

Don't pray for tasks equal to your powers but powers equal to your tasks.

LENT, GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER

By R. F. BECKER
Holland, N. Y.

"Babylon hath been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that made all the earth drunken."

—Jer. 51:7.

"Come out of her, my people, that ye may not have fellowship with her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto Heaven and God hath remembered her iniquities."

—Rev. 18:4,5.

God has recorded much in His Word of the wicked idolatry of ancient Babylon. Her sins became a dreadful and lasting curse to all nations. And man's history since those days has been affected and polluted by them.

God has also revealed by His Spirit that "Babylon the Great" of Rev. 17 is in very essence that selfsame Babylon of old. And that woman, which the Apostle John saw, with her name on her forehead, arrayed

in purple and scarlet and gold, and drunken with the blood of the saints and the martyrs of Jesus has long ago been identified as the Roman Catholic Church.

Now the ancient idolatry of Babylon has been the root of nearly every heathen religion. But in every known form of idolatry there has been more or less deviation from the original Chaldean worship. Only in the Roman Catholic Church has the paganism of Babylon of old remained pure.

To realize that this same idolatry of Belshazzar's day is still influencing our lives should make every true believer shudder.

But the thought of Christians joining hand in hand with pagans in supporting and enjoying Babylon's idolatry, now revived in the Roman Catholic Church, ought to make every soul that loves Christ's Name and blood shrink in holy horror.

For He who liveth forever and ever has decreed in the verses above that whoever partakes of Babylon's sins shall suffer in Babylon's judgments. (Rev. 18:4).

Now that particular part of Rome's Babylonish idolatry I want to speak very plainly about is her festivals. For it is in these celebrations and observances that Rome not only so sadly deludes her own superstitious slaves, but she also causes many weak Christians to err and sin grievously against Christ.

Now just a few words to all Baptist church members:

There are three kinds of people who profess to be of God. First there are those few who are truly godly, and can always be depended upon to be valiant for Truth. Then there are those professors whose hearts we have great reason to fear are not right before God. These are sure, under whatever

test they may be found in, to turn up on the side of those who oppose the things of the Holy Spirit.

This article is for neither of these. To the godly saint it is needless. To the empty professor it would be useless.

But there is one more type and it is to them especially I address this article.

It is to the many weak and carnal believers who have unwittingly kept Rome's festivals in their own churches, neither realizing the origin nor the idolatrous nature of that, that I appeal. It is the weak Christians in pulpit and pew, who would fain please everybody and offend nobody, who forget that they should please God first of all, that I write, hoping this may be a help to them.

This is the type of Christian, while he does seem to have saving faith, yet he is a disappointment to the ungodly. There is something weak and undescrib-

ably unsatisfactory about the way they take up with men's traditions. They often appear to be trying to walk as close to the broad road as they can without really being on it. And they are very ingenious in discovering reasons for what they do, which cannot be found in Scripture, though they do appeal to the flesh.

This weak believer in our many churches seems to feel he is under obligation to be present or have a part in his church's celebrations of Babylonish festivals. Having never been taught the truth, he does not realize that in these observances his own church is only aping Rome, and that Christmas and Lent and Easter are pagan to the very core. They never once think that God does not look lightly on idolatry, as many suppose, and they are breaking willfully the greatest of all commandments, (Continued on page two)

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Do You Want To See This An Eight Page Paper Every Week

Another Loyal Man Is Sick Of The Convention Drift

March 1, 1951

Mr. John R. Gilpin
Russell, Kentucky

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I am writing you to let you know how much I appreciate The Baptist Examiner, because of its doctrinal respect and because it isn't afraid to condemn the wrong in anyone. I notice in the issue of February 24, 1951, the statement relative to R. G. Lee, president of our S. B. C. If ever I read a written statement that a man should be ashamed of, it sure is R. G. Lee's answer to the question of that woman. However, any man that will ignore the teaching of God's Word in such a way as to receive members into his church on any kind of baptism, and have a man from a different denomination to preach for him in a revival meeting, well! I don't think God's Word amounts to very much to him anyway and R. G. Lee is guilty of all that. I have lived in the S. B. C. for 52 years, but I know that we are losing our grip on the Word of God in a great way. May God continue to bless you and help you to condemn the wrong in me or anyone else for Jesus sake.

Yours for the truth,

W. A. Herron
Bernstadt, Ky.

The enlargement campaign for our paper, while progressing slowly, is likewise progressing in a most encouraging manner.

It is our desire, and that of many of our readers that we have an eight page, rather than a four page weekly.

To do so means that we'll have to have a new linotype and new press—a press where-by we can print all eight pages, fold and assemble the same at one operation, printing off a roll of paper, rather than from sheets, as at present.

When we get this equipment, we'll be able to print the eight page paper cheaper than we now print the four page one.

Then we'll print the paper in one third the time we now

spend in printing it. We'll have no cost of folding, since this will be done by the press.

Paper bought in a roll is much cheaper than when bought in sheets, so although we'll use twice as much then as now, we'll still not pay more for it than at present.

Our only additional cost will be the typesetting and this will not equal what we save in the cost of presswork.

Furthermore, the cost of mailing an eight page paper is actually cheaper than mailing a four page one. When once a month we send out the extra two pages of missionary news by way of the insert, we actually don't pay as much postage as when we mail a four page pa-

The First Baptist Pulpit

"Who Do You Love - God Or The World"

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."—I John 2:15-17.

A few days ago I was talking with a man who definitely is not a Christian, but who attends services here almost every Sunday. In the course of the con-

versation, I asked him a simple, plain, and pointed question. I said to him, "Why is it that you are, not a Christian?" After a moment's hesitation he looked me squarely in the eye and said, "Brother Gilpin, it is because I love the world too much."

I rather imagine, beloved, from the human point of view that this is true of many an individual. To be sure, I recognize the fact that from God's point of view the reason is that perhaps the Lord has never dealt with that individual in calling him unto Himself, but speaking from a human viewpoint I im-

agine that there are multiplied thousands all over America who could truthfully say, "The reason why I am not a Christian is because I love the world too much."

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TO LOVE THE WORLD IS A FOOLISH THING TO DO.

In the first place, this world won't last. I don't care what you look at in the world, it is fleeting, it is transitory, it is only for a little while. Anything that this world has to offer will only last for a little while. It is (Continued on page three)

Your Gift Toward Our Enlargement Campaign Will Pay Big Dividends In Developing Strong Baptists

MAY WE HEAR FROM YOU TODAY!

per. Thus you can see that even from a financial point of view we'll be better off then—to say nothing of the fact that we can print so many more wonderful articles, which now we have to omit, due to lack of space.

All in all, I'm sure that it would be pleasing to the Lord, and thus I ask our friends to support this enlargement campaign.

Hundreds of people are blessed immeasurably every week by this paper. Unsolicited testimonials are proof of this fact. The following is only one of thousands of like nature:

We, of the Immanuel Baptist Church, consider your paper the finest there is. That is why every family subscribes through the church. We believe that the hope of Christianity rests in a return to Baptist principles.

Eld. Budd Bentley
Grand Rapids, Mich.

THIS LIFE GIVES US NOTHING

The story is told of the wealthy owner of a large business concern in Sweden, who had been a poor boy in a country district tending cattle. One day he wanted to be away, and asked his sister to tend the cattle for the day, promising to let her hold a small coin, worth less than four cents, to be returned at night. She consented. The very sight of money was a rare thing to her. She spent a long day tending the cattle and holding the bright coin. At night she returned the coin to her brother, quite content with her day's pay.

