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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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Are Deacons To "Boss" The Church?

The editor has been called upon twice of recent date to help ordain deacons, assisting the Greenup Baptist Church in the ordination of Bro. Clyde Everman and the Newby Baptist Church (near Richmond, Ky.) in the ordination of two of their brethren.

The editor has known Bro. Everman for a number of years and thinks of him as one of the finest Christian men he ever knew. The brethren of the Newby Church likewise appeared to be high type Christian men, who will work for the good of the church of which they are members.

However, in connection with

these services, several questions were called to mind.

1. Are deacons to "boss" the affairs of the church? No, the word deacon means "servant". Therefore, a Scriptural deacon is quite the reverse of a church boss—he is a church servant.

2. Is the "Board of Deacons" to meet regularly and offer recommendations to the church? Every wise pastor will confer much with the deacons and other members of the church. Occasionally, it will be a wise procedure for the deacons to offer recommendations. However, it is a most dangerous precedent for the deacons to present recommendations at

every business meeting. It is a mighty short distance from the same type of church government as that found in a Methodist church. Actually about all the privilege left the church is that of signing on the dotted line.

3. Is the "Board of Deacons" to act as a pulpit committee? The church may or may not appoint deacons to this position. It is for the church as a body to say who should serve on the pulpit committee.

4. Are deacons to have charge of the discipline of the church? Our Lord said, "Tell it to the church," and thus by-passed (Continued on page four)

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

W. O. Hopson
Yoshum, Texas

II Timothy 3

For sometime I have been wanting to write a letter concerning the condition of the world in which you and I live. God says, by the mouth of the Apostle Paul and his pen, that perilous times will come. I believe that right now we are in these "perilous times." I believe also that he is referring to this matter in a spiritual sense. Surely we are not, in any way, living in a time that could be counted perilous from the standpoint of material values. Never in the history of man have we had more of the things that we need. We have far more money than ever before. This has a great part to play in leading up to the thing that I would impress upon all who might chance to read this article. We do not have only more money, we have more of the things that go to make life a blessing. God has permitted man to learn the method of research and discovery, and has given him the power to harness all the things that have been discovered whereby we could make this life and

world a good place to live. However, all of our money and all of our learning have been utilized to take us farther away from the grand purpose of God.

A few remarks right here might be profitable in determining the signs of the times. The handwriting is on the wall so plain that no wayfaring man need to err. The Spirit of God has flown out the window of most of our churches. (Now go ahead and criticize). With all the former mentioned, we have gone on a great building and spending spree, and even so, we have gone on a spree of trying to learn more. This is all good and well, but it has only aided the other spree to put itself ahead of the Holy Spirit. As a matter of fact, man has, in his great mind, learning and skill, introduced a standard under which everything pertaining to what is left of Christianity must operate, ruling out the Holy Spirit. They boast of their much learning, and, at the same time, they are never able to come to a saving knowledge of God. They are lovers of themselves. This is an easy riddle to solve, if you will only go around to the vari- (Continued on page three)

How Backsliders Can Learn From The Lowly Frog

Psychologists have discovered that if you put a frog in a pail of hot water he will immediately jump out. But if you put him in cool water and then gradually heat it up the frog will permit himself to be cooked, apparently being unable to decide when the water is so hot as to be unbearable.

When sudden heinous temptations rears its ugly head, most people instinctively shrink back. But the thing that causes many to get away from God is the almost imperceptible drifting, day by day. First there is neglect of the daily reading of the Scripture, and prayer. Then unnecessary Sunday work and pleasure are countenanced. Next church attendance becomes desultory and spasmodic. And then evil and worldly companions enter in and lead the once-earnest Christian into first the "questionable" amusements, and later into open, flagrant sin.

The best protection is, get out of the pot when the water even begins to get warm! Let sin strictly alone. Be puritanical. Don't take the first drink; don't try the first smoke. Sin, in any form is our worst enemy.

—Christian Victory

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The First Baptist Pulpit

"THE UNPARDONABLE SIN"

"And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils. And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan? And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end. No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his

goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house. Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewithsoever they shall blaspheme. But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation. Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit." —Mark 3:22-30

This is a subject which is usually discussed during revival meetings. It is particularly a favorite message to be used by evangelists just a few nights be-

fore closing an evangelistic campaign. I presume it is one of the most commonly preached messages of any that is used by evangelists.

At the same time, I doubt seriously if there is any portion of the Word of God that has been more abused and more falsely preached than this portion of Scripture. It has been twisted, perverted, distorted, and misconstrued by Arminian evangelists in a thousand ways.

