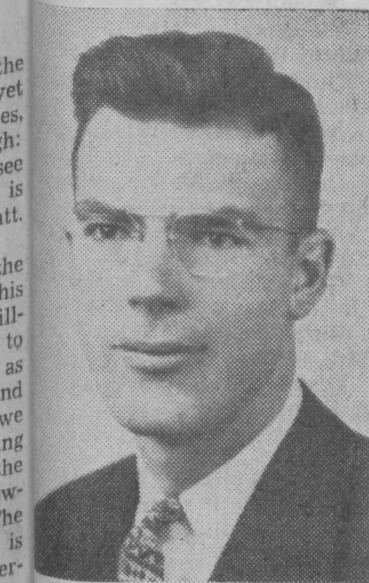


# Plans For Annual Thanksgiving Day Services Completed



ELD. ROBERT GUELICH

One of the great seasons of the year for the saints of Russell — Thanksgiving — is rapidly approaching, and we rejoice to announce Bro. Robert Guelich as pre-Thanksgiving speaker. No church and pastor has more for which to thank God than we, as this is our 21st annual Thanksgiving service together.

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## WE SHAVE NOW BY THE COMPLIMENTS OF BURMA-SHAVE

October 5, 1949

John R. Gilpin, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Russell, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Gilpin:

Many thanks for your friendly letter of September 10th and the issue of the "Baptist Examiner" (T. B. E. of Sept. 3, 1949) which was enclosed. We were very glad to hear that a theme suggested on the Burma-Shave signs was used as a subject of a sermon. No doubt many of our signs have been made subjects of sermons, especially some of our safety jingles which we have used on the highways.

We are sending you a large box of Burma-Shave with our compliments.

The thoughtfulness and consideration which prompted your letter was very much appreciated. (Continued on page four)

## NEVER AGAIN

A certain titled British gentleman was converted. He loved the Lord a great deal, but he was not well read in the scriptures. He thought that he would continue in some of his worldly engagements and still hear a good testimony.

On an occasion some weeks later he gave his heart to the Lord, this man accepted an invitation to a very worldly party. Upon his arrival, one of the guests greeted him with these words: "I'm so glad to see you and to know that it isn't true." "I beg your pardon," he replied, "but I think I don't quite understand you."

"Why," said the other guest, "summers were around that you" (Continued on page two)

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## The Slump In Morals

By L. D. KENNEDY, Pastor  
Macedonia Baptist Church,  
Ripley, Tenn.

("This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come."—II Tim. 3:1).

Our subject suggests three principal thoughts: (1) The Corrupt Condition, (2) The Complex Cause, (3) The Competent Cure. First, let us note—

I. The Corrupt Condition of American Morals.

Godless days are here again! Our nation, founded upon the principles of holiness and righteousness is now suffering from a depressing moral slump, closely akin to that which produced the downfall of France. The passion for pleasure, the love of the licentious, the mania for money are the deadly viruses which have infected our American people. Impurity of thought,

uncleanliness of life, and dishonesty in business which a few decades ago were violently condemned are now not only tolerated but openly condoned.

This dreadful moral decline not only characterizes those professing no faith in Christ, but it also has fastened its gruesome tendrils upon thousands of Christians and church members. The policy of "the god of this world" is to vitiate the appetites of God's children for all healthy spiritual enjoyments by treating them with sensuous stimulants. One who becomes addicted to the use of stimulants soon loses his appetite for wholesome food, and what food is forced upon him must be administered in tabloid form. Consequently the Churches of our Lord are empty, while the houses of pleasure are crowded. The theatres, the

dance halls, the beer taverns, the night clubs, and road houses are packed every night. As a people we are bowing before the god of sensual pleasure, not the God of heaven.

The Devil has set a sumptuous, alluring table before our young people. They are confronted with the tempting dishes of popularity, pleasure, worldly acclaim, and riches. Then Satan slyly suggests that they may have all these things if they will sacrifice a few of their convictions and lower their moral standards a little. After all, he tells them, they can easily interpret the Bible to make it conform to their own desires and actions. Multitudes of American youth find Satan's appeal irresistible. This age is consequently characterized by a ris-

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# Lectures On "The Trail Of Blood" Are Given In Russell



ELD. T. P. SIMMONS

The last night of October and the first three nights of November, the First Baptist Church of Russell was blessed by the ministry of Eld. T. P. Simmons speaking on "The Trail Of Blood."

These lectures, which have been delivered many times by Bro. Simmons, trace Baptist history from the days of Jesus (Continued on page four)

## Why I Oppose Dancing

By ELDER C. F. THOMAS  
Wheatland, Wyoming

Condensed from Park Hill  
Baptist Church Bulletin

Dancing church members are called hypocrites.

According to dancing masters, 75 per cent of all fallen girls started at the dance.

It brings shame on the church. If dancing did not hurt me, my influence might cause another to be lost.

