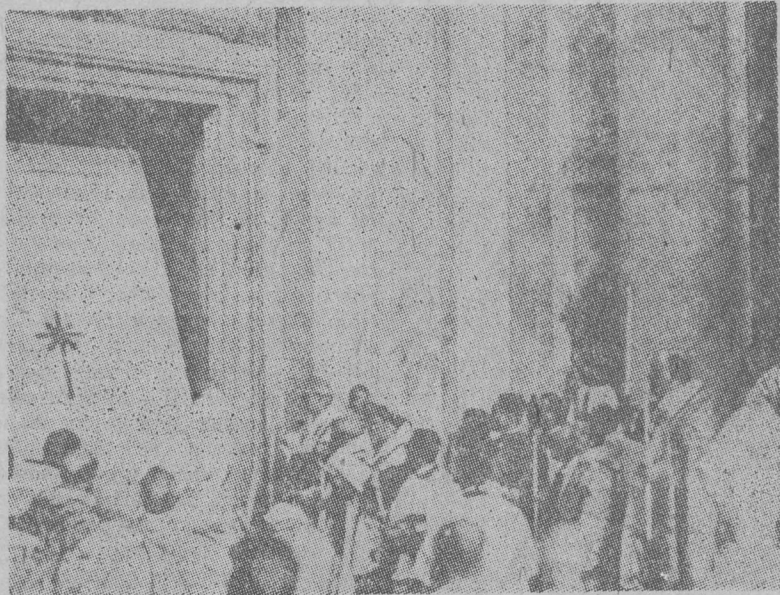


Romes Holy Year Of Jubilee

By L. H. Lehmann

Ritualistic splendor will mark the beginning of the Holy Year in Rome on Christmas Eve. With great pomp and ceremony Pope Pius XII, gorgeously attired, will be carried aloft in procession on his Sedia Gestatoria to open the Holy Door of St. Peter's, a special entrance that has been walled up since the end of the last Holy Year 25 years ago. He will be accompanied by scarlet-robed cardinals and a long procession of bishops, abbots and other high prelates in colorful array. Contributing to the vast symphony of color will be the Swiss Guards in their red and yellow uniforms, the Noble Guards, pontifical police and members of the Papal Household in Elizabethan costumes, along with priests and monks of the various orders in characteristic attire.

Chanting from the Psalms, the Pope will advance and knock three times on the Holy Door with a silver hammer. As he knocks for the third time the door slips back, the masonry



Opening The Holy Door In 1925

having previously been loosened, and the opening is then left clear. Pilgrims pick up the pieces of masonry as souvenirs. The opening is then sprinkled with holy water and after the Te Deum has been sung, the

Pope, holding a long-handled cross, leads the procession through into St. Peter's. As he steps over the threshold all the bells of Rome begin to ring in the Holy Year and are joined by the guns of Castel Sant'Angelo.

At the same moment, three other Holy Doors will be broken open by cardinals at the basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul's Outside the Walls.

About five million pilgrims are expected to flock to Rome from all parts of the world in 1950 to visit these four churches and fulfill the other conditions prescribed for the gaining of the great jubilee indulgence. Many spectacular events are planned to take place in Rome in conjunction with the regular Holy Year ceremonies. The Pope will pontificate at several canonizations and beautifications and may decree a new dogma of the Assumption of Mary. Most sensational of all may be the Pope's proclamation of the finding of what are said to be the bones of the Apostle Paul under the main altar of St. Peter's basilica.

Roman jubilee years date only from the time of Pope Boniface VIII in the year 1300, when he published his famous bull, Antiquorum fida relatio, granting "great remissions and

indulgences for sins" to all who would visit the city of Rome and the basilica of St. Peter's. On condition that pilgrims would confess their sins and visit St. Peter's for fifteen days (native Romans for thirty days), he promised "not only full and copious, but the most full, pardon of all their sins." (Cath. Ency. Vol. 8. p. 532).

By this decree of Pope Boniface, jubilee years were to occur only once every hundred years, but this was changed by Pope Clement VI in 1350 to every fifty years. "Urban VI," says the Encyclopedia Britannica (vol. 15, p. 534), "who was badly in need of money, by the bull Salvator Noster in 1389, reduced the interval still further to thirty-three years," Pope Paul II decreed one every twenty-five years. The Holy Year of 1950 will be the 25th since the first was proclaimed in 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII.

HEBREW AND ROMAN JUBILEES

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"Good Old Joe" Stalin, A Murderer

According to W. D. Herrstrom, Joe Stalin, gangster-ruler of Bolshevik Russia, was 70 years old on December 21st. His real name is Joseph Vissarionovich Djugashvili but like most criminals he is known by his alias, which in this case is Joe Stalin. His mother worked hard to educate him for the ministry having dedicated him to God at his birth. Apparently there was nothing in his heart that would respond to anything GOOD and he soon sought company of his own kind—criminals and gangsters. Stalin's criminal record makes Al Capone seem like an angel by comparison. In the 1918 bank robbery staged by Stalin, 17 persons were killed. Stalin was in jail much of the time until the criminal element took over the State after the Bolshevik revolution. What little there was left of Stalin's conscience cried out against him because of the memory of his godly mother and his righteous fellow-students in the seminary, so when he got into power Stalin attempted to drown the voice of his guilty conscience by burning Bibles, closing churches, exiling or murdering Christians, and especially min-

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CIGARETTE ADS

I've always opposed the pernicious advertising that extols the "benefits" of tobacco using. While I was training for my second fight with Jack Dempsey, I was offered \$15,000 to endorse a certain brand of cigarettes. I didn't want to be rude, so, in declining, I merely said I didn't smoke. Next day the advertising man came back with another offer: \$12,000 if I would let my picture be used with the statement that "Stinkies must be good, because all my friends smoke them." That compelled me to say what I thought—that cigarettes were a foul pestilence, and that advertising which promoted their use was a national menace. —Gene Tunney, in Faith and Life.