I have heard it discussed by many ever since I was a boy (Continued on page two)

If You Are A God - Robber, Pass This By

H. E. WALLER

King Solomon's Stock Pens, Granary, Winery, Storehouse, Vegetable and Fruit Stands

vs. Tithing One-Tenth in New Testament Church

I agree with anyone that the storehouse, granary, winery, vegetable and fruit stands and the like were not in the TEMPLE and could not have been because of the nature of the things tithed that had to be stored, such as cattle, sheep, goats, wine, vegetables, fruit cummin, anise, etc.

Someone has said, "The storehouse not being in the TEMPLE, neither could it be in the NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH. What does that have to do with where we put our TITHE of ONE-TENTH? If the philosophy of KING SOLOMON'S stock pens, granary, winery, storehouse, vegetable and fruit stands (because of the nature of things stored in them) were not in the TEMPLE and therefore not TYPES in the NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH proves we are our own STOREHOUSE and STOREKEEPER and should not (Continued on page four)

EDITOR TO GO TO PA.

The editor plans to attend and participate in the ordination of Brother James E. Eckles, Jr., at Rochester, Pa., on Monday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. Brother Eckles is to be ordained to the ministry. His ordination has been called for by the Madison Street Baptist Church, of Rochester of which Elder Harold Morris is pastor.

It is the request of the church that the editor preach on this occasion. He wishes to join the Madison Street Church and Pastor Morris in inviting all his friends within reach of Rochester to meet him at this ordination service.

GIANTS OR INFANTS?

Says General Omar N. Bradley: "With the monstrous weapons man already has, humanity is in danger of being trapped in this world by its moral adolescents. Our knowledge of science has clearly outstripped our capacity to control it.

"We have too many men of science; to few men of God. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount. Man is stumbling blindly through a spiritual darkness while toying with the precarious secrets of life and death.

"The world has achieved bril- (Continued on Page Four)

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The Unpardonable Sin

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and it has been but seldom that I have ever heard anything said concerning this Scripture which would glorify God and magnify His Word. Tonight I'd like for us to forget all the messages that we have ever heard and lay aside all the traditional teachings that have been handed down concerning this Scripture and just study the Scripture itself, that we might see what God's Word really teaches as to the "unpardonable sin".

I.

THE UNPARDONABLE SIN IS NOT ANY ONE PARTICULAR SIN OF THE FLESH.

Many times an individual is addicted to some particular habit or practice—a sin of the flesh. Since this particular sin is the cause of his downfall, he naturally concludes that this sin is unpardonable. I am satisfied that many an individual goes through life thinking that the sin of his flesh, whereby he stands most guilty before God, is the unpardonable sin. I have met many such individuals in life.

I remember one man who thought that *stealing was an unpardonable sin*. It had been his failing for years. Somehow he had developed a complex whereby he thought that no one could be saved who was addicted to thievery. I am ready to grant that stealing is a grievous sin in God's sight, and yet I rejoice that the Word of God makes it clear by an example that a thief can be saved. On the day that Jesus was crucified, two thieves were crucified with Him. One of them died impenitent, but the other died repenting. Listen:

"And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou

Pennsylvania Worker



The above is the picture of Elder Harold Morris, Interstate Missionary of the American Baptist Association. Brother Morris is in one of the hardest fields to be found, but has done a glorious work in spite of all odds. He is a former Arkansas man.

He says:

"As far as I know I am the only preacher in Pennsylvania that openly rejects the invisible, universal church idea and denounces alien immersion and open communion. I am hated, called narrow, bigoted and

be with me in paradise."

—Luke 23:42,43

If I had no other Scripture than this, I would know that a thief could be saved and that stealing was not an unpardonable sin.

Still others think that the sin of *drinking is unpardonable*. That it is a grievous sin one may easily learn from the reading of God's Word. We read of two that played the fool in the Bible because of drink, called by the names of Noah and Nabal. God's Word tells us what the sin of drink did in the lives of these two. It warns also what we may expect in our lives. Listen:

"Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."

TILL HE COMES

The skies are growing darker
With the passing years;
And life becomes more restless,
And on every hand are fears.
Men know not what is coming,
Yet feel something lies ahead
Which fills them with foreboding,
And a solemn sense of dread.

But Christians—we are waiting
For the breaking of the Day;
We are certain Christ is coming—
He may now be on the way.
Deeper still will grow earth's darkness—
Still more awesome grow its night—
But for Christ our eyes are looking,
Quick may come the rapture bright.

—J. Danson Smith.

every other name in the dictionary. In spite of all this the Lord is gloriously blessing the work here. He has given us a wonderful church building in Rochester, and in the past year I have baptized 17, with 5 candidates awaiting Baptism. Of these 17, two have surrendered to Preach the Gospel, and are fast becoming sound Missionary Baptists.

