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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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An Appraisal Of Jacob Gartenhaus And His Ministry



Jacob Gartenhaus

For over 25 years Jacob Gartenhaus was connected with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. During all this time I either knew him personally or else knew of his ministry. Last spring he resigned from this work to become founder of the INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF JEWISH MISSIONS. There have been many inquiries from his friends as to his present work. Therefore, we are glad to speak (Continued on page two)

Further Evidence Of Moral Corruption In The Seminary



Lawrence Smith

Brother Smith recently was with the editor in a series of revival services. It was then that he related this experience, and in his own words, I give you his statement. What a tragedy that a Baptist school should be represented by such a preacher as the one Bro. Smith tells of!

In the fall of 1946, Clyde Francisco, professor of Old Testament, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, (Continued on page two)

What Is The Meaning Of "Stone" As It Symbolizes Jesus?

Christ is spoken of under the symbolism of a STONE in both the Old and New Testaments, and it is natural for us to seek the meaning and significance of such a designation. A good starting point in our investigation, is MATTHEW 21:42-46.

Note the setting of this passage. It follows the parable of the householder, and it is well to read and get the meaning of this parable. Note especially the following:

1. The Son is cast out and killed. (v. 39) (Referring to Christ being thrust out of the nation and out of Jerusalem to be slain on a tree).
2. The One rejected—spoken of as a "Stone"—is to become the "chief head of the corner." (Reference is doubtless to the tradition concerning the cornerstone of the temple).
3. This is to be a marvelous happening, purely of the Lord (v. 42). (He was made the "head of the corner" when he arose from the dead by the power of God). Quotation is here from Psalms 118:23. And the

Psalms goes further to say, "this is the day that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it." Referring to the "Lord's Day"—or day on which Christ was disclosed as having risen from the dead.

"Stone" In Different Meanings

Christ under the figure of a Stone is set forth in three different ways and relationships, as follows:

I.—TO ISRAEL.

To Israel he was a STONE OF STUMBLING. (See Isa. 8:14, 15; I Pet. 2:8; Rom. 9:32-33). WHY was He? Because he was born in humility; because he did not come in power as a military conqueror; and because he did not come as an agent of the ecclesiastical forces of Israel. The Jews did not take into consideration the prophecies which related to Christ's humility and suffering and rejection and death—such as Psalms 22: and Isaiah 53: For this reason they stumbled and fell down over Jesus,

as one would fall down over a stone in their pathway. What was the result? The answer is in our first passage (Matt. 21:44) which says that those falling down will "be broken." Israel went to pieces due to rejection of Christ. They fell down and haven't gotten up until this day. (See v. 43).

II. TO THE CHURCH WHICH JESUS BUILT.

What is Christ's relationship to His church, under this figure of a Stone? Answer is found in MATTHEW 16:18. "On this ROCK—" Also see Ephesians 2:20-22 and I Peter 2:4, 5, and I Cor. 3:11.

The divinely revealed truth that Jesus is the Son of God is the foundation stone of the church Jesus started.

He is set forth as the "chief cornerstone."

He is set forth as the "foundation."

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Serious Charges Brought Against The Lutheran Hour

The World Christian Tract Society has published a letter from Bro. Walter A. Maier, the Lutheran Hour Program preacher, in which Bro. Maier admits that he believes in baptismal regeneration, forgiveness of sins by a man to whom sins are confessed, that Christ's body and blood are present in the Lord's Supper and thus received by the communicants, infant baptism, etc.

Because of this, this tract society asks: "Can you continue to support such a program?"

Countering these fallacious theories, the tract society sets forth the one and only plan of salvation:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9).

Certainly baptismal regeneration, absolution of sins through a man-made confessional, consecration, the union of the body and blood of Jesus in the Lord's Supper, known as a sacrament to Catholics, Lutherans, (Continued on page four)

Our Future Policy As To The Reduction Of Our Debt

For the past several months we have been very vigorously attempting to pay completely our debt that there might be one independent voice in the South that was unshackled by the shackles of the denomination, and by debt.

Some of my best friends think that maybe I've said too much about it, and therefore have asked that I pursue a different policy for the next few months.

This debt has accumulated over a period of time. We never did get our original equipment all paid for. Then we needed another press and our closest advisers suggested that I go on and buy it while times were good. Likewise a loss in April 1948 by flood was never fully recovered from. Furthermore,

anyone who thinks, knows that 50 cents a year won't pay for printing and mailing this paper. For some reason the first six months of this current year we had a very small amount of gifts to augment our subscription income. Thus you can see how our debt came about.

I admit that when I realized how much I owed that I became alarmed and thus began to ask that our friends who believed in our ministry rally to the support of the paper. Maybe I have pressed the matter too

Mused Uncle Mose

Dey ought to be two bee gums fo' eber swahm o' bees; one fo' de workers an' anudder fo' de drones.

much. However if you were in my shoes, I think you could understand why I have done so.

