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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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## Tragic Religious Happenings At Somerset, Kentucky

Of recent date clippings have been received concerning the activities of the First Baptist Church of Somerset and the First Methodist organization of that same city. I give a brief quotation from each of these articles that you might form your own opinion as to the honesty, sincerity, and the spirituality of the two groups of whom I speak.

The first quotation pertains to the Easter sunrise service of the First Baptist Church at Somerset:

### SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE

Next Sunday morning, Easter morning, the Y. W. A. will sponsor a sunrise Easter service for all the young people in the Young People's Sunday School Department. They will all meet on the church steps at 6:00 promptly and go in a group to Community Hill for the service. After the service they will all have breakfast together downtown. Young People, let's plan now to meet God at the rising of the sun on Easter morning and walk with Him throughout the day.

The second of these quotations pertains to a party which was held by the Methodist organization at Somerset. It likewise speaks for itself, as follows:

### PARTY WAS HELD AT METHODIST CHURCH

One hundred and twenty-five persons attended the party held by the First Methodist Church Youth Division Friday night. John Preston, assisted by Milton Farley and Mrs. Irene Broyles, in charge of the program which was held in the lower auditorium of the church.

Music was furnished by Mrs. Joe Dickerson, choir director at the church, A. H. Exon, church organist, and Mrs. John Preston. Mr. Exon played the "Polonaise," and "Bumble Boogie" on the piano; Mrs. Dickerson sang "Kiss Me Again" and "I Can Dream Can't I" and Mrs. Preston and Mrs. Dickerson sang "Indian Love Call," "Bake A Cake," and "Rag Mop" as duet selections. Mrs. Emmett Lawson played the piano for the square dances.

Those attending played games and enjoyed a square dance. Delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. The auditorium was beautifully

### ABOUT PRAYER

The prayer that does not come from the heart never finds its way to heaven.

If we pray right we will live right.

Cold prayers never bring warm blessings.

God doesn't measure prayers by the yard.

A short prayer will get to Heaven quicker than a long one.

It keeps the Devil busy to hold his own against a praying mother.

There are people who trust the Lord, but it is only when they have to.

If you are afraid in the dark, do more praying when the sun is shining.

If you would grow more in grace, try praying more for people you don't like.

A great many people go to church praying that they may hear preaching that will hit somebody else.

The man who has a business for which he can not pray, has

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decorated. A color scheme of green and yellow was carried out. Rev. C. C. Newsome and the young people of his Burnside church attended.

What a tragedy, beloved, that two organizations, both of which are recognized by the world as churches, should compromise the Word of our Lord in such a manner. In the Baptist church you have paganism, idolatry, and sun worship — just plain old heathenism, varnished over and veneered with a small coat-

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## SHOULD A CHRISTIAN TITHE HIS INCOME, AND WHY?

By ROY MASON  
Tampa, Fla.

The answer to the above question is a POSITIVE YES!

Objection: "But is that not to go back under the Law—just as in the case of keeping the Sabbath?" The answer is NO. To be sure we are not to tithe as a sort of Jewish legalism. However, because the Jews tithed is no reason as to why we should not. That tithing does not take us back under the Law is indicated by TWO THINGS:

1. THE PRACTICE OF TITHING OBTAINED BEFORE THE LAW WAS GIVEN. See Gen. 28:20-22; 14:17-20).

2. TITHING IS INDICATED AS THE NEW TESTAMENT PLAN FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE GOSPEL MINISTRY. (See I Cor. 9:7-12.) Note from this that God says that as the Old Testament ministry was supported (See Num. 18:20-22) EVEN SO, has the Lord ordained that the New Testament ministry shall be supported. If the O. T. ministry was supported through the tithe, and if the N. T. ministry is to be supported "even so"—then that can only mean in the same identical manner. And note that it is not optional, for God has ORDAINED (Continued on page three)

## WE CAN'T CONTINUE AS WE ARE

Within the past three months, the editor has had to put over \$400 personally into the printing and distribution of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

We can't keep this up indefinitely. For over three weeks the editor's wife has been ill and in the hospital. Most of you know what this means as to expenses. Frankly, in view of my personal expenses due to Mrs. Gilpin's illness, I can't do in the next three months what I've done in the past three.

Now would be a fine time, since we are revising our mailing list, for you to send in your renewal, or a gift subscription, or secure a list of new subscribers at 50c each. It would be a most appropriate time to send in a lifetime subscription for yourself at \$5.00. I don't know that there has ever been any better time than now to send a special gift to help carry the expenses of our written ministry.

## APPRECIATED LETTER

June 27, 1950  
Port Norris, N. Y.

Dear Brother Gilpin:

It has only been a short time ago that I started to receive THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. In that time I have received many blessings and spiritual truths. I feel led of the Lord to send some of His money to help with the financial backing as well as in prayer.

Yours in Him,

Wm. H. Bradway, Jr.

## Mused Uncle Mose

Dey's some people dat think de chu'ch house ain' nuttin' but a chewin' gum dump.

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB"

(Read Rev. 19:1-10).