"We are striving to make Missionary Baptists and that is where the opposition comes. If we would just get them saved and turn them loose to the wiles of the devil, we would have no opposition. We have had three special efforts to indoctrinate our people. We had Bro. Waler of Arkansas for two weeks in June. Then we had Brother T. P. Simmons of Ashland, Ky., give his lectures on "Trail of Blood", in September and that is where the real hostile opposition began. It left all unchurched except the Missionary Baptists. Then we had Brother Simmons again in December, for a Bible Conference to preach Baptist doctrine. There again we met hostile opposition, but the Lord gloriously blessed and we have a truly united Missionary Baptist Church."

The editor is to be with Bro. Morris and his church for an ordination service on Monday evening March 20. We insist that our readers of that area, worship with us on this occasion.

Prov. 23:29-32

However, drinking is not an unpardonable sin. Some of the greatest soul winners that I know today and some of the outstanding Christians of my acquaintance were once notorious for their drinking. In these nearly twenty-one years of my pastorate in Russell I have seen many individuals gloriously saved who had been addicted to this habit. While it is a sin of the flesh to be avoided, I am glad that a drunkard can be saved. Has not God in His Word graciously invited the drunkard, when He said:

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

Isa. 1:18.

Likewise, *murder is not an unpardonable sin*. Because of a faulty misunderstanding of God's Book, many have come to believe that a murderer cannot be saved. There used to a lad who attended services here years ago very regularly. One day I insisted that he bring his father to church with him whereupon the lad immediately replied that it would do no good for his father to come to church. He said, "Dad is a murderer; he couldn't be saved." Then he told me how his father was in World War I and he knew definitely that he had taken a life many times. To prove that his father couldn't be saved, this lad even quoted from God's Word. Listen:

"Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him."

—I John 3:15

I am satisfied that this boy is not an isolated case. I think that there are many who believe by a faulty misunderstanding of the Scripture, the same as he, that murder is unpardonable.

We have at least one illustration from God's Word of a murderer who was saved. Barabbas is that murderer. (Luke 23:19). God's Word tells us how that Jesus was crucified in his

place — that He died on the Cross that had been prepared for Barabbas. In other words, He died as a substitute for Barabbas. I expect to meet Barabbas in glory, for I am satisfied that he died a child of God. Though he was a murderer yet he was saved, since Jesus died in his place.

Furthermore, *adultery is not an unpardonable sin*. When I was a boy, a young girl in the community where I lived gave birth to an illegitimate baby. I remember hearing a man in that community say that regardless of what she might ever do in life, she was doomed and damned for Hell. He said that she could never be saved. From that moment, I grew up with the same thought. I am satisfied that doubtlessly there are many tonight who have the same false notion concerning this sin of the flesh.

However, notice from God's Word the number of harlots who were saved. Do you remember the harlot Rahab? She was saved. Do you remember the woman of Samaria (John 4), who had had five husbands and was then living in open sin with another man, whom Jesus saved?

Do you remember the instance of the woman who was brought to Jesus, whom her accusers said was taken in the very act of adultery? The Word of God tells us that Jesus said to her: "Neither do I condemn thee." John 8:11.

Thus from these Scriptural examples we can see that this sin of the flesh is not an unpardonable sin.

The sin of *profanity* is another which is often thought to be unpardonable. This is a terrible habit, a vile sin, and is most repulsive to the consciences of those who love the Lord. There isn't any sin which ought to grieve a Christian more than the sin of profanity, since it links the name of the Christian's Heavenly Father in a most horrible manner.

The Word of God gives us an example of one who used profanity and yet we know that he is in Heaven today. I speak of Simon Peter who cursed as he warmed his hands around the enemy's campfire on the night of Jesus' arrest. Years later this same Simon Peter was used of God to write two books which bear his name, and these were incorporated into the Bible by the Holy Spirit. I say that we know that he was saved, for he wrote, saying:

"You who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

—I Pet. 1:5

Thus I say that the unpardonable sin is not any one sin of the flesh. I have mentioned these five—murder, stealing, drinking, adultery, profanity—and we have seen that though each of these sins of the flesh is to be avoided, that neither is unpardonable. In fact, in the very context from which we get our text for this sermon, Jesus said that all sins and blasphemies could be forgiven. He said: "Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme."