Dancing Christians make the poorest workers in the church.

Dancing is contrary to the whole Bible in so far as the Spirit is concerned.

The dance originated in a house of prostitution, and never was danced outside of such a place for the first hundred years.

The dance is the only place where the vilest of men can em-

brace the purest of womanhood with the approval of society.

Dancing is the only amusement that depends for its existence upon the mingling of the sexes. Separate the sexes and the dance is dead!

The dance has been more deadly to the church than the saloon.

There are no soul-winning dancing Christians.

I couldn't pray at a dance. Could you?

I wouldn't enjoy reading my Bible at a dance. Would you?

### Mused Uncle Mose

Job Simpson's boy goin' down town to dat so-ciety church. He don' 'zackly b'long to dat chu'ch, but he on dey bas'et ball team, and he say dat jes' 'buot de same t'ing.

The dance is the barrier between thousands and Christ.

Dancing destroys a Christian's testimony, usefulness and influence.

I can't think why a Christian should indulge in the dance? Can you?

Dancing would not be tolerated in a minister of the gospel. Are there two standards?

Any woman who dances cheapens herself in the estimation of the best men of the town and community.

If a man who dances were to embrace a girl on the street as he does under the strains of the orchestra, it would be wrong. Can music make a thing right that is otherwise wrong?

Dancing has often been used as a last resort in ruining a girl when all other methods failed.

Dancing has created a condi-

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## THE TRUE AND THE FALSE WAYS OF WORSHIPPING GOD

ELD. ROY MASON  
Tampa, Florida

There is much confusion concerning what constitutes the worship of God, and it is well for us to make a brief study of the question of worship.

All tribes and nations of people have believed in and practiced some form of worship. This results from the fact that the belief in a god of some kind is universal. It is but reasonable to believe that someone made the things that we see about us. Before we take up what constitutes true worship, let us consider some false ideas.

1. The worship of all kinds of idols. What does the Bible say about this (see Levit. 26:1; Deut. 7:25; Isa. 42:8). How do these teachings compare with the practices of Catholicism? Read Isa. 40:18-28 for the contrast between the true God, and the gods of men's imagination. (Continued on page four)

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "FEAR"

"Perfect love casteth out fear." —I John 4:18.

Several months ago I was called over to the hospital in Ironton to visit a man whom I was told was ill. The man who called me said, "Dad is dying. He is unsaved and I want you to talk with him." I went over to the hospital as quickly as I could, and as I stood there beside that man's bed to witness to him for his last opportunity concerning Jesus Christ, it didn't take but a glance for me to realize that he was dying. In fact, I doubt seriously if he heard but little of what I had to say to him

that day. I read him two or three verses from God's Word and prayed with him. When I dropped his hand back on the bed after I had closed my prayer, I realized that I had been praying with a dead man, for he had died as I was praying.

I am wondering, beloved, as I preach to you if I could not likewise say today that I am preaching to dead men and dead women. The difference is that that man was dead physically while you are alive physically, but dead spiritually. Listen: "And you hath he quickened,

who were DEAD in trespasses and sins."—Eph. 2:1.

Everyone who is saved today was once like the Ephesian Christians. Paul reminded them that prior to their salvation they were spiritually dead. If you are saved, once you too were spiritually dead, and if you are a lost sinner, you are right now dead spiritually unto God. Listen:

"And you, BEING DEAD IN YOUR SINS and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses."—Col. 2:13.

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### T. B. E. APPRECIATED

"I want to say that THE BAPTIST EXAMINER will always be a must in my religious papers, as I enjoy every issue.

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"I hope to be able sometime in the near future to make some offerings to your work. May God bless your great efforts."

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,  
Malcolm E. Tompkins,  
Raiford Florida



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## Never Again

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had been converted a few weeks ago, I'm so glad you're here and to know, therefore, that the rumor was unfounded."

"But it is true!" the dumb-founded man ejaculated. Hesitating a moment, he added: "I see that you think this party is no place for a Christian to be. And you are right. You will never again see me at such an affair, nor will anyone else." And bidding his host and hostess adieu, he departed from his last worldly engagement.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17).



## "Fear"

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In Jude 12 Jude refers to those who are twice dead. How can any individual be twice dead? The answer is obvious, beloved. Every unsaved person who has died physically is then twice dead. He is physically dead and he is spiritually dead. Whenever you see a corpse brought into this building and you stand and look down into the face of that one who has died without Christ, you can say that that man is twice dead in the sight of God—dead physically and dead spiritually.

Beloved, the only way a spiritually dead man can be made alive is for the spirit of God to work within him. You can't be made spiritually alive by reformation and neither can you make yourself spiritually alive by "turning over a new leaf." The church nor the preacher can't make you spiritually alive, but, beloved, God can do this very thing. Listen:

"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."—John 6:44.