In human life no event excites the emotion, stirs the affection, and stimulates hope like that of matrimony. As I look back over the thousands of weddings that I have performed, I can think of many experiences which amply prove this to be true.

It has always been my custom to instruct the bride and groom to answer, "I do" to the questions which I shall ask. I remember one lad, years ago, who became unduly excited

and who said, "I do, yeah."

On another occasion a man fifty-three years of age, in answer to the question, not only said "I do" but he continued to say it some half dozen or more times, until I interrupted him with another question.

On another occasion when I told the couple to join their right hands, the man held up his hand as though he were going to take an oath in court. It is true that he was about to receive a life sentence, yet it was hardly necessary that he swear

# AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

## SUBSCRIPTION LIST TO BE REVISED WITH THE HELP OF ALL OUR SUBSCRIBERS

Feeling certain that there are many now receiving this paper who do not care for it, and furthermore, acting in the interest of economy, we are revising our mailing list effective as of August 5, 1950.

Sometime ago our office was broken into and many personal items were destroyed. At that time our entire mailing list was stolen. Accordingly we do not know when any subscription expires and many doubtless are receiving the paper whose subscription has already expired.

In this issue and in the next three issues will appear on page four a coupon. Fill out one of these and mail it to us before August 5. I regret to have to ask you to do this, but it is the only way we can bring our mailing

list up to date.

If we fail to hear from you by August 5, of necessity your paper will be stopped. We will assume that you do not care for it any longer and thus discontinue it. We don't want to lose a single subscriber, and we urge everyone to immediately cooperate with us.

It will only cost you 3c to do this whereas it is costing us many dollars weekly to proceed as we are. I want to continue my weekly visits to your home, but unless I hear from you by August 5, I must assume that I am an unwelcome guest, and I won't come to see you any longer.

Please send in your coupon TODAY!

## Fatal Steps That Have Been Taken To Unite Northern And Southern Baptists

By E. P. ALLDREDGE

(In the Baptist Challenge)

So Southern Baptists are to be reunited with the Northern Baptist convention!

Oh, you did not know about this? Well, you should; for the first five important steps have already been taken toward our reunion with Northern Baptists. Here they are:

1. Name has been changed. You wondered why Northern Baptists were so eager to change their name from the Northern Baptist convention to the American Baptist convention? That is simple — they were getting under way the greatest political move among Baptists of America since the unhappy division in 1845. They were getting ready for and making it easy for Southern Baptists to join them in a great reunion. And this action was taken in the recent convention at Boston, taken heartily, taken almost unanimously.

2. They elected Bro. E. H. Pruden of Washington, D. C., as president of the New American Baptist convention—elected him because it was believed that he could and would greatly influence Southern Baptists to-

ward reunion. And you can have no doubt about Bro. Pruden's sentiments. He is all-out for unionism of any kind and every kind. First place, in Washington, D. C., he and his church belong to a local convention where Northern and Southern Baptists are already united. Like the billy-goat in the animal convention, he has already voted. Again, he is a natural born unionizer. For two years now, he and Bro. C. Oscar Johnson have been regular members of the Federal Council of churches. And at the same time both have been accepted as delegates and given places of high honor in the Southern Baptist convention. And Bro. Pruden is the kind of man who would be equally at home in a High Church Episcopalian group, or in an Assembly of the Church of God. He will unite with anything from doodlebugs to tadpoles. And he feels aggrieved and humiliated to find any one who is not ready to share all his compromises.

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## XMAS, PAGAN?

The Associated Press of Kansas City tells of an attempt on the part of a church to dismiss its pastor (Del A. Fahsenfeld) because the pastor said that it was paganistic to observe Xmas. In an attempt to dismiss him, one of the members testified in court that he would not allow Santa Claus around his church.

I don't know this Baptist preacher but I have a mighty high regard for him in view of this little clipping which I have read in the paper.

What has happened in this particular church in Kansas City would happen in the majority of the Baptist churches if the pastors were faithful to the things of the Lord. The only reason why more pastors are not fired is that they fail to take their stand for the Word of God. May God continue to raise up faithful men who will testify against the encroachments and inroads of Catholicism, modernism, feminism, Arminianism, lodgism, and paganism.

his life away.

I can also remember some excitement on the day when I was married. Mrs. Gilpin was wearing a little two-piece suit with a pocket on the right side of the jacket. I had given the minister a five-dollar bill for his service in advance of the wedding and he in turn had given it to Mrs. Gilpin, who dropped it loose into the side pocket of her jacket. While the ceremony was taking place, she became so excited that she tore

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"The Marriage Of The  
Lamb"

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the five-dollar bill into shreds.  
I thereupon decided that she  
wasn't a fit subject for handling  
money and I haven't given her  
any since. While I am speaking  
of her excitement, I might as  
well be honest and admit that  
the same was true with me. I  
wasn't married until after four  
o'clock in the afternoon, yet I  
was fully dressed for the wed-  
ding by twelve o'clock noon.

I cite these few incidents just  
to show you that there is no  
event which excites, stirs, and  
stimulates like that of marriage.

