in Independence, Mo., thus intending to take it by force from its rightful owners as soon as their numbers became strong enough.

This was proclaimed through revelation, and they preached it and talked it until the people rose up in arms and drove them from their midst. Practically the same thing happened in Far West, Mo., and at Nauvoo, Ill.

But I consider it more essential that we take up something that is going on every day—things that are, it seems to me, the most abominable and blasphemous that humans, led directly by the hand of the Devil could devise. I am referring to the Temple Rites.

When the Mormons located at Nauvoo, Ill., they purchased a large tract of land from a Dr. Isaac Galland, who, Governor Ford says, in his History of Illinois, was a "notorious horse

thief and counterfeiter, belonging to the Mossac gang." This Dr. Galland joined the Mormons more, it seems, as a cloak than because he believed in the divine authority of their teachings, as in a letter, written from Cincinnati and published in the "Times and Seasons," Volume II, Page 227, he states that he cannot understand why their religious views are not based on truth. In view of this fact, he goes on to say that they "want a Temple that for size, proportions, and style shall attract, surprise and dazzle all beholders," something "unique externally, and in the interior peculiar, imposing and grand."

The Mormon Temples of today surely do "attract, surprise (Continued on page four)

Lots Of Folk Who Take This Paper Are Like These

500 Spring Street
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The Baptist Examiner
Russell, Kentucky
Dear Brother Gilpin:

I have been receiving The Baptist Examiner for more than one year now and since I have enjoyed it so very much I feel like it's at least my duty to drop you a line and tell you that I do appreciate the paper. I don't know who is responsible for sending it to me but I am thankful for the opportunity which has been mine to read a paper that contains so much truth.

I have been a Christian since July 1944 and I have enjoyed my life since then even if I have been in prison all that time. I have started on my sixth year behind bars now but the time seems to roll by fast and I get along nicely as everyone here has been nice to me.

I'm only a prisoner and a sinner saved by grace and I am indeed sorry that I am not in position to send you a donation at the present but hope to be in the near future. I'm requesting the prayers of you and all there and please remember that even though I don't have any

money to send and even though I am in prison, I do enjoy reading your good paper.

God's blessings to you all. A brother in Christ.
49288 Dover M. Dillon

Klay, Liberia, Africa

My Dear Bro. Gilpin:

God bless you. Many thanks for The Baptist Examiner. Your paper has been of much help to me. I do not know how you got my address for I am under no board, except the board of Heaven.

I am a son of American slaves. My grandfather on my mother's side was brought from the west coast of Africa. I learned this from my mother in 1891. It was then I promised God that if He would bring me into manhood that I would come back to my grandfather's country and preach the Gospel of Christ. I educated myself and came out here 46 years ago, trusting God alone. He has not failed me once. Yes, I have failed Him to my sorrow. I have baptized and educated many since I have been here and am still in His employment. My little mission in a small way is self-support- (Continued on page four)

Lessons From Abijah

In 2 Chronicles 13 there is given a brief account of the three-years' reign of Abijah, the son of Rehoboam, as king of Judah. There was a war between Israel under King Jeroboam, and Judah under King Abijah. And Abijah, as the account shows, having arrayed 400,000 men against Jeroboam's forces, stood up on Mount Zemaraim and declared to Jeroboam how God had given the kingdom of all Israel to David and his sons (Abijah himself being David's grandson through Solomon) for ever, and derided Jeroboam for withstanding the kingdom of the Lord and for idolatrous practices. Abijah also testified to Jeroboam as to Judah's trust in the Lord: "But as for us, the Lord is our God, and we have not forsaken Him" (vs. 10). In the battle that followed, Abijah and Judah were victorious, slaying 500,000 men of Israel, neither did Jeroboam recover

strength again in the days of Abijah" (v. 20). How was it that Abijah emerged triumphantly? The record tells us: "Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the Lord God of their fathers" (v. 18). It was God who delivered Jeroboam into Abijah's hand.

Were this all that we knew about Abijah we should think that here, indeed, was a godly man, a great champion of the truth. But the Word of God does not gloss over the lives of its characters; it paints them in true colors, noting their sins as well as their deeds of approbation. Thus it is that we find Abijah to have been guilty of that which is common to all, "for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).

One of the first things record-

ed of Abijah is that "he walked in all the sins of his father (Rehoboam), which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father" (1 Kings 15:3). And when Abijah died, it is written of his son, Asa, who reigned in his stead: "And Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God: for he took away the altars of the strange gods, and the high places, and brake down the

images, and cut down the groves; and commanded Judah to seek the Lord God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment" (2 Chron. 14:2-4). The altars of strange gods, and high places, and images, and groves were erected either by Abijah, or by Rehoboam, his father; in any event, they existed in the lifetime of Abijah and during his reign.