—Mark 3:28

II

THE UNPARDONABLE SIN IS NOT THE REJECTION OF JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOUR. This is the common interpretation placed upon this Scripture by most Arminian evangelists. Many preachers, especially during revival meetings, in pressing the invitation, insist that a

man can say "no" to the Spirit of God too often, so that some day the Holy Spirit will depart, never to deal with that individual again. This is a good way to scare unsaved and Scripturally-ignorant people into the church. It is a good way to fill the church with unsaved members. It is a good way to add a lot of ecclesiastical corpses to the church rolls.

Many individuals on hearing such exhortations have come to believe that surely this was the unpardonable sin. A man here in this town told me nearly twenty years ago that he couldn't be saved, that he had committed the unpardonable sin. He told me how that in a revival meeting years before he had rejected the Holy Spirit and from that time on he had never had a spiritual impression that he should be saved. I think he is representative of thousands who have been mistaught by Arminian evangelists.

Sometime ago a Baptist preacher of this Association was holding a revival meeting in a nearby Baptist church. He told the story of two boys who attended services in another revival, one of whom was saved whereas the other, as he said, rejected Jesus. On their way home that evening they parted company at the forks of the road. When the one who was unsaved shouted, "Come back, come back," the other boy hurriedly turned back, thinking that his unsaved friend was calling for him, only to find that this unsaved boy was calling to the Holy Spirit to come back into his life. This Baptist preacher who used this illustration said that this man committed the unpardonable sin, in that he rejected Christ until the Holy Spirit left him, never to return again. Of course every Holy Roller and every Arminian preacher had already told this hundreds of times before. However, in spite of the fact that this has been told again and again by heretical preachers, it is still a religious falsehood, a slander on God, and a definite misrepresentation of God's Word.

In the Old Testament there is a Scripture which is often correctly quoted but incorrectly applied. It says: "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." Gen. 6:3. This was God's message to the antediluvian civilization in that He declared he would not always tolerate the sinful civilization of Noah's day. It is the favorite verse of those who believe that the unpardonable sin is the rejection of Jesus as Saviour. Sometime ago I read a message from this text on the subject, "Sinning Away One's Day of Grace." The preacher endeavored to show that a sinner can by continually rejecting Jesus, thus commit the unpardonable sin.

However, beloved, the sinner can't sin away his day of grace because he has never had any grace. There is no such thing as waiting too long nor neglecting one's opportunity for salvation until the Holy Spirit departs. Three Scriptures make clear the fact that all those whom God elects shall eventually be saved.

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

John 6:37

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath be-

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gun a good work in you will finish it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Phil. 1:6

"And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed."

—Acts 13:48

No man can read these Scriptures without the realization that God saves only those whom he has elected unto salvation, and further these Scriptures abundantly teach that all those whom He has elected shall be saved. Not one of them shall fail to enter Heaven who has been chosen of the Lord before the foundation of the world. How glorious it is to know that ultimately everyone of God's elect shall be saved and therefore we are sure that the continued rejection of Christ on the part of a sinner is not the unpardonable sin.

III

THE UNPARDONABLE SIN IS NOT AS THE CATHOLICS SAY, TO DIE OUTSIDE THE CATHOLIC FOLD.

So far as they are concerned the only sin which is unpardonable is to die a Jew, a Protestant, or a Baptist—that is, to die without being a Catholic. This is the only unpardonable sin they know—dying outside Catholicism.

In this respect I want to insist, and that very definitely in opposition to the Catholics, that there is no salvation in church membership. There is no salvation in anybody's church. The church is not the Saviour—it is the home of the saved. A man may be a Jew, Catholic, Protestant, or a Baptist and still be lost and on the road to Hell. Listen:

"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils?"

and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

—Mt. 7:21,23.

Many have a Lord-saying profession apart from a possession of Christ as Saviour. Let me insist that no man is saved by his church membership. When our Lord comes, His concern will not be whether your name is on some church book, but whether your name was inscribed in the Lamb's Book of Life.

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

—Rev. 20:15.

I am confident that the Catholics are as far wrong in this as they are on all other teachings of the Bible. This is only to be expected since they have substituted tradition and human philosophy for the Word of God. To say that any man is saved by being a member of a church or is lost by not being a member of a church is utterly ridiculous in the light of God's Book. I thank God that I do not preach salvation by the church but by the Lord Jesus who is the head of the church and the Saviour of all the elect.

IV

THE UNPARDONABLE SIN IS THAT OF ATTRIBUTING THE WORKS OF CHRIST TO SATAN.

When Jesus spoke the words of our text He was talking to those who said that He was doing His work through the power of the Devil. This was their charge.

"And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils."

—Mark 3:22

Jesus thus declared that all other sins and blasphemies might be forgiven yet when one attributed the works of Christ

unto Satan, that was committing the unpardonable sin and he was in danger of eternal damnation.