The only way that any man can come to God, or that any man can be saved, or that any man who is spiritually dead can be made spiritually alive, is for the Son of God to draw that man unto the Lord Jesus Christ. With this thought in mind, beloved, that the only way that one can be saved is by the wooing and the effectual drawing of the Holy Spirit—with this thought in mind I come to you this morning to talk to you concerning fear.

### I

THE FEAR OF MAN BRINGS A SNARE. Listen:

"The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe."—Prov. 29:25.

When I was a boy growing up on a farm, I used to trap wild animals in the fall and winter. Many a time I've gone out with my stagen and pocket knife and have set snares for wild animals. If that animal bit at the bait

which I left at the snare, it meant that animal would be hanging by his neck at the top of the bush which I had cautiously pulled over and tied down with the stagen of my snare. In other words, if he got his neck in that snare, he was brought to death, to destruction, and to ruin.

"The fear of man bringeth a snare." That is, the fear of man brings men to destruction and to their own ruin.

Let me give you an illustration: Here is a young fellow who has been brought up very cautiously and carefully, and who has been warned against the evils of drink. In the days of his early years he has been warned by Godly parents of the evils of spirituous liquors, and when he goes away from home he has a good background built up against strong drinks. Of course, after a while he becomes acquainted with new friends and new companions in his new location. One evening when they are together one of them proposed that they get something to drink. This lad draws back from it at once saying that he has a conscience against strong drink. The others say, "Well, a little drink won't hurt anybody," and they laugh at this boy who had a conscience that had been built up through the years against strong drink. Finally, they refer to him as a "Sunday School boy" and a "mamma's boy" because he refused to take a drink. Rather than be laughed at—because of

the evils of gambling. But this lad after he was grown and gone away from home, met with companions who one night in playing a game of cards, proposed that they make it more interesting by wagering a little on the side. Immediately this lad revolted at the idea and said that he was brought up against it. They said that it wasn't a question of gambling for money, that they would only gamble a nickel or dime at a time. The lad said, "It isn't a question of money, it is the principle back of it. It is gambling just the same." Finally, they laughed at him and referred to him as a "cheap skate" until he joined them in playing. It was the fear of man that caused him to do so. That gambling that night led to greater gambling and this lad who was a teller in a bank at that time, sooner or later found himself hopelessly involved with gambling debts and stole money from that bank and spent time behind bars in the state penitentiary, all because others laughed at him and urged him on. It was the fear of man that brought destruction to this lad.

What is true concerning him, beloved, is true of many a boy and girl through the years. It is true, as stated within the Word of God, that "the fear of man bringeth a snare." Many an individual goes to ruin and is brought to desolation and to destruction all because he is not able to withstand the fear of man.

### II

FEAR IS THE CHARACTERISTIC OF THE UNSAVED.

In the early chapters of Genesis we find Adam in perfect fellowship with God. In the cool of the day God came down and walked in the Garden of Eden and Adam, hurrying at once into the presence of God the Father, walked hand in hand in sweet fellowship with God. But one day Adam sinned and when God came down to walk in the Garden, Adam failed to keep his appointment. The fellowship had been broken and Adam hides himself from the presence of God. When God calls for him, Adam said, "I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."—Genesis 3:10.

Adam was afraid of God, and what was true of Adam is true of every one of Adam's fallen descendants down to this hour. An unsaved man is afraid of God. No unsaved man wants to think about God. No unsaved man wants to come to church for fear that he will be brought face to face with God. No unsaved man wants to come to the time of death because he knows

that it will bring him into the direct presence of God. From the day of Adam down to this, fear of God is characteristic of every unsaved man.

I'll give you a second illustration: King Saul was a remarkable character, but it got to the place that God would not answer him, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets." In other words, King Saul could not get in communication with God. When God refused to answer him, Saul went to a fortune teller—a medium of the Devil—and there received a message as to what was going to happen the next day in the battle of Mount Gilboa. He and his family were going to be slain. Notice, beloved, what effect this had on Saul.

"And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was AFRAID, and his heart greatly trembled. Then Saul fell straightaway all along on the earth, and was SORE AFRAID, because of the words of Samuel."—1 Sam. 28:5, 20.

The day before, Saul had seen the host of the enemy encamped in the valley below him, and he now heard the message that he and his family were all going to die because of sin. He not only was afraid, but he fell on the ground and trembled. I tell you, beloved, fear of God is a characteristic of every unsaved person.

I'll give you another illustration within the Bible. When the apostle Paul was arrested, he was tried several times by Felix, Festus, Agrippa and others. One day when Paul stood before Felix, it wasn't Paul before Felix—actually it became Felix before Paul. Instead of Paul making a defense for himself, he preached the Word of God. Listen:

"And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, FELIX TREMBLED, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee."—Acts 24:25.