The first lesson that we learn from the character and experience of Abijah is that it is quite possible to speak the truth and not to live it. Abijah spoke quite eloquently against the idolatry of Israel, but Judah was filled with idols and evil practices. Standing before men, his own people and his enemies, Abijah proclaimed himself the servant of the Most High God, but he did not honor God in his own heart. It is no less possible to deceive ourselves and others today as Abijah deluded

himself and his contemporaries at Mount Zemaraim. But God is not mocked. He knew the heart of Abijah, and He knows our hearts now. "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord," the Lord Jesus declared, "shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in Heaven" (Matt. 7:21). And even among those who know the Lord in truth as Saviour and Lord, there is sometimes self-deceit and sham. All too frequently that which is said to be done in Christ's name is actually done in the flesh, and, sad to say, there are many times when, by our intimations that we are men and women of prayer and deep spirituality when such is not the case at all, we are as guilty of sinning as Abijah was of old.

"But," some one will interpose, "did not Abijah act as Jehovah's champion when he withstood Jeroboam? Did he not (Continued on page four)

Tribulation In China

"We hear too little of the Chinese martyrs of today," says Thomas Cochran, in "World Dominion."

"One day the veil may be lifted. Recently a Chinese helped a missionary, and he was asked by the Communists, 'Are you a Christian?'"

"Yes, I am," he said. "How did this Christ whom you follow die?" was the next question.

"Well," they said, "we will teach you not to believe in Him. You too shall be crucified."

"They took him and crucified him. Three days later his father came and begged his son's body to bury it."

"Are you also a Christian?" he was asked.

"Yes," he replied.

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The First Baptist Pulpit

"CONFIDENCE AND ASSURANCE"

"I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."—II Tim. 1:12.

I am sure that you will agree with me that the value of any article depends upon the knowledge that you possess it. You may have much money in your pocket but if you don't know it is there, there is no value in it to you. What good would it be to have a pocketbook filled with bills if you didn't know you had it?

Here is a fellow down at the

Y. M. C. A. who hasn't had a good meal for hours. He says that he has no money, and he is hungry and is most desirous of food. He has a meal ticket in his pocket, but he doesn't know he has it. Thus he is starving to death because of the lack of knowledge of that book of meal tickets.

Here is a fellow who is shivering in the cold. That man doesn't know that he has an overcoat at home. He is freezing all because he doesn't know that he owns an overcoat.

The value of money depends

upon your knowledge of its possession. The value of the book of meal tickets depends upon your knowledge of your possession of it. The value of an overcoat depends upon your knowledge of your possession of it. So it is with salvation. The value of it, beloved, is in the knowledge of its possession, and the man who doesn't know he is saved and doesn't have the assurance of salvation, certainly doesn't have much value from the profession of faith that he has made.

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Recommends Sin

A joint committee on psychiatry and the law, appointed by the British Medical Association and the Magistrate Association, in its report on "the criminal law and social offenders," recommends that homosexual practices, if done in private, should not be punishable at all.—"Dawn."

This is open sanction of sodomy. This sin brought one of the strongest indictments in Old Testament times, for it was Sodom and Gomorrah that were annihilated through God's judgment of fire and brimstone. "The same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed" (Luke 17:29).

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Confidence & Assurance

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I don't know of any text in all the Bible that ought to give more confidence or more assurance than the text which I have just read, when Paul says: "For the which I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

I

WHERE IT IS THAT OUR FAITH IS TO BE PLACED? Paul says, "I know WHOM I have believed." He doesn't say, "I know what I believe" or "I know where I believe," but rather he says, "I know whom I have believed." Paul hadn't believed in an ordinance, or any creed, or any church, but he had believed in a Person, so that he said, "I know whom I have believed." Beloved, any individual that has been saved must have believed in a person, not an ordinance, not a creed, not a church, but a person—the person of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. For any man to be saved he must have put his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, for salvation is not a system of theology, but it is the Person of the Son of God Himself. Listen: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for HE SHALL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR

SINS."—Mt. 1:21.

Beloved, the only one that can save you from your sins is the Lord Jesus Christ who came into this world and was born of the virgin Mary in order that He might save His people from their sins. Notice also:

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David A SAVIOUR, which is Christ the Lord."—Luke 2:10, 11.

The only one that can be called a Saviour is Jesus Christ Himself. No man was ever saved by joining this church or any church. No man was ever saved by being baptized in any manner whatsoever. No man was ever saved by partaking of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. No man was ever saved by any works that he ever did. Our Saviour, beloved, is the Lord Jesus Christ. The Scripture which I have just read tells us how the angel of the Lord announced His birth from the skies and then they declared concerning the Lord Jesus that He was a Saviour who had been born in the city of David.