Thus this is not a sin which might be committed by a thoughtless child, or immature youth, or one who is feeble-minded, or by the ignorant. It is a sin that is committed in defiance of God, of which very few have ever been guilty through all the ages since the foundation of the world. Even those who have been given to flagrant violations of the Law by way of sins of the flesh still have recognized and feared God and even in their sinfulness state would have shrunk from the thought of attributing the works of Jesus unto Satan. This is a sin of which I am sure very few have ever been guilty. Only those who are atheistically inclined and who view the Word of God from an infidel viewpoint would ever be guilty of this sin. I doubt if there is even one in this audience who has ever dared to think that Christ did His work by hypnotism or mesmerism—that He was in league with Satan.

However, everyone here has many sins though whereof you are guilty. While you might shrink from the thought of this unpardonable sin, you have willingly embraced many sins of the flesh to your bosom. In God's sight you therefore stand guilty. Has he not said:

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

—Rom. 3:23.

Do you feel your guilt tonight? Do you realize that you are a sinner? Would you like to be saved? I am glad that with this one exception that all other sins may be forgiven. God's Word makes the invitation broad and wide. Listen:

"For the son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Luke 19:10.

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

—I Tim. 1:15

May God in His Grace reach down and touch the heart of someone of His elect, that you now may be saved for His own glory.



Signs Of The Times

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ous places where the Sanhedrin meet. They even ignore the very ones who support them; often they are ashamed of them. Covetous. They are forever seeking to go up to a higher place of authority. They are so proud of themselves. Much of the time in their much speaking they are letting all who might be listening, know just where they have been to school and what brand of diploma they have. I have my degree from such and such a college or seminary.

The signs of the times are now scripturally fulfilled. We have apostatized. At the same time, we are patting ourselves on the back. Never were we so disobedient to parents. Not just to our parents, but disobedient to God. Unthankful. Not in any degree are we thankful for all the blessings that God has given us. Unholy. Oh, dear reader, can you truthfully say that even as Christians we are holy? No, we are in the same category with the ungodly world, because we have adopted the same standard—that of the world.

"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." Here is a warning to all true followers of



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Christ. If we are not careful we will be drawn into their net of wickedness. When a man becomes satisfied with a mere form, there will be no searching of the heart, no pungent conviction, no sorrow for sin, no love for truth, and no conformity to the Divine will. The possession of a mere form of Godliness does not entitle a person to Christian fellowship. The formalist has no sympathy with believers' sentiments, and would detract from their usefulness. They are unfit for any exalted place. Paul, in writing to the Roman brethren in chapter 12: 3, says, "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed."

II Timothy 4

Today this terrible, perilous, spiritual wickedness is in high places, even in our churches. True Christian zeal should be stimulated so that we would have the moral courage to break away from anything that even resembled formality. The signs of this time demand us to do so because of what is at stake. Precious souls for whom Christ died, are hastening on down to a Devil's Hell, while we are forming and conforming ourselves to some new fangled idea of the mere man-made theory. We should do like the peasant of Norway, who realized that there was a great spiritual darkness on the continent of Europe. Everything seemed to threaten that the light of the Gospel would be completely removed from Norway. God, in His providence, raised up a poor peasant, who lived near Indenckihill, on the confines of Sweden, who had received nothing but a common education. This good man with his knapsack on his back, set out on the road, going through the length and breadth of Norway, proclaiming the Gospel in that wild and romantic country, to thousands and tens of thousands. The Lord gave testimony to the Word in a most remarkable manner, for hundreds were, in a short time, by his instrumentality, made to see and embrace the truth. It may be easily conceived that he was not allowed to go on in peace. The mere formalist or modernist would not endure him. They cast him into prison but he was soon out and back at his work. Once more he was cast into prison and kept there for eleven

years. He kept up his preaching by doing as Bunyon, writing tracts and any other way that he could. He was in prison from 1800 to 1811. We have many teachers and preachers who are fitting descriptions of this Scripture, "having itching ears." The word "itching" literally means "to find pleasure in novelty; something light, funny."

II Timothy 4:9

"Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me. For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed."

Nearly all can recall that favorite fiction of childhood, "The Voyage of Sindbad." They will remember that magnetic rock that rose from the surface of the water. Silently Sindbad's vessel was attracted toward it. Silently the bolts were drawn out of the sides of the ship, one by one, through the subtle attraction of that magnetic rock. When the fated vessel drew so near that every bolt and clamp were loosened, the whole structure of the bulwark, mast and spars tumbled into ruins in the sea, and the sleeping sailors awoke to their drownings and death agonies.