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Carts Before Horses

No. 1. "WORKS BEFORE SALVATION"

By C. D. COLE
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When somebody gets his logic mixed; when he gets things out of their proper order, and puts effect before cause, we say he has the cart before the horse. At a horse show it would look funny to see a lot of carts hitched to horses as if the carts were to pull the horses. The simplest sort of person knows that the horse pulls the cart and must be hitched to the cart. It would be a simpleton indeed who would argue that the cart caused the horse to run. And yet this is the very thing many do in their religious thinking—they

get the cart before the horse. They have the effect before the cause; they confound the ground or cause of something with the evidences of it; they put results where they ought to put the cause. In many instances they put man where they ought to put God.

The natural man can think straight in everything except matters pertaining to God and religion. Men do not get mixed up in physics and other natural sciences as they do in religion. And in the natural sciences they

Mused Uncle Mose

Pahson usin' er lotta oil dese days. Some times he pour it in, an' some times he pour it on.

think it is important to keep cause and effect properly related. In the laboratories at Oak Ridge they are careful about this thing of cause and effect. To get the cart before the horse in dealing with atomic energy would be fatal—somebody would be blown to kingdom come.

The Bible does not say that the natural man cannot understand the things of nature; it says he cannot understand the things of the Spirit. The natural man, the man of one birth, is blind to the truths of saving religion; religious truth is foolishness to him. Saving truth must be spiritually discerned and the natural man is without the Spirit. The kingdom of (Continued on page four)

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"WHEN GOD PASSES THE HAT"

"Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel." —Amos 4:12.

Here is a verse that is definitely more times misinterpreted than it is preached properly in the light of its setting. Frankly I've never heard a sermon preached from this text but what the message was applied to the lost. It is a favorite text that is often used in revival meetings, and I have never yet heard it preached but what the

text of Scripture was applied particularly to the lost, that they were to get ready to meet God.

I am ready to grant, beloved that every unsaved person ought to sit up and take notice of this verse of Scripture. He ought to be prepared to meet God right now. But, beloved this verse of Scripture was never spoken to lost sinners. This verse was God's message to Israel. It was a message to his chosen people.

If you will read very care-

fully the context, in fact, the entirety of this fourth chapter you will find that Israel had been backsliding away from God at a tremendous rate of speed. God had chastened them, not just once, but again and again and again for their sins. However, the chastening hand of God as it had fallen upon Israel, had not served its corrective purpose. Though God had given to them a lack of food, they didn't return to Him. Though He had withheld the

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Modern Christians Know Too Much

We are a generation of tired, fussy little Christians, experts but not examples. We know too much. We have heard all the preachers and read all the books. It is hard these days to be converted and become like little children. We want to be thought philosophers and scholars and brilliant—but child-like? Never! Somebody would think we were dumb, so we miss the secrets God has hidden from the wise and prudent and revealed unto babes. Not many wise, mighty, noble have been called, but we go on trying to be wise, mighty and noble. It is possible, of course, for a rich man to get into the kingdom and for a learned man to become like a child, but not many of them do it. How often, even among the saints, does some simple soul learn the deeper things of God and press through to heaven's best while theologians utterly miss them! We know too much.

—Vance Havner.

A heathen was asked, "What will you do when you get converted?"

"Put on more clothes," was her reply.

BAPTIST CHALLENGE

This is a new magazine, edited by Bro. E. P. Alldredge, and is a "must" on the reading list of real Baptists.

Of course the big boys of the convention will hate it. Like Joe Stalin, they hate anything which exposes their "Iron Curtain" policies.

Here is a magazine though that will be loved by Baptists who love His Word and are loyal to it. I wish every reader of this paper would subscribe to "The Baptist Challenge", which is a monthly publication, and which costs \$2.00 per year. It will be the greatest gift you ever bought for yourself.

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Behind the Scenes

In the March, 1950 issue of The Harvester there is a letter to Editor Muse from a Texas preacher named Stogner in which he says:—

I am far from approving the spirit of John R. Gilpin, but nevertheless he is going places with his sheet, and thousands of Baptists are reading it more avidly than they are the ponderous and dull denominational "trade journal." Love, Stogner.

Thank you beloved, for the compliment, even if it is back handed. Bro. Stogner's admission of the effectiveness of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is an encouragement.

At the same time, let me ask Bro. Stogner a question: What is wrong with the spirit of John R. Gilpin that he can't approve of it?

Does Bro. Stogner believe the denomination is drifting from its moorings? Then if so (and I know he does) why should he be content to drift with it? It is time to "cry aloud and spare not."

"When a thing is known to exist and is detrimental to the cause of Christ, and you know about it, if you keep silent you are worse than a traitor; you are a coward."—Oscar Gibson.

Of course, most people think a preacher ought to be kind and sweet and never lift his voice against evil. Evidently, they have never read Mt. 23. Thirteen times in this chapter Jesus called his audience, who were the religious leaders of His day "blind guides, scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites". Maybe Bro. Stogner wouldn't approve of the spirit of Jesus in this chapter.

Anyhow, here's one editor who is under no obligation to the hierarchy and who expects to continue contending for "the faith" until Jesus comes.