In the book of Luke we read:

"And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: FOR MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THY SALVATION."—Luke 2:25-30.

The one of whom this text speaks is Simeon. Just what his business and what his duties were I do not know. However, it had been revealed to him that he, Simeon, was not to die until

he had seen the Lord's Christ. The Spirit of God led him in through one door of the temple while the Spirit of God led the parents of Jesus in through another door of the temple. Simeon, likewise being led of the Spirit of God, took the baby Jesus into his arms, and said, "Lord, I am ready to die. You have kept your word. You said that I wasn't to die until I might see your Christ. Now, Lord, let me depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation."

Beloved, what is salvation? It is not a principle, nor a doctrine, nor a creed. Salvation is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let me read to you again that you might see the same truth. Listen:

"And Jesus said unto him, This day is SALVATION come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."—Luke 19:9, 10.

Beloved, I am trying to drive home to your heart that the only Saviour is Jesus Christ. I want you to see that we are to put our faith in the Son of God. Paul said, "I know whom I have believed," as if to say that his faith had been placed in a person instead of a system or a group of religious doctrines. I want you to see that in order to be saved, an individual must see that Christ is the Saviour who came to die for sin. You will never find another Saviour but the Lord Jesus Christ. Let me read you another verse in this respect.

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."—Acts 4:12.

If this were the only verse in all the Bible, I'd know that all other systems of religion and all other plans of salvation were false, if they excluded the Lord Jesus Christ as the one whereby to be saved. There is no other name, no other plan whereby you can be saved except through the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

For more than twenty years from this pulpit has sounded out this same message. I have never preached anything else. In spite of it, I am amazed, and I am surprised, and to a certain extent disgusted. Every once in a while I hear it said that a man has to be a member of a Baptist church in order to be saved. Beloved, church membership won't save any man. Baptism won't save any man. A good life won't save you. Keeping the Ten Commandments won't save you. There is just one Saviour—the Lord Jesus Christ, who died on the Cross of Calvary for our sins.

II

WHEN ONE'S FAITH IS PLACED IN CHRIST, IT BRINGS A KNOWLEDGE OF SALVATION. Paul said, "I know whom I have believed." He didn't say, "I guess I'm saved," or "I guess I'm a Christian." He didn't say, "I hope I get to Heaven after awhile." He didn't say, "I joined the church and I have a hope that after awhile maybe I will be saved." Instead, he said, "I KNOW whom I have believed." When a person joins the church and is baptized and depends upon his works and his church membership, he has no assurance. When a person depends upon the Person of the Son of God, even Jesus Christ Himself, that man can say with Paul, "I KNOW whom I have believed." He has assurance then.

I wonder if I speak to someone today who says, "When I was a baby I was baptized into

my church, and I have grown up in that church and I guess I am saved." I wonder if I speak to someone today who says, "I made a profession when I was a child. Maybe I am saved. I hope I am." I wonder if I speak to someone who says, "I remember I heard a preacher say that Jesus died for sins, and I joined the church and I hope I am saved." Beloved, you are either saved or unsaved. I want you to go away from this house of God this morning knowing that you have become a child of God or else that you are still a child of the Devil. There is no need kidding yourself through life thinking maybe you are saved, saying, "I guess so," or "I hope so." You ought to know whether or not you are saved.

WE CAN KNOW WHETHER WE ARE SAVED BY THE WORD OF GOD. Listen:

"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting LIFE and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."—John 3:18, 36.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me HATH EVERLASTING LIFE."—John 6:47.

"And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing YE MIGHT HAVE LIFE THROUGH HIS NAME."—John 20:3, 31.

Have you believed on Him? If so, then you have life. If you haven't believed on Him, then you don't have life. A man can know that he is saved on the basis of the Word of God. It isn't a question of profession or confession. It isn't a question of praying. It isn't a question of baptism or a revelation that you saw something that was unusual. The question is, have you believed that Jesus Christ died on Calvary's Cross for every last one of your sins that you will ever commit from the time that you were born until the time that you die in this world? If you have believed that, you are saved; if you haven't believed it, you are a lost man.

We can not only know that we are saved by the Word of God, but WE CAN KNOW IT BY THE WITNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, because the Holy Spirit bears witness with God's people. Listen:

"The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."—Rom. 8:16.

Beloved, if you are a saved person, the Holy Spirit bears witness with your spirit so that you know you are a child of God.