There are paper bills to be met, which must be paid on time. Our pay-roll for labor stares me in the face every Friday. Our rent and utilities really pile up in a hurry every month. All these bills have to be met and those to whom we are indebted look to me for payment and accordingly I have to see to it that they are paid.

The Convention officials hate this paper and its editor. They have circulated every vicious lie possible against this paper and its editor. They want to see it fail, for they know that it is the foremost independent weekly in the South. Personally I don't want them to gloat over its (Continued on page four)

Are You The Kind Of Member Who "Just Belongs"?

Are you an active member, The kind that would be missed, Or are you just contented That your name is on the list? Do you attend the meetings And mingle with the crowd; Or do you stay at home And crab both long and loud?

Do you take an active part, To help the church along, Or are you satisfied to be The kind that just belongs? Do you ever go to visit A member that is sick, Or leave the work for just a few And talk about the clique?

There's quite a program scheduled That means success if done, And it can be accomplished With the help of everyone. So attend the meetings regularly And help with hand and heart; Don't be just a member, But take an active part. (Continued on page four)

SAVED BY ONE VERSE

It is said that the captain of a small sailing vessel was taken very ill when they were far from land, and the ship carried no doctor. Realizing that death was approaching, the skipper became troubled in soul, and very anxious. He sent for the mate, but the difficulty was beyond the mate's power to solve. He could only mutter a vague hope that the captain was not as (Continued on page four)

The First Baptist Pulpit

"A BROKEN NECK"

(Preached Thanksgiving Morn)

"All that openeth the matrix is mine; and every firstling among thy cattle, whether ox or sheep, that is male.

"But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem him not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the firstborn of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before me empty." —Exodus 34:19, 20.

I am preaching to you this morning on the subject, "A Broken Neck," and as I have read this text which speaks to us so plainly of redemption,

there is a dear and precious hymn which comes to my mind, the chorus of which says,

"Blessed Redeemer, precious Redeemer, Seems now I see Him on Calvary's tree; Wounded and bleeding, for sinner's pleading, Blind and unheeding, dying for me."

Redemption — what a word, what a theme! It is found all the way through the Word of God. You can't open a page in God's Book that you don't find redemption. Listen:

"For when we were yet with-

out strength, in due time CHRIST DIED for the ungodly." —Romans 5:6.

That's redemption! "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, CHRIST DIED for us." —Romans 5:8.

That's redemption! "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that CHRIST DIED for our sins according to the scriptures." —I Cor. 15:3.

That's redemption! "For he hath made him who knew no sin, TO BE SIN FOR US; that we might be made the (Continued on page three)

STAGGERING PRICE

Before the Boer War, President Kruger sent a message to America which read, "The Republics are determined if they must belong to England, that a price will have to be paid that will stagger humanity." That price was paid. This is only a faint illustration of what was paid for the redemption of each soul. It is a price that staggers the imagination, a price that only God could pay.

Lawrence Smith

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Ky., was helping me in a revival meeting.

Upon one occasion, he spent quite some time in trying to convince me of the theory of evolution as it contradicted the creation story in the Genesis account. He tried very hard to convince my wife and me that man could not accept the creation story because we could not believe nor accept the fact that animals could talk, and because we could not accept part of it, we would have to take it as a paradox and not accept any of it. He was very fervent in his belief that man came from the ape, jumping a generation, as the common theory of evolution is.

Also, he related to me concerning a Union Meeting that he had with the Campbellite Church in Bedford, the place of his pastorate. He said that the Campbellites were remodeling their church building and they asked to have services with them. At the Communion service, when they began to pass the Communion, he told me, "My church members got madder and madder. Finally I got up and stopped everything and said, 'Now we are all children of God and if we can't sit down here to God's table and eat the Lord's Supper together, it is a mighty bad thing.'" So they all partook of the Lord's Supper together—Campbellites and Baptists.

Jacob Gartenhaus

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a word as to his great ministry of the past and to urge our readers to back him to the fullest in his determination to render the greatest ministry of his life.

By Hyman J. Appleman

More than twenty years ago, in the spacious grounds of the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., where the writer was a soldier on active duty, my life touched the life of Jacob Gartenhaus. The impression he made upon my humble life then has been increased with the passing of the years. In ten thousand ways, this mighty soul has influenced my life for God and for good. His sage counsels, his sane convictions, his wholesome attitudes, his consecrated life, his intense zeal, have been a fresh flowing source of urgent challenge and inspiration. In my extensive travels across the continent, preaching the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, I have found that I was not the only one, but rather one of a multitudinous host of men and women whose lives, whose testimonies, whose services have been enriched by the passionate heart of this superb missionary, preacher, writer, Christian above all. I consider it a high privilege for which I thank God, to be able to write these words of soul-inspired commendation.