Long years afterward the brother was telling the story. He had grown very wealthy and had allowed the love of money to crowd out the love of God, to which he was not a stranger. He related the story with a great deal of amusement, laughing at his sister's childish simplicity. The person to whom he told the story said quietly: "That is all you get; you hold your wealth to the end of your life, then you give it up and have as little as before, and the whole of your life is gone!"

—Phophetic Word

Count it a blessing when God delays the answer to your prayer in order to enlarge your capacity to receive.

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Easter

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to which God's dreadful threatening is attached. (Ex. 20:5).

One of the great evils of the early churches of Ephesus and Pergamos was the false teachings of the Nicolaitanes. These declared that it was no sin to engage in idolatry. They also denied that the Father created the universe, yet they still professed to be Christians. (Rev. 2:6,15).

In Smith's Dictionary of the Bible we read: "This sect, like the false prophet of Pethor, united brave words with evil deeds. Mingling themselves in the orgies of idolatrous feasts they brought the impurities of those feasts unto the Christian church. All this was done as a part of a system supported by a doctrine accompanied by the boast of prophetic illumination."

Is not this what we see in our churches today at Christmas and Easter?

One of the greatest of all abominations to God is false worship. Romanism is the extreme ultra-development of Satanic subtlety in worship. For she is very Babylon in idolatry under the disguise and name of Christ!

Christian! how then can you take part in her sins? How can you keep the feasts of paganism and join its unholy corruption to the Wonderful Name of Christ?

Now, there may be some who read this who will be disposed to utterly condemn what is written herein. Let them consider here the words of the great Dr. Paley: "There is a principle which is a bar against all information; which is proof against all argument, which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance. That principle is 'CONTEMPT prior to EXAMINATION'."

But I am sure that every honest soul will be inclined to search himself and try his ways and as he reads on, will become sorrowful and say to Christ in tears "Is it I?" (Mark 14:19).

The religious festivals of Rome are legion. Our 1950 calendar is crowded with them. And the jubilee year of Pius VII will bring more. Space prohibits dealing with them all here. Let us look only at Christmas, Lent, Good Friday and Easter. And as we look at these Romish festivals that people love so well, let us remember the words of our Saviour: "This people honoreth me with their lips but their heart is FAR from me." (Mark 7:6).

CHRISTMAS

In another booklet, "The Truth About Christmas," I have shown how our Romish

CHRISTIANITY AND NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS COMPARED

NEW YEAR'S DAY

CHRISTIANITY. The Calendar of the civilized world dates its historical incidents from the birth of Christ. Events occurring before Christ are marked "B. C." and those after, "A. D."—Anno Domini (the year of our Lord). This is a grand testimony to the world-wide conviction that Jesus lived.

BRAHMANISM. The New Year in India is begun with a day set apart for the worship of the gods. Images of the various gods are gathered in a room where they are bathed, decorated with flowers, and worshipped. Artisans, mechanics, farmers and housekeepers bring their tools and implements and worship before them, asking their kind assistance in winning the battle for bread.

IT IS GOOD TO LEARN OF OUR WEAKNESS IF IT DRIVES US TO LEAN ON HIS STRENGTH.

HINDUISM. The Hindu New Year begins in April, when Hindus of all castes dedicate pitchers to the shades of their ancestors. The Hindu commercial year begins with the Feast of Dewali, a special festival, in which they worship a rupee and their account books.

BUDDHISM. The New Year, in Burma, begins in April as in India. The Chinese Buddhists have arranged their calendar to suit the Chinese months, the New Year beginning in February. Chinese do not reckon their age from the date of birth but from the New Year. Few days, in any land, have more power of attraction than the New Year in China.

IF YOU WOULD WIN BACK SUCCESS, FOLLOW YOUR BACK TRACK AND MAKE THINGS STRAIGHT WITH GOD.

TAOISM. New Year's day, in China, is a great national holiday. All work ceases; people try to square accounts with man and with the temple gods; festivals, fire-crackers, social visiting in gay attire, and exchanging presents, fill the day with pleasure. Gambling is very common, and pilgrimages are made to the Great Mountain after the New Year.

CONFUCIANISM. The Chinese New Year generally falls in the middle of February. The streets and shops take on a great change. Store counters are piled with goods. All who can, are busy paying their debts; debtors sell things to clear their accounts, and the receivers spend the money as fancy dictates. Everyone tries to be at home on New Year's day.

YOU ARE A SUCCESS IF YOU ARE WHERE GOD HAS ASSIGNED YOU SERVICE.

ZOROASTRIANISM. Since Mohammedanism gained control of Persia, it has exerted a dominant influence over many of the public observances. The observance of Mohammed's birthday is so universal that it usurps the observance of other days; just as when foreigners come to America, they often cease to observe their own national holidays and join in ours,—such as the Fourth of July.

THE PARSEES reckon time by the lunar year. The Nau-voz is the Persian New Year's day. The Parsees, however, join in the celebrations of the Mohammedans, in March.

BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO HAS GRACE ENOUGH TO OWN UP.

SHINTOISM. Before the era of Christian influence in Japan, the mode of reckoning time was by the Chinese calendar, the New Year beginning in February. They followed the moon as a guide of time. Now, the Japanese follow the Christian calendar. A few peasants, in isolated sections, observe the old method.

MOHAMMEDANISM, in Persia, observes the festival of the New Year or Nau-voz, which, being fixed at the vernal equinox, falls on a different date each succeeding year. The sacred year opens with a season of mourning for Iman Husian.

Christmas is only a combination of the Catholic "Mass" and the name of Christ. So it will be sufficient to state here that this annual festive season was held in the month Thebeth (our December) in Babylon, long before the birth of Christ, in honor of the birth of Tammuz (Ez. 8:14), the son of Semeramis, the Chaldean queen of heaven. As the Satanic "mystery of iniquity," spoken of by Paul (in II Thes. 2:7) developed in the early church during the third and fourth centuries, the idolatries of this pagan festival were incorporated into the Roman Catholic system, in pretense of honoring Christ's birth.

LENT

Let us begin our study of Lent by asking, as many will, if this observance of abstinence is wrong, how did it become so universal? How did it come to occupy so large a space on our calendar?

Why the Roman Catholic

can see Rome is by no means original in observing her pagan Lent.

Just as on December 25 a great celebration and feast was held in Babylon in honor of the birth of Tammuz, so in that same country the 40 days' fast was observed as an important preliminary of the great feast held in commemoration of the death and resurrection of the same idol! And this same Lent was observed in Babylon by alternate weeping and rejoicing, just as Rome today has her poor blind subjects keep holy-weeks by alternate days of joy and sorrow.

Lent was first observed in Assyria and Palestine in the month of June. In Egypt it was the month of May when it was kept. When it finally migrated to Britain this pagan fast was observed in April. It seems to be a most flexible fast suitable for any type of pagan idolatry. For I notice that in 1951 the Roman Lent begins in February!

Rome's method of enveloping Babylon's Lent and incorporating it into her ritual should be noticed. About the year 525, Rome, pursuing her usual policy of absorbing the pagan observances and in order to gain nominal adherents to the church, engineered a new religious merger. Under the shrewd management of the Abbot Dionysius the Little, the pagan Lent was established as a church observance. And so the Church, now controlled from Rome, and fast sinking into every form of corruption, added yet this evil of a "sacred fast" to her list of idolatries. In his manipulations to fit a 40-day Lent into the calendar this same Dionysius caused the approximate date of Christ's birth to be changed four years later than the truth. This change of calendar brought in the grossest corruption and rankest superstition in connection with the abstinence of Lent. It was only the beginning of another form of Roman evil.