It didn't suit Felix for Paul to talk about righteousness and temperance. Felix knew that he wasn't righteous and that his life had been a very intemperate one. When Paul began to talk about judgment to come, Felix rose up right in the middle of the sermon and said, "Wait, wait, go thy way. When I have a convenient season I'll call for you. I don't like to think about the judgment to come. I don't like to think about meeting God at the judgment."

Brother, sister, I say to you this morning, fear of God is a characteristic of every unsaved person that is in the world.

### III

EVERY PERSON WHO IS AFRAID OF HELL IS GOING TO HELL. We have positive proof of this in God's Word. Listen:

"But the FEARFUL, and unbelieving, and the abominable and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers and idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."—Rev. 21:8.

Who heads up the list of these whom the Lord says is spending their eternity in Hell? The fearful—that man who is afraid he is going to Hell.

Every once in a while I meet someone who will say, "Brother Gilpin, I tell you, I am just afraid that I am lost. I am afraid that I am just not ready to meet the Lord." Right then and there, beloved, I know the destiny of that individual, unless that person comes to know the Lord Jesus Christ. Every person who is afraid of going to

## OUR DEBT

At our last report, our debt stood at \$1764.49. Now by God's grace, it has been reduced \$31.50 this week, leaving it now standing at \$1732.99.

These contributions came as follows:

A Friend, Brooklyn, N. Y.	\$5.00
A Friend, Worthington, Minn.	5.00
White Plains Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	3.00
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A Friend, Columbus, Ohio	5.00

While thinking about our debt, maybe it might be a good time to meditate on this little poem:

"He smoked cigars three times a day,  
Ten centers, too, at that,  
Then gave a nickel to the church,  
When the deacon passed the hat."

"She gave one cent for mission work,  
Then spent two cents for gum,  
And really bowed her head and prayed  
O Lord, Thy kingdom come."

"They sat at home and wondered why  
The church did not succeed;  
She chewed her gum and couldn't tell,  
He puzzled, smoked his weed."

WOULDN'T IT BE A GOOD TIME NOW TO PLAN WHAT YOU WILL GIVE THIS PAPER BY WAY OF A WORTHY THANKSGIVING OFFERING THIS YEAR?

Remember: What none of us can do alone, all of us together can do.

Hell, is going to Hell. If you are afraid to die, if you are afraid of the judgment, if you are afraid of Hell, beloved, the best thing I know to tell you is to look to Calvary and trust the shed blood of Jesus Christ, for you need Him as your Saviour.

I have in mind that some of you have met people just like I have, who are serving the Lord just to keep out of Hell. Beloved, that is exactly where they are going. God doesn't want any man's "hell-scared" service. If you are serving the Lord because you are afraid of going to Hell, let me disillusion you right now and tell you that that is exactly where you are going and where everybody else is going who comes in that class whereby our Lord says that they were fearful. Everyone of them is on the road to destruction.

### IV

WHEN A PERSON IS SAVED, THAT FEAR IS GONE.

My text says that "perfect love casteth out fear." Not your love, beloved, nor mine. Our love isn't perfect. There isn't anything perfect about any of us. What then is the meaning of "perfect love"? I think, beloved, that this is a figurative (Continued on page three)

Are you—

## THE PASTOR'S FRIEND?

"The church is dead," said Brother Frown;  
"It's true," said Mrs. Gossip; "it's going down."  
"His sermons are long, just cut and dried;  
He needs too much money," Mr. Tightwad cried.  
"I'm going to quit," Mr. Gadabout lowed;  
"And go where they have a better crowd."  
Sister Selfish, too, was sure she could see  
"Not a soul in the church appreciates me."  
Said Brother Grumble, "I don't see why  
The Sunday School's dead, and the meeting dry."

But good Brother FAITHFUL sat in his place  
The sunshine of Heaven a-beaming in his face  
The good saint worshipped in prayer and song;  
And to him there wasn't a SINGLE THING WRONG.

—Lockland Baptist Witness



## "Fear"

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ference to the Lord Jesus himself, that it means when a man trusts Jesus Christ as his Saviour, the Lord Jesus comes and casteth out the fear. know that this is the meaning of other Scriptures. Listen:

"For God hath not given us the spirit of FEAR; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."—II Tim. 1:7.

When Jesus Christ comes in, He doesn't give you a spirit of fear, but He gives you a spirit of power, and of love and of a sound mind. In other words, perfect love casteth out fear. When a man is saved, Jesus Christ comes in and puts fear out of a man's life.

Let's notice: When perfect love—that is, Jesus Christ—comes in, the individual isn't afraid to die. I'm not afraid to die this morning and I'm satisfied that every saved person would say the same thing: Brother Gilpin, I am not afraid to die." You say, "Brother Gilpin, I'd be afraid to say that."

I've been a member of a church for a long, long time, but couldn't say I wasn't afraid to die." Then, brother, sister, you had better get right with the Lord Jesus Christ. You say, Brother Gilpin, do you have living grace this morning?" I don't need dying grace today, I'm loved. I need living grace, for God gives me living grace now.