The Man

Jacob Gartenhaus is still a young man as age goes. He is small physically, but is a veritable bundle of energy. His mind is as keen as a Damascus sword blade, scintillating with its intellectuality. It is stored with the knowledge of Jewish lore, with a thorough Christian training, with an understanding of the Holy Scriptures, with an insight into the hearts of men, seldom, very seldom granted to many. He has the tongue of a gifted speaker, able to hold the largest crowds entranced with the message of the cross, of the needs of a lost world. Time and again I have wept at his feet, and seen others weep, as he pled for Jesus Christ and the souls of men.

His heart is as big as the world. He is thoroughly, utterly, relentlessly unselfish. He will go further out of the way, spending himself and being spent, than any other man whom I know, and I know tens of thousands. He is tensed to the breaking point with the desperate plea of a sin-cursed earth. His face carries on it the imprint of the compassionate heart of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He is a man of devout prayer habits. The Bible is an open, loving, living book to him. Across the continent, here, there, and yonder, as our paths of service have crossed, we have knelt side by side. I have heard him sob out his anguish in pleading appeals to God for the salvation of his own people, as well as the Gentile hosts. It has been a constant source of rejoicing and inward satisfaction for me to know that somewhere Jacob Gartenhaus was praying for me.

His Method

There is no limit to the consecrated surrender of Jacob offering. He has sacrificed even the legitimate pleasures of life for the one transcendent task placed upon him by the Holy Spirit. He has turned his back on wife, on children, on home, most of the time, in order to give his all to the Master. He counted all things but refuse for the knowledge and service of the Lord Jesus Christ. For twenty-five years and more he has sped up and down the great territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, of all of the American continent, across the waters to Europe, stirring up the hearts of churches and Christians everywhere, with their responsibility to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.

Going from city to city, from state to state, almost from nation to nation, he has challenged the hearts of the people of God with the requirements and the opportunities offered to them for reaching Jews with the message of Salvation. Tens of thousands of dollars have been poured into the treasuries of denominations at his appeal to promote Jewish Evangelization. He has not been satisfied with establishing a mission center, then settling down to a more or less quiet life, surrounded by his family and friends. He has taken the Pauline program as his guide. There is no great Jewish center in America, for that matter no great Christian center, that has not heard his mighty voice, his passionate plea.

The Lord has blessed his efforts with the salvation of large numbers of Jews and Gentiles. In personal work, in house-to-house visits, in public preaching, the Holy Spirit upon him, in mighty power, has brought Gartenhaus on the altar of burnt scores, even hundreds, perhaps thousands to the foot of the

Daily prayers lessen daily cares.

cross. His method has been written up in all sorts of periodicals. It has been studied, emulated, adopted by others striving in Jewish Christian work. There can be no doubt but that his choice of planning the attack against the strongholds of sin and Satan in Jewish hearts was ordained of and directed by God. The high praises that have come his way, the honorary degrees of recognition that have been conferred upon him, tell an unmistakable story of the satisfaction of those who know of the work of this eminent harvester of souls.

His Message

First of all the life of Jacob Gartenhaus is a gigantic "Amen" to the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is born again by faith in the death, burial, and

OBJECTIVE OF INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF JEWISH MISSIONS

The evangelization of the Jews at home and abroad by:

1. The publication and distribution of suitable literature for Jews, setting forth the message of Hebrew Christianity.
2. The establishment of Friends of Israel Societies for the purpose of propagating Christianity among the Jews and to pray for their salvation.
3. To train members of the church how to approach the Jews through the local church and to bring about a better understanding of the Jewish problem by Christians and of the Christian message by Jews.
4. The employment of God-called, capable men and women to labor in neglected strategic areas where there is no testimony to Israel.
5. Co-operation with the churches in their efforts to create a prayerful interest in the evangelization of the Jews in their midst.
6. The holding of prophetic conferences with the aim of setting forth God's plan and purpose for Israel and through Israel for the world.
7. The holding of special goodwill meetings for Christians and Jews, including open forums.
8. The utilization of radio facilities in proclaiming the message of the Saviour to Israel.
9. The distribution of relief through Jewish Christian agencies, especially to the twice-forsaken Jewish Christians—by their own because of their faith, and alas, by so-called Christians because they belong to "the hated race," — including orphans of Jewish Christian parents.
10. The rendering of financial assistance to deserving Jewish missionaries in Europe who look to Christian America in their hour of need.

resurrection of the Messiah, promised over all to His people. He is definitely, superbly, manifestly filled with the Holy Spirit. Being born from above, his prayerful life, his constant searching of the Scriptures, keep him in continuous touch with the Source of all victorious grace. He is a living, breathing demonstration that in this day and time, God can and will reach Jews and use them for his glory.