I talked to a man a few days ago who said that he had had a great experience at the mourner's bench, and immediately I began to shy away from him. I just doubted whether he had ever had any experience with the Lord and as I talked with him I was further convinced that he hadn't. He told how that kneeling in prayer, the preacher came around and said, "Brother, you have prayed through." He said to me, "I guess I had, for I had prayed for an half an hour three or four nights in succession." He continued: "The preacher then said for me to get up and say that I was saved, and I did. Brother Gilpin, I tell you, it was a great experience." Listen, beloved, if that was

the only experience that I ever had, I'd know positively that I was on the road to Hell today. You don't have to have the preacher to tell you to get up and tell them you are saved. There is an inward monitor—the Holy Spirit—who tells people when they are saved. When the Holy Spirit calls a man and he sees the truth that Christ died for his sins, he doesn't need someone else to tell him that he has prayed long enough or that he has prayed loud enough or that he has prayed hard enough. The Holy Spirit Himself will tell him that he is a child of God.

WE CAN KNOW THAT WE ARE SAVED BY OUR OBEDIENCE. I don't say that a child of God is going to live perfectly every day of his Christian experience, for if I were thus to declare, I would contradict this Word of God. Any man who says that an individual can live perfectly every day of his life and never sin, is speaking contrary to the Word of God. I do say that if a man is saved, the general trend and tenor of his life is to live in obedience to God's Word. We know by our obedience whether or not we are saved. Listen:

"And hereby we do know that we know him, IF WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him."—I John 2:3-5.

Do you want to know whether or not you are saved? Here is the test. Do you rebel at any of His commandments? Not just the Ten Commandments, but the general teachings of all the Bible. Do you refuse to keep any of them? Do you absolutely say, "I won't do it?" Then, beloved, if you do, don't talk to me about the fact that you are saved. One way that you can know that you are saved is by your obedience to the Word of God.

Let me give you another reason whereby you can know that you are saved. WE CAN KNOW IT BY OUR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP. Listen:

"We know that we have passed from death unto life, BECAUSE WE LOVE THE BRETHREN. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death."—I John 3:14.

Let me ask you a question. Where would you rather be now, in a picture show or in the house of God? Where would you rather be, in a poker game or in a prayer meeting? Would you rather be with God's people or with the Devil's people. Beloved, the man who loves to come to God's house, the man who loves to be with God's people, the man who would rather be in this church with the people of God than be any other place in the world, that is mighty good evidence that that man has come to trust Jesus as his Saviour.

I am trying to help you to see that salvation is in a person—the person of Jesus, and that when you have put your faith in Him, that you have a knowledge of salvation.

III

HAVING PUT YOUR FAITH IN THE PERSON OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, IT NOT ONLY BRINGS YOU A KNOWLEDGE OF SALVATION, BUT IT GIVES YOU ASSURANCE.

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MY PRESENCE SHALL GO WITH THEE

(Ex. 33:14)

My presence shall go with thee.
Oh what a promise blest!
Through all life's stormy trials,
Through every bitter test;
Through every vale of sorrow,
Through every night of woe,
My Presence shall go with thee,
And peace thy heart may know.
My Presence shall go with thee,
However long the way;
However rough the journey,
However dark the day.
My strength shall be thy portion,
My Word shall be thy guide.
My Presence shall go with thee
Whatever may betide.
My Presence shall go with thee,—
Yea to the very end!
E'en through death's silent valley
Shall I thy path attend,
Till yonder in the Homeland.
My glory thou shalt see,
And in My holy Presence
Rest through eternity.

--Avis B. Christiansen

SNOW! BEAUTIFUL SNOW!



"Come now, let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as SNOW; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."
— Isaiah 1:18

Confidence & Assurance

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ASSURANCE THAT YOUR SALVATION IS ETERNAL. Beloved, the Lord doesn't save people today and let them go to hell tomorrow. Listen:

"And I give unto them ETERNAL LIFE; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."—John 1:28, 29.

When God saves a man after he has put his faith in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, that man is not only saved, but he has a knowledge of that salvation and he realizes that his salvation is eternal. Listen again:

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he de-
lighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: FOR THE LORD UP-
HOLDETH HIM WITH HIS HAND. For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; THEY ARE PRESERVED FOREVER."—Psalm 37:23, 24.
Beloved, can anything be gained? When God saves a man, that individual knows that he is saved, and when he reads the Word of God he knows that he is saved eternally and knows that he can't be lost after having once been saved.

I remember sometime ago when I was attending a church service (I wasn't doing the preaching), an individual made profession of faith and a number of folk went around to shake hands with this individual. I did myself. Though I wasn't a member of the church, I went up and shook hands to give this one a little word of encouragement, because of his profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. A woman just in front of me shook hands with

this young man who had just professed faith in Jesus, and said, "You have made a good start. I hope that you hold out faithful to the end." I reached over and took him by the hand and said, "Brother, you have made a good start but you can't hold out faithful to the end in yourself. Jesus Christ, whom you have trusted, will hold you out and when you have failed to hold out yourself, you will still find Jesus Christ holding on to you."