And when I come to die, God will give me dying grace for an hour. While I am enjoying living grace and looking forward with anticipation to that day when He shall give me dying grace, I can say right now that I am not afraid to die. If the love of God has come into our heart in the Person of Jesus Christ, you are not afraid to die.

I'll never forget out yonder the Moody Church in Chicago that I talked to a man whose eight-year-old son had just died a few days before. He said, Brother Gilpin, as I stood there in the hospital by my son and realized that he was dying, he looked up into my face and said, "Daddy, am I dying?" He said that he didn't want to tell his son that he was dying, so he said to him, "Son, are you afraid to die?" He said that that little eight-year-old son looked up at him with a smile on his face and said, "No, daddy, for Jesus with me."

When a man is saved, the fear of death is gone. If you are God's child, you ought to want to really live for Him; you ought to want to serve Him; and if it pleases the Lord, beloved, I hope God will leave me many years in which to live for Him and to serve Him. But, beloved, if He wants to take me today, I've no fear of death so far as my life is concerned. When a man is saved, perfect love casteth the fear out of his life and he is not afraid of death.

Furthermore, beloved, the man who is saved is not afraid of falling from grace. The person who is afraid that he is going to fall from grace, has never had grace yet. He may have joined the church and been baptized, but he has never yet been saved and has not become acquainted with the grace of God. The man who is acquainted with God's grace doesn't have any fear in his heart as to whether he will fall from grace.

Every once in a while I hear a preacher pray, especially over

## HE KNOWS!

*He knows it all -- the winding path,  
The sky o'ercast and grey,  
The steepness of the mountainside,  
The roughness of the way;  
He knows it all -- the haunting fear,  
The doubtings that distress,  
The wond'ings and perplexities,  
And all the strain and stress.  
He knows it all -- each troubled thought,  
Each anxious wave of care,  
And every burden, every grief,  
Or cross that thou dost bear;  
He knows it all -- thy weight of woe,  
Thine often tear-dimmed eye,  
The stabbing pain, the slow, dull ache,  
And sorrow's broken cry.  
He knows it all -- be His to choose,  
And thine to take His choice!  
He knows it all! He planned it so!  
Then trust Him, and rejoice!*

—E. Margaret Clarkson

the radio, and he finishes his prayer by saying, "And finally in Heaven save us." He might just as well get ready to go to Hell. That is where he is going. Every once in a while I meet with an individual who knows not the Word of God, and in conversation that individual will say that he is doing the best he can to hold out faithful to the end. Listen to me, beloved. If a man is saved, he doesn't have to pray, "And finally in Heaven save us." He is saved already. If a man is saved, he doesn't have to worry about holding out faithful to the end. He knows that the Lord is holding him. If a man is saved, the fear of falling from grace is gone from that man's life.

I don't believe any man is saved until he believes that all of his sins—past sins, present sins, and future sins—are all laid on Jesus Christ. Salvation is an assurance that you have that all of your sins have been trusted to the Lord Jesus Christ. I had a friend sometime ago who labored very lengthily to convince me that a man might be saved and not know it. Beloved, salvation itself is an assurance that when a man is saved, he knows that he is saved and he knows that all of his sins are laid on Jesus Christ. When a man is saved, he has no fear of death nor the fear of falling from grace and going to Hell.

I'd like for you to notice also that when a man is saved, he isn't afraid that he hasn't done enough to be saved. I told you some two weeks ago about a woman whom I talked to some years ago, who said, "Brother Gilpin, I am afraid that I haven't done enough to be saved." Well, she hadn't. If she was depending upon what she had done, she hadn't done enough to be saved and, beloved, if she lived ten million years, she would never do enough to be saved. Salvation doesn't come by what we do, but by the grace of God.

"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith WITHOUT THE DEEDS OF THE LAW."—Rom. 3:28.

"NOT BY WORKS OF

RIGHTEOUSNESS which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."—Titus 3:5.

Beloved, if a man is saved he is not fearing lest he hasn't done enough to be saved. Perfect love casteth out fear and if a man is saved all that fear was cast out when Jesus came in and he knows that he is saved—he has an assurance within his heart.

I'll go further, beloved, and say that when a man has been saved, he is not afraid of the judgment and is not afraid of hell. Let me ask you who have professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, are you afraid of the judgment today? Are you afraid of hell? Would you be afraid if you knew you had to stand before the judgment bar of God this morning? Would you be afraid? I tell you, beloved, that perfect love casteth out fear and the man who has had the perfect love of God come into his life, that man has no fear within his heart as to the judgment or hell. The man who has been saved has no fear when he thinks about the judgment or hell.

Beloved, the unsaved man is afraid of death and of the judgment and of Hell. Listen:

"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich man, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb."—Rev. 6:15, 16.