The ministry of Jacob Gartenhaus is a powerful illustration of what a separated, devout, obedient, sacrificial life in the Lord Jesus Christ can become, will accomplish. The secret of his greatness, of his almost miraculous successes, is that in the

words of great General Booth, "God has all there is of him." This man has one passion, one program, one pursuit, to please and to be found pleasing in the Lord Jesus Christ. No one can remain in his presence very long without being brought face to face with the unchangeable claims of the Son of God. There are no questionable motives interfering with his obedience to Him whom he so loves to serve and exalt. The visible fruitfulness and victories of Jacob Gartenhaus are a demonstration that his way of doing things definitely works. His plan of attack, undoubtedly originated in Heaven, is dictated and directed from the throne of grace. The multitudes of churches really stirred up into a fervor for Jewish Evangelization; the hosts of Christians now praying for, and engaging in witness to the ancient people of God; the numbers of Jews and Gentiles led to a saving knowledge of the Son of God, baptized into the fellowship of churches, are facts that cannot be denied. His work, his way of approach, have been so, almost universally, blessed from on high that he has become an authority on Jewish Evangelization methods.

With but little money, with tremendous energy, with a burning heart, he has succeeded in bringing Jewish hearts to a sure sanctuary and in stirring up the keen interest of others; Jews of all stations and classes, including rabbis, synagogue officials, great business men and financiers of that nationality, regard him as their friend and well-wisher. He undoubtedly has an entry into places that are denied to many engaged in Jewish work.

May the Holy Spirit of God continue increasingly to strengthen, to inspire, to enlarge, to empower the work of Jacob Gartenhaus. May the Holy Spirit of God raise others of his kind, speeding their drive across the earth. May he be blessed for the benediction he has been to the many of us whose hearts and lives he has touched.

BIOGRAPHY

Jacob Gartenhaus was born in Austria into an orthodox Jewish home of culture and refinement. He was educated in the strictest Jewish schools of learning, the cherished hope of his parents being that he become a rabbi. In his youth he came to this country expecting to find gold, but he found instead something infinitely more precious, Jesus of Nazareth, Israel's Messiah and the world's Saviour and only hope. So wonderful was that revelation to him that he immediately rushed out into the street and stopped two of his own people to tell them that the promised Messiah had come. Soon others gathered and within a few minutes he was witnessing to a crowd. Before that meeting ended Jacob was beaten nigh unto death. That same night he was ordered out of his uncle's home where he lived and was told never to return. That same week he was dismissed from his position. But all of this only served as a tonic to his faith. Nothing would swerve him from his objective—not the fortune offered by his uncle if he would give up his faith, nor even giving up his loved ones—because he was convinced that righteousness of God in him.

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"A Broken Neck"

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Cor. 5:21.

That's redemption!

"Who his own self BARE OUR SINS in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."—I Peter 2:24.

That's redemption!

If you will go back to the book of Exodus, you will find the children of Israel needed to be redeemed from the land of Egypt. For 430 years they had been sojourners there, the most of which time they had been slaves under Pharaoh. God determined to redeem them out of the land of Egypt. Listen:

"Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I WILL REDEEM YOU with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments."—Exodus 6:6.

As the Lord redeemed the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage and liberated them from the kingdom of Pharaoh, so, beloved, you and I find redemption in Jesus Christ, whereby we are liberated from the kingdom of Satan unto the kingdom of Jesus Christ. No longer are we slaves of sin and Satan, but we are now free men in Jesus Christ to serve Him, our Lord and Master. That's redemption!

A little later in the Word of God, we find the story of Rahab in the 2nd chapter of Joshua. Rahab hung a scarlet cord out her window, which marked her house so that when the armies of Israel came against the city of Jericho, Rahab and her family were saved from the oncoming judgment by that scarlet cord hanging from the window. This would tell us, beloved, that through redemption, you and I are at perfect peace this morning from the oncoming judgment and from the destruction that shall fall when God judges this world. That's redemption!

In the book of Exodus, we find that every Jew above twenty years of age, was compelled to give each year a tax of half shekel silver offering.

"The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when they make an offering unto the Lord, to make an atonement for your souls. And thou shalt take the redemption money of the children of Israel, and shall appoint for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; that may be a memorial unto the children of Israel before the Lord, to make an atonement for your souls."—Exodus 30:15, 16.

This silver was used to make the bases — approximately one hundred of them — that were set down upon the ground into which the boards of the tabernacle were fastened, so that the boards of the tabernacle, which was the Jewish place of worship, were upheld with the silver that had been collected from the annual redemption of the souls of Israel. This would tell us that our worship must always be based on redemption.

What's the meaning of all that countless number of innocent lambs that went upon Jewish altars in the Old Testament if it means not redemption? Bible students have estimated that about one-quarter million lambs were used for sacrificial purposes every year, so that the Jews were all well educated toward the meaning of the lamb, that one day when our Lord Jesus walked along the shores

of the Sea of Galilee, every Jew knew at once what John the Baptist meant when John lifted his finger and pointed at Jesus, saying,

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."—John 1:29.

That's redemption!