An early Christian of Mar-seilles, writing in the fifth century, said: "It ought to be known that the observance of the 40 days' fast had no existence so long as the primitive church remained pure."

Rome has modernized and streamlined her Lent to fit the present. And the lukewarm so-

called Baptists have followed her, as is their habit. In their observance of Lent they only prove how the virus of Jesuit paganism has numbed their sense of sin. Well could our Lord say of the professing Protestants who observe Lent: "Ye do dishonor me." (John 8:49).

Perhaps it is needless to remark about the ordinary individual's observance of Lent. It does not even deserve comment. The world's fast is no fast at all, say nothing of a "sacred fast." One gives up chocolate bars. Another does not eat butter. Another smokes one cigarette per day instead of ten or twenty. Still another refrains from drinking only one glass of beer or wine or whiskey per day!

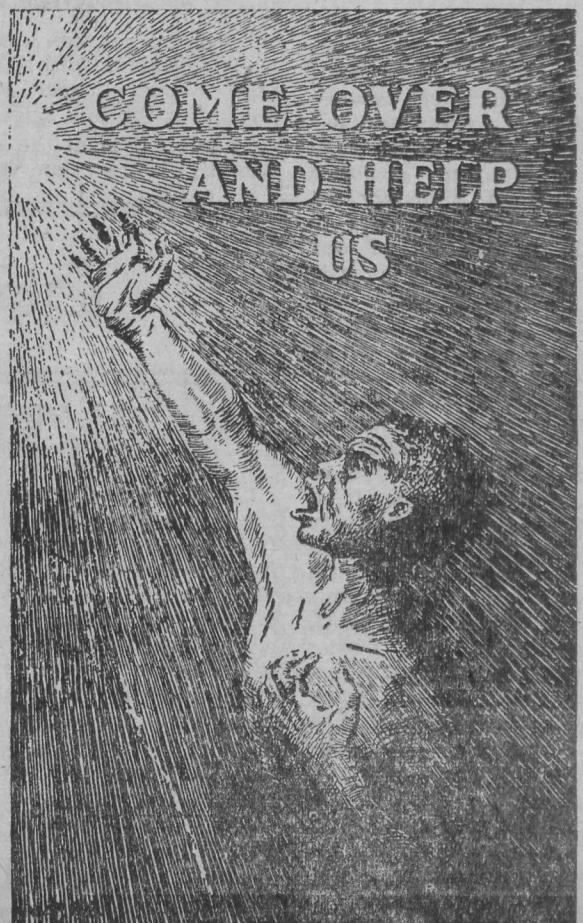
So sunken in sin is man that by these Romish pagan denials of the flesh, he supposes he is placing himself in God's favor.

Christian, can you take part in such a mockery of God as Lent, which not only brings ignominy upon the name of Christ, but helps to ruin the souls of thousands and thousands? Remember one more fact: The Rome that put Lent on our calendar is that same scarlet woman that has shed the blood of millions of the martyrs of Jesus, and has sent billions of her own slaves out into Eternity Night believing the LIE. Can you take Rome's bloody hands in yours and join her in celebrating a pagan season she has stolen from Babylon of old?

What is a fast that brings honor to Christ? Listen to (Isa. 58:4,6,7,8):

"Behold ye fast strife and debate and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as ye do this day to make your voice to be heard on high. Is not THIS the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness—to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deny thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning and thine healing shall spring forth speedily, and thy righteousness shall go before thee, the GLORY of the Lord shall be thy reward."

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Eld. J. F. Brandon
Eld. and Mrs. Billy Parrott
Eld. and Mrs. L. M. Smith
Miguel Ibernon
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IN COLUMBIA

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(Spanish Language)

Bro. Brandon, In Leprosarium, Tells
Thrilling Incident Of Days Gone By

While living in Cruzeiro do Sul many years ago, one of the believers, a man with a large family, was stricken unto death with the fever. He was very poor, but from the first time he heard the gospel he never departed from the faith, not for a single day. A spiritualist medium lived just across the street from him. When he was as sick as a man could be and his family in need of everything, this medium came to visit him and said to him that he could invoke the spirits for him and find out from them what would cure him, if he would consent. The believer lay there, perhaps thinking over what he had said, the medium reminded him of the need of his family and in case of death what a great disadvantage they would experience. But when the me-

dium had finished talking the brother replied that his faith in Jesus Christ had been fixed for a long time and there was no room in his life for another god. He said while I live I will not invoke another or consent for anyone to do it for me, for me to depart and be with Christ is far better. And as far as my family is concerned, no doubt they will miss me, but Jesus Christ will take care of them and now that I am going to be with Him, the responsibility will be His and I am trusting in Him to sustain them. Many years have passed and his family remained faithful in attendance to church services. It was my joy to baptize most of his children into the fellowship of the church, also a son-in-law. Later they moved away to live in a

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This is a picture of Missionary R. P. Hallum and Don Manuel Arycari. From time to time you read of the journeys made by Brother Hallum to "Mapa." Don Manuel Arycari is the man in whose home Brother Hallum stays and has the meetings when he goes to Mapa. This Brother will be in for some surprising rewards when he gets to glory for having entertained God's man and letting him preach in his house.

Two New Families Have Been Accepted
As Missionaries For Work In Brazil

Elder and Mrs. George Starling and Elder and Mrs. Royal Calley have been accepted as new missionaries to Brazil. They are making preparations to leave as soon as possible, the Lord willing. When will they go? This all depends upon when we have the funds to send them and then to support them. Now let us consider the needs. Five years ago we had only Brother Brandon and a few native missionaries in Brazil. Then we had the Hallums in Peru, then the Smiths in Brazil, then we had the Parrotts in Brazil and next month we hope to have the Lewises in Peru. Five years ago we were supporting the Brandons, and now we are supporting the above named 4 other families. In short, we are now supporting five missionary families from the U. S. and nine

native missionaries. Soon we will be supporting the Starlings and the Calleys, making seven missionary families in all. To support these seven missionary families and the native preachers and to print the paper and for postage will require about \$2,500.00 each month. This does not include the cost of getting the missionaries to the field and for bringing home the missionaries on furlough. We need churches and individuals to increase their mission offerings. We need new churches and new individuals to join in with us. We need more men and women to remember BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS in their wills. Pray with us and then increase your mission offerings. Truly the Lord is blessing the work as never before.