This text tells us of unsaved men who hide in the rocks and the crevices of the earth and cry to those rocks to grind them into powder that they might be hidden from the face of God, for the great day of God's wrath is come. I tell you, beloved, the unsaved man is afraid of the judgment. Are you unsaved today? Would you want to go up to the judgment bar of God right now? Would you want to face every one of your sins in

your life right now? You know you wouldn't. That perfect love hasn't become a reality in your life and fear hasn't been cast out so far as you are concerned. The Word of God tells us what the unsaved person has before him. Listen:

"But a certain FEARFUL looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries."—Heb. 10:27.

When an unsaved person sits down and thinks about the sins of his life, he tries to forget them and yet they stand out before him, and he thinks, "What am I going to do when I come before the Judgment Bar of God." There is a certain fearful looking for that one who is outside of Jesus Christ. But when a man is saved, he doesn't have any fear of the judgment nor of hell.

When I was just a boy preacher I heard a fellow tell how one could escape certain death out on the western plains in a prairie fire. He said that when those fires sweep across the prairies, fanned by a heavy wind, that there is no way in the world that a man can escape so far as he is concerned. No horse can outrun it. They say that the only way that a man can save himself when a fire sweeps across the prairie is for him to light the grass all around him and let it burn off for a certain place and let him take his place within the center of that burned-over area, and when the flames of the fire come, it burns harmlessly around him and his life is saved.

Listen, beloved, there is just one place in this world where the wrath of God burned to its fullest, and that was Calvary. Do you want safety today? If so, take your place at the Cross of Calvary with Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and when judgment comes and when the fires of hell would burn about your soul, you will find safety because the fires of God have already spent their fury and their force at Calvary.

"Perfect love casteth out fear." It casts out the fear of death, it casts out the fear of losing your salvation, it casts out the fear of maybe you haven't done enough to be saved, and it casts out the fear of the judgment and the fear of Hell. Perfect love casts out fear and puts within you a spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind for the service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let me ask you in closing, how can a man have this assurance? By committing himself to the Lord Jesus Christ. As Paul said:

"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.

Don't depend upon yourself or upon the church or upon the preacher. Don't depend upon anything or anyone but Jesus. If the Lord has saved you, then may you not be afraid of man but come out on the Lord's side and publicly confess your faith in Him.

May God bless you!

## Slump In Morals

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ing tide of personal dishonesty, worldliness of social life, lack of moral standards in sex relationships, flippant attitudes toward marriage and home, and dangerous reading habits. Divorce courts are doing a booming business. Some women even boast that they can count the years of their married life by the number of their husbands.

Next we shall think on—

## II. The Complex Cause of the Moral Slump.

Wherein lie the reasons for these trends? The answer is inevitable: there has been too much shirking of responsibilities by the three greatest institutions of our country—(1) the Home, (2) the School, and (3) the Church.

### A. THE HOME.

Someone has said that a nation is no stronger than the homes which make it up. If this be so, America is seated upon a crumbling foundation.

There was a time when children were fond of home and parents. A mother's love and teachings pulled at the heart of Moses, and he "refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." Home was dear to Joseph while away in Egypt at work for Pharaoh.

It was dear to Saul, who was eager to get home early for fear his father would be anxious and worried. The heart of David was anchored to his boyhood home. Even after having been appointed armor-bearer of Saul and having been anointed by Samuel to be future king of Israel, "David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem." Home was dear to Naomi while she dwelt in the land of the Moabites. When she prepared to return to Judah, she advised Ruth and Orpah to return each to her mother's house. Home was precious to the prodigal son when he had spent all his inheritance and come to a realization that he had wronged his father. Yes,

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even when our fathers and mothers were children they heartily agreed that nothing could satisfactorily substitute for the happy, hospitable society around the home hearth.

But today the sweet strains of "Home, Sweet Home" do not affect the soft chords of a boy or girl's heart as they did a few generations ago. The slogan then was "no place like home," now the popular cry is "anywhere but home."

Often now home is regarded as just a place to eat, sleep, and hang one's clothes. And, at the present trend, it may not remain even this way much longer. Cafes and lunch-stands are swiftly taking the place of the home-table with its meaningful fellowship and devotion. The bed in the room of the boy or girl is often unoccupied until long after midnight. Family altars, which once were comforting climaxes to each busy day are now regarded by our streamlined society as embarrassing, inconvenient, and unnecessary. One after another, they are being demolished.

Yes, homes have certainly felt the sting of this changing age. Comic books and lust-creating magazines have taken the place of the Word of God. Parents and children have little time together. As a result, children are afraid to speak frankly with parents about the puzzling problems of this modern life. Instead they get welcome advice from evil-minded "know-it-alls" who really know nothing. Parks, dance-halls, theatres, and automobiles take the place of wholesome home entertainment.

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## 'THE TRAIL OF BLOOD'

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down to the present, and show that Baptist history has been one of blood—more than 50,000,000 Baptists having been martyred by the Catholics during the dark ages.