Beloved, as a child of God you ought to have the assurance that you are saved. Listen: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."—Rom. 8:38, 39.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, I have always been taught that a man can be saved and then be lost afterward. It is hard to believe anything else. I just want to believe that my mother told me right. I want to believe that my friends have told me right. I just want to believe that my preacher has preached the truth to me." Listen, beloved, do you want to believe your mother, your friends, or your preacher more than you want to believe God? Why don't you want to believe God? You say that you are saved; then if you are saved you ought to want to believe God and take His Word above everybody else's. God, in His Word, says that none of these things "shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

IV

HOW CAN THIS BE OUR EXPERIENCE? This was Paul's. He said, "I know whom I have believed. I have my faith in a person—that is, the Person of Jesus Christ." Beloved, how can this be your experience? Just like it was with Paul. Paul

A Timely And Appreciated Letter From E. A. Spencer

Five Islands, Maine,
June 20, 1949.

Dear Brother Gilpin:

After a score and more years in evangelism with many of the strongest, genuinely New Testament, Baptist Churches, and considerable acquaintance with denominational and independent Baptist papers, I can unreservedly state that THE BAPTIST EXAMINER fearlessly and uncompromisingly presents more orthodox truths, in its obvious "contention for THE Faith once delivered unto the Saints," than any other publication.

It has been a pleasure to forward many paid subscriptions to increase the circulation of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and I am enclosing a delayed contribution toward your present indebtedness, praying that many other Christians may likewise realize the inestimable MISSIONARY value of your paper in these obviously ominous times when undisciplined, unionizing, heresy defending, apostate churches—Synagogues of Satan," Rev. 2:9-13; I Jn. 2:15; Rom. 16:17, 18—are "heaping to themselves, because of their sinfully worldly lusts, teachers who willingly compromise Bible principles for an unoffensively easy, pension becalmed, FAITHLESS, denominational, position in a deceptive Zion. 2 Tim. 4:1-5.

My annual trips North find church and social conditions are getting continually and more rapidly "worse and worse," especially in the eastern portion

had made a committal. He said, "I know that he is able to keep THAT WHICH I HAVE COMMITTED UNTO HIM against that day." If you want to have the same experience as the Apostle Paul, then you need to commit yourself wholly, fully, and entirely into the hands of the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour. Paul had renounced all dependence upon himself and had renounced all efforts in himself whereby he could be saved. He was no longer depending upon himself in any sense for salvation. He had renounced himself completely. Listen:

"Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but LOSS for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered THE LOSS OF ALL THINGS, AND DO COUNT THEM BUT DUNG, that I may win Christ."

"And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith."—Phil. 3:8, 9.

You can never be saved until you come to the same place that Paul came to. You can no longer depend upon yourself, or upon your church, or upon your baptism, or upon the works of the flesh, or living up to the Ten Commandments, or keeping the Golden Rule—you can no longer depend upon any of these, but you must completely renounce yourself and fully commit yourself into the hands of the Lord Jesus Christ. If you will commit yourself completely into the hands of God on seeing the truth that Christ died for your sins, then and now you are a child of God. The experience of Paul can be your experience, too. May God help you today to make a full surrender of yourself into the hands of Jesus as your Saviour.

May God bless you!

where daring Bible missionaries are NEEDED to counteract the leavening standardization of Pedo-Baptist heresies and heretics which have putrified many former Baptist institutions and made them ridiculously impotent. These HERETICAL Bible Schools and Colleges endeavor to appease the ARMINIANS and CALVINISTS—who actually can have little in common spiritually—and are mostly conglomerations of Pedo-Baptist traditionalists with a flavor of MODERN, "fundamental" (?) Scofieldism, which savagely anathematizes or coldly ostracizes those who dare to contend for the Faith of our Fathers and fails to pronounce their speculative Judistic "universal church," etc., shibboleths.



Eld. E. A. Spencer

Many unsuspectingly gullible youth are seeking after the foolish standardized wisdom of this world rather than a valued understanding of the more perfect wisdom of God. They seem to imagine the vain thing that MODERN, metamorphic, doubletalking, deceiving, worldly-wise professors, with a variety of college tags, can "interpret" the meaning of God's INFAL-LIBLE Word better than His Spirit which is given to all His children for a genuine understanding of Divine Truth. I Cor. 1:18—2:12; I Jn. 2:27.