It would be much easier to take a different attitude and certainly more profitable. A short time ago a Baptist deacon offered me \$1,000 if I would tone down my message. I branded him immediately as the Devil's agent and his money as the Devil's gold. Don't misunderstand me. I needed the \$1,000. I never needed money worse than I do today.

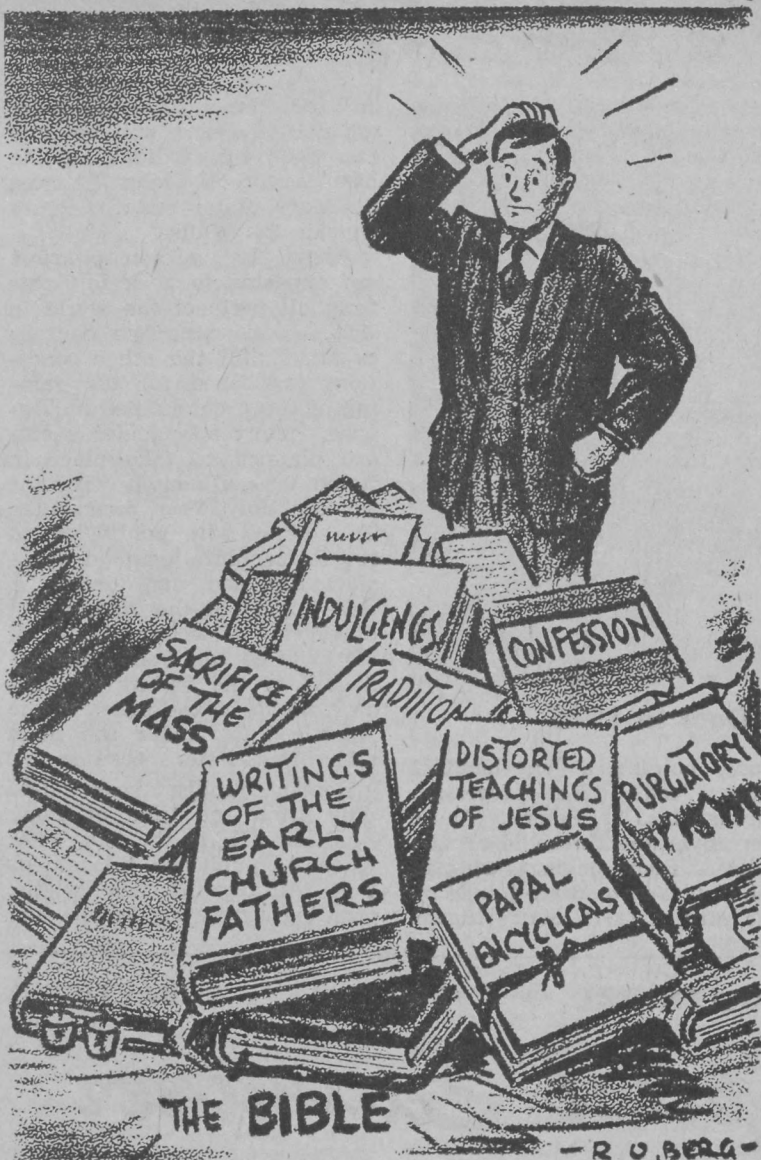
However, I'd feel lower than Judas Iscariot or Benedict Arnold if I were to compromise my message and accept money. And I refuse to do it.

This paper is just exactly what Baptists need even if they don't like it. Do you believe in its message? Then write me an encouraging letter and help us publish this paper until Jesus comes.

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"LIGHT UNDER A BUSHEL"

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rain from them, they didn't return to Him. Though their crops had failed because of the droughts, they still didn't return to Him. Though God smote their gardens and their vineyards and their crops with pestilences and mildew, still the people of God didn't return to Him. Though He sent among them pestilences one after another, they continued right on in their transgressions and their backsliding. Though He had them killed in battle and though warfare came and cut off many of the men of Israel, still they didn't repent. In spite of all this, they had gone right on in their sin. Now God says to them: "Because you have done this, I have one last warning: Prepare to meet thy God. I have chastened you again and again, but to no avail. Since you won't be corrected by chastisement, I am going to take you prematurely in death. Therefore, prepare to meet God."

I say then, beloved, this passage of Scripture was never spoken to the unsaved but was spoken to God's own people in an effort on the part of God that Israel might repent and return to Him, ere He allowed the last act of His vengeance to fall upon them.

I

This leads me to say that GOD CREATED THIS WORLD. I wish you would believe it. I wish that I could get everyone in this world to believe that God is the Creator of this world. Some people who like to make a display of their intelligence, especially of their supposed education, boast of the fact that they are evolutionists. Beloved, I am not an EVOLU-

TIONIST; I am a CREATIONIST. I don't believe this world came about by evolution. I believe, beloved, that it came about by the direct creative act of God Himself. Listen:

"In the beginning GOD CREATED the heaven and the earth."—Gen. 1:1.

"ALL THINGS WERE MADE BY HIM; and without him was not any thing made that was made."—John 1:3.

"GOD THAT MADE THE WORLD and all things therein seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands."—Acts 17:2.

"For BY HIM WERE ALL THINGS CREATED, that are in heaven, and that are in earth visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him."—Col. 1:16.

"Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, BY WHOM ALSO HE MADE THE WORLDS."—Heb. 1:2.

Here, beloved, are five passages of Scripture which tell us that God created this world. I say to you today that in spite of the evolution that is taught in our high schools, I still believe that this world is the creation of Almighty God. In spite of all that is taught to the contrary, I believe that God created this world.