So it is with the marriage of  
the Lamb. The Bible is just  
one long love story. From Gene-  
sis to Revelation this is true. It  
thrills our souls to think of this  
coming wedding which will be  
the consummation of all of  
Christ's promises.

It is rather interesting to no-  
tice the following elements  
which go to make up the mar-  
riage of the Lamb.

I

THE BRIDEGROOM.

This will be God's only Son,  
the Lord Jesus Christ. Although  
there are many points of dif-  
ference concerning other ele-  
ments which will make up this  
marriage, I suppose that there  
is none who would doubt or say  
that the bridegroom was any  
other than the Lord Jesus Him-  
self.

Several Scriptures indicate  
this to be true.

"Then came to him the dis-  
ciples of John, saying, Why do  
we and the Pharisees fast oft,  
but thy disciples fast not? And  
Jesus said unto them, Can the  
children of the bridegroom  
mourn, as long as the bride-  
groom is with them? but the  
days will come, when the  
BRIDEGROOM shall be taken  
from them, and then shall they  
fast."—Mt. 9:14,15.

"The kingdom of heaven is  
like unto a certain king, which  
made a marriage for his son."  
—Mt. 22:2.

"Ye yourselves bear me wit-  
ness, that I said, I am not the  
Christ, but that I am sent be-  
fore him. He that hath the bride  
is the bridegroom: but the  
friend of the bridegroom, which  
standeth and heareth him, re-  
joiceth greatly because of the  
bridegroom's voice: this my joy  
therefore is fulfilled."

—John 3:28,29.

"For I am jealous over you  
with godly jealousy: for I have  
espoused you to one husband,  
that I may present you as a  
chaste virgin to Christ."

—II Cor. 11:2.

In the parable of the Ten  
Virgins it is plainly indicated  
that the bridegroom is the Lord  
Jesus. When the five foolish

MY NEED AND THE LORD

I had a great need that I brought to the Lord,  
His grace and His mercy I humbly implored;  
He heard my heart's cry, for unceasing I prayed  
And called upon Him who alone could give aid.

I pledged the promise He'd given so true,  
"What ye shall ask in my name, that will I do";  
Again and again I repeated the word,  
Until I was sure that my cry had been heard.

I fretted because He the answer delayed,  
And fightings within made my heart sore afraid;  
But just at the hour when my need was so great,  
The petition was granted -- He never is late.

I oft wonder why I do not trust Him more,  
Since He upon me all His riches would pour?  
Why should I not rest in His wonderful pow'r,  
Find grace that will keep me each trying hour?

I would from this moment trust in Him alone,  
Since He does answer prayer to me has been shown;  
From doubts, questions and fears I pray to be free,  
And in danger and trial to Him I shall flee.

-- J. M. Carlson, Decatur, Ill.

virgins asked that the door be  
opened in their behalf, Jesus  
said:

"Watch therefore; for ye  
know neither the day nor the  
hour wherein the Son of man  
cometh."—Mt. 25:13.

Surely this could mean noth-  
ing except that the Son of man  
—our Lord Jesus—is the bride-  
groom.

II

THE BRIDE.

It is not so easy to identify  
the bride nor will all Christians  
agree as to my interpretation.  
In fact, many Baptists within  
our own denomination would  
hardly agree as to what I shall  
say.

At the very outset, let me in-  
sist that the bride will NOT be  
the sum total of all the redeem-  
ed of God. To me, this is the  
most ridiculous position that  
any Baptist preacher can take  
to say that all the redeemed  
compose the bride. Why should  
I contend against alien immer-  
sion and for close communion,  
as well as contend against union  
meetings and denounce the uni-  
versal church, if, after a while,  
I and all true Baptists and all  
the heretics as to church truth  
are going to be on the same  
plane and each of us a part of  
the bride? If I believed that all  
of the redeemed would com-  
pose the bride, I would prac-  
tice alien immersion, open com-  
munion, take part in union  
meetings, and never dare preach  
that Jesus established a Bap-  
tist church. Why contend for  
the few brief years of our life-  
time for these doctrines if these  
doctrines are all going to be  
forgotten at the marriage of  
the Lamb?

I insist, beloved, that any  
Baptist preacher who thus be-  
lieves that all of the redeemed  
will make up the bride puts  
himself in the most embarrass-  
ing position possible. I can see  
no reason for contending against  
schismatic heretics, if after a  
while, we are all going to be to-  
gether.

I think the Scriptures make  
it clear that the bride will not  
be composed of all of the re-  
deemed. Listen:

"The King's daughter is all

glorious within: her clothing is  
of wrought gold. She shall be  
brought unto the King in rai-  
ment of needlework: the virgins  
her companions that follow her  
shall be brought unto thee."

—Psa. 45:13,14.

It is highly conspicuous that  
"the King's daughter," who in  
this Scripture represents the  
bride, has a number of com-  
panions. Doubtlessly many will  
be saved who will be nothing  
more than the companions of  
the bride of Christ.