I recently witnessed an unscriptural, denominationally Baptist (?), associational, ordi-

nation council, apart from the Church cooperation, a shockingly unbelievable mixture of Arminian, Campbellite, Scofield "universal Church" and semi-Calvinistic ministers, deal with a prospective victim for ordination. The heresy holding hierarchy seemed most anxious to keep the prospective preacher "UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE UNIONIZING, COMPROMISING, NORTHERN Baptist, UNITARIAN, FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES MONSTROSITY and it was sad to hear one pastor show his ignorance of Church Truth as he loudly justified, unscriptural OPEN COMMUNION—a comparatively MODERN thing even among New England Baptists—as "a FAMILY (?) PRIVILEGE" without regard to our Lord's RESTRICTIONS, 1 Cor. 11:18, 19, or an appreciation of the fact that THE CHURCH OF GOD, THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND THE FAMILY OF GOD ARE CLEARLY DIFFERENTIATED in the New Testament. Genuine Baptists "ought to obey GOD rather than man." Acts 5:29. For a Church to do otherwise is "TO LOSE IT'S CANDLES" though it DISHONESTLY wears the Baptist name. Rev. 2:5-16.

This modern humanitarian mixture is endeavoring to spread its PUTREFYING "leaven of hypocrisy" through all the land. The "Northern Baptist Convention voted to change its name to the American Baptist Convention, a move designed to MERGE ALL BAPTIST groups in the nation, effective at the 1950 convention in Boston, Mass. The convention voted unanimously to invite the SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION TO UNITE WITH THE NORTHERN CONVENTION UNDER THE NEW NAME. Delegates then voted AGAIN UNANIMOUSLY to make the MERGER all-inclusive by inviting all organized Baptist conventions in the continental United States—including bi-lingual groups and the two big Negro conventions."—Portland Press Herald, Portland, Maine, Friday, June 3, 1949. Not satisfied with its own

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NOT MY WILL

My God and Father, while I stray
Far from home, on life's rough way,
Oh! teach me from my heart to say,
"Thy will be done."

What tho' in lonely grief I sigh,
For friends beloved no longer nigh;
Submissive still will I reply,
"Thy will be done."

If thou shouldst call me to resign,
What most I prize—it ne'er was mine:
I only yield Thee what is Thine;
"Thy will be done."

Let but my fainting heart be blest
With Thy sweet Spirit for its Guest;
My God, to Thee I leave the rest;
"Thy will be done."

Though dark my path and sad my lot,
I will be still and murmur not;
And breathe the prayer divinely taught;
"Thy will be done."

Should pining sickness waste away,
My life in premature decay,
Father divine, I still will say,
"Thy will be done."

Mormon Practices

(Continued from page one) and dazzle all beholders." Their size varies in the different cities, the one in Salt Lake City being nearly 100 feet by 200 feet. The outer construction is of granite and the interior is finished to represent the different scenes in heaven, which are set in the most extravagant grandeur known to man. Its cost of construction was nearly \$4,000,000.00.

Upon entering the Temple one must present his recommend. This must be obtained by paying a certain amount of tithes and doing a certain amount of church work, thus working up to a Deacon, next a Teacher, and then an Elder. Then one goes to his Bishop and requests the recommend. The Bishop fills it out and signs it. It is then taken to the High Council Men over this particular district, who are supposed to investigate the applicant's record. When signed by them, it is presented at the Temple, with a fee of \$10.00. Absolutely no one is allowed at any time to enter the door of the Temple who is not a Mormon in good standing.

Tribulation In China

(Continued from page one) "So instead of giving the old man his son's body, they shot him on the spot. These and worse tragedies are taking place in China today."

According to "Christian Victory," a faithful Chinese preacher in Central China has written, "We are still safe in the city. In the country places many are being robbed, their houses burned, some are being killed, and the girls are being raped. Christian women are sleeping in the churches for safety. Horrible things are happening to women and girls. Therefore, the hair of the orphan girls is being cut, and they are dressed in boys' clothes."

We hear from some quarters hopeful reports of Communistic toleration of missionaries. We also read of missionaries who, with the approval of their boards, are remaining behind the bamboo prison. This may be the Lord's will. However, let none of the talk about Communistic toleration fool us. Atheistic Sovietism is not ready to embrace or even tolerate Christianity. There is serious trouble ahead in China for all who name the Name of Christ. There will, no doubt, be a great wave of martyrdom. Let us pray for these unfortunate people.

Spencer Letter

(Continued from page three) obvious deterioration with unitarian heresy the Northern Baptist Convention seeks to pull down the more orthodox Southern Baptists through this Satanic MERGER. Surely "the time is short . . . the night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us THEREFORE CAST OFF the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light," though, like Paul, we may know more bitter persecutions and be labeled "pestilent fellows, seditious, etc." Acts 24:14.

God bless you and yours as you fight a good fight of Faith. Yours in His service, Evangelist Earl A. Spencer. Phil. 3:8-14.