II

GOD CONTROLS THIS WORLD. This is what this fourth chapter of the book of Amos teaches. It shows us very definitely and plainly that God controls the food supply, water supply, pestilences, wars, mildew and palmerworm. Beloved, God controls this world.

To particularize in this respect, let's notice that GOD

CONTROLS THE RAIN. Listen:

"That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and SENDETH RAIN on the just and on the unjust."—Mt. 5:45.

"Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit."—James 5:17,18.

I tell you this morning, beloved, that when summertime comes and when your lawns are burning because of lack of moisture and when your gardens are being parched because of a lack of rain, remember this, God controls the rain. When the Ohio River gets on a rampage and when it looks like it is coming over its banks and when it appears that it is coming into your house and when you sing "River, Stay Away From My Door", and it doesn't seem to do a bit of good, just remember that it is God who controls the river.

NOTICE ALSO THAT GOD CONTROLS THE WINDS:

"The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the Lord HATH HIS WAY IN THE WHIRLWIND and in the storm and the clouds are the dust of his feet. He rebuketh the sea and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth. The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein."—Nahum 1:3-5.

"And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back BY A STRONG EAST WIND all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided."—Exodus 14:21.

If there comes today a cyclone that tears down your house and levels it with the ground, and when you walk out tomorrow and view the ruins and wreckage of your erstwhile home, you can say this with truth, that it is God that controls the winds.

I want you to notice also that GOD CONTROLS THE FAMINES. Every once in a while there is some kind of an appeal made relative to a famine somewhere within the world: There is hardly ever a year goes by but what there is a famine appeal for China, Japan, India, or some other portion of the world. Listen, beloved, famines are controlled by God:

"Then spake Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for THE LORD HATH CALLED FOR A FAMINE; and it shall also come upon the land seven years."—II Kings 8:1.

If there comes a famine to America so that the wheat fields of the west are destroyed and the fruits and nuts of Florida and California fail to come into full growth at harvest, if the cornfields of the Scioto valley and of Iowa fail to mature, and if America as a whole faces famine, you can mark it down God is back of the famine.

GOD ALSO CONTROLS THE CROPS. Listen:

"I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labours of your hands yet ye turned not to me, saith the Lord."—Haggai 2:17.

I can remember one year when I was but a boy about ten or eleven years of age, I saw our corn and tobacco and all the crops that we had, which was already knee-high and with a good start toward a bountiful harvest,—I saw the crops early in the month of June completely beaten into the ground by a hail storm that came. So great was the hail storm that after the storm was over, the hail stones were lying level to the height of the railroad rails. Every bit of the corn and the tobacco and everything else was beaten into the ground.

I say to you, beloved, God controls the crops.

GOD CONTROLS OUR HEALTH. Listen:

"He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was NOT ONE FEEBLE PERSON among their tribes."—Psa. 105:37.

This is what the Psalmist says as he looks back over the experience of Israel when they came out of the land of Egypt and God says there wasn't one feeble person among all their tribes. 300,000 men, women and children came out of Egypt unto Canaan, yet God declares that there wasn't one feeble person among them.

Notice again:

"Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation. There shall no evil befall thee: NEITHER SHALL ANY PLAGUE COME NIGH THY DWELLING."—Psa. 91:9,10.

I believe that you and I never have an ache or pain but what God is controlling it. I don't believe that there is anything that ever comes to pass in our lives so far as our health is concerned but what God is back of it, and it is definitely a result of the hand of God who controls our health.

Notice also that GOD CONTROLS THE EARTHQUAKES:

"The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was MOVED AT THE PRESENCE OF GOD, the God of Israel."—Psa. 66:8.

Here is a verse which tells us that even Sinai, from which God gave the law of Moses, was moved at the presence of God.

I say to you this morning that God controls the earthquakes that shake this world. Sometimes the seismograph will pick up a little faint tremor that hardly amounts to anything, that would not be noticed had it not been for the delicate nature of this instrument. Then sometimes, in contrast, the old earth reels like a drunken man and rocks to and fro so that great gaps are torn in the ground and houses are demolished and property is destroyed. Beloved, whether it be a little tremor or whether it be a destructive one which brings loss to life and property that runs into the thousands, I say that God is back of it all. God controls the earthquakes.

I'll go further and say in one conclusive way, GOD CONTROL EVERYTHING, for there is nothing that "just happens." Everything is just a part of the hand of God. I'll give you one illustration from the Bible to prove it. If you will go back to the time when the children of Israel were in battle with the Philistines, you will recall that they lost their ark which was symbolic of God's presence. When the Philistines captured that ark they didn't recognize it as being symbolic of God's presence. They looked at it as

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"When God Passes the Hat"

III

WE ARE LIVING IN A DAY WHEN MEN ARE LEAVING GOD OUT OF CONSIDERATION.

In the business world God is now spelled with four letters—G-O-L-D. Sometime ago an older man was explaining to a younger business man how to make money and how to be a success in the business world. He said, "It is all in pluck—pluck, pluck, pluck," and the young fellow said, "I realize that, but how are we going to know who we are to pluck?" There is a moral in this little story. There are a lot of people who think that the only way to be a success is by plucking the other fellow. Beloved, in the business world God is left out of consideration.

God is left out of consideration in the home. Companionate marriage is a common thing today with an easy divorce rate. I've married thousands of couples in the years that I have been your pastor that I'm sure had no thought whatsoever in mind except to secure a divorce if their marriage wasn't a success.