Remembers Mission Work In His Will

Lawrence Smith's Letter Is A Revelation Of
The Heart And Soul Of A Real Missionary

February 20, 1951
Finally, I have gotten a chance to write you a letter. For the last two weeks with the exception of four days Verna was in the hospital, I have had to do all the buying of the groceries besides the washing of the clothes until today. Verna has just now gotten able to take care of Barbara Jean and our worker has been so busy cooking and keeping the house clean etc., that she couldn't take care of Barbara Jean or help with the washing. Besides all this I have had to be the general doctor and nurse. As always there are quite a few patients that I have to treat and new ones coming in every day. Just yesterday a boy that Billy had working for him almost mashed him thumb off and Verna and I had to do the operation of

cleaning it up and dressing it. I am also treating a baby for pneumonia and a man I found sick while doing personal work visiting for the new preaching point opened up last night, the 19th. I have to go back today to see him and to also do some visiting for the service tonight in Praca 14. With three preaching points in Praca 14 and this new one just opened up and a new one we are planning to open up this coming Saturday night there will be five preaching points where the gospel is being preached independent of the church. We had 29 lost people in the service in this new place. It is called Amazon Park. The other is called Highese, the one to be opened Saturday night. The Lord is with me greatly in that I feel as strong as I ever did in my life, and I praise the Lord every day for He alone has given me back my health through the medicine that I received from Dr. Lapham in Detroit. A letter is going to him too. The Lord has given me greatly of His grace, for were it not for Him I would not be able to do some of the things that I am doing. I am very happy to say that we have had one conversion in Praca 14, an old man that was very sick when we were visiting, and I gave him some medicine and he got well. He had been sick for over a month and wasn't strong enough to get out of bed. Last Sunday night he came to church

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Brother J. Oscar Pierce, a layman in the Baptist Church of Salem, Kentucky, went to be with the Lord on December 26, 1950, and in his will he left \$1,000.00 to BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS. It will likely be a year or longer before the money is made available. We thank the Lord for this brother remembering the mission work in his will. This is a good example for many others to follow. This money will be used of the Lord to win souls in the years to come and we have no doubt but that this brother will be rewarded in the Gloryland for this bequeath. We hope and pray that many others will also remember BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS in their will.

PRAISE HIM! BAPTIST
FAITH MISSIONS IS
REALLY GROWING

A few years ago we only had Brother Brandon as a missionary. Then the Hallums were added in Peru, and Don Tomas in Columbia, and the eight native missionaries in Brazil, then the Smiths, and then the Parrotts and now the Lewises are about ready to leave for Peru and the Starlings and the Calleys hope to be ready soon and sent out. As you read the letters from each of the missionaries, stop and consider that you have a personal letter from them to you in this paper. By this you know what they are doing and how the work is growing and how souls are being saved. A New Testament Baptist Mission work just like the Lord Jesus commissioned His churches to do. Baptistic,

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Two Letters From Billy Parrott Shows That
Good Is Blessing In The Work In Manaos

Dear Brother Overbey:

We will have been here a week tomorrow and are just beginning to get acquainted again and I am certainly glad to be here. Eudora and I were talking just last night about how glad we were to get back. I told her that just being in the service here I would get to thinking how right it seems for me to be here. I have a feeling of being in place, where for these many months past I have been out of place. I know the Lord is going to bless us for being here and willing to serve Him as He would have us to do. The services here are going along pretty well and some new preaching points have been opened. We are opening a new place tonight in one of the places I had hoped to get a work started. Lawrence has been sick this week and is staying in to take the medicine we brought him. It seems to be really helping him. He is much better today.

Yours in the service of the Saviour.

Billy Parrott

Second Letter

February 9, 1951
I got started off officially last night in a new preaching point in another section of the city and will continue there myself. Lawrence has his own place and the pastor has his, but I have not had any, so now I

can consider that I have a part in the work, and as soon as possible, I will begin other preaching points in that same area and the Lord willing one day we will have a church over there. Last night there were 23 present and it should grow a lot with a little work in the area. As you know I am not much when it comes to leading singing so I have asked a young boy of the church to go with me and lead the singing. One of our members has moved into that area and we are having services in his house. He is very glad for us to do this because he lives so far away that he doesn't get to come to church very much and this gives him an opportunity to hear more of the Word and it also gives him a part in the Lord's work. For

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LEWises TO LEAVE
FOR PERU SOON

Brother Mitchell Lewis and family are to leave for Peru, perhaps within a month from the time that you read this. Some churches and some individuals have remembered to have a part in the expense of sending them out. It takes lots of money to send out a new missionary family. It also takes a lot of money to support the 19 missionaries of Baptist Faith Missions each month. May the

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MRS SMITH HAS
APPENDECTOMY

On Saturday, February 10th, we received the following cablegram from Brother Lawrence Smith: "Verna underwent appendix operation Friday morning. Getting along fine." We thank the Lord for His graciousness in the time of sickness. Mrs. Smith is getting along fine and no doubt will be in better health. Pray daily for all the missionaries by name. Try it and keep it up and the Lord will bless you for so doing.

NOTICE

Anyone desiring more information about this mission work write to the Secretary of the Mission. Address your letter to:

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Detroit 11, Mich.

Brandon Letter

(Preceding page, column two) very remote place, but each time they returned they seemed as strong in the faith as ever. In fact the other members of the family have been converted while living away from the church. On different occasions I have inquired of people who came from their community how they were and if they were active in the faith. Each time the reply was, yes, they are. A person can't go there unless they get the Bible to read to them and talk about their religion. The inheritance of that man's family seems to me to have been greater than if he had left them a fortune that involved them in a vain religion.

Letter From
R. P. Hallum

At our meeting at Mapa, there was about the usual attendance, mostly the members of one family, sons, daughters and in-laws and a few children, about 25 in all. The first night a man who lives near the place and who is an Adventist ran into us; for the last few months this man has been teaching lessons to the young fellows, lessons prepared by the Adventists. He has been coming there two or three times a week at night. He had never come until some of these fellows seemed interested in the Gospel. Well, the first night we were there we were expecting him for one of the men had told us that he said he was coming that night. After I had delivered the message the Lord gave me, I asked Don Tomas if he had anything to say. He talked a few minutes and I dismissed the service. Then the Adventist said that he wanted to say something or make a solicitation. I interrupted him saying to him that he was teaching doctrines completely contrary to our teaching and why did he come thrusting himself into our services. I ask him why he did not go to places where there was never any preaching and that I was opposed to his talking. His reply was that he merely wanted to make a solicitation, (I think it was about some booklets he has to sell) and that he had the permission of the owner of the house, and that there was liberty of speech and conscience in Peru etc. I asked him to be frank and tell me if he believed that a person who does not keep the Sabbath is lost, but he would not commit himself. So Don Simon began to ask him questions and cite Scripture; they talked for several minutes until all the folk were gone out of the house. The next afternoon he came wanting to speak to the owner of the house (Don Manuel Arycari). I don't know that he saw him. My impression was that he wanted to have his class that night, but he did not come that night. There is one thing sure that when the truth is preached or taught by the Lord's servants, the servants of Satan always make their appearance to oppose and confuse. Yours in the service of the Lord Jesus.
R. P. Hallum.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1951

Macedonia Baptist Church, Ripley, Tenn.	\$ 6.66
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	8.79
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	82.91
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	12.82
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	42.43
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky. (Ladies Bible Class)	5.00
Ocoonita Baptist Church, Ocoonita, Va.	22.14
East Main Baptist Church, Des Plains, Ill. (Young People)	5.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	23.64
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	33.83
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	15.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.	25.26
Emmaus Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	25.00
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	63.83
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	21.82
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla.	5.00
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla.	58.30
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	61.80
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	7.24
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Ohio	7.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (For Lewises Trip)	2.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	25.67
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	23.83
Faith Baptist Church, Lawtey, Fla.	3.67
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, W. Va. (Junior Class)	3.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Monticello, Ky.	35.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B. T. U.)	5.49
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (For Lewises Trip)	505.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	35.55
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colo.	75.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	50.60
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (For Lewises Trip)	3.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class)	50.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	28.50
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	45.00
United Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind.	10.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	13.11
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Carderview, Tenn.	34.00
Bible Baptist Church, Burnsville, N. C.	37.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	5.35
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	23.63
Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	6.26
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	25.85
Julian Baptist Church, Gracy, Ky.	30.00
Boyd's Hill Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	30.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	46.62
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (For adding machine)	50.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	106.56
Madison Street Baptist Church, Rochester, Penna.	5.90
Sylvania Baptist Church, New Brighton, Penna.	7.05
Robert Jordan, Jr., Louisa, Ky. (For Lewises Trip)	5.00
Miss. Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
Brother and Sister L. A. Lawson, Sefner, Fla.	50.00
Marie P. Ganz, Columbus, Ohio	5.00
B. R. Matheny, Clendenin, West Va.	5.00
L. W. Page, Sr., Lawtey, Fla.	10.00
L. R. Reynolds, Yuma, Colo.	15.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
Mrs. Clyta B. Horning, Marion, Ky.	16.00
Richard Poore, Washington, D. C.	20.00
Mrs. Evelyn Terhune, Perryville, Ky.	3.00
G. E. Duncan, White Plains, Ky.	25.00
Mike M. Bailey, Hood River, Oregon	3.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.	10.00
R. E. Adkinson, Nicholasville, Ky.	10.00
R. E. Adkinson, Nicholasville, Ky.	10.00
Miss Emogene Kiger, Webbville, Ky.	5.00