The recommend accepted, the party then passes into a room for worship, and then through a passageway into the Temple proper. Behind them large steel doors are closed and bolted, making further entrance or escape impossible. Here, because the room is Holy, all are stripped of their clothing; prayer is offered, and then they enter into a room called the "Fountain of Baths." Here they are bathed in large marble tubs mounted on the backs of golden oxen. At either end of these tubs stand large golden angels reaching forth and blessing the water. After being bathed and wiped dry by attendants, each one is placed upon an altar; the priest then comes with a ram's horn containing olive oil and anoints the secret parts and blesses them that they may be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and thus fulfill the mission of their creation.

Then, being led into a room black as night, one soon hears a voice in the stillness saying: Here is space and here is matter, unorganized; let us go down and create an earth." "We will go down," a voice replies. Soon from a different location a voice says: "Now let us go back and make a report of the work of the first day." This is repeated six times, representing the six days of creation recorded in Genesis. Again the voice is heard: "Let there be light." Simultaneously the room is lighted and the party finds finds themselves in the GARDEN OF EDEN!

Soon Eve, the mother of the human race, is seen walking in the garden. Presently a man is seen close by her side talking with her. This is Satan. He tells Eve of the forbidden fruit. Eve discovers she is nude. Adam is now seen walking in another part of the garden. Eve goes to him at once and imparts to him the information she has gained. They at once hide themselves in the bushes and are supposed to be reproducing themselves upon the earth. Mormonism teaches that the forbidden fruit was sexual intercourse, and that in order for Adam to fulfill the command to replenish the earth he HAD TO SIN.

Lightning and a clap of thunder cause the gaze to be directed upward, and two men are seen descending as though right out of heaven. One is God the Father (Elohim) the other Jesus Christ (Jehovah). They look for Adam but do not see him.

"Adam, where are thou?" Elohim calls, but no answer. He calls again and Adam answers.

"Lord, I am afraid to come out because I am naked."

"Who told thee that thou wert naked?" the Lord asks.

"I have learned from Eve," Adam replies, "the thing which thou forbiddest."

"Because thou hast done this thou shalt be cast from the garden, and thou shalt be caused to suffer." Then God tells him: "But because you have done this, ye shall become Gods like us."

The lights are switched off and the two gods ascend back into heaven illuminated brilliantly as they go up. When the lights are again turned on the scene is transformed. The garden, once so peaceful and beautiful, has become a desert. The animals, so contented but a few minutes before, are now fighting and everything is in a state of disorder. Again a voice is heard clear and distinct: "In the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread."

In the room of The Altar of Covenants each one is compelled to take the oath of revenge against our nation, which is as

follows: "You and each of you covenant and promise that you will pray and never cease to pray Almighty God to avenge the blood of the Prophets upon this nation, and that you will teach the same to your children, and to your children's children unto the third and fourth generations." See Senate report 4253 Part 1, 59th Congress.

The hand of every man and woman that passes through the temple is raised in acceptance of this solemn vow of vengeance against the land in which we live. Furthermore, to keep them ever in remembrance of this vow and the fact that they are not to tell any single thing that they have seen or heard while inside the temple, there is placed upon each one a garment of underwear that has holes cut in it, over the heart, over the lungs, across the stomach, and at the knees. This is to remind them that they are to have their throats cut from ear to ear, their heart and lungs cut out, their bowels rolled on the ground, and their legs severed at the knees if they break these vows. These suits they wear every minute until they die. Every new suit has these holes cut in it and worked with a button-hole stitch before they are ever put on. My wife has prepared many of these suits.

These people say that Malachi 4:5 refers to Joseph Smith, and that the word "turn" in the next verse is a mistranslation. It should be "bind" or "seal;" and read thus, "And he shall 'seal' the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers." "Sealing" is another of their great practices. This is done in many different ways, preferably at marriage. Every Mormon is advised to (and, if he is a good, true Mormon, he will) be married in the temple; then his wife and his children are automatically sealed to him in the new earth. If they are not married in the temple, they can be remarried and sealed at a later date, provided they are both good Mormons. If they are not, they must wait till the lost one dies. For instance, let us suppose, that good sister Jones wishes to have the same husband in heaven that she has here, but that he is an unbeliever in her ideas. She will wait till he dies and then get some good devout brother to go with her through the temple and be married (by proxy). Mr. Jones, who went directly to hell, is now released and takes his place in heaven to await the coming of his good wife. In case she should die first, then after they are both gone, one in heaven, the other in hell, some good man and woman get together—go through the temple, are married and sealed, and then the wife, who has been waiting in heaven all this time wishing that her husband would hurry along, is contented at last.

Wife knows of a case where a couple were engaged and both died. Shortly, one of the leaders in the church received a message from the parties in heaven, saying that they were waiting for them, down here, to perform the marriage ceremony so they could be together up there. Forthwith, a couple went through the temple and were married for them.