So stands the magnetic rock of worldliness across the Christian's path. Its attraction is subtle, silent, and slow, but fearfully powerful on every soul that floats within its range. Under its enchanting spell, bolt after bolt of good resolutions, clamp after clamp of Christian obligations are stealthily drawn out. What matters how long or how fair has been the man's profession of religion, or how flauntingly the flag of orthodoxy floats from the masthead? Let sudden temptation smite the unbolted professor, and in an hour he is a wreck. He cannot hold together in a tempest of trial. He cannot go out on any cruise of Christian service, because he is no longer held together by divine principles within. It has been silently drawn out of him by that mighty loadstone of attraction, a sinful, godless, self-pampering, Christ-rejecting world.

Christian friend, will you not
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A LITTLE WHILE

A little while, our trials shall be over;

A little while, our tears be wiped away;

A little while, the presence of Jehovah

Shall turn our darkness into heaven's bright day.

A little while! 'Tis ever growing nearer--

The wished-for dawning of that glorious day.

Blest Savior, make our spirit's vision clearer,

And guide, oh guide us in the shining way.

A little while, the fears that oft surround us

Shall to the memories of the past belong;

A little while, the love that sought and found us

Shall change our weeping into heaven's glad song.

A little while! His presence goes before us,

A fire by night, a shadowy cloud by day;

His banner, love inscribed, is floating o'er us,

His arm almighty is our strength and stay!

A little while, to live and work for Jesus,

To gather with the reapers till He comes;

Oh, let not faithless fears and doubting seize us--

A little while, and then the harvest-home!

A little while! Ah, blessed expectation!

A little while! "Lord, tarry not," we cry;

Our hearts up leap in fond anticipation;

Rejoice; The coming of the Lord is nigh!

--Sel.

Giants or Infants?

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liance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we do about peace, more about killing than we know about living. This is our twentieth century's claim to distinction and to progress.

—Sel.

Signs Of The Times

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look around you and within, and see the signs of the times? Will you not pay the price of a true friend of Jesus and have no part in such a Godless carrying-on within the world? Surely we will be counted ignorant and will be left out in the cold.

May we look for just a few minutes into the record of God's Word and get a clear path for our poor misguided lives, and pledge anew our allegiance to the Christ of Calvary. He was despised and rejected by the popular leadership of the world when He was dying. Oh, listen to His stinging words as they come down through the ages today. All this pampering and conforming to a set rule of ritual and ceremony of the blessed select few, you white sepulchres, you are nothing but graveyards of dead men's bones. "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon." Christian, listen, except your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of these Pharisees, you cannot enter the kingdom of Heaven. They make the outside of the cup clean, but on the inside it is black as midnight. Are you not ashamed of our backsliding and apostasy? Can't we see that we are fulfilling this passage of Holy Scripture and bringing upon ourselves the anathema of God's displeasure?

The churches of today are guilty of besmearing the blessed cause of Jesus, in that we are powerless. No lost people come anymore to our churches to inquire about the way to be saved, simply because we are no different from them. Our prayers arise no higher than our heads. Why? The answer is that we are so far from the place of communion with God. The early Christians were always heard and always received an answer to their prayers. They were called many names, such as being drunk, ignorant, unlearned. But thanks be unto God, precious souls were saved and Christ was glorified through their prayers and preaching.

Jude 1:8-13

"Likewise, these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominions and speak evil of dignities. Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the Devil, disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. But these speak evil of those things which know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit

withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever."

May the blessed God give those who have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, grace to come out from among the very thing that God has sworn vengeance against. Save us, oh Lord! Give unto us courage in these last days of the signs of the times as they appear before our eyes.

Are Deacons To "Boss"

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the deacons. It is the church's business to handle all cases of discipline. Worldly, bossy deacons ought to be disciplined themselves.

5. Are deacons to say when the Lord's Supper is to be observed and to change the time of its observance at their will? The Lord's Supper is a church ordinance. It is for the church to decide when and how often it is to be observed. Deacons are the servants of the church in preparing for this ordinance.

6. Are deacons to dictate the policies of the church and thus tell the pastor what to preach? No, a pastor should get his message from God and should preach it fearlessly, even if it "hits" every deacon in the church.

Woe be to the church that has bossy, dictatorial deacons! It would be better to have the Girgashites, Hivites and Philistines as members of church than to have bossy deacons. It is a sure sign the church needs a house cleaning when it tolerates that type of deacons.