Total \$2,158.11

As the Lord leads you, send all offerings for mission work to the treasurer of this mission. It is best to send by check or money order. Address all offerings to:

Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer, P. O. Box 648, Paducah, Kentucky

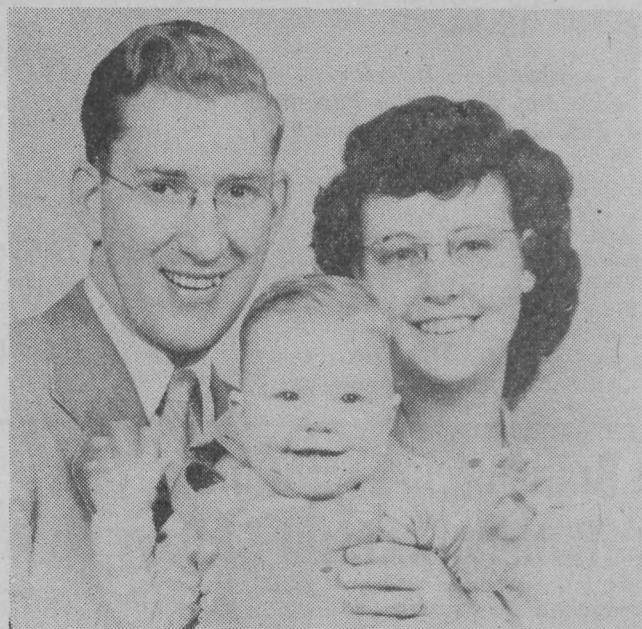
SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR LEWISES PASSAGE

NOVEMBER	
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	\$ 125.35
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	574.58
DECEMBER	
Friends in Jackson, Mich.	10.00
Richard Poore, Washington, D. C.	20.00
Mrs. Ida C. Bryan, St. Albans, W. Va.	5.00
Macedonia Baptist Church, Ripley, Tenn.	28.90
Mrs. James Meadows, Towanda, Penna.	10.00
JANUARY	
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	3.00
Mrs. Lillian Barker, Covington, Ky.	1.00
FEBRUARY	
Robert Jordan, Jr., Louisa, Ky.	5.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	2.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	505.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	3.00

Total for November, December, January and February \$1,292.83

The above special offerings have been included in the regular report.

ELD. MITCHELL LEWIS AND FAMILY



Elder and Mrs. Mitchell Lewis and son. The Lewises are to leave for Peru about April 11, the Lord willing. If you would like to have a part in helping

toward their expenses to the field, send your offering in right away to the Mission treasurer, Elder Z. E. Clark, Box 648, Paducah, Ky.

Lewises To Leave

(Preceding page, column five) Lord lead many to send in special offerings to help on the extra expense as well as the regular monthly expense.

Parrott Letter

(Preceding page, column five) he and his wife both to come to church it would cost them eight cruzeiros each service and for three or four services each week that runs into quite a bit of money for them, therefore, they do not get to come very much. One of the reasons for such a great need for more churches is the so little transportation and the people have to walk to church. If people here had cars like they do at home, there would be no need for so many preaching points. I have bought a map of Manaos and we are studying it to see where the other churches and preaching points are and to plan where we want to locate preaching points ourselves. I imagine that Lawrence sent you a cablegram telling you that Verna was operated on today for appendicitis. She made it just fine. Mrs. Hardy assisted the doctor and she came by as soon as it was over to let us know about it. We are keeping Barbara Jean for them and got the pastor's daughter over to help out while she is in the hospital. Lawrence is staying up there with her and sleeping in the room with her at night. I will try to get leveled off in my letter writing as soon as possible and get down to one regular letter a month.

Billy Parrott

Smith Letter

(Preceding page, column two) and is to be baptized. His wife has been saved for over a year. They are both coming into the church. I have been reaching people by helping them physically that I probably would never have had the opportunity otherwise. That old man was a hard man, wouldn't let his wife come to church or have anything to do with the believers, but my heart thrilled when I heard him make his profession anew in the church: "Eu aceta tudo," "I accept all"; doctrines and the Saviour. He sure was a different man from the man he had been before. As soon as I can possibly leave

B F M Is Growing

(Preceding page, Column 3) pre-millenial, local churches free from unionism, modernism, council of churchism, bossism, and all other isms except evangelism. Where can you put your mission money that will accomplish so much for so little and at the same time let you know how the money you give is being used? You can give it not give and no one will interfere with either pastor or church. Nothing to join. All you have to do to have a part is to send your offerings to the mission treasurer and they will count the work as your own and enjoy reading about the results of your offerings.

You may have peace with God, but I do not believe you can have the peace of God, if you decline to be interested in missions.

"Who Do You Love?"

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not enduring; it is not permanent; it won't last but for a season.

I remember years ago as a boy preacher hearing Reuben Torrey, who was then an outstanding evangelist in America, tell how that he was born into a home of unusual wealth. His father was a banker and was unusually rich. He said that one day he and his brothers and sisters asked his father just how rich he was. His father started to enumerate the various properties that he owned or had controlling interest in, and as he did so Reuben Torrey wrote them down as to the approximate value of each of those properties. He said that when his father had finished enumerating from fifty to sixty pieces of property that he had controlling interest in, that he added it and then divided it by the number of brothers and sisters that he had, including himself, and he said that he was richer that day on paper than he was any time in his life. He said that it looked awfully good to him when he divided his father's estate on paper between himself and his brothers and sisters and considered just how wealthy each of them were that day. He said a few days later, by a sudden turn of financial reverses, that his father was gauged down to absolute poverty, and when his father died all that he inherited was a leather match box that his father carried in his pocket, and a pair of cuff links. He said that a short time later he lost one of the gold cuff links and the leather match box soon wore out, and thus he realized then for the first time in his life that the world doesn't last and how foolish it was for any individual to love the world in view of the fact that what the world has to offer just simply cannot last.

As I was thinking this afternoon of that incident, there came to my mind how several years ago over at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-second Street in New York City, two of the financial giants of the age stood in a home one afternoon talking about how to increase their wealth. William H. Vanderbilt's estate a few days before had been appraised at \$196,000,000. Quincy Garrett stood by him in his home that afternoon, urging him to buy a block of Baltimore and Ohio Railroad stock, telling him how in a few days' time he would pull his fortune from a mere \$196,000,000 to over \$200,000,000. As they talked, William H. Vanderbilt fell dead within his home. His \$200,000,000 dream was gone; his \$196,000,000 estate was gone; all that he had by way of this world's goods were gone; and Garrett himself died in a mad house, shrieking as to how fleeting this world surely was.