Then go back to that time when Abraham and Isaac went out on Mt. Moriah. They had with them the wood and fire, but no lamb, and Isaac said, "Father, we have made a terrible mistake. It's a terrific blunder in that we have not brought a lamb. Here's the wood and fire, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham said, "My son, God will Himself provide a lamb for a burnt offering." There on the top of Mt. Moriah, when he had bound his son and stood beside him upon the altar, with the knife in his hand, ready to slit the jugular vein of his throat to send his soul into eternity and use his body as a sacrifice, as God had commanded, — as Abraham stood there, an unseen hand from the skies reached down and grasped the hand of Abraham so that the knife fell harmlessly to the ground. When Abraham looked behind him, there was a ram caught in the thicket which God directed that he should use as a sacrifice instead of his son. Beloved, that's redemption — redemption by the ram instead of Isaac himself being offered as a sacrifice. The Old Testament could produce the wood and the fire, which were symbols of judgment, but the Old Testament could not produce the Lamb, which was the emblem of grace. Whereas it was said, "Where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" in the Old Testament, it waited until New Testament days for John the Baptist to point to Jesus to say, "Behold the Lamb of God." Isaac of the Old Testament asked the question, "Where is the lamb?" John the Baptist answered it when he pointed to Jesus and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

I say this morning, beloved, you can turn through this Word of God from beginning to end, and every page has on it the glorious teaching of redemption. Redemption — what a theme — what a word! It is to be found in all the Word of God, and maybe you are surprised that my text tells us that even an animal has to be redeemed, for my text says,

"All that openeth the matrix is mine; and every firstling among thy cattle, whether ox or sheep, that is male."

"But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem him not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the firstborn of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before me empty."

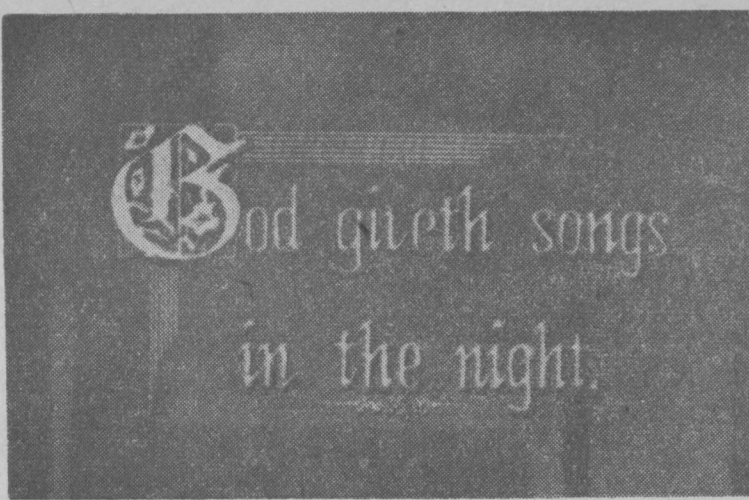
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THE ASS NEEDED A REDEEMER.

It was the only animal out of all of God's zoological garden that is mentioned within the Bible, of whom God demanded that it be redeemed if it lived. Surely, beloved, God had a purpose in this, for that ass is highly typical of man in his sinfulness. If you will turn to Lev. 11:2, 3, you will find that God declares the ass to be an unclean animal, for God says:

"Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat. Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that divide the hoof: as the camel, because he cheweth the cud; but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you."

Since the ass did not meet



those requirements, therefore, the ass was an unclean beast to the Jews, and surely, beloved friends, this morning, you and I can see in this a picture of man. That ass that was described as an unclean beast, is a type of man in his sinful estate. Why even Job tells us this, in that which, doubtlessly, is the first book that was ever written of the Word of God. Listen:

"For vain man would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass's colt."—Job 11:12.

I say then, beloved, as this ass needed a redeemer if he were to live, he is highly typical of man, because man, as well as the beast of burden, stands in God's sight, entirely unclean.

Another characteristic of that ass which certainly is highly typical of man, is that the ass is a stubborn beast, known and recognized for his stubbornness; and surely man stands before God as a stubborn, a stiff-necked, a rebellious sinner, described as such throughout all the Word of God. Listen:

"And might not be as their fathers, a STUBBORN AND REBELLIOUS generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God."—Psalms 78:8.

"For REBELLION is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry."—I Samuel 15:23.

Beloved, God says that that ass is typical, symbolic, and emblematic of man, for the ass is a stubborn beast, and God describes man as being stubborn, and He says that stubbornness, in His sight, is as bad as idolatry.

Notice, again, beloved, the Word of God tells us that the ass needs restraint. Listen:

"A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back."—Pro. 26:3.

A horse, beloved, may need a whip, but God says that the ass needs a bridle—not something to prod him on, but something to restrain him. Surely this morning, sinner friend, you see yourself reflected in the picture of this lowly beast of burden. You need restraint this morning, and yet, beloved, the thing you need, you don't want, for the sinner does not want Divine restraint. You might be willing to be temporarily restrained by man, but there are mighty few unsaved people but what rebel at the restraining influences and injunctions of the Word of God.