Here is another Scripture  
which would present the same  
truth:

"There are threescore queens,  
and fourscore concubines, and  
virgins without number. My  
dove, my undefiled is but one;  
she is the only one of her mo-  
ther, she is the choice one of  
her, that bare her. The daugh-  
ters saw her, and blessed her;  
yea, the queens and the concu-  
bines, and they praised her."

—Song of Sol. 6:8,9.

While there is but one bride,  
there are many attendants.  
Doubtlessly there will be many  
saved people who will make up  
the queens, the concubines and  
virgins — the attendants — yet  
they will not in any wise at all  
be a part of the bride.

"And he saith unto me, Write,  
Blessed are they which are call-  
ed unto the marriage supper of  
the Lamb. And he saith unto  
me, These are the true sayings  
of God."—Rev. 19:9.

It does this Scripture no vio-  
lence to interpret the word  
"called" as "invited." There  
will be many guests who will  
be called, or invited, to the wed-  
ding. These will be saved peo-  
ple but they will not be the  
bride.

THERE WILL BE NOBODY  
IN THE BRIDE BUT BAP-  
TISTS. When Paul wrote to  
the church at Corinth, which  
was a Baptist church—that was  
the only kind of church that ex-  
isted then—he said:

"For I am jealous over you  
with godly jealousy: for I have  
espoused you to one husband,  
that I may present you as a  
chaste virgin to Christ."

—II Cor. 11:2.

While I would say that the  
bride will be composed only of

Baptists, I DO NOT MEAN TO  
SAY THAT ALL BAPTISTS  
WILL BE IN THE BRIDE.  
There are many Baptists today  
whose doctrines are a disgrace  
to our Baptist name. I am de-  
finitely positive that the Bap-  
tists who have compromised  
church truths on the great doc-  
trines of baptism and the Lord's  
Supper, that they will not in  
any wise at all be a part of the  
bride. Surely the Baptists whose  
doctrine has been a compromise  
for popularity's sake will not  
deserve to be a part of the bride.  
Likewise, the Baptists who have  
lived alone for this world and  
what it could offer will surely  
be nothing more than invited  
guests. Those Baptists who have  
been united with worldly or-  
ganizations, such as fraternal  
organizations, and who have put  
their time and money that  
ought to have gone to the cause  
of Christ into these worldly or-  
ganizations — surely these will  
be in no wise a part of the  
bride. In other words no Ma-  
son, Oddfellow, Red Man or  
any other lodge man—no Ca-  
tholic, Jew or Protestant,—and  
no immoral, worldly compro-  
mising Baptist will be any  
part of the bride. The bride  
will be a very select number of  
those whose consecration, fidelity,  
and love of the truth is un-  
questioned.

Let me insist, beloved, in the  
light of these Scriptures and  
likewise in the light of human  
reasoning that the bride will be  
a very small group—a select  
number of Baptists who have  
been loyal to the Word of God.  
I don't know just who will  
make up the bride, but I am  
positive that there will be a far  
greater number of guests and  
attendants than there will be of  
those who will compose the  
bride.

Don't misunderstand me: All  
saved people are going to  
Heaven, whether Baptists, Ca-  
tholics, or Protestants. If re-  
deemed by the blood of our  
Lord Jesus, then you are sure  
of Heaven, but you will not be  
in the bride unless your life and  
doctrine definitely conforms to  
the Word of God.

III

THE REJECTED SUITORS.

No wedding would be com-  
plete without a list of those who  
"also ran." There will be a  
tremendous throng of these re-  
jected suitors. All Catholics  
will be in this group. All Pro-  
testants will likewise be in this  
group.

Both the Catholics and the  
Protestants have offered their  
churches to the world, and the  
world, in the main, has accept-  
ed them. Some say that the  
voice of the majority is the  
voice of God. This is definitely  
untrue. The voice of the Bible  
is the voice of God.

The Bible definitely predicts  
the total destruction and the  
complete annihilation of both  
Catholicism and Protestantism.  
The book of Revelations tells us  
of an old whore and her harlot  
daughters.

"And there came one of the  
seven vials, and talked with me,  
saying unto me, Come hither; I  
will show unto thee the judg-  
ment of the great whore that  
sitteth upon many waters; And  
upon her forehead was a name  
written, MYSTERY, BABYLON  
THE GREAT; THE MOTHER  
OF HARLOTS AND ABOMI-  
NATIONS OF THE EARTH."

—Rev. 17:1,5.

This same chapter which so  
accurately describes Catholic-  
ism and Protestantism under  
the terms of impure women, al-  
so tells of their destruction.

"And the ten horns which

thou sawest upon the beast,  
these shall hate the whore, and  
shall make her desolate and  
naked and shall eat her flesh,  
and burn her with fire."

—Rev. 17:16.

This is also in accord with the  
teachings of our Lord in the day  
of His flesh for He likewise  
spoke of the destruction of these  
false churches.

"But he answered and said,  
Every plant, which my heaven-  
ly Father hath not planted, shall  
be rooted up."—Mt. 15:13.