Beloved, listen to me, to love this world is foolish, because this world just simply won't last. It doesn't make any difference what you try so far as this world is concerned, you will find it won't bring satisfaction, because it soon passes away.

Here is a man who thinks that he will find some pleasure and satisfaction in the dance. He will spend some two to seven hours dragging his body around over the dance floor, and he will get off the floor exhausted physically and mentally. When he drags himself home, he realizes then that whatever pleasure he had, it didn't last. It was only for a little season. Here is another individual who goes to a card party, and maybe at that card party seem-

ingly enjoyed himself for a little while. Maybe for a few hours he forgets about the cares of this world, but when his purse is emptier and his heart is heavier and he drags his weary steps homeward, he realizes that whatever pleasure he may have gotten, didn't last.

Beloved, to love the world is foolish, because whatever the world has to offer just simply will not last.

I saw a fellow a few days ago who was enjoying what this world had to offer. He was surely enjoying everything that John Barleycorn could give to him by way of this world's pleasures. When I saw him the next day in his home, he had a nauseated stomach, a disordered digestion, an aching head and a heavy heart. As I stood beside him, I quoted to him that Scripture which says that the pleasures of sins are but for a season.

I say to you, beloved, you can try this world all you please. You can reach out and grasp what it has to offer by way of money, by way of fame, by way of prominence, by way of honor, or by way of pleasure. You can reach after everything that this world has to give you, but in the end you will find that what this world has to offer doesn't last. It is foolish to love the world, because the world doesn't last.

It is also foolish for an individual to love the world, because the world can't satisfy.

I remember several years ago over in Richmond, Virginia, being driven out to that estate where a man who had amassed a tremendous fortune, had landscaped, terraced, and gardened some forty-three acres, and had brought it to a position as one of the most beautiful estates in all that section. I saw the gardens, the trees, and the house. I saw the furniture inside. I saw all that could be seen that money could offer, but I said to myself that surely a man that had all the money that this lavish palace indicated, surely would be happy. But the story ends with a divorce, with a broken home, and with the county finally accepting that piece of property as a park.

Brother, sister, I tell you, a man is foolish to love the world, because the world can't satisfy.

Down near Lexington there used to be a farm known as the Hamburg place—3,000 acres of beautiful bluegrass land. When the father died, the place was divided between two sons. Probably twelve years ago, one of those sons decided to build a tremendously fine home on his part of the estate. Before that house was finished, that man, over in a hotel in New York City, blew his brains out with a revolver. His wife, they tell me, spends some four or five or six weeks there in the summer time. Other than that, that palatial home is closed up the balance of the year.

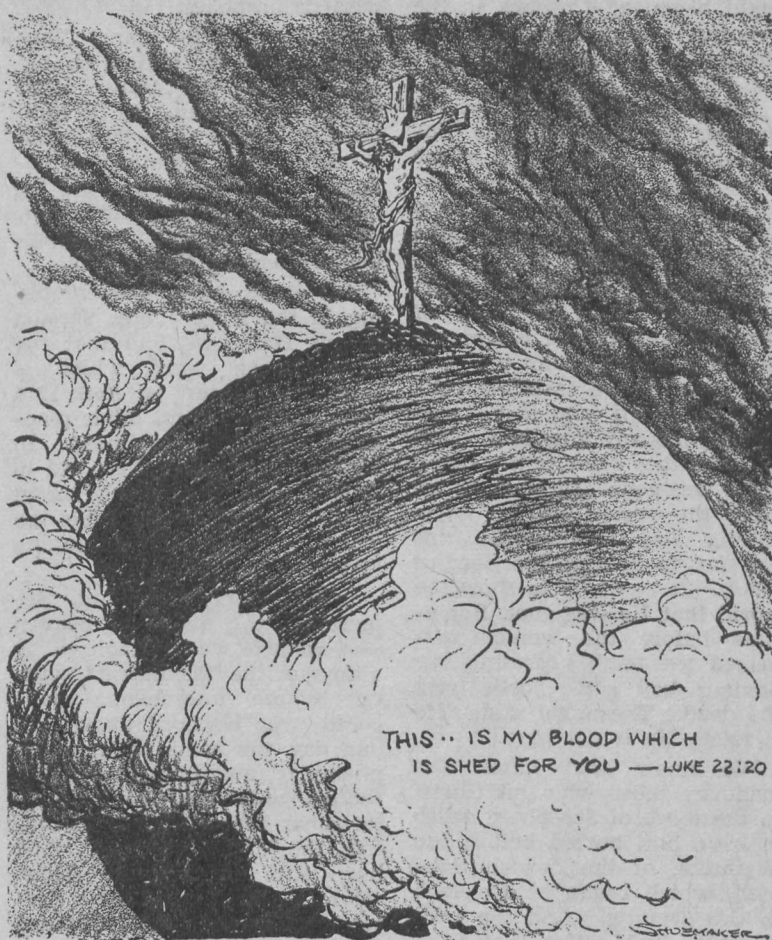
Beloved, the world can't satisfy. You can spend your money for what this world has to offer. You can try by every means possible to get satisfaction out of this world, but, beloved, this world just simply can't satisfy the soul.

I don't remember but mighty, mighty little of what I learned of the science of the human body, but one thing I do recall is that the heart is more or less a triangular shape. Beloved, you can't satisfy a triangular heart with a round world. Nothing but a Triune God can satisfy a triangular heart, and the only way that you can know God is through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Darwin, Herbert Spencer,

By every limit we put upon our sympathies, we become less like Christ.

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and the German philosopher, Goethe, are recognized as the three greatest thinkers the world has ever produced. In the autobiographies of Darwin and Spencer you will find the story of the lives of these men who were unsatisfied, who found, though they had the greatest mental capacities of their day, that the world didn't satisfy. As for Goethe, when he died, his last words were, "More light, more light." The world didn't satisfy.

Beloved, regardless of what you may try, irrespective of to what you may attain, regardless of how you may find this world appealing and in what form it may appeal to you—regardless of all this, it can't bring satisfaction.

It is also foolish to love the world, because the world can't give you peace. Do you realize that the only way of peace is by the Prince of Peace, the Lord Jesus Christ? The only manner whereby you can come to be at peace is by acquaintance with the Son of God as your Saviour.

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."—Rom. 5:1.

"There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked."—Isa. 57:21.

Beloved, can you put your hand upon your heart and say, "I know that my Redeemer liveth?" Can you put your hand upon your bosom with the fullest assurance that you are in perfect peace with God the Father? You can't if you are lost, for there is no peace for the wicked.

Oh, beloved, it is foolish to love the world, because the world can't give you peace. Try it in its myriad of forms. Try everything the world has to offer but it won't give you peace. There isn't any peace to be had except the peace that is ours in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Likewise, it is foolish to love the world, because as long as you love the world, that marks you off as an enemy of Almighty God.

You say, Brother Gilpin, surely I am not God's enemy. I go to church and I do the best I can. I don't call myself God's enemy." Beloved, it doesn't

make any difference what you call yourself, listen to what God says:

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."—James 4:4.

Brother, sister, don't kid yourself. If you are living for this world and striving for what you can get out of this world, you are just as great an enemy to Almighty God as if you were to bare your arm and shake your fist in His face and challenge Him to a duel. It is foolish to love the world, because when you love the world, that marks you off an enemy of God Himself.

II

OUR ONLY HOPE.