I wish you would notice also that his beast is typical of man in this respect, that this ass was unfit for service and unfit for sacrifice. They couldn't use the ass for service until he was redeemed. He couldn't be used for sacrifice until he was redeemed. My dear unsaved friend this morning, in God's sight, you are unfit for service for God until you have been redeemed. Listen:

"So then they that are in the

flesh cannot please God."—Rom. 8:8.

No unsaved man, beloved, can begin to please God. As that ass was unfit for service and unfit for sacrifice, so every unsaved man is unfit for the service of the Lord Jesus Christ until he is saved. Oh, beloved, that's hard on a man's carnal fleshly nature to tell an unsaved man he can't do anything that pleases God. It is an injury to his pride and a rebuke to his vanity when God thus describes him.

Some churches have hired professional singers who are trained to sing in a wonderful way, but whose hearts have never yet been trained by the grace of God. It is true, beloved, that they might know how to sing to please man, but no singer can ever please God until that singer has first come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.

What I say about a singer, I could say about everyone, for no one is fit for service—no one, beloved, can serve the Lord acceptably until first he has been redeemed back to God. So, beloved, while the ass needed a redeemer, man, as the prototype, needs a redeemer, too.

II

THE ASS COULD NOT REDEEM ITSELF.

That beast of burden had no power within himself whereby he could effect his own redemption. No unsaved man, beloved, can redeem himself back to God. I suppose that if any man could ever have done so, it would have been Nicodemus, for Nicodemus surely was as good a specimen morally and religiously as any man that Jesus ever met, yet the Son of God said to him:

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."—John 3:7.

As it was impossible for the ass to redeem itself, so, beloved, it is impossible for man to effect his own redemption.

The rich young ruler came one day in the presence of Jesus, hurriedly rushing into His presence and saying, "What good thing shall I do?" Jesus, the Word of God says, did something that is never said of Him in another place within the Word of God, for the Bible says that when He looked upon him and beheld him, that He loved him. He proposed some tests, and when this young man said that he had kept all the law from his youth, Jesus proposed a second test, namely, that he go, sell all he had, give to the poor and come follow Him. That man's gold, beloved, which might have become a golden key to unlock the gates of Heaven, became a golden bar which shut fast the kingdom of God against his soul, and he went away sad because of his great possessions. Beloved, man can't redeem himself. That's what the Apostle Paul meant when he said,

"Knowing that a man is NOT JUSTIFIED BY THE WORKS

OF THE LAW, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW SHALL NO FLESH BE JUSTIFIED."—Gal. 2:16.

"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 Spirit."—Titus 3:5.

Beloved, that ass could not redeem himself. Sinner friend, this morning, you stand helpless in the sight of God to effect your redemption.

III

THE OWNER HAD TO PROVIDE THE MEANS OF REDEMPTION.

If the man who owned this beast of burden desired to break that beast for service, it was necessary that that owner himself provide a means of redemption.

Beloved, God is the creator and God is the owner of this universe and all that is therein. He says, "The silver and the gold is mine." He lays claim to the livestock, for He says, "The cattle upon a thousand hills is mine." He claims the beasts that roam the forest, the fowls that fly in the air. He claims this world, beloved, as His creation, — He is the owner. He owns you this morning, sinner friend, as one of His creative subjects. As that ass had to be redeemed by the owner, beloved, nobody but God can ever effect the redemption of a sinner back to God. Beloved, God had to do it, and accordingly He planned our salvation — He met the emergency even before the emergency existed. Listen:

"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."—Rev. 13:8.

Yea, beloved, before the un-navigated ether was ever fanned by the wing of a seraph, God had already planned our redemption. Before the silence of solemnity was ever disturbed by the song of an angel, God had already planned our redemption in Jesus Christ. Oh, doesn't it thrill your heart this morning just to know that God didn't wait until man sinned — that God didn't wait until man became a convict — that God did not wait until man in his rebellion had violated His law — doesn't it thrill your heart to know that God didn't wait until man became a sinner and then hurried up with a remedy, a first-aid panacea for the sin of the world. No, no, God didn't wait, and salvation is not a hurried up remedy that God got together after sin became a reality.

As that beast of burden had to be redeemed by his owner, so God as Creator, Owner, Lord, and Sovereign, in His majesty, planned our redemption and provided the Redeemer long before the redemption was necessary.

IV

I WANT YOU TO NOTICE THAT THE PRICE OF THE REDEMPTION WAS A LAMB.

When that beast of burden was brought to the high priest to be redeemed, the owner brought with him a lamb. After he had killed the lamb, that beast of burden was redeemed. If that ass could have talked like Balaam's ass talked in the book of Judges, that ass would have pointed with his right forefoot to that dying, bleeding lamb lying on the ground, and

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Jacob Gartenhaus

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the only hope for his people lay in Jesus of Nazareth, and he was resolved to give his life to making of the message of salvation and peace known to them. From that day to this, by word of mouth and through the printed page, Bro. Gartenhaus' message has encircled the world. Hundreds of articles have come from his pen. Many of his tracts have been seen as many as twenty-two editions and have been translated into several languages. He is the author of six books.