Our Lord never planted the  
Catholics. They are the Devil's  
opposition and imitation of our  
Lord's true church. Our Lord  
never planted the various Pro-  
testant churches. They are man-  
made in every respect. Some of  
these days all these human and  
Satanic institutions will be root-  
ed up.

Thus the Catholics and the  
various Protestants who have  
rejected the Word of God and  
the church which Jesus built,  
will themselves be rejected of  
our Lord. All of them that  
have been redeemed by the  
blood are saved and they will  
be in Heaven. However, they  
will not be a part of the bride.  
In the main, the most of these  
false churches are unsaved.  
Though they have falsely and  
deceptively claimed that they  
are true churches, ultimately  
they will stand as the rejected  
suitors of our Lord Jesus.

IV

THE BRIDE'S DRESS.

It has not been imported  
from Paris, nor is it the creation  
of man. Instead, the bride is  
dressed in righteousness.

"Let us be glad and rejoice,  
and give honor to him: for the  
marriage of the Lamb is come,  
and his wife hath made herself  
ready. And to her was grant-  
ed that she should be arrayed  
in fine linen, clean and white:  
for the fine linen is the right-  
eousness of saints."

—Rev. 19:7,8.

The Revised Version states it  
just a little differently. It says:  
"For the fine linen is the right-  
eous deeds of the saints."

I do not mean that the bride  
is dressed in her own righteous-  
ness. None of us possess any  
righteousness in ourselves.

"But we are all as an unclean  
thing, and all OUR RIGHT-  
EOUSNESSES are as filthy  
rags."—Isa. 64:6.

Even the best there is about  
us appears as the worst of filth  
in the sight of God.

All the redeemed of the Lord  
will be clothed in the imputed  
righteousness of Christ. Wheth-  
er in the bride or as an attend-  
ant, if redeemed you will be  
clothed in the imputed right-  
eousness of Jesus.

The prophet Isaiah indicates  
that we are to be clothed in a  
robe of righteousness which has  
been provided by another.

"I will greatly rejoice in the  
Lord, my soul shall be joyful in  
my God; for HE HATH  
CLOTHED ME with the gar-  
ments of salvation, HE HATH  
COVERED ME with the robe of  
righteousness, as a bridegroom  
decketh himself with orna-  
ments, and as a bride adorneth  
herself with her jewels."

—Isa. 61:10.

That robe of righteousness  
has been imputed to us by Jesus  
Himself. Listen:

"For what saith the Scrip-  
ture? Abraham believed God,  
and it was COUNTED unto him  
for righteousness."—Rom. 4:3.

The word "counted" in this  
text is the word "imputed."  
Thus the bride will be clothed  
not in righteousness of her own,  
but in righteousness which has  
been imputed to her by the Lord  
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Jesus. In this instance the groom is the one who provides the dress. This is given the bride as a gift.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."—Rom. 6:23.

Thank God, it doesn't have to be paid for by our efforts, nor by our works, nor by the works of the church. Instead, it comes as a gift from God.

It is interesting that even the guests at the wedding will be arrayed in like apparel. No man can ever come into God's presence in his own righteousness. He can only come there dressed in the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Himself. Thus even the redeemed who have been saved by grace but who have not been faithful in the matter of church membership and their loyalty to the Lord so that they are not entitled to be a part of the bride—even these who are saved will be dressed in the righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

While it is true that all the redeemed will be clothed in the imputed righteousness of Christ, this text (Rev. 19:8) indicates that the bride will have an additional adornment. Listen:

"For the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints."—Rev. 19:8.

What a day this will be for true Baptists! Catholics, Protestants, and interdenominational heretics who have hated Baptist churches, Baptist baptism, and Baptist truth, which is Bible truth, will then be humbled.

They may sneer at true Baptists today who contend that Jesus established only a Missionary Baptist Church in the days of His flesh. They may mock Baptist baptism and "close communion." These heretics think we are awfully narrow when it comes to our rejection of the universal church. Some day, it will be a different story, for then the very thing that will stand out most will be the truths Baptists have been hated for through the ages.

I don't know whether my faithfulness will entitle me to a position in the bride or not. However, regardless of who is in it, won't the bride really be "dressed up" when she is thus arrayed in those truths which the heretics have rejected?

## V THE WEDDING SONG.

What a contrast this will be to the songs that are used in most weddings. It won't be "Oh, Promise Me," "Because," or "I love You Truly." Instead of a song which might bring honor to man, this one brings honor and glory to God.

This song is actually the shouting of the righteous over the destruction of the old whore and her harlot daughters, or, in other words, it is the shouting of the righteous because of the destruction of the Roman Catholic church and the various Protestant organizations.

Four times in this chapter the saints of God shout, "Alleluia" over the destruction of these false churches. Listen:

Rev. 19:1: "And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, unto the Lord our God."

Rev. 19:3: "And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever."

Rev. 19:4: "And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia."

Rev. 19:6: "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

By the time of this singing, Catholicism and Protestantism are a thing of the past. The old whore and her harlot daughters will have been destroyed. God has already rooted up those organizations which He has not planted, and accordingly all the redeemed of the Lord now shout about His praise as they sing over the destruction of these false apostate churches.