Baptism for the dead is also a great work. If any new convert happens to have a list of their ancestors back for four or five hundred years, it is a matter of great rejoicing. For this they have a large baptismal bowl about the size of an ordinary living room. It is made

of very costly marble as white as snow, and is mounted on the backs of four large golden oxen standing in the center of a spacious room. Leading up to and into it is a stairway. Across from this is another stairway leading up out of the water to a chair facing the water. Behind this, a step or two higher up, are two more chairs facing the water.

Two persons are taken into the water at a time. Number one is baptized (immersed) and mounts the steps and sits in the chair. Behind, in two chairs above, are two priests who place their hands upon her and bless her and confirm her in the name of John Smith, or whoever the dead person might have been. While this is being done number two has been baptized and they now exchange places. Number two is confirmed in the name of Jack Smith, while number one is rebaptized. This rotation is kept up till the substitute can stand it no longer. My wife stood it thirty-six times.

Each time she was baptized some poor sinner suffering in hell was released and took his place in glory. If this sounds like the plan of salvation to you, reader, here is a chance for you to do some real soul winning. Just think a minute—thirty-six souls released from hell and sent to heaven in just a few minutes.

My wife at one time was a good Mormon. She has been sealed to her parents, and "cannot be lost." But now that she has apostatized she will of course go to hell at death. But she will only be there a few days; some of her folks will run over to the temple and be baptized for her, and she'll be at once admitted into the presence of her parents in heaven. I doubt, however, if any of them will do anything for me.

A Correction

In the latter part of my first article, in discussing the Spaulding Manuscript, I made the statement that this Manuscript had not been seen since the appearance of the Book of Mormon. This statement is not exactly correct. Previous to the time that the people of Conneaut began a search for this Manuscript, a man by the name of D. P. Hurlbut presented himself before Mrs. Davidson (Spaulding's widow) and stated that, leaving the Methodists, he had joined the Mormons, and that, having left the Mormons, he had been expelled by them. He also said that he had been sent by a committee to secure the Manuscript for the purpose of comparing it with the Book of Mormon. The Manuscript was at this time in an old trunk in the possession of George Clark at Hartwick, N. Y., where it had been stored. Mrs. Davidson was at this time with her daughter, Mrs. McKinstry, at Monson, Mass. She says that she felt some misgivings, but, as Mr. Hurlbut carried an introduction from her brother, she gave him an order authorizing Mr. Clark to let him have the Manuscript. Hurlbut promised Mrs. Davidson that as soon as the comparison had been accomplished, the Manuscript would be returned, but this promise was never fulfilled; and the Manuscript has not been heard of since. The purpose of the borrowing of the Manuscript can be readily seen.

(This is to be followed by a fourth article by Brother Shafer in which he discusses Mormon Teachings.—Editor).

OUR DEBT

The following contributions toward our debt have been received during the past week:

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This leaves our debt standing at \$2,490.49 as of August 10.

Lessons From Abijah

(Continued from page one) trust in the Lord for victory? And do we not read that God delivered Israel into his hands and the hands of the children of Judah? Indeed, this is true. "Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the Lord God of their fathers" (2 Chron. 13:18). And here is our second lesson from the character and experience of Abijah. God is Sovereign. His purpose will be wrought out in spite of us, as well as because of us. God honors His Word, even though it be spoken by an infidel; for the power of the Word is in its source, and not in its channel. Balaam "loved the wages of unrighteousness" (2 Peter 2:15), yet he prophesied of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ (Num. 24:15-19). God expects His people to be obedient. He desires clean channels of blessing. His Word will be most fruitful, generally, when handled by pure hands. But, thank God, its power is not wholly dependent upon the worthiness of His servants, else how could it ever prosper?—Our Hope

Lots Of Folk Who Take This Paper Are Like These

(Continued from page one) ing. I am a farmer and I raise 90 per cent of all the food I eat. God has said, through Paul, if you do not work, neither shall you eat. I came out here to teach the African to make an honest living from the earth and it's being done under God. I've gone right back in the forest and ran the elephants away and built a large mud hut and started life right among the native Africans. Now I have a number of boys and girls (31 or more) under daily training and feed and clothe them. We and I grow citrus fruits and work. I grow chickens and rubber. The proceeds run the mission. The outlook is promising for Africa. Do look is promising for Africa. Do pray for me that I remain faithful in God's hands. My health is fine. I will be 70 my next birthday. A knowledge of medicine has been a wonderful asset to my work. Please keep sending me The Examiner. God will pay you. I have never had a salary since I have been on the mission field. I am only passing on what God gives me.

I shall be glad to hear from you. Am here in your stead, H. H. Jones

IN VIEW OF TESTIMONIES LIKE THESE DON'T YOU WANT TO HELP US KEEP THIS PAPER IN THE MAILS UNTIL JESUS COMES IN THE AIR?