This is the third time this series of lectures have been given to our church and always with much spiritual profit and edification.

The editor cannot speak too highly of these lectures nor of Bro. Simmons, who is one of God's great noblemen. Every Baptist church should arrange for a series of such meetings. It would be a tremendous blessing to your church.



## Thanksgiving Services

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This year, our pre-Thanksgiving services of Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights will be conducted by Elder Robert Guelich. Bro. Guelich, who happens to be Mrs. Gilpin's cousin, is pastor of the Independent Baptist Church of Whitesville, W. Va. He is a great preacher of the Word and God's people in Russell love him. We look forward to a great season of rich blessings through his ministry.



Then on Thursday morning (Nov. 24) at 8:30, we will have our Thanksgiving service, when the editor will preach, using as his subject, "A Broken Neck." We invite you to attend the services if possible and if distance or Providence prevents, then read the Thanksgiving sermon when it appears in this paper.



## The Slump In Morals

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Daughters decide that mother is too old-fashioned to pattern after, so they walk, talk, dress, and get ideas which mould their philosophies of life from a favorite movie star. Fathers are so busy that girls longing for affection and kind words of appreciation get them from eager, but often adulterous boys.

Yet, in these days delinquent parents are even a greater menace to the home than delinquent children. So long as American parents drink, dance, smoke, gamble, and practice marital infidelity, they need not expect more of their children. It is no wonder they grow up to be criminals and law-breakers.

### B. THE SCHOOL

No thoughtful person can deny that our schools are highly influential moral forces. Their opportunities are unlimited—for good or for evil. Socialists, atheists, and Communists are cunningly taking advantage of this.

The propaganda of Satan is being subtly promoted in many class rooms. Students are informed that sin is just a result of environment or merely an imaginary illusion; that God is a myth; and hell but a fable. A sardonic psychologist teaches that religion is superstition. A brilliant and ironical lecturer in philosophy often delights in shocking the young minds of his students by defending the damnable dogmas of Rousseau. It is tragic that our most prominent philosopher and educator, John Dewey, in his work, *A Common Faith*, declares that "God is the work of human nature, imagination and will." Yet all our normal schools are solidly stamped by the imprint of Dewey's thought. Students are taught that self-expression is the highest ideal of human behavior, that immoral thoughts and practices are not wrong so long as they do not interfere with the spirit of world democracy. Sin, according to this new religion of democracy, is merely a failure to serve mankind.

These teachings are not only found in secular schools; they are prevalent in many so-called Christian schools and seminaries. Dr. A. C. McGiffert, a former president of Union Theological Seminary on page 161, Volume XIV of *Religious Education* says that our democracy "demands a God with whom men may co-operate, not to whom they must submit." Another popular leader dared to assert: "The worst thing that could happen to God would be to remain an Autocrat while the world is moving toward democracy. He would be dethroned with the rest." Thus many professors and egotistic educators blatantly raise their fists in defiance of the Lordship of the Creator of heaven and earth. Many other examples could be cited, but our space does not permit.

### C. THE CHURCH

Many churches of our country have unconsciously fallen in line with the spirit of the age. It is heart-breaking, but true, that many ministers of the Gospel seem to have forgotten God. Instead of preaching His Word, they preach fables. Instead of preaching about the crucified Christ and the crucified life, they lecture on child labor, how to vote in the next election, the housing problem, or a review of the latest book or movie. They are afraid to talk about sin, for fear of offending some finical mind. They tactfully lower God's standards to fit public taste. The old-time religion of godliness, purity, and integrity has been put on the shelf. We are told that it is not suitable to our modern civilization. The convincing power of God is necessarily absent from such churches, because the Spirit of God convicted through the Word, and when the Word is not preached there can be no conviction.

On the other hand, the majority of churches which make much of sin emphasize the *sins* rather than the *diseases*. They denounce *sins* instead of *sin*. They preach about perverseness of *conduct* instead of the deadly internal *condition*. They are like the foolish doctor trying to help a paralytic. He carefully walked up and down the floor beside his patient's bed saying: "See, this is how you are to do!" Such is the gloomy "gospel" of morality. It tells a sinner how he ought to walk, yet it leaves him powerless and without strength.

In conclusion we wish to point out...

### III. The Competent Cure of Moral Decay.

The picture thus far has been dark, but it is not hopeless. Thank God, not all our homes, not all our schools, not all our churches have sold out to Satan.

Something can yet be done. Something *must* be done! America must come back to God! Our schools need to be purged of atheistic professors and God-dishonoring textbooks. Homes must regain their lost sanctity. Parents must realize that their children are a sacred trust from God, and gladly accept the responsibility this incurs. Churches must positively preach and prudently practice the "faith once delivered unto the saints." God's loyal remnant must gird themselves with the invincible armor of the Spirit and fight "the good fight of faith."