Sometime ago a couple from Charleston, W. Va., called up and made arrangements for me to meet them at my home about midnight on a certain evening so they could be married. After I had performed the ceremony and had sat down at the desk to fill out the certificate, they were talking among themselves. It wasn't a young couple. I would say that the man was probably thirty-five and the woman about twenty-eight. They had never been married before. While I was filling out their certificate I heard each of them remind the other of a heavy date that each of them had planned for a certain time not far in the future, and each was to see to it that nothing was to interfere with the other's date.

I have married couples and they have told me after I had finished the ceremony that if they didn't get along they expected to get a divorce and marry someone else.

Beloved, we are living in a day when God has been forgotten about.

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How about the Lord's Day? It is desecrated. Men think no more about working on Sunday than they do on any other day in the week. There are a lot of men in this church who say that they have to work to hold their jobs, and I don't believe one word of it. You work because you like to hear the guinea jingle in your jeans. God's Day is forgotten. God's Day is desecrated and God is ignored on His own day.

God is forgotten in POLITICS. If there is anything that is more corrupt than politics I don't know what it is unless it is Hell itself. I've been reading, at least glancing at, the Congressional Record, which is the day by day verbatim report of what happens in Washington. For some fifteen years I've been securing it and I'll say to you this morning, as far as our statesmen are concerned today in Washington, they are mighty, mighty few. We have a lot of politicians, but mighty few statesmen.

God is forgotten about IN OUR CHURCHES. Churches are not respected by the world and how can you expect them to be? When church members live like the world, when church members are worldly, when modernism is preached from the pulpit, and when worldliness reigns in the pew, what can you expect from the outside? A church can't expect and doesn't deserve the respect of a community when modernism emanates from the pulpit and the pew is worldly.

I don't often dream. In fact, it is a rare instance that I ever dream, but I was dreaming this morning when I was called to get up. I am sorry Mrs. Gilpin didn't wait two minutes longer. —I would like to know what happened. I was back in my home church where I was saved and baptized and where I entered the ministry and was ordained. I haven't been there for years. I suppose it has been twenty-five years since I preached there as a boy preacher, but I was there in my dreams this morning. I was to be the speaker. I don't know what I was going to preach but I was just about to be introduced. There was a tremendous crowd of people waiting to hear me preach. Just at the time when I was to be introduced, a young worldly woman, with paint all over her face, stepped up to the pulpit stand and as she did so, she took her last whiff from a cigarette and dropped it down and started to introduce "Reverend Gilpin". She had just called my name to present me to the congregation when my wife interrupted. I would like to have known what happened. I would like to know what that woman looked like when I got through talking about her, for as I sat there waiting for her to present me, I already had my mind made up as to what I was going to say.

I take time to tell you this morning, beloved, because it certainly carries with it a tremendous truth. That is the drift of the churches today. Churches today are being manned by women and controlled by worldlings and God is ruled out.

Beloved, we are living in a world that was created by God, a world that is controlled by God, yet God is being left out of consideration in business, in morals, in the home, concerning the Lord's Day, in politics, and in our churches. God is forgotten and God is ignored and God is left out of consideration.

HOW CATHOLICS PROSELYTE THROUGH THEIR NURSES

Of all these groups, perhaps the most important from a proselyting point of view are the Catholic nurses in both Catholic and non-Catholic hospitals. Since these nurses are in contact with the sick and the dying they can easily be made into very efficient missionaries in the proselyting program of the Roman Catholic Church.

Most of the patients in the more than a thousand Roman Catholic hospitals in the United States are non-Catholics. Catholic nurses are minutely instructed how to act towards these patients and how to baptize non-Catholics, and especially infants, who are in danger of death.

Samples of these instructions may be seen in a booklet entitled, *The Catholic Nurse and the Dying*, by Jesuit Father William S. Bowdern, published by the Queen's Work in St. Louis, Mo. Instructions for the baptizing of infants, even of Protestant parents, are as follows (p. 8):

"If you are certain that an infant is dying, baptize him. Get the parents' consent, if possible. If you cannot, and the infant is certainly dying, baptize him quietly."

How a nurse can baptize a person "quietly," is explained on page 7, as follows:

"A nurse could baptize a person quietly, by squeezing a wet

IV

GOD IS PASSING THE HAT.

This is what God did with Israel. Go back and read how that when they left God out of consideration, God just passed the hat around and took up a collection. He smote them with famines, He smote them with pestilences, He smote them with mildew, He destroyed their crops, and He caused them to be defeated in battle. He did all this before He said, "Prepare to meet me." What was He doing? He was just passing the hat.

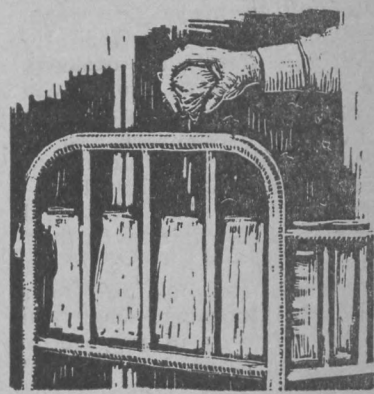
Listen to me, beloved, God wants you to put Him first. He wants you and me to put Him first in our lives. When we don't bring to Him our offering as we should, when we forget about Him, when we live our lives without Him, God then takes up a collection, and when God takes up a collection you can be certain of one thing, He takes up a big one.