## VI CONTINUOUS LOVE SHALL CHARACTERIZE THIS WEDDING.

"The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee."—Jer. 31:3.

In God's sight marriage always supposes continuous love. Jesus made such a declaration in the days of His flesh.

"And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother,

and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."—Mt. 19:5,6.

If there is anything which seriously troubles the virgin as she goes to the marriage altar, it is the question of continuous love. Will he prove fickle, or will he prove steadfast? Well, beloved, that question will never trouble the Heavenly bride since God's Word assures us of continuous love.

"All things that are on earth shall wholly pass away, Except the love of God, which shall live and last for aye. The forms of men shall be as they had not been;

The blasted groves shall lose their fresh and tender green; The birds of the thicket shall end their pleasant song, And the nightingale shall cease to chant the evening long.

The kine of the pasture shall feel the dart that kills, And all the fair white flocks shall perish from the hills.

The goat and antlered stag, the wolf and the fox, The wild boar of the wood, and the chamois of the rocks, And the strong and fearless bear, in the trodden dust shall lie;

And the dolphin of the sea, and the mighty whale, shall die, And realms shall be dissolved, and empires be no more, And they shall bow to death, who ruled from shore to shore; And the great globe itself (so the holy writings tell), With the rolling firmament, where the starry armies dwell,

Shall melt with fervent heat—they shall all pass away, Except the love of God, which shall live and last for aye."

## VII ABOUNDING JOY CHARACTERIZES THIS MARRIAGE.

This wedding is unlike all other weddings of the world in that there are none to get mad, and, furthermore, the joy never ends.

The reason for this abounding joy is found in the destruction of Babylon. When Roman Catholicism and Protestantism are destroyed, a heavy load is lifted from the hearts of the universe. Then God's people go to this wedding with abounding joy within their souls. Listen:

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready."—Rev. 19:7.

"With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the King's palace."—Psa. 45:15.

## VIII THIS WEDDING MEANS A NEW HOME.

Rev. 21:22 gives us a detailed picture of this new home. Jesus, in the days of His flesh, spoke of this home which shall be ours some day.

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

—John 14:1-3. Pastoral duties often call me to very poor homes. Sometimes I am called into houses that resemble hovels rather than

homes. Some day, beloved, these hovel-dwellers who know the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, are going up to mansions in the sky.

This will be true of all of the redeemed, but in a very special sense it will be true of the bride of Christ. For her faithfulness to Him and for her fidelity to the Word of God this home shall be one of a special joy.

On a cold November day an old Italian was peddling fruit on the streets of New York. Someone remarked concerning the inclemency of the weather. With this the Italian agreed, and then said, "But bye and bye 'tink of dat." He was thinking about the time when he would get enough money to go back home. His mind wandered away from the cold November day to sunny Italy, and so the present was lost in prospect of the future. So it is with the child of God. We can forget the problems and cares and burdens of this life as we look forward to that glorious home that is awaiting us in the sky.

## FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

We do not know; we may not understand Why pain or sickness, grief or sudden death

Must come to mortals. But we know God's hand Can snap the silken cord of life, and breath

Of infant, youth, or one of senile years Will cease. If justice metes out death to pay

For Adam's sin, should not our God, who hears Our cries of anguish, comfort us today?

He does! For love has triumphed over sin And gives our souls such quiet peace within

Our hearts, that faith will clasp the promise true, And having clasped, will never bid adieu

To hope of happiness. Eternal life. Believe thou this, O soul, midst earthly strife!

Mrs. Ulo K. Hall, Porterville, California

Some folk are not going to attend this wedding. We are definitely assured that the wicked are not going to be there.

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

Unsaved church members will not be there. Only those who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ will attend this wedding. Even many of these will be there only as guests. May you heed this Word of God and believe the Lord Jesus as your Saviour.

"Choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

—Josh. 24:15. "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.

"Behold, now is the accepted

## Tithing

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ED that this should be the plan. The reason we should tithe as Christians—yet not keep the Sabbath—is due to the fact that there is no N. T. teaching that we should keep the Sabbath, and is due likewise to the fact that the Lord's day, which began to be observed as the worship day, conserves the same principle of devoting a seventh of one's time to the Lord.

### But Just Why Should A Christian Tithe?

1. Because God says so. This we have shown from I Cor. 9:7-12. (Matt. 23:23 places the stamp of Christ's approval on tithing, although condemning failure to attend to even more important matters).

2. Because God has branded failure to tithe as "God robbery." (See Mal. 3:7-10). The question is, does God consider a thing highly honorable today among Christians, which he considered thievery back in the days of Israel?

3. Because tithing is the key to financial prosperity. (See Mal. 3:10,11. Also see 2 Cor. 9:6 and Prov. 3:9,10). It was back in times of the past. If you want to argue that it is different now, then just read Mal. 3:6.