My text says, "He that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." Somebody may say, "Brother Gilpin, how can I do the will of God?" God's Word answers this question for us.

"And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And THIS IS THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day."—John 6:39, 40.

Beloved, if you want to live forever, and if you want to have satisfaction and joy and peace that will last forever, you will find it not in what the world has to offer, but you will find it in the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son. The individual who believes on Him finds that satisfaction.

Maybe you will say, "I believe in God." Listen, brother, sister, no man ever finds the peace of God apart from the Son of God.

"That all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He THAT HONORETH NOT THE SON HONORETH NOT THE FATHER WHICH HATH SENT HIM."—John 5:23.

If you reject God's Son you might as well say that you are

an infidel. If you reject God's Son you might as well declare yourself an atheist. If you reject God's Son you might as well say that you are an enemy of God. Beloved, do you want to do God's will? There is just one way and that is to believe on God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME."—John 14:6.

"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."—John 10:9.

I tell you, beloved, there is only one way of salvation and that is by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. I'll give you an illustration to show you what I mean.

I was reading just the other day one of the memoirs from the life of Lincoln when the Civil War was being fought. At one time a mandate went out to the army from the Capitol that regardless of circumstances nobody was to be given a furlough. About that time a man learned that his wife was ill and he asked for a furlough, which was turned down. On a leave of absence for a few hours, being near the Capitol, he went there hoping that he might be able in some manner to get a personal interview with the president and thus get the furlough that he desired. As he walked up to the Capitol, two men with guns in hand told him to stop. He explained that it was a matter of life and death with him, and they likewise explained that it was a matter of death with them if they allowed him to pass. He sat down on the steps of the White House, disconsolate and dejected, and gave way to his grief. As he sat there, the president's little boy, six years of age, saw this man sobbing and inquired as to why this big grown man should bow his head in his hands to weep. Feeling probably that there would be some comfort in talking to someone, even if it were only a six-year old boy, he told the lad his tale of woe. The boy said, "I am the president's son. In a few minutes I am going in to see my daddy. I will see what I can do." A few minutes later he started in but the guards halted him. Presently the door opened and someone came out from conference. As he did so, the lad called to his father and asked if he could come in. The father said that he could. He then asked his father if he could bring a friend in and his father replied that he could. The guards stepped aside and the boy led this man into the president's presence. How did he get in? The son brought him in.

How can a man get into the presence of God? You have to come by way of God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Beloved, I hold Him up to you today. See Him as His blood was spilled—as He died, not for His sins but for yours and mine, for the sins of all of God's elect from the day of Adam to the last man that will ever be saved within this world. See Him as He poured out His life's blood for sinners.

Do you want to be saved? Do you want to come to God? The only way that any man can come to God is by God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Beloved, in the light of my text, it is one of two things: (Continued on page four)

"Who Do You Love?"

(Continued from page three)

love the world and die and go to Hell, or believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and live forever. If you live for this world and love this world, you will never have anything to hope for, for "the world passeth away, and the lust thereof." If you believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins, He will save you. He will not only save you but He will keep you saved. He will walk with you through life's darkest hours. He will care for you down to the end of the way.

May the Spirit of God enable you to choose rightly, and only as the Spirit of God enables you will you be able to choose rightly.

May God bless you!



Easter

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GOOD FRIDAY

Here is another Popish holy-day that has caused many weak believers to sin. But we find no authority for its observance in the Bible. Whence all this annual ado and false concern by the ungodly who care naught for a heart cleansed from sin? And why are so many Christians moved into observing Rome's religious delusion? The answer is not hard to detect. "Good Friday" celebrations appeal to the flesh and the emotions. It is NOT the Crucifixion of Christ that interests people in the passion plays and services. It is the Pope's holy-day with its pomp and ceremony, thrilling the senses, that attracts those who are ignorant of Scripture. Jesus said: "Blessed are they that have NOT seen yet have believed."

And is it not sad how Rome's pagan ritual has permeated nearly the whole lump of professing Christendom? No wonder Jeremiah the prophet once said, to apostate idolatrous Israel: "Shall I not visit them for these things saith the Lord? Shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?"

—Jer. 9:9.

Any thoughtful student unbiased by tradition or men's imagination will have no difficulty in understanding that our Lord Jesus Christ did not die on a Friday. Proof of this fact is in the following verses:

"For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the fish: so shall the Son of Man be THREE DAYS and THREE NIGHTS in the heart of the earth."—Matt. 12:40.

"And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected of the elders and the chief priests and scribes and be killed and AFTER THREE DAYS rise again."—Mark 8:31.

"Saying Sir we remember that, that deceiver said while he was yet alive, AFTER THREE DAYS I will rise again."—Matt. 27:63.

"And that He was buried and that He rose again the THIRD DAY according to the Scriptures."—I Cor. 15:4.

In John, Chapter 11, we read: "Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day?" Here our Lord teaches that twelve hours make a day. Therefore in His reckoning a day and a night are exactly 24 hours.

In the Jewish order of time

the night preceded the day (Gen. 1:5) (Mark 15:33). The night began at 6 o'clock in the evening, ending at 6 o'clock in the morning, when the day began.

Now, from the Scriptures quoted, we conclude one important fact. Christ was in the tomb after His death and before His resurrection three days and three nights, which make 72 hours—no less.

In each of the four Gospel records we read of Mary of Magdala and others coming to the sepulchre to anoint the body of Jesus. If we carefully consider them all, one fact stands out beyond any question. That is, when they came to the grave, Jesus was gone. In Matt. 28 we have the record of the angel rolling away the stone. But this was not to liberate the Lord of Glory. It was only to show the world that He was gone. Sometime before the women witnessed the tomb unsealing our Saviour had come forth from the dead. The angel said: "He is risen, He is not here."

We know that haste was made by those who put Christ in the tomb of Joseph in order to have him buried before the beginning of the Jewish Sabbath, which began at 6 o'clock in the evening. And we read in John 19:31, "for that Sabbath was an High Day." Now this Sabbath was the Passover Sabbath and did not come on Saturday. The weekly Sabbath or seventh day or Saturday was not called a High Day. But sometimes special feasts among the Jews were called Sabbaths or High Days even if they did not fall on Saturday. Thus we learn from John 19:31 that Jesus was buried by His sorrowing followers the EVENING before the HIGH DAY Sabbath.

Now Christ could never have been buried on a Friday evening or He would not have risen until Monday evening to fulfill Matt. 12:40 and the others we quoted.

He could not have been entombed on a Thursday evening or He would not have risen until the evening of the first day of the week, or Sunday.

And He could not have risen early Sunday morning either because three days and three nights before that or 72 hours would have been Thursday MORNING and we know He was buried in the evening.

Therefore we have only one deduction left if we abide carefully by the Scriptures. Our Lord must have risen at the very end of the THIRD day or about 6 o'clock in the evening. He arose at the end of the weekly Sabbath. He was in the tomb we know during the High Day Passover Sabbath. He was gone when the women came to His grave very early on the first day of the week.

Thus the Crucifixion of the Son of God as recorded in the Bible must have taken place on—Wednesday.

So we find that the very root of all "Good Friday" observances is based on untruth. It is only another Romish invention designed for her profit, which weans men from truth and turns them to fables.

EASTER

What is Easter? One of Rome's most valuable pagan observances, transplanted from Babylon, in pretense of remembering Christ's resurrection, yet in reality a festival of a Chaldean goddess. And here again the feeble Protestants and the blaspheming Modernists have aped the Mother of harlots in bringing Babylon's ritual into their churches. And this mus-

tard seed of Romish planting has verily filled the whole earth with its branches.