I am as sure as the fact that we are here this morning that all sickness, funerals, droughts, unemployment, panics, famines, cyclones, earthquakes, pestilences, economic depressions, coal strikes, scant work, hardtimes, sprained ankles, (the editor had been suffering two weeks with a dreadfully sprained ankle), and everything else that happens, is God's way of taking a collection. When God's people forget about Him, God reaches down to remind them. God takes a collection. Some folk wonder why it is that we have such poor work, why it is that labor conditions are as they are, and some people wonder about the economic situation of the country. I tell you, beloved, how can we expect God's blessings upon a nation when the country continually and persistently goes contrary to the Word of God? We have a lot more today to thank Him for than what we deserve.

In view of my text, I think we stand today in the same place where Israel stood when God said, "Prepare to meet thy (Continued on page four)

rag over the forehead of the person to be baptized and at the same time saying the words in a very low voice. Do not just rub the rag on the forehead; but squeeze it so that some water, even though a little, actually flows."

If an infant born of Protestant parents is thus baptized by a Catholic nurse and unexpectedly recovers, the nurse is further instructed to "report the fact of the baptism to the pastor of the locality in which the parents live." Such a child would thus be registered and grow up as a Roman Catholic. He or she would be bound by the laws of the Roman Catholic Church.



Nurses are also instructed what to do in accident cases where the person is unconscious and dying: "If anyone is present who knows the man, find the religion of the dying man. If he is not a Catholic, and a priest is not at hand and the man is dying . . . baptize him unconditionally." Likewise, if the man is not a Catholic but is conscious and dying, the nurse is instructed as follows: "If the priest is not present and the man is apt to die before his arrival baptize the man yourself."

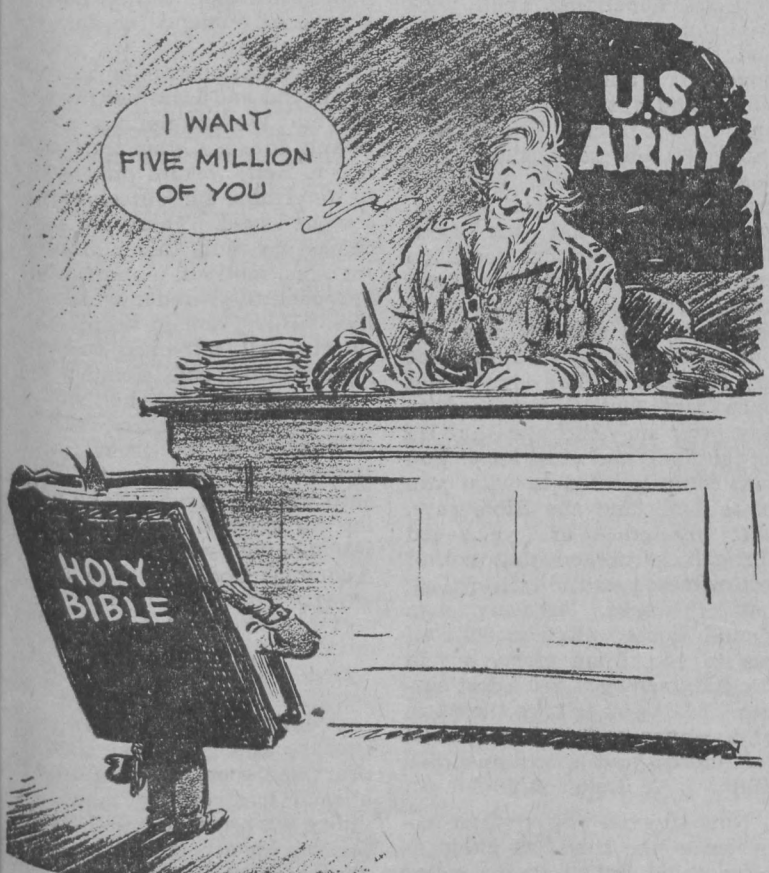
In a case where a Protestant is dying and the nurse does not know whether he wants to be baptized or not, she is instructed to get at least the following admission from the dying man: "I want to do whatever is necessary to save my soul," or "I want to do whatever God wants me to do." The nurse is told not to question such a man directly about baptism, since "he might in his ignorance not want to receive it." If he admits in a general way, however, that he is willing to do whatever is necessary to save his soul, then the nurse is told to proceed and call a priest, or if one cannot be had, to baptize the man herself.

This use of Catholic nurses to win converts to the Roman Catholic Church before they die is due to the insistence of Roman Catholic teaching that baptism is absolutely necessary for salvation. It proceeds on the false view that Christ by His death provided the means of grace for sinners—such means to be supplied by the sacraments as administered by the Roman Catholic Church. The teaching of Evangelical Christianity, on the other hand, is that sinners are saved completely by the finished sacrifice of Christ on Calvary. There is required on the part of the sinner, acknowledgment of his sins and his need of a Saviour. By his acceptance of Jesus Christ as his Saviour, he is fully assured of salvation. —The Converted Catholic Magazine.

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Great publicity attended the announcement that the leaders of America's Armed Forces desired to equip their fighting men with God's Word. Vaughn Shoemaker's cartoon appeared in the Chicago Daily News and very graphically told the story.

"When God Passes the Hat"

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God." God had chastened them and they didn't hear Him. He had chastened them again and again and again.

About every two years for the last twenty years, God has put the Ohio River up here in Russell. Ten different times in twenty-one years we have taken the doors off in the basement of our church and moved up higher. We have had economic troubles, we have had depressions, we have had hardships and heartaches all over the nation; we have had train wrecks, airplane disasters, schoolhouses blown up, and storms in the west. God has been passing the hat time and time again, and God is saying to you as a Christian and God is saying to me as His man, "Prepare to meet thy God." He never said this to the unsaved. He said it to saved people who were backslidden, saved people who were wandering, saved people who weren't living as close as they should, saved people whom He had chastened but were still persistent in their sins.