Multiplied thousands have testified to the Lord's blessings that have followed the practice of tithing. We have known scores of such in our own experience, and we have the word of such men as H. J. Heinz, and LeTurneau who is called "America's Layman No. 1."

The biggest piece of foolishness is for one to try to beat God in a financial deal. You can hold back your tithe but he can collect it in a doctor's bill, or a fire, or loss of job, or accident, or in some other way. The best possible advice to members of our churches financially, is the advice to tithe.

What if we have a surplus in our treasury? That hasn't a thing on earth to do with our financial duty to God—not a thing. Suppose you owe a debt, and the person you owe it to has plenty, does that cancel the debt?

4. Because the Lord's cause needs your tenth. We had to fight Japan because we didn't send enough missionaries to evangelize that nation. And we didn't send them because people failed to tithe. If they had tithed there would have been plenty of missionaries.

5. Because through tithing you can lay up rewards for the future. All you are going to retain in the end is that which you have used for the Lord. And you will use many times more for Him as a tither than otherwise.

6. Because tithing puts the Lord's cause up out of the realm of beggary. But take all of the tithers out, and we would be in financial straits in our churches.

### HOW ABOUT BEGINNING TO TITHE YOUR OWN SELF?

time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

May it please the Lord to save your soul, and having been saved, may you be faithful to Him in all things; and when you come to the end of the way, God grant you shall be numbered as one of the bride.



"Choose you this day whom ye will serve."—Joshua 24:15.

"For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."—2 Cor. 6:2.



# Ideas For The Hell Box

The Hell Box is where all discarded metal—printer's mistakes and errors—is thrown, to be melted and remolded.



Popular misconceptions of religion that are deadlier than yesterday's type.

## "THERE WILL BE A SECOND CHANCE AFTER DEATH"

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There have been and still are heretics in the land who teach that: "There will be a second chance after death." Charles T. Russell wrote six volumes which he called "Studies in the Scriptures," and in Volume I, pages 106, 107, 111, and 129 he teaches that men will have a second chance for salvation during the Millennium. Then in Volume I, page 143, he teaches that the second trial will be more favorable than the first one was. In the same volume, page 143, he teaches that Christ's work on the cross simply guarantees a second chance. On page 178 of Volume VI he says that should Nero during the Millennium become obedient, he will be saved, will be highly respected and his past forgotten. So is the teaching of "Russellism" which today is called "Jehovah's Witnesses."

This idea or popular misconception is only good for the "Hell Box" because it is a lie from the beginning. In Luke 16:19-31 we see the rich man in Hell pleading with Abraham to send Lazarus back to his

father's house to preach to his five lost brothers. If there is a second chance after death, and if it is more favorable than the first chance before death, then why would the rich man in Hell want a missionary sent from paradise to preach to his five lost brothers? Why not leave them alone and let them eat, drink and be merry, because the second chance will be more favorable than the first was? Then if they are not saved when given the second chance the penalty according to Russell will only be a second death which is annihilation, Volume 3, page 117.

If there is a second chance after death, then why didn't the Lord Jesus give the lost preachers who had prophesied, and cast out devils, and had done many wonderful works in His name, a second chance? Instead of giving these lost preachers a second chance the Lord Jesus said that He never knew them and told them to depart. Matt. 7:22-23. If there is a second chance after death then two men will never have that chance because the two men will be cast into Hell alive. Rev. 19:20 and 20:10.

There is no second chance after death because, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Hebrews 9:27. We are told in John 5:22 that the Father hath committed all judgment unto the Son. After death the Lord Jesus Christ will be a Judge and not a Saviour. At death the lost person goes to Hell (Hades) and is tormented. Luke 19:22-23. Then at the second resurrection these lost tormented souls in Hades will be brought before the Lord Jesus as Judge (not as Saviour) and there before the great white throne He will judge them (not save them) according to their works and then cast them into gehenna or the lake of fire where they will have "their part" or degrees of punishment in Hell forever and forever. Rev. 20:11-15 and 21:8, Matt. 11:22, 24, Mark 12:40.

There is no second chance after death because, "Now (not after death) is the accepted time: behold now (not after death) is the day of salvation." II Cor. 6:2. So we see that the popular idea that, "There will be a second chance after death" is only good for the "Hell Box."

## Fatal Steps

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3. Our Southern Baptist convention leadership, to a man, is committed to the inclusive policy. Whether a pastor believes anything or nothing is none of the convention's business, so long as he supports the cooperative program and sends in large gifts; that settles everything. His church also may practice open membership; but that, too, is none of the convention's business! So why not unite with the new American Baptist convention?

### Leaders Modernists

It is true that most of the leaders of this new American Baptist convention are modernists, liberals or outright Unitarians; but that also, forsooth, is none of the convention's business. We are sure that our inclusive-minded leaders would forgive all such Northern Baptist leaders readily—if only they came through with large gifts to the cooperative program.

Also we know that we have had a rather respectable group in the Southern Baptist convention, for some years, who were in fact Northern Baptists. And since Southern Baptist leaders have given public notice, at least a dozen times in the last year, that they will oppose any sort of a restriction, made by the convention, against

any cooperating Missionary Baptist church or pastor, no matter what they believe and practice or do not believe or practice, why should we hesitate any longer about reuniting with the American Baptist convention?