Following his graduation from the Moody Bible Institute and then the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, in its search for a man to inaugurate a work among the now one million Jewish people, turned to this young man from Austria thoroughly trained in the schools of the rabbis and later in the Christian schools of our country, having graduated from four of them, and for twenty-eight years he has labored in this capacity. Quoting from James W. Middleton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.: "When the complete story of this pioneer worker is written, it will read like chapters in the book of Acts. Whose heart has not been touched by hearing or reading about this modern apostle, how he faced the shut doors, steeled hearts, the literature which was torn and thrown into his face, the abusive language, his imprisonment, beatings at the hands of his own people and, as if that were not enough, the callousness and indifference from Christians? But his cross was never too heavy to bear."

Steadfastly and prayerfully he carried on, looking for that brighter day foretold by the prophets of old, when his people would respond to the message of the Saviour. And that day came sooner than anticipated by him or anyone else. The seed so faithfully sown had taken root. Shut doors were flung wide open; steeled hearts were softened, and literature once torn, is now gratefully received and perused. And what is more glorious, his people are turning to Christ in larger numbers than ever before in history.

Calls for service had so multiplied that he found himself wishing that he were a hundred people. They came not only from the forty-eight states but from regions beyond. We find him answering an urgent call in behalf of the Jews in Mexico, Cuba, Poland, Palestine and other countries. And everywhere he went there were unlimited opportunities for service. When he saw the need in Poland, he wanted to remain there. So it was in Hungary and in other countries. He thought that his heart would break. He simply could not, in the light of the great need, draw geographical lines between the north and the south, the home and foreign fields. He could not turn a deaf ear to the millions of his people around the world, helpless and hopeless. The Lord's command "Go ye into all the world," was tugging at his heart strings. And with this extended ministry he could no longer confine his services to any prescribed territory, recognizing the world as his parish. Thus came into being the INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF JEWISH MISSIONS which is God's answer to the travail of a Hebrew Christian soul for the salvation of his brethren around the world.

When Bro. Gartenhaus left the

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would have said, "My neck isn't broken because that lamb's neck was severed from his body." The price of that beast of burden's redemption was a bleeding lamb.

Beloved, you and I would never be able to sing the praise of Him who came down to this world as the Lamb of God, and who came to Calvary, who felt the nails that pierced His hands and feet, who knew what it was to have a spear thrust in His side, who knew the pain that came from a crown of thorns upon His brow — had the Lamb of God not died, you and I would never be able to voice our praises of Him that our neck might not be broken eternally in Hell.

As that lamb stood as the price of redemption for that ass,

Serious Charges

(Continued from page one) and others—together with infant baptism, are all Catholic doctrines. These were brought over into the Lutheran Creed by Martin Luther ere the Lutheran Church was established in A. D. 1625. To support programs propagating these heresies is the same as endorsing them, hence parti-cepts criminis in the act.—Lockland Baptist Witness.

Saved By One Verse

(Continued from page one) bad as he thought. The captain then ordered him to send down the bos'n, but he was still more speechless when confronted with the question as to how to prepare for dying. One by one the men were called to his bedside but all to no avail. In despair the cabin boy was called, and he did not know just what to say except that he knew if his mother were there, she would call for a Bible. A Bible was found and all he could remember was that his mother turned to what she called the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. This the dying man begged him to do, and after a long search it was found and read. When he reached the fifth verse, the cabin boy said, "My mother used to put my name in that verse and made me read it like this: 'He was wounded for Johnny's transgressions, he was bruised for Johnny's iniquities: the chastisement of Johnny's peace was upon him; and with his stripes Johnny is healed.'"

"Who is the 'He'?" cried the captain. "He is Jesus," answered Johnny. "Can I put my name in that text?" His name was read into it and the old hardened sea captain found the Lord and fell asleep in Jesus with perfect peace.

service of the Home Mission Board, the following was said concerning him in the Home Missions Magazine:

"Brother Gartenhaus' influence and ministry through the years have extended far beyond the area of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is president of the Hebrew Christian Alliance of America, and has made numerous trips to foreign countries in the interest of his people. He has made a lasting impression to the work of Christ.

"Now he goes into a wider ministry among his people with the good wishes of a multitude of friends among Southern Baptists."

so the Lamb of God is the price of redemption this morning for all of us who are typified by the beast of burden. When I stand this morning to look up to Jesus and see Him upon the cross dying, with His head erect, with a shout of triumph, saying, "It is finished," then bowing His head to deliver His spirit back to God — as I look to that crucifixion scene of Calvary, I can say, "There's the price of my redemption."