Beloved, if you are God's child this morning, what you ought to do is to prepare to meet Him. Turn back to God and live for Him. Let your life count for Him. If you are unsaved this morning, certainly you need to be saved. If you are not saved you need to trust Jesus Christ and be saved. May the Spirit of God in this hour grip your heart and save your soul and may you now receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour and be saved.

May God bless you!

Holy Year

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tural justification for the jubilee year of the Church of Rome, Catholic apologists connect it with the Hebrew year of jubilee as ordained by God in the 25th chapter of Leviticus. But the Roman jubilee year originated only in the late Middle Ages, when the Church of Rome also decreed its principal dogmas, which the Protestant reformers some two centuries later repudiated as unscriptural. Of the Hebrew and Roman jubilee years, the Catholic Encyclopedia (vol. 8, p. 532) says: "The same condition, spiritualized, forms the fundamental idea of the Christian Jubilee, though it is difficult to judge how far any sort of continuity can have existed between the two."

The Hebrew jubilee (from Jobel—"ram's horn") was celebrated after every 49th year—after "seven sabbaths of years." It was a year of complete rest; land was returned, slaves were given their freedom and families reunited. And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof; and it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family."—Lev. 25:10.

THE JUBILEE INDULGENCE
The chief attraction of the Roman Holy Year is the special jubilee indulgence granted by the Pope to the pilgrims who visit Rome and fulfill the conditions he prescribes. In proclaiming the jubilee indulgence

for the Holy Year of 1950, Pope Pius XII declared: "We grant and bestow in the Lord the full indulgence and pardon of all punishment due for sins."

This is what is called a "plenary" indulgence, since it is believed to remit all of the temporal punishment that remains after the eternal guilt of sins is forgiven by a priest in confession. For, according to Roman Catholic teaching, God's justice requires this punishment even after the guilt of sin is remitted. The sinner himself can lessen this punishment by good works and penances or by suffering in purgatory after he dies. He also can be freed from this punishment in whole or in part by gaining indulgences granted by the Pope.

By gaining an indulgence a sinner is said to benefit by the surplus merits earned by other men and women, the saints and the Virgin Mary, who performed more penances and good works than they needed for themselves. These excess merits and extra penances are added to the merits of Christ and poured into what is called the "Treasury of the Church," to which the Pope alone has the key. There is thus formed a kind of spiritual banking system, where reserves of credit are stored, to be dispensed by the Pope, under certain conditions prescribed by him, to those who do not perform sufficient penances and good works for themselves.

The power to grant indulgences by drawing upon this "treasury of reserve merit" is claimed for the Pope because Christ said to Peter (Matt. 16:19): "I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven..." In a Holy Year he dips deeply into this "treasury" of reserve credit in favor of those who come to Rome to gain the jubilee indulgence. Pilgrims must go to confession, receive Holy Communion, visit during one day the four basilicas mentioned above, and recite the number of prayers prescribed by the Pope.

IS IT SCRIPTURAL?

It will be remembered that the Protestant Reformation was started by Martin Luther's repudiation of this Roman doctrine of indulgences. For his attack on indulgences exposed the falsity of the entire teaching of the Church of Rome about salvation and the forgiveness of sins. If God can forgive only the guilt of sins, and if remission of the punishment depends upon the works of men, then only a half-measure of salvation was obtained for sinners by the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary. There would be no sufficiency in Christ if the surplus merits and excess penances of the saints and the Virgin Mary were necessary in order to obtain pardon of the punishment for sins.

But the entire structure of the Church of Rome depends upon this unscriptural teaching that remission of punishment for sins is left in the hands of men. Without this there would be no need for daily sacrifices of the mass offered by its priests; there would be no need for purgatory; no need for penances, indulgences and Holy Years. These are the things that bring power, splendor and wealth to the Roman Catholic Church.

Baptists have no Holy Years, no indulgences, and reject the claim of the Roman Catholic Church to be able to grant remission of the punishment for sins. They trust to the merits of Christ alone, to His one sacrifice, offered once for all, to take away both the

guilt and punishment for sins. They depend upon the promises of full and free forgiveness as found in the Word of God.

"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."—Ps. 103:1.

"I will forgive their iniquity and I will remember their sin no more."—Jer. 31:34.

"Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea."—Micah 7:19.

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Carts Before Horses

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God is a realm the natural man can neither enter nor appreciate. John 3:3,5; 1 Cor. 2:14.

Consider another thing before we come to illustrations of this truth. A thing may logically precede another thing without preceding it chronologically. Cause is always before effect logically, and yet there are many instances where there is no difference from the standpoint of time. I shoot a hole through a board; which was there first, the bullet or the hole? In point of time there was no appreciable difference, but in the matter of cause and effect, the bullet was there first. The bullet made the hole; the hole did not make the bullet. The bullet was the cause; the hole was the effect.

WORKS BEFORE SALVATION

To put works before salvation is to put the effect before the cause. Let me say with emphasis: In saving religion good works are to be considered; they have their place and it is a very important place. A saved man is a working man. A saved man is a Godly man. A saved man is one who has been created in Christ Jesus unto good works (Eph. 2:10). But nobody is saved by his good works. This is to put the cart before the horse. It is to put man where God ought to be put.