Tithing

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bring our TITHE of ONE-TENTH to the HOUSE OF GOD and put it in the TREASURY of the CHURCH, THE HOUSE OF GOD, in custody of the TREASURER, the true SUBSTANCE foreshadowed in the TEMPLE SERVICE, then I can by the same line of philosophy prove that there is not a NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH in Little Rock, as all BAPTIST CHURCHES that I know of have their BAPTISTRY on the inside of the church. The LAVER was on the outside of the TEMPLE, hence no NEW TESTAMENT CHURCHES in Little Rock, by this philosophy of reckoning. The BAPTISTRY is not the substance of the TYPE, but BAPTISM is the substance of the TYPE and is on the outside of the church whether done on the inside or the outside of the building: so is the TENTH, TREASURY, AND TREASURER, the SUBSTANCE of the TYPE foreshadowed in the TEMPLE SERVICE.

The Levites Had Charge of the Treasury of the House of God, I Chron. 26:20

A-h-i-jah or A-hi-ah (same person, meaning Jehovah's brother) succeeded his father as high priest in the reign of Saul, I Sam. 14:3, 18, and was over the treasury of dedicated things, I Chron. 26:20. It is significant that A-hi-ah was the treasurer of dedicated things. I Chron. 26:20.

It is significant that A-h-i-jah or A-hi-ah was HIGH PRIEST at GIBEAH and was made CHIEF TREASURER over the HOUSE OF GOD. There were

other treasurers over treasuries: "Shel-e-mi-ah the priest, and Zadoc the scribe, and of the Levites, Pe-dai-ah: and next to them was Ha-nan the son of Zaccur, and the son of Mat-tani-ah: for they were counted faithful, and their office was to distribute unto their brethren." Neh. 13:13.

The Treasurers Prayed For God's Remembrance of Their Faithfulness. Neh. 13:14

"Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the HOUSE OF GOD, and for the offices thereof."

The Tithe of the Land, Tree, and Beast is Holy Unto the Lord. Lev. 27:30

"All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S: it is HOLY unto the LORD."

Israel's tithe (one-tenth) was brought to the HOUSE OF GOD and put in the TREASURY, that is the record of the tenth. The treasurers of the HOUSE OF GOD stored the TENTH in suitable places such as stock pens, granaries, wine vats, storehouses and chambers of the TEMPLE. This was necessary because of the nature of things tithed BUT the HOUSE OF GOD was possessive of the tenth regardless of where it was stored, and kept a complete record of same or she would not have known whom to exclude from the TEMPLE SERVICE. Every Levite that took any part in the care of the tenth which was HOLY unto the LORD or gave any service to or for the TEM-

MORE EXPENSES

We have been spending between \$40 and \$50 weekly in mailing this paper, but due to governmental regulations, it will cost us about \$80 weekly in the future. This is for mailing alone.

This means that over the course of a year we must spend nearly \$2,000 more for mailing than in the past.

As I think of this, I am tempted to cry, "Woe is me," but instead, I fall back on God. I know He is able. His sufficiency shall be my supply.

Brethren, pray for us and aid us as God enables you!

PLE service "ministered unto HOLY THINGS." The tenth was put in the TREASURY of the HOUSE OF GOD (temple service). Any Levite that lived of the TEMPLE lived of the TENTH, the possession of the TEMPLE. We know that the priests did not live of the immediate things of the TEMPLE, such as shew bread, incense, candle sticks, ark of the covenant, mercy seat, cherubims, tables of the law, pot of manna, or Aaron's rod. What did Paul mean when he said, "live of the things of the TEMPLE"? I Cor. 9:13. They lived of the possession of the TEMPLE, the TENTH. The priests were partakers of the offerings at the altar also, no doubt, for expediency. The priests did not have to take time out to slaughter animals for their tables so they could give more time to the TEMPLE SERVICE.

Every member of the tribe of Levi that ministered in any service of the TEMPLE whether or not he was stock pen foreman, winery foreman, granary fore-

man, helpers or laborers lived of the temple as the tithe was HOLY unto the Lord and in possession of the Temple! "MINISTER unto HOLY THINGS." Every member of the tribe of Levi ministered in the service of the TEMPLE whether or not he was stock pen foreman, granary foreman, winery foreman, or laborers, as the tithe was HOLY unto the LORD, and "they ministered unto HOLY things." Here is the passage: "Do ye not know that they which minister about HOLY things LIVE of the things of the TEMPLE? and they which wait at the altar are partakers of the altar? Even so HATH GOD ORDAINED that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." I Cor. 9:13-14. What is the issue here that Paul has brought up? The source from which the preacher should receive his living and the source from which those that ministered of HOLY things received their living. You will note that I Cor. 9:13 speaks of two substances, things of the TEMPLE (the tenth) and things of the altar (freewill offering). Every Israelite brought his TITHE of one-tenth to the treasury of the HOUSE OF GOD and put in the TREASURY, that is, the record of the tenth. The treasurers of the HOUSE OF GOD stored the TENTH in suitable places to care for the same—such as, stock pens, granary, wine vats, storehouse and chambers of the TEMPLE: this was necessary because of the nature of things tithed, but the HOUSE OF GOD was POSSESSIVE of the tenth regardless of where it was stored and kept a complete record or she would not have known whom to exclude from the TEMPLE SERVICE because of their failure to tithe one-tenth. The NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH has a treasurer and usually puts her money in some bank for safekeeping, but the church is possessive of the money regardless of where the TREASURER keeps the church's funds.