What about the name "Easter?" Like its Mother Babylon the Great (Rev. 17:5) Easter has its name on its forehead. It is not a Christian name. It came from idolatrous Chaldean. Easter is nothing but the name "Astarte" or "Ishtar," one of the many names of the Babylonian goddess, Semeramis.

As to the name "Easter" being in the King James version of our Bible, we find that the same Greek word which is rendered "Easter" in Acts 12:4 is "Passover" in all other places in the New Testament. In all revised versions the word in Acts 12:4 is "Passover." Even in the Catholic Duoy Bible the word is "Pasch" meaning "Passover."

In Babylonish worship, Semeramis, the queen of heaven—as Astarte was symbolized by a dove or the "Mediatrice" without whose intercession none could ever be born anew. In our day the same pagan blasphemy is taught to Roman Catholics, only the Chaldean Astarte has become "Mary Mediatrice, the Mother of God!" And how little do Catholics themselves realize that in their Easter ceremonies, the madonna they worship as being without sin is only a Roman copy of the Chaldean queen of heaven from wicked Babylon of old!

In the Apostolic days of the True Church the believers remembered the death and resurrection of Christ every day. In Acts 20:7 this remembrance feast of breaking bread and drinking of wine was held on the first day of the week. This remembrance of Christ was kept in obedience to the words of Jesus Himself in Luke 22:18, 19 and Paul's admonition of I Cor. 11:23 to 26. Such was the love of those who had accompanied our Saviour in His ministry, and had seen the end of the Lord (James 5:11) that while they lived, the worshippers in the infant Church allowed no idolatry to corrupt the true honoring of Christ. It was only as the anti-Christ "mystery of iniquity" that Paul spoke of in II Thes. 2 began to slowly unfold itself, that the outlawed pagan observances appeared in the True Church.

Among the early Christians we find no trace of an annual observance of the resurrection of Christ. The festival we read of in church history of the third and fourth centuries was not called "Easter." It was called "Pasch" or "Passover" because it took place at the time of the Jewish feast of that name. It was altogether different than the Roman Catholic Easter in our churches today.

This feast was not of Apostolic origin, yet it was not idolatrous nor was it preceded by a Lent. Until the end of the second century this feast was observed on March 23rd.

Even in Rome itself this "Pasch" festival very slowly took on the form of an idolatrous observance. There seems to be no mention of the word Easter, in the annual feast until around 450 A. D. Then the Roman Church in its gradual development of the apostasy, gave the Christian "Pasch" the name of the Babylonian goddess "Astarte." In 519 A. D. it was decreed in the Council of Aurelia that Lent should be kept before "Easter." So the name "Easter" must have been used first to replace the name "Astarte" or "Ishtar" under Rome's manipulation sometime between 450 A. D. and 519 A. D.

And is it not very significant

to the thoughtful reader that in the selfsame era—in the year 476—about the time the word "Easter" was first used by the Roman Church, there was also inaugurated in that same Church, the long and evil reign of the "man of sin," the "son of perdition," the "dark ages" of the papal anti-Christ?

It was not until the end of the sixth century, however, that paganism, now rapidly on great proportions in the Roman Church, forced the observance of Easter into the calendar.

In Britain this replacing of the Christian Passover with Lent and the worship of Astarte as Easter, met at first with great resistance, since there was a full month difference in the time of the two observances. Only after violence and bloodshed did the papal power cause the worship of Astarte, now called Easter, to displace and then eclipse that which was formerly done to honor Jesus Christ.

Now a few words about the customs of Easter. The hot cross buns as well as the dyed eggs figured in the Chaldean rites of Babylon's worship. Buns were known to have been used in worship of the goddess Easter in the days of Cecrops, the founder of Athens. The ancient Druids of the British Isles used eggs in their heathen worship. In the mysteries of Bacchus, celebrated in ancient Athens, one part of their pagan ceremony was to consecrate an egg! In Hindoo paganism eggs of a golden color are used in their celebrations. The Shinto worshipping Japanese have sacred eggs of brazen hue. In China at this hour painted eggs are used in idolatrous festivals. Eggs were used in religious rites of the Egyptians and hung in their heathen temples for mystic purposes.

Before we pass on we ought to consider how an egg became an emblem of our Easter. Many are the tales from the pens of heathen writers but one from Babylon will suffice. Listen to Hyginus, keeper of the Palatine library in Rome in the days of Augustus. He said: "An egg of wondrous size fell from heaven into the river Euphrates. The fishes rolled it to the bank. The doves settled upon it and hatched it and out came Venus, who was afterwards called the Syrian goddess Astarte!"

So much for the ancient Easter eggs. But now in the 20th century our educated, cultured and refined generation of pagans have improved upon the egg idolatry of Babylon. We have progressed since then! So before our very eyes religious, professing church-going parents brazenly deceive their own little children into believing that rabbits lay colored eggs in beautiful baskets for Easter.

What a dreadful judgment awaits a nation of people, who in the clear light of the blessed Gospel, can annually perpetuate such high handed idolatrous evil.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."—Prov. 14:34.

"A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?"—Jer. 5:30,31.

This is a day of shallow thinking—and shallow profession. And the stream of so-called Christians which is polluted by Rome's festivals is very wide. So well have her doctrines of falsehood develop-

ed that most refuse to believe that this leaven from Babylon exists in our midst. But the naked fact remains; Baptists have been so thoroughly drugged by Rome's doctrines and festivals we hardly know our right hand from the left.

Now since the Roman Catholic Church is indeed Babylon the Great of Rev. 17 and her "Virgin Mary" is none other than the Chaldean "Mediatrice," or queen of heaven, how utterly should everyone who loves Christ forsake her festivals, and how forcibly should we condemn them! Jesus Christ preached against false prophets. So did Paul and Peter and John and many others of Christ's own faithful ones, down through the generations till now. Then whence this hush! hush! hands off! policy in so many pulpits today? Why is the True and Living church frightened into silence about these things by the false church? Why do so many pastors in places of responsibility stand so helplessly by while Rome makes of us a generation of pagans with her idolatries?

What shall I say more of this Easter problem? And what shall I say of you who profess the Name of Christ who follow Rome to her shrines of Christ-mas and Easter? Can you church people, after knowing the way of salvation and righteousness willfully and shamelessly embrace Babylon's idolatry and fondle her wicked paganism further?

And you timid pastors, who do you fear to warn your flocks against the idolatries of the Mother of Harlots? Why do you hold out one hand to Rome's heathen festivals while holding the open Bible in the other?

What would Christ say of you? What would the Christian martyrs say—what would the faithful reformers say—what would the Puritan fathers of our country say, if they could be here and see you allowing the faith they fought for and died for to be sacrificed upon the altars of Babylon the Great by their own Baptists, heirs, now stupefied by the pomp and glitter of Rome?

The spirit of God said long ago, "Come out of her my people that ye may not have fellowship with her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."—Rev. 18:4.

But weak Christians and lukewarm churches have not come out of Babylon's festivals. Rather they have invited them into the midst of their holy places. They have kept them there. They have loved them well. They have fondled them and embraced them to their bosoms.

Hence, according to God's promise, we have Rome's festal plague and many others upon us. She is daily pouring out her vials of blasphemy around us. Daily a flood of iniquity flows from that great dragon forth. And if the blood-bought Church does not repent of her idolatrous folly, and come out of her sins, who can tell what hour we shall see the hand of the Mother of abominations of the earth destroy our churches and nation?

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