EVIDENCES OF SALVATION

When we try to judge or determine whether or not a person is saved, we can only deal with the evidences; we cannot enter the field of cause. If I, who believe in salvation by grace without any works; and another man, who believes in salvation by works, should sit down with a list of the names of the citizens of our city to determine who is saved, I expect he would have a larger list than I. In compiling my list of saved people I would be limited to the field of evidence. Comparing people to trees, I would examine the fruit. Now anybody knows that good fruit does not make the good tree; it is the good tree that bears good fruit.

NOW WATCH US AT WORK

Here we sit, I and a man who believes in salvation by works. We have a particular person before us. To make it practical, dear reader, let you be the person. As a saved person you will not object to this, for we are exhorted "to be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15). Now watch us at work!

I ask my friend to name a mark or evidence that a person is saved. If my friend belongs to a certain group (or groups), he is apt to name baptism as the

very first evidence. And on this point there will be little argument provided he stays in the field of evidence—a thing he will not do. If you have been baptized you pass the first test before both of us. But if you have not been baptized, he will dismiss you altogether as a lost person, while I simply say that as a matter of evidence, it is a mark against you. My friend and I disagree because he enters the field of cause and thinks of baptism as the cause or ground of salvation, while I deal with it only as a matter of evidence.

If baptism is the cause or ground of salvation, and you have not been baptized, of course he is right in dismissing you as lost regardless of any and all other evidences of spirituality you may give. I put you down in the doubtful column, but am willing to hear you further. But my friend says go to the baptismal pool or you will go to hell.

I make baptism a work of righteousness, and the Bible says we are not saved by works of righteousness. See Matt. 3:15 and Titus 3:5. My friend makes baptism the work of a lost man in order to obtain salvation. He regards it as a cause; I think of it only as an evidence. A man may be in error about baptism, like the Quakers and others, and yet have many marks of spirituality.

AN EXPERIENCE OF GRACE

We will suppose again that you have been baptized and are still before us for examination. It is my time to name a mark, or evidence of a saved person. I describe a saved man as a humble man, poor in spirit, hungering and thirsting after righteousness, free from self-righteousness, and hoping only in Christ and His work on Calvary. My friend does not understand all I have said, and so I ask you to relate your experience of grace. You begin to talk after this fashion: "Well, I have confessed Jesus as Christ and Son of God; I have been baptized and am in the church; I pay my honest debts and give to the poor; I do not do anything very bad, nothing I am really ashamed of." My friend exclaims, "Fine, we will keep him in the saved column." But I'm not satisfied. I ask you if you are depending upon your baptism, church membership and the life you claim, as the hope and ground of your salvation. You answer that you do, and say further, "If all these things do not save, then what does?" I say to you, "Why, my friend, you have not said a word about what the Lord Jesus Christ has done. You have only talked of what you have done. You have not pointed to the cross and said, 'Yonder He put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.' You have not once said that Christ died to pay your sin-debt, and that He is your one and only hope. You have only pointed to what you have done, and the Bible says, '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). I say to you, I am sorry, but in my judgment you are a lost sinner. I beg you to take the place of a sinner and look to Christ for mercy and salvation. See Matt. 7:22; Luke 18:10-14.

Now suppose you give an experience like this: "I claim to be nothing but a sinner saved by grace, a sinner trusting in Christ and what He did on the cross where He was made to be sin for me. I hate sin and am struggling against it. I am

to do good, but have discovered something in me that leads me to do things I am ashamed of and sorry for. I have the desire to live perfect, but do not have the power. When I would do good, evil is present with me. I am satisfied with Christ and what He did for me on the cross, but I am dissatisfied with what I have done for Him." I exclaim, "That's a fine testimony; we will keep him in the saved column." My friend replies, "Well, I don't know. He has said a lot of things that do not make sense to me, but he has been baptized, he is in the church, he has made a good name in the community, and I am willing to let him pass."

A GOOD LIFE

It is my friend's turn to name a mark of a saved man. He says to be saved a man must live a good life. I ask what he means by a good life. "Is it a perfect life; if not, how nearly perfect must it be? It is so obvious that we do not see eye to eye and there is considerable discussion and some wrangling. This is because he will not stay in the field of evidence. He is thinking of the cause or ground of salvation—his very theory forces him to do so. And when he makes a good life the ground of salvation, he must make braggarts of men or put every man in the lost column. Moreover, if salvation is by works it comes pretty cheap; else nobody is saved. Do you, dear reader, think the life you have lived, either before or since your conversion, is sufficient to merit salvation?"

MANIFEST LOVE FOR GOD AND THE TRUTH

It is my turn again to name a mark of a saved man. I say that a saved man loves God and His people; he loves the church and the Word of God. And since love manifests itself, we examine your record as to church attendance and support of the church. If it is discovered you are very careless about church attendance; that you prefer the society of the world to that of God's people; that you put movie-going before church-going; that you take more interest in your lodge than you do your church; that your business takes all your time; this would cause me to put a question mark after your profession. It would be a lack of evidence so far as I could tell.

In conclusion, remember that my friend and I are not the final judges. We are neither undertaking to send you to heaven nor to hell; we are only trying to determine for ourselves who are the saved. There are many things we could never discover such as motives, opportunities and conditions under which you live. But I would exhort you to give all diligence to make your calling and election sure—not sure to God, but sure to yourself and to others. This is something of too great importance to be lax about. Make sure you are saved. Take nothing for granted. Examine yourself whether ye be in the faith. And may God bless you in the effort!

Joe Stalin

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isters. But Stalin's time is short and soon he will be in an eternal lake of fire where his guilty conscience will gnaw forever on account of his murderous deeds against Christians and his incessant war against God. A lower scoundrel than "good old Joe" never attempted to rule a nation (unless it was Lenin).—Bible, News Flash-