We should give our minimum of one-tenth or more to the church, and then exercise our privilege of saying how it should be spent in a vote in the purest democracy on earth as God has intended us to do.

Those who believe that they are their own STOREHOUSE should try to interpret I Cor. 16:1-3, especially verse two, wherein Paul said, "that there be no GATHERING when I come." I Cor. 16:2. Should every man have his money in his own pocket, being his own storekeeper, Paul would have had to take a collection when he came to the church. I am of the opinion that Paul would have been disheartened, as he had such a zeal to preach the GOSPEL, and would not want to waste time in detail work such as taking collections from members of the Corinth church.

The Order of God's House—All Judah Brought Tithes to the Treasuries of the House of God. Neh. 13:10-13

"And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field." v. 10.

"Then contended I with the rulers, and said, why is the house of God forsaken? and I gathered them together, and set them in their place." v. 11.

"Then brought all Judah the tithe of corn and the new wine and the oil unto the TREASURIES." v. 12. Here we have the plain statement in God's

word that the TITHE was brought to the TREASURIES of the HOUSE OF GOD. Certainly it was stored in the wine vats and storehouse, but the HOUSE OF GOD (temple service) was possessive of the TITHE.

Tithing One-Tenth Taught in Type When Abraham Gave Melchisedec One-Tenth for Our Lord. Heb. 7:4-8

Paul draws a contrast of ABRAHAM'S TITHE (one-tenth) to Melchisedec being of extraordinary importance, because the Levites had the command to take tithes from the people Heb. 7:4-8.

"Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils." v. 4. Then he shows in the eighth verse why ABRAHAM gave MELCHISEDEC one-tenth and received a BLESSING. Notice the word "HERE" and "THERE" in the eighth verse. "Here" means that die receive tithes (meaning the Levites) but THERE he receiveth THEM (tithes) of whom it is witnessed that he LIVETH." v. 8. It was more than seventeen hundred years since ABRAHAM gave MELCHISEDEC one-tenth when Paul spoke these words: "IT IS WITNESSED THAT HE LIVETH, in the present tense, meaning still living. Paul, whom do you mean that 'liveth?' Melchisedec died before the Levites had a commandment to take tithes. One only has to read the eighth chapter of Hebrews to learn whom Paul was speaking of that 'LIVETH,' as we are told in this chapter that Christ ever 'LIVETH.' ABRAHAM gave the LORD JESUS CHRIST tithes of one-tenth when he gave the tenth to MELCHISEDEC and received the blessing

They Who Preach the Gospel Are to Live of the Gospel. I Cor. 9:7-14

Paul shows "how they that ministered unto HOLY THINGS lived of the TEMPLE (the tenth, the possession of the temple) and they which wait at the altar are partakers of the altar." Vs. 13. "And they that preach the GOSPEL should live of the GOSPEL" (the income of the church of the LORD JESUS CHRIST that is paid in the treasury of one-tenth of the income as typified by ABRAHAM'S gift to the LORD JESUS CHRIST through MELCHISEDEC, and in the TREASURY of the HOUSE OF GOD, TEMPLE SERVICE, or the membership should be put in order as NEHEMIAH set every man in his place when they failed to give one-tenth. Nehemiah 13:10.

I can't believe that our LORD organized His church, established a treasury that all expenses were paid from, and gave that church the GOSPEL directive and not expect the expense of taking the GOSPEL to a lost and dying world to be under the direction of the church. If individuals are to handle the LORD'S money in the propagation of the GOSPEL why give the GOSPEL directive to the church? I am persuaded the church treasury is the storehouse. The minimum of ten percent TYPIFIED AS THE MINIMUM GIFT IN THE TEMPLE SERVICE IS OUR MINIMUM IN THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH. Any gift after the tenth is a free will offering. H. E. Waller.

The old reliable Baptist Examiner is next to our Bible in our reading list. May God's richest blessings rest on your work.

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