As it took a lamb to redeem an ass in the Old Testament, it took the Lamb of God to redeem me, and you, and all of God's elect throughout the whole earth. No one will ever be redeemed except by Christ's blood. When I stand before Him this morning, I sing, as I shall sing when I stand before Him eternally—

"In my hand no price I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling."

V

AFTER THE REDEMPTION, THE OWNER COULD CLAIM THE SERVICE OF THE ASS.

After the lamb has been slain, the ass grazes, his neck unbroken, and the owner can now put a bridle upon the ass and claim the service of this beast of burden. Why? Because a lamb has died to redeem the ass.

Beloved, now that you and I have been redeemed by grace, and by grace alone, God lays claim to our service. Too many people, in some manner, get things twisted. They try to put the service before the sacrifice — the works before the finished work of Calvary. This beast of burden could not be used for service until after the sacrifice. Beloved, there is no work that you can do that will please God until after you are redeemed; yet, when you are redeemed, God lays claim to your service. Redemption isn't an insurance policy against ship wreck in River of Death, nor is it an insurance policy against the Great Judgment Day Fire; but redemption, beloved, is for the purpose of our serving the Lord, just like the ass could serve his owner who had purchased his redemption.

That's what the Apostle Paul meant when he said to those Corinthian believers:

"And ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which

are God's."—I Cor. 6:19, 20.

Have you been bought with a price — the price of blood, the price of Christ's blood? Then if you have, you are not your own.

I am beginning to understand something now, beloved. If I am a redeemed man, like the ass, which then could be used for service, I am now fit for service to my Lord, and I can understand why the Apostle Paul said,

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

I can now understand what the Apostle Paul meant when he said,

"For we are HIS WORKMANSHIP, created in Christ Jesus unto GOOD WORKS, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."—Eph. 2:10.

I can understand what Paul meant when he said,

"Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of GOOD WORKS."—Titus 2:14.

Beloved, the ass couldn't serve until he was redeemed, but when he was redeemed, he was ready for service. You and I can't serve God until we are redeemed at the price of His Son. When we are redeemed, our owner, God, who owns us twice now — He owns us by creation and also the re-creation or redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus — lays claim to our service, and whatever talent or ability we have, now belongs to Him.

Just A Word In Conclusion

REDEMPTION OR DESTRUCTION WAITED EVERY ASS THAT WAS EVER BORN. THERE WAS NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE — EITHER REDEMPTION OR DESTRUCTION.

May I say to you this morning, sinner friend, those two alternatives stand before you today. It is either redemption in Jesus Christ or destruction in a Devil's Hell.

Suppose that owner decided that he didn't want to redeem the ass. I can see them as they take that animal by the neck, and as its head was twisted around in a full circle, the neck suddenly snaps and the animal is left dying. Why? Because the owner did not choose to redeem him. I say, beloved, it is either

a lamb with its neck slit, or an ass with its neck broken—either redemption or destruction.

My dear sinner friend, this morning, it is either redemption for you in Jesus Christ, or it means your neck will be broken; it means that your body will be broken; it means that your soul will be broken; it means that the entirety of you must suffer eternal destruction from the presence of God — not for a season, not for a time, but for all eternity; I repeat, it is either redemption or destruction.

May God bless you, and may you receive Him as your Redeemer this morning.

"Just Belong"

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Think this over, member: Are we right or are we wrong?

Are you an active member Or do you just belong? —Selected

Christ, The Rock

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III. TO THE GENTILE WORLD POWERS.

The world rule of the great Gentile world powers is set forth in Daniel 2: under the image of a great image. This image is smashed by "the STONE cut out of the mountain without hands." That Stone represents Christ at His second coming—coming in catastrophic judgment upon the governments of the world, utterly smashing them and instituting a new order of things. (Read Dan. 2:34 and context). This fits in exactly with our Scripture read at the beginning. (See Matt. 21:44).

Bro. Scofield in the Scofield Bible has admirably summed it all up by saying:

"ISRAEL STUMBLER OVER CHRIST; THE CHURCH IS BUILT UPON CHRIST; GENTILE WORLD DOMINION WILL BE BROKEN CHRIST."

This last shall happen at "Armageddon" and the picture of it is given in Revelation 19:11-12.

Our Future Policy

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failure and furthermore I have a conviction that God wants me to edit it, and therefore I am putting forth every effort in its behalf.

We operate just as reasonably as possible. Some of our readers think of me as a white-collared boss around the shop. Do you remember what Philip said to Nathaniel? "Come and see." This Scripture is most fitting here. I work hard in the shop all day, do my editing and writing at night, take a lot of abuse from the highbrows of the convention, and that without pay, as I have yet my first time to ever take a penny from the shop for my personal use. I feel that if I put this much into this independent voice, my friends ought to be willing to help finance it.

One of my closest friends sends twenty-five dollars and suggests that 75 others do likewise. This is a good plan and I trust this suggestion will be followed. However, if you don't have the \$25.00, just put a greenback in an envelope and send it in and I'll promise you I'll use it for God's own glory.

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