The president, Bro. R. G. Lee, says (in Religious New Service) that it will be a "man-size" job to reunite the two conventions; but he does not say that he is opposed to it. And Bro. Pruden hastens to announce that he hopes to "contribute to possible reunion of the two big branches of the church." So we are on our way to reunion. Why not?

4. Then Northern Baptists hold a formidable club over the heads of Southern Baptists—If we refuse to reunite with them, they will unite with the Disciples of Christ and thus have churches all over the south and west. For several years, they have had a 6-point working agreement with the Disciples. (See Unionizing Southern Baptists, page 9.) Also they have had committee after committee to explore all the difficulties and all the advantages of a union with the Disciples. And we predict that if this "son of perdition," Bro. E. H. Pruden, is rebuffed by our Southern Baptist convention or its leaders this defacto union with the Disciples will be made de jure within the next five years. So we can take it or leave it. For Bro. Pruden will not fail to lift this formidable club over the heads of our Southern Baptists.

### Already On The Way

5. We should add in this connection, that Southern Baptists

have already taken five definite steps toward reuniting with Northern Baptists. For example (1) Northern and Southern Baptist churches in Washington, D. C. are already united. (2) We have a Standing committee on common problems with Northern Baptists. (3) We have a Joint committee, known as the Inter-Convention committee on Negro Ministerial education. (4) We do not hesitate to elect such outright Northern Baptists as Bro. C. Oscar Johnson, to the vice-presidency of our convention and to place many Northern Baptists on our boards. (5) And our Foreign Mission board is pouring out great sums of our relief funds to the populations in distinctly Northern Baptist mission territory and, no doubt, on the request of the Foreign Mission Society of Northern Baptists.

So we are already standing up to our knees in the waters of reunion with Northern Baptists. What are we waiting for? Northern Baptist leaders at the recent convention at Boston made it as clear as the day that the three supreme tasks ahead of Baptists in America were (1) to unite all the Baptists of America; then (2) to go, all of us, together into the new National Council of the Churches of Christ, and (3) together head up toward the United Church of America.

Will Southern Baptists step into this trap and go with Northern Baptists into this great apostasy? If we reunite with the Northern Baptist Convention, there is no power on this earth that can keep us out of

## Somerset, Kentucky

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ing of so-called Christianity. In contrast, in the Methodist organization you have worldly songs and dancing under the auspices of a so-called church.

I don't know which one is to be blamed the more—the Baptist preacher or the Methodist pastor. In either case, both of them need to read their Bible, repent of his sins, ask God to forgive them, and preach the truth hereafter as to how Christian young people should live and conduct themselves and what they should do in order to glorify God.

It surely seems a shame to find preachers compromising the Word of God as these two supposed-to-be men of God have thus compromised at Somerset. What a tragedy that the First Baptist Church of Somerset, pastored so long by the great and noble W. E. Hunter, should deteriorate to such an extent that its actions are on a par with a Methodist organization within the same city.

May God help all churches to gird themselves afresh and to become vigilant, lest they too fall into the same pernicious temptations and ways of evil.



## About Prayer

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no business to say very much in church.

How many people would be wonderfully amazed to get an answer to the prayers they make in a meeting?



It is not dance halls, saloons, beer gardens, movies, race track gambling, nor sporting houses that have degenerated society, but religion without God, reform without grace, professed salvation without regeneration, and professed piety without purity of life. - Selected

the National Council of churches and out of this apostasy.

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## About The Tongue

"A woman's tongue can fight a better battle than a man's fists."

"Put your ears to work and give your tongue a rest."

"The tongue of man creates nearly all the mischief in the world."

"The tongue is both the best and worst part of a person; when properly used it is the best; when 'turned loose' it is the worst."

"The cure for an evil tongue must be at the heart."

"The tongue is the tool of the devisor of wicked schemes."

"A wound from the tongue is worse than a wound from a sword."

"The tale of scandal proceeds from a long tongue and a wicked heart."

"To speak well and little is a virtue worthy of angels."

"If wisdom's ways you widely seek, four things observe with care,

"Of whom you speak,

"And how you speak,

"And where you speak,

"And when you speak."

Beware of tongues set on the fire of Hell, and flames of slander, and that peddle falsehood to the hurt of others.

If all were like some, we would need no newspapers, the news would get around sooner by the mouth of gossipers.

Gossip spreads by reason of those who like to gossip and those who like to hear it.

Gossipers gossip because they lack a knowledge of things worth saying.

Gossip is the child of an idle brain.

The tongue that runs in high is usually steered by a brain that runs in low.

Gossip is the easiest thing to start and the hardest thing to stop.

A bad rumor is worse than the circulation of bad money.

All the above are but a few of the things thoughtful people have said about the most deadly evil known to God or man.



To read some descriptions of Heaven, one would imagine it were only an endless prolongation of some social meeting.