Science is not the answer. It has made great contributions to the comfort of society, but has not retarded the festering sore of immorality. Education is not the remedy. It boasts of its strides of advancement, yet morals are on the decline. Reformation is not the solution. While it stifles many outward manifestations of evil, it does not exterminate inward depravity. No lasting cure for the malady or immorality can be effected by external treatments. Men love darkness rather than light because their affections are averse to God. Since "out of the heart are the issues of life" man must be subjected to an internal operation—the NEW BIRTH from above. Let the Church of our Lord devote itself to the work for which it was founded—the proclamation of the gospel of Him who alone can save from sin and give abundant life. CHRIST is the CURE!



## Dancing

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tion in many public schools of America that is almost as bad as the white slave traffic.

The dance has a secret language, by which it can be learned silently by the man who is dancing, whether or not the girl in his arms is pure without one word being spoken.

The attraction of the dance is the thrill of the embrace and is permitted nowhere else in decent society.

Wouldn't it be a good time to plan now to make a worthy offering for the ongoing of this paper at this Thanksgiving season?

The dance is a greater contributor to the divorce evil than all other factors combined.

If a man should embrace his neighbor's wife or daughter in the ordinary dance attitude when there was no music, he would get a load of buckshot.

The dancing crowd and saloon element have too much in common.

Dance halls are fruitful sources as a "procuring institution" for the white slave traffic.

While dancing may not be proof of degeneracy, it would never be taken as an evidence of virtue.

Christ Jesus would not attend a dance and neither will I as His follower for I believe it to be wrong.

Read the following: Rom. 12: 2 (14:22) (14:21); Jn. 2:15; James 4:4; Col. 3:17; I Thess. 5:22; I Cor. 8:13 (6:19-20) (10:31); Gal. 5:21; I Peter 4:3.

## WHAT AMERICA NEEDS

A leader like Moses who refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter but was willing to go with God.

Army generals like Joshua who knew God and could pray and shout things to pass rather than blow them to pieces with atomic energy.

A food administrator like Joseph who knew God and had the answer to famines.

Preachers like Peter who would not be afraid to look people in the two eyes and say, "Repent or perish," and denounce their personal as well as national sin.

Mothers like Hannah, who would pray for a child that she might give him to God, rather than women who are delinquent parents with delinquent children.

Children like Samuel, who would talk to God in the night hours.

Physicians like Luke, who could care for your physical needs and introduce you to Jesus Christ who is a specialist in spiritual trouble.

A God like Israel's instead of the Dollar God, the Movie God and the Auto God.

And a Saviour like Jesus who could and would save from the uttermost to the uttermost.

## Worship

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Think of some of the false gods that are being worshipped—or else have in the past, been worshipped by men.

(1) In India the cow and the crocodile are sacred.

(2) The Chinese worship popeyed, hideous idols.

(3) Moloch was worshipped by the Moabites of ancient times. Children were burned as sacrifices. The Israelites often went off after this form of worship. Name as many kinds of idolatry as you can. People of today often worship a car, a business, a farm, a child, etc.

Strangest of all, there have been and are people who worship the devil. The devil once wanted Christ to worship him. (See Deut. 32:17 for an example of devil worship.)

2. Pretending to worship God by means of images. (cf. Catholics): And by means of plays, pageants, shows, etc. These things do not constitute the worship of God.

3. Pretending to worship God by means of rituals, memorized forms and recited prayers and stuff read out of a book.

### True Worship

We don't worship God with our hands or with our physical selves. We serve God with our hands. But real worship is a spiritual exercise. The spirit of a person—the inner self—is that which worships God. We can come to church and let our minds wander a thousand miles away. We can sing and go thru the motion of worshipping God, and at the same time have hearts that are far from Him. Sometimes young people (and we have been somewhat guilty along that line, once upon a time) go to church and they are so much concerned with the boy or girl friend that they do not worship at all. (Unless they worship the girl or boy.) And when they titter and giggle and misbehave, they not only don't worship—they actually do the devil's service.

When as we sing, we lift our very hearts unto God in praise and adoration,—when as we pray, we prostrate our very souls before God in recognition of who and what He really is, we truly worship Him. Worship is the response of our spirits to one who is spirit. Note some Scriptures that are suggestive in this connection: John 4:24; I Chron. 16:29.

Where should we worship? Both in private and in public. The person who argues that he can worship as well at

home as he can at church, should read the following Scriptures: Psalms 26:8; Psalm 84:10; Psalm 122:1; Deut. 12:5; Heb. 10:25. Of course public worship does not make up for the lack of private worship. But he who truly worships in private will usually be found often in the place of public worship.

When we go to church, we ought to go primarily to worship God. Not to catch a beau; not to show our clothes; not merely to meet friends; not to gossip; not to misbehave; but to meet with God and to worship Him. Preaching and singing ought to be mere aids to assist us in worship.

Many who go to church, seldom really worship. Do we worship God?



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